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Family trio fights together | 8A



A Marine holds his daughter after returning from a deployment with 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). The 22nd MEU (SOC) launched an aggressive counterinsurgency campaign in Iraq's Al Anbar province. Sgt. Richard D. Stephens

22nd MEU returns home

22nd MEU (SOC)
Public Affairs

Nearly six months to the day since they bid farewell to their families and friends, the Marines and sailors of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) returned home to their bases in North Carolina Tuesday and Wednesday.

The unit's six-month deployment as the landing force for Expeditionary Strike Group 8 took the unit to the European and Central Command theaters and thrust its warriors into the front lines of the war on terror.

For two months, the

MEU launched an aggressive counterinsurgency campaign in Iraq's volatile Al Anbar province alongside elements of the Iraqi army and under the auspices of the 2nd Marine Division. The 22nd MEU (SOC)'s thirteen named operations resulted in a number of insurgents killed, dozens more detained, and tons of arms, ordnance and ammunition confiscated and destroyed.

These successes were not without sacrifice as 39 Marines were wounded and three others killed during operations in Iraq. Cpl. Orville Gerena, Lance Cpl. David S. Parr and

Pfc. Jacob D. Spann were killed Feb. 6 when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device near the ancient Iraqi town of Hit, where the MEU had established a forward operating base and series of combat outposts.

Following its tour in Iraq, the MEU became the strategic reserve for Central Command and went on to take part in Exercise Image Nautilus, a bi-lateral training exercise undertaken alongside elements of the armed forces of Djibouti, a vital American ally in the Horn of Africa region.

The 22nd MEU (SOC) consists of its



Marines from the 22nd MEU (SOC) march past family members waiting to welcome home their heroes who recently returned from supporting the Global War on Terrorism. Sgt. Richard D. Stephens

Command Element, Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced), and embarked aboard the Battalion Landing Team 261 (Reinforced), and amphibious assault ships Nassau, Austin, 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, MEU Service Support ships Nassau, Austin, and Carter Hall. Marine Medium Group 22 and was

10 terrorists killed; suicide vests, weapons destroyed

Staff Reports
American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces killed 10 terrorists, three of them wearing suicide vests, and wounded one at approximately 1:30 a.m. Tuesday at a safe house located approximately 40 kilometers southwest of Balad, Iraq, while

searching for an Al-Qaida terrorist leader.

Upon the troops' arrival, a terrorist sleeping while on guard outside the safe house woke up and attempted to engage the assault troops with a pistol. The terrorist was shot before he could fire his weapon. As the wounded terrorist fell backward, he reached toward

his chest and detonated a suicide vest. None of the assault troops were harmed in the explosion.

Meanwhile, the troops killed nine other terrorists, seven who exited the safe house during the fight and two who were killed inside. Two of the nine terrorists were wearing suicide vests, but the troops killed these

bombers before either could detonate his vest.

The terrorists had grenades, rifles, a pistol, ammunition, explosives, a machine gun and suicide vests in their possession. The troops found \$1,000 in U.S. currency on one terrorist. And after the suicide bomber detonated his vest, they noticed hundreds of scattered

pieces of charred U.S. bills.

The safe house and all lethal material, including two remaining suicide vests, grenades, weapons, explosives and blasting caps were destroyed. The injured terrorist was medically evacuated to Balad for further medical care. No civilians were located in or nearby this safe house. ■

Politics help defeat insurgents in Iraq, Rice says

Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Recent political progress in Iraq will help defeat the insurgency there, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday.

"You defeat an insurgency through politics, not just through military force. The Iraqis have gone out and voted three times, and they now have a permanent government. That's a sign of progress," Rice said on CBS's *Face the Nation*.

During last week's first-ever joint trip to Iraq with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Rice said, the country's new leaders said they wanted to take on more responsibility in the security realm.

"We talked with the Iraqi leadership. ... They want to be able to take responsibility for their own security, and we want them to take responsibility," she said during an earlier appearance this morning on ABC's *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*.

The secretary said this was already beginning to happen, as

Rice, Rumsfeld brief President on joint visit to fertile crescent

John D. Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — After traveling to Baghdad last week to meet with Iraq's newly chosen leaders, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld Monday briefed President George W. Bush on their impressions.

Bush thanked the two Cabinet officers for making the trip, noting that he didn't think phone calls were enough to demonstrate to the new Iraqi leaders the extent of U.S. support for their new unity government.

"I had spoken to them on the phone, but I thought it was very important for both secretaries to go firsthand, to be there with the leadership to say we're supporting them," the President said. "It's very important for these two senior officials to sit down with these new folks and say, 'You have our support, and we want you to succeed.'"

Bush said both secretaries reported the new leaders are optimistic, energetic and eager to

succeed. "And that's really important for the American people to know, that we've got partners in this effort who are dedicated to a unified Iraq and dedicated to putting a government together that is one that will represent all the Iraqi people," the President said.

The country's new prime minister, president and parliament speaker know they face a difficult road, Bush said. "It's a government that understands they've got serious challenges ahead of them," he said. "And the three leaders spoke to Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld about their need to deploy the growing strength of the Iraqi security forces in such a way as to defeat the terrorists and the insurgents. And we will continue to support them in that effort."

Bush said Rice and Rumsfeld also reported discussions about establishing control over militias and other unauthorized armed groups, enforcing the rule of law, rebuilding infrastructure and strengthening Iraq's economy and



Defense Secretary Rumsfeld

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Man on the street

What advice do you give your Marines to ensure they act appropriately while out in town?



"Dress in proper civilian attire and watch your language."

Sgt. Maj. Cherry A. McPherson
Sergeant Major
2nd Transportation Support Bn.
2nd MLG
Cottageville, S.C.

"Act like you would if you were overseas. Police your own and represent the best the Marine Corps can offer."

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Special Assistant to U.S. Attorney
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MCB
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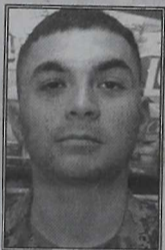


"One of the biggest problems is Marines associating with the wrong crowd. I would tell them to emulate someone who stays out of trouble and makes the right choices."

1st Lt. Kevin M. Lear
Trial Counsel
2nd MLG
Sacramento, Calif.

"Act like a Marine should, grown up and mature."

Sgt. Oscar G. Juarez
Field Artillery Cannoneer
India Battery, 3/10
2nd MarDiv
Chicago



"It's hard sometimes, but just use common sense. Don't do anything your mom wouldn't approve of."

Sgt. Natalia Slain
Intelligence Analyst
Headquarters Bn.
2nd MarDiv
Carmel, Ind.

Greetings from Rancho Mirage

Guest Commentary
Ben Stein

Dear Marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen, National Guard and Reservists:

Let me tell you about why you guys own about 90 percent of the cojones in the whole world right now and should be darn happy with yourselves and darn proud of who you are. It was a dazzlingly hot day in Rancho Mirage. I did small errands like going to the bank to pay my mortgage, finding a new bed at a price I can afford, practicing driving with my new 5 wood and paying bills for about two hours.

I spoke for a long time to a woman who is going through a nasty child custody fight. I got e-mails from another woman who was fired from her job for not paying attention. I read about multi-billion-dollar mergers in Europe, Asia and the Mideast. I noticed how overweight I am, for the millionth time.

In other words, I did a lot of nothing. Like every other American who is not in the armed forces family, I basically just rearranged the deck chairs on the Titanic in my trivial, self-important, meaningless way.

Above all, I talked to a friend of more than 43 years who told me he thought his life had no meaning because all he did was count his money.

And, friends in the armed forces, this is the story of America today. We are doing nothing but treading water while you guys carry on the life or death struggle against worldwide militant Islamic terrorism. Our lives are about nothing: paying bills, going to humdrum jobs, waiting until we can go to sleep and then do it all again. Our most vivid issues are trivia compared with what you do every day, every minute, every second.

Oprah Winfrey talks a lot about meaning in life. For her, meaning is dieting and then having her photo on the cover of her magazine every single month (surely a new world record for egomania). This is not meaning.

Meaning is doing for others. Meaning your life for others. Meaning is putting your and families' peace of mind on the line to combat the most evil, sick killers the world has ever known. Meaning is leaving the comfort of home to fight to make sure that there still will be your family and for your nation and for freedom everywhere.

Look, Marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen, National Guard and Reservists, there are eight billion people in this world. The whole fate of this world turns on you people, 1.4 million, more or less, do you know that? The fate of mankind depends on what about one percent of the people in this world do — and you are those people. Joining you as a policeman, fireman and EMT in the civilian world holding back the tide of chaos.

Do you know how important you are to your lives, you will always still be heroes? Do you know how indispensable you are? Do you know how humbly grateful any of us who has a head on his shoulders is to you?

Do you know that if you never do anything for your lives, you will always still be heroes? Do you know that if you never do anything for your lives, you will always still be heroes? Do you know that if you never do anything for your lives, you will always still be heroes? Do you know that if you never do anything for your lives, you will always still be heroes?

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Love, Ben Stein

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Semper Safe

All-Terrain Vehicle safety tips

ATVs have become popular for work and play. Unfortunately, reported mishaps with serious injury and death have increased along with their increased usage. Most of these can be attributed to improper use of ATVs.

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- All children age 8-15 must be under constant supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
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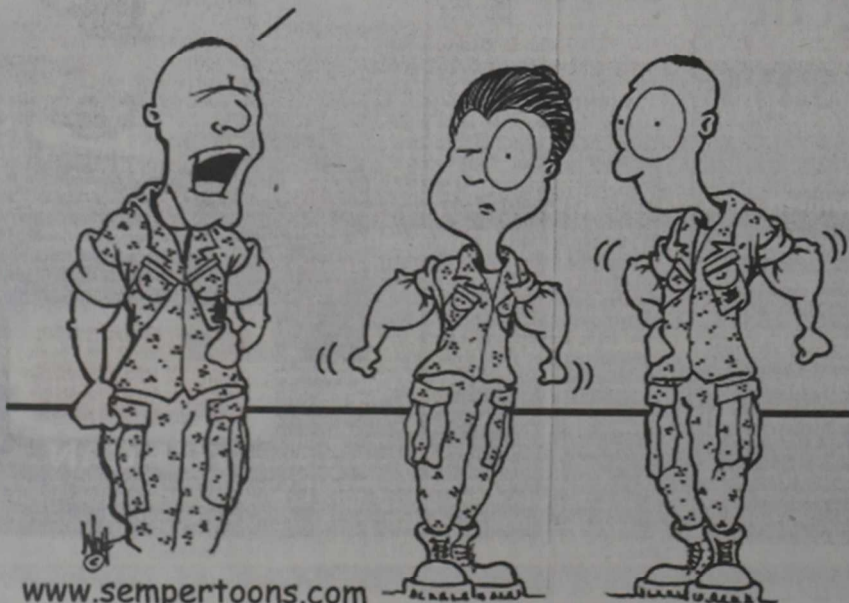
Complete an inspection of your ATV before operating. Checking things like the condition of the tires, wheels, controls, cables, chain (also check for proper slack and lubrication), and wearing the proper size of PPE are just a few items needed to ensure a smooth and enjoyable riding experience.

For more information, please refer to North Carolina Bill S189 and BO P5560.2L. As Marines, we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, sailors, civilian employees or family members and remember Semper safe!

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by Staff Sgt. Wolf

"Ahhhh, Yes.... It's that time of year when Marines suffer from "I-Think-I-am-big-but-I-am-not-my-sleeves-are-so-tight-I-can't-feel-my-arms-and-I-am-out-of-regs" Syndrome!



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News from Iraq

Marines in Iraq thwart insurgency

William Skelton
Line Division

AH, Iraq — Good news: The raid was a proven fruitful for Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine

of the battalion's operations. Accompanied by several other Marines, captured two insurgents recently after the battalion's area of operations in the vicinity of Gharmah. The result of hours of work and the quick response of the 1st Marine Regiment. Capt. Wilson M. Hopkins III, the 33-year-old commanding officer of the 1st Marine Regiment, said the raid was a success. "We were able to capture five military-age males, two of which were high-value targets." The raid was quickly executed without casualties. "Marine's goal was to capture a known supplier of explosive devices."

The result was even greater, two for the price of one.

"We had to move fast on this one," Hopkins said. "This target was time sensitive, so we had to act on him quickly. The target we went after was known for placing and supplying materials to insurgents for IEDs all around the vicinity of Gharmah."

Marines closed in on their targets in the dark. Sporting night-vision goggles, the Marines surrounded the building they suspected of harboring the insurgents and isolated it. They sprung the raid, bursting in the house.

Flashlights mounted alongside rifle barrels beamed blinding white light throughout the sparsely furnished house. Inside, Marines separated,

searched and bound the men. The five military-age men, including the two wanted insurgents, were captured.

"The Marines performed really well," said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin S. Oxner, the 38-year-old company gunnery sergeant from Fort Worth, Texas. "We went in searching for one target, but we came out with two."

The detainees were taken to the battalion's holding facility for questioning. Marines soon realized they not only captured the man they were searching for, but also one other high value target.

"It's a relief to know that these men are out of the game," said Cpl. Ryan J. Cummings, a 22-year-old infantryman from

Streamwood, Ill. "I think we put a dent in the insurgency in the area tonight."

A group of Iraqi soldiers accompanied the Marines on the raid. The "jundis" — the Arabic name for junior enlisted Iraqi soldiers — advanced in with the Marines, incorporated in their ranks. It was the latest in a series of operations Marines and Iraqis teamed together.

"We integrated soldiers from the Iraqi army," Hopkins said. "I couldn't have asked them to perform any better."

The night's raid was satisfying for Company B Marines. They've suffered casualties to small-arms and IED attacks, a lingering threat for every Marine near Fallujah. There was a measure of justice meted out for their fellow Marines along with knowing they got the right insurgents.

"We have taken a couple of hard hits lately," Oxner said. "It made me feel really good to get these guys." ■



Cpl. William B. Skelton
Gharmah, Iraq: Marines from Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment conducted a raid to capture suspected insurgents in Gharmah, Iraq, recently. Marines detained five military-age males, two of which were high-valued targets.

We detained five military age males — two of which were high-value targets.

Capt. Wilson M. Hopkins III
Ridgefield, Conn.

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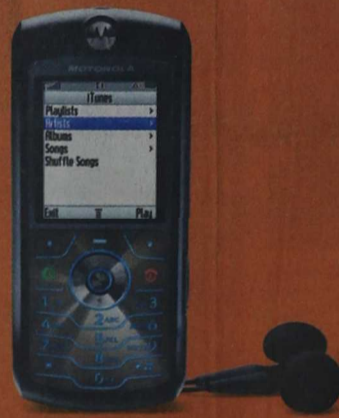
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Bani Da Har, Iraq

Iraqi soldiers capture four insurgents, continues progress



Sgt. Roe F. Seigle
1st Marine Division

BANI DA HAR, Iraq — It was pitch dark when four insurgents were captured in the town of 3,000, nestled along the Euphrates River in Iraq's Al Anbar province.

With the prisoners secured and on their way to a detention facility, Iraqi soldiers celebrated the achievement with stoic professionalism.

They're proud of the fact more insurgents are off the streets of this town and that they captured the bandits without the assistance of the Marines — which has been an uncommon occurrence in the few years since the end of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

"We are sending a message to the insurgents," said "Ahmed," one of the Iraqi soldiers involved in the capture of the four insurgents. "There is a new sheriff in town."

In recent months, the soldiers — all from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division — have demonstrated their ability to operate without the assistance of Coalition Forces, said Staff Sgt. Mike Wear, intelligence chief assigned to the Military Transition Team.

Moreover, coalition forces say the Iraqis' latest successful counterinsurgency operation is indicative of their overall progress in recent months.

They have independently raided insurgent hideouts, located weapons caches and set up traffic control points to catch insurgents transporting weapons in the past few months.

"I believe that with the progress they are making with us and the [Marines] in the province, these soldiers will be ready to take over their battle space in six to eight months," said Lt. Col. Owen Lovejoy, senior advisor for 2/2/7's military transition team.

Most importantly, the soldiers have given a sense of security to local residents, according to Mohamed, who enlisted in the Iraqi Army just recently.

Moreover, residents feel the Iraqi soldiers from 2/2/7 are providing that security, instead of relying solely on Coalition Forces for such protection, said Mohamed.

The recent successful counterinsurgency operation by the Iraqi soldiers, dubbed Operation Bani Da Har, was the fourth fully independent operation Iraqi soldiers have conducted since February, according to the Military Transition Team responsible for mentoring the fledgling Iraqi Army unit.

The soldiers' recent accomplishments have led Lt. Col. Owen Lovejoy, 42, senior advisor assigned to the Transition Team, to believe the Iraqi soldiers will be capable of independent operations

in western Al Anbar on schedule.

While the Iraqi soldiers are glad they are the peace here, some more personal in ensuring insurgents off the streets and intimidate residents.

Some, like Ahmed, are up amid violence from Saddam's dictatorship.

The young Iraq said he looks forward to the chance he gets to fight like those who wized his family when growing up.

Before coalition ousted Saddam Hussein, power, theft and violence was commonplace. Growing fights were a regular in his neighborhood would often keep him at night, he said.

"There are a lot of that will not have to in fear of insurgents and others who have no re Ahmed, through preter. "When the leave here we are go the ones responsible tecting the innocent

At the Iraqi soldier Ahmed said he will n get the day Hussein tured by coalition for "I will take pride in no child ever has to go what I did when I wa

Bani Da Har, Iraq: An insurgent is detained with the use of "flexi cuffs." He was captured within hours of the three other insurgents who were taken into custody during the same operation.

Gharmah, Iraq

Snipers draw a bead on insurgents

Cpl. William Skelton
Regimental Combat Team 5

GHARMAH, Iraq — A sniper team from 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment's Company B, collected several confirmed kills and spoiled an insurgent ambush during one recent day's fighting.

The team stepped up to even the odds and took out insurgents when Company B ran into a series of firefights in the small city north of Fallujah. They are on duty in Iraq with Regimental Combat Team 5.

"It's very important to the grunts here to feel they have over-watch looking out for them," said Cpl. Jacob D. Betts, a 30-year-old radio operator from Tyro, Kan.

The snipers watched a road in the city north of Fallujah when the attack started. The insurgent attack, meant to kill and drive Marines out of the area, was turned on its heels when snipers drew their crosshairs on their targets.

"It was chaos when the explosions were heard," said Lance Cpl. Patrick T. Nolan, the 19-year-old security team leader from Fayetteville, N.C. "People on the streets were running away from the sounds of gunfire."

The snipers oriented themselves to the sounds of the fight when one insurgent carrying an AK-47 assault rifle ran clear into the snipers' line of fire. The Marines shared glances and instinctively knew what had to be done.

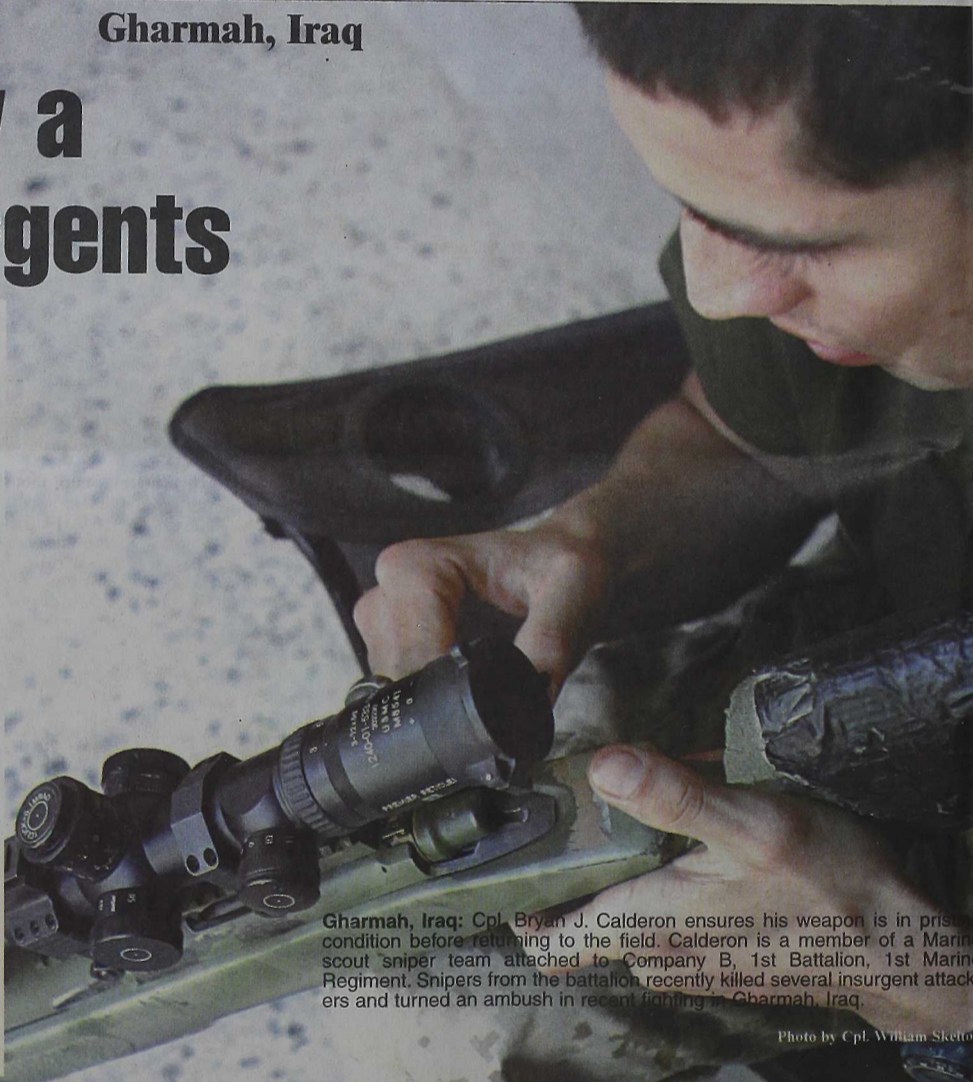
"The first guy came in to view wearing what looked like a black ninja suit," Betts explained. "Once he was in sight, a wave of insurgents followed."

The team leader led the snipers' repulsion with the first shot cracking through the air. Volley after volley echoed from the muzzles of the sniper's rifles. Their aim was true. Insurgents were dropping in their tracks, never knowing what hit them.

"Some fell where they were, but some kept moving," Nolan said. "Later the grunts on the ground found adrenaline and syringes where the insurgents were."

The afternoon's fight was hardly over. With the sound of the last shot ringing in their ear, the team of Marines spied another danger lurking. Several insurgents, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and assault

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Gharmah, Iraq: Cpl. Bryan J. Calderon ensures his weapon is in pristine condition before returning to the field. Calderon is a member of a Marine scout sniper team attached to Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. Snipers from the battalion recently killed several insurgent attackers and turned an ambush in recent fighting in Gharmah, Iraq.

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Iraqi-Jordanian border, hundreds of Iraqis seek refuge from Baghdad violence

Cpl. Graham A. Paulsgrove
1st Marine Division

ANIAN BORDER, Iraq — Near the Jordanian border, key leaders from the Iraqi government and the United Nations met to figure out a growing number of Iraqis of Iraqi heritage, who are trying to leave Iraq to escape violence in Baghdad.

Meeting between the two organizations for more than 200 Iraqi men, women and children took up residence along the border, after being denied passage into Jordanian border officials.

Iraqis left Baghdad to escape violence and to avoid insurgents, who targeted hundreds of families because of their Palestinian heritages. One Iraqi man who fled several weeks ago and now lives with his wife and three children in the refugee camp. "Insurgents came in, threatened us, told us to 'bang-bang-bang,'" said the refugee. "I had to gesture shooting a hand-

wife and I] left because it is safer for me," he said, pointing to his three children.

Jordanian government officials and U.N. representatives met to discuss the situation and to assess the living conditions.

The Jordanian government will not allow Iraqis to cross the border into Jordan, but they refuse to return to Baghdad because of the violence, they said.

They live in tents and are provided food, medical supplies and clothing from the International Red Cross.

Representatives from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, based in Amman, attended the meeting to assess the situation. They offered no immediate solutions to the

problem. "We came here with no solutions. We came to assess the needs of the group, assess the situation faced by [the Iraqi border authorities], and to explore options for the future and establish good relations between [United Nations] and the Iraqi authorities," said Charles Lynch, a U.N. representative who attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi Red Crescent has provided refugees with food, supplies, tents and medical care. But that support is due to run out in 5 days, at which time the Iraqi border will provide an additional 30 days of support to the refugees.

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And that, the Iraqis' fate is uncertain. The refugees say they are happier living in the refugee camps than having to return to their homes in Baghdad.

"Terrorism and violence was too much for me. I left [Baghdad]. I liked my home but I want to live in peace and get on with my life," said a 29-year-old refugee.

Solutions were hammered out in this area - that was expected but still disappointed. Vernon Hills, Ill., native Gunner Sgt. Yount, the team leader of 3rd Light Reconnaissance Battalion's Civil

detachment.

The southern California-based Marine battalion provided security for those in the meeting and will assist the Iraqi Government by ensuring the Iraqi border patrols are beefed up, adding security for the refugees, according to Maj. Matt Good, the battalion's operations officer and 33-year-old Andrews, Texas, native.

While the Marines have beefed up security measures, it has been the Iraqi Government which has taken the lead in ensuring the refugees have provisions and security at the camp.

"Iraq's got the lead," said Good. "When we first got out there, [the Iraqi colonel] asked us what we wanted him to do, but we told him - 'This is your show.'"

"We are here to keep everyone talking and help facilitate the next step," added Yount. "Until [a solution is found], all we can do is to continually give humanitarian assistance and support."

While the refugees' fate is undecided, many have not given up hope that they will be allowed to eventually cross into Jordan, where some have family.

"My wife is a Jordanian citizen and even she wasn't let in," said Taha, another refugee. "Her parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters all live there."

After refusing the Iraqis passage into Jordan, the Jordanian government closed the port of entry into Iraq and reinforced their guard with extra troops, trucks and tanks to prevent any crossing from happening, according to Col. Mohammad Abas, the acting director of the Iraqi border authority.

"The refugees were treated poorly and insulted by the Jordanian authorities so we gave them a place to stay and some assistance," said Abas. "It is our duty to do so."

While many of the refugees left Baghdad to escape violence and persecution, many have their own stories to tell about intimidation by local criminals.

Through an interpreter, one man recounted his decision to move his family out of Baghdad - "Some men told us to leave or there would be hell to pay, we shrugged it off until a man who lived not far from us was killed - it was time for us to go."

The refugees abandoned their homes in Baghdad by their own admission, but many knew their chances of entering Jordan without proper documentation was slim, according to Yount.

Instead, many of the refugees hoped to get the attention of international agencies, like the U.N., he said.

Attention was exactly what they got - the border was closed, prohibiting anyone and everything from crossing the border, to include delivery trucks and even people seeking medical help, which Abas described as an international incident - which is why the U.N. got involved, he said.

"Luckily, no medical emergencies occurred, because the next closest medical facility is [110 miles away] in Rutbah," he said.

The border was opened back up, but not to the inhabitants of the refugee camp. Also, the continuous attention at the border due to the refugees' presence requires solutions to a few problems which are hoped to be solved during the next meeting.

"This isn't the right place for the group - it is too crowded and there are a lot of trucks coming



Cpl. Graham A. Paulsgrove
Refugee camp: Two young Iraqi girls remove clothes from a clothesline at the refugee camp recently near the Iraqi-Jordanian border.

through, this is not a suitable place especially with all of the children," said Abas.

The Iraqi Border Authority wants to establish a new camp two kilometers away from the port of entry, so the refugees can be better protected, he said.

"I am asking for an urgent solution. Our summer season is coming up and it is very harsh," said Abas.

The current camp, though, "isn't that bad," according to Taha.

"[My family and I] could use a better tent," as he pointed to water that had leaked inside the tent during recent rainstorms. "But overall, not bad. We have a good supply of food and our water tanks are filled every day or so."

At least some of the refugees are opposed to the idea of relocating, though. Through an interpreter, one refugee complained that if they move to the proposed location, they will fall off the Iraqi Government's radar and eventually be left to their own devices to survive.

For better or for worse, if a new camp is built, it would be an incentive for more Palestinians to flee Baghdad because they would have somewhere to run away from the violence, according to Abas.

"We expect about 450 people to eventually get here," said Abas. "Because of the threat of violence and bloodshed, they are leaving. It's not safe [in Baghdad]."

Fallujah, Iraq

Eye protection saves Marine's vision

Cpl. Mark Sixbey
Regimental Combat Team 5

AMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Pfc. Burnett Jr. didn't enjoy wearing his protective eyewear underneath his night vision goggles, but he had two good reasons to follow orders - his eyes.

The 20-year-old turret gunner with the Assault Platoon, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment discovered the importance of protective eyewear firsthand when an improvised explosive device rocked his vehicle during a massive explosion during a night mission outside Fallujah in early

April. "That blast was so strong it threw me back like no tomorrow," said Burnett, Greenbrier, Ark. "It looked like a star of 300 little dim light bulbs flying through the sky and draping off like the leaves of a weeping willow tree."

The blast tore off his night vision goggles, and he issued ballistic eyeglasses with them. The next thing he remembered was waking up on top of his helmet in the smoke-filled cabin of his Humvee.

The explosion made a crater in the ground big enough for a Humvee to fall in," Seaman Eric J. Delgado, MAP Company's corpsman, who was riding in the Humvee behind Burnett's.

Delgado described the explosion as a 40-foot shower of fiery glass sparks.

The first thing I thought was 'Did anything get hit?'" Delgado recalled.

When the 22-year-old from San Diego got to the vehicle, Burnett was already standing in his gun turret, scanning the area for the enemy.

"I noticed he had blood on his hand and I noticed he was going off to the side," Delgado said. "He was going off to the side how he lost his eye-pro and how he was slammed by the explosion and how it was."

The corpsman was amazed when he saw Burnett's eyes. "His eyes were fine," he said.

Lying debris had cut two gashes in Burnett's face, which he said he didn't feel. Blood ran down his throat protector under his flak jacket. He sustained a concussion and was evacuated to a mili-

tary hospital in Balad, where doctors removed a small rock from his face.

Burnett commended the quick action of his driver and his vehicle commander, Lance Cpl. Wrangler Haws, and Cpl. Scott Campbell, for maintaining their composure and reacting without hesitation to assess the situation and keep their vehicle from falling in the hole.

"Those two guys are incredible," he said. "I have the utmost confidence in them now, because that was the biggest IED we'd ever seen. Once I saw them operating and keeping their bearing, now I understand how hard it is."

The battalion enforces an order that Marines stay as protected as possible whenever they leave base, requiring body armor covering every essential organ, including the eyes. Marines wear Kevlar helmets, Kevlar-lined outer protective vests with enhanced small-arms protective inserts completely surrounding the upper body. There's also neck and groin guards. Fire-retardant gloves and ballistic-rated eyeglasses are among the list Marines must wear, despite the heat and chores they take on.

Turret gunners like Burnett wear even more. They're completely covered with added protection against blasts.

"Though their gear is heavy, with the chest plates, side SAPs, throat protectors, and 'eye-pro,' all that stuff is invaluable," said 1st Sgt. Roy West, the company first sergeant. "And as we go through this deployment, the younger Marines are learning how important it is to wear the gear. The 'eye pro' that they're using now is worth its weight in gold."

West, who is originally from Houston, said the battalion emphasizes the phrase "complacency kills" to every one of its Marines for their own safety.

"As soon as you start relaxing and saying 'I don't need to wear eye-pro,' that will be the day you get blinded," he said. "It's very important that we stress that to the young Marines, and they're learning it."

Burnett said that while his glasses saved his eyes, his fellow Marines gave him confidence in their ability to protect each other in future incidents.

"I didn't really do anything except take the blast," he said. "Haws and Cpl.

Campbell saved the day. They're definitely on my Christmas list."

Burnett was in high school when Darkhorse pushed through Fallujah during Operation Al Fajr in November 2004. He said he'd thought about becoming a Marine all his life, but the breaking point came during a high school history class.

"Every history book I'd ever read in high school said Beirut was a political war," he said. "My dad was in Beirut, and that's how I was educated about it. I was the only kid in my high school who knew that 248 Marines died there on October 23, 1984."

Burnett said he decided he couldn't do anything about the history books, but could at least be around people who cared.

A football injury from his days at Greenbrier High School delayed Burnett from enlisting in the Marine Corps. A series of physical therapists and doctors examined him, but the screws and cable in his left leg almost ended his plans to enlist.

His first obstacle was at the Military Entrance Processing Station.

"Nobody at MEPS wanted to sign the waiver forms when they saw the pins," he said. "They said there was no way."

Burnett's recruiter sent waiver papers to a recruiter in Texas, then Louisiana, then Virginia, where a general officer authorized his enlistment. His father, Sgt. Maj. James Burnett Sr., the sergeant major for Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment had recently returned from serving in Iraq last year when his son signed the enlistment papers.

He's currently deployed again with his battalion as part of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). He offered his thoughts in an e-mail exchange.

"Of course I was very proud of his decision to join the Marine Corps," Burnett Sr. said. "He made that decision early in life without any coaching or specific direction."

The junior Burnett became a squad leader in boot camp, graduated the School of Infantry on Camp Pendleton and received orders to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment in 2005.

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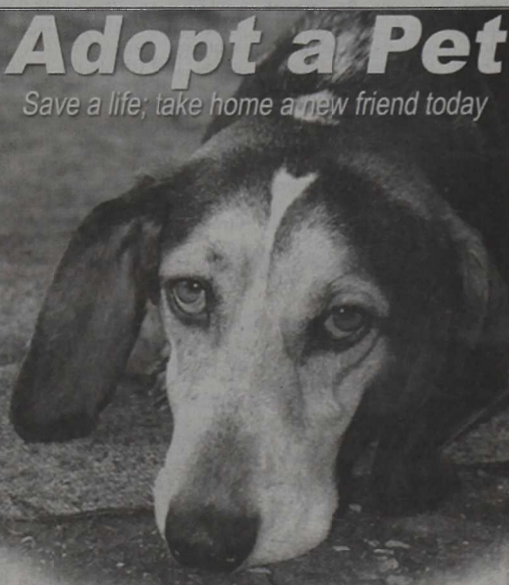
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Camp Smitty, Iraq AAVs keep Darkhorse grunts in mission

Cpl. Mark Sixbey
Regimental Combat Team 5

CAMP SMITTY, Iraq — It's not a quiet ride inside the belly of these metal beasts, but when transporting Marines through enemy territory, safety is comfort.

Marines of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment employ heavily armored amphibious assault vehicles from 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, Company D, for safe passage as they conduct security and stability operations in nearby Ferris Town.

"Right now we're supporting them with Quick Reaction Force, daytime patrols with amphibious vehicles, raids and whatever else they need," said Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Shields, a 35-year-old platoon sergeant from Denver.

The Camp Lejeune-based platoon assumed complete responsibility for the vehicles and their mission recently. The "amtracks" are the wild ride that keeps the Marines safe as they move about the region.

"Our mission is to support Company I in their patrols 'whenever they go on patrols and any mission they deem suitable for amtracks,'" said 28-year-old Staff Sgt. Henry Salgado from Queens, N.Y., a section leader for AAV Platoon. "We maintain them and keep them up to support the company. It's a busy job."

The AAV's heavy metal tracks allow it to go places a Humvee can't, with more space to transport Marines for missions that require a quick insertion. The bigger size also spells thicker armor, a benefit Marines recognize.

"I know I feel safe when I'm riding around in them," said Cpl. Ashlin Day, a Weapons Platoon machine gunner from Copper Canyon, Texas.

Maintaining these machines is no small task. Mechanics work without power tools, turning wrenches and checking vehicles from top to bottom to make sure they're fit for the mission.

"Every bit of work that happens on the amtrack is all manual labor," said Cpl. Randy Griffith, an AAV operator from Forty Fort, Pa. "Every last bit of it."

Griffith said since amtracks are essential to the mission, the labor is worth the extra hours.

"If we can't do our job, everyone else can't do theirs, so working is no big deal," he said.

Cpl. Bryan Shay, a machine gun section leader with Weapons Platoon, described a recent mission in the city using the amtracks. "They held the outer cordon and provided security around the site with .50-cals and MK-19's while the Marines went inside, caught a high value target insurgent," explained Shay, a 22 year old from Littleton, Colo.

"Our sole concern is that Company I can get in that town over there," said Griffith a 25 year old. "If something breaks, we could be up until four in the morning fixing it."

The platoon will continue to support Company I on a daily basis throughout the deployment, working to accomplish the mission while forging a bond with the other Marines.

"It's a good relationship," Shields said. "Things have been fine since we've



Camp Smitty: Marines dismount their amphibious assault vehicles after returning from a patrol to Camp Smitty, Iraq. Marines from 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion assumed their support role in combat operations for Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

Fallujah, Iraq Family trio fights together



Fallujah, Iraq: Lance Cpls. Joseph R. Pugsley, Ryan J. Downey and Kenny P. Downey are cousins serving with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5 in Fallujah, Iraq.

Cpl. Brian Reimers
Regimental Combat Team 5

CAMP BAHARIA, Iraq — Three Marines don't have about missing their family while they're deployed. They just miss their relatives all day long.

Lance Cpls. Kenny P. Downey, Ryan J. Pugsley and Joseph R. Downey are serving together with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5. They're stationed together in Fallujah, Iraq.

"It is nice having all three of us here," Joseph, battery and section leader, said. "Everyone says that the Corps is like a family. For us it is a reality."

The trio hasn't always been so lucky to serve alongside one another. "It was a domino effect for the three of us," Downey, Headquarters Support Company driver, said. "I started my career in the Marine Corps. The other two cousins followed in, one after another. It seemed like of us was going to boot camp, the next one in line was going to then off to our units."

Growing up together as kids and meeting for family functions always a priority. The day they all met as part of the "Few and the Proud" was a day that stood out in their minds.

"I remember the first time we were all together as United States Marines," said Downey, from Braintree, Mass. "The only thing I remember saying was 'Wow.'"

Familiar company is reassuring to the three. However, it means few tense moments throughout the deployment.

"It's a double-edge sword," explained Joseph, from Weymouth, Mass. "While we are together on base, we can talk about family and how we miss them, but when we go out into the city it is just more to worry about. You hear about things happening in the city, people getting hurt and convoys being hit and it makes you wonder if it is one of your family members," added 21-year-old Downey.

Only two of the family members were scheduled to deploy with the battalion, Downey and Joseph. That didn't sit well with Downey.

"I didn't want to be the only Marine in the family at home," said Downey. The battalion's optics chief, also from Braintree, Mass. "I had to convince the unit needed more 'optics' Marines so I requested to deploy with them. It all worked out."

Not only did deploying together work out for them, but so did staying in the same area on base and being able to see each other.

"Who would of thought that we would live right next to each other?" Downey said. "Throughout the day we all go off to do our jobs, but at night we all meet back up to be together."

The cousins often find themselves mirroring things here that they do at home.

"At times it's weird," Downey said. "The other day Ryan and I were sitting in the back of a humvee talking about home, the same thing we do at home in the back of his pick-up truck — minus the combat gear."

Fallujah, Iraq

Marines aid Iraqis on paving route to stable city

Cpl. Brian Reimers
Regimental Combat Team 5

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Iraqis here are looking to pave their way to a more prosperous future with the help of some Marines.

"New England's Own" Marines are working with Iraqi engineers to help reopen a local asphalt factory.

"The Iraqi people had a desire to reestablish an asphalt factory, in the city, that was damaged during the war," said Maj. Richard R. Russo, executive officer, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5.

Iraqi engineers voiced plans to bring the asphalt factory back to life during a recent Fallujah city council meeting. A team of Marines was launched to the site in eastern Fallujah to survey the area and coordinate with Iraqi engineers.

"Basically we are looking to see what the factory would need to become operational again," said Staff Sgt. Erik A. Chism, a platoon guide with Company B, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion. "I was checking the composition of the soil. If we build a road out there, we need to make sure the soil is stable to keep the erosion level down."

Iraqi engineers were excited to see that the Marines were there to help with the process.

"This factory is going to benefit the people of Fallujah very much," said Iraqi Engineer Waleeb, who helped head the project.

Plans were discussed between Iraqi Police, Marines and the Fallujah officials to clear way for a new road into the factory. The road would alleviate some of the traffic on the main road in the city and

allow the factory workers to drive directly into their complex.

"The old road going into the complex is unavailable to use because of security," said Russo, from Beverly, Mass.

Iraqi engineers brought in heavy equipment to start moving dirt and clearing a path for the road. The crew also started to form security berms around the complex to help stop incoming threats.

"It is nice to be able to help the local people out with our expertise in showing them how to make things more secure," said Chism, a 30 year old from Centerville, Ala. "This is just a stepping stone. [It] lets us know that they are in the process of rebuilding the city on their own."

Iraqi Police agreed to help provide security for the workers at the plant. There are concerns in Fallujah, though, that aren't the norm at U.S. construction sites. For instance, security at a job site in the United States means protecting against theft. Here, Marines and Iraqis discussed ways to communicate between themselves and engineers in case of an attack.

"We need radios and guards," Waleeb explained. "The workers here need to be safe."

Marines noted the requests of the Iraqis to help the factory project get underway.

"There is a lot of work to be done," Chism said. "With the asphalt factory up and running though, they can start repaving the roads in the city and making it a better place."

"Bringing the factory online is another step in bringing economic stability to the people of Fallujah," Russo added. ■



Fallujah, Iraq: An Iraqi engineer explains to Maj. Richard R. Russo, executive officer, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, what his engineers need to reopen the asphalt factory in Fallujah. Marines are working with the Iraqi engineers to help the factory become operational by rebuilding roads and berms inside the facility.

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First batch of Al Anbar Iraqi Army recruits ready for duty



Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

First batch of Al Anbar Iraqi Army recruits ready for duty
Nearly 1,000 Al Anbar men — 813 from Fallujah alone — volunteered to join the Iraqi Army more than a month ago and are now ready for service across Iraq. This is the first step at integrated Sunnis from Al Anbar into the Iraqi Army. Five more basic training classes are slated throughout the coming year.

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva
1st Marine Division

HABBINYAH, Iraq — Iraqi Army soldiers clad in "chocolate-chip" camouflage uniforms and tan leather boots, marched in a pass-in-review, arms swinging and boots kicking up clouds of dust. They were observed by key leaders in the province including the Al Anbar province gov. Mamoun Sami Rashid Alwani. It was a final inspection, displaying their prowess gained during the previous month's training.

March '05, local authorities refused to recruit for a national army. They wanted a Sunni army. This is a huge sign for significant change.

The soldiers, clad in "chocolate-chip" camouflage uniforms and tan leather boots, marched in a pass-in-review, arms swinging and boots kicking up clouds of dust. They were observed by key leaders in the province including the Al Anbar province gov. Mamoun Sami Rashid Alwani. It was a final inspection, displaying their prowess gained during the previous month's training.

"During that time, I watched you become soldiers," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steven Greafe, the 47-year-old commander of the Regional Training Center here. "When you came here, marching was new to you. Now, you march like soldiers. You act like soldiers and warriors."

Greafe, from Parkersburg, W.V., recalled the Iraqi soldiers' discipline during the training. Mortars were

impacting while they were conducting training and the soldiers maintained their composure. They listened to orders, he said, remaining calm under fire.

"Nobody ran," Greafe said. "Everyone acted as warriors."

From here, the 973 Iraqi soldiers will continue their training at their assigned units across Iraq. It will be a step forward to making the Iraqi Army a force representative of the entire country. It was unthinkable in Fallujah just two years ago.

"We've had a couple of failed attempts," said Capt. Bryce Essary, a 31-year-old from Houston who serves as a Military Transition Team advisor to the Iraqi Army in Fallujah. "This is the first go-around with a dedicated recruiting effort by the entire region."

Now, Sunni soldiers will serve alongside Shiite soldiers in Fallujah, Ramadi, Al Qaim and even southern cities like Basra. For Fallujah, it's a large step in demonstrating the army is

Graduation: An Iraqi colorguard leads a parade of new Iraqi soldiers at an Iraqi Army basic training graduation at Camp Habbinyah. This is the first step at integrated Sunnis from Al Anbar into the Iraqi Army.

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

973 Iraqi soldiers graduated a week training regimen that transformed into uniformed Iraqi soldiers recruited from across Al Anbar, with 813 coming from

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puzzle to affect military operations, according to Wear, 28.

In less than 30 minutes, the soldiers established a combat operations center, complete with communications equipment, supplies and maps. Moreover, they completed the task in near-total darkness, using minimal light to prevent attracting enemy attention, said Wear.

The feat impressed Wear, who added that such a task would be difficult even for a well-seasoned Marine unit due to the limited visibility at night.

The soldiers also planned for any emergency situations which may have arisen, said Wear. They formed a quick reaction force — a team of soldiers designated to respond to emergencies,

such as medical evacuations and providing extra firepower in the event of an enemy attack.

Just six months ago, the Marines were in the driver's seat of such operations, while Iraqi soldiers simply "shadowed" them to learn tactics and procedures for conducting security operations in Al Anbar province, said Wear, a native of Port St. Joe, Fla.

Now, they are doing it themselves, said Wear.

"A few months ago, the Marines were running the operations and we were there just to watch and learn," said "Hasim," another 2/27 soldier. "Now, we are running the show and the Marines are just observing our progress."

The soldiers' steady progress has

laid the ground work for future multi-company-level Iraqi Army operations in the region, according to the Marines.

"We have learned not just how to conduct operations, but how to conduct them with limited resources, such as sunlight," boasted Hasim.

Since the Transition Team arrived in Iraq three months ago, the Iraqi soldiers have also demonstrated an improvement in their ability to collect their own intelligence, a key factor to counterinsurgency operations, according to 1st Lt. Jesse Cope, the Transition Team's logistics officer.

"One key success the soldiers had this mission is they developed the intelligence and it led to the capture of a highly sought after insurgent," said Cope.

Another factor contributing to the

Iraqi soldiers' steady progress is the experience they've gained while working hand-in-hand with the Hawaii-based 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment — the U.S. military unit assigned to provide security until Iraqi Security Forces are ready to take over operations later this year.

The Marine battalion arrived more than a month ago and has worked side-by-side with their Iraqi counterparts nearly daily to quell insurgent activity in the region.

"All the rifle companies continue to give capabilities to the Iraqi soldiers when they train with them daily," said Lovejoy, a 23-year Marine Corps veteran and Brookville, Fla., native. "The rifle companies are ultimately building them for success."

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ask me if I call him by rank and parade rest and I tell them 'of Burnett Jr. said. "I call him 'serp' around other Marines or in 'always." eing a sergeant major doesn't lder Burnett didn't stop worrying n. It's just gave him a greater ing. d say that some things you just going to be OK, this was one of s," Burnett Sr. explained. "I won't admit that my prayers every de a request for SKY 6 to provide overwatch on my son." j. Burnett said he's reassured of safety because of his training and sional reputation of the Marines alongside his son, specifically mitted officers and staff n has always been smart and very which adds to my confidence in s," he said. "But having listened ound with great pride the loyalty ation of his NCO's and Staff

NCOs, I knew he would receive the best of care. Those things took away any anxiety."

He has since recovered from his concussion, but a four-inch gash near his left eye serves as a reminder to wear eye protection on every mission.

"It's funny how one little piece of plastic can keep you in the fight for another month or the rest of your life," Burnett Jr. said.

The senior Burnett knows his son is back on the beat and stares down the same hazards. Now, it's just with more pride since his son hasn't backed down even after the wounds.

"My son and the other Marines know we are doing important work here," Burnett Sr. said. "There is great honor in helping good people who cannot help themselves. Good things don't make the news very often. But Marines see the good things everyday when they are out there on the streets helping the Iraqi people by providing security and stability."

Burnett Jr.'s recuperation is nearly over. He's got a scar that won't completely heal over just below his left eye and after time off to recuperate, he's excited to get back to work.

"It paid off for my fellow Marines," he said "They got their gunner back."

POLITICS

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Iraqi security forces are increasingly taking over for U.S. forces.

"We are still doing some kinetic, or active, military operations against the terrorists. But more and more, Iraqis are taking a lot more responsibility for patrols and taking a lot more responsibility for security in places like Baghdad," she said.

"Most importantly we're going to continue to put this in a political context, in which the Iraqi government drains support for the insurgency by the fact they are indeed a national unity government," she continued. "Those elements together should allow more responsibility to Iraqis and less responsibility to coalition forces over the next couple months."

"I think that everybody wants to make sure that what we're doing is matching the forces to the conditions and to the demands on the ground," she added.

Regarding Iran, Rice told Stephanopoulos that even though Iran's leaders claim they are not con-

cerned with U.N. sanctions, their actions suggest otherwise. She said Iran's maneuvering to the keep the nuclear issue in the International Atomic Energy Agency arena is opposed to having it go to the U.N. Security Council demonstrates this fact.

This "suggests to me that they are indeed somewhat concerned that the Security Council might move to the kinds of measures that could further isolate them," she said. "It's likely that we will try to move to a Chapter 7 resolution, which is a resolution in the U.N. which compels behavior from a member state. At that point we go back and look at what measures might be taken."

The credibility of the international community is at stake with Iran, she said. "We can either mean what we say when we say that Iran must comply, or we can continue to allow defiance," she said.

Rice also stressed that for the time being Iran must be dealt with on a strictly diplomatic basis. "I absolutely believe we have a lot of diplomatic arrows in our quiver," she said.



Rice Secretary of State

FROM 1A

that all Iraqis benefit from the new democracy, and I support to those efforts.

Iraqi government represents a strategic opportunity for the whole world, for that matter," Bush said. "The nation of ours and our coalition partners are going with the new leadership to strengthen our mutual achieve success: a victory in this war on terror." President said Rice and Rumsfeld opened a new chapter U.S. — Iraqi partnership. "The Iraqi leaders saw we committed to helping them succeed," he said. "I want to know that we stand with them. And the Iraqi ed to know that we stand with them — that we l the strategic importance of a free Iraq in the ist, and that we understand the need to deny safe the terrorists who have caused such turmoil and de of Iraq."

oted that the Iraqi people voted to elect their new at, often at great personal risk. "Last December, mil- people defied the terrorists and killers, and said, 'We e free, we want a unity government,'" Bush said. " what has happened is (that) after compromise and Iraqis have come together to form that govern- our secretaries went over there to tell them that we rd to working with them as partners in peace."

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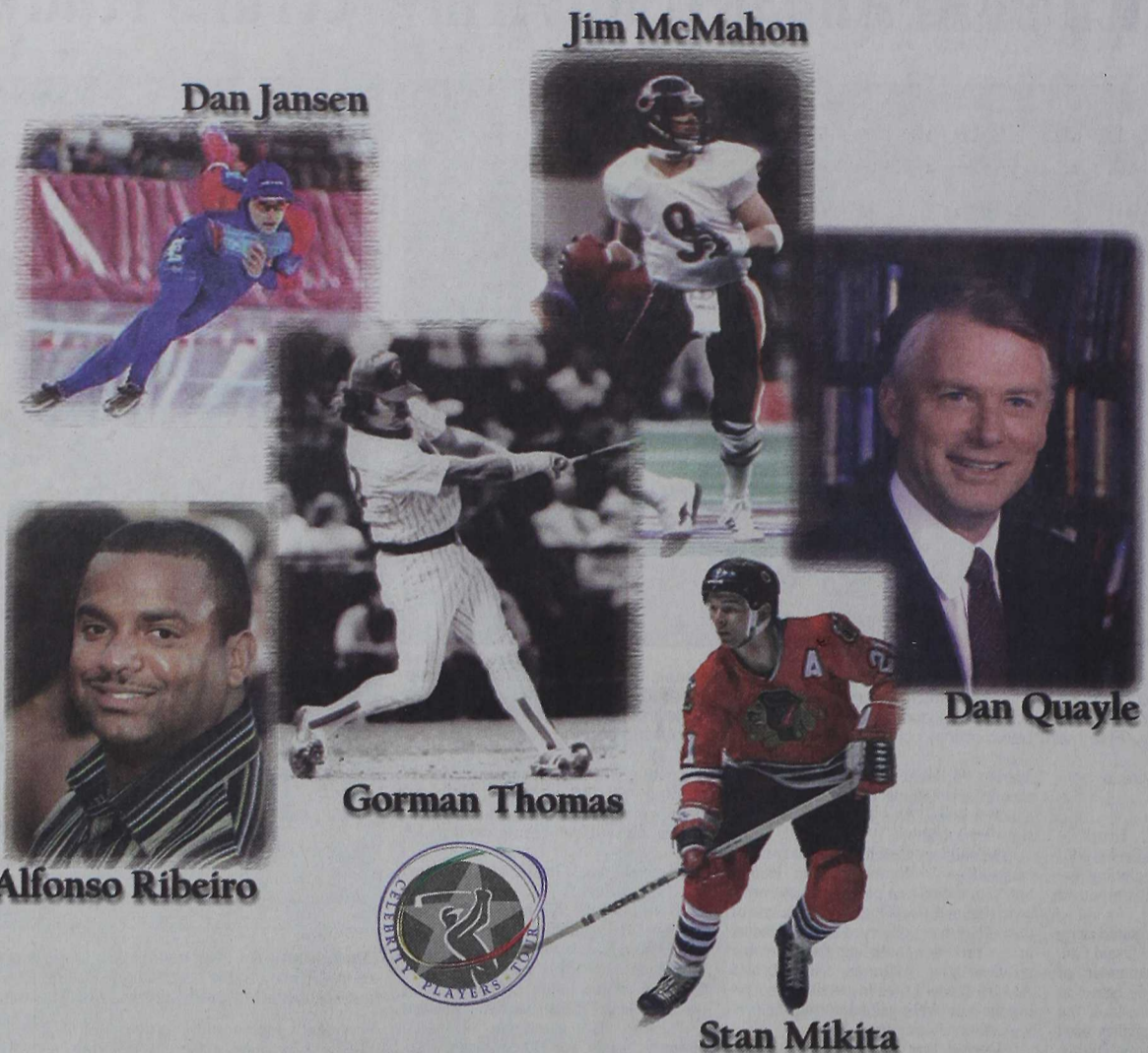
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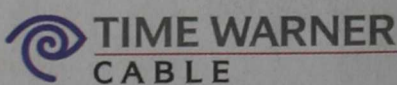
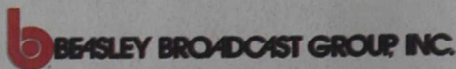


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Sports

Men's softball sign-ups
 Sign-ups for the adult men's softball league at Camp Lejeune are open to all active-duty and employees ages 16 and over. The cost is \$20 per player. Registration forms for the league are available at the Physical Sports Office, in the Goettge Memorial Field House. Registration forms must be submitted no later than May 10. For more information, call 450-231-1010.

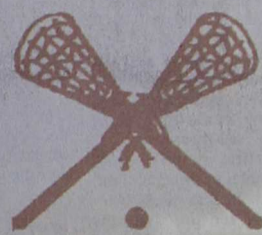
Bass tournament series
 The second leg of the Mark Marina's 17th team bass tournament series will take place on May 13. The tournament is for youth bass on the Neuse River and its tributaries. The average prize pay is \$2,500 based on a 100-pound entry. Trophies and prizes will be handed to the top three teams. The 3-day event starts at 8 a.m. and lines must be in by 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$70 per person and an additional \$15 for equipment. For more information, call 450-231-0707.

Archery tournament
 Camp Lejeune Archery will host its monthly tournament May 13 at the Lejeune Archery on Parachute Tower. Registration begins at 9 a.m. for archers in the open, men's senior bowhunter, ladies intermediate ladies open, traditional, outdoor, youth, cub and pee wee divisions. For archers age 15 and under, the fee is \$5. Cub and pee wee competitors are \$2.50. Prizes will be awarded to second and third place in each adult and youth event. Trophies will be awarded to all competitors. For more information, call 450-231-0707.

Marine Corps Community Invitational
 The 2006 Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament kicks off on May 3. The Celebrity/Amateur tournament will take place May 4-5 at the 18-hole Community Invitational Golf Course. For more information, call 450-231-0707.

Forget Family Night
 The 2006 Family Night Stars, May 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hill Parade Field. The dinner with television personalities and sports stars Alfonso Ribeiro and Benched. For more information on the event, go to ccigolf.com.

For the Warriors
 The inaugural Run for the Warriors will take place on May 14 at Hospital Point at Camp Lejeune. The run starts at 8 a.m. with the 5K and 10K races, followed by the 8:15 a.m. 5K and 10K races. The 10K starts at 8:15 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:30 a.m. For more information on the event, go to forthewarriors.org.



LACROSSE

Taking Onslow County by storm

Jamie Cameron
 Assistant managing editor

Baseball is said to be the nation's pastime and her passion is probably football, but neither of these popular American athletic endeavors can claim half of the history of North America's original team sport; lacrosse.

Historic documents suggest that Native Americans have been playing lacrosse in some form or another since the 15th century. French fur trappers and Jesuit missionaries in the region of Quebec, Canada are said to have been the first Europeans to witness Indians playing the game. Early lacrosse games involved hundreds and even thousands of players, each carrying one or two sticks with a leather pouch or mesh basket attached to the end to scoop up and carry a ball made of hard wood. Team members would range across the countryside for miles and play for days on end in an effort to deposit through ball a goal more times than their opponents.

With modern innovations in equipment and rules, lacrosse has remained a popular second-tier sport in much of the Northeast and upper Midwest. A fast-paced, hard-hitting hybrid of soccer, football and hockey, lacrosse is the official sport of Canada and has won converts around the globe.

The National Football League's great running back, Jim Brown, played lacrosse at Syracuse University and admitted that, given a choice, he preferred it to football.

With endorsements like that, there is little wonder at lacrosse's growing popularity, especially in areas of the country that have little or no tradition in the sport.

This spring, that growth has reached all the way to Jacksonville, with the start up of the Onslow Youth Lacrosse



Jamie Cameron

Lacrosse: Goal keeper Jeffrey Berger sets the defense as an opposing attacker makes a cut to the goal at a recent practice session. Berger plays for the Onslow Youth Lacrosse U-11 team.

League. Michelle Leonard's children grew up playing lacrosse when the family lived in Newport, R.I. When the Leonards recently moved to Onslow County and found that the nearest youth lacrosse leagues were as far away as New Bern and Havelock, they took it upon themselves to introduce the sport to Jacksonville. The reception has been nothing short of remarkable.

"There's so much interest in lacrosse in this area, especially with so many military families moving here from parts of the country where it's popular," said Leonard.

"The season is a month old and we're still signing kids up — once they try it, they love it."

With the help of several volunteer coaches (many of them active-duty Marines who played in high school and college), Leonard organized three introductory clinics over the winter to generate local interest in the league. When registration opened in March, 90 players signed-up to fill out three boys' teams and one girls' side.

"It's a very fast sport to pick up," said John Sarno, who coaches the boys under-13 squad. "It takes about a season to get the basic skills, but after that, you can start

lacrosse," said Vogler, who has been playing for the last three years. "I like sports that are fast and have contact. Some of my friends who play football and like the contact should play lacrosse — it's my favorite sport."

The Onslow Youth Lacrosse league will remain open throughout the season to anyone who wishes to join. For more information, call Leonard at 353-7563 or go to www.onslowyouthlacrosse.org, but be prepared to become hooked on this ancient all-American game.

"It's like a virus," warned Sarno. "It's a fever that you can't get rid of." ■



Jamie Cameron

Lacrosse: William Coleman looks to make a pass as he closes in on the opposing goal during a recent scrimmage. Coleman plays for the Onslow Youth Lacrosse U-15 team.



Jamie Cameron

Lacrosse: Sean White loses the handle as he tries to run by Coach Ryan Berger during a skills drill at a recent practice session. White is a member of the U-11 squad.

Food for thought

Top 10 ways to shape up this summer

Amy Mallette
Semper Fit Group Exercise Coordinator

- 1. Drink plenty of water this summer**
It is going to be hot and humid. You will need to drink at least 8-10 glasses per day.
- 2. Spend the day at the beach**
Don't just lay there, play there... Swim, surf, go on a walk, build a sand castle.
- 3. Run errands**
When running errands, park a distance from the store and enjoy the weather. You are working out just by walking to your favorite store.
- 4. Hit the mall**
No money no problem. You will want to hit the mall to cool off from the hot sun. Do some window shopping and a few laps around the mall before heading home.
- 5. Eat light**
Enjoy 4-6 small meals per day to keep your energy high. Watch those calories; don't let them weigh you down.
- 6. Sun screen**
Wear that sunscreen to protect your skin from the harmful UV rays. You don't want to burn on your first few days of the summer and have to stay inside all season.
- 7. Family time**
Create healthy family traditions this summer. Enjoy a walk with the kids and the dog just after dinner.
- 8. Still at work... no problem**
Plan your next company meeting at the Gottschalk Marina. Check out canoes, kayaks; all for cheap.
- 9. Travel**
If you're traveling, there are a few simple exercises to include: pushups, squats, sit-ups and stretching that you can do in your hotel room just before going out. You will feel strong and refreshed for the day or nightlife. You might want to take along some exercise tubing for resistance training.
- 10. Golf**
Ahh what a relaxing sport yet provides for a great summer outdoor workout. Just be sure to include walking instead of riding the cart.



Mallette

Too many catchers? Paulino complicates Pirates' decision

Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ronny Paulino may be delaying Ryan Doumit's return to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Paulino unexpectedly got a chance to play in the majors when Doumit went on the disabled list April 16 with a strained hamstring. Paulino was promoted from Triple-A Indianapolis, but was not expected to play much until Doumit returned.

But Doumit quickly impressed manager Jim Tracy with his ability to handle pitchers, and he has not looked overmatched at the plate - he is hitting .314 in 23 at-bats. He has started eight games since his call-up and quickly appears to be settling into the job, with Humberto Cota starting Sunday against the Phillies only because he regularly catches Oliver Perez.

However, the more the 25-year-old Paulino plays, the less

Doumit does — and this was the season the Pirates wanted to give Doumit considerable playing time, mostly because he has the most power of the three Pirates catchers. He was hitting .200 with two homers and four RBIs before getting hurt.

"We're trying to figure out what the best decision would be," General Manager Dave Littlefield said Sunday.

Doumit went 4-for-10 with three RBIs as a designated hitter in his first two rehabilitation starts for Indianapolis over the weekend, but the Pirates want him to make some starts behind the plate before he returns. He ran the show behind the plate Sunday against Columbus.

The problem is the Pirates don't want to keep three catchers, but they don't want to send Paulino back to the minors when he is playing as well as he is. They also don't want to rush Doumit back and have him

injure himself again.

In other Pirates news, Littlefield fully supported manager Tracy's decision to pull closer Mike Gonzalez in the ninth inning of a 3-2 victory over the Phillies Saturday night. Roberto Hernandez came in to get Alex Gonzalez to ground into a game-ending double play after Gonzalez walked two of the three batters he faced.

Not only does Hernandez have 320 more saves in his career than Gonzalez - 326, - Littlefield said Hernandez is especially tough on right-handed batters.

Littlefield also said that while a closer on the order of the Dodgers' Eric Gagne has earned the right to stay in a game and get out of a jam he creates, inexperienced closers like Gonzalez must establish themselves as capable of handling the pressure first before being accorded the same courtesy. ■

roundup



Euroleague Basketball

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Trajan Langdon hit two free throws with 5.8 seconds remaining to lift CSKA Moscow to a 73-69 victory over Maccabi Tel Aviv on Sunday, giving the Russian club its first Euroleague championship since 1971.

Langdon, who had 11 points, scored the final points of the championship game as CSKA finally succeeded in capturing its fifth championship after losing in the Final Four semifinals in each of the past three years.

Having also won the title in 1961, 1963, 1969 and 1971, CSKA matched Maccabi and Italian club Varese in Euroleague triumphs.

Theodoros Papaloukas led the Russians with 18 points and seven assists and was named the Final Four Most Valuable Player.

"I had lost three Final Fours before this, but I won't remember them," he said. "We did it and we deserved it."

Tel Aviv was trying to become the third team in Euroleague history to win three straight titles, following Yugoslavian club Split (1989-91) and ASK Riga from the Soviet Union (1958-60).

"They slowed us down, made every shot tough for us and they played great down the stretch," said Maccabi star Anthony Parker, who a day earlier was named to the Euroleague's First Team and the season's Most Valuable Player. "It's a disappointment to come up one game short like this. Everyone wants to win it all when you get to this point."

CSKA coach Ettore Messina, in his first season in Russia, won his third Euroleague title. He previously led Kinder Bologna to championships in 1998 and 2001.

— Associated Press

World Championships Basketball

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is recovering well from foot surgery and could still play in this summer's world championships, his agent said.

Yao will start a physical rehabilitation program soon and plans to be back on the court by late June, Zhang Mingji was quoted by the Web site of *China Radio International*.

Yao underwent surgery April 14 in Houston to repair the fifth metatarsal bone in his left foot, which was broken during a game against Utah. Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said Yao's injury could take four-six months to heal.

"I believe there is still a possibility for Yao to participate in the world championships," Zhang was quoted as saying in a report posted April 26.

Calls to Zhang's mobile phone were answered by a message saying the power was off.

The world championships begin Aug. 19 in Japan.

— Associated Press

NCAA Football

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Penn State football coach Joe Paterno said Sunday that his father always wanted him to be a lawyer, but after a few years of coaching, he was hooked.

So his father told him "At least I hope you can make an impact on that place," the 79-year-old coach said.

"I always have that in the back of my head," he said.

Paterno, head coach at Penn State for 40-plus seasons, spoke before the 2006 Dapper

Dan Dinner and Sports Auction charity event that honored Paterno with a lifetime achievement award.

Paterno is among the most famous figures in Pennsylvania. In the State College area, his life-sized cardboard cutout, complete with the thick-rimmed glasses and khakis - can be found in store displays, in strip malls and on from

Paterno described his decades as challenging and fun, saying he had a bad team and he has never about his staff. Before last season his teams had stumbled to losing four of five years, and there was Paterno's departure.

But Paterno silenced "Joe Musters" last year by leading the Nittany Lion an 11-1 record, a Big Ten title and triple-overtime victory over Florida in the Orange Bowl in January.

The charity event is also the University of Pittsburgh women's coach Agnes Berenato as 2005 Sports of the Year and retired Steelers running back Jerome Bettis as 2005 Sportsman of the Year.

— Associated Press

NFL Football

ORONO, Maine (AP) — Wide receiver Kevin McMahana's last-round selection by the Oakland Raiders made him the first Bear to be taken in the draft since 1971.

McMahana was the final pick of the draft - a pick dubbed "Mr. Irrelevant" by the media - but that was no disappointment to McMahana. The distinction means he is the guest of honor at the 31st annual "Irrelevant Week" in Newport Beach, Calif., this summer, which will feature a regatta and a sports banquet.

"It's supposed to be a good time," McMahana said. "I talked to a woman about it and she told me to be prepared to have a blast."

McMahana, of Rochester, N.H., had a career high 59 receptions this year and 13 touchdowns. He averaged 10.5 receiving yards and 5.4 receptions per game.

The biggest play of his college career came in 2004, when his diving catch with 2:55 remaining gave him a 7 win over Mississippi State.

McMahana, who had been with the San Francisco 49ers, New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears, expected to be taken in the second round. But he was surprised the Oakland Raiders picked him.

Adding to his celebration: McMahana's back Montell Owens received a job offer and agreed to a free-agent deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars. "Kevin and I were on the phone at the same time jumping for joy," said Owens.

Owens, of Wilmington, Del., had 779 yards in 2005, averaging 77.9 yards per game.

"They were so interested in me talking about using the last-round pick," said Owens. "They played tight and were able to get me."

— Associated Press

Olympics

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo formally declared its intention to bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Vice-Governor Yokichi Yokoyama committed the formal declaration to the city's proposal for the event to the Olympic Committee, four days after the southern Japanese city of Fukuoka threw its hat into the ring to host the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Tokyo Gov. Shintaro Ishihara said his proposal offers a mix of new and existing facilities in a relatively compact area. He expressed his confidence that the bid was outstanding.

"We expect to beat out the other candidate cities both at home and around the world," Ishihara told reporters at a news press briefing. ■

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Marine Corps schedules Sports Hall of Fame 2006 Induction Ceremony in July

Press release
Marine Corps Community Services

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — The Commandant of the Marine Corps will host the 2006 United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame annual induction ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico, Va., July 28.

Gen. Michael W. Hagee will induct former Marines Ernie Nevers, Greg Gibson and Barney Ross at a luncheon ceremony that will celebrate their remarkable athletic achievements.

Nevers, a former Marine major, was a charter member of the National Football League Hall of Fame in Ohio and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Gibson, a former Marine master sergeant, is a three-time World Cup Greco-Roman champion and 1984 Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling Silver Medalist.

Ross, a former Marine sergeant, was the world boxing champion in three different weight classes at the same time and a Silver Star recipient during World War II.

The United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame honors former Marines who have excelled both on and off the athletic playing field. Established in 2001, Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined in the National Museum of the United States Marine Corps at the Heritage Center near Quantico.

Eighteen former Marines have been

selected for the Hall of Fame since it was founded in 2001.

Past inductees include baseball legend Ted Williams and Olympic great Robert B. Mathias, International Boxing Hall of Fame member Ken Norton, and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Arthur Donovan Jr.

Also to be honored at the induction ceremony will be numerous Marine champion athletes to include the 2005 Marine Corps Male and Female athletes of the year.

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

Marine wins national ti

Press release
Marine Corps Community Services

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — Jacob Clark (MCB Camp Butler) won the USA Wrestling National Championship, April 15, by defeating No. 1 ranked Brad Vering.

Clark, wrestling in the 84Kg weight class, has been the No. 2 ranked wrestler in the nation since November, 2003. He briefly dropped into the No. 3 position in March 2004, but regained his standing. In 2004, Clark was the runner-up to Vering at the U.S. Olympic Trials. For his accomplishments, Clark was named the 2004 Marine Corps Male Athlete of the Year.

When asked about Vering

being a thorn in his side, responded, "I wouldn't thorn — I'd say a thorn b thorn is a little thing."

Clark's victory qualified for the U.S. World Team May 26-28, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Three other Marines tied for the U.S. World Trials with their top 10 finish at the U.S. Nationals. Workman (MCB Quantico) finished third overall at 1 James Shallow qualified sixth overall finish in the weight class. Jeremy Mc finished strong with a sixth overall finish in the weight class.

For more information on Marine Corps Sports Program, steven.dinote@usmc.mil.

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am: Camp Lejeune's rugby team had its most successful spring seasons in years, and making it to the second round of the USA Rugby South Championships.

Team falters in second round of rugby tournament

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the Misfits had a hard time scoring and an even harder time keeping their opponents out of the try zone. Montgomery rolled up 24 unanswered points before the Misfits could finally find their way back to the score- board with an unconverted try to end the match.

After the loss, a disappoint- ed Bew had nothing but praise for his team's tough second- round opponents.

"They had outstanding defense," he said. "They didn't miss a single tackle. They came prepared to play and they exe- cuted perfectly."

The loss ended the Misfits' spring season, with a final record of 6-1.

The squad from Camp Lejeune had to overcome the losses of several key players, but Bew and Assistant Coach Richard "Trainwreck" Burkett had the team ready to play in spite of the gaps in the line- up.

Slagle drew first blood for the Misfits with a penalty kick he booted through the uprights from 22 meters. The Renegades countered with an unconverted try, but Slagle led the charge back, taking a quick penalty deep into enemy territory and eventual- ly scoring and converting a try of his own.

Tyler Kotulka kept things rolling for the Misfits - barrel-

ing into the try zone, thanks to a brilliant assist from Mario Land.

Atlanta charged back early in the second half with two con- verted trys to Camp Lejeune's 25 meter penalty kick, to go up by one with 20 minutes remain- ing.

Fortified by some animated urging from their coach on the virtues of good defense, the Misfits tightened up their half of the pitch and did not allow another point scored against them in the match.

Slagle put Camp Lejeune out in front for good with his 25- meter penalty kick and later padded the victory with another try by taking advantage of some poor ball handling by the Renegades in their own try zone.

Trent Morrow was given special kudos by the Misfits coaching staff and players for his relentless pursuit of oppos- ing ball carriers and several bone-jarring hits that made Atlanta's players think twice about heading up-field with their heads down.

"We had a great run this spring," said the coach. "I firmly believe that there are several current and future All-Marine rugby players on this team and if it is able to stay together through the fall with all of the talent it has, they should easily win the North Carolina Championships." ■

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Camp Lejeune: Jeff Bartek, left, and Russell Masters stop to admire the Little Debbie's No. 21 car, driven by Ken Schrader on the Nextel Cup racing circuit. Sponsors brought the car to the Camp Lejeune Exchange parking lot Tuesday to give NASCAR fans in the military a chance to view one of the most technologically advanced and powerful racing machines on earth. Representatives from Little Debbie were on hand to give out free goody bags and take pictures of would-be racers with the car. As a special treat for gear heads, the No. 21 was cranked every 20 minutes to allow bystanders the opportunity to hear its powerful engine roar up close and in person.

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U.S. soccer star pops teammate, hopes for berth on national team

Howard Ulmanap
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Clint Dempsey dribbled slowly up the left side of the field then accelerated past a defender and kicked the ball.

One of America's top soccer players smacked it off the left post in a recent scrimmage for the New England Revolution against Harvard. His former college coach had seen moves like that many times.

"His creativity is incredible," Furman coach Doug Allison said. "He's a complete player."

So complete, in fact, that Dempsey — an aggressive, entertaining player known for his unique goal celebrations — could soon be using his skills against the world's best. He has a solid shot at being named to his first U.S. World Cup team when coach Bruce Arena announces the roster Tuesday.

"He's very competitive in training and in games," Allison said. "His intensity is very good and sometimes it spills over, as you can tell."

Joe Franchino still has a chipped tooth to prove it.

Dempsey and Franchino, teammates on the Revolution, scuffled during an intrasquad scrimmage March 13.

"I just got a blatant elbow to the face and I confronted him about it and he turned around and he popped me," said Franchino, captain of the Major League Soccer team and another intense player.

After the punch, they went to the ground and continued grappling before teammates quickly broke them up.

"They're two very competitive players," said Revolution forward Taylor Twellman, who also could make the World Cup team. "Practices are competitive, so it's hard to knock that. There's a fine line. You have to practice like it's a game."

The Revolution suspended Dempsey for two weeks and the scrap cost him a spot on the U.S. team that played in Dortmund against Germany on March 22. He was concerned that it might affect his chances of playing in the World Cup in Germany where the United States has its first game June 12 against the Czech Republic.

"You're always concerned about what's going to happen, but what was done was done," Dempsey said. "You have to live with the consequences of your actions."

Both he and Franchino say they've moved beyond that.

After Dempsey scored in the season opener April 1 in a 1-0

win over Los Angeles off a free kick set up when Franchino drew a foul, Dempsey said, "It was a good job by Joey to win the foul."

And the two dined at the same table during the last road trip for a game at Kansas City on April 15.

"There's a lot of things that I learned," said Dempsey, who took plenty of abuse as one of the most fouled players in MLS last season. "You've just got to keep a cool head and try to be a smarter person."

He's focusing on his next game, the home opener Sunday against Chicago.

Then comes Tuesday's announcement. He's nervous even though he headed in the only goal March 1 in a 1-0 win over Poland in blizzard conditions in Germany.

Dempsey got a boost when Arena didn't start him April 11 in a 1-1 tie against Jamaica, the last tuneup before Tuesday's announcement.

"He told me that he's seen what he needed to see from me," said Dempsey, who played very well after entering the game in the 55th minute. "That was a good feeling ... but nothing's ever final until you hear on May 2."

Dempsey returned to practice with the Revolution on March 28 and coach Steve Nicol thinks two weeks away may have helped.

"I certainly hope it gave him a shake and made him realize what's important," Nicol said. "He's come back and he's looked as though that's exactly what he's done. He's taken it on board for what it was and he's back to what he was."

He was — and is — an excellent soccer player, a 23-year-old native of Nacogdoches, Texas, who was the MLS rookie of the year in 2004 and was second to Twellman on the Revolution last year with 10 goals.

The 6-foot-1 Dempsey is an outstanding dribbler, is very effective heading the ball and has distinctive goal celebrations. When he scored in a 3-2 win over Japan in February, he stood in front of the goal, swaying hips in a dance, then pounded his chest with his fists.

He's appeared in a hip-hop video and in a photo spread in Maxim magazine.

"He's a pretty jovial guy," Allison said. "He's very loyal, a very religious guy, very family oriented young man. His mom and dad were always very important to him."

His former coach is crossing his fingers that Dempsey will hear good news Tuesday. ■

Taekwondo team wins



Camp Lejeune: The Camp Lejeune taekwondo team participated in the recent All-America City 2006 Fayetteville Taekwondo Championships in Fayetteville, N.C. Team members competed in traditional forms and sparring and placed second in every event they entered. The team fulfilled its mission to prepare for the Armed Forces Qualifier, to be held in summer. Team members pictured above are, top row from the left, Daniel A. Bell, Tyson McCoy and Brandon Pastor; middle row, Freddie McDonald, Bryan K. Lee, Jonathan Anderson, Anna Christine Alvarez and Arnulfo Ortiz Jr.

Marine Corps taps 2005 Athletes of the Year

Press Release
Marine Corps Community Services

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — Jeremy Brown and Kristin Taft have been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Male and Female Athletes of the Year for 2005.

The pair will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico in Quantico, Va. The ceremony is scheduled for July 28.

Brown, the head of the Separations Section of the Consolidated Administration center at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Cal., was a member of multiple All-Marine teams and he was the first Marine to cross the finish line at the 2005 Marine Corps Marathon. During 2005, Brown won the Silver Strand Half Marathon, the Pacific Beach 8K, and several other events in southern California. In addition, Brown was the top finisher of multiple 5K races at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and MCAS Miramar.

Brown finished the year winning the MCAS Miramar Cross

Country Championship and captured his second consecutive All-Marine Cross Country Champion. For his accomplishments, Brown was named the Base Athlete of the Year. Taft, a supply sergeant assigned to Headquarters, 2nd Battalion at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, was the starting point guard of the All-Marine Women's Softball Team and the Marine Hawaii Female Athlete of the Year.

During 2005, Taft was a member of numerous local softball teams, leading the base women's team to a second-place finish. Selected to the All-Marine Women's Softball Team for the fourth time, Taft led the team to a second place finish in the competitive National Softball Association State Championships in Phoenix, Ariz.

In addition, Taft was also a member of MCB Quantico's Women's Basketball team.

For more information about the Athlete of the Year award, contact the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame, please contact Dinote, HQMC Semper Fit, (703) 784-9542, steven.dinote@usmc.mil. ■

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Kim wins back-to-back champions Tour honors

Haas shot a 7-under 65 on The Hills course to claim the winner's check of \$240,000. He birdied all four par 3s.

Kite, who played at the University of Texas, was trying to win a U.S. PGA Tour-sanctioned event in Texas for the first time. He is winless in Texas in 98 starts on the PGA Tour and 11 on the Champions Tour.

Haas started the round at 4 under, three strokes behind Bruce Fleisher. Fleisher quickly pushed his score to 11 under on the front nine, but faded badly on the back nine and ended up in a sixth-place tie at 5 under after 74.

But even when Fleisher was dropping putts early, it was Haas who created a stir with his charge up the leaderboard. Haas had a string of birdies on Nos. 2-6 and got to 10 under with his sixth on the par-5 eighth hole.

He didn't look as if he could sustain it, however, when he dropped two bogeys on the next two holes and was sitting at 8-under with four

holes to play.

But even with those problems, he pulled into a four-way tie with Kite, James and Fleisher with a long birdie putt from the fringe on No. 15. He followed it with another on the tough par-3 16th.

Kite and James just couldn't keep up. Both had chances to take the lead with short putts on No. 15 but missed.

The crowd groaned with each miss that kept Kite from seizing the outright lead. By the time he reached the 18th green, several people in the crowd yelled "Knock it in Tom!" before his shot out of the bunker finished well right of the hole.

Kite's struggle started on the tee box when he pulled it left, forcing him to try to bend a shot into the green.

Haas had no such problems. His tee shot found the middle of the fairway and even when he landed in the bunker, he had a flat lie. He blasted out and the ball kept rolling across a fast green toward the cup. ■

A long journey for Couch, capped by an amazing finish

Doug Ferguson
Associated Press golf writer

NEW ORLEANS — From the time he was 16 and made the cut in the Honda Classic to get his first taste of golf at the highest level, Chris Couch never doubted he was good enough to win.

He just didn't realize it would take the better part of 16 years.

And no way he could he have scripted a week like he had in New Orleans, capped by a 55-foot chip that dropped for par on the final hole to close with a 7-under 65 and win the Zurich Classic by one shot over Charles Howell III and Fred Funk.

"It was awesome," Couch said Sunday night, Mardi Gras beads draped around his neck.

He was flawless for 16 holes by making nine birdies - and twice missing birdie putts inside 6 feet - to build a two-shot lead. Then came a few bad shots that landed in mud-caked bunkers that felt like concrete and left him little chance to escape.

On the par-3 17th, he hit his bunker shot so clean that it soared over the green. Couch chipped too strong about 12 feet past the cup, but limited the damage to a bogey when he holed a 12-foot putt.

"I knew that was to keep the lead," he said.

Then came the 18th hole at English Turn, where Couch caught a flier from the left rough and hit a pitching wedge from 153 yards that went about 170 yards before it settled up against the back slope of a wet bunker. Fearful of hitting this one over the green and into the water, Couch tried to dig it out and barely got it out of the sand, into the slope of the bunker, 55 feet from the hole.

Fred Funk earlier made a 30-foot birdie putt to close with a 62 and was on the practice range at 18 under, hopeful of a playoff. Howell, also at 18 under, had a 45-foot birdie putt from the fringe.

"Worse-case scenario, get in a playoff-off," Couch said.

His uses a rare, cross-handed grip for chipping, and Couch lofted this pitch perfectly onto the green and watched it track toward the cup, all the way until it disappeared between the pin and the right edge of the cup. He thrust his arms into the air, so stunned by the wild turn of events that he threw his wedge to the ground in relief.

Couch finished at 19-under 269 and won \$1.08 million for his first PGA Tour victory, and the first sporting event on national television in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina.

Howell did his best to match birdies with Couch, but he had no answer for the finish.

"I was expecting him to get the ball up-and-down for five," Howell said. "To hole it? It looked like it came off good."

Howell bent down to study the line of his putt when he heard the roar.

Funk heard it from all the way across the parking lot on the range, not knowing what happened until later.

"That's unbelievable," Funk said. "But that's what you have to do to win out here."

Adding to a memorable week for Couch was the way it started. He arrived in New Orleans a week ago Sunday, headed down to Bourbon Street for some drinks and then got lost trying to find his car parked six blocks away.

He was lost in the wrong part of town. He got into a car with the wrong kind of people. And when he asked out of the car, the section of town was so seedy that Couch ran as fast as he could for 20 minutes before he could call police and get safely to his car.

Has any winner of this event ever had a week like Couch?

"I doubt it," he said, Mardi Gras beads draped around his neck. "It's been an adventure. But it couldn't have worked out any better."

He could say the same of his career.

Couch stood next to his idol, Tom Watson, on the practice green at the 1990 Honda Classic and knew he wanted to be a golfer. But the road to stardom was rocky, and Couch once tried to give up. The only reason he didn't get the assistant pro job in Gainesville, Fla., was because the head pro said Couch had too much talent to quit.

Three years ago, he missed the first four cuts on the Nationwide Tour and was out of money when he called a good friend on tour, Brendan Pappas of South Africa, and asked to borrow \$3,000 to get through the next couple of events.

"I finished 25th, second and fifth in those three tournaments and kind of took off from there," said Couch, who celebrates his 33rd birthday Monday. "I've always thought I could win out here. Even when I was missing cuts earlier in the year, I still knew I was good enough to win. It's just a matter of everything coming together."

Couch got a reminder how long the journey was being in the final group with Howell.

When he was at Florida and played a college tournament at Augusta State in Georgia, a junior program allowed some of the teenagers to caddie for the college kids. One of those juniors was Howell, who caddied for Couch.

"It's like going from college caddie to tour runner-up," Howell said with a laugh.

Howell remembered how hard Couch hit the ball in college, and Couch remains one of the big hitters on tour. What he saw Sunday was a player who never flinched, not under the pressure of being in the final group for the first time, not on a rain-softened course that gave way to a slew of birdies.

And as he stood over that chip for par, knowing he had to get up-and-down to at least get in a playoff, Couch stayed positive.

"I was thinking this would be a great way to win a tournament," he said. "It would be something I'd remember always." ■

Kim on to prevail at Ginn Open

Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Kim started seven shots ahead of Ochoa, a margin that vanished in the first seven holes. Kim had bogeys at Nos. 2, 4 and 6, while Ochoa — playing one group ahead — made birdies at Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7, the last pulling her to 9-under and into a tie for the lead.

The tide finally swung back the South Korean's way on No. 9, with Ochoa making bogey to fall one shot back, and Kim making birdie minutes later to capitalize and push her cushion to two shots.

She kept the lead the rest of the way, although Ochoa and Webb never stopped pursuing.

Ochoa birdied the 17th to get within one — although temporarily, because Kim matched her score shortly after. And Webb made four birdies on the back, yet pars on the final two holes kept her from the lead.

"I'm really happy with the way I'm hitting the ball," said Ochoa, the LPGA's leading money winner this season, her \$193,477 check this week pushing her total to \$667,528. "I feel good about that. I did make good decisions in a round like this. It just makes you stronger and a better player."

Miyazato, who was three back and alone in second to open the final round, took a triple-bogey on the par-3 second hole. Her tee shot found a greenside bunker, her second sailed over the green and a few fans en route to the woods, and she needed four shots to get down from there.

Eventually, she rallied to 8-under, but another double-bogey at No. 15 doomed whatever chance she had of winning. Miyazato had four holes of 2-over or worse in her last 19; she made double-bogey at the 18th on both Saturday and Sunday.

Meanwhile, Kim simply didn't cave to the pressure — although she never allowed herself to feel any relief until her final drive hit the 18th fairway.

"After that, I feel very relaxed," she said. "Oh, I got a win. Yeah."

Divots: Christina Kim had the tournament's second ace, connecting with a 9-iron on the 123-yard 12th. ... Se Ri Pak (69) finished at 3-under and tied for ninth, her first top-10 finish since tying for second at the Corning Classic in August 2004. ... Virada Nirapathpongorn (71), in her first tournament back since suffering an eye injury, finished 2-under. ... Mi Hyun Kim came into this week having earned \$127,999 in seven events. ... Tournament officials said four-day attendance was 51,378, with 20,670 present Sunday. ■

Kim had her hands to fend off two of this season's hottest prevail at the Ginn Clubs & Resorts victory in nearly four years. Then, she end her tiny arms all the way around ass bowl presented to the event cham-

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ly solid day," Webb said. "Obviously, wouldn't have thought I would have ell, I left a couple out there. I'm very way I played today."

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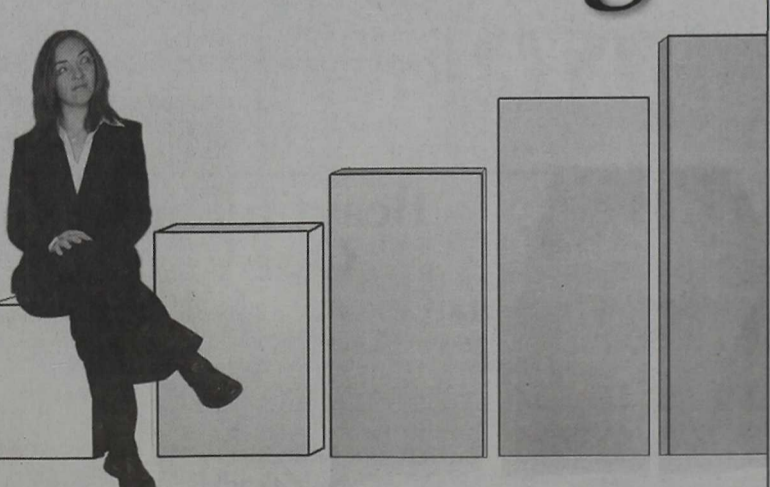
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Now a contender, Carolina uses NFL draft to stockpile talent

Tim Whitmire
Associated Press writer

Charlotte, N.C. (AP) — Loading up on depth in key areas, the Carolina Panthers added a tight end and a second defensive back in the late rounds of the NFL draft Sunday.

Entering their fifth season under coach John Fox and general manager Marty Hurney, the Panthers are coming off an NFC championship game appearance and have become annual playoff contenders, allowing them to draft for development and not immediate needs.

None of Carolina's picks in this year's draft will be expected to start right away, but all were picked at positions where the team hopes to add depth and develop young prospects.

"Our dream is, every one of these guys is good enough to start," Fox said. "Whether that's reality or not, you never know."

The guys we select in the draft, we have good feelings about."

"We got the players we came in wanting to get," Hurney said. With their fourth-round pick, No. 121 overall, the Panthers took safety Nate Salley of Ohio State. He will be expected to back up veteran Mike Minter and Colin Branch, who is expected back after missing all of last season with a knee injury.

The team also has signed veteran free agent Shaun Williams at the position after last year's pleasant surprise, Marlon McCree, signed with San Diego as a free agent.

Salley spent two years in the same Ohio State defensive backfield as Panthers starting cornerback Chris Gamble. Fox said he liked Salley's experience in a high-level program and the fact that he functioned as "quarterback" of the Buckeye secondary.

"I never thought the Panthers would be the ones to pick me,"

Salley said by telephone from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Sunday. "It's a blessing right now."

Most of his experience at Ohio State was at free safety, Salley said, playing to his strengths of physicality and range. He said he hopes to become a more sure tackler in the NFL.

In the fifth round, with the 155th selection, the Panthers took Virginia Tech's Jeff King, a 6-foot-5, 256-pound tight end who will be groomed as a potential successor to longtime starter Kris Mangum. Though tight end is not a high-profile position in the Panthers' offense, Mangum is entering his ninth year and back-ups Mike Seidman and Michael Gaines have failed to assert themselves as potential successors.

"Obviously Carolina's going to run the football and I'm going to pride myself on blocking and hopefully catch some balls as well when called upon," King said by telephone. "No question, my

blocking is going to have to be really good and I'm going to work on that and improve on it if there's some weaknesses there."

Fox said he sees King as capable of playing both fullback and tight end.

In the seventh round, the Panthers added a third Virginia Tech player, drafting center Will Montgomery as a potential back-up to free agent pickup Justin Hartwig. It's the first time the Panthers have drafted three players from the same school in the same NFL draft.

Carolina wrapped up the draft Sunday by selecting defensive end Stanley McClover from Auburn three picks later, the 237th overall selection.

Meanwhile, three of the Panthers' Day One selections - first-round running back DeAngelo Williams and third-round picks Rashad Butler, an offensive lineman, and James Anderson, a linebacker - toured

Bank of America Stadium with Panthers owner Jerry Richardson and showed off their new jerseys for reporters Sunday.

The 5-9 Williams, the nation's leading rusher as a senior at Memphis, was given No. 34, the same number he wore in high school in Arkansas when he idolized Texas running back Ricky Williams.

DeAngelo Williams will be in the mix with two other backs - second-year player Eric Shelton and veteran backup Nick Goings - for the carries not given to lead back DeShaun Foster. Foster has not been particularly durable during his first four seasons in the NFL, which could mean an early opportunity for Williams to make an impact.

Butler, from Miami, and Anderson, from Virginia Tech, played opposite one another in college, first as Big East rivals, then over the last two years in the expanded ACC.

The Panthers pick, Richard McBack from Fresno only early draft make the trip; draftees - plus newcomers like wide receiver Johnson - are due a minicamp that begins in late May.

Anderson specifically grinning Williams. "Right now it's dreaming. Just sitting a Carolina just put down a my name on it. I kid in a candy around."

Williams could about his selection. "I'm still jacked. When I found out (No.) 34, I was excited. Everything is exciting. Carolina, it's South. I don't have mixing sugar in my

The 'stay-in-school' crowd loses its poster boy

Jim Litke
Associated Press columnist

Matt Leinart's final year of college consisted of exactly one class: ballroom dancing.

This weekend, he got the bill: \$10 million.

If you're saving to put a kid through college anytime soon, relax.

Leinart didn't really get a bill from USC — he was on scholarship. The \$10 million is how much less he will pocket as the No. 10 pick in Saturday's NFL draft versus what Leinart would have received as the presumptive No. 1 pick a year ago. And that's a conservative estimate.

We know that because quarterback Alex Smith skipped his final year at Utah, became the top pick in the 2005 draft instead and got \$24 million from San Francisco in guaranteed money - the only real way to compare NFL deals. That's more than twice the \$10.5 million guaranteed to receiver Mike Williams, the No. 10 pick in last year's draft.

Leinart could wind up with a better contract in

Arizona than Williams, his former teammate at Southern California, got from Detroit. But it won't be nearly as good as the one signed by quarterback Vince Young, who beat Leinart and USC in the Rose Bowl, skipped out on Texas a year early, went as the third pick overall to Tennessee, and stands to make roughly \$7 million more than Leinart will.

Money wasn't the furthest thing from Leinart's mind when he announced he was returning to USC in January 2005, fresh off delivering a second-straight national championship and winning the Heisman. A week later, he answered his cell phone and said his only regret was having to squeeze another few thousand miles out of an aging Ford pickup he'd dubbed the "Danger Ranger." Leinart admitted having his eye on a new Chevy Tahoe, but said the jalopy would do for the time being.

There were "still no regrets" and never any guarantees where he'd wind up being drafted, either this year or last. There are "worse things in life" than getting picked 10th, and the money (somewhere between \$11 million and \$14 million

guaranteed) is enough to buy a fleet of shiny new SUVs.

So hold off on the bake sale and the pity. Leinart is walking into a what might be a perfect internship. He gets an offensive-minded coach in Denny Green, a proven mentor at quarterback in Kurt Warner, a top-flight running back who can shoulder much of the load in free-agent Edgerrin James, and even a pair of promising young receivers, Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald, to play catch with for the next few years. Leinart will have time to ease into the job, a good supporting cast, and warm weather besides.

The only victim, in fact, is the "stay-in-school" crowd, that loose affiliation of college coaches, boosters and fans who hope to convince stars that another season is mostly reward and little risk. They just lost their poster boy.

Leinart accomplished just about everything possible in college football, kept his nose clean, nailed the Wonderlic intelligence test administered to potential draft picks - and still got passed over by a

handful of weak teams with unsettling prospects that would have gladly something-million at his feet last year.

Whether Leinart becomes a caution can almost hear some agent whispering year, "Don't pull a Leinart!" - remain. But he's already part of a disturbing trend: draft is becoming more like the NBA, potential trumps proven every time everything.

A dozen underclassmen went in Saturday, including the top three picks the first 10. That figure fit squarely in average, but the number of underclassmen for the draft has been climbing, 1 age of 34 in the years 1998-2004, to the past years. Had Maurice Clarett's challenge to the NFL's minimum-age there's no telling how much faster would have swelled.

"I'm just happy that I'm going to wants me," Leinart said. ■

THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

Coastal Classic Celebrity Golf Tournament
Thursday-Sunday

The tournament is studded with more than 30 celebrities from television, film and sports who take part in the event every year. This year's list of celebrities will be announced at a later date. For more information, call 815-5042 or log on to www.nhhu.org.

Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament
Friday

This annual catch and release tournament has teams competing for bragging rights, trophies and prizes. Proceeds go back into the Ocracoke community. Call Bob or Nancy Sebbell at (252) 928-5491 for more information.

Build a Boat in a Day
Saturday

This event will be held at the OBX Maritime Museum, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Build an 8-foot plywood boat. Teams of two will build a boat using the stitch and glue method. Cost is \$275 for museum members and \$300 for nonmembers. Minimum age is 8 with an adult. Call (252) 475-1750 or log on to www.obxmaritime.org.

3-D Archery Tournament
May 13

Trophies will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place finishers in each adult and youth division. The competition starts at 9 a.m. at the Camp Lejeune archery range on Parachute Tower Road and runs until 2 p.m. Divisions include men's open, men's senior open (50 and over), bowhunter, ladies bowhunter, ladies unlimited, traditional, outlaw, incentive, young adult (15-17), youth (12-14), cub (9-11) and pee-wee (3-8). For more information, call 450-1068 or visit www.mcslejeune.com.

Team Bass Tournament Series
May 13

Two-person teams fish for large-mouthed bass on the New River and its tributaries. Guaranteed \$1,000 cash prize for this event. For information on how to register, call 451-8307.

Kayak Rachel Carson Reserve
May 18

Observe wildlife during a paddle tour at the Kayak Rachel Carson Reserve from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are required. The cost is \$30 and \$5 if you bring your own kayak. For more information, call the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Call (252) 728-7317.

Annual Surf & Turf Triathlon
May 20

Participate in Surf City's annual Surf & Turf Triathlon May 20. This NCTS-sanctioned event will require athletes to complete a half-mile ocean swim, 20K bike course and a 5K run. For more information, log on to www.sneadsferrynorthcarolina.com.

Bicycle Rodeo
May 20

To be held from 9 a.m. - noon for children 5-12 (helmets required.) Get bike safety checked, learn the rules of the road with the Emerald Isle Police Department, test your riding ability on our fun bike course and enjoy exciting cycling activities. Prizes and gift certificates for participants, Emerald Isle Community Center. Call (252) 354-6350.

USO Run For The Warriors
May 20

The United Services Organization "Run For The Warriors" is dedicated to the men and women wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq and their families and will take place at Hospital Point at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville. It is intended as a celebration of their strength and resolve and a promise that their sacrifices will not be forgotten, nor their needs unmet. By uniting the entire community, military and civilian alike, this unique event will embrace Wounded Warriors and their families in the shared belief that there is hope beyond recovery. All proceeds from the race will benefit Wounded Warriors and their families. For more information www.runforthewarriors.org or call 938-0596.

Boating Safety Day
May 20

Coast Guard Station Emerald Isle will hold its

Boating Safety Day at the station from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

There will be a fire safety demonstration, hand-held flare shoot-off and a disposal of expired flares.

Vessel safety checks will be held at Jacksonville United Services Organize Wildlife Ramp from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Surf City Hwy 210 Wildlife Ramp from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Shell Rock Landing in H from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and C Guard Station Emerald Isle (by trailer) from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

26th Annual Swansboro Rotary King Mackerel Tournament
May 26-28

Registration starts at noon on Friday at Swansboro Rotary Civic Center. Fishing days are Saturday and Sunday. Weigh in scales will be at Hammocks Beach and the Morehead City waterfront. Call 326-FISH.

Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games
June 2-3

Special Olympics North Carolina athletes will go for the gold at the 2006 state-level Summer Games in Raleigh. Sign up to volunteer as you'll be part of a winning team making games memorable for these athletes. Call (813) 843-6276 or visit www.sone.net.

Youth Fishing Derby
June 10


9 a.m. - 11 p.m., for children 5-12. Prize awarded for just about everything. Free registration, Bogue Inlet Pier, Emerald Isle. Call (252) 354-6350.

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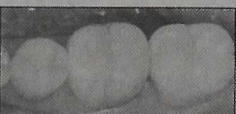
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Real Warriors read THE GLOBE

Johnson wins consecutive plate, takes Talladega checkered

By Fryerap
Associated Press

GA, Ala. (AP) Johnson barreled into Brian Vickers go then held off NASCAR series driver Stewart to win the 499-lap race.

Johnson 2-for-2 in races this year. It was fair and square. Johnson's opening Daytona race was under intense scrutiny. Crew chief Chad Knaus suspended for race preparation. Johnson rallied in a legal car, he defended himself from a wave of spoilers the victo-

had to contend with a hard-charging Stewart.

Stewart had been the leader coming out of the final caution, racing out to a huge lead on the restart with nine to go. But the pack behind him quickly caught up and Stewart was shuffled out of the top 10. But he sliced his way through the traffic and onto Johnson's bumper for the final lap.

Johnson used a huge block to hold him off and seal his third win of the season.

Stewart finished second, followed by Jeff Burton and Jamie McMurray. Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards and Scott Riggs rounded out the top 10 crossing the line.

Jeff Gordon, who was seeking his third straight victory in this race, led a race-high 62 laps and was battling teammates Gordon and Vickers for the win over the final laps. But he was shuffled out of the draft when Johnson roared to the front and he faded back to a 15th-place finish.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., hoping to cap a weeklong tribute to his late father, had his day come to a disappointing end when his engine failed 37 laps from the finish.

Although he ended up 31st, he thrilled the fans by taking a brief lead 71 laps into the race.

Earnhardt was driving a

black car painted as a replica to the famed No. 3 Chevrolet his father drove. It was part of an emotional tribute on the weekend Dale Earnhardt was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and would have celebrated his 55th birthday.

"We honored my father this weekend and I wish we could have had a better finish," he said. "But the day's over with. It was a tough day, but oh well."

The drivers raced with soft new front bumpers in NASCAR's attempt to limit the bump-drafting practice that created dangerous conditions at Daytona.

The bumpers were designed to keep drivers from slamming into the car in front of them, and Gordon was quickly frustrated by them.

Mark Martin, who began the day fourth in the points chase, was one of the drivers involved. He was obviously disgusted by yet another frustrating finish in Talladega. At the end of the day, Martin finished 35th and dropped three spots in the standings.

"It's ridiculous, it's way beyond angry — it's stupid," he fumed. "It was one of the most fun places I ever came, in 1982 it was just a blast to race here. But in today's day and age, it's hard to have fun when you know that the pin is out of the grenade."



Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Risely Pier: What was once a landmark for fishermen and ocean-watchers suffered major damage last fall during Hurricane Ophelia. Plans are only now beginning to form on how to restore the pier to its past glory and perhaps even improve upon the old design. The facility once offered easy access to some of the best nearshore fishing in Onslow Bay. Officials are hoping for a reopening sometime next spring.

Risely Pier reconstruction planned for possible 2007 completion date

Cpl. Kristina Ross
Marine Corps Base

September 2005, Hurricane Ophelia roared through North Carolina's coastline destroying and damaging its beaches. Camp Lejeune suffered more than \$1 million in damage. Historic Riseley Pier, located along Onslow Beach, suffered \$500,000 in structural damage, leaving the pier at half of its length. The question on everyone's mind now is: What will become of Camp Lejeune's fishing pier?

"Headquarters Marine Corps (Logistics Facilities) has tentatively approved funding a repair project to replace the pier this Fiscal Year," said Mr. Fred Cone, Deputy AC/S, Installations & Environment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

Plans are being created to redesign and repair Riseley Pier. During construction work

on the pier in the mid-80s, the construction company hit limestone and a portion of the pier design had to be deleted because of excessive costs to build the facility to its original length. "That is why the pier was so short and likely why the first pier washed away," said Cone.

A design firm is looking at the optimum length for the pier based on recreation, subsurface conditions, cost, and statutory funding constraints. "As usual, there are a number of restrictions and limitations that make the process much more complex than just building a pier, such as the \$750,000 limitation on new construction," added Cone.

"Bottom line, there is a plan for re-construction of the pier, but there won't be a pier this summer or fall...more likely spring 2007 would be a better estimate of completion," said Cone.

Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament

May 18-21 guest list includes these popular celebrities

By Anderson
Running Back



Anderson

Highlights: Anderson is a running back with the Denver Broncos after being the number-one draft pick in the 1970 NFL draft. He has 13 receptions for the Broncos. He played in the Big Eight his- tory. He played 10,000 yards of total football. He was named MVP in the 1967 Bluebonnet Bowl, the 1970 Hula Bowl and was a consensus All-American. Inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 1982. One of three players to have his number (11) retired at the University of Colorado's Athletes of the Sports Illustrated. Played bit parts in movies and "Every Which Way But Loose," and "Hit Man King" in the Robby Benson basie "One on One."

John Ashton
Actor



Ashton

Career Highlights:

A star of stage, screen and television, John has captured the fierce determination of the working man in his portrayals... Probably best known for his role as "Sergeant Taggart" in the *Beverly Hills Cop* movies... His other feature film credits include *Midnight Run*, *She's Having a Baby* and *Breaking Away*... He has also had roles on such television hits as "Dallas," "JAG," "Judging Amy" and "MASH"... Won the Drama-League Award for Best Actor in 1981 for the stage production of *True West*... Received the LA Drama Critic Award for Best Supporting Actor in *A Flea in her Ear*... Attended the University of Southern California on the prestigious Irene Ryan Scholarship for acting.

Tom Dreesen
Comedian



Dreesen

Career Highlights:

Tom has made over 500 appearances on national television as a stand-up comedian, including 61 appearances on the *Tonight Show*. He is a frequent and favorite guest of David Letterman and recently hosted the show during David's absence. Tom has been a consistent performer in all the main showrooms in Las Vegas and for 13 years he toured the nation as the opening act for Frank Sinatra. The *Daily Variety* called Tom one of the most respected comedians of our time. He spent last Christmas in Iraq performing for our troops. His home town of Harvey, Illinois named a street after him.

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Quick Notes

Service Recognition Week
A week of May is Service Recognition Week. This celebration honors federal, state and local government employees across the nation. The celebration features a national ceremony at the Mall for 25 new and a keynote by Postmaster General John E. Potter. The ceremony is on the Mall, and is broadcast by more than 100 radio and television agencies, is scheduled to open to the public at 10 a.m.

Widow Memorial Seeking Donations
Lonel Richard A. Memorial Assistance is a \$250 monthly stipend, paid directly to the widow of a former Marine. The stipend is so long as she or he remains a full-time student in good academic standing, pursuing a bachelor's degree or a postgraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Donations must apply by June 30 and are tax-deductible. For more information, contact the Memorial Assistance office at 546-7777 or visit the Web site, [ristiememorial.org](http://www.ristiememorial.org).

Wounded Warriors' Support Group
The Wounded Warriors' Support Group is a group of Marines and their families who are injured or disabled during military service. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Key Volunteer Building located in Bldg 300. For more information, contact the group at 546-7777 or visit the Web site, [woundedwarriors.org](http://www.woundedwarriors.org).

USO Discussions
The USO is a group of volunteers who provide support and services to service members and their families. The USO is currently looking for volunteers who are interested in providing support and services to service members and their families. The USO is currently looking for volunteers who are interested in providing support and services to service members and their families.

USO Incentive
The USO is currently offering an incentive to volunteers who are interested in providing support and services to service members and their families. The incentive is a \$250 monthly stipend, paid directly to the volunteer. The stipend is so long as the volunteer remains a full-time student in good academic standing, pursuing a bachelor's degree or a postgraduate degree at an accredited college or university.

USO Members
The USO is currently looking for members who are interested in providing support and services to service members and their families. The USO is currently looking for members who are interested in providing support and services to service members and their families.

Honoring more than 52 years of service

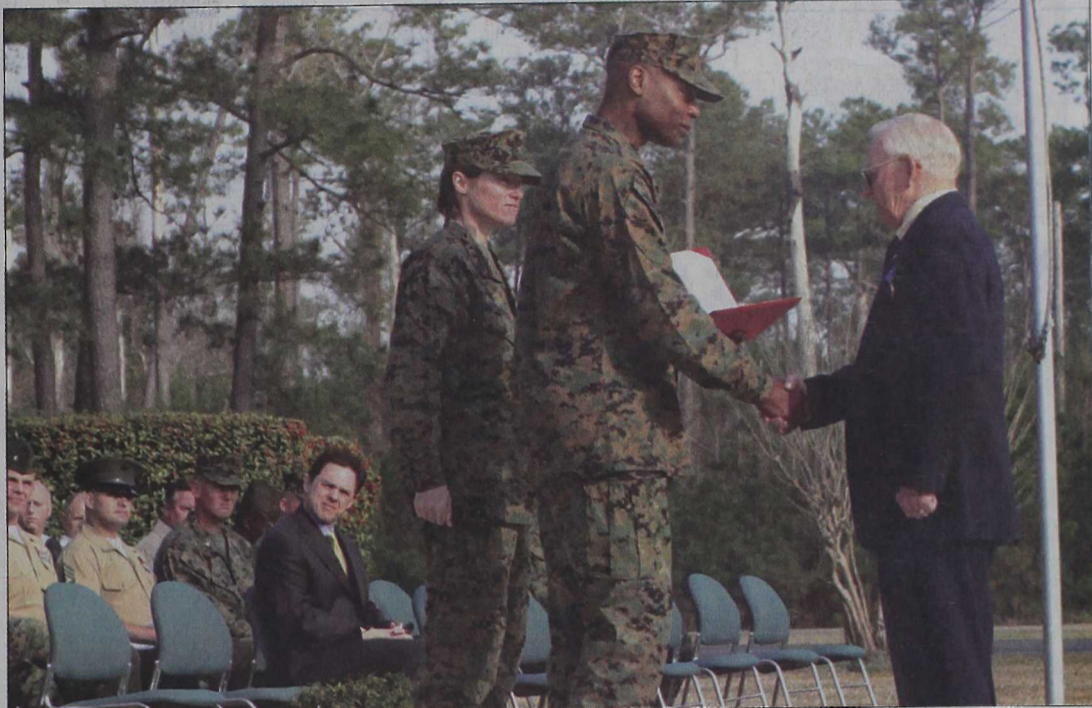
Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston
Marine Corps Base

Throughout the past 50 years, the world has undergone many changes. Ten different men have held the office of the President of the United States, two new states have joined the Union and our nation's population has increased by more than 125 million people. But one man, one Marine, has selflessly served his country since the day he enlisted on Oct. 30, 1953. And after more than 52 years of service, he finally decided it was time for a change.

James A. Coker, a retired master gunnery sergeant, retired after more than 20 years of civil service in a ceremony recently aboard Camp Johnson.

"To give you an idea of just how long he's been working, he started his civil service career only five years after I joined the Marine Corps," said Lt. Col. Karl J. Hackbarth, the commanding officer of the Financial Management School, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools. "But for a man of 70 years, his boundless energy never ceases to amaze me."

Eager to earn the title and become one of the few, Coker tried to join the Corps at the tender age of 17. However, because he was a minor and his mother refused to give her consent, he had to wait until his



Retirement ceremony: James A. Coker, receives an award on the occasion of his retirement after more than 52 years of honorable service from the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Col. Grover C. Lewis III at a ceremony in Camp Johnson recently. Coker served as the Academic Officer for Financial Management School, MCCSSS.

18th birthday. Wasting no time, he enlisted four days later.

During his tenure on active duty, Coker served two tours in

Vietnam, each 13 months long, and was in charge of more than 20 mess halls aboard Camp Lejeune as the base food tech-

nician from 1978 through 1982.

Unfortunately for Coker, per Marine Corps Order

P1040.31J, enlisted Marines who have reached the rank of See HONORED page 1C

USO: A home away from home for service members

Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

One of the best kept secrets that needs to be spread to Marines aboard Camp Lejeune is the United Service Organization.

The USO just celebrated its 65th year of serving Marines, sailors and family members in the Jacksonville area April 23, according to Sharon Malloy, director of operations. The USO provides a relaxing atmosphere for service members and members of the community to interact, have fun and just hang out.

"It is very much a home away from home," Malloy said. "This is a place where they can sit and watch TV for hours and not have to worry about things."

The USO is also working toward improving its facility by renovating the building, putting in new

carpet, painting the walls and making it a more beautiful place to hang out, according to Malloy.

The organization offers a wide array of activities for service members to enjoy in their off hours including four regulation pool tables, which are free to play, several TVs and free internet access. It offers an auditorium, which can be used for Marine Corps birthday celebrations and unit functions. It can also be used for private use for wedding receptions and other celebrations for a \$25 security deposit.

Lance Cpl. Gregory W. Norton has been visiting the USO every weekend for the past two months. "My unit had a Christmas party here and I saw the TVs and comput-

ers so my friends and I decided to come and check it out afterward," Norton said. "I come here to watch TV because they don't have cable in the barracks. It's just something to do to stay out of trouble."

The USO not only provides the comforts of recreation, it also provides Marines with a place to get good food, according to Tony Flores, the Café supervisor and a retired Marine. The café, which is a relatively new addition to the USO, serves fresh prepared lunch specials, has just put in a salad bar and plans on expanding its dessert menu.

"We thought it was high time [Marines] had something good to eat," Flores said.

Along with the array of activities offered at the USO, the organization also features activities in the local community and on base, which include the Marine Corps Celebrity

Invitational Golf tournament, the Salute to the Troops concerts and 5 kilometer Fun Runs.

The Marines are not only served by the USO when they are at home but especially when they are away from home, according to Malloy. The USO organizes handing out care packages when units are leaving Camp Lejeune and continues to send out packages while they are in Iraq.

All of these things combined make the Jacksonville USO a comfortable place to hang out, get some food and participate in local events.

"This is the best kept secret in Jacksonville that needs to get spread," said Teresa Secrest the assistant director of the USO. ■



Norton

Chief recognized for service with Fire Department

Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Fire Department Chief, Robin Lewis received his 30 year service pin for his devotion to the fire department.

Lewis became a fire fighter on Camp Lejeune after his service in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam Era. At the time, there was a program aboard the base to train civilians for jobs on Camp Lejeune. Lewis was chosen to be a fire fighter.

"After I became one it felt like it was what I was meant to do," Lewis said. "It's a calling. It's something you know you are meant to do."

Lewis has been very good for the department and has been very trustworthy and honest, according to Robert Penrod, a captain with the MCB Fire Department. The Fire Department

has evolved a lot because of our leadership. "He truly listens to what we have to say," said Penrod who has known Lewis for 16 years. "We have a pro active chief that wants us to train and learn everything about our job."

Since joining the Fire Department, Lewis's goal has been to make the chief officer ranks. Now he is looking to new goals such as improving the Fire Department, since he obtained his goal after being appointed to the base fire chief position 16 months ago.

"My goals are to get more specialty teams for the fire department," said Lewis.

Lewis is eligible for retirement in November, but he doesn't plan on stopping then.

"I see myself staying while it stays good," Lewis said. "This is a great career." ■



Lewis

Oscar winner, Gossett narrates Montford Point documentary

Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Louis Gossett Jr. narrated a documentary about the Marines who trained at Montford Point and the obstacles they had to overcome.

Gossett was contacted by Melton McClaurin, a retired professor from University of North Carolina Wilmington who has been working on the documentary for the last five years with members of the UNCW television station and Finney Greggs the director of the Montford Point Marines Museum.

Gossett agreed to narrate for the documentary after reading the script.

"They had been after me for about a year and I got to read the copy of the film," said Gossett. "It's a piece of history and I've always been interested in all things historical."

Gossett has dealt with Marine roles before and is known for one of them when he starred as Richard Gere's drill instructor in *An Officer and a Gentleman*, in which Gossett received an Oscar for his part.

Work on the documentary started in 2000 with a partnership with South Carolina State University, according to McClaurin.

McClaurin has interviewed 61 Montford Point veterans who attended training at Montford Point from 1942 to 1949, and has also filmed several shots of the documentary on Camp Johnson.

The documentary will be the first film to hail the accomplishments of these historical Marines.

"It's been a labor of love having all these Montford Pointers tell their story," said Finney. "You turn on the television and you hear about the buffalo soldiers and the Tuskegee airmen but you don't hear about Montford Point."

The documentary portrays the training the Marines went through and the hardships they had to face in the Marine Corps.

"They were told if you leave here quietly nothing will happen to you," Finney said. "They stayed and they trained. Those men had to fight for the right to fight."

The documentary is scheduled to be previewed July 29 at the Montford Point Marine Association convention and McClaurin hopes to air the documentary on the Public Broadcasting Station. ■



Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Documentary: Louis Gossett Jr. narrates a portion of the Montford Point documentary recently.

Training warfighters with situational awareness tools through 'MISTC' means

Lance Cpl. Ryan M. Blaich
II Marine Expeditionary Force

The evolving worldwide operational tempo requires a greater situational awareness for commanders on the front-line. To meet that need, more and more warfighters are required to be educated in the tools that provide a common operational picture.

The Marine Air Ground Task Force Integrated Systems Training Center offers Marines, sailors and other service members the opportunity to attend a variety of courses concentrating on those tools - Command and Control systems and software.

The various systems combine to create that common operational picture. Commanders use the COP to gather information about troop movements, reinforcements, enemy locations and other data that will help paint that picture - creating an awareness of the con-

stantly transforming threats facing Marines.

"The MISTC provides the Marines the knowledge to operate the situational awareness tools; how to integrate and interoperate these C2 systems with each other," said Scott Remalia, MISTC Site Lead, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Courses vary from three to five days and certain courses require a secret clearance, since students will ultimately be using the secured Marine Corps Secret Internet Protocol Router Network.

"We start with the basics," Remalia said. "The buttonology - how to make it operate. We then teach students how to integrate and interoperate the systems and how they interact with each other to get the commander the information he needs."

The systems have been proven in Iraq, swaying commands to send their fighters to take

advantage of this training.

The trainers at Mojave Viper are expecting young warriors to be trained on C2 systems before arriving to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., said Remalia.

Remalia uses the volume of students to attest for the importance of the MISTC. Since January 2006, MISTC has trained more than 420 students. He predicts that the MISTC, which was started in 2001, will educate more than 1,700 by the end of the year.

Sgt. Jeremiah D. Uhl, tactical data network specialist, Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., said the Blue Force Tracker course was not part of a required training class prior to his deployment in August, but, "was good knowledge."

Uhl, like many of his peers, thought these types of courses were for higher

headquarters, but soon realized it was designed for battalion level and below.

The BFT course, which is the most popular class, plots convoy and troop movements by using a global positioning and satellite transceiver system mounted inside the Humvee.

"The accuracy is right on," said Uhl. "This helps to bring the fog of war to a minimum."

Lance Cpl. Joshua M. Livingston, tactical data network specialist, Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, also attended the BFT course and added the system provides critical accountability for Marines on the ground and at the command center. Although he believes radio will never be obsolete, he agreed that the BFT has better clarity than other forms of communication.

MISTC is not limited to the East coast. Instructors are willing to train whoever needs the courses and are not restricted by location.

"We've been to Cuba down to Atlanta with the Worth, Texas training Reservists," Remalia said. "MISTC is for anybody who come. We will train you."

The MISTC is currently in renovation at Camp Lejeune and is tentatively scheduled to start in the summer of 2007. The March classes were filled to capacity, meaning Marines will have to wait as long as possible.

To see class schedules and to sign up for a course visit <https://www.iimef.usmc.mil>

(accessible to .mil.gov only) or more about the MISTC, go to page at <http://www.c2coe.usmc.mil>

"I hope that Marines see the value here for them," Remalia said. "It's right in their backyard - training is free." ■

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master gunnery sergeant or sergeant major are only allowed to serve a maximum of 30 years in the Corps. He retired on June 30, 1985.

"I wasn't ready to quit working," said Coker. "Just four months later, Coker was hired as a GS-9 instructor at the Food Service School on Camp Johnson."

"This [civil service] job seemed like the next best step," said Coker.

Ten years later, in 1995, the Food Service School was moved to Fort Lee, Va. So, rather than pack up and leave town, Coker decided to go to plan B.

"The [Food Service] school wanted me to keep teaching there, but they needed at least a two year commitment," said Coker. "I turned them down because I had already invested in a house and I really had no desire to leave the area. I liked where I was."

So, using the knowledge he had gained from earning his associates degree in

Computer Information Systems, he was moved to the Information Systems Management Office at Camp Johnson. In February 2002, he was transferred to the Financial Management School as the Academics Officer and promoted to GS-11.

"After turning 70 last October, I finally decided that it was time to retire...for real," said Coker. "I'd like to spend some more time with my wife, Margie, and do some traveling. If I keep working, and I kick the bucket, those things will never happen. And I want to learn how to play golf. I should've done it 30 years ago, but there's no time like the present."

"Mr. Coker is one of the hardest working Marines I've ever met in my life," said Hackbarth. "His enthusiasm for what he does is infectious. His will be big shoes to fill."

Coker's military decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct with nine devices, Vietnam Service Medal with six devices and Meritorious Civilian Service Medal. ■

MP graduates Sniper School with top honors, earns medal

Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston
Marine Corps Base

Every Marine is a rifleman. Regardless of age, gender or military occupational specialty, every Marine is trained to operate the M16-A2 Service Rifle. The best of the best. At 13 weeks in length, Marine Corps boot camp is recognized as one of the world's most intense basic training programs. One shot, one kill. Simply put, Marines are just that good; it should only take one round. Though universally true for all Marines, for the scout sniper, these phrases take on a whole new meaning.

Just to be eligible for a shot at joining this elite group, Marines are required to have an infantry MOS, a first class physical fitness test and an expert rifle qualification score. So when a military policeman not only made it through the 10 weeks of training, but beat out more than 20 other highly trained grunts in the process, the question that immediately comes to mind is - how?

With an overall average of 93.7 percent (compared to the class average of 85 percent), Sgt. Dain K. Doughty, an MP with the base Provost Marshal's Office, recently graduated from the Scout Sniper Basic Course aboard Camp Geiger as the 2-06 class honorman.

"My only goal was to pass," said Doughty. "Not being an 03, I was grateful just to have the opportunity." Although this was his first and only time attending the course, Doughty was by no means a beginner; his job on the base Special Reaction Team gave him plenty of practice with the M40A1 Sniper Rifle.

"SRT is basically the military version of the [Special Weapons and Tactics] team," said Doughty. "Our mission is to respond to any high risk situations. It's like recon for MPs; more of a challenge."

Doughty's motivation for attending the course was the prospect of fine tuning his skills, which would in turn make him more capable of saving lives.

"I wanted to be a scout sniper for the same reason I joined the Marine Corps in the first place, to be one of the few and the proud," said Doughty.

Normally, however, Marines without an infantry MOS aren't permitted to take this course.

"Historically, the attrition rate for this course is about 50 percent," said Gunnery Sgt. Brannon S. Westall, the staff noncommissioned officer for the Scout Sniper Basic Course. "Being an 03 is one of the prerequisites because a sniper is simply an infantry Marine with specialized training. There's really no need for a

sniper, other than in an infantry unit."

But ever since 1995, when he graduated from the very same course, Gunnery Sgt. William C. Barnes, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the base SRT, and the Scout Sniper school have been "understanding."

"I made a deal with the school's chief that as long as MPs continued to pass, I would keep one seat available for us in each class," Barnes said. "And not one of our guys has failed."

Barnes attributes this fact to making sure that the scout sniper seat is always available for those who are more than ready for what lies ahead.

"We don't just throw someone into the course if we're 99.9 percent sure they will pass. Sgt. Doughty started training right prior to get ready."

Throughout the course, students are being evaluated on their proficiency in marksmanship, field sketches, range estimation, and numerous graded events, three in particular among the most contested: marksmanship, marksmanship and stalking.

"In the stalking portion, you have to move (or move within) 200 meters, keep trained observers and set up a shooting position," explained Doughty. "These guys can turn upside down from a mile away and really got to focus on blending in with the environment."

Exceeding his own initial expectations, not only passed the course, he exceeded the aspect of it. In recognition for taking on the challenge and, subsequently, becoming a scout sniper honorman, Doughty was awarded the Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

"I was really surprised when I found out I was the honorman," said Doughty. "As I know, an 03 has always taken it hard and do what he did shows a lot on his part. He really worked to improve himself beyond what we taught him."

Despite passing the course, earning the class honorman and getting a medal, Doughty's most memorable moment of the whole course was when his instructors presented him with a 550 cord adorned with a 7.62mm bullet.

"Getting a [Navy and Marine Achievement Medal] was nice, but the real start was simply to become a scout sniper," Doughty said. "Receiving the [Hunter of Guns] necklace at graduation was all that I needed to become a scout sniper thing." ■

Courts-Martial

Sgt. Clarence W. Spitzer, Headquarters and Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted at a general court-martial of one count of attempted larceny, one count of conspiracy to commit larceny, one count of signing a false official document, three counts of larceny and one count of making and uttering a forged check. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 24 months, forfeiture of all pay and allowances for 30 months and reduction to private.

Cpl. Jason M. Shanahan, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of wrongfully damaging military property and one count of larceny. He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days and reduction to private first class.

Lance Cpl. Johnny B. Snodgrass, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of wrongful use of marijuana, and one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$3,396 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Tdera J. Robinson, 8th Communication Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, was convicted at a special court-martial of three counts of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Kevin B. Nestfield, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Donte L. Battle, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence, one count of missing movement and one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 140 days, forfeiture of \$4,245 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Reuben J. Martin, 2nd Transportation Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence and one count of missing movement. He was sentenced to confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$3,396 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Bert J. Mohl, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for 90 days, forfeitures \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Pfc. James L. Hicks, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence and one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Pfc. David W. Hartzell, Headquarters and Support Battalion, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of assault and battery and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to confinement for 180 days, forfeiture of \$5,094 and reduction to private.

Pfc. Tyheim C. Jackson, Headquarters and Support Battalion, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 30 days, forfeiture of \$849.00 and reduction to private.

Pfc. Murve R. Sherman, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Pfc. Daniel K. Sanders, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Pfc. Blae A. Morgan, 2nd Transportation Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of wrongfully selling military property and one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 10 months and reduction to private.

Pvt. Allen P. Moomaw, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 60 days and forfeiture of \$1,698.

Pvt. Jason A. Baumgartner, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, and forfeiture of \$2,547.

Pvt. Patrick M. Tully, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days and forfeiture of \$2,547.

Pvt. Christopher L. Baker, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 30 days and forfeiture of \$1,698.

Pvt. Marcus T. Kight, Headquarters and Support Battalion, 2d Marine Logistics Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence and one count of wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 100 days and forfeiture of \$2,400.

Pvt. John S. Chapman, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of wrongful use of marijuana, one count of unauthorized absence, one count of disobeying a lawful order from a staff noncommissioned officer, one count of violating a lawful general order and one count of being drunk and disorderly. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 100 days and forfeiture of \$3,396.

Pvt. Stephen C. Vaughn Jr., Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of distribution of marijuana, one count of wrongful use of marijuana, one count of possession of marijuana and one count of wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for eight months and forfeiture of \$6,792.

Pvt. Gerald M. Azzarello, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 70 days and forfeiture of \$2,547.

Pvt. Catrecia A. Walker, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. She was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 45 days and forfeiture of \$1,698.

Pvt. Kyle A. Goodman, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days and forfeiture of \$1,600.

Pvt. William R. Sullivan, Marine Corps Combat Service Support School, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of four counts of failure to go, one count of violating a lawful general order and one count of drunk and disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to confinement for 90 days, restriction for 60 days, forfeiture of \$4,245 and hard labor without confinement for 60 days.

Hospitalman Recruit Anthony L. Cox, 2nd Regimental Aid Station, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence, one count of wrongful use of marijuana, one count of wrongful use of cocaine and one count of wrongful use of phencyclidine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days and forfeiture of \$5,088.

Hospitalman James R. Cochrane, Naval Hospital, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of wrongful use of oxycodone, one count of wrongful introduction of oxycodone, four counts of larceny and one count of forgery. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 180 days, forfeiture of \$2,400 and reduction to seaman recruit.

Camp Lejeune Trade Show



Trade Show - Lance Cpl. Benjamin Slauter, a supply clerk with 1st Battalion 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division checks out some new tactical gear during the Camp Lejeune Trade Show, last Wednesday at Goettge Memorial Field House. Ret. Master Gunnery Sgt. John Singleton, a sales representative with Quantica and Tactical Supply Inc., used the venue as an opportunity to promote his company and advertise their services to Marines. "We have a lot of really good gear the Marine Corps needs," said Singleton.

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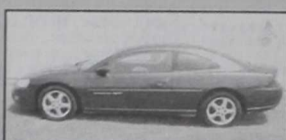


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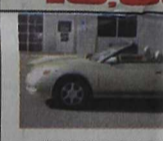
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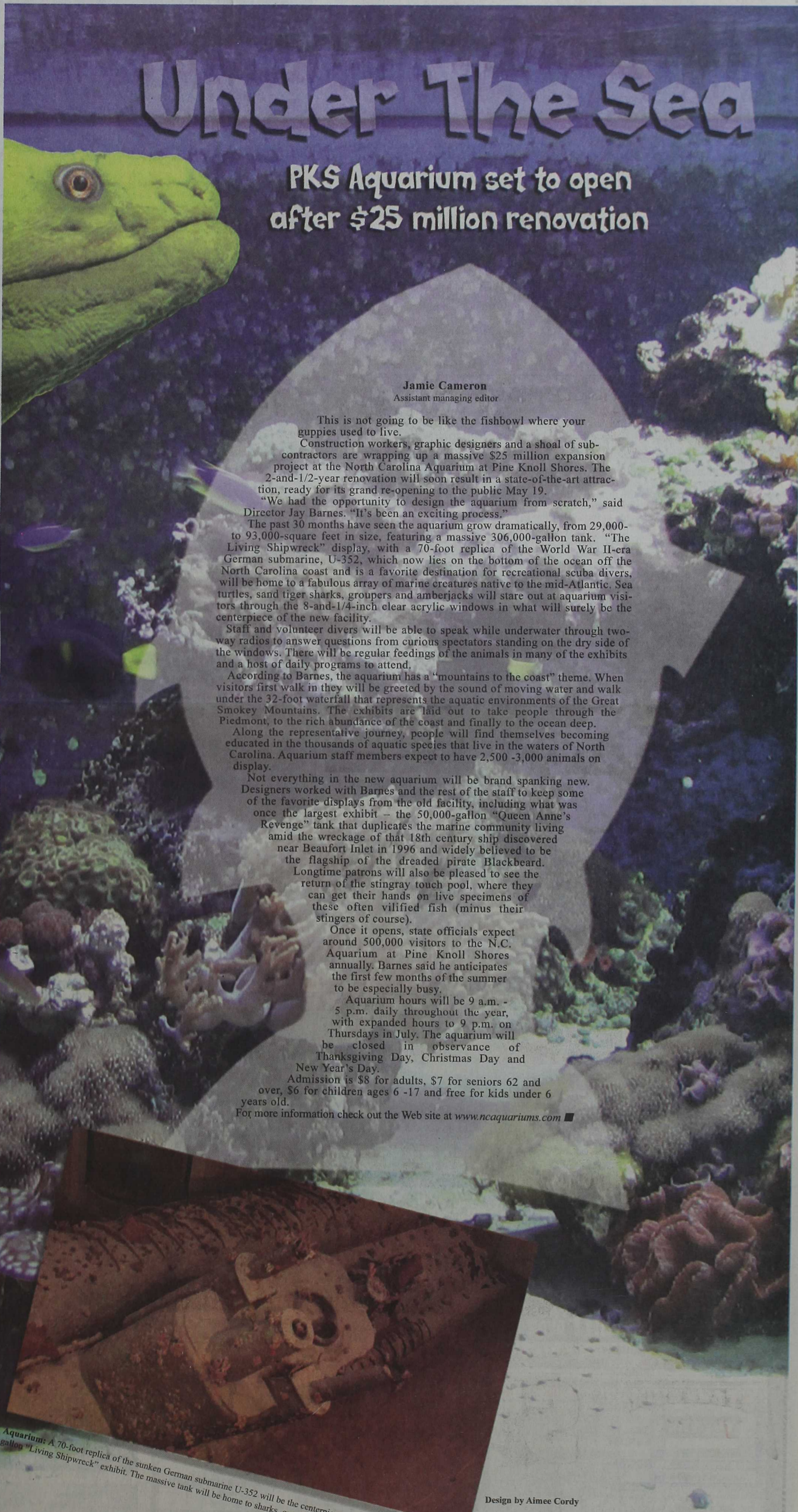
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Under The Sea

PKS Aquarium set to open
after \$25 million renovation

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

This is not going to be like the fishbowl where your guppies used to live.

Construction workers, graphic designers and a shoal of sub-contractors are wrapping up a massive \$25 million expansion project at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. The 2-and-1/2-year renovation will soon result in a state-of-the-art attraction, ready for its grand re-opening to the public May 19.

"We had the opportunity to design the aquarium from scratch," said Director Jay Barnes. "It's been an exciting process."

The past 30 months have seen the aquarium grow dramatically, from 29,000- to 93,000-square feet in size, featuring a massive 306,000-gallon tank. "The Living Shipwreck" display, with a 70-foot replica of the World War II-era German submarine, U-352, which now lies on the bottom of the ocean off the North Carolina coast and is a favorite destination for recreational scuba divers, will be home to a fabulous array of marine creatures native to the mid-Atlantic. Sea turtles, sand tiger sharks, groupers and amberjacks will stare out at aquarium visitors through the 8-and-1/4-inch clear acrylic windows in what will surely be the centerpiece of the new facility.

Staff and volunteer divers will be able to speak while underwater through two-way radios to answer questions from curious spectators standing on the dry side of the windows. There will be regular feedings of the animals in many of the exhibits and a host of daily programs to attend.

According to Barnes, the aquarium has a "mountains to the coast" theme. When visitors first walk in they will be greeted by the sound of moving water and walk under the 32-foot waterfall that represents the aquatic environments of the Great Smokey Mountains. The exhibits are laid out to take people through the Piedmont, to the rich abundance of the coast and finally to the ocean deep.

Along the representative journey, people will find themselves becoming educated in the thousands of aquatic species that live in the waters of North Carolina. Aquarium staff members expect to have 2,500 -3,000 animals on display.

Not everything in the new aquarium will be brand spanking new.

Designers worked with Barnes and the rest of the staff to keep some of the favorite displays from the old facility, including what was once the largest exhibit - the 50,000-gallon "Queen Anne's Revenge" tank that duplicates the marine community living amid the wreckage of that 18th century ship discovered near Beaufort Inlet in 1996 and widely believed to be the flagship of the dreaded pirate Blackbeard.

Longtime patrons will also be pleased to see the return of the stingray touch pool, where they can get their hands on live specimens of these often vilified fish (minus their stingers of course).

Once it opens, state officials expect around 500,000 visitors to the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores annually. Barnes said he anticipates the first few months of the summer to be especially busy.

Aquarium hours will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily throughout the year, with expanded hours to 9 p.m. on Thursdays in July. The aquarium will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 62 and over, \$6 for children ages 6 -17 and free for kids under 6 years old.

For more information check out the Web site at www.ncaquariums.com

Aquarium: A 70-foot replica of the sunken German submarine U-352 will be the centerpiece of the new aquarium's 306,000-gallon "Living Shipwreck" exhibit. The massive tank will be home to sharks, groupers, snappers and more.

Design by Aimee Cordy

Jamie Cameron

Entertainment

New World captures colonial love story; now playing at Camp Lejeune

Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt
From the front row

THE NEW WORLD (PG-13)
Now playing at Camp Lejeune

The New World is a historical epic adventure about 17th-century colonial leader John Smith, his romance with Indian princess Pocahontas, and the roots of Indian exploitation by white settlers.

The adventure is set amid a critical time when Native Americans first encountered Europeans and the clashing of both cultures during the founding of the Jamestown settlement.

The 1607 Jamestown settlement in Virginia brought together Captain John Smith and the famous Native American icon, Pocahontas. Her connection to Smith helped create a temporary peace between the Powhatan tribe and the British settlers of Virginia's Jamestown colony.

Colin Farrell (*Alexander*, *Daredevil*, *Phonebooth*, *S.W.A.T.*) stars as John Smith, a soldier of fortune and an adventurer. The leader of the early colonists arrived in Virginia with 102 other Englishmen, ready to settle the colony of Jamestown. His alliance with the native Pocahontas saves the first permanent English settlement in America.

Fifteen-year-old newcomer, Q'orianka Kilcher, plays the Native American, a Powhatan princess named Pocahontas, who saves Smith's life. He swoons over her but in the end rejects Pocahontas, as the two lovers are swept up in the 17th-century culture clash between the Jamestown settlers and the Powhatan tribe.

The New World also shows us Pocahontas later years in life.

Her father, the chief of the Powhatan, disowns her. She marries John Rolfe, the English tobacco farmer and widower, played by Christian Bale (*Batman Begins*, *Reign of Fire*) and has a child with him. Rolfe courted her after the departure of her first love, John Smith.

Pocahontas carves her own fate in a white man's world and spends her later life in England as Rebecca. However, she died shortly after an audience with King James I in London at the age of 22.

Other principal characters are Christopher Plummer (*Syriana*, *Alexander*, *The Sound of Music*) as Captain Christopher Newport; Wes Studi (*Last of the Mohicans*, *Dancing with Wolves*) as Opechancanough; August Schellenberg (*Free Willy*) as Powhatan; Raoul Trujillo (*Highlander*) as Tomocomo; Michael Greyeyes (*Skinwalker*) as Rupewew/Wobblehead; David Thewlis (*Kingdom of Heaven*) as Captain Wingfield; Noah Taylor (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) as Selway; Ben Chaplin (*The Truth About Cats and Dogs*) as Jehu Robinson; and Jonathan Pryce as King James I.

Legendary writer and director Terrence Malick (*The Thin Red Line*, *Days of Heaven*,

Badlands) was inspired by the legend of John Smith and Pocahontas and transforms this classic story into a sweeping exploration of love, loss and discovery.

Malick reconstructed an entire Powhatan village and the James Fort; borrowed replicas of sailing ships from the Jamestown Settlement Museum, and hired dozens of artisans to craft weapons, headdresses and complete wardrobes.

The film's most exquisite shots were of the undeveloped tidewater Virginia, mostly along the Chickahominy river.

Kilcher studied the Algonquian language and met descendant from Pocahontas while preparing for this role. She gives a wonderful and impressive performance with little dialogue and one can sense the deep, true love that develops between her and Smith.

The movie is a work of breathtaking imagination, masterful and magnificently presented in a very impressionistic, poetic and visual style that takes a long time in capturing the audience. So be patient!

Enjoy the beautiful serene scenery and the accompanying soundtrack of Wagner's soaring Rheingold theme and Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 23*, and the movie will unfold like an amazing painting.

The New World is a love story that explores how intimacy between two people can change the course of nations. It is also a historical masterpiece about the birth of a nation and loss of a culture.



Huneycutt

THE SENTINEL (R)

Now playing in Jacksonville

The Sentinel is a thriller about secret service agents who discover that there is a mole among them who plans to assassinate the president.

Michael Douglas (*Don't Say a Word*, *Traffic*, *A Perfect Murder*) stars as Agent Pete Garrison, the most decorated agent in the history of the secret service, which is the president's last line of defense.

Now he is a suspected secret service mole, who claims he is being framed. When a White House agent is murdered, Garrison is framed and blackmailed over an affair with the first lady.

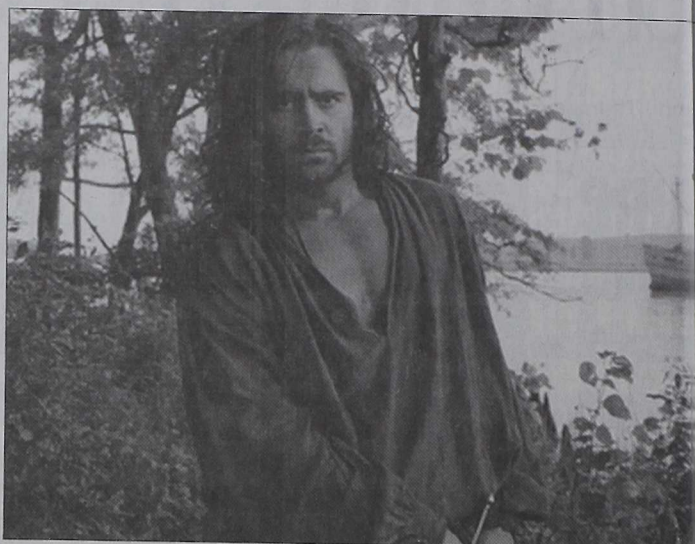
Garrison is relieved of his duties, but will not stop in trying to prove his innocence and save the life of the president.

Garrison, wrongly suspected of targeting the president for assassination, has become the service's worst nightmare. As he uses his formidable skills to try and prove his innocence and find the real assassin, Garrison is tracked by his equally adept former protégé, agent Breckinridge.

Kiefer Sutherland (TV's *24*, *Taking Lives*, *Phone Booth*) costars as Agent Breckinridge who believes Garrison is guilty and goes after him.

Eva Longoria (TV's *Desperate Housewives*) plays Agent Jill Marin, Breckinridge's new partner.

Kim Basinger (*Cellular*, *8 Mile*) portrays the first lady Sarah Ballentine, who Garrison supposedly has been having an affair with. ■



A New World: Colin Farrell stars as John Smith, a 17th-century colonial leader.



The Sentinel: Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland and Eva Longoria, play agents who discover that there is a mole who plans to assassinate the president.

Also appearing are Paul Calderon (*The Last Castle*, *21 Grams*) as Deputy Dr. Cortes; Conrad Coates (*Saw 2*) as Agent Hauser; Martin Donovan (*Insomnia*) as Agent William Montrose; Chuck Shamata (*Cinderella Man*) as Director Overbrook; and David Rasche (*The Big Tease*) is the President.

Action veteran Clark Johnson (S.W.A.T.,

Homicide, Blood Brothers, Colors) is predictable but stylish thriller.

The Sentinel is an entertaining film with a very improbable plot. The movie may fare better with the audience in its release.

Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Officer at the Base Public Affairs Office. ■

Johnson Primary Celebrates Earth Day



Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Camp Lejeune: Col. Adele E. Hodges, Commanding Officer Marine Corps Base, speaks at a tree planting ceremony at Johnson Primary School's celebration of Earth Day recently. Students planted a tree in the back of the school to celebrate the holiday and to increase the beauty and health around the facility.

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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
Aquamarine, PG, 3:30 p.m.; Inside Man, R, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY
The New World, PG-13, 11:00 a.m.

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Teacher Appreciation Week

Press Release
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Thousands of students around the globe will honor their teachers during the week of May 7-13, National Teacher Appreciation Week. National Teacher Appreciation Week is designed to honor the nation's dedicated teachers and educators and to show them our appreciation. Every day, teachers touch the lives of students, parents, and communities in significant ways.

Teacher Appreciation Week was established around 1944, and in 1953, Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day. America has been thanking its teachers every year since then.

Since 1984, National PTA has designated the first week in May as a time for communities nationwide, and in the case of the DoDEA international school system, worldwide, to honor teachers for being a guiding force in helping children develop into healthy, happy and successful adults.

Our public school system continues to be closely examined. Education experts and government leaders have suggested all kinds of ways to strengthen our education system. One of those ways is by showing respect and support for our teachers.

Our Public school teachers are doing an outstanding job. Compared with many professionals, they are underpaid and overworked. They perform daily miracles in their classrooms, which many Americans often overlook. We have asked them to shoulder a major responsibility, and we frequently seek their help with non-teaching tasks. We are considered to be among the best-educated citizens in the world. And for that, we have our teachers to thank.

We can improve our country's education system significantly by exhibiting respect for teachers and by letting them know how much we value their contributions. We need to look for ways to support them and their efforts to grow professionally, as schools change to meet the needs of communities.

This week has been set aside as National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week to focus attention on the many outstanding educators whose work deserves applause. Let's contribute to the efforts of improving our schools and reinforcing the quality of education in our community; let's recognize teachers for the significant role they play in our lives and in the well-being of our nation. Let's take time to say "thanks" to the teachers of our military community and throughout the United States of America. ■

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21 Wayne Ellis, III born to Amie and Cpl. Wayne Tabb Jr.

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1 Daemyan Edward born to Jessica and HN Craig Osburn
1 Keira Elizabeth born to Brandy and Staff Sgt. Michael Tallent
2 Max Benjamin born to Cristina and Cpl. Benjamin Martin
2 Jeremiah William born to Elizabeth and Lance Cpl. William Warmus Jr.
3 Isabella Marie born to Nicole and Cpl. Justin Ackroyd
3 James Randall born to Danielle and Lance Cpl. James Childress
4 Ethan Michael born to Margo and Sgt. James Deems
4 Isaac Montgomery born to Nikki and 1st Lt. Todd Harrison
4 Henning Vilgot, II born to Mindy and Gunnery Sgt. Henning Landa
4 Erik Matthew, Jr. born to Sgts. Tasha and Erik Lowe
5 Porter James born to Nicole and Cpl. Brian Morris
6 Jorja Lynn born to Jennifer and Sgt. Chad Dirksen
6 Jasmine Skylar born to Amy and 1st Sgt. Jason Joiner
6 Micah Robert born to Jenny and Sgt. Nathan Karlson
6 Jacob Thomas born to Jennifer and Gunnery Sgt. John Preston
7 Caleb Ryan born to Sarah and Sgt. Matthew Regner
8 Aurora Elise born to Lance Cpl. Heather and Sgt. Matthew Clark
8 Madison Violetta born to Aurelia and HM3 Daniel Coleman
8 Keshad Alexander born to HM2 Kizzy and Eugene Alexander, III

8 Logan Christopher born to Nicole and Cpl. Craig O'Dell, II
9 Clare Marie born to Christine and Cpl. Charles Kissling
10 Alyssa Renee born to Deseree and Staff Sgt. Kevin Hendricks
10 Tristan Hunter born to Brandy and Sgt. Donald Stehley Jr.
11 Aurora Kimber born to Kathryn and Sgt. Joshua McKean
11 Isabelle Lane born to Sara and Lance Cpl. Luke VanDeman
13 Breanna Lyn born to Heather and Sgt. Joshua Lurie
13 Sloan Adison born to Amanda and Maj. Michael Myers
14 Nathaniel Ray born to Samantha and Lance Cpl. William Hesson
14 Wilson Garner born to Jaime and Staff Sgt. Robert Patterson
15 Zander Ryan born to Renee and Lance Cpl. Jon Conaster
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15 Joshua Aiden born to Crystal and Cpl. Matthew Jones
15 Cheyane Lynn born to Angela and Cpl. Jose Murillo Jr.
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16 Alyssia Marie Giles-Davis born to HN Ceila Giles and Cpl. Justin Davis
16 Juan Alessandro born to Primavera and Cpl. Juan Rangel
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17 Victor Ethan born to Cpl. Mara and Lance Cpl. Joshua Knox

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17 Jeron Alton born to Tracie and Cpl. John McKay
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20 Emma Beth born to Brandi and Sgt. Jason Owsley
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22 Carolina Victoria born to Australia and Cpl. Jose Herrera
22 Amelia Catherine born to Patricia and Lance Cpl. Neil Lawson
22 Malakai Danger born to Beky and Sgt. Paul Risotti Jr.
22 Gavin Lamont born to HM2 Betty and HM3 James Robertson
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Celebrating Literacy Week

Children dress up as their favorite book characters, stroll streets of TTI Primary

Ena Bravo
Managing editor

A group of youngsters dressed as their favorite characters from scores of children's books flocked the streets of TTI Primary School, last Friday. The focus of the week was reading and the ability to present math to students in a fun and educational way gives them the opportunity to see how much fun learning can be.

The celebration started with a flag detail from the High School Chorus and Lt. Col. Robert E. Dickerson, Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor. The staff sang "Song for our children," the song was written by teacher Mrs. Blanche Larkin, in the month of the military child marching music to accompany the parade outside the building.

Students made their way from reading station to reading station, as teachers and volunteers offered creative reading and math lessons. "We are especially thankful for the volunteers who gave their time to share their stories with our students," said Kelly Phillips, TTI school reading specialist.

The celebration concluded with a performance from the Back Porch Gut Bucket who volunteered their time to play for the school. "The children danced and sang, seeing how everyday items can be instruments," Phillips added. At the



Left top: Kendarius Green and Eve Estrada; Middle top: Theresa Hardesty, Pre-K teacher and Nicholas Redmon; Middle right: Carolyn Wiggins, Pre-K assistant teacher, Right top: David McGraw (the pirate) speech language pathologist, Kristin Lane (Raggedy Ann) art teacher and students from the Camp Lejeune Chorus; Left bottom: Mikhaila Lucas; Middle: Katie Payne and Erika Nicholas; Middle bottom: Aubrey Gearheart; Right bottom: Pauline Holoawski and Cecila Adams, first grade teacher.

end of the day, each student was given a book to take home as a keepsake.

"This assembly was a time to celebrate together after a week of wonderful events," said Phillips. During literacy week, each day

offered a special event from bringing their favorite books to a reading conducted by Maj. Gen. Robert E. Dickerson and his wife Karen.

"As the literacy enrichment coordinator, I organize the event. However, many hands

help and I am very appreciative of our parent-teacher organization and the many other volunteers who help to make this week such a special week for our TTI family," Phillips concluded. ■

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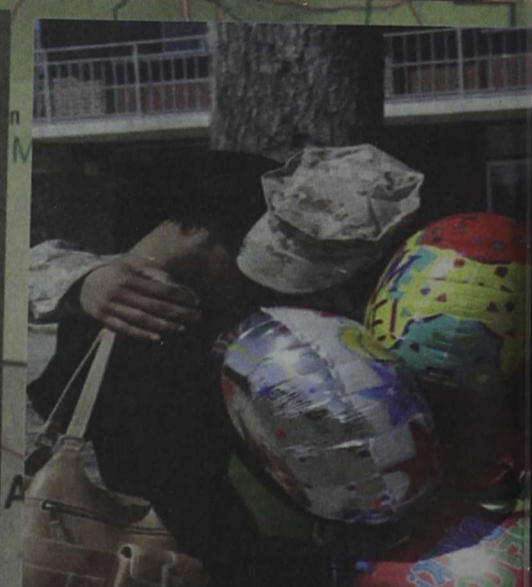
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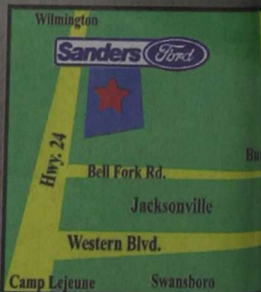
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Rockin' 60s Soap Opera

On May 19, the Fab Four have just arrived in Lejeune. Tickets are \$26/\$18. Call Thalian 23-2820 or 343-3664.

Mayo & Karaoke Night

9 p.m. The Point O'Club will celebrate 50 years of Friday with Karaoke night. Open to the public for a donation charge. For more information call 251-5797 ext. 2049. Tickets are \$1.2465 ext. 224.

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7 p.m. Several movies on the deck of the Ship, crew. For information call Battleship 251-5797 ext. 2049. Tickets are \$1 available at the door only. Movie is *Trouble*

Strawberry Festival

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Strawberry festival and family fun at the festival which serves as a fund-raiser for the Lejeune Fire Rescue Squad. Friday, parade and barbecue plate sale begins at 11 a.m. and more. Farm Life Elementary. For more info call (252) 259-3646 or (252) 259-3647.

Mayo Fiesta Event

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Lejeune Community Center, Pamlico, Currituck and Dare Counties present Cinco de Mayo at Craven County Jaycee's off Highway 70 in James City featuring live music, Boys & Girls Club of Coastal Currituck, pony rides, Mariachi Band, and Brazilian dancers. DJ Divanni will be playing merengue, reggaeton and salsa with food and event vendors. For more information call (252) 626-0079 or e-mail cox.net.

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Saturday 8 to 11 a.m. At Russell Elementary School. Proceeds go to Lejeune High School's Project Graduation. Donations may be dropped off at Russell Elementary Friday, 7-9 p.m. Pick-up is available for large items, call 353-7642.

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Saturday Moore's Creek National Battlefield. Demonstrations of spinning, weaving, basket making and powder horn making, blacksmithing and a gunsmithing. There will be colonial herbs & plants, colonial & Celtic music, and much, much more. Call 283-5591 for information.

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Saturday - Sunday Bring in the Spring with Bannerman Vineyard's Wine Tasting highlighting an array of muscadine wines. Local music throughout each day, food, vendors. Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday from 12 noon - 6 p.m.

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Saturday In Kitty Hawk at 5127 Barlow Lane (behind Victory Chevrolet) For more information, please call (252) 261-7130.

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Saturday Manteo Waterfront OBX Maritime Museum, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Build an 8-foot plywood boat. Teams of two will build a boat using the stitch and glue method. Cost is \$275 for museum members and \$300 for non-members. Minimum age is 8 with an adult. Call (252) 475-1750 or go to www.obxmaritime.org.

Station Club Enterprises Plant Sale

May 12 & 13, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Station Club Enterprises is hosting their 15th annual Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend. You will find a variety of perennials from \$1,

flowering plants and herbs \$1.50. Hanging baskets starting at \$5, daylilies and lantana \$2 & up, wildflowers, handmade cards, crafts, birdhouses, samples from our woodshop, Dog & cat beds in multiple patterns/sizes. Station Club Enterprise a division of Carobell, Inc. is a private, non-profit vocational training center helping people of Carteret and Onslow counties with developmental disabilities, achieve a sense of self-worth through vocational readiness. 306 Church Street, Morehead City (behind new Lowe's food Store, Bridges St.) watch for the signs!

18th Annual Beaufort Music and Performing Arts Festival

May 12-14 Concerts and performances on downtown stages in Beaufort. For details call (252) 422-6161 or www.beaufortmusicfestival.com

VFW May Dance

May 13, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. VFW Post 9960 will be hosting a May Dance in Cape Carteret featuring People's Choice. Tickets are \$10 person. For more information call (252) 393-8053.

Celebrate Hampstead Festival

May 13 At the Hampstead Village Shopping Center. Rides, food, music, arts & crafts, art contest and more.

Sounds of Freedom Air Show

May 13-14 The U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team will be gracing the Eastern North Carolina skies during the 2006 "Sounds of Freedom" air show at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry New River. This team is comprised of volunteers from throughout the Army special operations community. For more information call 449-5431.

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Pender County Springfest

May 20 At the Pender County Courthouse Square in Burgaw. Come out and enjoy Pender County's Original Community Festival. Entertainment, arts and crafts, concessions and much more.

Used Book Sale

May 20 The Jacksonville Friends of the Library will hold a Used Book Sale on May 20 at the Jacksonville Library. The book sale will take place from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Patrons may fill a bag full of books for \$5 from 1-2 p.m. May 20. Please call 455-7350 for more information.

Life and Work of James Applewhite

May 22 Come to the Harriette B. Smith Library aboard Camp Lejeune to learn about the life and work of N.C. poet, James Applewhite. Film and discussion begin at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 455-7350 ext. 242 for more information.



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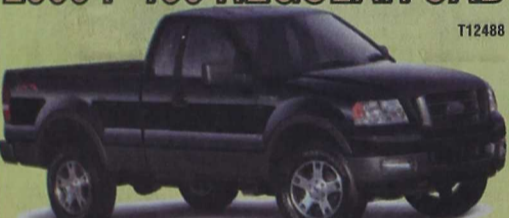
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