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## Relief Society kicks off annual drive

CPL. SHARON E. FOX  
Marine Corps Base

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's annual fund drive begins tomorrow and will run through April 30. This event is Navy-Marine Corps wide and is the only fund drive conducted where 100 percent of the donations provided are used to support Navy and Marine Corps service members.

Each service member will be given a contribution form and are encouraged to donate what they can. They may donate by cash, check, or monthly account allotments. If the Marine or sailor chooses to pay by allotments, there is a minimum donation of \$2 per month. The donations are taken directly out of the service member's pay account each month beginning this May until April of next year, or until his end of active service. Civilian employees may also participate if they choose to.

The NMCRS is a volunteer organization with more than 3,000 volunteers throughout the society and is celebrating 101 years of helping Marines and sailors through interest-free financial aid.

Donations are needed because more than \$31.4 million was provided in financial assistance last year worldwide and only \$7.6 million was received in donations, said retired Master Gunnery Sergeant Patrick J. Kelly, senior counselor at the NMCRS branch here.

The NMCRS provides financial assistance through interest-free loans or grants in areas of

emergency leave, basic living needs, essential vehicle repairs, car payment, car insurance, dental cost share for dependents, families of casualties lodging, and food and travel.

Education assistance is available for spouses and children of active duty and retirees.

Non-financial assistance areas include the Visiting Nurse Program, Budget for Baby class, Well-Baby program and Food Locker.

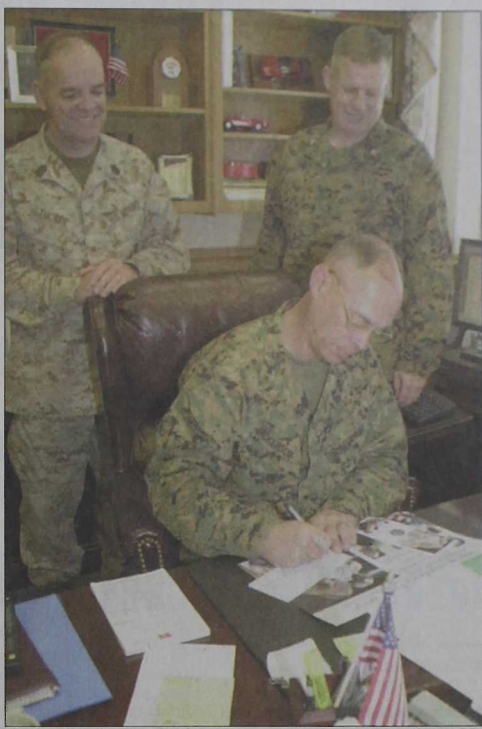
The Visiting Nurse Program has nurses make hospital or home visits to clients in the interest of improving their quality of life by promoting understanding of information about the individual's health issues. Visits are frequently made to new mothers and infants, to patients recovering from surgery, and to patients with chronic health problems.

The Budget for Baby workshop is a two-and-a-half hour seminar open to Navy and Marine families who are expecting a baby or who have just had one. Its purpose is to make service members and their families aware of the increased living expenses that come with a new baby, and to discuss effective ways of making adjustments to spending and saving habits.

The Well-Baby program provides families of newborns with important information to keep up-to-date with check-up appointments and general baby care.

Some NMCRS offices also operate food lockers, which help feed clients when providing financial aid is not practical or appropriate. They

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Sergeant Maj. Charles E. Tucker, base sergeant major, and Col. William A. Meier, MCB Chief of Staff, look on as Base Commanding General, Major Gen. Robert C. Dickerson signs the first contribution form to donate to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's annual fund drive.

## Lejeune Marines take control of western Iraq

II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
Press Release

**CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq** — Lieutenant Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, transferred authority of Multi-National Force-West to Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Johnson, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), during a ceremony here today.

"I've never been more optimistic in my almost two years of association with this area," said Sattler. "The energy, the enthusiasm of the people is catapulting this movement forward. The Iraqi security forces are capable, well led and confident and that confidence flows over to the Iraqi people."

As the incoming commander, Johnson expressed his view of the future of Iraq.

"We are going to see a great increase in the Iraqi Security Forces, they are becoming very effective. We are going to see the emergence of the Iraqi government. Their constitution is being written, elections are being held and political decisions are being made in a democratic fashion. We are going to see their economy pick up. We are going to see opportunities for jobs and for industry. And we are also going to see the emergence of truth. For years, this country has not known truth and we will be seeing more of that."

More than 41,000 Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen of I MEF have been deployed in western Iraq since early August 2004.

While here, they conducted campaigns against terrorists and criminals in Najaf, northern Babil, Karbala and Al Anbar provinces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Operations conducted by I MEF ultimately led to Iraqi citizens being able to participate in the first free election in more than 35 years.



As the sun sets, a Marine with the Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, patrols alongside his HMMWV here. The unit is constantly patrolling Fallujah's streets and alleys in search of insurgent activity and illegal arms.

## Division celebrates success in Iraq

1ST LT. KATE S.  
VANDENBOSSCHE  
2d Marine Division

**CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, Iraq** — Coalition Forces with the 2d Marine Division have detained a total of 147 suspected insurgents since taking the reins from 1st Marine Division on March 17.

Since the transfer of authority, Marines from the Camp Lejeune-based division have worked to bring about peace in the restive Al Anbar Province by detaining individuals actively terrorizing innocent civilians.

"Over the past few months, 1st and 2d Division . . . have pursued and captured many terrorists attempting to prevent a free Iraq," said Col. Bob Chase, operations officer for the 2d Marine Division. "These are criminals and murderers who display wanton disregard for their fellow Iraqis."

The division's two Marine Regimental Combat Teams and one Army Brigade Combat Team have conducted numerous raids and operations netting: (14) mortar rounds of various sizes, (1) 120mm tank round, approximately (1,000)

small arms rounds, (66) rockets of various sizes, and (40) small arms, include AK 47's, shot guns, pistols and machine guns.

"Tirelessly, our young Marines move through the countryside and deny the enemy solace, keeping him off-balance and under increasing pressure," Chase said.

These raids and operations were conducted throughout the Al Anbar Province with the cooperation of the Iraqi Security Forces, he continued.

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## Helland describes 'regional approach to stability'

TERRI LUKACH  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — As stability and security increase in Afghanistan and Iraq, terrorists will look for other places where they cannot only find sanctuary but also continue to operate, receive supplies and indoctrinate new recruits, the general in charge of coalition forces on the Horn of Africa said March 23.

Major Gen. Samuel T.

Helland, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa commander, spoke to Pentagon reporters from Camp Lemonier, Djibouti.

The task force includes representatives from all branches of the U.S. military and staff officers from eight coalition countries. It oversees counterterrorism operations for U.S. Central Command in Sudan, Yemen, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya and the Seychelles as part of the Global War on Terror.

"Terrorists thrive in chaos," Helland said, "where there is no rule of law and where they can meld in with the population."

He said that by isolating those places and understanding who's there, what they do and where they go, "then we can probably deny terrorists the safe haven they are seeking as they move throughout the CENTCOM area of responsibility."

He called the strategy "a regional approach to stability."

Helland said the task force works with host nations to identify core competencies and to enhance stability through security training, maritime interdiction operations training, and civil-military operations.

By educating the population and encouraging self-determination, he said, the task force's goal is to "isolate the terrorist from his support, which is the

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Helland spoke to reporters at the Pentagon recently.

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# Man on the street

What do you like best about working with civilian-Marines?



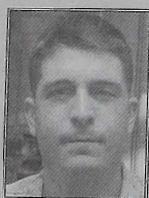
"When I was in California recently, I got lost and a couple of civilian-Marines there helped me out with directions."

Cpl. Sharon Arviv  
8th Communications Battalion  
Tampa, Fla.

"When we were in Iraq, the [Border Security Teams] helped us out and taught us how to run the borders."



Cpl. Nathaniel Overpeck  
5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment  
Logansport, La.



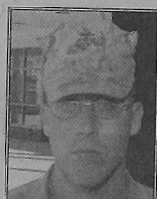
"The civilian-Marines down at the separations office were really good at answering questions and getting information for me."

Cpl. Josh Neally  
2d Transportation Support Battalion  
Carthage, Ill.

"I work with civilian-Marines in my field, and for me they really help relate their previous experiences and pass on their knowledge to me."



Gunnery Sgt. Allen Dotson  
Headquarters and Service Battalion,  
Knoxville, Tenn.



"I just got back from Iraq, and I know that when we were over there we were getting care packages from civilian-Marines back home."

Pfc. Sean Seyfried  
5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment  
Aurora, Colo.

## Corps proves value in history, present

Guest Commentary  
STAFF SGT. CINDY FISHER

Throughout Marine Corps history, critics have tried to eliminate us, claiming that the Army or the Navy could perform our missions. As such, we've had to defend ourselves against numerous abolishment attempts.

Our adaptability and esprit de corps justified our continued existence to reformers who felt that others could perform our unique missions.

President Andrew Jackson recommended to Congress that the Corps be absorbed into the Army in 1829 — a suggestion that found favor with then-Secretary of the Navy John Branch.

About this same time, we were proving our fighting ability during engagements in Quallah Battoo against Malays. Perhaps reports of our valor influenced Congress, for it passed an act in 1834 that firmly established us as a separate service within the Department of the Navy.

Our right to exist as a service was again questioned in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt who felt the Corps should be merged into the Army, remarking to an aide that "no vestige of their organization should be allowed to remain." He issued an executive order that redefined the Corps' mission excluding shipboard duties and emphasizing land-based responsibilities.

Again Congress disagreed and restored our shipboard duties in the Naval Appropriations Act of 1909.

In 1946, Senate Bill S. 2044 proposed the unification of the armed forces. The bill would have severely reduced the Corps' effectiveness as a fighting organization.

In his "No Bended Knee" speech to the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs May 6, 1946, then-Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Alexander Vandegrift spoke vehemently against this bill, citing the Corps' contributions in World War II and our role as the "primary force in readiness" as proof of our value to the nation. After much debate, the Corps again survived.

The National Security Act of 1947, portions of which were authored by

senior Marine leaders including Vandegrift, unified the services under the Department of Defense, but defined us as the "fleet marine forces of combined arms, together with supporting air components, for service with the fleet in the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases, and for the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign."

Despite these and other attempts, we have endured — not by resting on past laurels — but by continually improving our ability to respond to the nation's needs. The willingness of our leaders to train for wars of the future instead of re-fighting wars of the past and the result of this, America's unswerving belief that we stand ready to serve whenever the nation calls, ensure our continued existence.

We pride ourselves on our ability "to adapt and overcome" and this is an essential ingredient in our success. We look to the future and change our war fighting strategies to better respond to a changing world.

When the nature of combat changes, so do we — we proved that in past conflicts. In the 1920s, we began the transformation into an amphibious fighting force in response to a perceived threat from Japan. As a result, we were ready for the World War II island-hopping campaigns of the Pacific and even trained the Army in amphibious doctrine. In Korea and Vietnam, we embraced new technologies like the helicopter and integrated it with our ground capabilities to more effectively fight.

When cities became the common battleground, we learned to fight the "three-block war" and further developed the leadership skills of our junior Marine leaders.

Today, we continue "to adapt and overcome" and this is an essential ingredient in our success. We focus on expeditionary warfare and can now strike far inland from bases at sea.

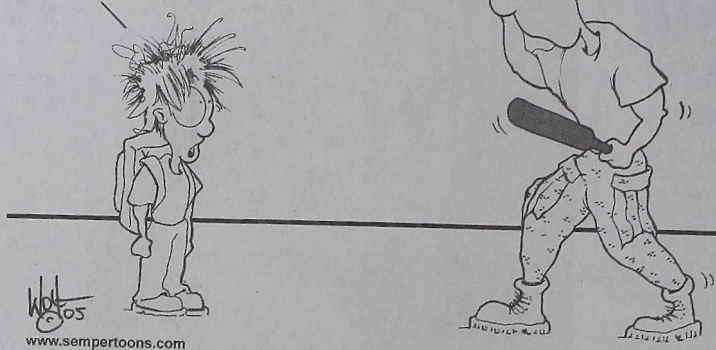
As the nation's 911 force, we hone our skills in anticipation of new enemies and battlegrounds. Our adaptability ensures Marines will be protecting America for generations to come.

Staff Sgt. Fisher is assigned to Washington, D.C.

## Sempertoons

by Staff Sgt. Wolf

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## Have you hugged your civilian-Marine today?

Guest Commentary  
CPL. MICAH SNEAD

Brace yourselves old-timers, I've got some bad news: civilian-Marines are here to stay, and I love them.

Okay, so there are probably a few of you out there who actually object to government employees, but that label, civilian-Marines, has caused raised eyebrows, agitated attitudes and outspoken stubbornness.

Apparently there are Marines, retirees and veterans who dislike the reference because of some perceived threat to the mighty title Marine. Obviously, Marines are unique. We all know that the Army has soldiers, the Navy has sailors and the Air Force has airmen, but the U.S. Marine Corps is comprised of nothing but U.S. Marines and we wouldn't want it any other way.

So the most common argument I hear is some variation of the following: "There's no such thing as a civilian-Marine. Marine is a title that is earned, not given. Civilians don't do anything but fill out a job application."

So they don't go to "boot camp." You win that point. But I've never seen a civilian-Marine wearing a Marine Corps uniform, calling cadence while they walked or giggling over old drill instructor stories, so I'm pretty sure that most CMs realize they haven't been to "boot camp" and don't pretend they have.

I think most CM-antagonists are missing the big picture. No one is accusing the lady that works in disbursing or the guy in the Traffic Management Office warehouse of being Marines. But, they should be recognized as an important part of the Marine Corps team and our leaders have done so with a simple term.

I need look no farther than the words of our own leaders, commandants of the Marine Corps, the top devil dogs in the universe, for justification of my defense. The first official reference to our civilian-Marines I found was in the commandant's birthday message from 1996. Then-CMC Gen. Charles C. Krulak said the combination of Marines, families and civilian-Marines is "an unbeatable team."

In 2003, commandant, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, author-

ized the creation and distribution of a Marine Civilian Service pin to "identify our employees as Marines and serve as a visible expression of appreciation for their hard work and sacrifice for the Marine Corps." The Marine Corps has even created a Civilian War Campaign Plan to nurture, build and grow civilian-Marines. Not only are civilian-Marines well entrenched in the Corps structure, they will be a stronger and bigger cog in the future.

The Corps' 2005 Concepts and Programs book lists civilian-Marines as an enabling capability, right up there with recruiting success, reservists' contributions to the War on Terrorism, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program and the Marine Corps warfighting laboratory. Pretty important cogs in the Marine Corps machinery, right?

But, all I hear and read about is the horror of referring to civilians as some type of Marines. However, the small scope of experience most civilian-Marines work on this air station. They work in every aspect of support, in many cases, directly maintain tools we use to win the war to the enemy.

Many of them can go above and beyond the performance of an average Marine, because instead of focusing on accomplishing the mission, they focus on helping the team. You, me and every other service member on this installation. If they find an area where regulations or procedures prevent them from helping us, they can directly influence change in the process quicker than your average lance corporal can.

Civilian-Marines put their blood, sweat and tears into their jobs and the only beneficiaries from that work are Marines. The least we can do is find a small way to let them feel like they are a part of a team, possibly one of the greatest teams that has ever marched across the globe in 229 years.

Most good teams make it abundantly clear that every member is valuable. This might seem like a strange concept, but making people feel welcome and appreciated might just keep them on our side.

Corporal Snead is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C.

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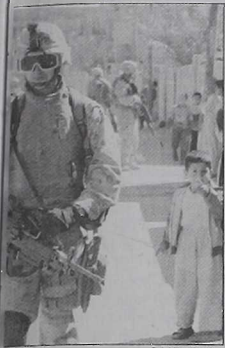
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## Lejeune Deployed

# athernecks keep Fallujah safe, one patrol at a time



Cpl. Mike Escobar

with 3rd Platoon, Company C, 1st 6th Marine Regiment, passes by a smiling Iraqi children as his squad in city streets.

**CPL. MIKE ESCOBAR**  
2d Marine Division

**FALLUJAH, Iraq** — "It's like the bowl. You train so much to do when you get there, you show me what you've got." It's how Lance Cpl. Fermin views his unit's deployment to his chance to put the security operations training the Corps gave him to the ultimate: keeping insurgents and us out of Fallujah. To accomplish this, the 19-year-old man with the Camp Lejeune-Company C, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and his fellow Marines patrol the city streets every day searching for terrorists, illegal weapons and ammunition, and anti-Iraqi propaganda.

Orangeburg, N.Y., native's recently replaced the California-3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, one of the units responsible for neutralizing the insurgency in Iraq. "Right now, we always prepare for anything and learn to expect the unexpected. We're always aware that something bad could happen if we get too relaxed." The Marines and sailors of Company C are keeping their guards up as they oversee their area of responsibility in northwestern Fallujah. In addition to conducting daily patrols, the unit mans both a vehicle and personnel entry control point outside the city to regulate traf-



Cpl. Mike Escobar

A Marine with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment and his field radio operator provide security at a street corner when their patrol stopped to rest for a few minutes. 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment is currently deployed to conduct security and stability operations.

fic influx into Fallujah. But the battalion does not perform these missions alone. Unit personnel work hand in hand with the Iraqi Security Force soldiers as they sweep through Fallujah's alleyways and search people and vehicles entering the city.

"I'm really glad the Iraqi forces are here," Garcia said. "Everything we do in this part of the city we do with them. On patrol, they tell all the cars where to go while we pass through,

and they help us overcome a huge language barrier while talking to the people in the city."

"[The ISF] are really disciplined guys too," he added. "They helped us out a lot with manpower [by supplying additional troops to run the ECP and constantly patrolling the city streets]."

Working with the local forces also adds credibility to the American presence in Iraq. Fallujah's residents observe Iraqi Intervention Force lead-

ing patrols and handling the ECP, so they see U.S. forces are merely helping the Iraqis provide security to their own country.

By patrolling alongside the local forces and his fellow Marines, Garcia said he hopes to have a successful seven-month deployment and looks forward to the mission ahead.

"These patrols [through Fallujah] are just like the ones we trained for back in the States, only now it's time to really show what we can do."

## Warrior deploys to Iraq, weighs reenlistment options

**LANCE CPL. LUCIAN FRIEL**  
2d Marine Division

**CAMP AL QAIM, Iraq** — "When I was a kid, I got myself into a lot of trouble. I needed something that would straighten me out. I knew the military was the good way and the Marine Corps was the best way," explained Cpl. James D. Fay, a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist with 3rd Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment.

The South Hadley, Mass., native decided that being deployed to Iraq was the perfect time to think about his future and possibly continue his career with the Corps.

"Being here gives me some time to think about and get my thoughts in order. I think a lot about what I want to do when my four-year contract is up," said the 2002 South Hadley High School graduate.

The 21-year-old originally joined the Marine Corps to escape the path he was on and discover a way to get ahead in this world.

"I've wanted to join since I was a kid because growing up you fantasize about being a hero, and that's what Marines are," Fay continued. "I became an NBC Marine

because I wanted something to fall back on and have a good training foundation to continue my education and eventually go to college."

Before enlisting in the Marine Corps, Fay spent his time doing something that many people might consider heroic.

"I had a couple of little odd jobs here and there, but for about a year in high school, I worked with mentally and physically impaired people," Fay said.

Fay learned a lesson in life from his time working with handicapped people.

"I learned that you should always try to help people no matter what the circumstances might be. That also led me to the Corps," he explained.

In Iraq, Fay serves as a watch clerk in charge of keeping track of all information coming into the combat operations center.

"Marines outside the wire are counting on you to record information they pass. The most important trait out here is discipline, doing your job, thinking ahead and maintaining your professionalism," he explained.

Fay believes that being deployed to Iraq for the first time will help him in his future ventures.

"Anytime you go into a country where living standards and conditions are lower than what you're used to, you will come out a better person because of it. You appreciate everything you have," he continued. "Seeing what it's like out here shows you that freedom is worth fighting for and it's our duty to help people who don't have it, obtain it."

Despite the long deployment before him, Fay thinks that it will go quickly and be as easy or as hard as he makes it.

"It's not hard out here for me. I love and miss my friends and family back home, but I just have to focus on being a Marine and doing my job," he explained.

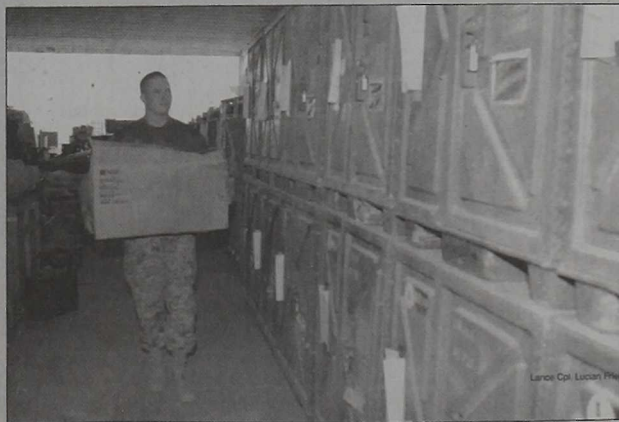
While Fay does his job and serves his country while deployed to Iraq, the environment has inspired him to start thinking about his future, especially with the Corps since his four-year contract will be over in a little over a year.

"I've been thinking about it out here and I'm not sure if I want to continue NBC, change military occupational specialties or get out and go to school. I can't find any reason not to reenlist right now," he said.



Lance Cpl. Lucian Friel

Corporal James D. Fay, a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist with 3rd Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment assembles a gas mask. This is the South Hadley, Mass., native's first deployment to Iraq. As a watch clerk in the combat operations center, Fay is responsible for keeping track of all information that comes into the C.O.C.



Lance Cpl. Lucian Friel

Corporal James D. Fay, a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist with 3rd Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment inventories the NBC gear. Fay joined the Marine Corps to straighten himself out and now three years later, he is considering reenlisting.

Around the Corps

# Marines risk traffic to save life

LANCE CPL. JORDAN M. WELNER  
Marine Corps Barracks Washington

**MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON** — Years of consistency and results have earned the Marine Corps a reputation for excellence. The Corps' young men and women are taught to be Marines all of the time, and last March 13 two young leathernecks reinforced this philosophy with an act of heroism.

Lance Cpls. Jordan D. Cable and Ryan W. Bretzman were traveling home to Marine Barracks Washington, when Ryan noticed a commotion on the side of the road.

"I saw a vehicle with its hazard lights on and four men gathered around. I decided to pull over and offer some assistance," said Bretzman. "We just assumed that they were lost."

As they arrived on the scene, one of the men approached the vehicle.

"He couldn't speak much English and kept saying, 'my friend is dying,'" said Bretzman.

Immediately Bretzman got on the phone with the police, directing dispatch to their location on Route 110. Keeping safety in mind, Cable evaluated the situation first.

"For all we knew, it could have been an ambush, so I went first and waved Ryan over once I could see it was secure," said Cable.

Cable soon realized the seriousness of the situation and took immediate action.

"I noticed a man hunched over in the passenger's seat," he said. "I assessed him and concluded that he was unconscious and not breathing."

Knowing he had little time, Cable said he began to perform seated chest compressions in order to clear out the man's airway.

"I was a firefighter and emergency medical technician before joining the Corps, so it was nothing new to me," stated Cable.

After vomiting on himself and Cable, the man started breathing again. At that point, a military policeman from Fort Myer, Va., arrived on the scene and helped the Marines move the man to the roadside while keeping him stabilized.

Within about 10 minutes, the ambulance arrived and took the unconscious man to a hospital.

"He definitely would have died had we not stopped to help," said Cable.

Later that day, the Fort Myer MP contacted the barracks and notified the command of Cable and Bretzman's lifesaving act.

The two Marines maintain a humble attitude about their actions and believe that any other Marine would do the same thing in their situation.

"These Marines deserve a big pat on the back," said Capt. Michael S. Hays, Company B commander. "They took a risk by pulling over in the city, assessed a situation, acted and ultimately saved a life. If it were two other Marines pulling up to a similar scene, I have no doubt they would have acted in the same manner. Their actions speak volumes of the lessons and ideals displayed by Marines everyday."



Cable saved the life of a man on the streets of Washington, D.C.

# 'Going hot' helps warriors test guns

## 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance performs maintenance shoots

CPL. JON GUIBORD  
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — "We're about to go hot!"

This verbal command, along with red flags waving, signified to the Marines of Company D, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, that range 407A was secure.

That meant firing of the M-240G and M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon machine guns, as well as the 25 mm cannon used on their light armored vehicles, was about to commence bright and early.

"The purpose of today was to see which weapon systems didn't function properly in time to order parts for future deployments," said Sgt. Charles B. Young, a vehicle commander with 4th Platoon.

But for the crewmen aboard the LAVs, the mission was to fire all their rounds downrange - a valuable training opportunity.

Gunners of the 25 mm semi-automatic cannon viewed the live fire as more of a privilege than a task.

"The turret drifts a lot, so you have to always be focusing on your sight alignment, sight picture," said Lance Cpl. Kyle S. Vetterkind of 4th Platoon, who recently moved from driver to gunner.

Sighting-in can be tedious, he added.

"But once you feel the [gun's] recoil ... the adrenaline starts running. It is an awesome feeling," he said.

The training gave the mechanics a chance to see if anything was wrong with their four vehicles and

mounted weapons, Vetterkind said.

"Two out of the four 25 mm guns need repair," Young said. "All of the 7.62s worked, and we only had one bad SAW."

Lance Cpl. John B. Murphy, one of the company's mechanics, watched nervously from the sidelines during firing.

He is one of the Marines responsible for repairing the vehicles and weapon systems onboard.

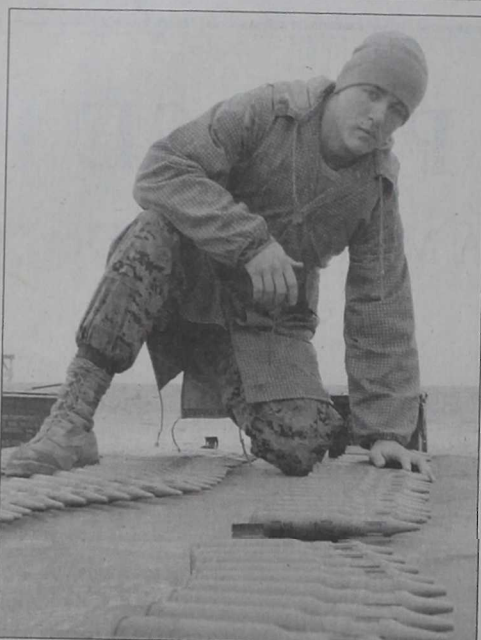
"We are here to make sure the guns and vehicles function correctly," Murphy said.

Before such maintenance shoots, mechanics perform a limited technical inspection. But certain problems can be detected only during live fire, according to Murphy.

Young said an ounce of preventative maintenance can prevent a ton of trouble that results when vital equipment malfunctions in the heat of battle.

"It is better to have our equipment malfunction here in garrison than in combat, where a systems failure could cost our unit lives," Young said.

During the maintenance shoot, the company fired 300 25 mm rounds and 4,000 smaller rounds, Young said.



Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Smith, a gunner with 4th Platoon, Company D, starts counting and organizing 25 mm rounds before a live-fire exercise recently.



# Gators direct steel on target

CPL. ROCCO DEFILIPPIS  
2d Marine Aircraft Wing

**AL ASAD, Iraq** — Aircraft from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 142, a Reserve, responded to a call for air support from Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, a Reconnaissance Battalion, who was conducting security patrols in the Al Anbar Province on March 18.

Two of the squadron's F/A-18A Hornets responded to the call from a 3/25 forward controller, who spoke with the pilots to coordinate the air strike, after the Marines engaged by enemy fire.

Using an infrared laser, the Hornets guided to the target by the forward air controller on the ground. Only 30 minutes after receiving the first call for support, the pilots had delivered their ordnance.

"It was hard to see at night, but the system on our aircraft and competence of the controller on the ground allowed us to destroy the target swiftly," said one of the pilots who asked not to be named.

On that night, 3/25 encountered two teams armed with automatic rifles who appeared to be digging a hole for an improvised explosive device. The Marines engaged the insurgents who fled to an isolated building. After continued small-arms engagement, the VMFA-142 aircraft arrived and eliminated the enemy with two 500-pound laser guided bombs.

Although neither unit knew it at the time, both the Marines on the ground and in the air are from Reserve units, and their actions are a testament to the readiness and preparation of the Marine Corps Reserves.

"We are equally able to function with active duty and Reserve forces," said Lt. Col. Tracy A. Farris, VMFA-142 executive officer and a native of Nashville, Tenn. "We are all cut from the same template, so there are no obstacles or barriers that prevent us from completing our mission."

While the Marines of 3/25, headquartered at Brook Park, Ohio, continue to patrol the towns and cities of Iraq, VMFA-142, based out of Marietta, Ga., will continue to provide precision strikes to support them from the air.

"Our pilots and maintenance Marines are extremely well prepared," Farris said. "They constantly work to stay on top of the latest technology, tactics and procedures so we can provide the support the Marines on the ground want and expect."

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QUANTICO'S OWN decided a few years ago to donate a blood sample for bone marrow. In the summer of 1994, almost then-Staff Sgt. Craig Larson spent 15 minutes doing the few steps needed to donate a blood sample for bone marrow. Larson, now a master sergeant and the public affairs officer for Marine Corps Base Quantico, has since then-Staff Sgt. Larson spent 15 minutes doing the few steps needed to donate a blood sample for bone marrow. Larson, now a master sergeant and the public affairs officer for Marine Corps Base Quantico, has since then-Staff Sgt. Larson spent 15 minutes doing the few steps needed to donate a blood sample for bone marrow.

personnel who volunteer to save a stranger's life. The center facilitates well-informed donor/command consent and rapid, confidential marrow donation for those in need. The center also provides immediate donor searches and follow-up in the event of mass casualty incidents, which reduces the time frame for identifying donors and receiving marrow to days instead of months.

This year, about 30,000 people in the U.S. will learn they have a fatal blood disease. In the Department of Defense, that number is 500. For most, the only hope for survival is a marrow transplant and more than 70 percent won't find a suitable donor within their families. They need unrelated marrow donations and only one in 20,000 is acceptable.

Many donors will never know the joy of changing someone's life and may not really appreciate what the marrow center and the National Marrow Donor Registry can do. For recipients, however, the center and its volunteers are life preservers thrown in the midst of a storm.

"The Marrow Donor Center saved my life," said Stacey Tibbetts, a bone marrow recipient and former Air Force officer. "Can there be anything better than that? During treatments and long hospital stays, patients are surrounded in tragedy but you have to rise above it. Three months ago the world as a whole had the chance

to reflect on each one of our lives and really appreciate everyone around us. September 11 was, for most of us, a second chance at life. For transplant patients like myself, it was a third."

The first successful bone marrow transplant in 1968, charted a new course for the treatment of many life-threatening blood diseases. The past decade has seen marrow transplants evolve from an experimental procedure for patients with leukemia into a rapidly expanding area of clinical investigation that offers high cure rates for patients with more than 60 previously fatal diseases - including several types of cancer.

"It was personal for me because my father died of leukemia in 1995, and he never had the chance for a bone marrow transplant," said Larson. "This lets me honor my dad in a big way."

The odds of matching a patient vary widely, depending on the rarity of the patient's tissue type. This means a volunteer may never be called. However, if identified as a matched donor, the volunteer may be the only person who can provide the lifesaving marrow to that patient.

"There are more than 5 million people in the donor registry and of those I was the best match for one," said Larson, who as of yet, doesn't know his recipient. "It's unique because you wonder about this person who has the exact same

basic cell match. They could be anywhere in the U.S., even around the world."

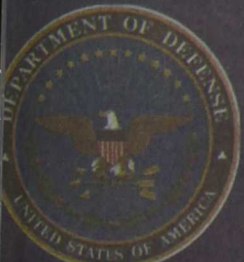
Donors and recipients are able to communicate through the center, but the contact is done without names and information.

"In my letter I said it was an honor to be able to help," said Larson. "I felt very good about what I had done and I wished her all the best. I will find out, through the program, how she's doing, but she has her life and I have mine and the fact that I was able to help is good enough for me."

"I am eagerly awaiting the decision to release our names to each other but we have exchanged letters," said Tibbetts, who had her transplant in August of last year. "I do know that my donor is male, mid-thirties and from Germany. He's O-positive and mine was A-positive before the transplant. Now his bone marrow is creating O-positive blood cells."

"Marines and Sailors survive hundreds of needle sticks at medical, so there's no way they need to worry about it," said Larson. "I never thought about the pain. My recipient went through a lot more hurt and suffering than I'll ever go through, and the chance to save someone's life is an incredible opportunity."

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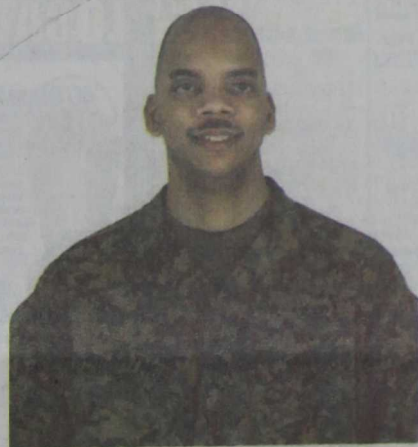


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# Staying Marine as many perks

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At some point in your Marine Corps career, you will face a decision - whether to continue service or not. Before you choose, make a plan with your unit's career planner. You may find that the benefits of staying outweigh the temptations of getting out. Here are some of the incentives for reenlistment:

**Reenlistment bonus** - Cash is always available. You may be eligible to receive a reenlistment bonus. The amount of the bonus is based on your military occupational specialty (MOS) whether you are in a qualifying zone (A-C). Your career planner will know if you are eligible for a bonus. The bonus cap for term Marines (those finishing their first enlistment) is \$30,000, and for career Marines, it is \$45,000.

**Lateral moves** - In a lateral move, you can get your MOS with no change in rank. The requirements are that you must have at least two years of service, MOS qualification (based on your Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores), and an available slot in your chosen MOS.

**Continuing Education Program** - According to Staff Sgt. Daniel Aldridge, career planner, Marine Wing Support Squadron in Twentynine Palms, Calif., a lateral move is most appealing to first-term Marines because they have limited time spent in their current MOS.

Many who may otherwise get out can follow another career path and give the Corps a quality year in another MOS. This option is not advised for career Marines because they would lose the MOS credibility they have spent eight years or longer building.

**Commissioning programs** - Four programs have been designed in which Marines obtain college degrees and become

Marine Corps officers. The plan you follow to a commission should be carefully thought through with the help of your career planner.

**Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training - BOOST** is a preparatory school that helps Marines (ages 19 to 25) increase their chances of being selected for one of the other three commissioning programs.

**Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program** - You must be at least a corporal between the ages of 20 and 26 to apply for MECEP. If selected into this program, you will be promoted to the rank of sergeant, if necessary, and attend any college of your choice that has a Naval Reserves Officers Training Corps program for you to participate in. For the entire time you are in college, typically four years, you will receive your sergeant pay and be able to pull from your GI Bill benefits. However, you are responsible for your college tuition. The GI Bill may or may not cover the full cost of your education.

**Meritorious Commissioning Program** - You must be nominated for this program and have an associate's degree or at least 75 completed credit hours. Once your package is approved, you must finish your bachelor's degree on your own time (on active duty). The greatest benefit is that you are eligible for tuition assistance.

**Enlisted Commissioning Program - ECP** is for enlisted Marines who have completed their bachelor's degrees outside of any of the above-mentioned programs.

There are many benefits for staying in the Marine Corps. The reenlistment benefits you choose can help you gain more experience, work on a college degree, and put you on the path for military success. Even if you are happy to continue in your current MOS, the greatest benefit you should never forget is your Marine Corps pride.

# Challenge yourself to stay in school

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Carving out a little time each day just for you benefits you emotionally, mentally, and physically, and because of that, it benefits your spouse and family. You can increase the benefits by combining your "me" time and continuing your education. Does the thought of going back to school scare you a bit? That's only natural, but consider that the results may be a raise at work, a rise in your self-esteem, mastering a loved hobby - or all of the above.

Continuing education needn't be a bachelor's or master's degree. It can be nursing or dental assistant school or a night class in cooking or salsa dancing. Contact your Fleet and Family Support Center or Marine Corps Community

Services to see what classes are being offered.

Improving on who you already are is a wonderful, eye-opening experience. If you've always wanted to learn to quilt, look for a community class and sign up. If childcare is a concern, make a deal with a friend or neighbor to trade off kids one night a week so he or she can take a class, too. Don't make excuses in taking care of your number one priority: you.

One great thing you can do for your career is talk to your boss about any classes that might help you move up to the next level. Your company might have tuition reimbursement (sometimes based on your final grade), or even offer free training or preparatory classes for licenses, certifications, etc. These sometimes under-advertised perks of your job can help you feel better

about where you are professionally and increase your eligibility for promotions.

Taking a class may not sound relaxing, but it can be. It's a time when your needs matter, and you can express your thoughts without the hassle of the phone ringing, the kids fighting, or a spouse wondering where dinner is. In the classroom, you can make new friends, ponder different opinions, and bask in the glory of freedom.

It all sounds too good to be true, but it isn't. There will be at least one other person in the class doing the same thing you are. Taking time for you is essential in building a strong marriage and family life. It is also one of the most important things you can do for yourself. You are in control! Relish life's smallest pleasures. Education is far less fattening than ice cream.

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# Top service members share successful habits

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If Navy and Marine Corps leaders were to write a book similar to *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, by Stephen Covey, what would it be? Interviews with a Marine Corps general and sergeant major, and a Navy captain and command master chief, revealed insights into the habits of accomplished military members. These individuals added a military twist to Covey's seven habits, especially the practices of being proactive, beginning with an end in mind, and taking time for yourself.

**A general's perspective** - Brigadier Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin is one of only five female generals in the history of the Corps. Her career began as a military police officer, and she's currently the deputy director of Marine Corps Public Affairs. When asked how she prospered the past 28 years, she said she used determination, drive and persistence. She always sought self-improvement with classes, reading or special assignments, such as directing the first Family Service Center at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in 1981. "You can never know too much - only so little," said Krusa-Dossin. She set her own standards and goals to move up the chain, she said, and listened to the advice of key mentors.

Krusa-Dossin believes wholeheartedly in treating her personnel with dignity and respect, acknowledging their efforts, and simply saying, "Thank you." She also benefits

from viewing life with a positive attitude, rejuvenating herself with walks in the Pentagon courtyard, and trusting her intuition to address problems before they get too big.

**A sergeant major's perspective** - When Sgt. Maj. William Dubose, of The Basic School in Quantico, Va., was beginning his career, you'd find him hanging around staff noncommissioned officers he admired, learning from their experience. By listening to his mentors, taking initiative, and challenging himself to stand out above the rest, Dubose's habits led to many meritorious promotions.

Drawing a road map to his goals was important to

Dubose, who remarked, "How do you know where you're going, if you don't know where you want to go?" He suggests asking superiors what it takes to achieve a desired promotion, impressing them by seeking extra responsibilities, and holding yourself accountable for your actions.

Experience tells him that someone with a bad attitude can't be a good leader. Rather, he advises, "Be a good person first, and being a good leader comes easily."

**A captain's perspective** - Captain Roberto Quinones began his career as an enlisted corpsman in 1969 and is currently director for Administrative Support

Services at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va. He learned a significant lesson early on: "If you want it, ask for it. The worst they can say is 'No.'" He capitalized on this by earning three degrees through Navy college programs and a commission in 1979. He encourages enlisted personnel to bolster their career by taking advantage of education opportunities the military offers and by studying for the advancement test.

Quinones believes the key is to be proactive on many fronts. Aspire to learn all you can within your military occupational specialty; ask questions, create ways to improve the status quo, take on respon-

sibilities one level above you and collateral duties outside your MOS.

**A command master chief's perspective** - The Blue Angel's Command Master Chief Petty Officer Kevin Harris in Pensacola, Fla., has succeeded in his 29-year career by showing respect for those around him, following the advice of an admired mentor, and getting along with everyone. Persistence in pursuing desired positions also paid off. He noted, "Don't wait for something to happen, because then you'll already be behind."

Harris believes that a clear perspective goes hand-in-hand with taking time for

yourself. He borrows a famous quote when signing newly selected chiefs' charge books: "I don't know the secret to success, but the sure way to fail is to try to please everyone." He weaves the Navy's core values into his advice to first-term sailors: Honor those around you with respect, have courage to own up to your mistakes, and commit to completing your tasks.

All four of these leaders repeated several themes: taking initiative, always improving themselves, planning how to get to the next level, and using mentors. By adopting their noteworthy habits, aspiring sailors and Marines may someday fill their shoes.

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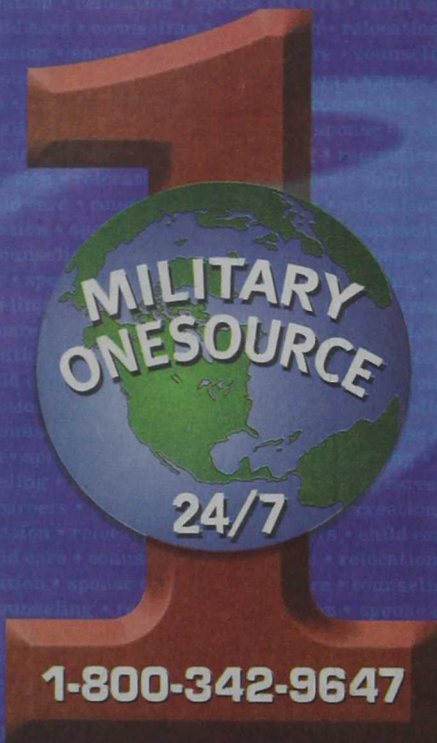
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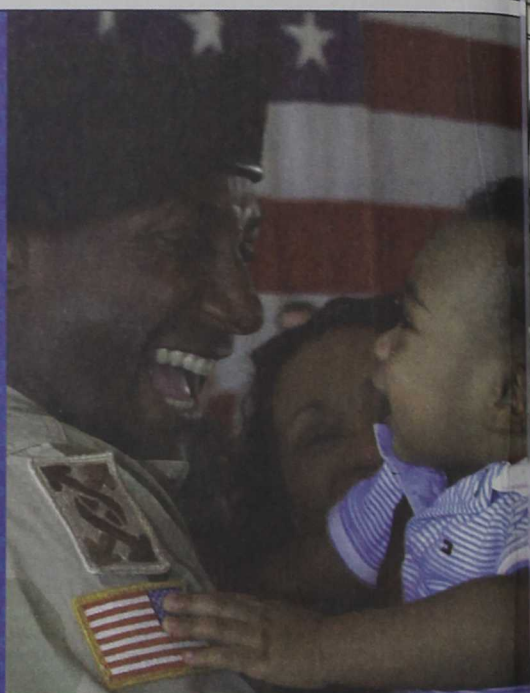
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## Negotiations ongoing find missing POWs

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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Senior officials from Laos and the United States held talks this week reaffirming close cooperation in the mission to account for missing Americans from the Vietnam War.

The U.S. Department of Defense and Laos' Ministry of Defense closed the discussions with officials from the Defense Prisoners of War and Missing Personnel Office. He stated that he considered the United States and Laos to be one team with the same vision, working to carry out the same mission.

The discussion began a two-day visit to assess Lao operations, address the efforts of the Lao government in an archival research initiative begun last year, to express appreciation for strategies to help create the accounting efforts in Laos.

In addition to new levels of assistance in archival research, Laos has worked cooperatively with the United States over the past year in areas such as: giving U.S. teams more flexibility to conduct investigations and excavations; investigating cases requiring close coordination between the United States, Laos, and Vietnam; refining the Lao unilateral investigation program; and enhancing the safety of American and Lao personnel by streamlining medical evacuation procedures.

While in Laos, the team spent a day and a half in northern Laos where specialists from the Joint Service Casualty Accounting Command are seeking to determine if any American remains. United States officials led the "one team" concept being put into practice at levels during their visits to the Ta-oy base camp as well as to several excavation sites.

Weather and terrain in the area have made the joint search even more challenging. Workers at one of the crash sites scaled almost 90-degree slopes in their search for clues for the missing. Six poisonous snakes were found at one site, and various unexploded ordnance, including 500-pound bombs, were scattered throughout the sites. Despite the hardships, morale among the almost 50 Americans and more than 100 Lao was high, and the work in the field was clearly benefiting from the close cooperation and flexibility. The DPMO officials praised the work of both the U.S. specialists and their Lao counterparts.

The U.S. delegation departed Laos March 18. Of the 1,836 Americans missing from the Vietnam War, the remains of 375 are believed to be in Laos. At the end of the war, 194 Americans have been accounted for from Laos.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans from all conflicts, visit the DPMO Web site at [www.dtic.mil/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo), or call 703-699-1169.

## Veterans Affairs

# Vets Centers offer grief counseling

### Families that have lost service members can enroll in program

DONNA MILES  
Special to THE GLOBE

WASHINGTON — In an unprecedented expansion of its traditional client base, the Department of Veterans Affairs is offering grief counseling to families of service members who die while on active duty.

VA's Office of Readjustment Counseling offers the counseling services at its 206 community-based Vet Centers throughout the United States, including Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Greg Harms, program analyst for the counseling program, said 412 military family members - from spouses to children to siblings, parents and even grandparents - have taken advantage of the program as they struggle to cope with the loss of their 276 service members. Most were killed during deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Expanding its services to serve veterans' families represents "quite a leap and a real innovation" for VA, acknowledged Charles Flora, associate program director. But he calls the offering of bereavement counseling to family members "a natural extension of what we

already do for veterans."

Who, Flora asked, is more deserving of VA assistance than families who have sacrificed their husbands, wives, children, brothers, sisters or grandchildren in support of their country?

The program also serves families of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while activated for federal duty.

Some families seek the VA's counseling services immediately after learning of their loved ones' loss, while others wait until later, often after an important milestone such as a birthday, holiday or the one-year anniversary of the death has passed, Harms said.

"Everyone grieves differently. It runs the full gamut," he said. "There are no standard operating procedures for grief."

As a result, services offered run the full range, from one- or two-time visits to weekly sessions, depending on the family member's needs.

Regardless of the level of help needed, the VA service offers all its clients a common variable: a safe, caring environment where a professional bereavement counselor helps them work through the emotional and psychological issues asso-

ciated with their loss.

"They're looking for support, looking for someone they can talk to who will listen and understand," Harms said. "A lot of what people need," added Flora, "is a place where they can sit down, take a breath and tell their story in a calm place where they can put things into perspective."

While all grief counselors are able to provide that service, the Vet Centers provide something many clients call a big plus: More than half the staff at the Vet Centers are veterans themselves who understand the military lifestyle as well as the tremendous sacrifice the families have made.

Counselors go out of their way to respond to families' needs, often meeting with them the same day they're contacted. They keep clinics open late to accommodate families' schedules and network with other service organizations to reach families in need. And in some cases, they even make home visits for families who might otherwise not be able to tap into their services.

"We've made a science of overcoming every obstacle to care," Flora said.

No medical diagnosis is

required to seek help, and services are completely confidential. The only way a counselor can share information on a case is with written permission of the family member. "There's guaranteed clinical confidentiality," Harms said.

Flora said he considers the services the Vet Centers provides grieving military families "a sacred trust" that reflects the VA's commitment to veterans and their families. "We're meeting these families at one of the most traumatic points in their lives and helping to assist the family as it rebuilds itself," he said. "This is sacred business."

Referrals for grief counseling come through military casualty assistance offices, the VA and veterans service organizations. The largest number of referrals comes from TAPS, the nonprofit Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, which offers what Harms calls "incredible peer-to-peer support" but no professional bereavement counseling services.

Families requesting more information or services can also contact the VA's Readjustment Counseling Service directly at 202-273-9116 or by e-mail at [vet.center@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:vet.center@hq.med.va.gov).

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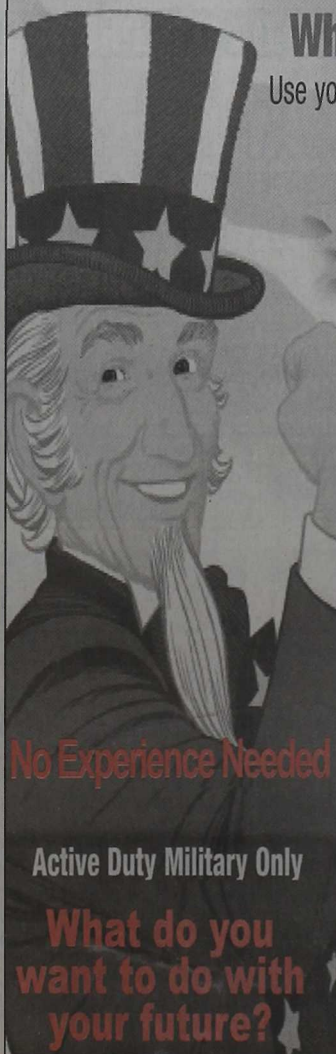
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# On guard against post-traumatic stress

PERRY LOCKHART  
Lifelines

As the recently released *Lifelines* series, *Combat Stresses: Normal Reaction to Abnormal Conditions* points out, suffering trauma is an inevitable fact of life that begins at birth and ends only with death. Our lives are defined by what we experience and how we react to all of the events surrounding us, for better and worse. While we may prefer to travel life's road without hitting the potholes and bumps, it's impossible to avoid all of them.

Bad things do happen on the road to Easy Street. From infancy, we develop coping skills to deal with the flats and fender benders of life. Fortunately, most of our problems are just dings and scratches, requiring only minor repair or a day in the shop. Because they are so frequent, we more or less get used to dealing with them.

But when a major accident happens - a life-threatening, horrific episode that changes your life forever - typical coping skills may not be enough to get you back on the road. In fact, you might not feel the true effects until well after the physical scars have healed.

**Defining Post-Traumatic Stress**

**Disorder and Combat Stress** - Combat Stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder can develop after exposure to a terrifying combat event or natural ordeal. According to the National Center for PTSD, 7.8 percent of Americans will experience PTSD at some point, with women (10.4 percent) twice as likely as men (5 percent). Service members who have seen battle are, of course, even more at risk; it's estimated that 30 percent of Vietnam vets have suffered PTSD and the numbers for more recent combat are still being calculated.

According to the *American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fourth Edition*, PTSD can occur after an event that causes intense fear, horror or extreme helplessness. Such events include:

- Threat of death or loss of physical integrity to the survivor.
  - Death, threat of death, or loss of physical integrity to family or close friends. (In this case, the survivor does not have to be physically present.)
  - Sudden loss of home or community.
  - Seeing another person who has been seriously injured or killed.
- PTSD can develop after you experience a serious accident or injury, a

shooting or stabbing, or sexual or domestic abuse, after the unexpected death of a family member or friend or a child's life-threatening illness, or after you witness a killing or serious injury, endure a natural disaster, or hear about or are exposed to terrorist events.

PTSD can develop within three months of the event, and symptoms last at least a month, but it may be years before symptoms appear - in some cases, decades. Left untreated, it can significantly impair your health, your sex life, your marriage and friendships.

**Symptoms** - According to the American Counseling Association, the first step toward recovery is to recognize the signs. Do you or a loved one have any of these symptoms?

- Re-experiencing the event through vivid memories or flashbacks.
- Feeling emotionally numb.
- Feeling overwhelmed by what would normally be everyday situations and diminished interest in doing normal tasks or pursuing usual interests.
- Crying uncontrollably. (This in itself can be distressing to males, especially military men.)
- Withdrawing or isolating oneself from family and friends, and avoiding

social situations.

- Relying increasingly on alcohol or drugs to get through the day.
- Feeling extremely moody, irritable, angry, suspicious, or frightened.
- Having difficulty falling or staying asleep, sleeping too much, and having nightmares.
- Feeling guilty about surviving the event or being unable to solve the problem, change the event, or prevent the disaster.
- Feeling fear and a sense of doom about the future.
- Many people with PTSD have involuntary flashbacks, obsessive memories, nightmares, or frightening thoughts, especially when exposed to events or objects that remind them of the trauma (something as simple as seeing or hearing a jet fly over, for example).
- Anniversaries of the event can also trigger symptoms. Most people with PTSD try to avoid any reminders of the ordeal.

**Treating PTSD** - Once PTSD appears, the severity and duration vary. Some people recover within six months, while others suffer much longer. Depression, gastrointestinal problems, and other disorders may accompany PTSD and may even

mask the symptoms, so it's important for anyone who has suffered trauma in their life to discuss it with their physician if they're being treated for other illnesses.

When PTSD has been diagnosed, a variety of treatments are available. These include:

- Cognitive-behavioral therapy
- Group therapy
- Exposure therapy, in which patient gradually and repeatedly relives the frightening experience under safe, controlled conditions to help him or her work through the trauma.

Medications to help ease symptoms of depression and anxiety and help promote relaxation are also available. Scientists are studying which treatments work best for which trauma, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. (For example, Zoloft, or sertraline hydrochloride, has been approved for PTSD.)

Education and practicing help techniques. It's never too late to begin treatment if you or someone you know is suffering from PTSD. It may be no quick fix, but facing dealing with PTSD can only help you and all those around you.

## Crash before you drive

Fatigue accounts for 29 percent of traffic deaths in the Corps

JOHN JOHNSTON  
Ground Warrior

It has to be one of the most unenviable experiences you ever have experienced while driving. The road is long, dark and endless. After working all day, you've crawled into your warm car and are headed home. You're tired, and the CD player isn't holding your attention; as a matter of fact, neither is anything else.

You have been driving for the last two hours but haven't seen a convenient place to pull over, and you have only enough money for gas. Suddenly, you lose your focus, and your head tips forward. You have loose, disconnected thoughts.

Then, suddenly, you realize you have driven several miles without really remembering it - about the same time you feel a jolt from the car running off the road. The bump and sound of gravel hitting the bottom of your vehicle makes you realize you have drifted off of the road. Your panic causes you to over correct. The car sails back across the road from which you just came. Sound familiar?

Driver fatigue on the road can be a killer. Marine Corps statistics show 60 Marines died while riding in personal motor vehicles from Oct. 1, 2001 through Sept. 23, 2002. Ten of these fatalities (17 percent) involved driver fatigue. Between fiscal years 1999 and 2001, 138 Marines died riding in PMVs, with driver fatigue accounting for 29 deaths (21 percent). In one mishap report, a lance corporal was speeding down a road when he lost control of his vehicle, and it left the road and hit a tree. He died on impact. Another lance corporal was driving fast and fell asleep at the wheel. He hit a reinforced concrete pole, killing a passenger and himself. Fatigue was a factor in both cases.

Which groups are at risk for fatigue driving? Based on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash data along with survey

and focus group research, several groups of drivers are most at risk. These groups include young drivers; male drivers; and persons who work long hours, nontraditional work schedules, or rotating shifts. Also included are commercial drivers, persons who have been drinking or who have taken certain medications, and persons with undiagnosed sleep disorders. All drivers are at risk in certain situations - for example, when driving long distances without rest breaks.

Driver fatigue happens frequently on long trips, especially at night. One cause of fatigue is alcohol consumption. Alcohol is a depressant, and a driver doesn't have to be drunk to fall asleep at the wheel. Even one drink can be enough to cause fatigue. Another cause of fatigue is the nature of modern-day driving. Most cars have comfortable, cushioned seats in a quiet, carpeted, temperature-regulated environment. Many cars also have cruise control. Most major roads have been developed so that sharp curves, hills

and bumps have been eliminated.

Additionally, dull landscapes, the droning of tires and engines, and the repetitive pattern of telephone poles, fences, and highway lane markings can lead to a dangerous effect known as "highway hypnosis," which can numb a driver's senses and slow reaction time.

Fatigue behind the wheel is a real hazard to Marines. Working long hours and traveling long distances without conducting an Operational Risk Management assessment of your travel plans can put you in a life-and-death situation. The National Safety Council offers these tips for staying awake while you are driving:

- Get seven to eight hours of sleep the night before a trip. Get enough rest and don't start a trip late in the day. Long-distance driving is hard work, and you need to be fresh and alert.
- If possible, don't drive alone. Passengers can take turns driving and serve as observation partners to keep you awake.
- Avoid long drives at night. The glare of lights, both on

your dashboard and outside your car, increases the danger of highway hypnosis.

Adjust your car's environment so it helps keep you awake. Keep the temperature cool, with windows open or, in the summer, with air conditioning. Don't use cruise control.

Watch your posture. Drive with your head up and your shoulders back. Legs should not be fully extended.

Take frequent breaks - at least once every two hours, take a 15-minute break. Get out of your car, walk around, and stretch. Exercise fights fatigue.

Stop for light meals. Drink juice or water.

Avoid eye fatigue during the day by wearing sunglasses to fight glare.

If fatigued, find a motel or a safe, guarded rest area and sleep.

Safe driving demands your full attention. If you feel tired, plan ahead for what you are going to do. The actions you take may not just help you stay awake; they might help keep you alive.

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MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Press Release

Many years, Marine Corps Community Services has been programs to military members that increase their quality of life. Many of those programs are free, or substantially less than those in the civilian sector. The fees for those activities are covered in part by MCCS retail activities. If a Marine were to leave the Marine Corps, thus re-entering civilian life, then he/she would discover how costly it is to maintain the same quality of life while on active duty.

For example, fitness centers at Camp Lejeune are free, whereas in the civilian world a membership to a civilian fitness center will cost \$100 to \$200 per year. In addition, if the individual desires a personal trainer, then at least \$40 per hour can be added to the membership. One can expect to pay for childcare and group exercise too. MCCS offers free access to racquetball courts, tennis courts, baseball fields, running track, cycling trails, and a fitness trail. A Marine who golf will be shocked when going to join the local club in his hometown. One can expect the cost for golf club membership to be 60 percent more than what it costs at Paradise Point Golf Course. Not only the cost can be an issue, but scheduling a tee time is often a challenge during the busy times.

At Camp Lejeune, there are two courses which allow more golfers to play at one time, thus providing a much better chance for a Marine to play when his/her schedule permits. The bottom line is that a golf course provides a lower cost and more convenience, plus it is well-maintained!

When a Marine wants to shoot pool, he does not have to pay a fee and the location is close as pool tables are located in MCCS recreation centers. The charges at civilian pool halls are considerably more. MCCS recreation centers are prime locations for this activity so house computers with free internet service, plus free TV. One would be hard pressed to find these services at these prices in the civilian world, including popcorn!

At a movie theater, one can expect to pay for refreshments. At Camp Lejeune, refreshments are included in the movie fee. As we all know, a family of three can easily enjoy a \$30-\$35 an outing to a movie theater. Camp Lejeune's Base Recreation Center can help you stretch your budget by offering that same movie refreshments for much less.

As summer is coming and swimming lessons are a must for children, MCCS offers swimming lessons at a much lower cost than the civilian world. Plus, you can be a member of a country club or fitness club that offers swimming classes most of the time requiring membership. The Aquatics Center at MCCS offers not only swimming classes but also more specialized instructional classes (prices vary) to be a lifeguard, water instructor, lifeguard instructor, and swim coach. Aside from all classes, the Aquatics section offers free water aerobics and running fitness classes. When the outdoor pool opens in May, you can take your family for a swim and pay a low fee per day or you can buy a season pass, for you or your whole family, at a very low price.

These are just a few examples of how Camp Lejeune offers free or low-cost services, and programs to Marine Corps families. Do not let these opportunities pass you by as you take the time to enjoy all these services and facilities. Participating now will enhance you and your family's quality of life, something you may not be able to enjoy to the fullest once you become a civilian.

# Classes teach money management

LANCE CPL. SKYE JONE  
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. — Living paycheck to paycheck is a way of life for many Marines. In fact, 90 percent of the population lives this way, according to Tom Graneau, financial management counselor, Marine Corps Community Services.

Graneau teaches the fundamentals of check writing in personal finance class, which is open to all personnel aboard the station at the MCCS counseling center. The two-hour course answers the question, "Are you controlling your money, or is your money controlling you?"

Money goes in and money goes out. It provides food, shelter, clothes and transportation. According to Graneau, a Temecula, Calif., native, "As long as you're living, you need money. Therefore, money is, in fact, life."

Many Marines use their paycheck to get by for two weeks and wait for the next one to do the same, all without thinking about future financial problems such as potential purchases, incurred debts and retirement funds.

"I spent my first enlistment living in the moment and not thinking about the future. Instead of saving, I kept withdrawing," explained Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Cross, non-destructive inspector, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11. "I didn't see the long-run picture, like having a nice house or car. Now, I am paying for the choices I made earlier in my life."

According to Graneau, it is not too late to turn a seemingly hopeless financial situation into a bountiful one.

"I have a lot of sergeants major and other high ranking service members who come to me and say that they wish they heard these things when they were 20."

Each service member receives two paychecks a month that can be used to save money for the future. The government gives out pay for the time a service member invests, explained Graneau.

"Dollars translate into life. Before retirement you need to work, making it vital to plan for your future now," said Graneau. "If you do not save now, your paychecks won't be able to pay for everything when you are older. That's when people look for solutions, because they can no longer pay for all of their expenses."

Many people have debts and bills to pay but neglect to pay their savings account. Graneau advises that the account be treated like a bill.

"I used to have a lot of debts and I didn't manage my finances correctly," said Lance Cpl. Eddie Castillo, CH-46 helicopter mechanic, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165. "Now I am trying to use the resources here and change my lifestyle to accommodate savings into my financial plan."

Graneau explained that the rich will get richer and the poor will continue to get poorer because money makes money. This makes it imperative to start building money now, not later.

"Each paycheck should be divided into three areas: bills, savings and fun," said Graneau. "You need all three to create a truly successful plan."

For example, if a corporal made approximately \$1,300 each month and

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Leathernecks with 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, recently searched several houses in the western part of the city for a man they suspect is a member of the jihad group Jaysh Mohamed, connected with producing improvised explosive devices and has been linked to several IED attacks.

### DIVISION CONTINUED FROM 1A

The ISF has also shown success in this joint stabilization and security effort, confiscating IED making materials: several pounds of explosives, cell phones, cell phone batteries, batteries, spools of wire and blasting caps. They also confiscated various types of insurgent propaganda, to include leaflets, posters, newsletters, and videos.

"Our main effort since our arrival in Al Anbar is to accelerate the training and partnering of the emerging Iraqi Security Forces," explained Chase.

He stated that the ISF provided what they call "eyes and tongues" allowing US forces to discern foreign fighters and strangers. "Most importantly, they are able to interface with the locals and get information Iraqis might be unwilling to share with US personnel for fear of repercussions from the terrorists."

Chase made clear that we would remain true to our promise to the Iraqi people; saying, "We will stand with them until their forces are ready to stand alone and can protect themselves from those that fear a united Iraq."

The 2nd Marine Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Richard A. Huck, are continuing to work with the people of the Al Anbar Province to bring about peace and prosperity in Iraq.

All the battalions currently serving with the division here have previously deployed in support of various operations around the globe to include, Afghanistan, Haiti, the Horn of Africa or here in Iraq.

"Having served for over 32 years, every day I grow prouder of our Marines," Chase said. "In Iraq, just as in every other 'clime and place,' these selfless men and women continue the mission regardless of the challenges or danger."

### HELLAND CONTINUED FROM 1A

population, ... and maybe prevent him from moving into available safe havens."

Together with Coalition Task Force 150, Helland said, the CJTF is stemming the flow of terrorist activity in the Horn of Africa.

"CJTF 150 is on the seas in the Gulf of Aden," he said, working to stem the flow of smuggling. "We work with them on a daily basis," Helland said. "We share information. ... We provide support when necessary. We protect their ships when they come into harbor, and we work with them across lines of communication."

As one example of success, Helland cited maritime interdiction. "Two years ago, we started out with no coast guard capability in Yemen," the general said. "Since that time, we've been able to put two ships into Aden — one a German ship, the other one, British. And the price of insurance in Aden itself has gone down three times - just because of the presence of the coast guard that we trained."

Helland said the possibility always exists that al Qaeda may have been in the Horn of Africa "either visiting, trying to recruit, trying to proselytize, to spread their ideology, or gain support for their mission," but he couldn't place al Qaeda in the region definitively.

"With the increase in stability and security in Afghanistan and Iraq, Helland said al Qaeda has "to move around."

He pointed out that this worldwide network without boundaries uses surrogate terrorist organizations and local criminal elements who have the pipelines or the capability to move drugs, explosives, or weapons around the area.

Helland said the Global War on Terror will be "a long fight, a generational fight" and that the United States and its coalition partners must stay engaged, maintain a presence ... and "keep building that trust, that confidence, and the credibility of those nations in the Horn of Africa, so we can continue to prosecute this war against terrorism."

### DRIVE CONTINUED FROM 1A

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Besides much of the financial help and nutritional programs the society provides, other services are also offered at no cost, said Kelly.

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## SPORTS

# It's official: baseball camp rocks

### Youth baseball camp ushers in the start of a new season

BRIAN BERGER  
Lejeune Sports Editor

“We focus on basic fundamentals, catching, hitting... We're all out here to have fun over spring break.”

- Marti Martinez

The annual cataclysm of sunny days and school being out in the first days of spring can mean only one thing: baseball season has arrived.

With spring break in full swing and a few balmy days last week, area youngsters grabbed their mitts and headed to Tarawa Terrace for Marti Martinez's annual Spring Break Baseball Camp.

The camp is divided into a morning session for the younger children and an afternoon session for older children.

Judging from the game being played by the 8 and 9-year-olds Thursday afternoon, Martinez's baseball prodigies will be well-prepared for the coming baseball season.

Hitting was powerful with several of Martinez's pitches sent flying into the outfield, and the batters were well-versed in maintaining eye contact with the pitch and waiting for their ball.

In the outfield, players knew their positions and made smart defensive decisions, while batters in the dugout engaged in banter.

“Does anybody know how to hot wire a car?”

“Sure, you just need to...”

“Well, how am I supposed to do that without my dad's tools?”

One could imagine a similar conversation taking place in the Red Sox dugout.

The Major League Baseball season opens this week with the dark cloud of a lingering steroid controversy hanging over it, but here in Jacksonville the baseball season opens with an emphasis on having fun, competition, and improving fundamental skills.

“We focus on basic fundamentals, catching, hitting,” Martinez said.

Martinez, a retired Marine, has coached the camp for four years, in conjunction with youth sports.

A teacher at Dixon High School, he brings a wealth of coaching experience that includes working with girls and boys soccer, football and basketball.

At the baseball camp, Martinez gets assistance from coach Glen Davis, who recently led Lejeune High School to the state championship game in boy's soccer.

Sergeant Major Jimmy Blair also assists with the camp and has been doing so for several years.

On Thursday, catching duties fell to Kawain Harrison, who's son Jordan was par-

ticipating in the camp.

“I played baseball my whole childhood and decided to help out,” Harrison said.

“We're all out here to have fun over spring break,” Martinez said.

“We want the kids to enjoy the camp and go away with a good learning experience.”

The unanimous consensus among the players in Thursday's afternoon game was that “baseball camp rocks.”

“It's good. I like it,” said Kevin, 9, with teammates Chris and Brad nodding in approval.

“Baseball camp is awesome” and “baseball camp rocks” was the verdict reached by Jordan, Mitchell, Shane and Brian.

Players including Tommy, Jaquavius, Jared, Talon, Forest and Tristan noted that the camp was fun and exhausting, but was teaching them how to “play baseball correctly.”



Steve Berger

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# Fifty years later, the legend of the Golden Greek lives on

BRIAN BERGER  
Lejeune Sports Editor

*It had been a long plane ride from Boston to Camp Lejeune, N.C. for Georgia Agganis. She was 71-years-old now, dressed in black on a warm summer day. She was heading for a ceremony where her son, Harry, was going to have the baseball stadium at the Marine training center named for him. Oh, how she wished he could have been here to see it.*

—from *The Golden Greek: An All American Story*

When Harry Agganis' mother came to Lejeune for the dedication of the baseball stadium here on June 19, 1956, he was a household name. You had to see him play to believe it, the old-timers say, like the current generation might say fifty years from now to their grandkids about the on-field Houdini-acts of Michael Vick or Barry Sanders, or Bo Jackson and Walter Payton.

Agganis, born on April 30, 1930, was nothing less than a legend in his own time and is still considered one of the best athletes ever to come out of Massachusetts.

An All-American first baseman and quarterback, the two-sport star was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the World Champion Cleveland Browns to become Otto Graham's eventual replacement.

A clean-living member of the Greek Orthodox Church, by all accounts Agganis was a man of humility and dignity, beloved by his teammates, a hometown hero from Lynn, Massachusetts who never let the fame go to his head, and a devoted son to his widowed mother. He was, as the late Ted Williams said, an “All

American, on the football and baseball field and in every way.”

Harry's feats on the football field were so amazing, that crowds of 20,000 would turn out to watch him play high school games at Boston's Manning Bowl in the years following World War II. He received 75 college scholarship offers from around the country and Notre Dame's Frank Leahy proclaimed him “the finest prospect I've ever seen.”

Despite efforts to recruit him from the top colleges in the nation, Harry elected to stay close to his mother and chose to attend Boston University.

In 1949, his sophomore season, he averaged 5.4 yards per carry, accounted for 17 touchdowns and led the nation in punting with a 46.5 yard average.

“He was sensational at shaking off tacklers, shedding them like a duck sheds water,” one report noted at the time.

He also had 15 interceptions that season and played nearly 60 minutes a game. The Boston University newspaper noted that the only thing Agganis didn't do was call penalties.

When September fell in Boston in 1950, the B.U. football program was on the verge of cracking college football's elite and earning a major bowl game bid, and Harry Agganis was poised to lead them there. But half a world away, American troops had been fighting the North Koreans since July and Harry, who had joined the Marine 2nd Infantry Organized Reserve Battalion in 1948, after high school, was about to be called up.

“The services had called into duty many well-known athletes who were reservists,” Nick Tsiotis and Andy Dahilis noted in *The Golden Greek: An All*

*American Story*. “Quantico, a rival of Camp Lejeune, had stacked its baseball and football teams with All-Americans, including...quarterback Eddie LeBaron.”

Jim Landrigan, a football star from Wakefield, Mass. stationed at Lejeune advised Camp Lejeune football coach Bruno Andruska that Quantico already had a star quarterback and he should try to bring Agganis to Lejeune.

Sure enough, that fall Agganis arrived at Lejeune as a private, had a regular tour of guard duty and basic training, but was primarily on base to play sports. Crowds of civilians began to swell when the team took the field as word spread of the scrambling Greek quarterback with a gun for an arm.

With Agganis, and a surrounding cast that included other great athletes like Wally Williams and Minnie Minihan, Lejeune rolled to an 87-0 win over Turner Air Force Base, a 55-7 victory over Bolling Air Force Base, and a 27-13 win over Ft. Jackson.

Lejeune lost that year to Quantico, a team stacked with numerous All-Americans, but Harry continued to impress his fellow Marines with both his on-field brilliance and his character off the field.

“He never smoked, never drank, and I never heard him use a word of profanity,” said Tech

Sergeant Florio Sampieri. “Watching the Golden Greek play was a great thrill to me. The kid was great.”

“He was such an inspiration and you really looked up to him,” said Gerald Solomon, a 19-year old stationed at Lejeune in 1950. “You were proud to be a Marine because he was one.”

That spring, Agganis led the Lejeune baseball team to a 72-17 record, batting .362 against teams with pitchers who had played major league baseball.

Harry received a dependency discharge and returned to B.U. in the fall of 1951, just days before the start of the football season. He would be named an All-American that season.

Harry closed out his college football career in the 1953

North-South Senior Bowl, playing 59 minutes, throwing two touchdown passes, intercepting two passes and winning Most Valuable Player honors.

Drafted by the Cleveland Browns and offered a then-record contract deal, a stellar and lucrative career in football seemed certain, but Harry chose to stay by his mother and accepted a less lucrative offer to play baseball in the Boston Red Sox organization.

After one year excelling in Louisville, Agganis was called up to the Majors in 1954. In the Sox home opener, he smashed a triple deep into the outfield that would

have been a home run if he hadn't been forced to slow down for the runner in front of him.

His second season had all the makings of being a breakout year for Harry, who was hitting .313 despite being hospitalized for 10 days in May with a bout of pneumonia. He returned to the Red Sox and played reasonably well after getting out of the hospital, despite fatigue and incessant coughing. Agganis' batting average continued to improve and he was hitting the deep ball consistently.

But on June 2, Agganis returned to the hospital. He was diagnosed with pneumonia in his right lung—the first time he was hospitalized it was in the left lung—and it was complicated by phlebitis, a swelling in the leg.

He would never leave the hospital.

On June 27, 1955 while attempting to stand for the first time in weeks, the blood clot in Agganis' leg broke free and shot into his lung, blocking blood flow and causing significant pain.

Doctors worked frantically to save him, to no avail. Harry Agganis had died at the age of 26.

Before he died, Agganis pulled a nurse close and whispered, “Take care of my mother... be sure she is alright.”

“Today is a black day in sports,” sports broadcaster Bob Gallagher announced on Worcester's WNAE radio. “How great would he have been? He might have gone on to break, set or tie many major league records... but as a man, he couldn't have been greater.”

Tens of thousands turned out to pay their last respects. Ted Williams cried. He was not alone.

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# Blue Jays reliever learned team-first attitude in the Corps

ONCE A MARINE

JOHN GUNN



Justin Speier, a Marine Reserve veteran, knows all about taking one for the Toronto Blue Jays team. So it's on with the show for the would-be closer who had the rug pulled out from under his feet, *CBS.SportsLine.com* reports.

The Jays flip-flopped to decide that Speier would not be given a shot at being the closer, that they were yanking Miguel Batista from the starting rotation and tabbing him "The Man" in the ninth.

It was a bitter pill for Speier, who termed the closer role "a dream of mine to do for a whole season," but he swallowed it all the same.

"It was disappointing, I had my mindset that I was going to be the closer so it was disappointing to hear," Speier said. "But I'm a team guy and I'll take the ball for manager Gibby [John Gibbons] whenever he wants me to take the ball. I believe that Gibby knows what's best for this team and I have all the faith in him as the manager and I'll take the ball from him regardless of the situation. They said they feel they were going to be a better team with Miguel in the bullpen, so I'll take the ball whatever. I love to pitch with the game on the line."

At this stage of his career, "there's only so many chances you get on any team to shine, to be put into one of the more vital and celebrated roles in the game," said *CBS.SportsLine.com*. Out in the bullpen, the closer is king. Speier, who will make \$1.9 million this year and \$2.25 million in 2006, knows it.

"I felt it was a great time in my career to get

that opportunity for that," Speier said. "But I'm just going to go out there. Nothing changes. I'm going to prepare myself for the season the same way. I'm going to pitch with the same frame of mind regardless of whether it's the 8th or 9th inning."

Once his job was taken away, the Jays didn't bother to throw him the bone of telling him he'd be the main set-up guy in the eighth.

"We didn't discuss it that far," Speier said. "They just said that Miguel was going to be the closer."

In an age when athletes rarely buy the team concept ahead of their own self-interests, "Speier is something of a throwback," *CBS.SportsLine.com* said.

"It goes back to my Marine Corps days; it's team, unit, Corps, God, country," he said. "Your team comes first and Gibby feels this is the best situation for the team that makes us better, so I agree with him. If this makes us better as a team, then that's all that matters. It has nothing to do with me or what I want."

What he wants is situations like he encountered in a 7-3 exhibition victory over the Red Sox. He came on in the third inning with two out, the bases full and struck out former teammate Dave Berg.

"I always liked pitching under intense situations; I just enjoy it a lot," he said of his afternoon's work.

Speier attended the University of San Francisco and Nicholls State (La.) and was a 1991-95 reservist. Father Chris has been a major-league player and coach. A right-hander, Speier is age 32, stands six feet four inches and weighs 205 lbs. He debuted in the majors May 27, 1998 and has a 22-18, 4.40 ERA career record from 336 games, 399 innings pitched, 17 saves and 335 strikeouts.

Mr. Gunn is an independent journalist and retired intelligence officer who has written two books about Marines and football.

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Major League Baseball

**PEORIA, Arizona (AP)** — It's only spring training, but Seattle Mariners star outfielder Ichiro Suzuki is hitting the baseball everywhere again. He was leading the Cactus League with a .531 average and 26 hits, best in the majors, going into the weekend.

With a sixth-inning triple on Friday against Kansas City, Suzuki stretched his hitting streak to all 15 of his spring games, tying a Mariners record set by Ken Griffey Jr. in 1989.

After a historic season last year, when Suzuki broke an 84-year-old major league record with 262 hits, fans on both sides of the Pacific Ocean are eager to see what he'll do for a follow-up.

Can he become the first .400 hitter since Ted Williams batted .406 in 1941? Maybe he can challenge Joe DiMaggio's record 56-game hitting streak set that year. Suzuki was jokingly asked if he can hit in all 162 games.

"If that happens, I'll quit baseball," he said through a translator, returning serve with a playful laugh.

Not only did Suzuki make history with 262 hits in 2004, breaking George Sisler's 1920 mark, but his 46-hit margin over runner-up Michael Young of Texas (216) was the largest difference ever.

Suzuki became the first player with at least 200 hits in each of his first four seasons, and his 924 hits from 2001-04 set another major league mark for a four-year stretch. His 225 singles were also a record.

Oh, and he hit .372 for his second American League batting title.

So what's next? Unfortunately for the curious, it goes against Suzuki's nature to dive into forecasts.

"Those things occur so far ahead, and I really can't see that far ahead," he said. "I've really got to focus on what I'm doing right now. Of course, as a hitter, you want to get hits. There are ways of getting hits."

"That's the fun part," he added. "Every at-bat is different."

But what about a .400 season?

Suzuki won't touch the question, explaining that he's only committed to what's immediate. He'll allow, however, that his strong hitting stems from minor changes he made last July, widening his stance slightly to about 16 inches (40 centimeters).

It's vintage Suzuki, as his new manager has found.

"His hand-eye coordination is great," Mike Hargrove said. "But probably the biggest thing Ichiro does is he knows himself. He stays within his boundaries. I don't know if I've ever run across a more disciplined hitter."

If anyone today could challenge DiMaggio's 56-game streak, then, you'd have to think it would be Suzuki. Too bad Suzuki doesn't share that belief.

"A 56-game hitting streak? I don't think of that, not at all," he said. "I don't even think I've reached halfway there."

Just how good is Suzuki right now?

He's within reach of spring training club records for batting average (.491, Edgar Martinez, 1996) and hits (35, Carlos Guillen, 1999). After a 2-for-4 night against the Los Angeles Angels last week, Suzuki's average actually dropped from .579 to .571.

He even drew an intentional walk, rare in spring games. Seattle led Milwaukee 2-0 with one out and runners on the corners on Thursday when Brewers manager Ned Yost decided it was safer to take the bat out of Suzuki's hands.

"You just can't bad-pitch around him," Yost said. "I know it's only spring training, but if you try to bad-pitch around him, he'll slap it through a hole and all of a sudden it's 3-0."

On Friday, Kansas City lefty Brian Anderson fanned Suzuki on a check swing, his first strikeout in 50 plate appearances this spring. Any hitter probably would take that kind of ratio.

Not Suzuki.

"When you get a bad result, of course you're disappointed," he said.

Don't forget that Suzuki, after all, set a Japanese League record in 1997 with 216 plate appearances before striking out.

"But I wasn't too happy to do that," he said.

-Tim Korte, Associated Press

**KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP)** — Eddie Perez couldn't contain his excitement. Nor did he try.

As the primary catcher for Greg with the Atlanta Braves from 1996 to 2000, Perez cherishes memories of his role as four-time Cy Young Award winner. Not one to make off-the-cuff comparisons, Maddux, but after the four-inning start Tuesday, he couldn't resist. "I like him," said a beaming Perez.

"He knows what he's doing. He balls over the corners with every pitch. It reminds me a lot of a young Greg Maddux."

The giddy comparison isn't so far-fetched. In fact, it's part of the Braves' game plan for 2005.

General manager John Schuerholz looking for another Maddux-like stopper, he traded pitchers Juan Cruz and Dan and outfielder Charles Thomas to Oakland on Dec. 16. The move came about the same time the team announced closer Smoltz was moving back into the rotation.

Suddenly, the Braves again have top ace starters atop the rotation, the kind of down pitchers that Maddux, Smoltz and Glavine gave the team through most of the 1990s.

Hudson was Maddux-like in allowing hits and no walks to the Mets. He has a two runs in nine innings this spring, though missed one start with a stiff back.

Glavine was pitching for the Mets Tuesday's game.

"He's one of the guys everyone in baseball looks at as being the next wave of great pitchers," said Glavine of Hudson. "He certainly has all the tools to do it."

Hudson capped his day by hitting a home run off Glavine.

"It was cool," Hudson said, "being a part of his growing up."

To Glavine, Hudson is part of baseball's next wave. But Hudson, 29, is a veteran major league seasons. With a 92-39 record, his .702 career winning percentage is the third-best all-time for 100-or-more seasons.

Hudson ranks among baseball's top five in wins, innings pitched and ERA for the last five years, but a strained left oblique muscle led him to a modest 12-6 record last season. He had his second AL All-Star team but was the disabled list and couldn't participate.

The Braves have lost in Game 5 of the season playoffs in three straight years. Last season, Chipper Jones says having Hudson and Smoltz atop the rotation should make a difference if the Braves make a 14th straight playoff appearance.

"The last two years we've gotten to the fifth game of the division series and he's been the face of the franchise," Jones said. "It's not easy. You have to have a pitcher who will wear them down and hold them in for two runs. That's something we've missed."

"We haven't had a one and two starter type out and match with those studs. Now we have it."

Hudson said the stiffness he felt on the side of his back this spring was not related to last year's injury.

"I'm just getting old," he joked.

Hudson signed a four-year, \$47 million extension last month that will keep him with the Braves through 2009. He says he's below market value so he could be close to home.

Hudson and his wife, Kim, have two daughters, Kennedie and Tess, and their child is due in April. Hudson is building a house in Auburn, about a two-hour drive from Atlanta. His parents also live in Auburn.

"My biggest problem this year is going to be finding enough passes for everybody to come home," he said.

Born in Columbus, Ga., Hudson attended Glenwood High School across Chattahoochee River in Phenix City, Ala. He played baseball at Auburn University where he was Southeastern Conference Player of the Year in 1997, making the All-SEC team as a pitcher and an outfielder.

With Oakland, Hudson didn't have to bear the burden of being the team's only ace. Teammates Mark Mulder and Barry Zito shared the load, and he says he'll have similar security in Atlanta with Smoltz, Maddux and Glavine and Smoltz had here those years.

"If you're on a staff with a lot of guys who are just average, you aren't going to be motivated to elevate your game."

Perez says Hudson, like "Mad Dog" Maddux, is better than average.

"I caught Doggie for years," Perez said. "This guy is not much different than Doggie."

-Charles Odum, Associated Press

# Mexico keeps U.S. winless, taking World Cup qualifier 2-1 at home

WILL WEISSERT  
Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico topped the United States 2-1 in the Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Football World Cup qualifying group on Sunday, and upheld its 71-year unbeaten record at home against the Americans.

Prolific striker Jared Borgetti and Antonio Naelson scored four minutes apart in the first half, and the United States could only reply through Eddie Lewis in the 59th, the near U.S. goal in Mexico since 1984.

Mexico made up for the Americans' superior size by out-hustling the visitors on both sides of the ball, said Mexico coach Ricardo Lavolpe.

"We were always taking the initiative," said Lavolpe, who received a congratulatory call from President Vicente Fox. "For 90 minutes there was only one team on the field."

Mexico had implored its fans to be patient after only one win against the Americans in the last eight matches, and they had little to worry about as the home side dominated.

"We took the field strong and used our advantages to get a win we needed," Borgetti said.

Francisco Fonseca advanced from the right corner to draw the defense and left the ball for Salvador Carmona, who fed Jaime Lozano. His headed cross found Borgetti just in front of the

left post, and Borgetti's own header beat U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller in the 30th.

"It was a play where we were pushing for a goal that we executed well," Borgetti said. "It was an important first step."

With the U.S. defense still unsettled, Cuauhtemoc Blanco laced a looping pass to Borgetti, and he headed a cross to a streaking Antonio Nelson, who had little trouble besting Keller one-on-one from 11 yards out.

The deafening and rapidly nationalistic celebrations in 100,000-seat Azteca Stadium, at near capacity, didn't stop when Lavolpe was expelled for arguing in the 41st minute. He received a standing ovation from many while being escorted off the field.

U.S. captain Landon Donovan controlled the ball and drew pressure from inside the box before flicking to Lewis, who shot around Carmona and just inside the right post to cut the lead in half in the 59th.

But that was as much as the United States had to offer for the rest of the half, as Mexico pinned the Americans on their heels.

U.S. coach Bruce Arena said the 7,200-foot altitude hurt his team, even though it prepared in the mountain air of Colorado.

"Our players shut down the last 15 minutes of the first half, and that cost us the game," he said. "They were completely done at the 30-minute mark, obviously recovered a bit at half-time, and were able to play a little bit better in the second half."

The Easter Sunday win ended Mexico's recent futility against the United States, the Americans entered with a 6-1-1 record against their southern neighbors, allowing just one goal in the last seven matches. It also ensured Mexico was still an impregnable fortress to U.S. soccer, with 22 wins and one draw since 1934.

"When they got the first one in, I think we just died a little," Donovan said. "I would like to play them anywhere but here."

The result also helped the home team earn partial revenge for a 2-0 loss to the U.S. team in the second round of the 2002 World Cup, a game in South Korea that shattered Mexican fans' pride.

Mexico also ended both the Americans' 16-game unbeaten streak overall and their 31-game streak without a loss to regional rivals.

"The team is happy with the win but we don't have much time to celebrate," said Rafael Marquez, the Mexican captain.

Mexico leaves on Monday for Panama, where El Tri play their next match on Wednesday.

The crowd booted the U.S. national anthem and a spattering of fans chanted "Osama! Osama!" before play started and shortly after Lewis' goal.

About 100 people gathered for a peaceful celebration near Mexico City's Angel of Independence monument following the game. A few tried to burn a small American flag but ended up trampling on it.

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## Local Sports Roundup



attalion, white, and Naval Hospital-A, blue, battled down to the wire last week. In the game featuring two of the league's top teams, 2d Supply man- on for a 64-61 victory when the clock expired. The teams will meet again April 18 in a game that could have significant playoff implications.

### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Record
Naval Hospital-A	6-0
10th Marine Regiment	6-0
Ammunition Company	2-0
4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade	4-2
Brig Company	4-2
Customer Service Desk	4-3
2d Supply Battalion	3-3
1st Marine Regiment	3-3
Headquarters Group	1-5
Headquarters Group	1-5
Headquarters Group	1-6
Headquarters Group	0-6

In the final seconds and with a chance to tie, Naval Hospital-A fought valiantly to tie the game and send it into overtime, but 2d Supply Battalion played tenacious defense and didn't let their guard down with time still on the clock.

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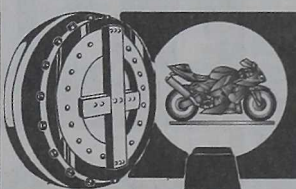
### BASEBALL CONTINUED FROM 1B

"I learned how to hit without striking out," Chris said. In the morning session for younger kids, Friday featured a special treat. Practice was halted, and the camp participants were awarded t-shirts and awards to recognize their successful completion of the camp. Participants in last week's baseball camp will head into the approaching season with important knowledge and skills, including improved abilities at the plate and in the field.

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# Illinois' Weber headed to first Final Four

JIM LITKE  
Associated Press

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ill. (AP) — He was the last guy to find a good end when the music stopped. And the people who said Bruce Weber was lucky back then likely to change their tune now, especially after his Illinois staged one of the craziest comebacks in NCAA tournament history.

The Illini overcame a 15-point deficit with four minutes left, it still eight with 1:03 in regulation, to beat Arizona 90-89 in the Saturday night.

"It just seemed like we were dying," Weber said. "When we hit the first 3 and we got a couple of steals ... I'm not sure what happened after that. I know Deron got the last one. After that it was just a blur."

"I think it's a game that will be shown many, many times. I'm glad it happened to us and I," he added, "wasn't on the other side."

There was a sense that Weber already got the break of a lifetime two years ago when the highest-stakes coaching game of college basketball ended with new bosses running three of the country's top hoops programs. It began with Roy Williams leaving North Carolina, followed by Bill Self's sudden departure from Illinois to the Jayhawks, which created the vacancy at Weber stepped into.

It wasn't like Weber hadn't paid his dues. He was Gene Taylor's assistant at Purdue for nearly two decades, watching his former boss never quite make the Final Four, finally leaving head coaching job of his own at Southern Illinois in 1999. It was Weber four years to drop the "Southern" from his resume, to an unlikely trip to the Sweet 16 with those Salukis in the upset Bob Knight and Texas Tech, then Georgia in the national final just a few miles from this place in downtown Jeffersonville, with Illinois athletic director Ron Guenther in the house. In the wildly popular Self bolted for Kansas, Guenther played coach and handed Weber the keys to his program.

The Illinois engine nearly ground to a halt as Weber suspended

ed three key players, including Saturday night's hero Luther Head, just a few weeks into his first season. A barely concealed longing for Self grew so troubling at one point last year that Weber put on a black suit and staged a mock funeral for his predecessor in the middle of the Illinois locker room.

And then just weeks ago, Weber had to attend a real funeral. His 81-year-old mother, Dawn, died after suffering a ruptured aorta on her way into the arena to watch her son coach in the Big Ten tournament quarterfinals.

That was one of several memories that came flooding back a moment after a jumper by Arizona's Hassan Adams bounded off the rim.

"It's everything. The kids, my mom," and here Weber paused, struggling to keep his composure. "The two people I wish were here were my mom and dad. They sacrificed a lot to get me to this position."

"I thought about Coach Keady, too, and wished he could be here. To be honest, I wish he could have had the chance to go. I'm not sure I deserve it. I think he deserves it."

"But we're going to do the best with our chance," he added, his voice growing stronger, "and make a run at the national championship."

Earlier in the afternoon, Louisville became the next roadblock in Illinois' path by staging a furious comeback of its own against West Virginia. And just like the matchup against Arizona's Luke Olson, some people will question whether Weber belongs, and some others will feel obligated to point out that he did it riding the backs of kids that Self recruited, especially the guard trio of Head, Williams and Dee Brown.

But those people should remember that Self never took this crew past the Elite Eight, where he got sublimated by Arizona, and he couldn't make the Final Four with a handful of blue chips inherited at Kansas from Williams.

Fittingly, it was one of those kids, Jeff Ingram, who played for Self at Tulsa and followed him to Illinois, that removed any doubt about who this team belongs to. At a shootaround the day after the funeral for Weber's mother, he brought his coach to tears by saying, "I just wanted to thank him for coming here today and being able to coach us and lead us."



Agganis, a Marine and an All-American on the gridiron, was drafted by the Cleveland Browns.

## LEGEND CONTINUED FROM 1B

"A character such as Harry Agganis never dies," Boston Mayor John Hynes said. "He is perpetuated in the hearts of everyone who admires a good man."

Today, the name Agganis lives on in the numerous scholarships and awards that bare his name, and a new arena at Boston University.

"I played in the Agganis All-Star Game as a high school football player," Mike Eruzione, captain of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" hockey team said. "People to this day argue that Harry was the greatest athlete to ever come out of the Boston area. There's a feeling here about him that's like Ted Williams. People just had so much respect for him. He was a Marine, a Red Sox player and an honest kid from Lynn that brought something special to the table other than just being an athlete."

Outside of New England, though, few people know the name and even fewer know about the man behind the name.

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To learn more about Harry Agganis, read *The Golden Greek: An All American Story* by Nick Tsiotis and Andy Dabilis, Hellenic College Press.

# Close to Final Four, Mountaineers return as heroes

JOHN RABY  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The 3-pointers came at a record pace. A few more have gotten West Virginia to the Final Four.

Lead of second-guessing could have happened in a overtime loss to Louisville in the NCAA regional finals, the Mountaineers savored their fourth run and were scheduled to start on home Sunday as heroes.

Team that was on the brink of making the tournament had three weeks ago had a berth for the first time in 1998 and made its best since Jerry West's 1959 run to the national title.

But next season also marks the beginning of a tougher Big East that welcomes Louisville, Cincinnati, Marquette and DePaul. That certainly will make it more difficult for West Virginia

to earn one of the conference's NCAA tournament bids.

After what happened since early February, anything is possible.

"We could be in a situation next year where we are struggling and back on the bubble again," Beilein said. "I completely expect that is going to be like that because our league is so difficult."

Whether the coach will be back is a more pressing question. When he took the job in April 2002, Beilein said he planned to stay in Morgantown "for a very, very long time, as long as WVU will have me."

Lately, though, his name has been floated as a candidate for the vacant job at Virginia.

Beilein and WVU athletic department officials deflected talk about his job status last week to concentrate on the tournament.

"I don't have any thoughts, other than I have a contract with West Virginia and I plan on coaching there," said Beilein, who is signed through the 2009-10 season.

One thing is clear. He did a splendid job in 2004-05.

There was the 10-0 start, including wins over ranked teams George Washington and North Carolina State. There was a puzzling loss to Marshall that started a five-game losing streak.

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Date: Thursday, April 14, 2005  
Time: 7:00AM to 3:00PM  
Place: Goettge Field House, MCB Camp Lejeune  
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This annual event is sponsored by the contracting divisions for Marine Corps Base and Marine Corps Community Services Camp Lejeune, the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Center of Coastal Carolina Community College, the Small Business Technology Development Center of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, the General Services Administration, and the North Carolina Military Business Center.

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**NEW MEMORIAL**  
The Maine National Guard's 1st Infantry Unit is honoring the 100th anniversary of the unit's formation during their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at W.P.T. Field on March 23 at 10:30 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony is scheduled to be held at George Field.

**FINANCE**  
The U.S. Congress passed the Uniform Time Act in 1986 in an effort to standardize energy use and reduce the demand for electricity by lighting our homes. Daylight Saving Time is connected to the sun. We go to bed and get up. Daylight Saving Time "makes" the sun one hour later and reduces the period between sunset and sunrise by one hour. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour Sunday.

**AWARDS**  
The National Military Family Foundation is accepting nominations for the Very Important Patriot Award. The recipients are active or retired service members of the seven United States Armed Services and their family members. The award is given to recognize exceptional volunteers whose contributions have improved the quality of life for military and civilian family members. Nominations accepted until April 15. Visit [www.nmff.org/vip](http://www.nmff.org/vip).

**YOUR SLOGAN**  
The Federal Voting Assistance Program has announced its biennial voting slogan contest. Slogans should express the importance of voting or inspire voters to vote. There is no limit on entry submissions, but only one slogan is selected per submission. For more information on how to submit and the information needed, logon to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**EMPOWERING WOMEN**  
The month of March is Women's History Month. In recognition of the achievements women have made in building our nation, preserving freedom, and promoting equality, a ceremony is scheduled for Friday at Mess Hall No. 9 on Camp Lejeune Road from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-5372.

**PROTEST MARINE**  
The Marine Corps is looking for motivated Marines and their families to help the Marine Corps explore commercial and civilian opportunities. The next contest call here is scheduled for Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Building 62. For more information, call 451-7433.

**SAVINGS PROGRAM**  
The Thrift Savings Program, beginning July 1, will allow contributors to change their investment options at any time versus the usual biannual open seasons. For more information, go to [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

**PEL CHOR TO SING**  
The U.S. Naval Academy Chapel Choir is scheduled to perform at the Base Center April 23 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 451-7433.



## Quick Notes

### MEMORIAL

A Marine honorary unit is honoring Marines who lost their lives during their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at W.P.T. Field on March 23 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony is scheduled to take place at Goettge Field.

### CHANGE

The U.S. Congress has passed the Uniform Time Act of 2005 in an effort to save energy. Energy use will be reduced by turning off lights and unplugging electronics when not in use. Daylight Saving Time "makes" the day one hour later and reduces the period between sunset and sunrise by one hour. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour Sunday.

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### EMPOWERING WOMEN

The month of March is Women's History Month, a recognition of the achievements women have made in building our nation and preserving freedom. A luncheon is scheduled for March 31 at Mess Hall No. 9 on Lane Road from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-5372.

### POSTER MARINE

The Marine Corps is looking for motivated Marines to be the next Marine Corps poster commercial and advertising opportunities. An email casting call here is scheduled for Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Education Center in Building 62. For more information, call 451-7433.

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The Thrift Savings Program, beginning July 1, now allows contributors to change their investment options at any time versus the usual biannual open enrollment periods. For more information, go to [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

### PEL CHOR TO SING

The U.S. Naval Academy Chapel Choir is scheduled to perform at the Base on Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 451-3878.



Gunnery Sgt. Arthur Avitia II, Civil Military Operations Center operations chief, 5th Civil Affairs Group, (center) checks ID cards March 26, while Chief Petty Officer Joe Segar, Navy Seabee project manager (left), waits to escort an interpreter and an Iraqi.

## Reserve Marines reach out to Fallujah

CAPT. JULIANNE H. SOHN  
5th Civil Affairs Group

**CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS CENTER, Fallujah, Iraq** — The line of local Iraqis sometimes stretches to the main street in front of the Civil Military Operations Center, but the Marines, soldiers and sailors here do their best to address their needs.

Gunnery Sgt. Arthur Avitia II, a Flagstaff, Ariz., resident and the CMOC operations chief, 5th Civil Affairs Group, greets everyone at the door with a smile. "I'm like the ramrod during working hours," said Avitia, 40, who is a Reserve Marine and an Arizona Highway Patrol trooper. "I greet people at the hatch, direct them to meetings and set things up. I kind of do a little of everything."

The CMOC is a hub of activity on most days. It is a meeting hall for local leaders, an identification badge center

and a venue where residents go for help. Recently, it was the site of the first compensation payments for those whose homes were damaged during Operation Al Fajr.

"There are important meetings going on here with people trying to govern their city," said Avitia, who has spent a total of 22 years in the Marine Corps. "It shows how important the CMOC is to help rebuild the city."

Avitia supervises the day-to-day operations at the CMOC and works with Marines like Lance Cpl. Jacob H. Rodrigues-Pereira, a Springfield, Va., resident.

Rodrigues-Pereira, who joined the Marine Corps due in part to Sept. 11, is one of the Marines who provides security for all the people using the compound.

"We get to have a lot of interaction with the local Iraqis," Rodrigues-Pereira, who majored in economics at

See FALLUJAH | 2C



Lieutenant Col. William M. Brown, Civil Military Operations Center director, works on his computer.

## Policy requires Marines to sign pledge

JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

**ARLINGTON, Va.** — With the Marine Corps facing a spike in off-duty accidents, all Marines must now sign a pledge promising to be safe before going on leave.

"Essential to our mission, I pledge to maintain my commitment with a constant display of honor and professionalism," reads the pledge. "I will plan ahead, minimize risks to my safety and return from leave prepared to continue the fight."

The new policy, announced in a Corps-wide message, also will require immediate supervisors to swear they are confident their Marines will carry through on their promise.

The idea, officials say, is to raise safety awareness, help Marines remember they're Marines 24-7 — even while on leave — and highlight accountability.

"This forces the onus of responsibility down to the individual Marine, holding him or her accountable for their actions," said Lt. Col. Brad Cantrell, a top Marine Corps safety officer.

The new leave pledge comes after 55 Marines have died in off-duty mishaps over the past 12 months.

"The toll these accidents have taken in lives and on operational readiness was a major topic of discussion" among a recent gathering of general officers, according to the policy message, signed by assistant commandant Gen.

W.L. Nyland.

Returning from the meeting, Marine Forces Atlantic commander Lt. Gen. Martin Berndt tasked five of his Marines to come up with an idea that might help curb the problem.

Taking a page from the playbook used by high schools to fight prom night drinking, the four corporals and a sergeant crafted the leave pledge.

"We wanted something that would make Marines think," said Cpl. Terrence Harrell, one of the five tapped by Berndt. "Everyone knows when your name is on the bottom line, you've got to stand by it."

Harrell said he couldn't forget a buddy on Okinawa, Japan, who was nearly killed a few years ago in an off-duty car accident during a 72-hour pass when a drunken driver slammed into his car. The only reason the Marine survived, Harrell said, was because he remembered to wear his seat belt. But many forget.

Safety briefings now have become so commonplace, he said, for many Marines "it just goes in one ear and out the other. We wanted this pledge to be a wake-up call, not the death of a fellow Marine."

Their pledge was so well received by the brass, Marine Corps commandant Gen. Mike Hagee decided to adopt it Corps-wide.

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## Base newspaper wins award; keeps public informed

CPL. ELSA M. PORTILLO  
Marine Corps Base

Camp Lejeune's base newspaper, THE GLOBE, won first place as the metro format newspaper in this year's Division of Public Affairs Merit Award program, according to Marine Administrative Message 140/05 March 23.

THE GLOBE will go on to compete against first place winners of the other armed services in the Department of Defense's Thomas Jefferson Awards, which will be judged by the Defense Information School, Fort G. Meade, Md., April 19 and 20.

THE GLOBE relies on many counterparts in order to publish an informative and newsworthy paper every week. THE GLOBE staff uses stories from combat correspondents both here at Camp Lejeune, which includes Marines Corps Base, 2d Force Service Support Group, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, the 22d,

24th, and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units, and 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), and from all across the world wherever Marines are stationed.

However, this network of combat correspondents did not always exist. During the battle of Wake Island, the Marine Corps realized the public was not receiving much news and found it a necessity to create an organization that would fill the need for media coverage in combat zones, according to the United States Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association's Web site.

This realization led Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig to be called out of retirement by Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, the 17th Commandant of the Marine Corps, to begin establishing the Department of Public Relations. Denig, along with Maj. George Van der Hoef and 1st Sgt. Walter J. "Joe" Shipman, led the effort and created a recruiting program aimed at professional reporters and photographers. Shipman

made his way to numerous major newspaper publications, radio stations and Hollywood studios and with the consent of the producers and editors enticed seasoned journalists, photographers and broadcasters to join the ranks of the Marine Corps.

Shipman was offering these experienced civilians the chance to receive combat pay and the rank of sergeant upon completion of recruit training; however, his efforts were so successful in recruiting from the Washington D.C. area that the President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Holcomb to direct his men's efforts outside the area.

The effort began in 1941 with the creation of the Department of Public Relations, yet the recruiting campaign was not made well known outside of the immediate community until June 6, 1942 with the Associated Press' article entailing the prerequisites for recruitment.

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## Budget concerns lead to closures

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI  
Marine Corps Base

Marine Corps Community Services has scheduled to close the Base Stables April 1 because keeping it open was no longer cost effective.

During the last year, MCCS has been forced to evaluate the services it provides, and as result, made the painful decision to close the Base Stables.

"We confirmed the closing of the Base Stables in February of this year," said H. Wayne West, deputy assistant chief of staff for MCCS business development. "We found it cost more to keep the stables open and running than they were producing."

The stables, along with more than 23 horses, ponies and their equipment, will now be sold to private owners through a closed bidding process. Attempts to find a private company to run the stables were made; however, they came up unsuccessful.

"We tried to contract it out," West said. "We put a [request for proposal] on the street to get somebody to run the stables. We only had one bid."

The stables were renovated just last year and are available for private horse owners and boarders.

"We're looking at working with the boarders as a private organization to run themselves," West said. "They have to fall under base regulations, but there is no payment [to MCCS]. They [would] pay for everything and charge their own fees."

West said the organization would be able to use the barn and the grounds, but they would be responsible for upkeep, feed and rental of the base tractor.

The stable's headquarters building will not be available for the boarders, as MCCS is interested in renting it out as an event hall. According to West, the building could be used for birthday parties, promotion celebrations or as a community center.

"The base can never have enough facilities for all the different ceremonies and meetings held," said West.

West stressed that cutting the funded Base Stables program was a long-term financial decision unrelated to recent deployments to Iraq and other sites.

"If Marines weren't deploying, we would still need to do this," West said.

The closure of the stables leaves the Camp Pendleton stables as the only full-service stable on a Marine Corps installation.

"For me personally, I think it's a sad day," said Sam Dixon, stable manager. "This was a major part of the quality of life here."

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Sam Dixon

### Individual Merit Award winners

Category G:  
Commentary, First place: Sgt. Paula M. Fitzgerald

Category V:  
Combat Reporting, First place: Sgt. Paula M. Fitzgerald  
Second place: Cpl. Shawn C. Rhodes  
Honorable Mention: Capt. Eric Dent  
22d MEU

Category W:  
Combat Camera, First place:  
Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks, 22d MEU

Category I:  
Television Feature report, Honorable Mention: Cpl. Lana Waters, Marine Forces Reserve (now stationed on Camp Lejeune)

# Crime Stoppers to raise funds today

CPL. SHARON E. FOX  
Marine Corps Base

The Jacksonville/Onslow Crime Stoppers, an organization that has assisted the Naval Criminal Investigation Service in the capture of military fugitives and helped keep the streets safe for both Marines and civilians, is selling tickets to its annual barbecue fund-raiser.

The fund-raiser is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday in the Jacksonville Mall parking lot. All proceeds will be used for the Johnathan C. Fulcher Scholarship and the basic law enforcement training achievement award that the organization gives away each year.

The tickets are \$5, and the meal includes barbecue pork, baked beans, cole slaw and hushpuppies. Deliveries can be made to any location where 10 or more dinners are purchased.

Tickets can be purchased at the Jacksonville Police Department, the Daily News and Sam's Quality Furniture. For more information, call 347-4007.

"Crime Stoppers is a great organization," said Staff Sgt. Robert C. Jadwin, physical security chief at the Provost Marshal's Office here. "They help keep the surrounding military and civilian community safe, especially for our loved ones."

Anyone with information about a crime can contact Crime Stoppers at 938-3273. Callers may remain anonymous.

## AWARD

CONTINUED FROM 1C

Participants had to complete the same six-week training as all Marines and afterwards were assigned to combat units and carried an M1 rifle and their tool of the trade — a Swiss Hermes typewriter. The combat correspondents went on to spread the Marine Corps story by recounting events at various locations during World War II and writing about the personal struggles Marines overcame to help one another.

Not only did many Marines die in defense of this nation, but many correspondents died in that same effort while trying to boost the morale of the American public and inviting them into the world that Marines lived in at the moment.

The combat correspondents of World War II continued the careers they had prior to serving and were later recalled to participate in the Korean War. This time other Marines from various military occupational specialties were now allowed to become CCs, and after this war the Marine Corps no longer sought after journalists and photographers from their civilian environments. The Marine Corps was now looking to shape Marines into correspondents, not the other way around.

Experienced correspondents created a uniformed military journalism course. The MOS further developed with the creation of the Navy School of Journalism which is now the Defense Information School. The school trains CCs from all the services and international military service members, too.

The Defense Information School not only teaches service members how to write for print and broadcast formats and take photographs, along with other various media specialties, but also how to accommodate civilian media which became more prevalent in the explosion of the media platform that began during the Vietnam War.

Reporters are now regularly embedded with combat units and work among combat correspondents. This interaction gives Marines a look at the deadlines and agendas of civilian media and in return allows civilian reporters a glimpse into what Marine CCs are all about — sharing the Marine Corps story in hopes of boosting morale and educating the public about the efforts of their fellow brothers in arms.

This effort began with reporters becoming Marines and later Marines becoming reporters, and in this ever-changing environment, Marines and civilian media now work together to share the job of informing the public. What transformation combat correspondents will make next is unknown; however, one thing is for certain. Marines have and will continually adapt and overcome the situations put before them.

## POLICY CONTINUED FROM 1C

"The implementation of this policy will further emphasize the importance of safe and professional conduct by all Marines, both on and off duty, and is a vitally important tool for improving safety awareness and preserving overall combat readiness," Nyland wrote.

## THE LEAVE PLEDGE

**Marine:**  
I, (Rank, Full Name), recognize the contribution I make to my fellow Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines of (Unit Name), my brothers and sisters throughout the Marine Corps and Marines and Sailors deployed in defense of freedom around the world. Essential to our mission, I pledge to maintain my commitment with a constant display of honor and professionalism.

I will plan ahead, minimize risks to my safety and return from leave prepared to continue "the fight."

(Signature of Marine)

## Supervisor:

I, (Rank, Full Name), have confirmed that (the requesting Marine) has an acceptable plan for leave and fully understands the valuable contribution every Marine makes to our nation. I am confident that he/she will take the necessary steps to minimize risks and bring honor to our Corps and country while enjoying this well deserved break from the daily routine. I recommend approval.

(Signature of the first Marine in approval chain)

## FALLUJAH CONTINUED FROM 1C

George Mason University prior to deploying with 5th CAG. "We get to meet the movers and shakers."

Like most of the Marines at the CMOC, Rodrigues Pereira said he enjoyed working here.

"I think everyone is learning a lot out here," he said. "I'm even learning a little Arabic."

The Marines get lessons in Arabic by interpreters like Raad Yousif, 49, a Baghdad resident. Interpreters facilitate the

work between the Marines, soldiers and sailors at the local Iraqis.

"We can't go the next step until we work together," said Yousif, who learned English by watching movies.

And that is what Lt. Col. William M. Brown, CMOC director, 5th CAG, is working to build.

"The people of Fallujah wouldn't come here if they didn't think we would listen, help them and keep the safe," said Brown, 40, a Milford, Conn. native.

Brown is responsible for all the CMOC does and

fails to do and his biggest focus is on safety for those in the building and being available to the locals.

Iraqis have a clear sense of structure because everyone belongs to a tribe and so if someone wants something done, they go straight to the chief, said Brown.

"We want them to have direct access to me, because they understand our rank structure," said Brown, who spent about seven years on active duty and is now a reserve Marine and assistant U.S. Attorney.

And many people do come to Brown to help

solve problems and things done.

He attends all the meetings and works with the local Iraqi commanders such as lawyers, judges and mental officials to Fallujah.

But before all that, the local Iraqis to come through the door where Avitia works like a traffic cop at with the Marines CAG.

"The CMOC is point," said Avitia, brings together people to rebuild the city."

# Corps struggles to limit accidents

JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

Marine Commandant Gen. Mike Hagee is charging all Marines to do more to reduce accidents — both on duty and off.

Less than halfway through the fiscal year, the Corps already has failed to meet accident prevention goals in one category: tracking to go over in the rest, Hagee wrote in a recent Corps sage.

"We have a responsibility to become actively engaged in preventing the reckless and thoughtless behavior that leads to mishaps. We need to take charge and assume responsibility for managing risk and preventing future mishaps," wrote Hagee.

In what he called a midyear recap, Hagee said the Corps is struggling to reduce "Class-A Mishaps," safety-speak for accidents that result in a fatality, permanent total disability, or \$1 million or more of total property damage.

Among the goals and where the Corps stands so far:  
• **Off-duty** - Goal: 32 Class-A accidents or less. So far: 21.  
• **Ground operational** - Goal: 10 or less. So far: 15.  
• **Aviation** - Goal: 7. So far: 3.

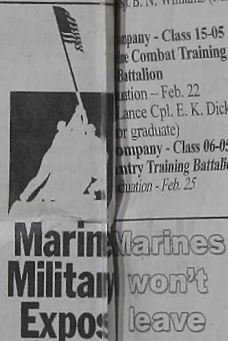
"By far, our greatest challenge is preventing vehicle mishaps both on-duty and off-duty," wrote Hagee.

"At headquarters, we use mishap numbers and rates to gauge our success at mishap reduction," wrote Hagee. "However, it's not just about reducing mishap numbers and rates. It is about leadership and taking care of each other as Marines."

"New policy requires Marines to sign safety pledge before going on leave," by Jon R. Anderson. Published in the Europe Stars and Stripes on March 23, 2005. Used with permission by Stars and Stripes, a DoD publication. © 2005 Stars and Stripes.

# Marine South 2005 Exposition

More than 3,000 Marines and civilians are expected to see air and ground equipment currently in service and equipment now being developed for tomorrow's Marine Corps. The exhibits of more than 110 leading defense contractors are expected this year and will be staged at the Base's Marston Pavilion, April 6. Marine families are invited to attend the exposition from noon to 3 p.m., April 7.



# Off-limits establishments

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| Easy Money Catalog Sales         | 233-F Western Blvd., Jacksonville       |
| Fantasies                        | 4951 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville    |
| Illusions                        | Richlands Highway, Jacksonville         |
| Jacksonville Speedway Auto Parts | 401 Blue Creek Elementary School Road   |
| Playhouse                        | 6568 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville    |
| Pleasure Palace                  | Highway 17, Jacksonville                |
| Private Pleasures                | 5527 Highway 258, Jacksonville          |
| Reflection Photo                 | 353 Western Blvd, Jacksonville          |
| Smitty's R&R                     | Highway 17, Jacksonville                |
| Talk of the Town II              | 114 Texie Lane, Jacksonville            |
| Tender Touch                     | Highway 258, Jacksonville               |
| Veterans Affairs Services        | La Miranda, Calif.                      |
| Club Classics                    | New Bern                                |
| Club Liquid                      | 240 US 70 West, Havelock                |
| Five Points Variety Center       | 508 Kilmarnick St., New Bern            |
| Botta Booms                      | 3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville   |
| Carland                          | George Washington Highway, Tabb, Va.    |
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### MCCS ONE SOURCE

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### WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE GROUP

A women's prospective group is available to active-duty females, spouses of active-duty service members, retirees and spouses of retirees to discuss various topics involving behavioral traits which contribute to violent situations and how to recognize good and bad relationship factors and how to handle them. For more information, call Dr. Perlie Jones can be reached at 451-2864.

## Courts-Martial

Lance Cpl. David M. Gorman, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, Training Command, was convicted at a general court-martial of indecent assault and unlawful entry. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 18 months, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to private.

Private first class Scott D. Barrette, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, Training Command, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$3292 and reduction to private.

Private first class Curtis H. Davis, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, Training Command, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence, violation of a lawful order, and wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 60 days, forfeiture \$4,938 and reduction to private.

Private first class Richard B. Phillips, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of larceny. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement

for 60 days, forfeiture of \$1,400 and reduction to private.

Private David J. Fioravanti, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of three counts of violating a lawful general order, wrongful possession of cocaine and marijuana, wrongful introduction of cocaine with intent to distribute, wrongful distribution of cocaine, and wrongful use of cocaine and marijuana. He was sentenced to bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 60 months, and forfeiture of \$3,200.

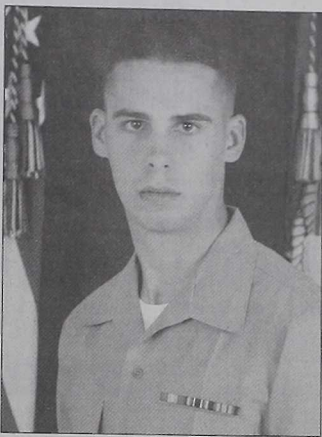
Private Brian M. Kalet, 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of failure to obey a lawful order and two counts of failure to obey a lawful order. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days and forfeiture of \$1,500.

Private Jason D. Goff, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct charge, confinement for 90 days and forfeiture of \$2,469.

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# Milestones

## Individual Recognition



Cpl. T. M. Johnson, Brig Company, was selected as the Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Base Marine of the Quarter.

Corporal J. C. O'Neal, B Company, was selected as the Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

## Daily life | Fallujah, Iraq



A Marine with the Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment takes a break from patrolling to play "peek-a-boo" with an Iraqi child. The unit's Marines and sailors are currently deployed here to provide security and stability to the city's residents.

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### OF INFANTRY

- any - Class 05-05**  
Training Battalion  
Graduation - Jan. 28
- Z. R. Mendenhall (honor graduate)
- J. A. Carter (Marine combat instructor)
- any - Class 12-05**  
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Graduation - Feb. 1
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Graduation - Feb. 8
- R. R. Cole (honor graduate)
- G. Corona (Marine combat instructor)
- any - Class 14-05**  
Combat Training Battalion  
Graduation - Feb. 15
- Cpl. G. R. Zeigler (honor graduate)
- B. N. Williams (Marine combat instructor)

- Lance Cpl. R. Gutierrez (honor graduate)
- Sgt. B. Cain (Marine combat instructor)
- F Company - Class 16-05**  
Marine Combat Training Battalion  
Graduation - March 1
- Pvt. J. Y. Havens (honor graduate)
- Sgt. K. L. Castille (Marine combat instructor)
- G Company - Class 15-05**  
Marine Combat Training Battalion  
Graduation - March 8
- Pfc. A. J. Bai (honor graduate)
- Sgt. A. C. Torres (Marine combat instructor)
- A Company - Class 07-05**  
Infantry Training Battalion  
Graduation - March 11
- Lance Cpl. F. McMellon (honor graduate)
- Sgt. N. S. Stutz (Marine combat instructor)
- H Company - Class 18-05**  
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- Pvt. A. J. Pellerin (honor graduate)
- Sgt. J.G. Turner (Marine combat instructor)

- any - Class 15-05**  
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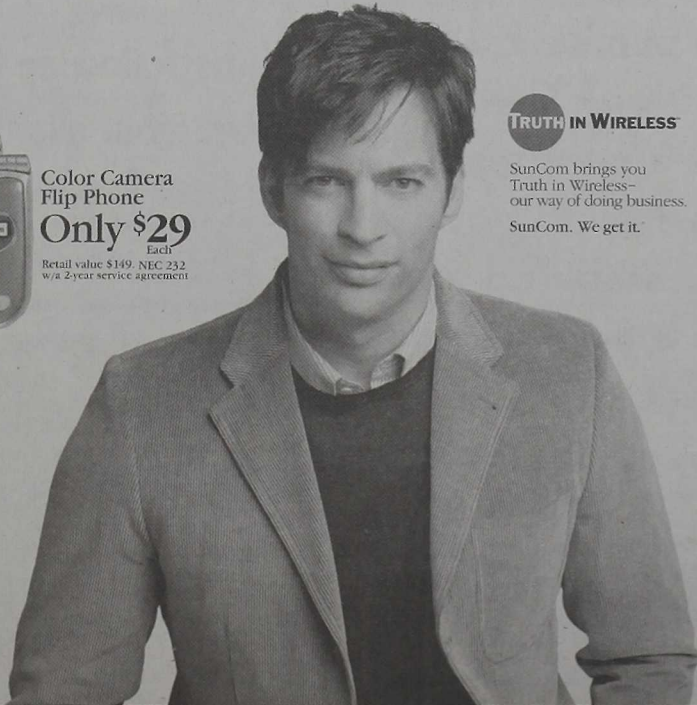
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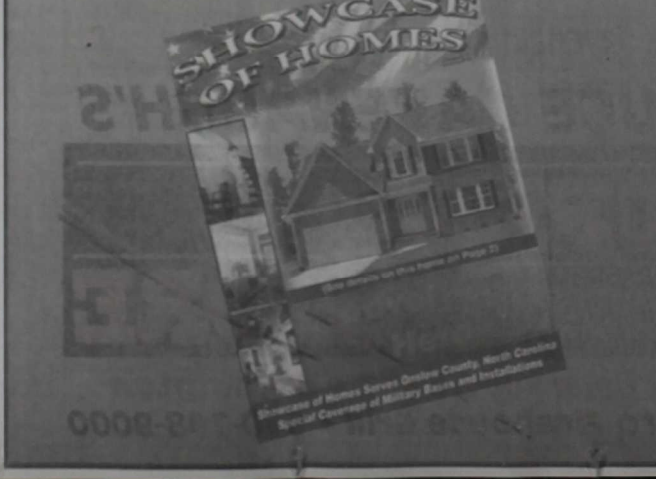
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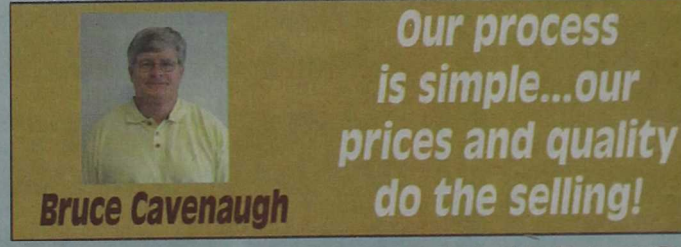
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long programs that will  
include a short lecture on  
the environment and provide  
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on activities Saturday at  
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School cafeteria. The  
program is free to the  
public. For more informa-  
tion, call 347-5332.  
RAISING EVENT  
The Animal Protection  
Society is sponsoring the  
Auction of Fine Arts  
at the Rotary Civic Center  
Swansboro on April 9.  
Proceeds will benefit pro-  
grams such as spay and  
neuter, humane education,  
care of animals and em-  
ployees. For information,  
call 938-2855.  
WALK TO REMEMBER  
"Walk to Remember" to  
prevent child abuse will  
take place April 23 with a  
donation fee. Register at 9  
a.m. in the Jacksonville  
Elementary  
School parking lot. Child  
care will be provided and  
the Fire Dog,  
the Grackle, and  
D.A.R.E. car will enter-  
tain the children. For more  
information, call Cindy at  
3357 or visit  
angelvoices.org.  
CRAFT FAIR  
The Annual Spring Craft  
Fair will take place at the  
Pavilion Saturday  
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and  
Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.  
The fair is free and open to the  
public. For more information,  
call Laurie at 451-2658.  
VOLUNTEERS  
PRECIATION  
April is Key Volunteer  
Appreciation Month. A  
ceremony honoring Marine  
Corps Base KVs will take  
place April 19 at the  
Marine's Club from 6:30 to  
8:30 p.m. For information, call  
42365.  
BOOK SIGNING  
The Marine Corps  
Association Bookstore in  
Jacksonville will host a  
book signing Friday from  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Satur-  
day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The  
book is about the 2nd  
Marine Expeditionary  
Group's Operation Iraqi  
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Marine's Club. Registration  
for the event is free to the  
public. Registration begins  
at 7 p.m. ages 8-13. For  
information, call 938-5317.



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## Camp Lejeune Happenings

### CLUB

Enjoy boating, meet friends and family at the Cape Fear River Boat Show on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Cape Fear Yacht Club. The show is sponsored by the Cape Fear Yacht Club. For more information or to register, call 451-8439.

### RALLY

Pay \$20 to participate in a motorcycle rally April 30, 8 a.m. in the Cape Fear Golf and Country Club. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. For information, call 727-2296.

### READING NATURE PROGRAM

There will be two hour-long programs that will include a short lecture on birding and provide an opportunity for hands-on activities Saturday at the Jacksonville High School cafeteria. The program is free to the public. For more information, call 347-5332.

### RAISING EVENT

The Carolina Animal Protection Society is sponsoring the Auction of Fine Arts and Crafts at the Rotary Civic Center in Lenoir County on April 9. Proceeds will benefit programs such as spay and neuter, humane education, and care of animals and emergencies. For information, call 38-2855.

### CHILD TO REMEMBER

"Child to Remember" to help combat child abuse will take place April 23 with a registration fee. Register at 900 N. Jacksonville Commons Elementary School parking lot. Child will be provided and supervised by the Fire Dog, Fire the Giraffe, and the A.R.E. car will entertain children. For more information, call Cindy at 3057 or visit [angelsvoices.org](http://angelsvoices.org).

### SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Annual Spring Craft Fair will take place at the Trask Pavilion Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call Laurie at 451-2658.

### VOLUNTEERS RECIATION

April is Key Volunteer Recognition Month. A luncheon honoring Marine Corps Base KVs will take place April 19 at the Officers Club from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, call 2385.

### BOOK SIGNING

The Marine Corps Association Bookstore in Camp Lejeune will host a book signing Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The book is about the 2nd Marine Battalion, 8th Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

### FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Want to do something fun and exciting? Try hunting for eggs in the dark! All you need to bring is a flashlight. Win prizes for finding the special eggs this Friday at 11 a.m. at East Creek Park. The event is free to the public. Registration begins at 7 p.m. ages 8-13. For information, call 938-5317.



# Azalea Festival

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HEATHER CARUSO  
Carolina Living Staff Writer

It's the time of year when colorful azaleas burst out of their buds in beautiful shades of pink, red, purple, white and orange announcing the arrival of Wilmington's famous Azalea Festival, celebrating the city's spectacular gardens, culture and rich history.

This annual event features multiple theatrical and musical performances by both locally and nationally renowned artists and a long list of celebrity guests, as well as Wilmington's beautiful gardens and historic homes, slated for the Azalea garden tour.

The town was settled in 1729 and to this day quaint historic houses line the shaded downtown streets that are a part of the historic district's 300 blocks near downtown. Several of these restored homes dating 75 to more than 100 years old have extensive gardens that are open to the public during the festival. Festival-goers can leisurely walk the streets to view the blooms along the historic district or sign-up for a guided walking, horse-drawn carriage or trolley tour which are given year-long.

Downtown will be bustling the morning of April 9 with a 3-hour long grand parade kicking off the weekend of free outdoor entertainment in the greater Wilmington area. Cape Fear River waterfront will be the home of a lively street fair Saturday and Sunday offering interactive exhibits, delicious food, art and craft booths, a children's area and musical entertainment throughout the day and evening, including music from The Katinas, a Christian contemporary group with a unique sound mixture of urban hip-hop, classic Motown and island influenced pop, performing 8 p.m. April 8 on the corner of Princess and Water Streets. Other musicians will perform for free at the street fair on various street corners, including Sarah Mather, a Wilmington native recently featured on *American Idol*.

Saturday, after strolling through the street fair or touring the gardens, position yourself downtown for a spectacular downtown fireworks display scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m.

The festival's board members have chosen to honor the U.S. Marines by asking 1st Lt. Scott M. Swantner to represent the Marine Corps as a member of the Azalea Festival's official party. Swantner served the country twice in Iraq and was wounded on his second tour by an Iraqi grenade near Musayyib, Iraq.

"It was an honor to be asked to do it and be a representative of the Marine Corps," said Swantner. "It shows the patriotism of the city." Swantner will attend various events with the celebrities and ride in the parade.

Celebrities and special guests make up the official Azalea festival party, including Baywatch's Kelly Packard who will reign as the 2005 North Carolina Azalea Festival Queen. Each year a celebrity reigns as queen and participates in many of the festivities with the other celebrities. This year the celebrity list includes Jack "Blackjack" McDowell, former major league baseball player; Frank Capra, Jr., television and film director; John Ward, film writer/director; Ray "Merciless" Mercer, former heavyweight champion and Hilarie Burton and Barbara Alyn Woods, both actresses on the television show *One Tree Hill*.

On April 6, nationally acclaimed country star Travis Tritt will get fans dancing at Trask Coliseum on the University of North Carolina-Wilmington campus with songs from his latest album "My Honky Tonk History" as well as some of his classics like *Here's A Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)* and *Ten Feet Tall and Bulletproof*. Hootie & the Blowfish will sweep in behind Tritt to rock the coliseum once again April 8 with hits such as *Hold My Hand* and *Only Wanna Be With You*.

Tickets are \$40 for Travis Tritt and \$45 for Hootie & the Blowfish and are available by calling 910-794-4651. Both concerts begin at 8 p.m.

There are many more events surrounding the 58th Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival including The Old School Comedy Show at Brogden Hall, The Old School Comedy Show After Party at the Coast Line Convention Center and an amateur boxing tournament with a team from Camp Lejeune. Information about these events and more can be found at [www.ncazaleafestival.org](http://www.ncazaleafestival.org).

LCTV-10 | Guide

7:30 a.m.	Shooting Gallery: ICORE Revolver Meet
8 a.m.	The Morning Report
8:30 a.m.	Air Force News
9 a.m.	Your Corps
9:30 p.m.	Army Newswatch
10 a.m.	The Flying Marines
11 a.m.	Getting into College
Noon	The Morning Report
12:30 p.m.	Pacific Report
1 p.m.	Navy-Marine Corps News
1:30 p.m.	Virginia Is For Lovers
2 p.m.	Pentagon Channel On Assignment
2:30 p.m.	Pentagon Channel Studio 5
3 p.m.	Shiloh: Portrait of a Battle
3:30 p.m.	Shooting Gallery: ICORE Revolver Meet
4 p.m.	The Morning Report
4:30 p.m.	Air Force News
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11:30 p.m.	Shooting Gallery: ICORE Revolver Meet
Midnight	The Morning Report

# Civil War history retold on LCTV-10

LCTV-10

CPL. MATTHEW LYMAN



It's time for another week of outstanding programming on Lejeune Cable Television-10. This week we'll continue to keep you updated with programming from the Pentagon Channel. Navy-Marine Corps News, Your Corps, and Studio 5 are just some of the programs that will keep you in tune with what's happening in the military community.

We'll also continue to keep you informed on what's happening around Camp Lejeune with our very own morning show *The Morning Report*.

Our weather team will also keep you up-to-date about tropical storms, hurricanes and ever-present Carolina rains. So be sure to watch *The Morning Report* live everyday at 8 a.m.

Viewers can stay informed on local area happenings by watch-

ing our message screens and tickers. We keep you on top of sports, national, international, business and entertainment news.

Many people go to college whether they do it before the join the military or after because it's difficult to go very far in today's business world without a degree of some sort. Our program *Getting Into College* outlines a plan to get into college and succeed. Some of the topics covered are: planning your college entrance strategy, how to decide where to apply and how to handle a college interview. College consultants give you a firsthand look at not only how to apply, but how to succeed once you have a plan.

Next on our programming agenda we'll take you back to the Civil War battle of Shiloh. Where the battle took place now stands a National Park, Shiloh National Park. This program was funded by the Shiloh Park Citizens Association and has been seen by millions of people who have journeyed to Shiloh to learn about its rich history. Every year millions of people travel to Shiloh National Military Park to watch

re-enactments of the battle fought between the states so many years ago.

If you are a Civil War buff or just like learning things about our great country, be sure to tune in and watch *Shiloh: Portrait of a Battle*.

LCTV-10 will give you a look into the storied history of Marine Corps aviation in *The Flying Marines*.

This program will show you the air superiority and fierce reputation that the Marine Corps fought to attain and fight to maintain. In World War II the Marine Air Wing took to the skies in their Hellcats, SBD Dauntlesses and Corsairs to do battle with Japanese Zeros in the Pacific. Marines piloted Panther jets in response to Gen. MacArthur's call for air power over Inchon to destroy the enemies' supply structure.

You'll also get to see Marine aviators fly in Vietnam when one of the most dominating fighters, the F-4 Phantom, could be seen streaking across the sky. If Marine Corps Aviation is one of

your interests, you'll want into this fascinating program. That concludes our programming for this week, but time to ask you, the viewer, a question.

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If this sounds interesting please call 451-1239 or e-mail me, the producer, Cpl. McHugh,

patrick.m.mchugh@usmc.mil. And remember, if you or your unit needs to get information on LCTV-10, please log on to [www.lejeune.usmc.mil](http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil).

## What's Happenin'

For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes going on up and down the Carolina coast, check out *What's Happenin'* each week. To add your event, e-mail [ena.bravo@militarynews.com](mailto:ena.bravo@militarynews.com). Space limited to availability.

Thursday 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cloncycle at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>UNCW Ensembles, Jazz Lab &amp; Guitar Ensemble Concert in Wilmington. For information, call 982-3500 or 1-800-732-3643.</li> <li>Cucalorus Festival of Independent Film in Wilmington. For more information, call 343-5995 or visit <a href="http://www.cucalorus.org">www.cucalorus.org</a>.</li> <li>Annual Crimestoppers Barbecue at the Jacksonville Mall - <a href="http://www.shopjacksonville-mall.com">www.shopjacksonville-mall.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distilled Under at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - <a href="http://www.arenasportsbar.net">www.arenasportsbar.net</a>.</li> <li>Eight Foot Stride, Amless, Downslane at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>Perpetual Groove, Loop, Streetlights at Zigg's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.zigggyrock.com">www.zigggyrock.com</a>.</li> <li>Jonny Lang (Acoustic Show) with Keri Holbe at House of Blues in Myrtle Beach - <a href="http://www.hob.com">www.hob.com</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpe Noctem XXXV at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - <a href="http://www.arenasportsbar.net">www.arenasportsbar.net</a>.</li> <li>Ivy League at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>David Allan Coe, Jason Michael Carroll at Zigg's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.zigggyrock.com">www.zigggyrock.com</a>.</li> <li>Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at House of Blues in Myrtle Beach - <a href="http://www.hob.com">www.hob.com</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moonshine Still, Cecil 'Peanut' Daniels, Mood Cultivation Project at Zigg's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.zigggyrock.com">www.zigggyrock.com</a>.</li> <li>Pieces of 8 at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>Faith Collapsing, Critical Assault, Session Nine at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>Jim Brickman in concert - at Sampson CenterStage - <a href="http://www.sampsoncenterstage.com">www.sampsoncenterstage.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autogam at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - <a href="http://www.arenasportsbar.net">www.arenasportsbar.net</a>.</li> <li>Dizzy Reed's, HookersBlow, Guns and Roses Guitarist at Zigg's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.zigggyrock.com">www.zigggyrock.com</a>.</li> <li>Faith Collapsing, Critical Assault, Session Nine at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>Jim Brickman in concert - at Sampson CenterStage - <a href="http://www.sampsoncenterstage.com">www.sampsoncenterstage.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chambered with Ctrl+Alt+Del and the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - <a href="http://www.arenasportsbar.net">www.arenasportsbar.net</a>.</li> <li>COSMIC CHAHE [High Energy Guitar Dead] at Zigg's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.zigggyrock.com">www.zigggyrock.com</a>.</li> <li>Portcity Rock at Silver Judas Deaton at Lucky's in Wilmington - <a href="http://www.luckys-rocks.com">www.luckys-rocks.com</a>.</li> <li>Cole Brother's in the Clown Show from 8-11 p.m. at the Jacksonville Mall - <a href="http://www.shopjacksonville-mall.com">www.shopjacksonville-mall.com</a></li> </ul>

## Positive family films hit the big screen



**REINHILD MOLDENHAUER HUNEYCUTT**

**BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG)**  
*Because of Winn-Dixie* is a wholesome family movie about a lonely child who moves with her father to a small town. She has trouble making friends until a big stray dog befriends her and helps her to meet new neighbors. She also finds some answers about her long-lost mother. Newcomer AnnaSophia Robb stars as India Opal Buloni, a lonely, 10-year-old girl, who adopts a stray pup she named after the supermarket, Winn-Dixie, where she found him. With the help of Winn-Dixie, she makes new friends and uncovers the truth about her missing mother. The bond between her and her special companion brings together the townspeople and helps heal her own troubled relationship with her father. Jeff Daniels (*Gods and Generals, Blood Work, The Hours*) plays her preacher father, Reverend Buloni. Costarring are Eve Marie Saint (*I Dreamed of Africa, On the Waterfront*) as Miss Fanny Block, the town's librarian; Cicely Tyson (*Hoodlum, Fried Green Tomatoes, Sounder*) as Gloria Dump, an old blind recluse the local kids call a witch; and Elle Fanning (*The Door in the Floor*) as Sweetie Pie Thomas. Singer Dave Matthews appears as Otis, a drifter working at the local pet

shop, who sings to the animals while letting them out of their cages. Wayne Wang (*Maid in Manhattan, The Center of the World, Anywhere But Here, The Joy Luck Club*) directed this take on the film adaptation of the Newbery award-winning children's book by Kate DiCamillo. *Because of Winn-Dixie* is a simple, warm-hearted and quite nostalgic and comforting little story for the whole family to enjoy and it is currently playing at the Midway Park theater.

**ICE PRINCESS (G)**  
*Ice Princess* is a romantic comedy by Walt Disney Pictures about an ugly duckling story set on ice. A teenage girl who fantasizes about becoming a champion figure skater must dash her mother's dreams of sending her to Harvard after being offered a chance to train with an elite skating prodigy and her former champion coach. Michelle Trachtenberg (*Euro Trip, Harriett and the Spy, Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) stars as Casey Carlyle who never quite fit in. She is very shy but a brainy science whiz who dreams of becoming a championship figure skater. Now she tries to trade books for figure skates. After using her math skills to pull off a perfect triple, Casey finds herself with a skating coach, a worried mom and a handsome new friend. Casey gets the chance to train with Gen Harwood, played by Hayden



Panettiere (*Racing Stripes, Raising Helen*), and her coach, a disgraced former skating champion who also happens to be Gen's mother. This means that Casey must dash her own mother's hopes in order to pursue her dream. She takes on the challenge of her life when she finds herself competing against the best to make it into the championship circuit and become a real ice princess. Joan Cusack (*Raising Helen, School of Rock, High Fidelity*) stars as Casey's strong-willed single mother who has her daughter on the fast track to Harvard. Kim Cattrall (*Crossroads, Deadly Harvest*) plays Tina Harwood, the coach, and mother of Gen and Teddy, who is running her own skating rink and grooming her own daughter for championship competition. Trevor Blumas costars as Teddy Harwood, the hunky Zamboni driver, Casey's new found friend and only supporter of her dreams. Look for skating champion Michelle Kwan and Brian Boitano as commentators at the skating competition - both have cameos in the film. Director Tim Fywell (*I Capture the Castle, Madame Bovary, Norma Jean and Marilyn*) explores the world of competitive figure skating and throws in the mother-daughter conflicts. *Ice Princess* is an inspiring movie with the focus on how girls and classmates can get along by helping each other. Finally here is an upbeat and positive movie for teenagers. *Ice Princess* is currently playing at the Jacksonville theater. Ms. Huneycutt is the public affairs assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

### Movie gossip, rumors & more

**FATHER KNOWS LESS**  
 Dustin Hoffman will play the role in this comedy about a rich man who gets dumped by his trophy wife and has to contend with being a father for the first time. We predict hilarious scenes of Dustin looking uncomfortable while being hugged by a child. (Variety)

**SAW 2**  
 A 26-year-old newbie director Darren Lynn Bousman, has been selected as the helmer of this sequel, which co-wrote with Leigh Whannell, the writer and co-star of the first flick. (Hollywood Reporter)

**SIZEMORE SENTENCED TO JAIL**  
 Troubled actor Tom Sizemore has been sentenced to 17 months in jail after four months of drug treatment after failing repeated drug tests while on probation. On a separate charge, he was sentenced to further drug treatment. Sizemore failed a total of seven drug tests and admitted using methamphetamine while on probation for a 2002 domestic violence conviction. In our interview, Sizemore wept openly and asked the judge for another chance: "I'm not acting now. I'm not acting. I'm begging. I'm beseeching you. I can't imagine my future without performing." (The Associated Press)

**THE SERPENT AND THE EAGLE**  
 Ron Howard has signed on to direct this historical epic about the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs in Mexico in the 16th century. Brian Helgeland, (*Monument Men*) will rework the screenplay. (Variety)

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Friday	Cursed (1:37)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	Hitch (1:58)	PG-13	9:15 p.m.
Saturday	Because of Winn-Dixie (1:46)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	Hitch (1:58)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	Along in the Dark (1:36)	R	9:15 p.m.
Sunday	Poo's Heffalump Movie (1:08)	G	3:30 p.m.
	Cursed (1:37)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	The Wedding Date (1:29)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Boogeyman (1:29)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Son of the Mask (1:34)	PG	6:30 p.m.

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# L.I.N.K.S. thrives to support wives

HEATHER CARUSO  
Carolina Living Staff Writer

It is a common occurrence to hear the question, "What is your husband's rank?" when you're the wife of a Marine. L.I.N.K.S. answers: "We don't do ranks." L.I.N.K.S. is a class of Marine spouses that provides support and information to all Marine spouses. They don't even have a rank. They just provide information that makes life as a Marine spouse easier. Childcare is provided on site by some of the enthusiastic volunteers during each session.

course, all military spouses are welcomed.

L.I.N.K.S. is a class which Marine spouses can attend to learn about the Corps and how to survive military life. They don't ask you to bring anything or beg you to volunteer. They just provide information that makes life as a Marine spouse easier. Childcare is provided on site by some of the enthusiastic volunteers during each session.

The classes are broken into several different categories and taught by Marine wives who have essentially "been there, done that" and, in some instances, learned the hard way, which is what they want to prevent others from doing. Topics include deployment, the Corps' traditions, change of duty station, military pay and allowance, retiring with the Corps and services available to the military on and off base.

"I've talked to so many people who have said L.I.N.K.S. has made their husbands' deployment so much easier to handle," said Deanna. If a participant's Marine has already deployed, they know the frustrations already. The session will inform them on what has helped others in the past and let them know what services are available. If a participant's Marine is preparing to deploy, L.I.N.K.S. will teach them what to expect.

Even those that believe they are well educated on military life sit through the sessions and learn new beneficial information. One former Marine and current Marine spouse said she went through L.I.N.K.S.

and learned things she didn't even know when she was in the military herself. It's in-depth and practical.

L.I.N.K.S. is equally as beneficial for those newer to the Corps' family. Starr recently married a Marine when she participated in an all-day L.I.N.K.S. session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. earlier this month and is looking forward to an opportunity to help other spouses with the knowledge she gained. "I thought it was going to be a very long day, but it wasn't," she said. "I've learned a lot more today about the Marine Corps than I have in the last two years." She added that she would recommend the program to any Marine spouse.

"We're here for the spouses - cheerleaders for the Marines, but here for the spouses," said Deanna. She wants to help all Marine spouses easily adjust to the military lifestyle and learn to enjoy it as much as she does.

If you believe you are already well adjusted to the Marine Corps, you can still learn information that might impress your spouse and better understand the sometimes out-of-the-ordinary customs in the Marine Corps. It isn't uncommon to walk out of L.I.N.K.S. proud to be a part of the Marine Corps.

For more information, visit [www.mccslejeune.com/link\\_frame.htm](http://www.mccslejeune.com/link_frame.htm) or call L.I.N.K.S. at 451-1299.

## L.I.N.K.S. sessions

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April 12 Regular session	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 23 Saturday session	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 29 Spanish session	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 3-5 3 day MCAS	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
May 17 Regular session	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 24-26 3 day evening session	6 to 9 p.m.

Sessions are located in Building 4025 on Midway Park, inside the chapel. Call for directions to the Marine Corps Air Station New River session on May 3-5. Child care is available on site and lunch is provided for participants in full day sessions.

For more information or to register for a session, call L.I.N.K.S. at 451-1299.

## The green side

Many times L.I.N.K.S. is part of the legwork as units prepare to deploy, but not all organize a unit session. Arranging a unit session benefits the unit as well as the spouses.

"The unit's benefit for having spouses come through L.I.N.K.S. is [the spouse] gains the knowledge needed so they don't always have to call the command," said Deanna, team coordinator for Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River. She encourages units to seek L.I.N.K.S. services when they prepare to deploy or anytime to provide support to the spouses.

Deanna was preparing for a unit session with approximately 70 spouses who signed up to attend. She said the session will answer most of the questions spouses might have as they prepare for their Marines to deploy making everybody more comfortable.


L.I.N.K.S. provides the facility, snacks and all of the material needed, and the unit is in charge of providing cake for the graduation, lunch, a VIP speaker, chaplain and Key volunteers from the unit and childcare. Many units choose to give the Marine the day off to baby-sit so the spouse can attend the session.

Units can learn more about organizing a session by visiting [www.mccslejeune.com/link\\_frame.htm](http://www.mccslejeune.com/link_frame.htm) or calling L.I.N.K.S. at 451-1299.

L.I.N.K.S. gives women the power to be independent and get up and do what needs to be done," said one of the several mentors named

Deanna. She said that you should have a Marine spouse regarding the Marine mission and how it affects the spouse. Before L.I.N.K.S. was established in 1997 by Marine wives, they had to figure out everything on their own. This Marine Corps Family Team Building helps new Marine spouses get used to military nature, not by force," said Deanna. Each session about L.I.N.K.S. and they agreed that the main about the program is the knowledge

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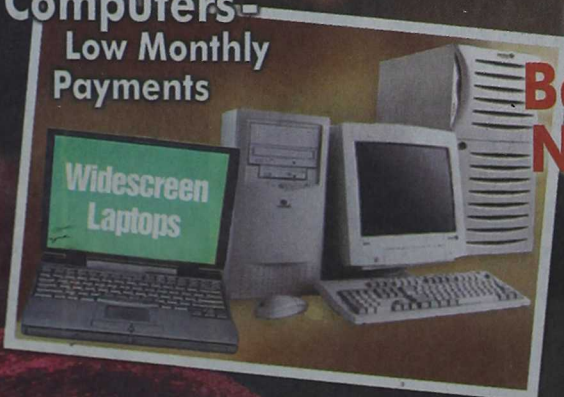
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poral Robert Hampton received the Service Member of the Month award February from the Military Affairs Committee for his outstanding service in Marine Corps. Hampton is an Electronics Maintenanceman and plans to enlist because he has enjoyed so many personal successes in the Marine Corps.



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poral James Johnson accepts a Service Member of the Month award for his noteworthy service in the Marine Corps. Johnson recently received the Marine of the Quarter award and will be promoted to sergeant this month. He plans on becoming a six-year staff sergeant in going to the drill field to mold future Marines.

# Former sailor enlightens veterans

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The word "veteran" is defined as a former member of the armed forces, as determined by Merriam-Webster Online. This title encompasses all former military that served any number of years honorably in the armed forces, whether they defended our country in war or not. Debbie Woleslagle, a former sailor, quickly learned that all former service members don't claim the title veteran after she wrote an essay titled

"Honoring the Veterans" for a Jacksonville Daily News sponsored contest in which she won first place in her division.

"I didn't realize until I wrote the essay that there are people out there who don't consider themselves veterans," said Woleslagle.

There are many instances, especially around Veterans Day and the Fourth of July, when veterans are asked to stand while the public honors them with applause; however, many true veterans don't stand because they don't believe they

earned that recognition. Woleslagle spoke to a lady who served six years in the Navy but never considered herself a veteran until she read the essay.

"Anyone who served honorably in our armed forces is a veteran. Not everyone decides to serve. We are in the minority; the minority that served our country," Woleslagle said.

Below is the essay that has touched the hearts of many who have read it, and made many service members realize they too are veterans.

## "Honoring the Veterans" by Debbie Woleslagle

With a lump in my throat, I arose from my seat. It was Veterans Day. The speaker at the business seminar my husband and I were attending was calling for all veterans to come to the front of the room. This was his way of honoring all the veterans attending the gathering. He, being a veteran himself, knew what it would mean to many of the veterans and that some had never known this kind of honor.

As we approached the podium, the audience rose from their seats and applauded. In the background, the music from *I'm Proud to be an American* was playing. Once there, I turned around to face the crowd. Surrounded by approximately 30-40 veterans, who included men and women, we humbly stood there receiving this honor.

Standing beside me was my husband of 27 years, who had proudly served in the U.S. Marines for 20 years. Though I had only served in the U.S. Navy for four years, I had been around the military all my life. Before enlisting in the U.S. Navy, I was an Army brat. I met my husband at 22, while attending my basic school in Tennessee. We married and after my enlistment ended four years later, I became a Marine wife. I guess it's no wonder that I get a lump in my throat while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance or when singing the national anthem. It's in my blood.

It seemed like minutes had passed and the crowd was still vigorously applauding. Some were also yelling encouragement

from the background. The music was still playing. My eyes were starting to tear with emotion. That song always gets to me. I can hardly sing the words without crying my eyes out.

Looking around at the veterans who had joined us, I saw many of our friends, who had served in the various armed forces, standing beside us. A good friend, who was standing near me, met my glance and we nodded to each other. Another friend in front of me was wiping tears from his eyes, head bowed.

The music was still playing. The audience had not let up. They were still applauding. What an honor!

I spotted an elderly gentleman, who looked as if he was from the Vietnam era. Not used to this kind of attention, he had been stricken with so much emotion that he was crying uncontrollably. A woman from the audience came forward to embrace him. Watching him brought a harsh reminder that some of our servicemen and women were not received well when they came home from Vietnam. Most of them had never received any kind of honor for the sacrifices they had made. I thought, "This may have been the first time

someone had ever thanked this man."

Now, tears were streaming uncontrollably down my face. I hurriedly wiped them away with the back of my hand, trying not to draw attention to myself. I never have a tissue when I need one.

As the music faded away, the speaker came back to the podium. As he looked

around the crowd of veterans, he spoke words of encouragement and said how happy he was to be able to honor us in such a way. He also thanked us for the sacrifices that were made. He knew that some of us had never been thanked for our services.

As I was making my way back to my seat, the audience was applauding again. I knew in my heart that no heart was untouched by those short minutes. There was no way that anyone attending could not

have experienced the warmth and emotion that emanated throughout the room. I know that lives had been changed in some way. I could see it in their eyes and I could feel it as people grasped my hand warmly and thanked me for my service. I have never been more proud that I had had the honor and the freedom to serve my country. I'm prouder too, to be an American.



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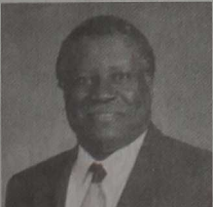
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# Prayer is most effective form of communication in our lives

LET'S WINGS



he topic of prayer is one of my favorite topics to share. Prayer, for me, instantly makes me feel a bit more humble and yet at the same time hopeful. It is something that all people of all different races and backgrounds participate in, and it can be done in so many various forms and ways.

Just last week on the topic of prayer, I wrote about its different forms, and how it can affect so many parts of our lives. I feel that this form of communication is by far the most powerful and the most real form of communication we could develop in our lives. I have had many experiences that have confirmed to me that there is something listening to at the other end of my conversation, one who has the power to create the opportunity for things to happen, or bless us with an answer more appropriate than we could have expected. Having these experiences has given me hope and strength when times of chaos and despair seem to be the only way forward.

I would like to share with you some of the things I have learned about prayer. In the 12-step recovery support programs, they use a simple but powerful prayer called, "The Serenity Prayer." Its words are as follows: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things that are, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Those in these programs learn that those who seek peace, strength and wisdom from God, as they understand him, are assisted through some of their darkest hours.

Many have come to believe, as have I, that the desired qualities mentioned in this prayer, and more personalized prayers, can come only from a power greater than we are. The important lesson learned and discerned through using prayer is that the serenity, courage and wisdom one seeks comes from somewhere outside ourselves. It gives us the strength and ability to face another situation, another step, another day.

I once read an analogy between prayer and e-mail. It went something like this:

"E-mail refers to the correspondence that is transmitted over computer networks. Whenever one clicks the 'send now' command on the computer to send it through cyberspace, we may worry, 'Is my e-mail actually getting to its destination? Will someone be there to receive it? Will I get a response?' I know that I have had my frustrations around these issues on many an occasion.

"Actually you may have had some of those same questions in another realm of communication - prayer. But there are some important differences. For our e-mail to arrive, our equipment and our programs must function correctly. Prayer, on the hand, is just us talking to God, with no chance of a glitch. With e-mail, our message could sit unread for days. Not so with prayer. God is always there. Although we may never get a response to some e-mail messages, with God answers will always come. So don't

worry if you don't even know what e-mail is. Prayer is indescribably better. It's our direct line of intimate communication with the Creator."

I always enjoyed that analogy. I hope it gives you a little more insight into this special communication we call prayer, but if that didn't, maybe this humorous poem that I did receive through e-mail will. It is titled, "Keep In Touch."

*Jake, the rancher, went one day to fix a distant fence. The wind was cold and gusty and the clouds rolled gray and dense.*

*As he pounded the last staples in and gathered tools to go, the temperature had fallen; the wind and snow began to blow.*

*When he finally reached his pickup, he had a heavy heart. From the sound of that ignition, he knew it wouldn't start.*

*So, Jake did what most of us would do if we'd been there. He humbly bowed his balding head and sent aloft a prayer.*

*As he turned the key for the last time, he softly cursed his luck. They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck.*

*Now Jake had been around in life and done his share of roaming. But when he first saw Heaven, he shrieked, "It looks just like Wyoming!"*

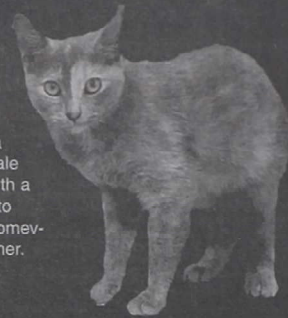
*Of all the saints in Heaven, Jake's favorite was Saint Peter. (Now, this line ain't needed but it helps with rhyme and meter.)*

*So they sat and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three. Nobody was really keepin' score - in Heaven time is free.*

*"I've always heard," Jake said to Pete, "that God will answer prayer, but,*

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# Friday nights ROCK at Downtown Alive

## Band of Oz kicks off spring's first concert

HEATHER CARUSO  
Carolina Living Staff Writer

What started six years ago to get Jacksonville community members interested in the downtown area has become one of the hottest places to hang out on Friday nights in Jacksonville. Downtown Alive has attracted a variety of bands playing everything from funk to the blues and will kick off another spring season of dance, entertainment and relaxation to wind down from the week.

The old train depot downtown has been refurbished and is now the perfect setting for this event. The back of the depot has been turned into a stage and grass, trees and park benches take the place of the old train tracks. Each Friday night, starting this Friday until Memorial Day weekend, you will see 1,000 to 2,000 people hanging out on blankets or in lawn chairs with friends while others dance to the music.

"I enjoyed it and think it is wonderful. It was one of the things I enjoyed in the community," said Brian Pensak, executive director of Bettering Our Local Downtown. He and his family used to go to Downtown Alive and enjoy the free entertainment.

tainment. Many times they ran in to people they knew and ended up going out to eat afterwards. Pensak recently retired from the Marine Corps and now has the opportunity to coordinate Downtown Alive and other projects to revitalize downtown. There is something for everyone. Children can get their face painted and burn off energy by dancing and jumping in the moonwalk. There are also food vendors and an area where beer and wine will be sold.

Downtown Alive will kick off the first Friday with Band of Oz who play Carolina beach music. In the past, this band has been a favorite, attracting thousands of fans to each show. Many veteran

bands to Downtown Alive will be



Flashpoint will perform May 6

Graphic Design by Ena Bravo  
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### Schedule of events

April 1	Band of Oz (beach, variety dance)
April 8	Bombay Circus (classic rock)
April 15	Super Grit Cowboy Band (country)
April 22	Annie Sidley (original pop/ R&B, funk)
April 29	The Carousel (beach, top 40)
May 6	Flashpoint (beach, variety dance)
May 13	Infectious Blues (blues)
May 20	Robin Rogers & Her Hot Band (rockin' blues)
May 27	Shawn Christian & the Carolina Band (beach, oldies, variety)

playing again this spring, but BOLD will also be trying a few new bands that sound really good, Pensak said.

A group of Marines volunteer yearly to help get the area setup each Friday, and they usually have more fun than work. "Once I get Marines to come out and help, I have a hard time getting rid of them because they are having so much fun," said Pensak. One Marine told Pensak, "This is neat. It is just like the hometown I grew up in."

BOLD is continuing to get more people interested in the downtown area and has several projects currently underway. "Military towns can be very vibrant locations," said Pensak as he continues to work towards improving downtown. "Downtown Alive lets people know that Jacksonville has a downtown, and it's worth preserving."

Downtown Alive takes place each Friday, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. until Memorial Day weekend at 421 Court Street in downtown Jacksonville. This year BOLD will not be having a fall Downtown Alive, as they spend extra time preparing for Jacksonville's first winter festival.

### Chapel schedule

<b>Roman Catholic</b>	
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	
Brig	8 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier Chapel	8 a.m.
Courthouse Bay Chapel	9 a.m.
New River Chapel	9 a.m.
CCD at Brewster Middle School	9:30 a.m.
<b>Saturday Masses</b>	
St. Francis Xavier	5 p.m.
<b>Confessions</b>	
St. Francis Xavier (Saturday)	4 to 5 p.m.
<b>Protestant</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	
Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Protestant Chapel	10 a.m.
Children's Chapel (Chapel Annex.)	10:15 a.m.
Sunday Night Live	10:15 p.m.
Youth Group	6 p.m.
Brig	9 a.m.
<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	
Camp Geiger	6:30 a.m.
Camp Johnson	9 a.m.
Courthouse Bay	11 a.m.
Midway Park	11 a.m.
Praise and Worship Tarawa Terrace	10:30 a.m.
TT Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
New River Chapel	11 a.m.
<b>Wednesday Worship</b>	
Bible Study, Tarawa Terrace	7 p.m.
French Creek, Evangelical Gospel	11:30 a.m.
<b>Jewish</b>	
Saturday morning	10 a.m.
Sabbath Bldg. 67	7:30 p.m.
Religious School (Sunday)	10:30 a.m.
<b>Islam (Muslim Jumah)</b>	
Tarawa Terrace Religious Center (Friday)	Noon
For more information, call 451-6978.	
<b>Eastern Orthodox</b>	
St. Nicholas Chapel	
Camp Johnson Great Vespers	
Saturday	6:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Saturday Great Vespers	6 p.m.
<b>Christian Science</b>	
Tarawa Terrace Chapel	
Gratitude Service	7 p.m.
1st and 3rd Monday	
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<b>Latter Day Saints</b>	
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### PRAYER

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the one time I asked for help, well, he just plain wasn't there."

"Does God answer prayers of some, and ignore the prayers of others? That don't seem exactly square — I know all men are brothers."

"Or does he randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason? Maybe, it's the time of day, the weather, or the season."

"Now I ain't trying to act smart, it's just the way I feel. And I was wonderin', could you tell me — what the heck's the deal?"

Saint Peter listened very patiently and when Jake was done, there was a smile of recognition, and he said, "So, you're the one!"

"That day your truck wouldn't start and you sent your prayer a flying, you gave us all a real hard time, with hundreds of us trying."

"A thousand angels rushed to check the status of your file. But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard from you in quite awhile."

"And though prayers are answered and God ain't no quota, He didn't love your voice, started a trip to Minnesota."

However, it is ten in Proverbs that love them that love them and those who early shall find I know He knows we need to do and keep in touch pray we seek to more regularly. rancher Jake, assigned to 4th For Service Support G Rimes was assigned Marine Expeditionary Force, and Dengkhim was assigned to II

As always, it is hope that this message will help you to, "mount up on eagle's wings," renew a little of strength to keep moving forward and joy. (Isaiah 40:31)

Until next time may God bless you may God continue bless our great SEMPER FI.

Chaplain Rings chaplain at Naval Station Lt. Colonel Hospital, holocaust Doctorate Philosophy Counseling and Certified Trauma Specialist.

# Handling in-laws during homecoming

## Tips on balancing family time and intimate time when couples reunite

### MARRIAGE & MILITARY LIFE

CAPTAIN GENE-THOMAS GOMULKA



Dear Gene-Thomas, My husband is scheduled to return soon from Iraq and my mother-in-law insists on being present for the reunion. Unlike prior deployments, my husband and I would like this homecoming to be just between ourselves and our daughter. How do we get this across without hurting her feelings? Sheri

Dear Sheri, After consulting a number of military wives and moms, including moms who themselves were military wives, I discovered that while many wives prefer private homecoming reunions, others welcome the presence of in-laws and even their own parents who may feel very close to their son-in-law. This often is determined by how close a military couple are to their parents and in-laws, as well as how well things are going in their own relationship. One of the reasons I wrote *The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military* is because most marriage books fail to address and appreciate certain unique aspects of military married life (i.e., multiple long-term deployments). People who were never military spouses may not appreciate how intimate homecomings are for some military couples, particularly after long deployments in a combat environment where service members' lives may be threatened daily.

In this case, particularly when both you and your husband would prefer not to have a homecoming on the scale of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, your husband should communicate to his mom how very much you both are looking forward to seeing her, but only after you have had some quality time together. The fact that she was present at previous homecomings leads me to question if she may have hung around

too long instead of giving your husband a welcome home hug and a kiss, and then left you alone to reconnect.

Military couples, like all couples, need the support of family and friends in their lives. Because of our home and work schedules, we have to establish certain priorities as to how we divide up our time amongst our spouses, children, parents, siblings and close friends. If my wife is on the phone talking with her parents, it would be unfair to say, "You're always on the phone with your folks! Do you love me or them?" Such a question is unfair since my wife should not have to choose between loving her parents or her husband. Likewise, mothers-in-law should not put their sons in a position of having to choose between their

mothers and their wives. This particular issue arises more often when the deployed son is the only child — "baby" of the family, or the son of divorced parents who was raised by his mother. Nevertheless, even such moms need to be willing to recognize that her son's first priority is to his wife and children. On the other hand, if there are exceptional circumstances (e.g., mother has been diagnosed with a terminal disease), then most military couples would not hesitate to make an exception and invite the mother of the service member to be present.

For further exploration of this topic, you may wish to read one of the chapters of *Survival Guide* entitled, "In-laws, Out-laws and Others," in which I point out, "A couple and their children need the love and support of their parents and grandparents just as much as the couple's parents need the love of their children and grandchildren. Diplomacy is key in maintaining a healthy balance in the way each partner relates to his or her parents and in-laws."

Captain Gomulka is the author of *Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military* available at [www.plaintec.net](http://www.plaintec.net). Have a question? E-mail [Gomulka@plaintec.net](mailto:Gomulka@plaintec.net).



### INSIDE THIS WEEK

COLLEGIATE GOLF  
Johnson & Wales came out of nowhere to knock some of the nation's top college golf teams and win the 34th annual Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at Paradise Point. Read the full story on IB.

### ARMY'S RETURN REVEALS PAST

More than two decades ago, Cpl. Andrew J. Brennan met his father for the first time when he was 6-months-old. Brennan's recent homecoming after deployment to Iraq marked the 6th time he met his father and his daughter. For the story, turn to 1C.

### RUMORS

Lejeune High School is buzzing with anticipation about this weekend's performance of Neil Simon's *Rumors*. Turn to 1D to read more.

### FALLEN WARRIORS

Three Marines died last week in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Warrant Officer Charles G. Wells Jr., 32, of Montgomery, Ala.; Garrywesley T. Rimes, 30, of Santa Maria, Calif.; and Lance Cpl. Terry Dengkhim, 19, of Farmington, Va. Wells was assigned to 4th For Service Support Group Rimes was assigned to Marine Expeditionary Force, and Dengkhim was assigned to II

### FEWER BASES CLOSED

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld recently indicated less than 20 percent of military bases will be closed as opposed to the 24 percent earlier forecasts suggested. The Pentagon stressed that closing military installations saves taxpayer money. In March 2005, Pentagon officials said that 24 percent of the nation's base structure was "excess," accounting for \$7 billion in annual costs. Even reduced estimated cuts will be significant, analysts say.

### NAVAL ACADEMY STAFF

A Pentagon plan to reduce Marine guards at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., to be replaced by other military employees within the next eight months. Marines have profited from the Naval Academy for the past 154 years before the Civil War. The move will free up Marines for active service.

### TROOP DEATHS DECREASE

The number of U.S. deaths in Iraq has dropped to the lowest level in a year, according to a report that began after the assault on insurgent-held Fallujah last fall and accelerated after Iraq's Jan. 30 elections. Pentagon reports show that 35 U.S. troops died in Iraq in March, the lowest since 21 Americans died in 2004.