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BRAC recommendations signify changes ahead for Marine Corps

MAJ. NAT FAHY
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — Months of rumors and nationwide speculation were finally put to rest when Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld formally submitted the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure recommendations to the BRAC Commission May 13.

Minutes after uniformed service members were televised distributing hard copies of the list to members of Congress, word of major closings spread rapidly.

In contrast to previous BRAC rounds in the mid-90s,

the Marine Corps will not have an active base completely closed. However, it will see significant transformation across many types of installations and installation functions within both the Reserve and active communities. Changes range from relocation of Reserve units and functions to major realignments of supply, storage and industrial capacity functions, to becoming a "receiver site" for another service organization.

"The Marine Corps was strategically positioned fairly well in advance of the 2005 BRAC process," said Brig. Gen. Willie J. Williams, assistant deputy commandant for Installations and Logistics.

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"These recommendations will improve our organizational alignments and help us achieve a more efficient base infrastructure. We look forward to working with the BRAC Commission

in their further analysis of these recommendations, and ultimately implementing the decisions made by the president and the Congress."

If the recommendations are

approved, nine Navy-Marine Corps Reserve centers in California, Ohio, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Oklahoma, West

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Battle Color Detachment | Camp Lejeune visit



Marines with the Silent Drill Platoon, Battle Color Detachment, Marine Barracks Washington, perform during a Battle Colors Ceremony at Liversedge Field Tuesday. The Silent Drill Detachment, along with the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps and the Marine Corps Color Guard, also showcased their abilities at Marine Corps Air Station New River Wednesday.



Browns Island - Imminent danger to local boaters

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Staff Reports

"Avoid Browns Island!" That's what the director of range control, Lt. Col. Gary Oles, is telling boaters who routinely pass the island during their fun in the sun.

He said what some people don't realize (and what some others realize but choose to ignore) is that Browns Island is a live-impact area that still holds unexploded ordnance.

According to Oles, the Corps dropped bombs and shot artillery and tank shells onto the island for nearly 30 years, until the mid-1980s. Marines still routinely conduct live-fire machine gun training in the area.

Located between Onslow Beach and Hammocks Beach State Park, Browns Island a.k.a. "Bomb Target Three" looks like an ideal place for boaters to stop and fish and even camp for the night. However, Oles said that's the problem. Despite the red and white signs warning people to avoid the area, his Marines continue to find footprints amongst the areas with unexploded ordnance.

"What really got my attention was seeing the little tiny footprints of a child - maybe five or six years old - next to a piece of dud ordnance," stated Oles during a Jacksonville Daily News interview. "This is no place for souvenir hunters."

The dangers are real, and boaters can easily come into harm's way when going ashore Browns Island. Oles stated that the base's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon found 19 500-pound bombs during sweeps of the island

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Corps assembles elite team to support overseas operations

4TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY
BRIGADE (ANTITERRORISM)
Press Release

The Marine Corps deployed a number of Border Transition Teams to undisclosed locations near the Iraqi border this week, each challenged with the daunting task of working under perhaps the most austere and dangerous conditions in theater.

As a component of the

Iraqi Multi-National Security Transition Command, the mission of the BITT is to advise and assist existing Iraqi forces to deter, disrupt and interdict cross-border movement of contraband, illegal aliens and insurgent support by establishing a border defense force and enabling effective regulation of Ports of Entry.

The 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Antiterrorism) recently finished training and equipping these teams, preparing more than

100 Marines in mere weeks. The brigade's command element and headquarters company personnel made lengthy strides in everything from conducting Enhanced marksmanship training to acquiring tactical vehicle, weapons and communications equipment.

"We've assembled these teams with the best and brightest the Corps has to offer," said Col. Michael R. Pannell of Columbus,

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New law to affect insurance premiums

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Service members' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President George W. Bush May 11, increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for service members with traumatic injuries, explained Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, Dec. 1. Wurtz said the legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001.

"Traumatic SGLI" benefits will be retroactive for troops who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result from

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Norwegian exchange officers visit Camp Lejeune

CPL. STEPHEN M. DEBOARD
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Eleven Norwegian officers and one Norwegian civilian visited Camp Lejeune May 17-18, as part of the Marine Corps' Pre-positioned Program-Norway.

"The tour is an annual officer-exchange program event sponsored by Headquarters Marine Corps. Its purpose is to allow the Norwegian defense establishment to familiarize Norway's armed forces with Marine Corps capabilities and equipment relative to MCPP-N, a program designed to base equipment and supplies sufficient to support a marine expeditionary brigade in a variety of operations anywhere in the world," said Maj. Robert D. Freeman, an operations analyst with the Installations and Logistics Division, Headquarters Marine Corps.



A Landing Craft Air Cushion vehicle approaches Onslow Beach during the 2005 II Marine Expeditionary Force Capabilities Exercise May 18 through May 20. CAPEX is designed to allow personnel of different backgrounds and military occupational specialties to gain a better understanding of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

"We try to expose them to every possible aspect of MCPP-N deployments, planning and operations, as well as training and maintenance of facilities that support such activities," Freeman said.

"The goal of the program is for the Norwegian officers to learn

more about the U.S. organization, capabilities and force structure so they can better understand the program in a wider perspective," said Lt. Col. Kato Waage, exchange program officer, Norwegian army.

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Man on the street

"How do you plan to be safe over Memorial Day weekend?"



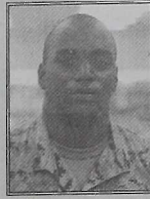
"Ensure all Marines know the consequences of drunk driving."

Sgt. Brian Fountain
2d Maintenance Bn.,
2d FSSG

"Properly brief young Marines on safety precautions before liberty."



Gunnery Sgt. Jesus Fung
Anti-Terrorism Bn.,
4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (AT)



"I'm going into the field, but Marines should do the right thing because they know it's the right thing to do."

Cpl. Michael J. Hall
2d Transportation Support Bn.,
2d FSSG

"Staying home with my wife. We're going to travel after the busy weekend."



Lance Cpl. Alfred Milton
3rd Bn., 10th Marine Regiment,
2d MarDiv.



"Use common sense; no drunk driving, stay in liberty boundaries and let someone know where you are going to be."

2nd Lt. Melanie Stock
Headquarters and Service Co.,
2d FSSG

Please be safe Memorial Day weekend!

Honoring our nation's heroes

Commanding General Marine Corps Base
MAJ. GEN. ROBERT C. DICKERSON

On May 30, 2005, Americans will appropriately remember our nation's heroes who have given the last full measure in support of freedom. In this nation's march for justice throughout history, the men and women of our great country have served a greater cause than their own interests. Our mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers have sacrificed from the first days of the American Revolution in 1770 to our modern day fight against terrorism. Heroes come in all forms. We often remember our military on this day but must also remember our citizen soldiers, public servants and the common man, who in times of trouble, volunteer to serve for the greater good. Dedicate yourselves and families to reflect on all those brave comrades who came before us risking persecution or death for the fundamental and basic rights of all humans. Remember those that continue to answer the call and are currently serving abroad carrying the torch of honor. If you are traveling or staying local, please ensure that you make responsible decisions concerning recreational activities and alcohol consumption. As we continue the Global War on Terrorism, we need every person in this fight. Losing someone to an off-duty accident is a senseless waste. Remember, I'd rather have you home late than not at all. Make the right calls. Sempiternus fidelis.

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson is the Commanding General for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

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Memorial Day, more than a day off work

Combat Correspondent
LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI

What are federal holidays, if not a chance to kick back, relax and not go to work for a day? Holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day have long lost their meaning as days of remembrance. Now, for most people, it is nothing more than a three-day weekend with barbecues and parades.

With Memorial Day coming up, there has been a push to have Americans recognize a moment of silence at 3 p.m. However, the reality of the holiday is that most people just don't care. And who can blame them? We, as a military community, should be the most enthusiastic and dedicated to the idea of honoring our fallen brothers and sisters, especially the Marines, with our respect for the Corps' storied history.

Sadly, this is not the case. Some people see the lack of respect toward our past as symptomatic of a commercialized culture that brings everything to its lowest denominator. Religious holidays, such as Christmas and Easter, are now just a chance for busi-

nesses to make up sales lost during the rest of the year. The Fourth of July is no longer a celebration of a successful experiment in democracy; it's now an all day fireworks and beer festival, dedicated to liquor companies and hot dog distributors. And, sad as it seems, Memorial Day is no different.

The ads will be bursting out of the newspapers; radio stations will be playing ads for car dealerships and television stations will carry commercials with announcers screaming the weekend's furniture sales. Quite a bit different from the initial request of Memorial Day. Founder Maj. Gen. John Logan said, "...let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

Memorial Day came out of the need to stop and recognize the horrors of the Civil War and the sacrifices of the men and women who died during its battles. During World War II, the day grew to honor all soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who gave their

life for the cause of freedom and democracy. However, between World War II and the social shift away from the ethos of democracy happened.

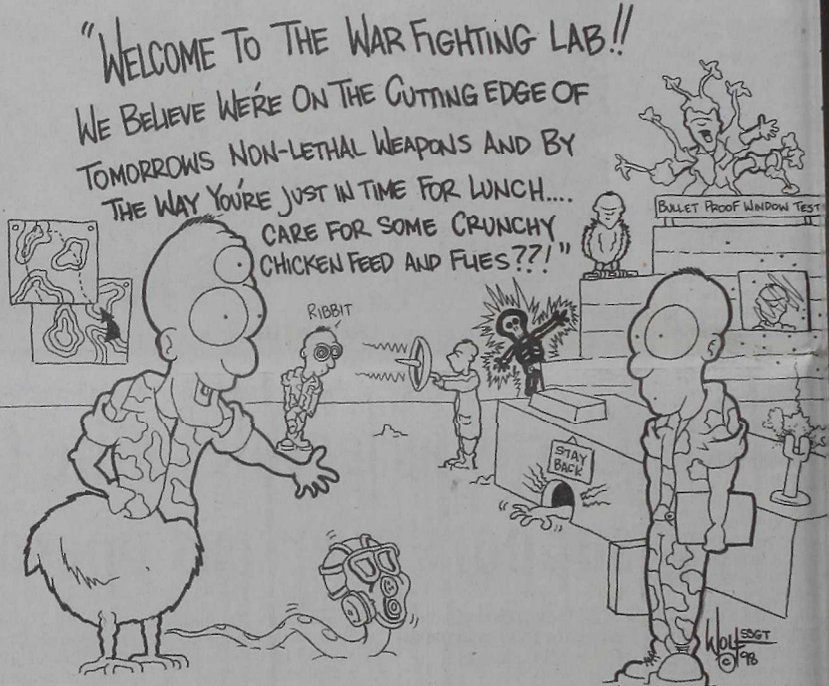
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If we are not going to where we came from, the only way to control the future will be to nix it. Memorial Day is a day about not having to make sacrifices again.

Lance Cpl. Shane Suzuki
bat correspondent at Marine Base Camp Lejeune public office.

Sempertoons

by Staff Sgt. Wolf



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CPL. C. J. YARD
Force Service Support Group

CAMP FALLUJAH
For a Marine who earned two degrees from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, he has no qualms about doing administrative work for his four-year enlistment.

Lance Cpl. Robert Walker, Peoria, Ill., native, graduated from college at the age of 19 with a degree in radio and television production. He earned another degree in photography from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Due to the lack of jobs in the civilian sector, Walker crossed off administrative work from his "to do" list and joined the military.

"When I originally talked about joining the military, I wanted to do combat photography," Walker said. "I knew administrative work was a good alternative. I wanted to ship out to the front lines as soon as possible. I knew administrative work was a good alternative. I wanted to ship out to the front lines as soon as possible. I knew administrative work was a good alternative."

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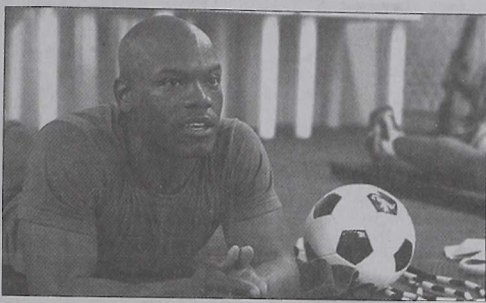
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Warrior looks forward to law school in the Corps

CPL. C. J. YARD
Force Service Support Group

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Lance Cpl. Robert Walker, an administrative clerk with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward), watches intently as the instructor for the "Killer Abs" class demonstrates the next exercise.



Lance Cpl. Robert Walker, an administrative clerk with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward), watches intently as the instructor for the "Killer Abs" class demonstrates the next exercise.

Walker, a native of Guntersville, Ala., graduated from college at the age of 19 with a degree in radio and television production and a master's degree in photojournalism. Due to the lack of opportunities in the civilian sector, he crossed off almost everything on his "to do" list, Walker looked at joining the military.

"When I originally talked to the recruiter, I had to do combat photography," said the 32-year-old administrative clerk. "Unfortunately the Army Occupational Specialty [was] closed and I had to ship out to 'boot camp' as soon as possible. I knew administration like the back of my hand from the years I worked at a hospital."

Walker was hired full time at a hospital in Guntersville right after high school and saw it as an opportunity to work and save money for college. Once in college, he joined the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, boasting the Greek letters on his ankle.

"That's where I learned to clean so well," Walker smiling. "We always had to clean our house after the weekend of partying."

According to Walker's roommates, he's meticulous about cleaning their room as well. "It doesn't matter if we clean it; he's always going behind us and redoing everything," said Lance Cpl. Brandon Myers, an administrative clerk and native of Canton, Ill.

Myers and Lance Cpl. Joseph Delicino, a native of California, also an administrative clerk in the battalion administration shop, they even get him to play Microsoft Office once in awhile, but he usually quits to work out.

Walker is not working in the administration shop. Walker can usually be found in the gym, pouring off his clean-shaven head, going out and attending the "Killer Abs" class. "I just don't like to be fat," for as long as he can remember.

"I usually try to work out everyday," said Walker, former college cheerleader. "You have to be in pretty good shape to do that. Besides, you can't take your shirt off at the club if

you're fat," he added.

Walker found that being able to do a two-minute floor cheer routine and run were two different types of "in shape."

"I could do a floor routine and not even be winded," said Walker. "But I couldn't run for nothing. My roommate before I joined was in the Army, so he and I would run. Once I got to 'boot camp' all the other recruits were telling me not to beat the drill instructors, and I was like, 'I can't help it; I was just running.'"

"Walker also takes his personal time to help Marines to better themselves who aren't as strong," said 1st Lt. Lauren Diana, Headquarters Company commander and Westerville, Ohio, native. "He motivates the Marines here. He always keeps the Marines' spirits high."

Coming to Iraq with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward), Walker had an idea of what to expect after working for the sergeant major and his company commander of his current unit while stationed at Camp Lejeune.

"I had worked with Sergeant Maj. Ainsworth and Lt. Diana before," said Walker. "I thought, 'Well, if they're going, then I should go too.'"

"I hand picked Lance Cpl. Walker because in a deployed environment, you need a strong shop," said Diana. "I needed somebody who is strong in the administrative and legal aspects of an administrative shop. He is all the functions of the administration shop. Whatever I task him with, whether he knows how to do it or not, he can get it done because he will figure out how to do it. He catches on very quickly."

Walker, will use his experience in the

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Snipers scout out danger

CPL. MIKE ESCOBAR
2d Marine Division

SAQLAWIYAH, Iraq — "To patiently suffer, and suffer patiently." That's what Sgt. Willis Davis thinks is the formula for success in his line of work.

While many Americans who spend a nine to five workday stuck inside an office cubicle may feel the same about their job, Davis' reason is perhaps more extreme. He spends days at a time in one spot, barely moving a muscle.

The 31-year-old Lake Guntersville, Ala., native is a scout sniper team leader with the Corps Lejeune-based infantry unit, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. As a member of the battalion's Surveillance, Target and Acquisition platoon, Davis and fellow snipers serve as the eyes and ears of the battalion.

"Everything we do is on our belly," stated the 1991 Guntersville High School graduate. "We insert into a position as covertly as possible and stay there to observe what's going on. You don't stand up, so sometimes it gets pretty rough. We'll be going for two, three, four days at a time in the baking sun in 113 degree weather."

Once set up in their positions, Davis and his teammates scan the area searching for insurgent activity.

"We look for patterns," he explained. "All people create patterns. We're here to detect it."

Insurgents in Iraq routinely observe coalition forces' techniques, tactics and procedures in an attempt to circumvent their efforts. It is this threat that the snipers counter.

"We're also looking for guys placing improvised explosive devices," Davis said.

From concealed positions, the scouts look for people digging holes or placing suspicious objects alongside the road.

"We're on to their [insurgents'] game," Davis stated. "They know they don't have

time to dig them in, so a lot of them are surface-laid. One of our teams has already caught an IED planter."

To maintain their concealment as they perform these surveillance missions, Davis and his teammates wear something he calls "the one thing a scout sniper takes pride in," a gilly suit.

These suits are full-body outfits made of materials such as tree leaves, burlap sacks and twigs, designed by each sniper to blend into his surroundings as much as possible. Davis said his snipers often wear their gillys despite performing missions in a primarily urban environment.

"Each individual makes his own gilly suit," he continued. "That helps you understand the beauty of depth perception and concealment, and that sometimes, you don't need to seek cover from fire because concealment is just as effective."

Although these suits help them perform these tasks unnoticed, Davis said it makes working in Iraq's heat uncomfortable.

"If it's 113 outside, it gets to be 145-150 inside a gilly suit," Davis continued.

In addition to concealment, the scouts come armed with two weapons: extraordinary situational awareness, and their 7.62 mm scope-equipped M-40A3 sniper rifle.

"This weapon has a max effective range of 1000 yards on a point target," Davis explained. "It's a pretty nasty little deal."

He further said that he and his teammates could snipe a sprinting insurgent from hundreds of yards away.

"We can shoot movers at a full sprint from about 800 yards away through a system developed by some Marines in our platoon, both former scout sniper school instructors. Two of them came up with this formula that's just 'dead on the money.'"

Despite their marksmanship proficiency, Davis said his platoon always keeps the basics in mind.

"A good thing to do is to take that 'center mass' shot, like the Marine Corps trains you to do. It gives you a little bit of variance," Davis added.

In recruit training, instructors teach every trainee to aim for the center of a target. This way, the round still strikes, even if inches away from the original point of aim. The snipers continue to apply their fundamental skills in the performance of their missions.

However, the scout sniper team members are more than just deadly shooters.

"Lots of people think, 'damn, those guys are good shooters,' but we're damn good scouts too," Davis stated. "We provide a lot of information when we're out on the field, letting the companies know where the good cover and concealment points are, and locations where they might want to move Marines to. We paint the battlefield for the commander."

Additionally, snipers serve as forward observers. These Marines are trained to call in indirect fire, such as artillery and mortar fire, upon insurgents' positions.

"If an indirect fire asset is there for us, we can destroy the enemy or delay them until the 'grunts' get in there and finish the job," Davis said.

Although highly trained and members of a close-knit elite unit, Davis and his teammates remain humble.

"There's nothing 'high speed' about our job," he said. "I'm not gonna say we're the best Marines in the battalion; we're just experts at what we do."

Through these difficult missions, Davis said the STA Marines stay motivated, finding comfort in each others' friendship.

"We've got a lot of respect for each other, because we all know the pain and suffering we go through. There's a lot of heart in this platoon, and that's what it takes to make it out here; intestinal fortitude," Davis concluded.

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Around the Corps

President meets task force

MASTER GUNNERY SGT. DWAIN ROBERTS
Marine Forces Europe

TBILISI, Ga. — Tbilisi officials struggled to contain the enthusiasm of an estimated 250,000 Georgians who turned out to greet the American president. "Garmarjoba! President George W. Bush told the huge gathering.

His greeting of "hello" was returned by the thousands who stood in Freedom Square in downtown Tbilisi. President Bush shared the podium with Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili. They were joined by their wives Laura and Sandra.

"America is proud to call Georgia our partner in freedom," Bush told the cheering crowd. "Freedom has no better friend than those who have a fresh memory of tyranny," he added, speaking of Georgia's tumultuous history that has been filled with revolution and occupation.

After the ceremony, President Bush met with 20 members of an American task force that is helping the Georgian military prepare for deployment to Iraq. The Sustainment and Stability Operations Program Task Force had a once in a lifetime opportunity to greet the president. "I never expected to really meet President Bush and shake his hand. That was fantastic," said Cpl. John Knapp, instructor trainer from Hackensack, N.J.

Some members of the task force didn't totally grasp the significance of the moment until President Bush was a few feet away. "Meeting the president was much greater than my anticipation of the event. Standing before him and him thanking us personally for our service to our country - that was awesome," said Chief Warrant Officer, Ryan Stewart, personnel officer from Talladega, Ala. The task force is currently training the Georgian 23rd Light Infantry Battalion. The



Georgian warrior dancers perform at Freedom Square in downtown Tbilisi, Georgia May 10.

training began April 23 and continues through April of 2006 in a Continuing Cooperative Military Program. This training builds upon the success of Georgian Train and Equip Program, which concluded last year.

Major Eric Lehman, the GSSOP Task Force commander, from Iona, Mich., said, "This region is strategically critical to our ongoing efforts to fight the global war on terror, and this program will assist the Georgian military's effort to provide capable, trained units to sustain their scheduled deployment to Iraq."

Accordingly, Georgia is very supportive of the U.S. anti-terrorism efforts and seeks to become familiar with and participate in other United Nations peace keeping and stability operations. The newly trained Georgian battalions will replace Georgian units currently in Iraq, to help provide security for the coalition mission in Baghdad, Iraq.

The SSOP task force is composed of Marine Corps infantry and small arms trainers, a Navy emergency medical training team, Air Force communications technicians and an Army contracting expert and visual communications specialist.

In total, the training will include peacekeeping, logistics skills as well as specialized training for engineering, signal and reconnaissance. Also, the brigade staff will receive command and signal training and is scheduled to conclude in April 2006.

Marines show off guns

LANCE CPL. KARIM D. DELGADO
Marine Corps Base Camp Butler

TAK, Thailand — More than 100 Marines with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Combined Marine Forces, Cobra Gold, participated in a live-fire training exercise May 5 as part of Exercise Cobra Gold 2005.

The Marines fired M2 .50 caliber machine guns, M240G medium machine guns, MK19 40mm machine guns and M249 squad automatic weapons.

"We're training gun crews for the sake of familiarization," said Lt. Col. Robert Plantz, executive officer for 12th Marines. "It is a consolidated effort to train Marines so they can use these weapons efficiently, should they need to."

The exercise is an annual Cobra Gold event and rotates between various ranges located throughout Thailand, according to Plantz.

"We rotate between similar training areas," Plantz said. "Last year, the Marines fired in Lopburi, [Thailand]. It's pretty much the same [at every range.] Hilly, open terrain really is ideal for this

kind of training."

Plantz explained that Thailand offers certain advantages over training in Japan.

"Range space is very limited on Okinawa, Japan," Plantz said. "For one, you're not allowed to fire towards mountains like we're doing here. The firing range here is also a lot larger and more open, which allows us to train more efficiently with these kinds of weapons."

Though there were not as many restrictions at the ranges here as are in place at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, safety was still a major concern, according to Staff Sgt. Duane C. Patton, a range safety officer with 12th Marines.

"Safety is as much a big concern here as it is any time you're operating these kinds of weapons," Patton said. "These Marines do not fire

unless I tell them to on my command. Their flak jackets and helmets on the firing range all must wear eye protection and safety hand in hand. That way, no matter what we're training."

Some Marines at the vocalized their excitement over the training explained that they were the unique experience weapons in a foreign

"It's a really great experience for me," said Joshawa T. Myers, a Marine gunner with 3/12. "It's while since I've fired kinds of guns, and this of remediation will help me out in the long

Royal Thai army soldiers from the 4th Royal Infantry Division also witnessed the training.

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Editors note: This is part one of a two part series, which will continue in the June 9th edition of The Globe.

When people decide to ride a motorcycle, they select a unique and challenging form of transportation. However, riding is not for everyone, and a motorcycle will not always be your best choice of transportation.

For many, motorcycling is more than a means of transportation — it is an enthusiast's sport. The attraction of motorcycling often comes from the unique mental and physical skills necessary to operate the machine. There are many varieties of motorcycles and motorcyclists. But all motorcyclists share something in common — an increased element of physical risk.

The first step in making a responsible decision to ride is understanding the high level of risk in motorcycling. We can lower the risk through our attitudes, with the protective gear we wear, and developing mental and physical strategies through training. But even so, the motorcyclist is physically vulnerable in a mishap. You are 20 times more likely to be injured on a motorcycle than in a car.

PEOPLE WHO RIDE MOTORCYCLES: THE MOTORCYCLES THEY RIDE

Many different types of people ride motorcycles, and for many reasons — recreation, commuting, touring, image, sport riding and competition.

There are also a wide variety of motorcycles — cruisers, touring, sport bikes, dual purpose, and standard. Since it is not feasible for one type of motorcycle to meet all a rider's needs, each of these represents a compromise between performance, rider comfort, and other capabilities within intended use.

Often, there is a connection between the rider, riding style and type of motorcycle. The young service member may be attracted to a motorcycle's price vs. the high level of performance. Others may be attracted to the cruiser with its black-leather-jacket mystique, as a break from life's routine. Motorcycle touring, either solo or with a group, may be both a recreational and social activity.

CAR VS. MOTORCYCLE: ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES EXPOSING THE MYTHS

Size - Motorcycles are smaller than cars. They are easier to park. But they are harder to see, especially when you wear dark, non-reflective clothing; have limited loads; and can carry only one passenger.

Maneuverability - Motorcycles can be quite maneuverable, with a trained rider, at lower speeds. But maneuverability decreases as you ride faster.

Performance - Motorcycles provide a high level of performance per purchasing dollar, but require a higher level of physical skill to operate. The rider can get in trouble very fast.

Cost - Motorcycles may have a lower purchase cost, but use may be limited by season extremes; passenger and load limits. Also, cost and frequency of routine maintenance, especially tires on high performance machines, may be much higher than a car.

Protection - When you ride,

you become one with the environment and have the wind in your face. But the motorcycle rider is more physically vulnerable; is more likely to be injured in an accident; and when not dressed properly, can be mentally distracted from the riding task.

SAFETY AND RISK

You ride home on that new bike. Your family, friends and even neighbors offer their opinion, "Motorcycles. Seem like fun but they're so dangerous!" And you know they are right.

Can you ride a motorcycle with no risk and free from danger, damage or injury? The obvious answer is no. There are many things we do that have risk: fly planes, scuba dive, ride bicycles, jog and drive cars. Some activities have more risk than others.

The element of risk and our perception of it is constantly changing. We can't eliminate risk, but we can lower it. We should first understand the risk inherent to motorcycling. Next,

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Motorcyclists aboard Camp Lejeune must first take a motorcycle safety course at Coastal Carolina Community College, ensuring riders learn proper safety and protective gear requirements, before riding aboard the base per M Order 5100.19E



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Countless universities and colleges now offer online degrees. While many of these schools and their degrees are legitimate and accredited — many are not. Promises of quickly delivered degrees and diplomas, with no exams necessary, are simply too good to be true. Such bogus certificates are often the result of illegal diploma mills.

Sometimes people don't realize they are dealing with a diploma mill. The school may have a name that is similar to that of a well-known institution, make their programs look genuine or may even have brochures with pictures of a non-existent campus.

WHAT ACCREDITATION IS

Accreditation is a validation that a school, or a department within a school, has been investigated and found worthy of approval by a verified accrediting agency.

IMPORTANCE OF ACCREDITATION

Accreditation eases the transition of students who are transferring from one school to another. More importantly, it is required when applying for federal grants or scholarships — the schools involved must be regionally accredited. As a member of the U.S. mili-

tary, your school must be accredited in order to be recognized by the military. The Montgomery GI Bill, Military Tuition Assistance and Federal Student Aid will not pay for courses at a non-accredited college.

Although diploma mills sell everything from college transcripts to high school diplomas, their products aren't worth much. Academic and professional communities do not commonly accept applicants or hire employees with degrees from unaccredited schools. Some states have even determined that using a bogus degree to get a job or promotion is a crime. Typically treated as a misdemeanor, it is punishable by a fine, ranging from \$350 to \$2,500.

VERIFYING AUTHENTICITY OF ACCREDITING AGENCIES

Any school can claim that it is accredited. Some will even go so far as to set up their own accrediting agency. If you are interested in a particular school, there are steps you can take to ensure that it has been recognized by a verified accrediting agency. The question that you need to ask is "Accredited by whom?"

American universities are validated at the state level by regional agencies. There are six regional accrediting agencies recognized under Generally Accepted Accrediting Principles. For an

accrediting agency to offer recognized accreditation, the agency must be recognized by at least one of the following:

- Council on Higher Education Accreditation in Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Department of Higher Education

The relevant national education agency, or it must be part of that agency.

A school offering diplomas with little or no work is probably a diploma mill. However, there are many legitimate opportunities for service members to earn a degree online. Start the online education search through the programs for service members sponsored by the Department of Defense.

Remember that any degree program must accommodate the military life style. Ensuring that a school's accreditation is recognized, according to GAAP, will ease the transfer of credits and ensure that the school is recognized by the military. This guarantees educational assistance programs from the Navy and Marine Corps and the transfer of classes from one military assignment to the next.

If you or someone you know is planning on taking an online course, call the Base Education Center at 451-3091 to find out information about courses that are or are not accredited.

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Private first class Jamond D. Roberts (left), a Cheneyville, La., native; Brig. Gen. John E. Wissler, commander of 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward), a Brooklyn Park, Minn., native; and Lt. Cpl. Timothy D. Hogan, chaplain for Combat Logistics Regiment 25, a Southgate, Mich., native, pose for picture after Wissler's frocking ceremony May 18.



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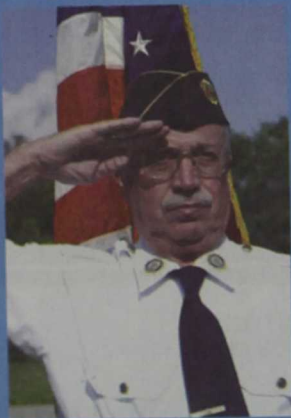
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Members of the motorcycle club Rolling Thunder render a final salute honoring three Marines and a sailor killed during a reconnaissance patrol May 10, 1967, in the Quang Tri Province of South Vietnam. Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for America's honored heroes, was the backdrop May 10, 2005, that saw hundreds of friends and families pay tribute to the four men who gave the ultimate sacrifice exactly 38 years ago.

MARINE BARRACKS, WASHINGTON — Gone, but never forgotten. Three Marines and a Navy corpsman on a reconnaissance mission deep in the jungles of Vietnam have finally come home. This homecoming puts a close on the appearance of four lives cut short in the unit of May 10, 1967.

The families of 2nd Lt. William Ahlmeier Jr., Sgt. James T. Miller, Petty Officer 3rd Class Lance T. Miller and Lance Cpl. Samuel A. Sharp Jr. can all put an end to the long wait and wipe away the tears of sorrow.

Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for America's honored heroes, was the backdrop to the history-making ceremony that saw hundreds of service members and families pay tribute to the men of the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, who gave the ultimate sacrifice 38 years ago.

The four men were presented to family members during the interment ceremony. Irene Healea, wife of Ahlmeier, originally from Earl River, N.Y.; Phillip Z. Tycz, originally from Milwaukee; Sandra E. Miller, sister to Miller, originally from Tampa, Fla.; and Irene Sharp, mother of Samuel, originally from San Diego, Calif., all accepted flags on behalf of their families. Sharp was buried May 14 in Arlington and was honored at the ceremony.

The four men were part of a reconnaissance patrol operating from a Marine base at Khe Sanh and came under enemy fire the very early morning of May 10, 1967, while in a defensive position. Sharp was killed at the start of the engagement, but the other three were recovered when

the rest of the patrol was extracted by helicopter, later that morning.

The Marines of the Corps' "Oldest Post" were entrusted with the ceremonial duty of laying their brothers to rest. The Body Bearers of Company E have the duty of burials at ANC.

The 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Paul X. Kelley (retired), escorted the funeral procession as it wound its way from the transfer point at Patterson Circle to the gravesite in Section 60 of ANC.

"It is truly an honor to be here today and be part of this event," said the former commandant, who was presented one of the flags during the graveside ceremony.

Former commanding officer of 1st Force Reconnaissance Battalion and current Marine Barracks Washington executive officer, Lt. Col. A.J. Copp, said the ceremony was significant because not only did it bring closure to the families and teammates of these heroic service men, but it also demonstrated the resolve of the government in recovering our missing in action.

"I can think of no greater

honor than attending this interment, particularly after commanding reconnaissance Marines in combat myself," Copp said. "With Gen. Kelley's presence, as well as the former 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion veterans and friends of the Corps, it truly was a significant event and profound reinforcement of our Corps' motto—Semper Fidelis."

Even with the tears shed by fellow Marines who served with the men in the Quang Tri province of South Vietnam, there is relief—relief that their brothers have returned home. "We all went over together; we all fought and now they have come home too," said Art Foss, president of chapter 3 (Dumfries, Va.), Rolling Thunder. "We're not going to rest until we all come home."

Rolling Thunder is an organization that publicizes the issues concerning prisoners of war and MIAs. Members educate the public of the many American prisoners of war that were left behind after all past wars. They help correct the past and protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war or missing in action.

CHANGES CONTINUED FROM 1A

Virginia, Pennsylvania and Alabama will close. Two inspector-instructor sites in Rome, Ga., and West Trenton, N.J., will be shut down as well. In a move designed to further joint interoperability among the services, personnel operating out of these facilities will be primarily reassigned to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., and MCB Camp Lejeune, and will be relocated to a mid-Atlantic Joint Regional Correctional Facility at the Naval Support Activity in Chesapeake, Va., while those aboard MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., will eventually relocate to a joint correctional facility at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. Each of the bases closing their corrected facilities, will maintain at least some pre-trial confinement capability.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. will maintain its West Coast presence to provide a close, responsive source for heavy depot maintenance support, while some of its selected commodity depot-level functions to be relocated to MCLB Albany, Ga. MCLB Albany will expand to meet the additional support requirement.

Other notable recommendations involve the eventual consolidation of service investigative departments aboard MCB Quantico. The base will become the host installation for Counterintelligence Field Activity and Defense Security Service, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Army Criminal Investigation

Command. Such a move is expected to warrant an influx of more than 3,000 additional personnel to the base.

"This will facilitate multi-service missions by creating a joint organizational and basing solution that will not only reduce waste but also maximize military effectiveness," said Col. James Lowe, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. base commander, in a recent press statement.

In testimony to the BRAC Commission May 17, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England summed up his view of the recommendations. "As I look at the infrastructure footprint, I'm confident that it is more than sufficient to support the Navy and Marine Corps infrastructure."

The Department of Defense's recommendations are by no means final. The BRAC Commission will review the recommendations and forward their report to President Bush by Sept. 8. He must approve or reject them on an all-or-nothing basis. By Sept. 23, the president must send his decision to Congress, which in turn has 45 legislative days to accept or reject the recommendations in their entirety. When that occurs, the recommendations then become law and must be implemented within 6 years.

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SEARCH CONTINUED FROM 1A

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"The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense," Wurtz said.

Service members enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increase takes effect. "The 'Traumatic SGLI' benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month," Wurtz said.

"Troops opting for maximum SGLI coverage — \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 — will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26," Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000.

"Because the rates have not changed, service members who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums," Wurtz said, "except for the \$1 'Traumatic SGLI' premium."

"While these expanded benefits will be provided retroactively, affected service members won't be charged retroactive payments," he said. DoD will absorb that cost. In the case of members who are not married,

notice will be provided to the designated beneficiary when the member purchases less than the maximum coverage.

According to Wurtz, the new "Traumatic SGLI" benefit is designed to provide "a quick infusion of cash" for cash-strapped families of troops recuperating from traumatic injuries received in the line of duty.

Compensation will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and is designed to help families of severely wounded troops leave their homes and jobs to be with their loved one during recovery. "These families incur a lot of expenses, and this is designed to help them financially," Wurtz said.

While VA staff members consult with DoD to write regulations that will put the new SGLI benefits into effect, Wurtz said, "lots and lots of details have to be worked out."

Among outstanding issues is the fact that the expanded SGLI coverage is part of the supplemental legislation package that funds operations only through Sept. 30. That's 30 days after the new SGLI limit takes effect and two months before the "Traumatic SGLI" benefit begins.

Wurtz said that VA is confident Congress will resolve this issue before there's any lapse in coverage.

VA will continue to oversee and control the SGLI program.

In a new twist introduced through the supplemental legislation, troops with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage

TRAINING CONTINUED FROM 1A

Ohio, team chief with BTT-1.

"The teams are seasoned, predominantly senior enlisted personnel with tons of experience and proven leadership success. We're looking forward to the challenges of coaching the Iraqis to a standard where they can effectively guard their border."

Pannell added that a tremendous amount of fast-paced training was required to prepare the BTTs to deploy. This training included communications, tactical vehicle driver instruction (all BTT members are required to have tactical vehicle operator certification), and crew-served weapons.

"It's extremely important, with teams this size, that we're flexible and interchangeable," he said. "With this sized force, mission success depends on every Marine being able to perform every skill set and task throughout the team and this is how we have trained."

According to Pannell, these interchangeable skill sets will be necessary to train the Iraqis under demanding conditions.

"We're going to an area where there are no forward operating bases," he said. "We're going to live where they live, eat what they eat and show we're committed to their training."

Part of that training, Pannell added, will be some old-fashioned Marine Corps leadership and mentoring.

"I hope we're able to convey Marine Corps training and leadership standards to their forces during the early teach-the-teacher phase," he said. "If we [instill] the Marine rifleman mission, to locate, close with and destroy the enemy, and can get the Iraqis to share that mentality, it will be of tremendous strategic importance. It could set the groundwork for Iraqis potentially defending their own borders, without assistance."

Iraq has an estimated

3,650 kilometers of border, some of which is known to be used as common passage for insurgents. Securing this vast amount of territory with such small, independent teams requires what Pannell described as special operations skill sets.

The need for these unique skills, along with the individual reporting requirements of such small teams, make the BTT deployment similar to those of U.S. Army Special Forces, explained Pannell.

"This is as close to special operations capability mission, without actually being characterized as one, that I've been a part of in my career," Pannell said. "This is definitely cutting-edge and essential to border security in Iraq. The maturity, experience, leadership expertise and dedication to the mission should make my team outstanding coaches, teachers and mentors to the Iraqis — and eventually secure their borders."

Money Matters Beware of insurance agencies, companies

RUDI WILLIAMS American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials are working to thwart insurance and investment marketing practices that exploit military personnel.

"You really have to be a little bit skeptical if somebody says if you invest a little bit of money with us today, you'll have a great deal of money tomorrow," warned Air Force Col. Michael A. Pachuta, DoD's director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation policy. "Also, you should shop for investment opportunities like you would for anything else. Don't buy the first thing that comes along. Make some comparisons."

Congress raised concerns last fall after press reports documented abusive insurance and investment sales practices at some military installations, including Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Fort Benning, Ga. This caused DoD to step up its efforts to improve oversight and enforcement of policies.

"New service members are sometimes enticed to go off base to what they think are investment seminars that end up being insurance sales pitches," Pachuta said.

"Unfortunately, our policies don't apply off the installation," Pachuta continued. "So we have to rely on financial education, which we've tried to improve at the first basic-training opportunities with our new service members."

Pachuta recommended that troops ensure there are no combat-exclusion clauses in life insurance that they buy. "We're going to be in harm's way, and it doesn't make any sense to have a policy that won't cover those kinds of events," Pachuta noted.

He encourages service members to seek counseling and

advice for financial matters through base family support centers and legal offices.

Service members should be on the lookout for such things as something presented as a savings plan with an insurance component to it. "That's a red flag," he said. Before buying insurance, service members should compare what the premium would be for a rate of coverage compared to the rate for the same amount of coverage through the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance program.

About 96 percent of service members have SGLI, and 92 percent of them have opted for full SGLI coverage of \$250,000. More than 160,000 service members have military pay allotments for supplemental commercial life insurance. The premiums they pay total over \$190 million per year, according to DoD statistics.

"SGLI, to a large extent, especially for single service members who have no dependents, should fulfill most of their insurance needs," Pachuta noted. "But a lot of times, our young service members are looking at putting away some money. And some of these insurance sales pitches are disguised as savings plans, although there's an insurance aspect to it that wasn't explained clearly when they signed up."

Pachuta suggests that service members who want to open a savings account should consider the Thrift Savings Plan. "It's a tax-deferred plan, and there are not many investments, other than tax-free bonds, that have the same kind of advantages that TSP has," he said.

DoD officials are rewriting parts of the department's commercial-solicitation policy to enhance enforcement. This includes a requirement for installations that detect policy violations to report them to their service headquarters, and

from there to DoD to keep a record of have them available to check with insurance agent a business on the inst

Pachuta said the 14 prohibited DoD's commercial directive, such as without an appointing door-to-door, or individuals during their work places.

"Those are the kinds that limit when how an insurance or solicitor can make solicit someone on," he said. "We're concerned about access to allotment having them there force member to sign. And even the agent forms to finance is processed."

"We think that over the line," Pachuta said. "Pay is a personal duty a member has to do. It needs to be the one any kind of allotment investment or insu goes through the system."

He said financial is the key to stopping members from being by unscrupulous agents and companies.

"The department a financial-readiness about a year and a half 28 federal and nonpro organizations that sp financial education, Securities and Commission, Department of Treasury, and Association of Dealers," Pachuta said. "They have great training tools, provided us informat

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Protective gear warrants a separate discussion. However, the minimum-protective gear includes a helmet, eye protection, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve upper garment and long pants constructed of a material that protects from the environment and the potential fall.

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use in our financial-education programs.

Pachuta said that DoD policies apply to any military or civilian employees as long as the transaction takes place on a military installation. "That has been the problem," he noted. "Some people have been enticed to go off the installation to carry out these business agreements. So we're interested in working with the federal and state regulatory agencies to broaden our oversight."

He pointed out that DoD policies cover insurance and investment agents who operate overseas, as well. The companies have to apply to DoD each year for permission to operate on U.S. military installations overseas.

Pachuta said that he'd like to hear from individuals who have been taken advantage of by such

unscrupulous practices. People can send comments to him at Michael.Pachuta@osd.mil no later than June 20.

He also recommended that anyone who has a problem with an insurance product contact the appropriate state regulatory agency. "They're the ones that have a strong hammer if there has been a legal or ethical violation," Pachuta said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission or the National Association of Securities Dealers are oversight bodies for investment products. "So if someone feels they've been taken advantage of in the financial-investment arena, those are the agencies they should contact," Pachuta added. He also said that to his knowledge no one has been targeting service members deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan. "The problems we've become aware of have been primarily in training environments," Pachuta said.

VISIT CONTINUED FROM 1A

The tour began May 17 with remarks by II MEF Operations office. Opening remarks were followed by a visit to II MEF Logistics and several briefings by various II MEF commands. "The Norwegian contingent was very impressed with

the II MEF Capabilities Exercise, which served as the culminating event of the tour, especially the urban combat demonstration, beach landing and combined arms demonstration," said Waage.

"This tour is all a part of getting to know the Marine Corps better," said Waage. "It was excellent. I loved it."

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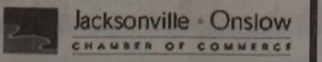
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Left: Wilmington's George Corrie charges the net moments before scoring the first goal in Saturday's game. Above: One of Charlotte's few chances came on this header in front of the Wilmington net, but Hammerheads' goalie Jordan James made a diving save. Below: James Gledhill jukes a defender.

Hammerheads shutout Charlotte, move into a first-place tie



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WILMINGTON, N.C. — Playing in front of 3,374 fans, their largest crowd of the 2005 season, the Wilmington Hammerheads shutout the previously undefeated Charlotte Eagles 2-0 Saturday night.

The victory over their cross-state rivals moves Wilmington into a first place tie, with Charlotte at the top of the United Soccer League's second division.

With the big early season matchup looming, Wilmington had a particularly intense week of practices leading up to Saturday night's game. The practice paid off in a dominating performance, marked by numerous scoring opportunities for the Hammerheads and few opportunities for the Eagles at the opposite end.

Wilmington was able to capitalize on several opportunities, while the few chances Charlotte had to put the ball on net were sealed off by Wilmington goalkeeper Jordan James. The Hammerheads are 5-1 with James in the net, and he marked his second shutout of the season Saturday.

Coming out of halftime with the game scoreless, the Hammerheads played their finest second half of the season. At times this year, the Hammerheads have played lackluster and uninspired soccer in the second half, after establishing leads in the first half. But with the game scoreless and a chance to move into a first place tie, Wilmington displayed a level of intensity that had been missing in previous second halves and got on the board first, when striker James Gledhill fed midfielder George Corrie from the right side. Corrie executed a pretty stutter step to split two defenders in the box and

fake-out the goalkeeper. When Charlotte keeper Chris McClellan went low, Corrie sent a soft chip over his head and into the net for his first goal of the year, in the 53rd minute.

Ten minutes later, Gledhill astonished the crowd and the Eagles' defense when he took a pass off the back of an official, dribbled up field, stopped on a dime, leaving his defender on the ground, then cut-back toward the center of the box where he found some daylight to blast in a shot from 10 yards out.

The two goals were enough to beat Charlotte, which had allowed only three goals in their previous six games.

The Hammerheads are undefeated at Wilmington's Legion Stadium but are winless on the road, where they will be headed for a three game road stretch.

After a home friendly exhibition game against the Charlotte Battery of the First Division, Wilmington travels to Long Island, N.J. to face the Rough Riders May 28. The Hammerheads defeated Long Island 2-1 at home a week ago.

Wilmington then travels to Cincinnati for a June 3 game against the Kings, followed by a June 8 game at the Northern Virginia Royals before returning home to take on the New Hampshire Phantoms June 10.

Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational | Practice round



Above:
From left to right: Major Gen. Robert C. Dickenson, base commanding general, former professional baseball player Doug Flynn, Vernon Debolt from the Sun Journal, and Don Williamson of Williamson Nissan. Several celebrities made an early appearance at Lejeune's Paradise Point Golf Course last week to build awareness and support for the 2nd Annual Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational.

Left:
Major Gen. Robert C. Dickenson, base commanding general, celebrates a birdie on the third hole with his teammates, Vernon Debolt, Doug Flynn and Don Williamson during a round of golf at the Celebrity Players Tour media day at the Camp Lejeune golf course May 18.

Doug Flynn, a member of the Celebrity Players Tour, lines up his putt on the third green during the media day golf event May 18.

The Celebrity Invitational returns Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 and benefits Project CARE and the Fallen Patriot Fund.

Amphetamines striking up controversy in baseball

STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

EATTLE (AP) — The clanging jars in baseball clubhouses filled with "greenies," the potentially deadly amphetamines, speed or pep pills, that fuel generations of players, are nowhere to be seen.

Now, caffeine-spiked, vitamin-boosted Red Bull, Spark and other concoctions promising energy are all the rage, lining up-door fridges and locker shelves, most packing no more wisp and presenting no more danger than a cup of drip coffee.

At few, among dozens of major league ballplayers interviewed by The Associated Press, was a mention of "greenies," or their chemical cousins in other colors, which have been relegated to the past. Discretion, in this age of congressional hearings and calls for cleaning up the game, demands less visibility and less discussion.

Amphetamines are not banned by the major leagues, though commissioner Bud Selig last month called for testing for the stimulants. The players' union has said it would discuss the issue.

Fourth and fifth place in the Los Angeles Dodgers' Jason Phillips, Bobby Labores of the Angels' Darin Erstad, and San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy's Ivan Rodriguez and reliever Alou were among many who wouldn't touch the subject of amphetamines. Said Alou: "We've been through a lot with this shenanigan, true enough, with Bonds' personal trainer who was indicted by the Bay Area Grand Jury for the 2001 World Series investigation."

In the mention of "greenies," Los Angeles manager Don Loomis, who is among the most vocal observers of the game, puffed his lips in a half-smile and drew his thumb and forefinger together across them as if to zip his lips.

More than 50 players refused to speak on the record, but Selig said he guesses anyone could offer in the course of tests, ranging from less than 10 percent to more than 75 percent of all major leaguers.

If you hear stories about guys taking them as soon as they wake up in the morning and all through the day," said Seattle Mariners coach Jeff Nelson, among those who believe the higher figure is more accurate and that amphetamines should be banned. "It just has to be a habit. They need to stop of them to get them off."

was that "greenies" are still used in baseball, the only question being how widely; amphetamines are not considered performance enhancers that give players a competitive advantage, but rather performance enablers that get them through some games on little sleep; and baseball should add amphetamines to the banned list as much for health reasons as to get rid of another contentious issue.

"I am against amphetamines, absolutely, without reservation," San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte said. "Whether that drug has been part of the culture of the sport or not, it's still illegal. In addition, I'm very concerned about the message it sends to college, high school and little league players that somehow they need something other than practice to move up the ladder."

The players were divided on whether baseball should continue its own drug-testing program with stronger penalties or turn

over to an independent agency, such as the World Anti-Doping Agency, which polices Olympic athletes.

Amphetamines and other stimulants glaringly were left out of Major League Baseball's most recent drug-testing agreement with the players' association. Baseball has no penalties for amphetamine use by players on 40-man major league rosters, although amphetamines are banned for players with minor league contracts.

Selig proposed stiffer penalties for steroid offenders last month and called for testing for amphetamines because "we need to put an end to all whippers."

"There's a lot of anecdotal stuff that's gone on," Selig said. "I was a young kid who walked into the Milwaukee Braves clubhouse and I heard about it. That was 1958, so that's 47 years ago. You can talk to people that go four, five and six decades back."

Union head Donald Fehr said

in a letter to Selig that the players were willing to listen, but he gave no indication they would budge on amphetamine testing.

"There's going to be a real fight on the hands of the owners if they try to ban amphetamines," Kansas City pitcher and former player representative Brian Anderson recently told The Kansas City Star. "At the same time, if they make as big a stink about amphetamine use as they did about steroids, the players have already been beat up bad about steroids."

"If they take that fight to the public, we're going to get slaughtered if the public buys into it."

None of the current or former players interviewed by the AP seemed to know what was in "greenies," which were usually Benzedrine when they were introduced to baseball and football by players returning from the military after using the pills in World War II.

"Even while they were in the

service, they played sports," said Charles Yesalis, a leading steroid and stimulant expert at Penn State. "My dad was in the 101st Airborne. When he went in on D-Day, he was issued amphetamines."

"During football and baseball games, they quickly learned they work. When these guys came back to the pro leagues and colleges, they brought amphetamines back with them, and that's how it started. They spread rampantly through a variety of other sports."

Benzedrine, Dexedrine and other variants were used, and are still used, in the military to forestall fatigue, increase energy level and boost aggressiveness. Defensive linemen in football, in particular, found amphetamines useful, Yesalis said, as did the kickoff teams.

Baseball players had different motives.

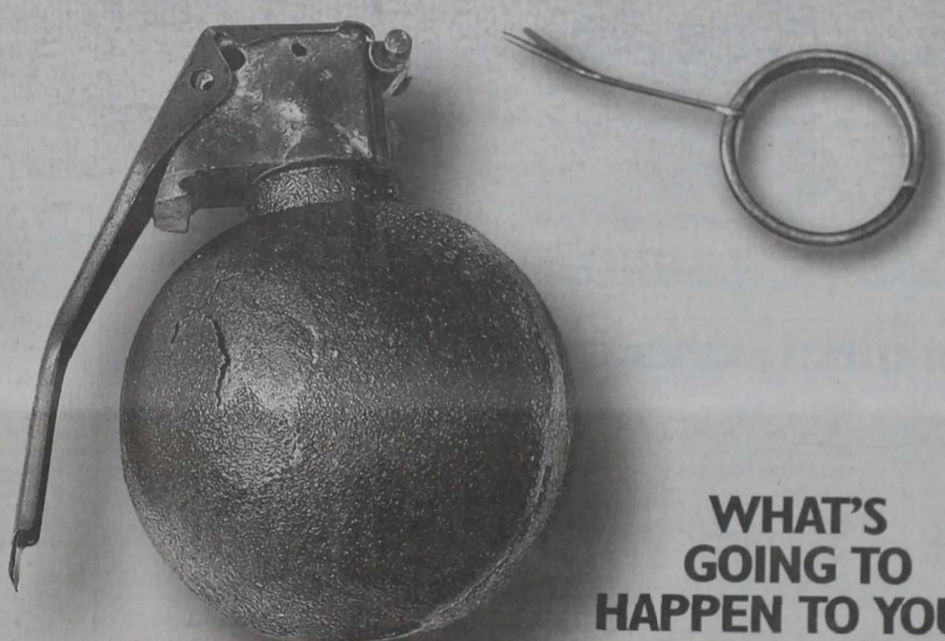
"There is no fatigue in baseball, per se," Yesalis said. "The

old saying is, 'It's five minutes of action packed into three hours.' Why would they use them? But there's a consistency among the ballplayers I've talked with over the last several decades, and others who have talked with journalists and written books. It all revolves around the fact that it's a very long season with very long road trips and recovering from nights out on the town. It's used for getting over hangovers, the doldrums, the boredom of a 162-game season."

The trouble is that amphetamines are so dangerous, dramatically more so than steroids, that the deaths they caused to cyclists, students and others who were using them led to the 1970 federal Controlled Substances Act and to drug testing in the Olympics.

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racing and have a little about horse racing and that great sport it is." Over the years, Shirreffs' difficult left turns have led to neckletours. He was a driver in Vietnam and after being discharged he decided to move to Hawaii for the life of a surfing bum. He stopped in Northern California to visit a friend, however, and never got there. Instead, like a precise rider Herrarte, he started his racetrack career as a H-walker and then worked around horse farms and back for meals before finally landing a paying job as a yearling.

Shirreffs took out his initial license in 1978 and spent years soaking up the knowledge of horsemanship as an assistant in Southern California. He is a deliberate, patient trainer who is more comfortable with a few tier owners.

MA Funn is an independent journalist and retired intelligence officer who has written two books about racing and football.

Newcomers make mark in mountain bike race series

New talent emerges, sets the stage for fierce competition in future races

JEFF LEBLANC
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With cycling clubs arriving from Wilmington, Greenville and New Bern, N.C., as well as members of the local Down East Cyclists club, 28 competitors edged their wheels to the starting line for the fifth and final race in DEC's 2005 Mountain Bike Race Series. Jason Millington has won the expert class of the series for the past four years and was set to do so again in the May 15 race at Camp Lejeune's "Brig Trail." Going unchallenged at this race, all Millington had to do was finish the race to wrap up first place in the top class. Although not in the expert class, a newcomer to the series, Caleb Smith, was wheel to wheel with Millington for each of the required three laps. With Smith finishing first overall and first in the sport class, he is poised to move up to the expert class next year and give Millington a run for his money. Johnny Edens, last year's sport class winner, moved up to expert and having completed the first three races in the series, qualified for a second place overall finish in the 2005 series.

Joe Baes, the former president of DEC, recently returned from a deployment to Iraq and was right back in the saddle finishing second for the series in the sport class. Todd Brown, a newcomer to mountain biking this year, started off big with a first place overall series finish for the beginner class, and 64-year-old Charlie Goodrich took the honors in the masters 45+ class, taking on Greg Gabent, and Jeff LeBlanc, still in their 40s.

Elizabeth Nelson, a triathlete from Greenville who wanted to "try" off-road cycling, won in the women's class with Dana Gribble and Brandy Jones close behind in second and third, respectively.

"Keeping up with the Jones" took on a new meaning in the series with Tim and Brandy Jones placing third in their respective classes, and their 12-year old son, Coleman, earning a first place finish in the youth category.



Jason Millington won first place overall, expert class, in the Down East Cyclists 2005 Mountain Bike Race series, after finishing the final race May 15. Newcomer, Caleb Smith, and Johnny Edens are among those who will be aiming to end Millington's long run at the top of the expert class.



Matt Hepperly and 27 other competitors competed in the May 15 race, the final race in Down East Cyclists' winter series, at Camp Lejeune's "Brig Trail."

DOWN EAST CYCLISTS 2005 MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE SERIES RESULTS

Expert: 1st Jason Millington 2nd Johnny Edens	Sport 35+: 1st Steve Benson 2nd Daniel Sacchi 3rd Robert Jones	Beginner 35+: 1st Steve Mason 2nd Monty Mitchell 3rd Tim Jones	Women: 1st Elizabeth Nelson 2nd Dana Gribble 3rd Brandy Jones
Sport: 1st Caleb Smith 2nd Joe Baes 3rd Robert Reger	Beginner: 1st Todd Brown 2nd Jason Koplin 3rd Mike Rhodes	Masters 35+: 1st Charlie Goodrich 2nd Greg Gabent 3rd Jeff LeBlanc	Youth: 1st Coleman Jones

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CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Clemson's Jack Leggett this season, using untested freshmen at center field, and second base.

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Why the turnaround, Leggett said, "Widmann and Harbin figure the game better's production could be better. Harbin has 28 doubles, a career record and only five from the school's single season mark of San Diego's shortstop Kha Chalk, a contact hitter who has the speed to run down things in the outfield, has

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Clemson's young stars power second-half of ACC

By ETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Any coach would never do what Clemson's Jack Leggett did this season, using untested freshmen at center field, shortstop and second base. The Tigers again, most coaches don't give rising stars Brad Walker, Stan Widmann and Yorlwin Harbin to plug in. The three helped the Tigers overcome a sluggish start to finish second in the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference and win the year on a nine-game streak, including a three-game sweep of Miami, the series' first 0-for-3 series since 1912.

Not that it was easy to write about the game's most critical moments. There were a few bumps here and there, Leggett said, but Harbin and Widmann have been every game. Chalk up a regular in early college as they got accustomed to the college game, and struggled and was 5-for-10 in the first game. Harbin has gone much better since the ACC season. The Tigers have a 12-21-9 in the second ACC tournament in Greenville, Fla.

Harbin has the turnaround? "We're young and learning," Widmann said. They figure the game is a production could be better. Harbin has 28 doubles, a record and only five in the school's single season. San Diego shortstop Khalil Walker, a contact hitter who can run down the outfield, has 13

sacrifice bunts, one off the Clemson single season record. Widmann has made only four errors in ACC play.

Harbin (.362) and Chalk (.354) are 1-2 in team batting average. The three combined have hit .333 with 12 homers and 82 RBIs.

They've got Tiger fans thinking of a few years back when Greene (now starring with the San Diego Padres), third baseman Jeff Baker and first baseman Michael Johnson powered the team to the 2002 College World Series.

Harbin said they take it in stride, not letting the accolades and comparisons swell their heads or deter their hard work.

"Being compared with those three guys is unbelievable," Harbin said. "But we're just trying to come out and compete and make our contributions to the team."

Harbin has been the offensive star, not surprising for South Carolina's all-time high school homer king with 52 at Travelers Rest. Against North Carolina State last month, Harbin went 5-for-5 with three homers and eight RBIs in Clemson's 16-9 victory.

Almost as important as his skills at the plate, Leggett says, is Harbin's attitude. If it helps Clemson succeed, that's what Harbin wants most, his coach said.

That was on display in an 8-5 win over the College of Charleston last week when Harbin fought off a difficult pitch in the first inning for a fly ball out to left, scoring Herman Demmink. Once the run crossed, Harbin trotted back to the dugout clapping his hands all the way.

Their willingness to learn has pleased Leggett. Harbin and Widmann both came to campus as shortstops. Instead of setting up a divisive rivalry, the two worked together to fit

in and improve. The roommates now play alongside each other "like they've been together seven or eight years," Leggett said.

Widmann said that it was easy to work hard with others like Harbin doing the same.

With Harbin's upstate high-

school power display and Chalk being on two state championship teams at Riverside High in Greer, S.C., Widmann might have been overlooked among the newcomers, Leggett said. But Widmann is as skilled at this position as any prospect the

coach has ever seen.

After the big three of Baker, Greene and Johnson moved on a few years ago, Clemson felt the loss when highly regarded prospects like Jeff Francour, Jeremy Hermida and Zach Greinke signed with the Tigers out of high school then became

first-round Major League Baseball draft picks.

Leggett hopes he has found the foundation for another successful run. "We know we're not looking for a shortstop, second baseman or center fielder real soon," Leggett said.

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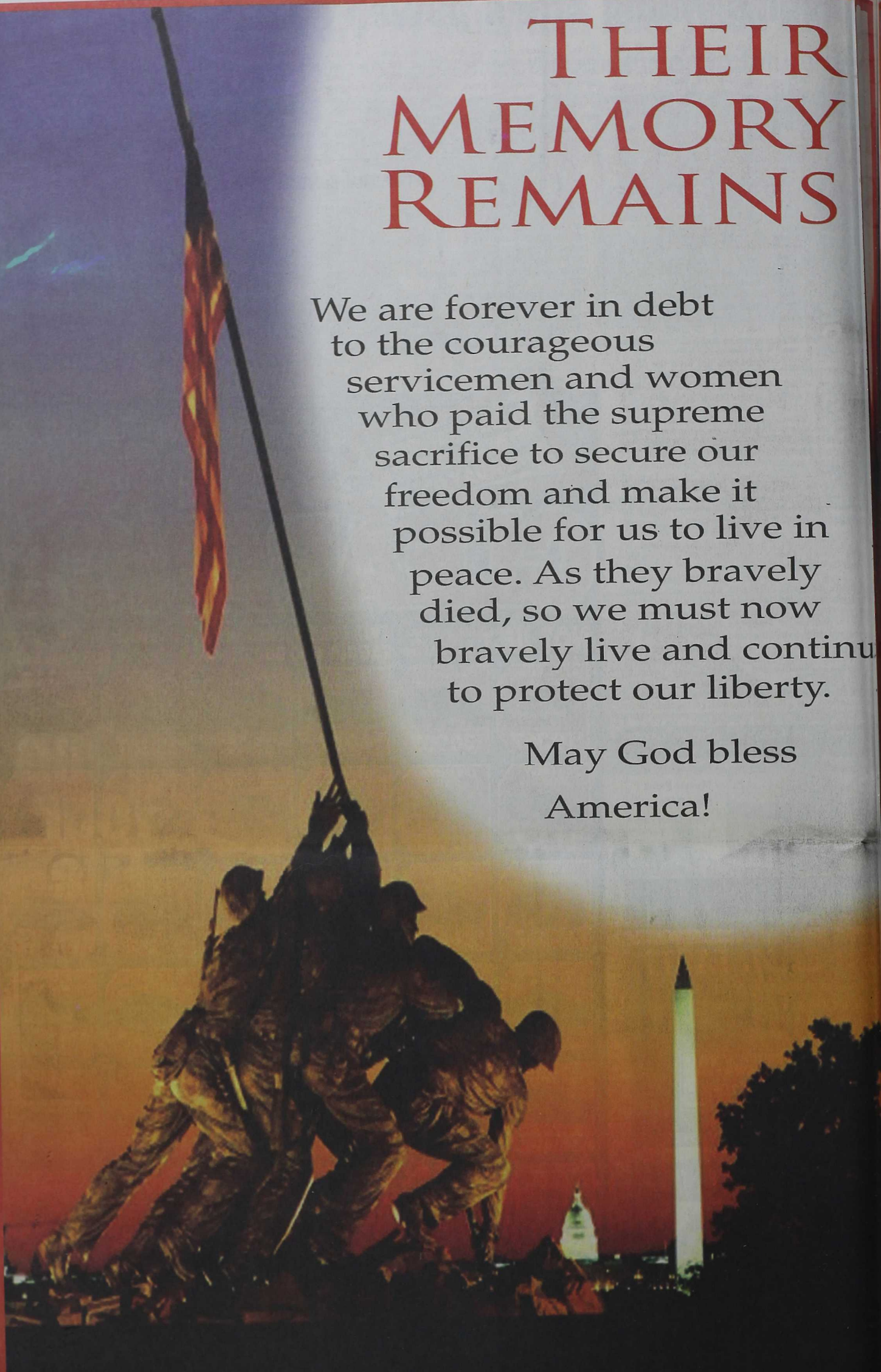
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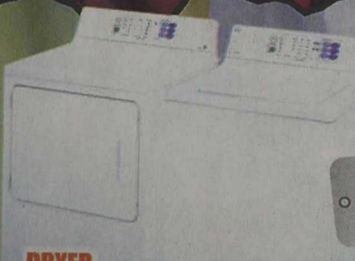
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After a remarkable run, will Allen and McMillan return?

TIM KORTE
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Ray Allen choked back tears in the interview room, getting misty as he described how much he enjoyed his Seattle teammates and coaches this season.

"I've never felt a stronger, tighter bond than I've felt for this group of guys this year," he said.

What a year it was. The Super Sonics exceeded expectations by winning 52 games and the Northwest Division title.

After Seattle's 98-96 loss to San Antonio on Thursday night that eliminated the Sonics from the Western Conference semifinals in six games, the five-time All-Star was sentimental.

"We took it deep into the playoffs," Allen said. "We played great basketball, no doubt about that. We beat some good teams and had a lot of fun. The difference with this team? We really liked each other."

Nobody knows what's next.

Allen is one of nine free agents and one of the NBA's premier players on the market this summer. Even if Seattle brings him back, things are likely to be different next fall.

After Allen earned about \$14 million this season, Seattle could have given him a maximum \$97 million, five-year extension.

It's believed the Sonics proposed a deal worth more than the five-year, \$65 million contract that Steve Nash signed with Phoenix last summer before his MVP season.

Unfortunately for Allen and the Sonics, negotiations during the regular season didn't work out, and both sides agreed to try again after the playoffs.

Asked if he'll return, Allen really couldn't say.

"That's been my goal the whole time," he said. "It's tough to think about now. People ask me, 'Could this possibly be my last game in the building?' I don't know."

"I know basketball for me is over for a couple of months. I just plan on being in uniform," he added.

Antonio Daniels, meanwhile, holds an option, while Jerome James and Reggie Evans can shop for offers after each blossomed into promising post players.

Vladimir Radmanovic is a restricted-free agent, so the Sonics could match competing bids. The other free agents are Ronald "Flip" Murray, Vitaly Potapenko, Damien Wilkins and Mateen Cleaves.

"This is a business, so who knows if this team will be back together again next year the way it was," Daniels said. "But the guys left it on the floor. That's all you can ask."

And let's not forget those two big free agents from the management side: coach Nate McMillan and general manager Rick Sund. Both went into this season without extensions.

LeBron James has already targeted McMillan as the coach he'd most like to see in Cleveland, and the former Seattle point guard known as "Mr. Sonic," his No. 10 hangs from the Key Arena rafters, no doubt raised his currency with a remarkable, overachieving season.

Not that it was his primary focus.

"It wasn't really about win-

ning or losing for me this season," McMillan said. "That may sound crazy being in a contract year, but it was all about how these guys played, how hard they worked and the commitment to playing together."

Nobody expected the Sonics to do much. Questions at training camp focused on whether Seattle would improve on a 37-win season,

not whether they'd be among the NBA's top squads.

Then Rashard Lewis made his first trip to the All-Star game, though he missed a stretch late in the regular season with a foot injury and the last three playoff games with a bruised toe.

Team owner Howard Schultz made good on a pledge in the fourth year of his five-year plan. The

Starbucks chairman had vowed when he took over the Sonics in 2001 to make them an elite team.

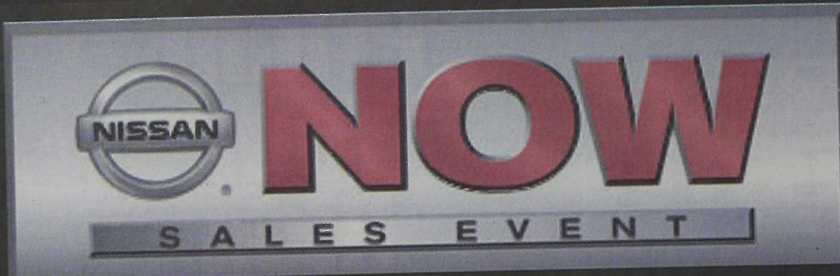
Ultimately, the Sonics were one of the final eight teams in the postseason. Not bad, considering the marquee acquisition was foul-prone, muscle-man Danny Fortson.

"A lot of good things happened this year," Fortson said. "This is just terrible. I honest-

ly thought we would go way."

They didn't, but no San Antonio's celebration after the final horn dampen what Allen felt he gathered his colleague midcourt for one final

"I told them I appreciate everything," Allen said. "I had a great time. It was but everyone should their head high."



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consultant Dr. Gary said, "Over 13 percent of college students used amphetamines at least once." Schedule II controlled substances, the same classification as cocaine, amphetamines, and more than 100 other substances, are listed on the prohibited substances list. Amphetamines can stoned you immediately," said. "They're highly addictive and you can overdose on them. They can cause psychosis. They can lead to heart attack. In my opinion, they dwarf anabolic steroids in terms of danger."

And despite their use as controlled drugs, amphetamines and related stimulants are easily bought via the Internet at sites such as *Rednet* or *IntegrRx.com*. Addicted for weight loss, such as dextroamphetamine, is available for \$89 to \$199 a month, which contains amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine. Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy, amphetamines are available for a doctor's prescription by a doctor. Amphetamines, Wadler said, have to be categorized as a drug of abuse, a different pathway of action. They've got to be taken care of for health reasons, and for legal reasons, for performance reasons. "We have to ask these players now they're taking a pill that has the capacity to kill

them suddenly. And if they can't relate to that, do they realize they're taking a substance which is a first cousin of a Ephedra that killed one of their colleagues named Steve Bechler? Now how do you justify taking it? So you don't get tired? Give me a break. You're bored? Well, if you're that tired and that bored, then leave the sport."

None of the players or managers interviewed by the AP acknowledged using an amphetamine, though some said they had used dietary supplements with Ephedra before it was banned by the FDA. A federal judge struck down the ban last month, and the FDA said it is evaluating the decision.

Yet, as Yesalis had found, most players cavalierly dismissed amphetamine's danger and justified its occasional use to offset the rigors of travel, the length of the season and the night-day games. Angels manager Mike Scioscia doesn't think amphetamines should be allowed in baseball, but he sympathizes with players who have taken them.

"This schedule is incredibly taxing on a player who plays every day," Scioscia said. "The days off are few and far between, especially if you're playing on the West Coast. They're gobbled up. A day off is getting up early, getting on a plane and flying six hours to get to a hotel room to get ready to play a game the next day." "So if you're going to get rid of some of the things that have been around baseball for a long time, you're going to have to make some adjustments to the length of the season or the density of the season to give some more days off so guys can play at the high level they need to," said Scioscia.

Detroit Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge agreed. "We play every day, straight through. You're playing in front of anywhere from 15,000 to 50,000 people, and there's more pressure there than a normal job. So there's a need of something," Inge said.

someone like Tommy Lasorda. The former Los Angeles Dodgers manager, now the team's special adviser to the chairman, strongly favors banning and testing for amphetamines.

"I played and managed a lot of years," Lasorda said. "Nothing wrong with a long season. I wish we could have played all year round. How the hell could they get tired doing something they love to do? A guy plays center field, he jogs out there nine times and he jogs back nine times. He goes to bat four times, maybe gets on one time. What the hell's so tiring about that? How can anybody tell you that they're tired playing this game. It's a joke."

Baseball took the whole amphetamine issue as a joke, or at least saw it as unworthy of attention 35 years ago when former New York Yankees pitcher Jim Bouton wrote his landmark inside-the-game book, *Ball Four*.

Baseball continued to ignore amphetamines in 1984 when former Boston pitcher Bill Lee wrote about players popping "greenies" in *The Wrong Stuff*. In 1985, Dave Parker and Dale Berra testified in court during a cocaine scandal that they got amphetamines from Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, and John Milner testified he had used liquid amphetamines called "red juice" that Hall of Famer Willie Mays kept in his locker.

In 1999, when Dwight Gooden wrote in *Heat* about at least 10 New York Mets regularly using "greenies," baseball still did nothing. Nor did it move on the issue in 2003 when another former Yankees pitcher, David Wells, now with the Red Sox, wrote in his own book that greenies continued to be prevalent in the game. He said many players bought "a season-long stockpile" of hundreds of pills and often shared them with teammates.

Rex Hudler, a former infielder and now a TV analyst for the Angels, told the AP that "greenies" were common when he was in the minors and the majors.

"I'm sure they were in the game long before I even passed through," he said. "It wasn't like it was a huge deal. To me it was like routine."



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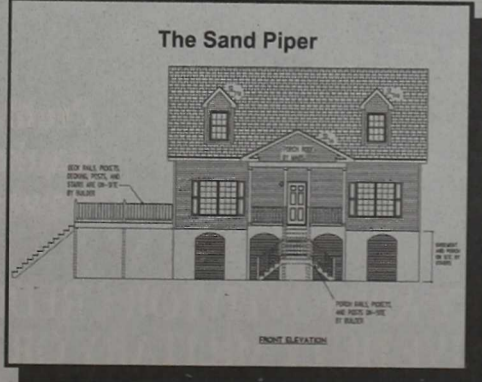



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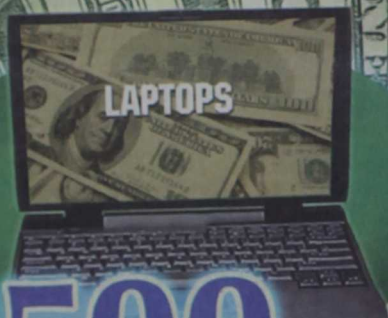
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Quick Shots

TRIPPERS

Stoppers is asking for information concerning a burglary, which occurred May 14 at a residence in the area of Pine Road in Jacksonville. The suspect was described as a younger black male, 5'10", 160 lbs, wearing a narrow high impact men's 18 speed bicycle. A discarded bicycle was found near the residence after the suspect fled. To report information concerning this incident, call Detective Nordstrom at 455-7222.

FATHER'S DAY

Stripes is offering an online Father's Day message posting service at stripes.com until June 1. Submitted messages will be published online, and a selection of the messages will be sent to those fathers listed in the Middle East. Messages will appear in a special section in addition to being inserted in the Stars and Stripes Middle East Sunday.

SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive is scheduled for May 26 at Marston Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The goal is to reach for a total of 60 units. For more information, call the clinic at 451-8848.

EVENT CEREMONY

The commanding officer of the Marine Corps Engineer School at Camp Lejeune, Col. James J. Sekula Jr., will preside at the post ceremony for Sgt. J. J. Sekula Jr., who was killed in action at Ellis Field, Camp Lejeune, on May 1, 2003. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, call 450-7521 or 450-7523.

PACIFIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

There will be an Asian Pacific Heritage celebration at Johnson's gymnasium, 129, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today. The cost is \$5 and attire is aloha. There will be a hula show. If you would like to volunteer for dances or any Asian displays, call 450-7743.

YOUR SKILLS

Marine Corps instructors offer guidance in teaching public speaking, listening and leadership skills. Participants will receive military training skills. The instructors meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Training Annex at the Marine Corps Memorial. For more information, call 353-9559 or Joe at 355-5999.

MEETINGS

The Brief workgroup has a new location. Marine Corps Building Room in Building 3. Meetings are held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

THE LINE

The consolidated issue located at Building 3 has an additional staff member. Officers and staff members will be assigned to the wait area to serve customers.



Shawna Cartmell, a student at Parkwood Elementary School, has her blood pressure and pulse checked by Lt. Gregg Geppson, a firefighter paramedic with Fire and Emergency Services Division, outside the Marine Corps Exchange during EMS week.

Emergency Medical Services week educates community

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

Firefighters and paramedics had the opportunity to interact with the public and educate the community about Camp Lejeune's Emergency Medical Services during the base's second annual EMS week, which began May 15 and concluded May 20.

"It's a good opportunity for people to meet paramedics in a controlled, safe environment," said Lt.

Mitchell A. Wiggs, a fire fighter paramedic, with Fire and Emergency Services Division. "It gives folks a chance to become more familiar and comfortable with the individuals that they're entrusting their lives with in an emergency."

The primary responsibility of EMS is immediate patient care on both basic and advanced levels of life support in life-threatening situations, according to Robin E. Lewis, fire chief of Marine Corps Fire Services, Fire and Emergency

Services Division.

"EMS has become a huge part of FESD," said Lewis. "They do everything from applying simple bandages for cuts and scrapes to treating major coronary attacks and serious traumas. This week gives us a great chance to get the word out to people so they understand exactly what we do for them."

The most important objective of EMS week is for paramedics and firefighters to get out into the community

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Sergeant Maj. Alexander McBride, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort sergeant major, presents Lance Cpl. Brian Erickson, 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, with a basket May 18 at the Naval Hospital. Quilts and baskets were given to the Marines made by volunteers from the community program Military Ministries Team.

Care packages bring smiles to injured service members

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI
Marine Corps Base

Sergeant Maj. Alexander McBride, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort sergeant major, presented service members with care packages, baskets and quilts from the Military Ministries Team May 18 at the Naval Hospital.

"We all put together what little we have, and it really adds up to a lot," said Debby Mallette, leader of the Military Ministries Team. "We knew some of our guys were going to come back wounded. Sometimes, when they are injured, these young men and women can feel isolated. We want them to know we are here for them," Mallette added.

The Military Ministries Team is a Jacksonville, N.C. organization dedicated to reminding deployed Marines, sailors, and

their families, that this community is behind them 100 percent.

"We started off doing care packages for the deployed Marines and sailors," said Mallette. "Single Marine Program and the Travel Management office, along with II Marine Expeditionary Force, worked with us to send all our care packages free of charge to the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Many members of the team are former military families, and understand the difficulties and loneliness of being away from home. By providing little things to the deployed troops, the team hopes to remind them that they are not forgotten.

"Even though you're gone now, we will be here when you get back," said Mallette. "We know what it's like to be away from

home. The Marine Corps is a small family, and just like families take care of their own, the Marines take care of their own. We just try and help."

Along with the baskets and quilts, which were sewn by supporters of the military in Beaufort, S.C., are scheduled to be given to every injured Marine and sailor who comes back to the naval hospital for extended treatment.

"Coming here and being able to see these Marines is really special to me," said McBride. "It made the trip completely worthwhile."

For more information about the Military Ministries Team or volunteering goods or services, contact Debby Mallette at 455-8688 or via e-mail at wecareteam04@yahoo.com.

"A lot of people want to help, they just don't know where to start," she concluded.

Short-term loans prove bad for long-term security

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI
Marine Corps Base

Payday loans, check advances and title loans are a trend among Marines, especially junior Marines who are still learning the basics of financial responsibility. Payday loans work just like any other commercial loan — a lender gives someone money, which is paid back in installments with interest charged.

The problem with payday loans, however, is the interest being charged. According to Consumer Reports magazine, lenders have been known to charge rates as high as 900 percent annually, which is nothing short of highway robbery.

"Payday lenders are actually illegal here in North Carolina," said Roy Ells, financial education specialist. "But, they have ways of getting around the law. They will attach themselves to a national bank or they make it seem as though they are selling a product."

A common scheme here in Jacksonville is to provide a cash loan to a person and then lock them into a contract making them purchase phone cards every month, according to Ells.

"We had a sailor come in not too long ago who got a loan for \$260," said Ells. "To pay back the loan, he had to buy \$50 phone cards each month. At the end of the year, he ended up paying an annual percentage rate of more than 900 percent."

These high-interest rates though, are not keeping Marines from acquiring these loans. These lenders know that many Marines are living on their own for the first time and are more likely to buy into the idea of quick cash. Eleven check cashing companies located in the Jacksonville area are listed in the phone book.

According to a Military OneSource article, 13 states have banned payday lenders completely, understanding the threat these institutions represent. Many other states are looking at payday lenders and either regulating how they operate or completely banning them from business.

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Incentives program targets demand for translators

PFC. DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

The need for properly trained linguists and translators is greater than ever, with continuing operations in Iraq and other Arabic speaking countries of the Middle East, which is why Headquarters Marine Corps has approved an Arabic linguist re-enlistment incentive program.

"When locals encounter Marines who have taken the time to learn their language and culture, they become much more receptive and cooperative," said Master Sgt. Bruce Meloy, assistant foreign languages officer with Headquarters Marine Corps Intelligence Operations and Personnel. "It's a great advantage in the field. It makes you more aware of what's going on, especially during patrols when proper communication can be a matter of life or death."

Meloy hosted an Arabic linguist re-enlistment incentive brief May 5 at the base theater. The brief focused on clarifying the incentive program and explaining what it has to offer qualified Marines who are planning to re-enlist.

"We are trying to equip the Marine Corps with culturally aware and language enabled Marines at all levels in the chain of command," said Meloy. "We simply do not have the resources to send a translator out on patrol with every unit. We are suffering from a severe shortage of personnel, which can create

a very dangerous environment for Marines in the field."

In an effort to enhance unit capabilities in the Global War on Terrorism, the Marine Corps is offering qualified Marines training to become an Arabic translator as a secondary military occupational specialty during the fiscal year 2005.

Prerequisites for eligibility in the program include having a minimum general technical score of 105 and a score of at least 100 on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery. Also, re-enlisting Marines are required to have at least 36 months of active service remaining on their contract after the anticipated date of graduation from the course, according to Meloy.

Marines will receive approximately six hours of training everyday during the 63-week course of instruction, in which they will be submersed in the standard written and spoken dialect, history, culture and government structure of the Arabic community in the Middle East.

Upon completion of the course, Marines will be assigned to the Fleet Marine Forces based on their primary MOS, therefore, putting language enabled Marines in a variety of units throughout the Marine Corps.

Marines, especially linguists and translators, must be culturally in tune

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Simulator helps prepare service members for combat situations

PFC. DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

The Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, which is housed at, and maintained and operated by the Reserve Support Unit, Mobilization Support Battalion, is helping Marines maintain and improve their weapons skills in preparation for deployment.

"The most fundamental quality of being a Marine is being able to fire a weapon," said Cpl. Brian Hutcherson, ISMT operator with the Reserve Support Unit, Mobilization Support Battalion. "This equipment will help Marines get the experience they need with all the different weapons and maintain their basic marksmanship skills."

The ISMT consists of four main pieces of equipment: the computer program, which utilizes realistic imaging to imitate terrain and enemy targets; the projector, which displays the scene on a wall-size screen; the weapons, which include virtually everything available to our troops on the battlefield, including the M-9 pistol, M-16 A2 service rifle, M-240 Gulf machine gun, Remington shot-

gun; and the laser tracking device, which pinpoints the exact point of impact for each "round," or laser fired by the weapons, according to Hutcherson.

"The ISMT is a very valuable tool," said Maj. Jeffrey Falcone, executive officer of the Reserve Support Unit. "We're responsible to make sure the troops we send on deployments are prepared for combat. The simulator helps us do that by making weapons training more convenient, cost efficient and safe."

"It gives Marines like me, who aren't 'grunts', a chance to practice with these weapons — that we are supposed to be familiar with and comfortable handling during combat," said Sgt. Mark Cvetinich, an administrative clerk with the Reserve Support Unit, Mobilization Support Battalion. "If it weren't for this equipment, I would not feel confident handling anything but an M-16 A2 service rifle."

Other great aspects of this training are that it teaches weapons safety and awareness without the use of any live ammo, and the virtual weapons resemble the fit and function of live

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Installation Support Division downsizes

LANCE CPL. MATTHEW K. HACKER
Marine Corps Base

One hundred forty-nine people with Installation Support Division transitioning into the civilian sector after retiring at a picnic ceremony May 17 at Marston Pavilion.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, after a careful cost savings review, announced that it had reached a tentative decision to contract out the Facilities Maintenance and Repair and Heavy Equipment Services functions on base.

The commercial activities program mandates that government agencies compete through a cost comparison non-core functions based on in-house performance. The ultimate goal of the program is to ensure the government is utilizing the most economical means available for performing the work.

The tentative decision to contract performance of the Facilities Maintenance and Repair, and Heavy Equipment Services functions was made

after a review indicated it was more cost effective to contract for the functions than it was to continue performance by civil service base personnel.

"We could debate whether any of this change has been good," said Navy Capt. Mason Crum, assistant chief of staff, Installations and Environmental Division. "At this point, however, there would be no value in debating that topic. Instead, at this point what we need to focus on is the thing that has not changed. The one constant that has been in place from 1941 through today - that civilian Marines on the Base Maintenance team have been 100 percent committed to serving the many Marines that call Camp Lejeune home."

The base met with the employees impacted by this tentative decision and continues to make every effort to ensure each individual employee was made fully aware of their options regarding early retirement, available separation incentives, employment opportunities with the contractor that

will perform the work in the future and other employment opportunities that may be available in other sectors of the government.

At the ceremony, hundreds gathered as they celebrated the 149 retirements by serving food and playing games including: ping-pong, volleyball, musical chairs, scavenger hunts and golf putting. They also had a dunk tank, where employees volunteered to spend a few hours getting wet.

After getting out of the dunk tank, Crum began talking about how grateful he was for all the retirees' hard work.

"There is nothing someone like me could say at a retirement ceremony for even one of the employees that is leaving us that could even come close to adequately recognizing what these fine Americans have done for our nation and our Corps," said Crum.

"I salute each and every one of you and I am proud to say that I served our nation alongside you," said Crum.

Courts-Martial

Corporal Johnathan O. Avila, Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, was convicted at a special court-martial of wrongful use of marijuana, two counts of wrongful use of cocaine and unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days, forfeiture of \$400 and reduction to private.

Marine Aircraft Wing, was convicted at a general court-martial of disrespect toward a staff noncommissioned officer, fleeing apprehension, wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana and larceny. He was sentenced to confinement for 12 months, forfeiture of all pay and allowances for five months and reduction to private.

Private first class Roldan-Olaveja, 1st 10th Marine Reg Marine Division, was at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence in movement. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 12 months, forfeiture and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Mario Tejada Jr., Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, was convicted at a general court-martial of rape and indecent assault. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 54 months, forfeiture of \$88,614 and reduction to private.

Private first class Darryl L. Brantley, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence, making a false official statement, three counts of wrongful use of marijuana and one count of wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 135 days, forfeiture of \$4,938 and

Private first class E. Shorter Jr., 2d Support Group, was at a general court-martial of three counts of distribution of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 12 months, forfeiture of all allowances and reduction to private.

Main Side Briefs

MARINE 4 LIFE PROGRAM

The Marine Corps is looking for employers interested in hiring Marines returning to the Jacksonville area after serving on active duty. Prospective employers are invited to join an online network managed by the Marine 4 Life program, which helps Marines make the transition from the Corps to the community. For more information, contact Sgt. Dana M. Hamm at dana.hamm@m4l.usmc.mil or 376-4153, or apply via the Marine 4 Life website at www.M4L.usmc.mil.

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 at 451-2864.

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At least 10 volunteers are needed to drive a parking lot shuttle bus at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital. The shifts are four hours long and volunteers must have a valid driver's license. Call 450-4596 or 451-2173 for more information.

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Is your family signed up for the Tricare Dental Plan? United Concordia handles the enrollment process. Enrollment is easy but must be initiated by the sponsor by completing a TDP enrollment form. Forms are available by calling United Concordia at 888-622-2256, by accessing the Web site www.ucci.com or by visiting any of the base dental clinics. To verify enrollment, call customer service for United Concordia at 800-866-8499, 24-hour a-day, Monday-Friday.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT TESTIMONIALS SOUGHT

The Navy is seeking testimonials from 18 - 25-year-old sailors and Marines who have been in car or motorcycle wrecks and who have been saved by seatbelts or helmets. We also want to hear from those who were injured because they weren't wearing proper safety equipment, and who have learned a lesson about the importance of protective gear. We would like them to share their experiences so others can learn the consequences of their actions when it comes to vehicle safety. Those interested should contact Fred Klinkenberger at fred.klinkenberger@navy.mil or 757-444-3520, Ext. 731 (DSN 564).

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Tobacco cessation classes are offered to all active-duty service members, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilian personnel. For more information or class enrollment, call 451-3712.

Off-limits establishments

The following businesses are designated by the base commanding general as "off-limits"

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Botta Booms	3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville
Carland	George Washington Highway, Tabb, Va.
Centennial Enterprises, Inc.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Joshua Experience/Club Access	200 Golden Oak Ct., Virginia Beach, Va.
Student Assistance Co.	244 S. Randal Rd., Elgin, Ill.

To report business fraud, call 451-3928.

TRANSLATORS CONTINUED FROM 1C

with the customs and traditions of the region to which they are deploying in order to be effective during any overseas operations. They should also have a good understanding of the history of the area and its people and possess some degree of fluency in the foreign language, said Meloy.

The real incentive for this re-enlistment program is the class, which will be at the Defense Language Institute at the Foreign Language Center in Monterey, Calif. The classes are equivalent to approximately 36 semester hours at most accredited colleges and universities, and after the completion of a few core classes at the local Monterey Peninsula College during liberty, graduates of the college's basic translator course can earn an Associate of Arts degree in the language studied, according to Meloy.

COMMUNITY CONTINUED FROM 1C

and meet the people they serve and provide them with an opportunity to learn about EMS, according to Lewis.

It is imperative in an emergency situation that the victims, especially young children, remain calm and are cooperative with paramedics and firefighters. The best way to ensure that is through education, according to Wiggs.

"If a person understands how we're going to react and treat them in an emergency, they aren't as likely to panic and resist," said Wiggs. "An accident can be a very scary scene for a victim. If they know what to expect from us, it can take some of that fear away."

"It's also a great chance to make the public aware of the fact that we've worked to improve response times and capabilities," said Lewis. "Because EMS has become such a big unit, we've been able to assign paramedics to more fire stations around base, so we can get medical attention to any emergency faster than ever before."

All members of the fire department, includ-

The re-enlistment incentives for Marines who already have the secondary MOS of Arabic translator are of a monetary nature, with a service re-enlistment bonus of five, which is five times the Marine's base pay multiplied by the number of additional years the Marine re-enlists for. The only requirement for these Marines to qualify for the bonus is being deployed for a minimum of 179 days within the next two years following their re-enlistment.

Although there are several benefits to re-enlisting with this secondary MOS, there are also many opportunities for individuals with training as an Arabic translator in the civilian sector and with government agencies, according to Meloy.

Lance Cpl. Charles Becker, a machine gunner with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines Regiment, 2d Marine Division, who is considering the program said, "If or when I get out of the Corps, I want to become a teacher at a university, and the

training I will receive through this program can make that possible. Having experience with the Arabic language will also give me a number of opportunities in the CIA and FBI."

The demand for more Arabic linguists grows as the Global War on Terrorism presses forward. The skills brought to the battlefield by trained linguists are critical to the success of the mission and should not be underestimated.

"Our skills as translators are absolutely critical in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Lance Cpl. Tariq Dahdal, a military policeman with a secondary MOS of Arabic translator.

Dahdal, who served 13 months in Iraq as a translator said, "Understanding Arabic, as well as English, gives us the ability to convey ideas, as opposed to just words, and that is an invaluable gift during combat operations. Without translators, we could not accomplish the mission."

LOANS CONTINUED FROM 1C

"A few years ago, I would say almost 50 percent of Marines in financial trouble used these payday lenders," said Ellis. "But the word is getting out; now I see far fewer Marines using these services."

Although these businesses often target military members, it's those same military members who have the most options for financial help. The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and other organizations like it can provide interest-free loans to service members in need, and if they can't help, local military credit unions can offer loans with much more reasonable interest rates.

Even with options available for service members

who get themselves into trouble financially, the best way to avoid trouble is to make a financial plan and stick to it.

"Without knowing how much you have to work with each month, you can't accurately plan for life's expenses," said Ellis. "Keeping track of how much you bring in each month and how much goes out each month is very important to understanding your own finances."

Once a basic understanding is realized, a service member can then look into improving their financial wellbeing through investments and savings programs.

"It doesn't matter how much you make," said Ellis. "It's what you do with what you make that will determine how you live."

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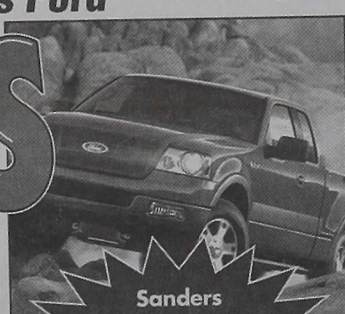
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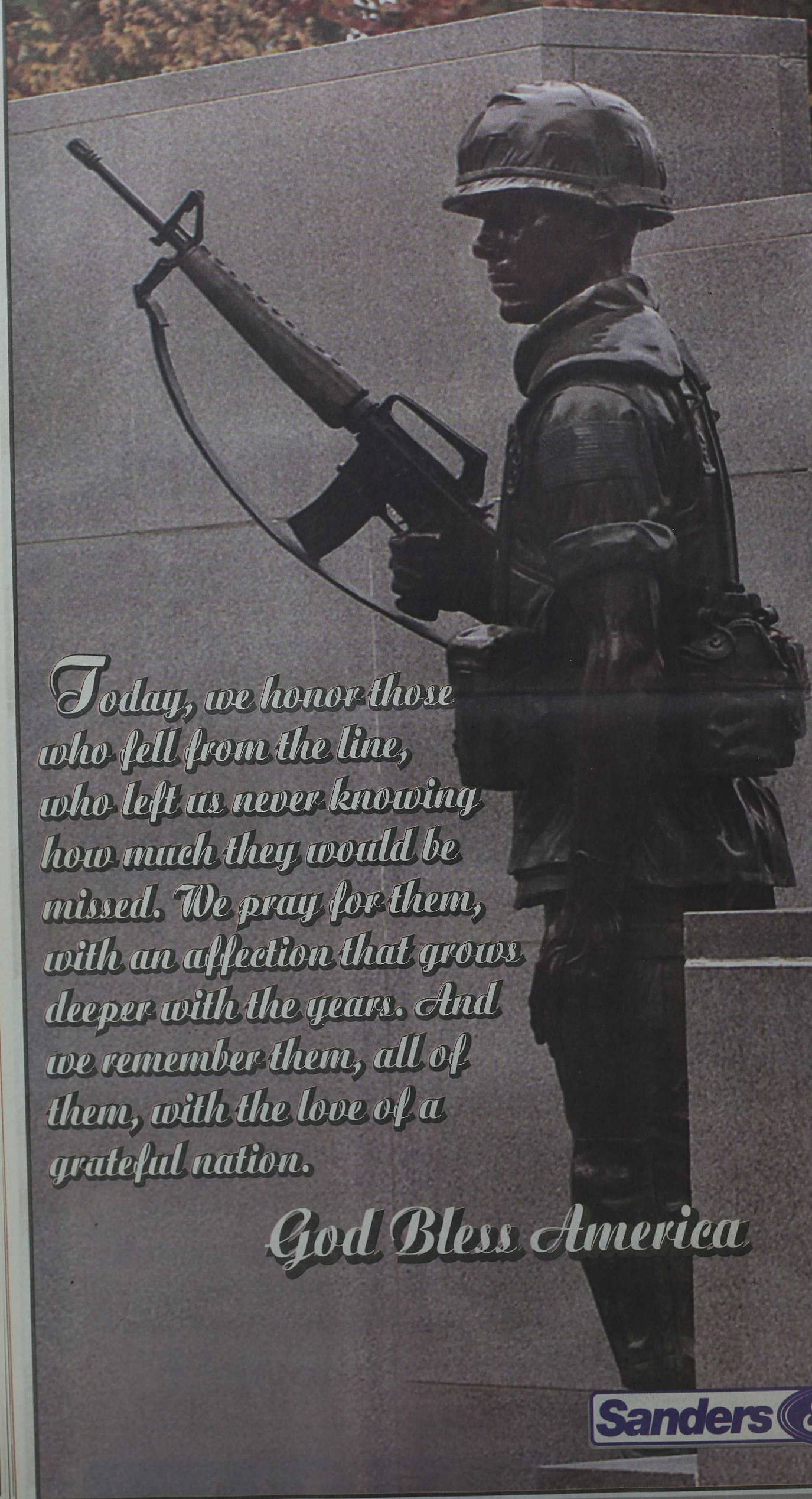
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Waynesville-Onslow Crime Stoppers is hosting a Davidson Sportster motorcycle raffle and benefit to raise funds June 17. Registration begins 9 a.m. at the New River Davidson store on Hwy 17. Only 3,500 tickets will be sold. Door prizes and lunch will be provided. For more information, call Ray Geller at 252-472 ext. 6427.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS
Camp Lejeune School Board will conduct elections Sept. 15 to fill coming vacancies on Camp Lejeune Independent Schools' school board. Candidates must obtain an intent to run election package from many of the eight schools or the superintendent's office until close of business Aug. 29. Candidates must be the wife or a spouse living at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Air Station New River. All candidates must be nominated by one eligible voter. For more information contact Mariann Williams at 347-2814 or Lisa Humphrey at 2461.

TEEN OPPORTUNITY
Ages 14 to 18 interested in volunteering at Camp Lejeune Naval Air Station, base library, veterinary clinic or Red Cross main office to attend an orientation on June 7. To register receive more information, call the Red Cross at 2173 or 450-4596.

MINIATURES
Experience the world of miniatures at the Living History Crafting Miniatures on June 17 through 2006 at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science. For more information, logon to capefearmuseum.org_small.htm

SIGNING
Tucker, counter terrorism specialist, Marine veteran and author of Among Warriors: True Grit, Special Operations and Raids in the Jujah and Hellfire: Voices of the Kuwait War. Saddam will be a Marine Corps historian. The field station Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. signing autographs.

HEALING FIELD
Partnership North Carolina's riverside pasture "Soldiers in the Field" Saturday will be transformed into a massaging field dedicated to the members who served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The field through Memorial Park remembrance garden. For more information visit www.healingwilmington.com.



Lejeune Happenings

SCUBA TREASURE HUNT

Living will have a Scuba Treasure Hunt. Enjoy a fun filled day of living, food and more. All proceeds go to the United Service Organizations' Wounded Warrior Fund. There is a \$5 entry fee for divers and \$10 for non-divers. For more information, call 336-310 or log on to www.usdiving.org.

TOY CYCLE RAFFLE

Seville-Onslow Crime Appraisal is hosting a Toy Cycle Raffle and benefit. The raffle and benefit raise funds June 17. Registration begins at the New River Community Center. Only 3,500 tickets will be sold. Door prize lunch will be provided. For more information, call Ray Geller at 336-2 ext. 6427.

NO ELECTIONS

Camp Lejeune Board will conduct elections Sept. 15 to fill 12 vacancies on the Camp Lejeune Board of Directors. Candidates must submit an intent to run and a nomination package by Aug. 29. Candidates must be a resident or spouse of a resident at Camp Lejeune. All candidates must be nominated by one eligible voter. For more information, contact Mariann Humphrey at 347-2814 or 347-2811.

RED CROSS OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers 14 to 18 are needed for the Red Cross. They will be volunteering at the Lejeune Naval Air Station base library, a community clinic or the Cross main office. To attend an orientation, call June 7. To register, call 347-2814 or 347-2811.

MINIATURES

The world of Miniatures is at the Living History Museum of History. The museum is open June 17 through June 26 at the Cape Fear Museum of History. For more information, log on to www.cefearmuseum.com/small.htm.

TRAINING

Counterterrorism Specialist, Marine Veteran and Among Warriors. The movie "The Grit, Special Forces, and Hell Is a Place of the Kurds" will be at the Marine Corps Bookstore. The movie starts at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes autographs.

HEALING FIELD

Shelby North will have a Healing Field Saturday. The field will be dedicated to a massing of flags for members who served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The field will be through Memorial Park. For more information, visit www.healingfieldwilmington.com.

Memorial Day Parade

HEATHER CARUSO

Carolina Living Staff Writer

The anticipation of Memorial Day is mounting and many are planning outdoor activities and barbecues as a way to kick off the summer. During the course of the day, take time to remember the origin of the holiday — honoring fallen service members — and consider doing something to pay tribute to their sacrifice, such as attending the Salute to Freedom parade in Jacksonville.

It seems fitting to have such an event in a town full of military history like Jacksonville, which is one reason why The Door Christian Fellowship Church decided to conduct its first Memorial Day parade three years ago.

"As always, our main goal is to show support to the military — both active and retired," said Wally VanTiem, one of the parade organizers. He added that the parade also shows support for the nation's veterans, the president and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

"People take for granted the freedoms we have here in the United States. We want people to take time to salute their sacrifice," he added.

Each year, the parade has grown in size and received more support from the community. This year, organizers are expecting over 300 participants and several floats depicting the military and other patriotic symbols such as the founding fathers, who believed in a free society. Some out of state church organizations will be a part of the festivities as well.

This year's parade begins Saturday at 2 p.m. at Rose Bros. Furniture on Onslow Drive and continues down Henderson Drive to an end-of-parade rally in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in the New Market Square shopping center. The rally will last roughly one hour with live musical entertainment and speakers.

The first Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was May 30, 1868, commemorating the sacrifices of fallen Civil War soldiers by decorating their graves. On May 5, 1868, Gen. John A. Logan from the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers, declared General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance, no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will, in their own way, arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

Both union and confederate soldiers were honored.

This practice of decorating graves continued through the years, and after World War I, the scope was broadened to encompass all fallen warriors in America's wars. It wasn't until 1971 that Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday celebrated the last Monday of May.

Today, a small flag is placed on each grave during this holiday in the Arlington National Cemetery, and it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the fallen heroes and place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Hundreds of thousands of America's men and women lie in graves today, because they established or reinforced our freedom, and many more continue to maintain our freedom today. As you celebrate Memorial Day 2005, with outdoor activities or barbecues, remember it is more than a day off from work; it's a memorial.

Historical data was gathered from www.historychannel.com.



Several patriotic floats were a part of The Door Christian Fellowship Church Memorial Day parade in Jacksonville last year.



The Memorial Day parade in Jacksonville last year honored past and present service members who secure our freedom.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

A Memorial Day Gun Salute will take place in front of Building 1 at noon on Monday conducted by Headquarters and Support Battalion.

The Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville will have a Veteran Memorial Day Service Monday at 10 a.m. George G. Cleveland, N.C. house representative, will be the guest speaker. A flag burning ceremony and luncheon will follow the service at Fleet Reserve Association Branch 208 Puller Hall, 121 Stillwood Road in Jacksonville.

The American Legion will hand out poppies to Jacksonville Mall visitors in remembrance of all soldiers lost during wartime. After World War I, the poppy became a symbol of the ultimate wartime sacrifice.

Sneads Ferry's 2nd annual Memorial Day Parade will be Monday at 10 a.m. The route begins at Salem Baptist Church on Sneads Ferry, follows along the waterfront onto Wheeler Creek Road and ends at the New River Community Church, where a remembrance ceremony will take place.

The Carteret County Veterans Council will have a Memorial Day service Saturday at the Courthouse Square in Beaufort, N.C., at 10:30 a.m. Congressman Walter B. Jones will be the guest speaker.

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8 a.m.	The Morning Report
8:30 a.m.	Air Force News
9 a.m.	Your Corps
9:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
10 a.m.	Cape Fear
10:30 a.m.	Okinawa War Chronicles
Noon	The Morning Report
12:30 p.m.	Pacific Report
1 p.m.	Navy-Marine Corps News
1:30 p.m.	No Memorials
2 p.m.	Pentagon Channel On Assignment
2:30 p.m.	Pentagon Channel Studio 5
3 p.m.	Doing it Right
3:30 p.m.	Shooting Gallery Episode #26
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11 p.m.	Doing it Right
11:30 p.m.	Shooting Gallery Episode #26
Midnight	The Morning Report

Explore exciting vacation spots just miles from Camp Lejeune

LCTV-10

CPL. PATRICK MCHUGH



Welcome to another week of informative and entertaining programming on Lejeune Cable Television-10. As always, LCTV-10 shows you what is going on around the military community and worldwide deployments with a selection of news shows from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps team. We're proud to continue bringing you programming straight from the Pentagon channel with everything from news updates to a look at how you can take better care of your health.

This week, we'll be taking a look at some local travel spots in Camp Lejeune's backyard. Wilmington, N.C., is part of the Cape Fear Coast, home of Wrightsville Beach and the Cape Fear

River. If you feel like getting away for a weekend, but don't have the means to spend a lot of money or time going to Florida, chances are there's something you would enjoy on the Cape Fear Coast.

We'll also be taking a look at Virginia Beach, Va., a short drive north of Camp Lejeune. Virginia Beach is filled with shopping and dining, and the beach itself is the state's largest attraction. Walk along its famous boardwalk or check out the many restaurants, cafes and dance clubs available throughout the city. Whether it's museums or nightlife you're into, Virginia Beach has something for everyone.

For history buffs, we'll be showing *War Chronicles: Okinawa, the Last Battle*. Tune in to learn about the final battle of World War II, from the brave Marines landing on hostile shores to the fierce resistance conducted by the remnants of Japanese forces. See what influenced the decision to drop the atomic bomb instead of invading the Japanese mainland from Okinawa, Japan.

Also, stay tuned to channel 10 for our great line-up of military news. Be sure to watch Camp Lejeune's own news program, *The Morning*

Report, which airs live every Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Marines as we show you what's happening in the Corps and around Camp Lejeune, date on what's going on in our national military branches by watching *Corps News*, *Air Force News* and *Army Newswatch*. Viewers can also stay informed on local area happenings by watching screens and tickers. We keep the of sports, national, international, entertainment news. If you or your get information put on LCTV-10 www.lejeune.usmc.mil.

With Marines constantly leaving Lejeune and our Corps, LCTV-10 is looking for volunteers to learn different in front of and behind the camera, especially needing to fill the position anchor on the morning show. If you are interested in working with a crew of humorous individuals and want to learn video production and television broadcast, contact Cpl. Patrick McHugh at 451-1239 or e-mail Cpl. Patrick McHugh at patrick.m.mchugh@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, features and layout editor at ena.bravo@militarynews.com. Space limited to availability.

Thursday 26

- **The Piano Men** at the Thalian Hall in Wilmington - www.ncpresents.org.
- **Rogers Road** at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckys-rocks.com.
- **Story Time** presents **Summer Fun** at the Camp Lejeune library. For more information, call 451-3178.

Friday 27

- **Shawn Christian & The Carolina Band** at the Riverwalk Crossing Park in Jacksonville. For more information, call 937-7222.
- **Flashpoint** at Jaycee Park in downtown Morehead City. For more information, call (252) 726-5083.
- **Nik Ponos and Hobex** at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefislive.com.
- **Kenicious Fizz** at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckys-rocks.com.
- **Absolute 80's** at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggy-rock.com.

Saturday 28

- **In-V** at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.com.
- **St. Somewhere** at Tikki's in Beaufort - www.the-sandbar.org/tikki.html.
- **Creekside and Jubal** at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefislive.com.
- **Doublewide and Countermeasure** at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckys-rocks.com.
- **Bright Eyes, The Faint, Mars Black** at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggy-rock.com.

Thursday 2

- **Perfect Wedding** by Purple Crayon Productions at the Thalian Hall in Wilmington - www.ncpresents.org.
- **Mondays Off** at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckys-rocks.com.
- **Swansboro Friends of the Library** will host a stress-tolerant bedding plants gardening program at the Swansboro Branch Library at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 326-4888.

Friday 3

- **Bombay Circus** at the Riverwalk Crossing Park in Jacksonville. For more information, call 937-7222.
- **Slavemachine** at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.com.
- **Perfect Wedding** by Purple Crayon Productions at the Thalian Hall in Wilmington - www.ncpresents.org.
- **Surfrider** benefit with 4th & Dock, Mole Cricket, The Burnin Symurnans, The Big Mighty, Sacred Circle, Amless, Alloromthing at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefislive.com.

- **Carolina** at Jaycee Park in Morehead City. For more information, call 252-5083.
- **Carpe Noctem** at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.com.
- **The Burnin' Guts** at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefislive.com.
- **Eight Foot** at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggy-rock.com.

The Interpreter: First movie shot inside United Nations building

FROM THE FRONT ROW
REINHILD MOLDENHAUER HUNEYCUTT



and Keener trained with the Secret Service. *The Interpreter*, with its talented stars, is an interesting, exciting, intense and very sophisticated psychological thriller with political overtones. It is now playing at Camp Lejeune's theater.

CRASH (R)

Crash is an urban drama and tells a story about the intersecting lives of a racially diverse cast of Angelenos. It is a tragicomic multi-character study of Los Angeles race relations.

The film follows several characters of different races and social class, observing how their beliefs and prejudices affect them when they interact and collide within a 36-hour period.

There are nine plot lines in this tale and many diverse and different characters: a Brentwood housewife and her district attorney husband; a Persian storeowner; two police detectives, who are also lovers; a black television director and his wife; a Mexican locksmith; two carjackers; a rookie cop; and a middle-aged Korean couple.

The story begins with the principle character, Graham Waters, a hardworking homicide detective, played by Don Cheadle (*Hotel Rwanda, Ocean's Twelve*). He and his partner, played by Jennifer Esposito (*Taxi, Breaking All the Rules*), crash their car. It is the first of many collisions between multiethnic Angelenos.

The lives of the following characters intertwine throughout the course of a day. The heavyweight stellar players include:

Brendan Frasier (*The Mummy*) as Rick Cabot, the unprincipled and ambitious district attorney, and Sandra Bullock (*Miss Congeniality, The Net*) as his furious and moody wife Jean, who gets carjacked by two hoods.

Matt Dillon (*There's Something About Mary*) as Ryan, a bigoted L.A. police officer, who freaks out his new partner, Thomas Hanson, played by Ryan Phillippe (*Gosford Park*), by harassing innocent blacks.

Thandie Newton (*The Truth About Charlie*) and Terrence Howard (*Ray*) play a glamorous African-American couple, who are pulled over and humiliated by Officer Ryan.

Shaun Toub (*Out to Sea*) is an angry Persian storeowner wanting to kill the hardworking Latino locksmith, played by Michael Pena (*Buffalo Soldiers*), who he thinks ripped him off.

Larenz Tate and rapper Ludacris appear as Peter and Anthony, the two young black carjackers.

Paul Haggis makes his feature directorial debut with the help of Robert Moresco (*One Eyed King*). Together, they wrote this stylist script where all the characters are introduced



Sean Penn, as federal agent Tobin Keller and Catherine Keener as his partner, agent Dot Woods, in *The Interpreter*.

as stereotypes and gain humanity as the film progresses. Haggis also wrote the adaptation of the recent Oscar Award winning hit *Million Dollar Baby*.

Crash does not have an agenda; however, with its excellent and compelling storytelling, it takes us places we have never been. It is deadly serious and leads us on an emotional roller coaster ride.

Crash is an overwrought but gripping ensemble piece, with superb acting and strong cinematography, as seen before in *Traffic* and *Shortcuts*. This film, however, focuses on automobile accidents and is filled with not only fender benders and head-on collisions, but collisions of the characters themselves.

The emotional conclusion of this film shows that there is good and evil in each of us, and it only takes a small push one way or the other to seal your fate. *Crash* is now playing in the Jacksonville theater.

Huneycutt is the public affairs assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

Movie gossip, rumors

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE
Lindsay Lohan is up where Tom Cruise is. Mission: Impossible III. Lohan told Hollywood that she is excited to work with director J.J. Abrams on the movie. She says she is excited to work with Tom Cruise. It has the sound of Katie Couric's her name. Associated Press.

THE DA VINCI CODE

Code isn't being up where Tom Cruise is. but there's already a trailer for it? There are no actors seen, just some motion picture... and a movie box net).

X-MEN 3

Foppish Frasier. Indeed, Kelsey Grammer has finagled a second sequel. Beast, a 355-pound haired mutant. Avi Arad took a deflecting fan of advance, insisting Beast is the most intelligent mutant, and an overly erudite. Sure, just as long as it doesn't sign. www.variety.com.

The movie is brought to you by www.movies.com.

Movie Listings
Check the movie listings online at www.mccslejeune.com

Midway Park

Saturday	Guess Who (1:44)	PG-13	2 p.m.
	Beauty Shop (1:45)	PG-13	5 p.m.
Sunday	Beauty Shop (1:45)	PG-13	2 p.m.

Camp Lejeune

Friday	A Lot Like Love (1:47)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	The Interpreter (2:08)	PG-13	9:15 p.m.
Saturday	King's Ransom (1:35)	PG-13	3:30 p.m.
	A Lot Like Love (1:47)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	The Interpreter (2:08)	PG-13	9:15 p.m.
Sunday	King's Ransom (1:35)	PG-13	3:30 p.m.
	A Lot Like Love (1:47)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	The Interpreter (2:08)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	The Amityville Horror (1:29)	R	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Snitch (2:04)	R	6:30 p.m.

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Wartime communication advances

Company offers voice messaging

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WASHINGTON — Though letters, text e-mail and telephone are the most popular ways for deployed service members to communicate, a telecommunications company in Cleveland is offering yet another option.

OnlyOne, which provides voice communication and messaging services to individuals and businesses, is using its technology to bring service members and their families together through a voice messaging service it calls TroopTalk.

The company is providing the service through the Armed Forces Young Men's Christian Association. According to Judi Bonadio, executive vice president for the company, the idea behind TroopTalk is to provide service members and their spouses and families a way to communicate anywhere, just by picking up a telephone.

Each service member is assigned a TroopTalk account with an assigned 10-digit telephone number. The spouse or family member enters the number and leaves a voice message. TroopTalk then forwards the messages to an attachable voice file and sends the attachment to the service member's e-mail. The attachment file is then played through the computer. There is no limit to the number of messages a service member can receive, and callers will never hear a busy signal, she said. Bonadio noted an example of how TroopTalk helped benefit a home.

During a Christmas party, the discussion came up about a service member who was deployed, she said. "Someone remembered his service member had a TroopTalk number. The party attendees called the TroopTalk number and took turns sending messages of love, merriment, encouragement and even jokes," she added.

Bonadio said although TroopTalk won't replace the ultimate convenience of speaking to family members over the phone, the service will help those service members who, due to mission requirements, may miss hearing messages from home because they do not have access to a telephone.

"Quite frankly, if a service member can get to talk to their family, that's the ultimate," she said. "But what we do is bridge the gap, so that those that are left at home ... can pick up a phone anytime and voice their love and concern."

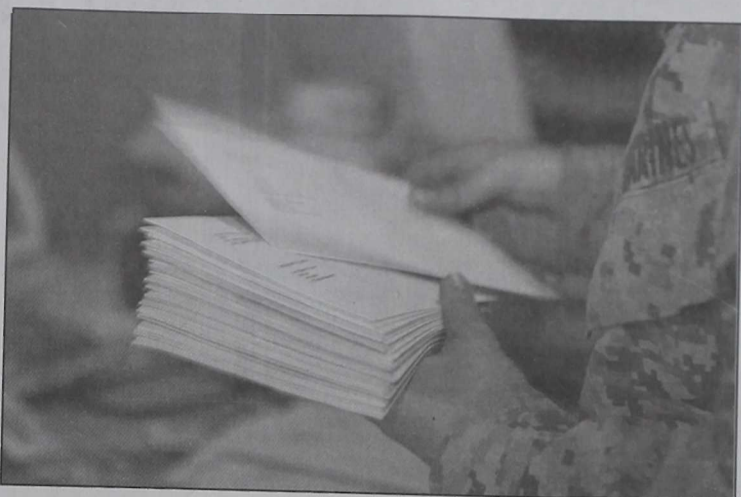
Another unique feature of the service is that the service member's TroopTalk number is accessible by as many family members as they wish. It is as easy as care to send voice and fax messages, she said.

There is a cost for the service, which ranges from \$118 per month for a six-month subscription to \$220 for 12 months, but Bonadio said she is hopeful she can get companies to help defray the cost by sponsoring a service member or a

company. The cost is only \$16.95 a month for an individual subscription. However, we see our corporate donors presenting gifts of six-month subscriptions for \$118 and 12-month subscriptions for \$220 that are earmarked for units," she explained. Already, several companies have promised to support TroopTalk with donations for subscriptions, she said. And the U.S. military, and the U.S. Services YMCA is helping to match companies with service members and units deploying overseas, she added.

Blank Body Armor, which makes protective vests worn by U.S. military, and Interactive Intelligence, which provides communications for small- to medium-sized businesses, have become sponsors.

See MESSAGING | 4D



The post office at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, prints nearly 700 MotoMails daily. The 24 Marines with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward), postal route the MotoMail and parcels to the thousands of service members serving throughout Western Iraq.

Sending visual love

HEATHER CARUSO
Carolina Living Staff Writer

People say a picture is worth a thousand words. The same is true about video e-mail when long distance separates family and friends. Since April of last year, free use of a simple video e-mail service has been available to anyone who has access to Camp Lejeune.

At first thought, the service is beneficial for visual communication when deployment puts geographical distance between families. At second thought, it is a wonderful tool for military families to maintain close ties with extended family and friends, when service members are uprooted from their hometown or duty station.

Wives have brought their children into the Hadnot Point Exchange, where the video e-mail stations are located, for the children to sing their ABCs for their deployed dad, and some teenagers use the service to stay in touch with friends from previous duty stations, said Stan Fitzgerald, manager of Pioneer Services in Jacksonville.

The service enables users to send unlimited quantities of five minute long video e-mail messages to anyone with an e-mail account and computer speakers. The video is embedded into the e-mail, so the recipient doesn't need to have any particular computer program to play the message.

"This is a way to say thank you to our service members and their families who do so much for our country," said Fitzgerald.

MotoMail motivates leathernecks, families

HEATHER CARUSO
Carolina Living Staff Writer

If you were told you could get a handwritten letter or a picture your child drew to your beloved Marine in Iraq within 24 hours, how would you respond? It may sound daunting, but the senders of approximately 75,000 MotoMail letters last month will testify to this truth.

MotoMail is a mail service that is digital at the sender's end, but in the form of a tangible printed letter at the recipient's end. This digital-paper combination allows quick communication for Marines in Iraq without access to e-mail or telephone.

Overall, the accessibility of e-mail and telephones in Iraq is quite impressive. Many Marines have the opportunity to e-mail or call home multiple times a week and stay updated on family news back home. But unfortunately all don't.

Chief Warrant Officer Don McCarty Jr., MotoMail project

officer, knew that communication could be improved for infantry and artillery Marines who don't have frequent access to phones or e-mail when he learned about E-Bluey, a form of British armed forces mail service that MotoMail is modeled after.

"E-mails are great and quick, but you have to have access to e-mail to read it," said McCarty. Before e-mail, troops received handwritten letters from home that they could re-read time and time again when an extra morale boost was needed. Few Marines, if any, have access to printers in Iraq, so Marines can't print out letters to read over and over. MotoMail is the best of both worlds since it is quick and can be tucked away in a pocket.

MotoMail is highly praised

by its many users, because it is simple, fast, secure and free. Feedback from its users has been extremely positive. One user posted on the MotoMail Web site, "Thanks United States Marine Corps for creating MotoMail. It is a wonderful tool, and it helps quell my anxiety to know that I can communicate with my Marine in a way that is quick and efficient."

In the beginning, many feared MotoMail letters could be read by Marines working with the postal system, but that is simply incorrect. The letters are electronically sent to the MotoMail server and printed by secure machines at the USMC post office nearest to the recipient. The letter does not reach human hands until it is securely

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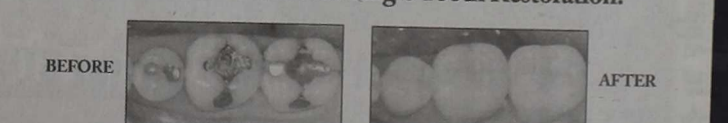


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sealed in envelopes with perforated edges, similar to the way many paychecks or pay stubs are sealed.

Mail call is two words Marines looked forward to hearing 50 years ago just as much as they do today during the Global War on Terrorism. Anticipation bubbles up from within, with hopes of receiving news from home when the bearer of mail arrives. Since MotoMail has been introduced, there is more excitement during mail call. "Marines look more for MotoMail than the letters because they know it is news within 24 hours," said McCarty.

Since the MotoMail news is recent, telephone conversations can be more in-depth and not just catching up on family happenings.

Any family member or friend who has access to the Internet can use MotoMail and can sign up for an account by following six easy steps. All the user needs to know is the unit address, not the location. Logon to www.motomail.us, and with-

in five minutes, you can be Motomailing your Marine. It's that easy.

In addition, the Harriette B. Smith Library on Camp Lejeune recently received a MotoMail scanning station that allows handwritten letters or hand drawn pictures to be sent through the MotoMail system. McCarty suggests picking up several of the designated sheets of paper used for this service, so letters or pictures can be created in the convenience of the home, and then send it through the scanner the next time you're near the library.

McCarty expects many moms will use the MotoMail scanner stations around Father's Day for their young children to send dad a special drawing or letter.

Currently, the Marine Corps is the only branch that took advantage of the British's knowledge of this new communication tool, and they are offering the service free of charge to service members of other branches that are stationed at Marine camps under the USMC postal service in Iraq.

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Meanwhile, she said, the World Wrestling Entertainment Group has loaned the voices of several of its stars to entice callers to leave messages for TroopTalk subscribers.

Bonadio is asking that more companies come forward. Only about 100 families are currently being sponsored in the program, she said. "We would like to find more donors that could come in. ... It's bringing such joy to the people we are starting to set up for this service," she explained.

The focus of her company's effort, Bonadio said, is solely to help the troops and their families. She said it's important that the troops not be forgotten.

Stone Street Elementary | Student Fun Day



Heather Canuso

After a whole year of learning, students at Stone Street Elementary took a break from books to celebrate the school year's end May 19 at Marston Pavilion. Teachers and parents manned the fun day activities that included races, games, inflatable moonwalks and slides.

Above: Thad Springer and Vanessa David catch tennis balls with Velcro mitts. Each time the ball was successfully caught, they took one step farther away.



Right: Courtney Hensley and Lilly Garis playfully compete in potato sack races.

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Service Member of the Month | Lance Cpl. Paul Gooden



Lance Cpl. Paul Gooden Jr. is the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce Service Member of the Month for May. He joined the Marine Corps on Nov. 10, 2003 - the Marine Corps birthday - and graduated from recruit training as a meritorious private first class. Gooden is currently serving aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River with the aircraft rescue and fire fighting division. Gooden said he plans on being a career Marine, and his goal is to be the best of the best, which is why he joined the Marines and desires to eventually instruct fire fighting at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Stone Street Elementary School | Closing ceremony



Stone Street Elementary School celebrates the school's 46 years of learning May 19 at the Stone Street Elementary School closing ceremony. The ceremony was held at the school's 46th anniversary celebration with students, staff members and administrators dating back to 1959. Beverly Wischnowsky, leadership team, shares precious memories about the SSES children and staff. Among other staff members: Susan Rumbley, former principal and 1st grade teacher; Kim Hoveland, former SSES student; principal; Bob Brinton, superintendent; Dawn Riggs, educational assistant; Bea Shore, 3rd grade teacher; Nann Orr, art teacher. After the ceremony, the students enjoyed Fun Day at Marston Pavilion.

Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital Birth Announcements

April 1 Louis Gavin born to Cara and Capt. Brian Greene
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April 1 Chloe Renae born to Emily and Sgt. Frank Signor
April 2 Sophia Mae born to Stephenie and Capt. Edward Biel
April 2 Kai Michael born to Katherine and Gunnery Sgt. James Brown III
April 2 Brett Anthony born to Privates first class Ashley and Joseph Livengood II
April 2 DaRon Malyk born to Idrany and Cpl. Ronald Long Jr.
April 3 Alexandra Faith born to Jennifer and 1st Lt. Thomas Richardson
April 4 Cody James born to Rebecca and Sgt. Derek Boyd
April 4 Morigana Rose born to Jessica and Sgt. Adam Van Wagenen
April 5 Isaiah Christopher born to Cpl. Shannon and Sgt. Lucien Sudlow
April 6 Tatyana Jae born to Lance Cpls. Brianne and Luke Billingsley Jr.
April 6 Madison Elaine born to Tiffani and Sgt. Christopher Munzinger
April 7 Naomi Elizabeth born to Flor

and Sgt. Lucas Deras-Perez
April 7 Willow Zoey born to Joan and Petty Officer 1st Class Devin McConnell
April 8 Alexis Morgan born to Tiffany and Cpl. Jeremiah Sewell
April 9 Alexandra Sabrina born to Jessica and Staff Sgt. Felix Conde Jr.
April 9 Zackary James born to Jennifer and Lance Cpl. James Crossland
April 9 Kayde Riley born to Janice and Cpl. Russell Fender
April 9 Sean Matthew born to Anne and Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey Manalansan
April 11 Christian Edward born to Crystal and Cpl. John Bard
April 11 Brawlee Reign born to Meghan and Lance Cpl. Tyrone Drage
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April 12 Kaylee Marie born to Stephanie and Sgt. Craig Wells
April 13 Christopher Isaac born to Maria and Cpl. Christopher Speer
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April 14 Sean Allen born to Nakesha and Lance Cpl. Jason Oliver
April 15 Emaline Nicole born to Christina and Lance Cpl. James Davison
April 15 Brianna Kellye born to Brittany and Cpl. Biff Knight
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April 16 Mason Joel born to Sara and Staff Sgt. Jayme Gibbs
April 16 Carson Michael born to Stacie and Cpl. Brian Kitt
April 16 Leiana Joann born to Caline and Lance Cpl. Daryl McNatt
April 16 Katherine Elizabeth born to Dina and Gunnery Sgt. David Rodgers
April 17 Jasmine Faith born to Marilou and Master Sgt. Martin Looney
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April 29 Ophelia Mia born to and Staff Sgt. David Smith
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Scholarships reward 500 military youth

PRESS RELEASE
 Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. - It is May and the color green is bursting forth, but for 500 diligent students it's not just the "garden variety" green found in the backyard. It's more like Federal Reserve green. Thanks to the Scholarships for Military Children program, 500 students are receiving \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall. Jessica Marva, Robert McDonald and Meagan Laskowski are three Camp Lejeune dependents who received these scholarships. "We're excited to report that the scholarship program continues to be a success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Patrick Nixon, Defense Commissary Agency acting director and chief executive officer. "We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded nearly \$4 million to more than 3,000 students since its inception in 2001."

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Scholarship Managers notifies recipients by letter prior to the public announcement of winners. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsors is posted online at www.militaryscholars.org.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes toward scholarships.

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Journalizing leaves a valuable living history for others

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ously, I wrote about how we real history during our lives. stion however is, "What do we leave as history, and how do we story to get told? Well, I have ong time advocate of keeping a history or journal with photo o clips, as I talked about last call it making a "Living" ; been said of many acclaimed that we often covet their per- aters and own story most to ater insight into them and their It was what we could learn em that became the most inter- recent blockbuster success, *Hobbit* trilogy of J. R. R. S. is also an example. His person- and notes have been of great o fans anxious to know more man behind the epic. I even well-known writers, e volumes of great literary nd their most coveted work to own personal history, how ore would our own families

treasure the few personal writings by us?

I read a story about a young man's father who suffered a sudden and premature death. He cherished the journals that his father left behind. It shared how the entries were simple and somewhat mundane; but, for a son who wanted to hold on to his father's memory, they became a priceless inheritance. The entries were not long, but they were regularly written for years. As a result, the pages of the journal did not just document his father's life; they became a compilation of values, a sampling of challenges and successes, a quiet testament of love and faith to a bereaved son.

Most know that the reader and writer alike, realize the benefits of writing personal histories or journalizing. Not only do those receiving such an outstanding gift of living history appreciate what has been given to them, but the person who tells their thoughts, feelings and story derives an indefinable satisfaction from reflecting, reliving and recounting their life's legacy. As in the related story, the young man's father didn't think anyone would ever be all that interested in his personal reflections. He, like most of us, wasn't the greatest writer. However, by keeping his thoughts, feelings and events on paper, it helped him achieve closure on

yesterday's events and start each new day with a fresh sheet of paper and a fresh outlook.

In a program I have used and shared with others, from the Life Balance Institute, this very concept of writing feelings in a journal is taught. This simple and highly effective way of sharing who you are with others, who might eventually read your works, is so very rejuvenating. It frees us each day to express what is on our mind and truly move ahead lighter and more full of energy.

My hours of reminiscing while converting videotape and of reading special journal clips do much the same thing. I have an incredible journal from my great-great grandfather, Benjamin Oscar Ringo. It's handbound and written in his pen — almost calligraphy. He writes about the weather, his children and an amazing amount of family history in the middle of the thoughts and stories of the day.

I found out he was a jeweler, a school teacher and a farmer. He also had two patents for mechanical movement. I found out he collected and wrote poetry and wrote much of his last few years of journal entries in poetry. I want to share a piece with you now that relates to this overall topic, written May 24, 1902, about three years before he died at age 53. It is titled *A Total Loss*.

*A moment passed is gone forever:
Can't be reclaimed; no, no, never.
If you idly let it slip,
Did not try to gain by it;
To you is lost that it might gain,
A total loss you can't reclaim.*

*How many thus, who waste their time;
And then at age of poverty whine!
Know they not when wasting it,
How that old age comes bit by bit?
And that to them in time would come,
A time of need, if thus they run?*

*If with the sun the time we'd keep,
And utilize in mode discrete,
All our moments as they fly,
Spend that time in idle play;
Not let one go idly by:
Who knows the time we thus would save?
Or who in wealth our soul could bathe?*

*Beware, you insignificant elf;
There's only so much time for self:
Spend that time in idle play;
Want will harass you someday;
Repentance then will be in vain;
For time that's lost, you can't regain!*

I, too, am very grateful for a great-great grandfather taking the time to share some of his thoughts and feelings in a simple handbound journal. There is much written about the weather or the neighbor being ill, but most of all, it shares with me how and what he


thought about. The special thing about this is that all of it is actually part of my history. A part of my story. Now I need to be consistent about doing the same for my posterity.

I think for those who may find themselves in harm's way and also those who are left at home, this simple daily activity could bring monuments of loving expressions for generations to come. If we would make the commitment to share ourselves by journaling what we think, feel and experience, we could leave lasting histories. I can only imagine what those who lost loved ones Sept. 11 would feel if they came across a journal with the writings of their loved one. I would wager that it would be a highly cherished possession.

That is probably why the Lord counseled St. John in Revelations 1:19, "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are..." Journalizing can also be a great source of personal strength, courage and renewal to draw upon. My prayer this week is that we seek to leave our living history.

Chaplain Ringo at the Naval Air Station Lemoore Hospital, holds a doctorate of philosophy in counseling, is a certified trauma specialist and a member of the International Board of Directors for the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists.

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The latest trend in luxury hotels: European castles

MARY LOU JANSON
Associated Press

Travelers don't have to live like a king to vacation like one. Throughout Europe, authentic castles are being converted into luxury hotels where guests can stay overnight, enjoy spa treatments and even dine with royalty.

Despite their formidable appearance and medieval architecture, today's no-hassle castles feature conveniences that put them on par with any modern hotel. In addition to indoor plumbing, climate control, fine linens and gourmet food, guests can be treated to heated towel racks and afternoon tea service. And, for the ultimate in royal treatment, fairytale-like touches such as personal valets, on-site helipads for airport transfers, private golf courses or proximity to prestigious courses, such as St. Andrews in Scotland, can complement a castle stay.

But the real appeal of drifting off to sleep in such a manor has more to do with the colorful past of these striking structures than with any luxuries and comforts.

"They're fun. And it completes the travel experience. Why stay in a standard, generic hotel room when you can sleep in Mary Queen of Scots' bedroom, or look through arrow slit windows out to a drawbridge or moat?" said Pamela Barrus, who has visited royal residences since the 1970s.

"Accommodations are a good part of the vacation budget and should offer more than just a place to lie down and shut one's eyes. Castle hotels also offer insight into the history and culture of a region," said Barrus, author of *Dream Sleeps: Castle and Palace Hotels of Europe* [Carousel Press].

Like any lodging, Europe's castles come in all shapes, sizes and locations and offer a range of rates from a single night for one person to a king's ransom to book an entire castle for a group. Although constructed centuries ago, these former fortresses have kept up with the times to accommodate travelers with disabilities, families with small children and even guests requiring computer access. A moat doesn't have to equate with remote. These historic hotels have been renovated to keep pace with modern day travel demands, from offering children's menus or catering options for those preferring to prepare their own foods to stocking electronic games and DVDs.

Of course, sleeping on a king-sized bed in a room once occupied by a king is part of the attraction, but

there are numerous ways to spend time. Some travelers escape to castles for romantic reasons and others to enjoy reuniting with family or friends. Rest and relaxation may be part of the itinerary, but there's also a surprising array of activities whether the castle overlooks the French countryside or a Scottish moor.

Garden tours, biking and hiking are generally available. Some elite retreats even provide heated pools. Others can arrange trout fishing in nearby lakes, balloon rides, dining in a dungeon, archery instruction and clay pigeon shoots.

Whether reading in front of a roaring fire, strolling through the stables or trying to explore every corner of the estate, the hospitality and service are what make guests feel at home within the castle walls.

"We make the castle your home for the duration so it has the services of a five-star hotel, but we tailor it for the client so they can breakfast in the garden, dinner at midnight or afternoon tea on a local beach. The difference to a five-star hotel is that we operate the castle to the guests' rules," said Lavinia Dowling, general manager of Myres Castle, a 16th Century Scottish castle.

As plush and posh as certain castles may be, the novelty of hobnobbing with royalty can be a significant part of the appeal.

When David and Jan Hooks "overnighted" at Thornbury Castle in South Gloucestershire, England, a few years ago, they were delighted to discover they would be bedding down inside a castle turret. "The key to our room must have weighed five pounds. When we walked upstairs, we discovered we were staying in a turret that overlooked formal gardens. There were hidden doorways and a fireplace with a serving of port set up," said David, a real estate consultant with offices in Chicago and Clearwater, Fla. "We had cocktails with the owner, the baron of the estate, who shared the history of the castle and the area. Where else can you have drinks with a duke or eat with an earl?"

Still, it's wise to approach a stay in a castle with a sense of humor and an appreciation for adventure.

Barrus pointed out that some castles may be far removed from major cities, making it difficult to commute between the two. And because they weren't originally built to be over-sized guesthouses, the narrow halls, winding staircases and rounded walls common to castles can be disconcerting.



Throughout Europe, castles are being converted into luxury hotels. Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn once rooms and grounds of Thornbury castle, a 500-year-old castle located in South Gloucestershire, England.

"I would advise people to put aside American pre-conceived notions about overnight stays. Think distinctive, lasting memories, not fast food and mini-bars. We were sleeping in history," said Michael Kilgore of Tampa, Fla., who arranged to be married in a castle online through www.scottish-wedding-consultants.com. He and wife Kathleen recently exchanged vows at Edinburgh's Borthwick Castle.

A spokesman for Celtic castles, an Internet-based booking company representing dozens of such properties throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland, reported that the demand in castle accommodations

as well as the number of castles being converted into hotels is growing. What type of people book stays in castles?

"We get a full mix across the board. My youngest customer was 13 years old; he booked for his parents and himself because he said Roger Masterson, managing director of Castles, While location, authenticity should be considered before booking any castle, Masterson offers first timers lots of pictures and absorb the history."

Spa resorts rescue those seeking an escape from day-to-day stress

MARY LOU JANSON
Associated Press

A television show about celebrity spa resorts first convinced Barbara Pirie to find out what she was missing. Twenty years later, the New Jersey resident regularly travels the country to have heated rocks placed on her back or get massaged while floating in warm waters.

"I don't look for a health spa to lose or manage my weight. This is pure luxury and indulgence in a setting that is unmatched," said the retired educator, who regularly visits resorts and destination spas to take treatments. Since discovering the 24,000-square-foot Mii amo Spa overlooking Boynton Canyon from Sedona's Enchantment resort, Pirie has faithfully returned, typically with friends or family members. She's currently planning her seventh visit.

Luxury hotels must keep pace with travelers' changing tastes and spas are catching on. Now that state-of-the-art sleeping quarters and meals prepared by celebrity chefs are de rigueur, the focus has shifted to fitness. On-premise, full-service spas and wellness centers are opening, or expanding, to accommodate a growing demand for upscale workout facilities and beauty treatments.

"The spa experience is quickly becoming part of the whole luxury hotel experience," said Marshall Calder, senior vice president of marketing for the Leading Hotels of the World, a luxury hospitality organization representing more than 420 hotels, resorts and spas in 80 countries. "It has become as essential as a restaurant."

A 2005 survey by the organization asked guests, who have stayed at its 420 member properties, about their spa habits. Of the 3,500 respondents, 59 percent said they specifically arranged vacations that included a spa experience. When asked how important an on-site spa was in choosing a hotel, 31 percent thought the presence of a spa was extremely important and nearly half - 49 percent - ranked the presence of a spa at a hotel as important. More than a third revealed they visit spas three to five times a year, while 16 percent make spa trips more than 10 times a year. This marked the first year for the survey.

"There is no doubt that the presence of a full service spa in a hotel or resort helps business and increases the length of stay," Calder said. In addition to more spas opening at hotels, savvy properties are maximizing the time guests spend at these facilities by marketing multi-day packages and designing spacious, private treatment rooms where an entire day's worth of pampering and polishing can be enjoyed.

In keeping with the elegant environment of a luxury property, these splashy new spas are spacious and gracious, a far cry from the modest workout rooms and hair styling salons of old. Instead of stationary bikes there are group spinning classes. In addition to basic facials, options include non-surgical facelifts. Along with whirlpools are seawater mas-

sage beds and warm waterfalls.

The Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is among those at the forefront of the spa-hotel development boom, offering spa experiences at most of its existing properties and including this component at all of its new hotels.

"What we create are cutting edge wellness and spa destinations in urban and resort settings which offer a wide variety of 'wow' experiences," said Ingo Schweder, who oversees 13 existing spas and seven others currently under construction as group spa director of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. "Years ago, people simply wanted a good spa treatment. Now they want a variety of experiences that can be combined and personalized."

Whatever the goal - stronger muscles or smoother skin - a Mandarin Oriental spa concierge works with guests to guide them through the myriad of choices available and, based on the amount of time the guest allows, creates a program particularly suited to that individual.

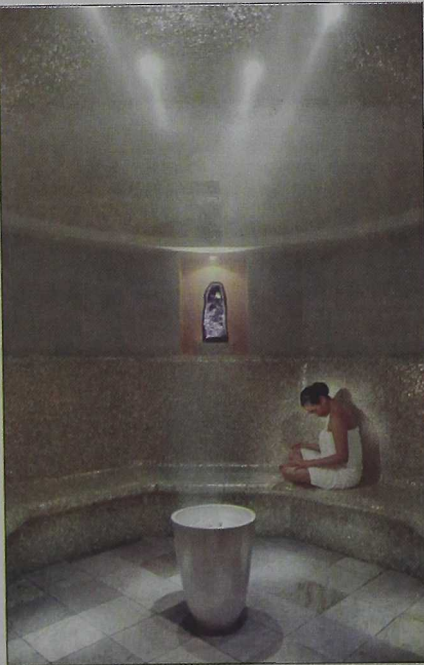
"One day it could be Pilates training followed by a steam bath and the next day a skin refining treatment followed by yoga," Schweder said. "Guests are not only into pampering but also aging prevention and de-toxing. They want a complete spa service that helps them to stay healthier for long periods of time."

To accommodate the staff, space, products and services required for everything from Thai massage to weight training, the Mandarin Oriental is creating larger spas than ever before. Facilities that once totaled 12,000 square feet, now encompass 15,000 to 20,000 square feet. Driving the development of these bigger specialty centers is the demand by hotel guests who have the wealth to look after their health.

"In general, today's travelers are healthier, wealthier and better educated than any other previous generation," said Schweder. "They have more disposable income than any generation before and are comfortable spending some of that on themselves."

Travelers, who don't typically take time to patronize spas or frequent day spas at home, are among those eagerly spending part of their vacation relaxing and rejuvenating at spas. And to ensure they will be blissfully wrapped, rubbed and scrubbed to their heart's delight, appointments are often booked before ever leaving home.

"We have guests seeking escape from



In keeping with the elegant environment of luxury hotels, today's hotel spas are spacious with cutting edge treatments and wellness programs. Guests can be pampered with a steam bath or stay fit with a Pilates workout.

hyper-active lifestyles. We are finding, increasingly, guests desire to spend more time, plan ahead and review information online and make advance appointments for their stay in the spa, instead of squeezing the spa into their vacation," said Becky Dreisbach, executive vice president of the Grand Floridian Spa and Health Club at Disney World Resort in Orlando. "We have guests who come to the spa daily while on holiday to fully experience the therapeutic and relaxing elements of many different treatments."

Procedures and programs may vary depending on the destination and the spa. Some will focus on holistic healing while others specialize in addressing stress. Whether trying a treatment for the first time or returning to a favorite spa, the experience should be one that lingers long after the visit has ended, experts agree.

"There is a spa experience for everyone. They come in more shapes, sizes, philosophies and experiences than you can ever imagine. But whatever the spa experience, it should be fun and unexpected. It should leave you feeling more connected and your life more in balance," said Jim Root, spa director at Miraval Life in Balance Resort in Southern Arizona and board member of the International Spa Association. "This is the gift people can give themselves that they take back home with them and share."

Traveling tips for those who take their canine companions

More than 15 million Americans travel with their pets every year.

STAFF REPORT
Associated Press

When actress Alicia Silverstone travels with her dog Samson, a mix of rottweiler, pit bull and Doberman, even the toniest hotels roll out the red carpet and serve dog bones. When Alicia's mother, Didi Silverstone, traveled cross-country last summer, she and her three dogs stayed mostly in more economical hotels.

"They didn't even ask how big the dogs were," Didi Silverstone said. "We had a wonderful time."

Across the country, an estimated 38,000 hotels, from the posh Regency Hotel on New York City's Park Avenue to rustic cabins at the Redwoods in Yosemite National Park, welcome dogs. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, more than 15 million Americans travel with their pets - a number that grows every year.

"We've seen an incredible transition in the last three or four years," said Tara Kain, author of the *Dog Travel Guide* at www.dogfriendly.com, which provides details on hundreds of hotels, parks, beaches and attractions where dogs are welcome. "Places that once took only small dogs, or put people with dogs in smoking rooms, now take multiple dogs up to 50 pounds. Some places really welcome dogs with a basket of goodies, a pet menu for room service and bottled water."

It's a matter of meeting demand, said Steve Tempelman, owner of Take Your Pet, an online pet travel club at www.takeyourpet.com. "Pets have become part of the family and people who are traveling for pleasure don't want to leave them at home. Hotels finally got smart and realized that."

But, before packing up the pooch, experts offer a series of caveats:

Unless the dog is small enough to fit under an airplane seat, leave it at home on vacations where the rest of the family is flying.

Plan your trip carefully and call ahead to make sure hotel policies haven't changed before making reservations, Tempelman said. "We work very hard to keep our online information updated, but you need to call and talk to the front

desk to find out about that affect your specific the specific situation."

Make sure the dog are up-to-date and carry primate documentation. Hotels will require a certificate detailing current vaccinations.

Pack carefully for making sure to include medications, bowls, leashes, crate, poop scooper. Some hotels provide accessories but others do it's best to be prepared.

For the safety of both canine passengers and dogs should be restrained either a safety harness or crate. "If you have an the last thing you want dog flying around in the it's not safe for him and good for you if he comes over your seat," said Vetere, managing director APPMA and owner of pound golden retriever. "are new restraints available that attach to seat belts - even lift smaller dogs up so can enjoy the views too."

Consider microchip identification that works around world, whether the dog is ing a collar or not. "If 2,000 miles away and the gets pulled off, you don't want to think about how cult it could be to find dog," Vetere said. "microchips, which are ing into a dog's shoulder, are an identification number can be read with a special ner so its owner can be found."

With those issues under control, traveling with a dog a real pleasure, experts say instance, planning a trip a canine companion making stops every two which also makes the trip pleasant for people, Kain said. "Last summer, we tra 11,000 miles across the c We stopped at parks in towns or on the side of road, and we tried to find with playgrounds so one could walk the dog while other watched Jodi burnin a little energy in the ground."

In many ways, travel with a dog is like traveling a child, she said. "You n plan your trip knowing you'll be together the time, because you shouldn't leave a dog in alone except in an emerg

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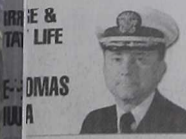
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My husband spends so much time with his buddies and leaves me home to take care of our two children. I work during the day and have to help with the kids and share more household chores. He says if I keep nagging him to go to file for a divorce, but I'm not at all with the way things are. What should I do?

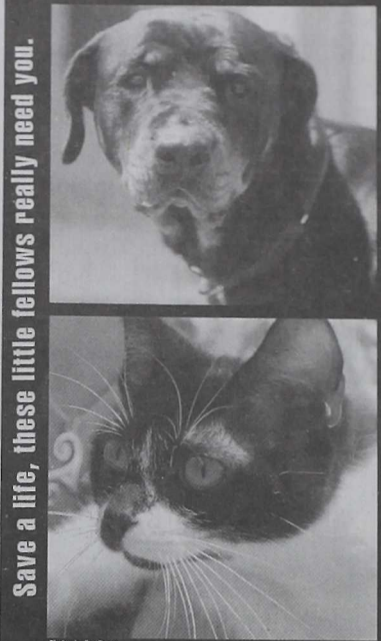
time and time again by his wife, the sailor decided one day to speak with a lawyer about getting a divorce. Rather than encouraging the sailor to first consider counseling and eager to make some money on processing the case, the lawyer requested a payment of \$1,500. The lawyer assured the sailor that his ability to have him access low child support and alimony payments by the court would more than make up for any and all legal fees involved. When the sailor informed me of his decision to divorce his wife, whom I had met earlier with him at a command function, I asked him to stop by my office to chat about this very important decision. When he said that I was wasting my time because he had already put out \$1,500 for a lawyer, I asked him if his entire life and happiness was

only worth that amount. He got the point and promised to stop by for a visit. Prior to his appointment, I had a chance to speak with his wife to gain her perspective and ascertain what was going on in their relationship. When the sailor arrived and we discussed his six year marriage, it became clear that, apart from his spending an inordinate amount of time with his friends and leaving his wife alone to take care of their daughter, they actually had a very good marriage. In the course of the counseling, I asked him, "What will you do when all your buddies remark and their second wives will not allow them to go out with you like you've been going out on your wife these past months?" In addition to giving him a few things to think about, I also gave him the *Marriage and Military Life* inventory to take home and complete with his wife. I later learned they

stayed up that night completing and discussing the inventory statements until the early morning hours. When the sun rose, he decided that it was better to throw \$1,500 away than to give up two people who were worth far more. In time, he and his wife had two more children, and today, they have a very strong and loving marriage. I share this story with you to illustrate how an intervention such as the one described above can have long-term consequences in our lives, and how many marital problems can be resolved with professional help. Consequently, if you can't get through to your husband on your own, about behavior you and most wives would find intolerable, then you may consider an intervention on the part of a chaplain, counselor or clergy person. Such a professional, particularly aided by the results of inventories such as *Marriage and Military Life*, can help you assess your strengths and weaknesses, appraise your expectations and assist you in making some critically important decisions about the future of your relationship. Gene-Thomas Gomulka is the author of *The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military*. If you have a question you would like answered, write Gomulka at letters@plaintec.net.

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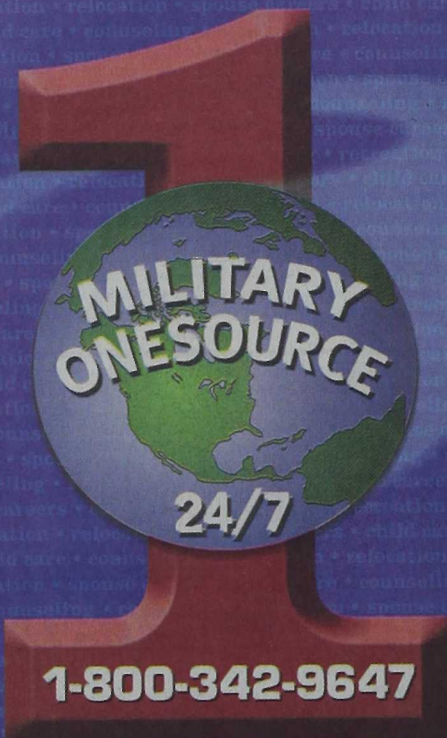
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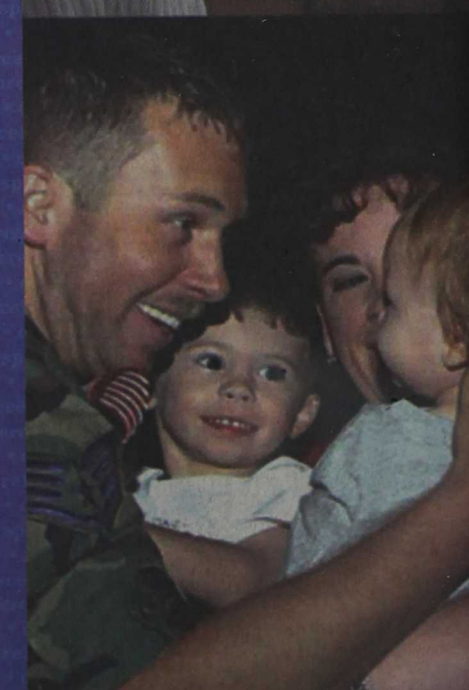
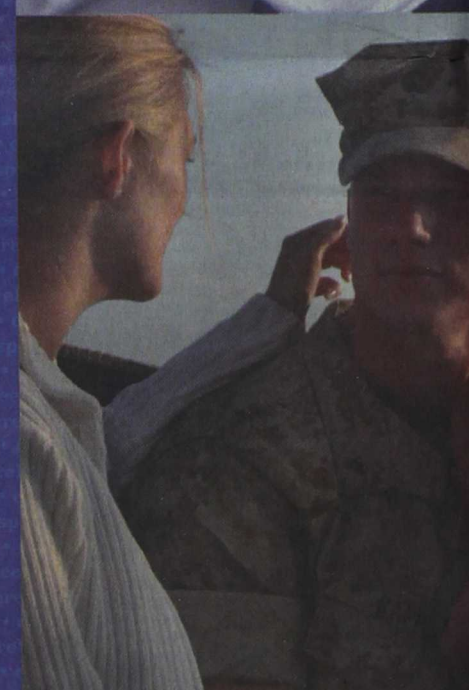
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Inside this week

GOLOSALK MARINA
The marina offers opportunities for recreation, competition and enjoying the natural beauty of the area. Golosalk Marina's two-day instruction classes teach the sport, and the marina provides other services to sailing enthusiasts. Learn more about this local sailing opportunity on page 2A.

DEFENSE EDUCATION
Amphibious Warfare School distance education program has been rewritten. For detailed information, check out 1B and 1C about the changes effective Aug. 1.

COLA 600
Recent Marine Corps child care had an unforgettable Memorial Day weekend experience in celebration of a parent's service in the past. Read more on 2B to know Coca-Cola and the Marine Corps Community Center treated the children.

News Watch

MILITARY WARRIORS
Marine service members were killed in action while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom last week. Major David A. Crocker, 39, of San Diego, Calif.; Sgt. Michael S. Hill, 33, of Folsom, Calif.; Sgt. David H. King, 24, of Louisville, Ky.; and Cpl. Brian B. Starr, 22, of Wash., D.C., were assigned to 11 Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF).

ROCKET SUPPORTS
In response to requests from Marines, Lockheed Martin expanded the capabilities of its M26 anti-tank rocket and delivered 100 rounds to the Marine Corps. The new weapon, the Short-Range Rocket-Weapon-Multiple Variant, has a multi-purpose blast capability, enabling it to take a variety of targets.

DEFENSE TEAMS
The 1st Marine Division is planning to increase the number of small intelligence collection and analysis teams attached to units over the next few years in order to ease the amount of information available to front lines. The Defense Department has been sending teams made up of six interrogators and debriefers to assist organizations in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Many of these units would expand to include the end of the war and would expand until the end of the war. According to officials, intelligence teams are usually sent with special units who can get all forward quickly. They will be helped by the use of real-time intelligence.