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COMBINED ASSAULT



Philippine Marine Sgt. Edilberto Amdongano (right) assaults a range Oct. 22 alongside Marines with Company K, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, during squad rush training at Crow Valley, Republic of the Philippines. The combined exercises Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise ended Oct. 27. **SEE STORY ON PAGES 6-7** Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Wicks

Annual flu vaccinations to coincide with exercise

Consolidated Public Affairs Office

CAMP LESTER — This year, some service members and Status of Forces Agreement personnel may notice something different about the way they receive their annual influenza vaccine. In the coming weeks, Department of Defense medical providers on Okinawa will exercise and evaluate specific parts of the Bio-Hazard Response Contingency Plan as part of the 2008 seasonal influenza campaign.

The purpose is to better understand some of the logistical challenges of immunizing large numbers of people in a short period of time.

For most, getting the yearly flu shot will be business as usual – a quick shot or spray of flu-mist from the healthcare provider. But a few service members and SOFA personnel will get their immunizations while

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Liberty Campaign Order clarifies definition of proper liberty attire

Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac
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Editor's note: The following is part of a continuing series of articles highlighting the Marine Corps Bases Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, signed by III MEF and MCBJ Commanding General Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer Sept. 29.

CAMP FOSTER — The Liberty Campaign Order clarifies the definition of proper civilian attire and has updated the definition to reflect modern clothing trends.

Civilian attire is important for military and civilian status of forces agreement personnel as they are often the 'face' of the Marine Corps in local communities, said Sgt. Maj. Cevet A. Adams, the sergeant major of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

"Service members and their dependents are ambassadors of the U.S. while serving in Japan," said Adams. "The wearing of proper liberty attire reflects good order and discipline, and fosters a better relationship with local nationals."

According to the order, proper civilian attire is generally described as clothing

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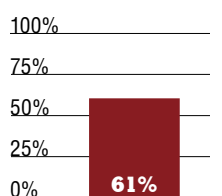
U.S. service members and Okinawan citizens dress up and get scared at two festivals – one on our turf, one on theirs

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MARINE CORPS FORCES JAPAN

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN '08

- The goal is 100 percent unit member contact
- As of Thursday, 9,329 unit members were contacted, approximately 61% of the total personnel goal



GETTING A GRIP ON LIFE

Marine looks back on first deployment as life lesson

Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

At the age of 24, I joined the Marine Corps thinking that I had a pretty good grasp of the world and what to expect in the corps. All of this I based on my experiences growing up in Joliet, Ill., a small speck in the world nestled southwest of Chicago, which didn't lend itself to giving me knowledge of either topic.

I joined with high hopes of being a war hero, fighting the good fight, living in unpleasant conditions, forging bonds through shared hardship.

To my dismay, I haven't experienced any of it yet.

Like a fantasy, I imagined throwing grenades, covering the Marine to my left and right, saving the world from evil and walking

OPINION around as an ace of hearts when I returned home, living and breathing the myths and legends that epitomize the Marine Corps and combat to so many people.

Coming into the Marine Corps, I never thought about all the non-combat missions Marines conduct, such as disaster relief, community relations and civil assistance projects.

Visiting schools and orphanages in distant countries and spending time with children wasn't something I considered when I raised my right hand.

The Talon Vision 2009 exercise has played a key role in changing my outlook on the Marine Corps and Navy, and it made me realize how much good can come from just showing you care.

I went to the Philippines thinking I would learn what it is like to practice my occupation on a deployment in the field. However, what I didn't expect was to learn about the world or myself.

By spending time in the barangays (neighborhoods) at medical and dental civil action projects, where U.S. Navy doctors and dentists worked with their counterparts in the Armed Forces of the Philippines to provide care to people who cannot afford it, I learned about what it means to be alive and how to appreciate everything I have.

I witnessed thousands of people flood the temporary medical and dental clinics set up by Philippine and U.S. Marines and sailors. The

care most people take for granted back home is what draws neighborhoods of people to these types of events, even if they have to wait for hours in the heat to receive it.

I saw adults and children get multiple teeth pulled then smile because their pain was alleviated. I also saw people treated for illnesses, from minor to serious, given the care they needed to get back to health, or referred to specialists who may be able to provide further treatment.

I even went to the homes of some of these people and saw firsthand the conditions in which they lived. I wondered what it would be like for me to leave behind a life of luxury in the United States to live as they do.

I was surprised to see the home of a Filipina who gave birth to

made me evaluate my own mind-set about why I'm rarely happy with anything.

I spent time with the children and adults talking, joking and laughing. The children were genuinely happy and playful, and the community shared a bond I have yet to see in the United States.

Groups of children would ask for autographs from Marines and sailors who couldn't understand why the children would want their autograph. Maybe in the United States or Okinawa, we are just service members who are a dime a dozen. But in the barangays, we were treated like rock stars.

I wasn't there to provide services to the Philippine communities like many of the Marines and sailors, I was there to tell the story.

I am confident those children,

Most of all, this deployment made me think about how much better the people of America would be if they could simply witness what I saw, the genuine sincerity and joy of life in conditions most Americans consider unbearable.

To see a group of people whose happiness and mental well-being is not affected by material possessions, made me think about what I want out of life.

I now understand that having family, friends and an appreciation for the life I'm given is what's most important. Like the Marine Corps, people can do so much with so little, if they have to.

I wonder what the future holds for me, and I certainly wonder what the Philippines will aspire to be in the years to come.

I wonder if I have changed, but more importantly, I wonder what I was meant to learn on this journey. I look forward to returning at the first opportunity and possibly living there someday.

I didn't go there by choice. I went there as part of my job, but I think it was definitely the eye-opening experience I needed to better understand what is really important in life. Above all, I learned that we are only as happy as we choose to be.

Cabrera is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine newspaper.

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her sixth child in a one-bedroom house with no electricity or plumbing and a stone floor.

I was amazed at how people with so few material possessions and no medical and dental care available to them, could be so genuinely happy and hospitable with so little, when a dead iPod battery is enough to ruin my day.

It made me think about myself, my family, friends and the Marines I know who won't get to see and experience what I did. It made me think about how many people I know who would never consider visiting these places because they don't want to see less fortunate people or concern themselves with the problems of others.

After all, we all have big problems throughout the world, someone's service is bad at a drive-thru, an Internet connection is too slow, a flight is delayed, and someone with health insurance is upset about having to sit for an hour in an air-conditioned doctor's office waiting room with a TV.

Interacting with the people

when they hear the title Marine, will remember the Marines and sailors who came there to help, in the end parting as friends.



FACT CHECK UNIFORM STARCHING



Is it authorized for an individual to starch their combat utility uniform?



No. According to Marine Corps order PI020.34G, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, the starching of the current combat utility uniform is not authorized. The order states in chapter 10, paragraph 1010.4, the use of starch, sizing or any process that involves dry-cleaning or a steam press will adversely affect the treatment and durability of the uniform and is not authorized.

Recon, EOD Marines conduct 'explosive' training

Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin
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CAMP HANSEN — Twelve Marines with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Deep Reconnaissance Platoon, recently participated in the III Marine Expeditionary Forces Special Operations Training Group Dynamic Entry course on Camp Hansen.

While there, the EOD and recon Marines learned techniques for gaining entrance to objectives during the 10-day course.

According to Staff Sgt. Christopher M. West, an EOD technician and senior breach instructor for the course, students become certified as a Marine Corps breacher so they can become an integral part of a raiding force.

Marines learned mechanical, thermal, ballistic and explosive methods to make entryways to objectives.

Mechanical methods consist of using tools such as tactically modified crowbars and saws to breach windows and thin walls.

The thermal method uses tools, such as the



Reconnaissance and EOD Marines take cover from a blast during the Dynamic Entry course on Camp Hansen Oct. 29. The 10-day course is held semi-annually, by the III Marine Expeditionary Forces Special Operations Training Group to teach Marines how to breach buildings, through various techniques. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

exothermic torch, to cut a previously non-existent entry point.

The ballistic method involves the use of firearms to gain entrance through conventional doorways or to clear remaining debris after using other breaching methods.

Before starting the most intense portion of the class, practical application of explosive entry techniques, the Marines were split into groups and given a safety brief while

donning assault and protective gear. Additionally, one Marine in each group carried a Kevlar breach blanket to protect the team from the fragmentation hazard.

Following the briefing, students used charges they learned about during the explosive theory and instruction part of the course.

After making the final preparations on the charges and conducting last minute rehearsals, Marines proceeded on the detonation

run with two instructors following to ensure safety.

The Marines, upon securing charges to the wall, immediately lined up close behind the Kevlar breach blanket and awaited the instructors' final go ahead.

Prior to detonation, the Marines took cover from the force of the blast and flying debris during a moment West describes as "a little bit uncomfortable." The Marines waited momentarily before charging

through the blown hole to take down any would be enemies.

"This is some of the most high-risk training that anyone will do in the Marine Corps," West said. "Any time you detonate an explosion and you are within five feet, it's high-risk." West said.

He added, however, that if Marines are conducting explosive breaching in a combat situation then they are already in a high-risk operation.

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worn in good taste and should reflect the style, fit and neatness of the Service "C" uniform.

Adams explained that civilian attire does not have to look just like the Service "C" uniform, but it is a good reference for Marines who are unsure if their civilian attire is appropriate.

"The Service 'C' uniform is more of a loose guide for Marines," said Adams. "If a Marine is in doubt about what they should or should not wear, they should look to the image of the Service 'C' uniform to guide them into making good liberty attire decisions."

The order stays consistent in many areas with past orders regarding proper attire. Shirts and blouses must be well fitted and will be tucked in. Shirts designed to be worn un-tucked with a straight cut across the bottom, including Hawaiian-style shirts and sports jerseys may, be worn un-tucked if they do not hang below the crotch area. Trousers, shorts and skirts must also fit well, cannot be overly "baggy" or hang off the buttocks. Trousers must be worn with a belt if belt loops are present. Additionally, shower shoes, dive booties and bare feet are prohibited except at living quarters, beaches and pool areas. Sandals, with or without heel straps, are authorized for leave and liberty.

The order also addresses the wear of headgear inside Base establishments. Headgear must be removed upon entry to any MCBJ facility

unless the service member is in uniform and under arms. However, camp commanders may authorize club managers to waive this restriction for special events, such as western or sports nights. When worn, indoors or out, hats must be worn squarely on the head with the bill facing forward. Headgear such as doo rags, hair nets, wave caps and nylon socks are strictly prohibited outside of living quarters.

Also prohibited as outerwear are all tank top style shirts and jerseys, halter-tops, tube tops, swimsuit tops, and see-through mesh tops according to the order. Such clothing is acceptable only while physically participating in sports or physical training activities or while at the pool or beach.

An upper body covering is required for athletic activity, such as jogging, off-base or near populated areas such as exchanges and clubs, according to the order.

The order also states wearing headphones while walking, running, bicycling, and inline skating or while driving a vehicle is prohibited on or off base.

Adams said the liberty attire regulations are meant to give Marines and sailors some degree of freedom when choosing clothing while also making sure they remain presentable.

"We've moved out of the Stone Age with this and now accept some modern behaviors regarding clothing," he said. "We've moved past

the days when Marines and sailors always had to tuck in their shirts and wear a belt if they wanted to go on liberty. There is some degree of common sense in this as we leave it more up to the service members to judge on their own what kind of attire is appropriate in what situations. Some things will always be blatantly wrong but for a lot of clothing, the situation dictates how appropriate it is."

Adams said it is up to all Marines, junior and senior alike, to make sure civilian attire regulations are enforced and reminds personnel wearing civilian attire is a privilege, not a right.

"The Commandant of the Marine Corps has extended the privilege of wearing civilian clothing to officers and enlisted Marines, which makes the enforcement of proper attire the responsibility of all Marines," Adams said. "Non-commissioned officers in particular are expected to set high standards by their example. They must supervise and mentor to ensure those high standards are followed by personnel under their charge."

The MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, can be accessed on-line at the MCB Camp Butler adjutant SharePoint homepage at the following CAC-protected site: <https://wss.mcbbutler.usmc.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx>. Under the directives links, click MCBJ/III MEF orders and locate MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7.

BRIEFS

OKINAWA CITY DISASTER TRAINING

The Okinawa City Office will be conducting disaster readiness training in all areas of Okinawa City between 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesday.

As part of the training, a preliminary earthquake warning will be announced and evacuation alarms will go off in and around the Awase area. An announcement will be made in Japanese and English prior to the alarm.

For more information, please contact Camp Services at 645-7317 or 645-5069.

COMMISSARY ON WHEELS

The Courtney Commissary on Wheels is scheduled to be at at Building 2239 aboard Camp Hansen Nov. 14-17. Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The commissary will offer fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, snacks, health and beauty items, baked goods and many other commissary products.

CREDO WORKSHOPS

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation is scheduled to host two one-day workshops for family readiness officers Nov. 18 and 20 covering subjects such as understanding others and considering personal and professional goals.

CREDO is also scheduled to host a marriage enrichment workshop Nov. 21. The retreat is designed to provide couples tools to communicate more effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance their love, commitment and friendship.

For more information or to sign up, call 645-3041.

SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

The Military Child Education Coalition is holding an essay contest for a scholarship to attend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Space Camp.

Student applicants must be a child of an active duty military parent or activated guard or reservist, and be enrolled in grades 6 through 9. Applicants must submit a handwritten essay that includes why they should be selected, essays should include such topics as evidence of their patriotism, their future goals, community service and 'after camp' intentions. The students must also submit two letters of recommendation with contact information.

The contest deadline is March 10, 2009.

For more information on the contest, visit <http://www.militarychild.org>.

UMUC DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

The University of Maryland University College Distance Education Courses registration for Fall Term Session 2 is scheduled to run until Nov. 9. Eligible Marines and sailors can process their tuition assistance applications at any Lifelong Learning Center on Okinawa.

Contact your nearest UMUC field representative regarding the schedule of courses.

CAMP KINSER	637-3325
MCAS FUTENMA	636-3036
CAMP FOSTER	645-7160 or 645-3486
CAMP COURTNEY	622-9694
CAMP HANSEN	623-4376
CAMP SCHWAB	625-2046

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Corporals' course goes combat for curriculum

Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

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WHITE BEACH NAVAL FACILITY — In paintball, the consequences may not be as extreme as true combat, but the welts from being hit serve as a reminder a wrong decision could mean your life or the lives of the Marines your leading.

The Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Corporals' Course class 1-09 went paintballing for the first time in the course curriculum Oct. 29. The trip gave the class hands-on experience simulating the heart-pounding confusion of combat.

The Marines went to the Navy Moral, Welfare and Recreation paintball field near the White Beach Naval Facility on their last training day before graduation. The new Corporals practiced small unit tactics and maneuvers in defensive and offensive scenarios. The game capture the flag was utilized to practice these tactics.

Each squad in the class took turns entering the jungle for a round of capture the flag. Each game lasted approximately 10 minutes. The last one or two minutes typically erupted in a furious firefight of paint.

The field used for the games consisted of dark dense jungle with a hill in the center and trenches snaking all around.

"Let's go!" yelled Cpl. Jona-



Cpl. Robert Nicks, a Camp Foster Post Office postal clerk, stands after being shot in the mask during the Corporals' Course tactical training Oct. 29 at the Navy Moral, Welfare and Recreation paintball field near White Beach Naval Facility. Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

than Mahone, an operations clerk with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, as he and his squad charged into the jungle. "You want to have clean cammies forever!"

The Marine's spirits were soaring as they ran, ducked, and crawled through the vines and spider webs in the jungle.

"We were getting down in the trenches in the jungle," said Cpl. Lamar McNeal-Smith, a supply clerk with General Supply Motor Transportation Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 3. "It was like a real life scenario."

The teams worked their ways through the foliage to-

gether while setting up ambushes and strategizing against the enemy waiting somewhere in the green beyond.

"The paintball trip was a great idea," said Mahone. "It's one thing to sit in a classroom and learn squad combat tactics, but to actually get out in the field and do the tactics is more beneficial to Marines."

Corporals Course is designed to enhance leadership skills for corporals in a number of areas including drill, uniform inspections, and general Marine Corps knowledge through the experience and leadership skills of the instructors.

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participating in a study of the Bio-Hazard Response Plan, a plan to quickly react to a widespread outbreak like pandemic influenza.

The evaluations are DoD mandated to improve operational readiness of the Bio-Hazard Response Plan and are not due to any increased risk of pandemic influenza, according to Cmdr. Juliann Althoff, the preventive medicine and force health protection officer for III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The exercises will be conducted using this year's standard influenza vaccine and will only include pre-selected SOFA personnel.

"We want to get a better idea of what it takes to safely and efficiently immunize a lot of people in a short period of time," said Capt. Russell Gilbert, the force surgeon for III MEF. "By going through the motions of what we would do in a real pandemic outbreak, we can learn and improve our existing response plan."

One of the techniques to be tested is the concept of social distancing. Individuals getting immunized in the exercise will be deliberately kept at a distance from each other while they are screened for symptoms and administered the vaccine. Because purposefully keeping exercise participants at a distance during immunizations will add logistical challenges to the distribution of vaccinations to large groups of people, the social distancing exercises will give medical planners better understanding of

what will be necessary in the event of a real pandemic.

The planned exercises will take place with the vaccination of a group of service members at the Kadena base theater, where social distancing techniques will be evaluated, and at a single base housing unit where vaccines will be taken to the residents.

Another concept to be evaluated is the drive-up immunization in which a large number of exercise participants will drive to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and receive their vaccinations while in their vehicles. This exercise will allow medical planners to get a better understanding of what they will need to conduct large-scale vaccine storage and refrigeration, preparing large holding areas for participant's vehicles, and conducting screenings for symptoms.

Throughout all the exercises, safety and medical standards will not be reduced. Participants will receive the same quality of care they would receive by their own medical providers. Details of the exercises will be publicized well in advance.

"Our goal is to gain a better understanding of what we need to do to improve our existing plans," said Althoff. "At the end of the exercise, our planners will have the right information to improve our operational readiness and to make sure that we are better prepared for large-scale pandemic outbreaks."

Former Commandant, Base CG dies at 87

Headquarters Marine Corps

QUANTICO, Va. — Gen. Robert H. Barrow, 27th commandant of the Marine Corps and former commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, died in his sleep Oct. 30 in his home town of St. Francisville, La. He was 86.

In death Barrow joins his beloved wife of 53 years, Patty, who passed away in 2005.

A highly decorated veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Barrow's greatest accomplishments were his many enduring reforms he made to the Marine Corps during his service.

Barrow was born Feb. 5, 1922, in Baton Rouge, La., the third son of Maud and Robert E. Barrow. He grew up in West Feliciana Parish at historic Rosale Plantation and graduated from Julius Freyhan High School.



Barrow

He enrolled at Louisiana State University in 1939. However, he left school in the fall of 1942 to enlist in the Marine Corps.

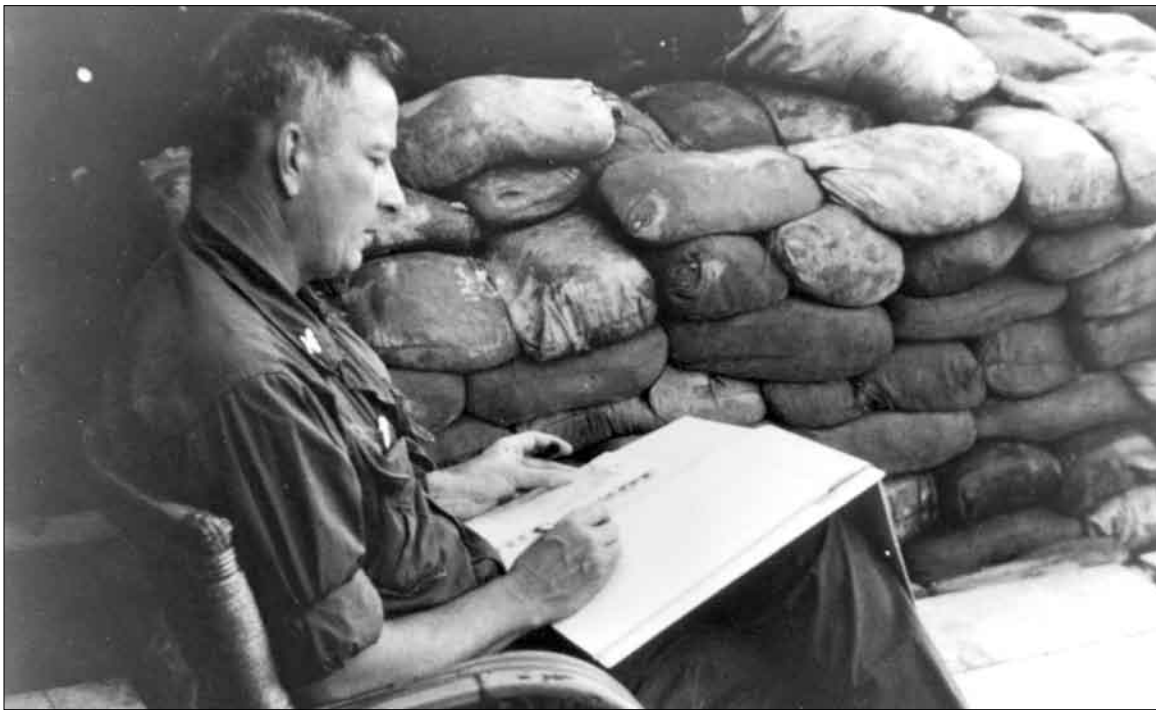
He attended recruit training in San Diego. Barrow stayed on after graduation as a drill instructor.

He left San Diego for Officer Candidate School in March 1943. On May 19, 1943, was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Barrow was promoted to brigadier general in August 1969 and was assigned as commanding general, MCB Butler.

He next served as commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., where he began his efforts to improve the quality of Marines.

He continued those efforts when he became deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Headquarters Marine Corps, in 1975 emphasizing



Gen. Robert H. Barrow, 27th commandant of the Marine Corps, shown here as a colonel in Vietnam, passed away Oct. 30 in St. Francisville, La., at the age of 86. Photo courtesy of Headquarters Marine Corps

recruiting high school graduates and creating screening programs for recruiters and drill instructors.

He was instrumental in the decision to make the commanding generals of the recruit depots the two chief regional recruiters. In 1976, he became commanding general for Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Va. In 1978, he was named assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

In 1979, Barrow was confirmed as commandant of the Marine Corps.

He was the first Marine to serve a regular four-year tour as a full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he continued his leadership in personnel reform.

Barrow rightly believed a better quality recruit led to an increase in performance and retention in an all-volunteer service. Barrow responded

aggressively to racial tension in the Marine Corps and ended the tolerance of drug abusers and problem drinkers.

He gave commanders the authority to discharge Marines who created recurring problems.

Barrow was also instrumental in establishing the now-proven Marine Corps program to pre-position equipment on ships near areas of potential conflict.

Barrow retired from the Marine Corps on June 30, 1983.

He returned to St. Francisville, but continued to serve his country in retirement as a member of the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and the president's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management (the Packard Commission).

7th Comm Battalion receives multi-purpose communications system

Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

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CAMP HANSEN — Marines from the Communications Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, wrapped up their training today on a new mobile communications system.

Thirteen Marines from 7th Communications Bn. were the first to be trained on Okinawa to operate the Joint Enhanced Corps Communication System.

The training, conducted by civilian contractors hired by Headquarters Marine Corps, provided familiarization and operating procedures on the humvee-mounted system.

The communications package provides commanders in the field full communication capabilities with the rear echelon



The Joint Enhanced Corps Communication System was introduced to 7th Communication Battalion as a new multi-purpose communication deployment system. Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

in a significantly smaller package than current communication systems.

The system is equipped with a voice and data com-

munications package and is designed to support a transition from a small force to a larger sustained force.

Staff Sgt. Richard True-

hl, the staff non-commissioned officer of switching and wiring for 7th Communication Bn., said this system will be very

beneficial and is a valuable asset because it can do everything previous communications devices did, such as the digital tactical control, while still being compact.

The battalion has two JECCS systems which includes technical, data, and switchboard communications.

Each JECCS unit consists of a seven-man team; two technical controllers, two data network operators and two switch board operators, all of which are sergeants and below.

The seventh Marine is the staff non-commissioned officer in charge who has a background as a data network operator.

Courses taught by Marines will begin in coming weeks, according to Truehl.



Philippine Marine Brig. Gen. Natalio C. Ecarma, the deputy commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps, speaks Oct. 27 during the closing ceremony of this year's Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise about the accomplishments made by service members. These annual bilateral training exercises enhance military cooperation and improve communities through humanitarian and civil action projects. Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Augusto

Philippine, US combined exercises Talon Vision, PHIBLEX come to close

Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES — U.S. and Philippine service members who participated in this year's Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise gathered for a short ceremony Oct. 27 to commemorate the end of the two exercises.

The 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade controlled the U.S. participation in the two bilateral exercises with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, conducting numerous medical and dental civil action projects as well as combat training events.

The combat training balanced an exchange of information between both services, including training in martial arts, knife fighting, jungle warfare, squad tactics, boat raids, combat lifesaving, rappelling and other types of field skills.

Simultaneously, AFP and U.S. service members worked

together to bring medical and dental care to the Philippine people, conducting more than 18 medical and dental civil action projects while providing assistance to about 12,000 people. Service members also conducted more than 14 bilateral community relations events benefiting more than 8,000 students.

It is these types of accomplishments that prompted senior leaders to highlight the successes of the exercises.

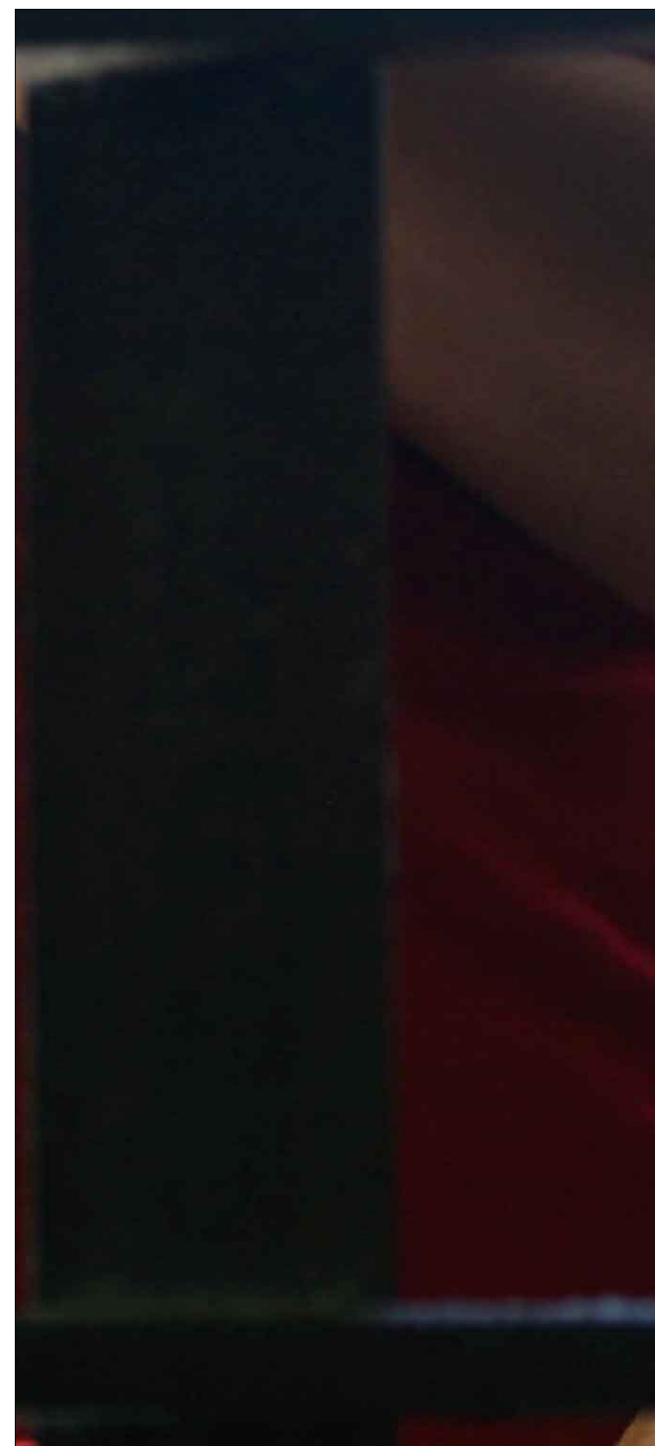
"It is apparent we achieved our goal of enhancing interoperability between our two armed forces," said Philippine Marine Brig. Gen. Natalio C. Ecarma, deputy commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps. "This exercise definitely enhanced our war-fighting skills, and we hope (the U.S. Marines) learned as much as we did."

Ecarma's comments were echoed by U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, commanding general of the

III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"Bilateral training helps improve the ability of the Philippine and U.S. militaries to respond to natural disasters," Zilmer said. "Therefore, it is vital we continue to improve readiness and military interoperability through bilateral military exercises such as these. To the people of the Philippines, thank you for welcoming us here and allowing us to work together. Maraming Salamat Kaibigan (Thank you, friends)."

Talon Vision, lead by the Philippine Air Force and Marine Aircraft Group 36, and Amphibious Landing Exercise, lead by the Philippine Marine Corps and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, are annual bilateral training exercises which enhance military interoperability and improve communities through humanitarian and civil action projects. The exercises were conducted Oct. 15-27.



A local Filipino girl gazes through a window with her toothbrush and comb while U.S. Marines visit her school. The Philippine Marines at Manggang Marikit Elementary School.



Seaman Zane Hratgraves, a corpsman with Marine Aerial Force, shows Sheine Badosano, a 6th grader, items while U.S. Marines visit her school. The Armed Forces of the Philippines and U.S. Marines interact with the students and donate school supplies and sports equipment.



brushing toothpaste after receiving dental aid from service members with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit during a dental civil assistance program provided by the 1st Marine Airborne Task Force on Oct. 19. The combined interoperability event was a part of the annual Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Wicks



Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Airborne Task Force, shows a young girl how a stethoscope works Oct. 23. Sailors visited the elementary school to share quality time with the children and their equipment. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera



A reconnaissance Marine with the Philippine Marine Corps' Reconnaissance Battalion rappels out of a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter Oct. 23 at Basa Air Base, Republic of the Philippines. Photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac

Navy physician answers call to help in Philippines during Talon Vision

Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera
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After a long hot day of treating patients at a medical and dental civil action project Oct. 21, U.S. Navy Lt. Christian Sutter, a physician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, attached to Marine Aircraft Group 36 for Talon Vision an annual exercise in the Philippines, recalled the prior day's work when he delivered a healthy baby boy, Christian Tomas.

He did not deliver the baby in a hospital or clinic; instead he delivered the child in the Tomas' home without high tech equipment or even running water. He was definitely outside his ideal medical environment in which he normally practices medicine.

Sutter, a Mankato, Minn., native, was in the Sula barangay providing medical services for patients at a medical and dental civic action project with the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Gloria Tomas, in a nearby neighborhood, had sent for her midwife who then informed the medical personnel at the project that her patient was about to give birth, Sutter recalled.

That was when Sutter reacted. Having delivered numerous babies while working at the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital, he was the physician with the most obstetrician experience. Sutter quickly grabbed his equipment, and then he and two hospital corpsmen ran to the house.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Christopher Visperas, the senior enlisted advisor with MWSS-171, a native of Baguio City, Philippines, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Megan Halisky, a hospital corpsman with MWSS-171 and a native of Apple Valley, Calif., assisted in the delivery.

Family, friends, and neighbors swarmed the house peering through windows and doorways to witness the birth.

"It was a great experience all around. The whole



U.S. Navy Lt. Christian Sutter, a physician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, listens to the heartbeat and breathing of newborn Christian Tomas, while his mother, Gloria Tomas, watches, Oct. 21. Photos by Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

family was there," Sutter said. "It was really sort of a community event. It was an amazing experience."

According to Lt. Raul Cardenal, the medical plans officer with Marine Aircraft Group 36 and a Miami, native, the birth went smoothly with no complication. The parents chose to name the boy after the doctor who delivered him.

"The family asked what my name was, and they seemed to like it," Sutter said. "They named the boy Christian, and I'm very honored by that."

For Sutter, the feeling of being able to take part in bringing life into the world was one of the things that drove him into the medical field.

Early in life, Sutter heard the calling to help

people, and he answered by focusing on family practice in medical school.

"He really goes out of his way to get the most for his patients, and I think it just goes to show his character," said Lt. Jason Rice, the group surgeon with Marine Wing Support Group 17. "He is not just out there going through the motions. He really cares for his patients."

Because of the broad range of medical aspects family practice encompasses, it is often seen as a difficult practice to excel in due to the need to keep up with changing medicines and procedures, according to Rice, a Corning, N.Y., native.

"He (Sutter) is definitely not the type to sit back and just coast through life. He really goes out of his way to stay on top of things, and that's hard because medicine is always changing," Rice said.

Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise are annual bilateral training exercises conducted between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military, which enhance military interoperability and improve communities through humanitarian assistance and civic action projects. The exercises concluded Oct. 27.



U.S. Navy Lt. Christian Sutter (left), a physician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Petty Officer 2nd Class Megan Halisky, a corpsman with MWSS-171, and Senior Chief Petty Officer Christopher Visperas, the medical senior enlisted leader with MWSS-171, helped deliver Christian, the son of Gloria and Sonny Tomas, Oct. 20. The team is pictured here during a follow-on house call Oct. 21. The parents named their son Christian, after Sutter.

AMERICAN HOLIDAY ON OKINAWA

Service members, locals come together, embrace Halloween

Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Halloween is a popular holiday in the United States that over time, has captivated the imagination of local residents in communities surrounding Marine Corps bases on Okinawa.

This likely began years ago when bases here opened their gates to allow local children to come aboard and trick-or-treat.

In recent years increased security measures has limited access to local residents on Halloween.

However, camps here still reach out hosting several public Halloween events.

In response, residents of Mihama-American village began to host a Halloween celebration of their own last year in the form of the Mihama-American Village Halloween Costume Contest to share the Halloween fun they had received for years from their U.S. military neighbors.

According to Shinichiro Ikehara, the vice-president of the Mihama-American Village Business Association and contest organizer, the costume contest was originally held to give the local residents a chance to interact with base personnel and to celebrate the unique blend of American and Japanese culture that is American Village.

"As Okinawans we would experience Halloween through the bases, making Halloween a lot more popular for Okinawa than residents of mainland



Takayuki Azuma shows off his costume while attending Mihama Village's Halloween celebration Oct. 31. Photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac

Japan who often don't have much exposure to American holidays," said Ikehara. "A lot of people here don't completely understand the Halloween holiday but they still have a good time trying something new."

This tradition of mutual Halloween celebrations was illustrated this year with the third annual Foster Fright Night, which occurred Oct. 30 on Camp Foster and included two main attractions.

During trunk or treat, an event held to give local citizens a taste of the trick or treating Halloween tradition, several service members decorated cars to resemble various creatures and ghouls. Each car contained candy for the local children who attended.

However, the haunted house proved itself the biggest draw of the Fright Night. Inside the house lurked various volunteers dressed as creatures and monsters who were

ready to give the guests a 'frightfully' good time. Despite the occasional scares from the more enthusiastic role-players many visitors said they had a great time.

"This was a lot of fun," said Masakazu Ichiyouma, who attended the Fright Night with his three children. "This is the third year I have come here and me and my kids always have a good time. I will definitely come here again next year."

The Halloween celebration did not end with the Foster Fright Fest as the holiday carried over to Mihama Village who welcomed the Americans and hundreds of other visitors to their 2nd annual Halloween Mihama 2008 Costume Contest Oct. 31.

During the contest, American and Japanese participants showed off their various costumes, hoping to impress judges and those in attendance; and win the contest's \$300

ghoulish appearance.

Pate attributed his win mostly to his wife's support and some creative building materials that sparked his imagination.

"This thing is made out of a lot of lightweight materials such as plastic but still it somehow managed to weigh enough to hurt my back carrying it around," Pate said. "I spent three weeks working on this thing and luckily the wife was tolerant enough to put up with me spending all that time building it. I was glad I got the chance to take a break and act silly."

Pate added that even though his costume might give off a scary vibe, his actions were all done in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

"I've been stationed in Japan on and off for about six years and Halloween seems to keep getting more popular here," Pate said. "I was here last year and had a good time with everyone. This is a good community builder for us and the Japanese people and it seems like Americans are more and more getting involved in the community, but then again; Halloween always seems to give everyone a good feeling."

prize for 1st place.

The prize ended up going to Petty Officer 1st Class Jeff Pate, a facilities maintenance specialist, with the Marine Corps Base Facility Engineers. Pate's costume, a giant-sized grim reaper, was made with materials from local stores and impressed visitors who consistently asked to pose with him for pictures, with a slight hint of nervousness on their faces from the costume's



ABOVE | Petty Officer 1st Class Jeff Pate won first place in a costume contest Oct. 31 during Mihama Village's Halloween celebration. Photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac

A group of Okinawan citizens walk cautiously through a haunted house possessed by Marines and volunteers on Oct. 30 during Foster Fright Night. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin



GETTING BACK ON HIS FEET

(AFTER HE LOST ONE)

story and photo by Sgt. Ray Lewis, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment Public Affairs

There was blood in the water. It was a grim addition to the Iraqi sewage canal usually littered with dead sheep and festering fish.

The canal is where the Marines of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, found their comrade after the attack.

Just seconds before, Cpl. Garrett S. Jones was patrolling the streets of Iraq with his team when he was suddenly hurled 15 feet into the air by an enemy booby trap.

"It was just a big dust cloud," said Cpl. Robert C. Pofahl, who stood 10 feet in front of Jones when the bomb detonated. "I ran toward him, and I fell in the canal. The mud was almost up to my knees. It was probably the worst smell you could smell."

When Pofahl saw Jones lying there, he feared his friend's time was cut short. Barely holding on, Jones' life was about to be changed forever.

Pofahl remembers an explosion, tumbling forward, turning back around and hearing Jones yell at the top of his lungs. He then raced to put a tourniquet on Jones' mangled bloody left leg.

"It sounded like I was whispering and because of the explosion, I couldn't catch my breath," Jones said.

When Pofahl arrived at Jones' position, he realized he couldn't lift him out of the canal. The muddy water almost made it impossible for Pofahl to grab ahold of Jones. So he called two other Marines to help pull Jones out.

"We got him up on the side of the road," Pofahl said. "That's when (Hospitalman) Matthew Beceda took over. He cranked the tourniquet one more time, but it snapped. So he had to put another tourniquet on Jones."

Jones was stable, but the Marines couldn't call for help because the radio

Jones was wearing was ruined from the blast. They sent three other Marines from the squad to run 1,200 meters back to their combat outpost for help. A group of Marines stayed with Jones and his squad leader, who was also injured by the blast.

The next thing Jones knew, he was on board a helicopter, the first step in a journey headed for Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. He was strapped into a gurney with a military chaplain hovering over him.

"The chaplain asked me if I wanted to pray," Jones said. "We prayed. Then the doctor told me my left leg would be amputated above the knee."

Shortly after, Jones was in surgery. He awoke a couple days later, but said he doesn't recall much after the operation except a phone conversation with his relatives.

"I just remember talking to my family," he said. "I remember saying, 'I hear they make really good prosthetics.'"

Upon leaving the hospital in Germany, Jones was once again strapped into a gurney, and this time was flown to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where his wounds were cleansed and torn flesh was removed from his body.

"It seemed like forever," Jones said. "I had a bunch of tubes stuck in me. I was so drugged up I didn't feel much of anything. I don't remember much, but I do remember one of my buddies who

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— CPL. GARRETT S. JONES

was shot by a sniper was also on the same flight. I didn't know what happened to him, I just saw that he had a bunch of tubes stuck in his chest."

Military medical of-



Cpl. Garrett S. Jones, an amputee injured by an improvised explosive device in Iraq in 2007, returned to his former unit 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, to serve a combat tour. He is the first Marine with an above-the-knee amputation to deploy to Afghanistan.

ficials transferred Jones from Bethesda to Naval Medical Center San Diego for further treatment.

As a result of being restricted to a hospital bed, Jones wound up losing a lot of weight.

"I went from about 160 to 120 lbs.," Jones said. "I was in the bed almost all the time. The only time I got up was to do stretching and go to the bathroom. If I wasn't in my bed, I was in a wheelchair."

During his recovery, Jones had a total of 17 surgeries to clean the infected area in his left leg. He was treated for third degree burns and shrapnel that peppered his left shoulder and both legs.

On August 20, 2007, Jones was released from NMCS D – just in time to see his fellow Marines of Echo Company return home from Iraq.

if it wasn't for them. When we all get together, it's like a family reunion. We're a tight-knit group. We had difficulties at times, but what family doesn't?"

Jones yearned to be back with his Marine family. Although he didn't say it, he kept in mind that he one day wanted to serve with the Marines who saved his life.

"We all wanted him back," Pofahl said. "He's a good guy to have your back. He'd take the shirt off of his back if you needed it. At the same time, we were like, 'How would he be able to do that because of rehab and all?'"

In the meantime, Jones continued his appointments. In November, he finally linked up with a prosthetist who would help him become familiar with the functions of replacement limbs.

snowboarding trip to Breckenridge, Colo., with fellow wounded warriors from NMCS D and his sister, Sara, in early December 2007. Although Jones had only been on his new prosthetic for two weeks, he was eager to go snowboarding – a passion of his for more than 15 years.

"The first day, I was able to make it down the mountain," Jones said. "As the days progressed, I got stronger and more confident on my snowboard."

Surprisingly, all of the snowboarding helped him deaden some of the nerve endings in his left leg. It also helped him become more accustomed to walking on his prosthetic leg.

"Once I knew I could snowboard again, I realized I was going to be able to do a lot more than just snowboard," Jones said. "I was like, 'If I can snowboard, who knows what else I can do?' It kind of opened my mind up to all the other possibilities."

Meanwhile, Jones continued his daily physical therapy, stretching and prosthetic appointments at NMCS D.

"I just kept thinking about my next snowboard trip and getting back to 2/7 ASAP," Jones said.

Part two of this story will appear in next week's *Okinawa Marine*.

The prosthetist fit Jones for a total of six walking prosthetics and one snowboarding prosthetic.

An avid fan of snowboarding, Jones realized his potential during a

"I was at their homecoming in a wheelchair completely drugged up," Jones said. "Seeing my guys was emotional for me because we were all so close, and I knew I wouldn't be here

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9 p.m.

SUNDAY High School 3: Senior Year
(G), 1 and 4 p.m.; Babylon A.D. (PG13),
7 p.m.

MONDAY Body of Lies (R), 6 p.m.;
Bangkok Dangerous (R), 9 p.m.

TUESDAY The Longshots (PG), 1 p.m.;
The House Bunny (PG13), 4 p.m.; Body
of Lies (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Babylon A.D. (PG13),
7 p.m.

THURSDAY High School 3: Senior
Year (G), 7 p.m.

FUTENMA 636-3890

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SATURDAY High School 3: Senior Year
(G), 4 and 7 p.m.

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College (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY The House Bunny (PG13), 2
p.m.; College (R), 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY High School 3: Senior Year
(G) 7 p.m.

TUESDAY High School 3: Senior Year
(G), 2 p.m.; Pineapple Express (R), 5
and 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY The House Bunny
(PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Pride and Glory (R), 7 p.m.

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FRIDAY Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Bangkok Dangerous (R),
5 p.m.

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p.m.

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KADENA 634-1869

TODAY The House Bunny (PG13), 6
p.m.; College (R), 9 p.m.

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College (R), 6 p.m.; Pride and Glory (R),
9 p.m.

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1 p.m.; College (R), 4 p.m.; Pride and
Glory (R), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Babylon A.D. (PG13), 6
p.m.; Pride and Glory (R), 9 p.m.

TUESDAY The House Bunny (PG13), 1
and 4 p.m.; Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY College (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY 622-9616

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6 p.m.; Traitor (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY The Longshots (PG), 2
p.m.; Disaster Movie (PG13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Disaster Movie (PG13), 7
p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Pride and Glory (R),
7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

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SATURDAY The House Bunny (PG13),
3 p.m.; Babylon A.D. (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Babylon A.D. (PG13), 3 p.m.;
College (R), 6:30 p.m.

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- Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

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- *Protestant*: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

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- *Protestant*: Sun., 11:30 a.m.

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Cpl. Thomas Kunish, 28, and Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Fahey, 34, cross the finish line together at the 33rd Marine Corps Marathon with a time of 2:30:12. Kunish, the first Marine to cross the finish line, said he attributed part of his personal record-setting performance to Fahey for helping him "run the best race" of his life. Photo by Lance Cpl. Bryan G. Carfrey

CUP STAYS WITH CORPS

MLG Marine helps All-Marine team keep Challenge Cup

Marine Corps News

ARLINGTON, Va. — In the end, the Marines won. But it was the U.S. Marines that retained the Challenge Cup during the 33rd Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 26, running against the Great Britain's Royal Navy Marines.

For the past 30 years, teams from the Great Britain's Royal Navy Marines have competed against U.S. Marines in the Marine Corps Marathon, according to All Marine Message 101/98. To the victor goes the challenge cup, a silver cup that once belonged to the officers of her majesty's ship Victory.

Cpl. Thomas Kunish, a 28-year-old fiscal clerk with 3rd Marine Logistics Group, was one of seven U.S. Marine running team competitors.

Kunish, the first Marine to cross the finish line, ran 2:30:12, smashing his personal best by three-and-a-half minutes.

Kunish attributes part of his recording-setting performance to Navy Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Fahey, who pulled away from a large pack of runners with him near the 20th mile marker.

From there, Kunish said they fed off each other's strength and started picking off runners one by one until they crossed the finish line hand-in-hand.

"I told him 'you've helped me run the best race of my life,'" said Kunish. "Neither of us wanted

it to come down to who had the best kick, so we decided to finish together."

However, Kunish's sub 5:45 minute-per-mile pace wasn't enough for the All-Marine running team to win the Armed Forces Competition, but it did help retain the Cup from the British Royal Navy/Marine team for the second straight year.

"Our coaches have been phenomenal," Kunish said. "We couldn't have done it without their continuous support. From top down we're all one big family."

Overall, more than 30,000 people participated in the marathon and 10K.

The Navy won the Armed Forces Competition, with the Air Force taking second place and the Marine Corps coming in third.



Cpl. Thomas Kunish, celebrates with his All-Marine running team during an awards ceremony after retaining the Challenge Cup for defeating the British Royal Navy and Marine team at the 33rd Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 26. The Challenge Cup winners are decided by adding the finishing times of the top three runners for each division. Photo by Sgt. Clinton Firstbrook

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