

Cherry Point ranges, airfields provide training over wide area

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Editor’s note: *This article is the second in a series that explains the many facets of MCAS Cherry Point and its role in supporting the warfighter while existing as a responsible member of the Eastern North Carolina community.*

Beyond the gates at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., in once desolate areas of North Carolina’s Crystal Coast, warfighters prepare for the unknown, as they have here for the past 70 years.

This part of the state is dotted with landing fields and other training areas that date back to the start of World War II. And while the missions of those training areas have evolved over the years along with the weapons of the modern warrior, Cherry Point has continued to manage them to allow Marines and their fellow service members across the Department of Defense to train in a wide array of functions.

This valuable training is made possible by an intricate network of outlying airfields and target ranges. Through this network, leaders at Cherry Point must balance the necessity of military training with a strong and long-lasting relationship with the growing local community.

Aircraft deploy ordnance, train to avoid electronic surveillance, practice supporting and coordinating with the warfighter on the ground, and train to receive ordnance and fuel in a variety of scenarios and missions.

Ground combat element Marines conduct warfighting operations training and become familiar with aviation assets, and Marines with wing support squadrons train for aviation ground support missions, establishing forward arming and refueling points, wartime mess halls, and expeditionary airfields.

Naval special boat teams even hone their ability to attack shore-based enemies from the water.

Marines train at outlying landing fields across



An AH-1W Super Cobra from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 467 based at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., prepares to land at a forward arming and refueling point at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., June 19.

eastern North Carolina, including OLF Atlantic, OLF Camp Davis, and OLF Oak Grove.

But perhaps the most visible training area managed by Cherry Point is Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue – or “Bogue Field” – a 900-acre training facility separated from Emerald Isle, a popular tourist destination, by a narrow 1.5-mile stretch of Bogue Sound.

Maj. Erik L. Aubel serves as the airfield

operations company commander at Bogue Field. Commonly known among local Marines as the “Mayor of Bogue (Field),” Aubel oversees an intense and broad training schedule and commands more than 100 Marines and Sailors who service the auxiliary installation.

Bogue Field offers a rare training environment for ground and air assets with II Marine Expeditionary Force to be able to integrate and prepare in an austere and ex-

peditionary environment. The runway and taxiways are constructed with heavy, interconnected aluminum matting, the same material used to construct expeditionary airfields around the world. It is also designed to provide pilots an opportunity to practice field carrier landing practice in preparation for the challenging landings they will face on Navy ships at sea.

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Cpl. Jacob L. Nichols, a communications and data chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366, holds his 2-month-old son Julian for the first time in the squadron’s hangar, Aug. 21.

Cherry Point family recognized for service

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Gunnery Sgt. Dean Francini wakes up with his three sons every Saturday morning and heads out to their garage on Cherry Point to work on a 1976 Ford F-150 truck.

For more than a year the truck has stood as a symbol of the time he spends with his children, mentoring them and teaching them things that will be instrumental to them throughout life.

Francini, a support equipment division chief with Marine Transport Squadron 1, is not only a mentor to his three sons, but also to teens within the local eastern North Carolina community and the Marines he works with.

Francini, a native of Morrow, Ohio, and his family were named the Service Family of the Quarter by the Carteret County Military Affairs Committee, Aug. 24, for their role in mentoring teens in the local community.

“He is dedicated to guiding the next generation by mentoring them and helping them with anything,” said Gunnery Sgt. Edward James, one of Francini’s close friends and colleagues. “He just does so much for so many people, and sometimes I wonder where he finds the time.”

James said early this year Francini took personal

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Gunnery Sgt. Dean Francini and his wife, Anne, were named Service Family of the Quarter Aug. 24, at the Beaufort Elks Lodge in Morehead City, N.C. Francini and his wife were awarded for their volunteer work with the local community by the Carteret County Military Affairs Committee.

HMH-366 det returns safely from Afghanistan

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A detachment of more than 100 Marines from Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 returned home to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Aug. 21, after a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“Our mission was to provide heavy lift assault support to coalition forces,” said Lt. Col. Richard T. Anderson, commanding officer of HMH-366.

Because of the array of operational commitments the squadron’s Marines support, its OEF detachment combined forces with HMH-466 out of MCAS Miramar, Calif., to form the fully mission capable “HMH-America.”

While deployed, the squadron employed its CH-53E Super Stallions to support ground troops by providing troop movements and logistics, said Cpl. Jerry G. Parker, the detach-

ment assistant operations chief.

“We lifted more than 6 million pounds of cargo, transported 4,000 passengers and carried out more than 190 tactical operations missions where personnel were inserted and extracted from objective areas.”

All-in-all, HMH-America completed more than 5,000 flight hours while providing tactical and operational support, said Parker.

In addition to their accomplishments in the air, the approximately 240 HMH-America Marines performed more than 100 drug interdiction operations, where they helped law enforcement officials seize and destroy narcotics worth about \$3 million.

“The HMH-America team worked flawlessly while they were out there,” said Anderson. “There wasn’t a mission that they could not accomplish and they brought back everyone that they took out. That in itself is the biggest mission we accomplished.”

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News Briefs

FY13 E8-E9 Selection Message Hurricane Isaac makes landfall

MarAdmin 472/12 announces the Fiscal Year 2013 sergeant major through master sergeant staff noncommissioned officer selection board scheduled to convene Oct. 17, 2012.

There are tentatively 70 total allocations for sergeant major, 190 total allocations for master gunnery sergeant, 120 total allocations for first sergeant and 576 total allocations for master sergeant.

The following IMOS(s) are closed for E-9 promotions: 0689, 1391, 1812, 2874, 3112, 3381, 3451, 3537, 4341, 4691, 4821, 5512, 5524, 5711, 5831, 5993, 6276, 6672, 6694, 6842, 7011, 7041, 7212, 7242, 7314 and 7372.

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For more information on this promotion board to include feeder MOS(s), zone break outs and requirements visit <http://bit.ly/FY13E9-E8board>.

N.C. Aquarium releases turtles

With help from the U.S. Coast Guard, the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores sent five young loggerhead turtles out to sea earlier this week. The Coast Guard Cutter Staten Island based at Fort Macon took the juvenile sea turtles approximately 55 miles offshore for release into the Gulf Stream Aug. 22. The now-robust turtles came to the aquarium for care as weak hatchlings, three in 2010 and two in 2011.

After strengthening into a hurricane shortly after noon Tuesday, Hurricane Isaac has been lashing the Gulf Coast with thunderstorms, gusty winds and storm surge flooding.

Hurricane Isaac officially made landfall in far southeastern Louisiana in Plaquemines Parish with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph at 6:45 p.m. CT Tuesday.

Isaac then moved out into West Bay becoming stationary for much of the night. Isaac has made a second landfall near Port Fourchon with winds of 80 mph.

During Monday afternoon and evening, dry air worked its way into Isaac, cutting off its flow of deep moisture, which put a halt to the thunderstorm activity on the north side of the storm. For information visit <http://www.accu-weather.com>.

2012 Absentee Voting Week

According to Marine Administrative Message 470/12, signed Aug. 22, the Department of Defense has set aside Sept. 27 through Oct. 4 as Absentee Voting Week.

During this week all eligible voters including Marines, civilian Marines and their family members are encouraged to return their completed absentee ballots. Mailing them during this week will allow sufficient time for your ballot to be mailed and counted in your state.

For help contact your local Voting Assistance officers.

Campaign Reaches 6,000 lbs.

Cherry Point's Feds Feed Families Campaign collected more than 350 pounds of donated food items from multiple facilities aboard the air station, Friday.

Since the beginning of the campaign, Cherry Point personnel have donated more than 6,167 pounds of non-perishable food delivered to local food banks.

The federal-wide food drive is in response to food bank shortages during the summer months as children are left without school nutrition programs.

Donation boxes are located at several locations across the air station including Marine Mart, Marine Corps Exchange, and the Pass and Identification office. For more information on the program visit <http://bit.ly/mcascppff>.

The campaign ends Friday.

First Lieutenant Promotions

Marine Administrative Message 476/12, signed Monday, released the names of selected promotions to first lieutenant.

The message details the names and dates of rank for September.

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/1stltprom> or email craig.kilhenny@usmc.mil.

Chaplain's Corner. Surfing for God

NAVY LT. ERIC P. HAMMEN
MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 2

As summer tourists enjoy their last weeks at the beach and locals make their final preparations for school supply shopping, one thing doesn't change — the ocean and the surfers that rule the waves.

If you hang out at some of the local surf spots long enough you might hear words such as "gnarly," "Barney" or "stoked" being tossed around. This is not a group of foreigners checking out the surf scene, just some locals getting ready to hit the waves

One thing I notice about surfing and the characteristics surrounding it is how the sport is very applicable to God's involvement with our lives. In surfing,

there are things you have to do or know before you even step foot into the water. What is the rip current like and how will you handle it when you are caught in one? Is it low tide with steeper waves and exposed rock, or is it high tide with more backwash and slower waves? All of this is the "playing field" for the surfer.

When we make decisions and involve God, whether they are small ones or life altering, it gives us a new perspective on how to handle ourselves. What if a situation is misread and the rip current pulls you away from your relationship with God or your family and friends? Do you go with the "current" and what the world expects, or do you do what is good and right but may be more dif-

ficult, although it ends up with a better outcome? Does the decision look too good to be true and is there exposed rock that you are not seeing? What could be lurking just under the water's surface?

When surfing, one of the most difficult things to master is not the act of standing up or paddling out, but the timing of when to catch the wave — how to read the sets coming in and where it is going to break. This is something that takes experience and many hours watching the ocean. Where is there a consistent break?

You cannot focus on the water right in front of you but at the horizon.

With our decision making, spending time with God, reading his word and

studying his creation are all things that will allow you to make a better choice in your decision. Like with surfing, the first wave might not be the best. It takes time to recognize the perfect set and maybe your patience will pay off.

The most thrilling part of surfing is in riding the wave. When you survey the ocean, commit on a set, paddle with the wave and stand up to take control, that is what it is all about. When you have a choice to make and you involve God and his truth the decision always seems to work out in the end. The way you have gotten there was not easy, however, the outcome is going to be worthwhile.

The next time you have a problem or a

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Vacation Bible School's little aviators



LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

Children, many the sons and daughters of service members aboard the air station, use their bodies to mimic airplanes during a session of vacation bible school at the Cherry Point chapel, Aug.17. The theme of this year's week-long bible school was "amazing wonders aviation," centered around the scripture, Psalm 147:5. "We hold this annual event as a way to reach out to Cherry Point families and let them know we are here for them and we care about them," said Navy Lt. Deann Coleman, the vacation bible school coordinator.

SGT. SHAIN NICKERSON

Job Title: Military working dog handler
Unit: Provost Marshal's Office
Hometown: Rayland, Ohio
Age: 26
Date Joined: Oct. 17, 2004

Sgt. Shain Nickerson, a chief military dog trainer with the Provost Marshal's Office, has been working with dogs for nearly six years, three of those years as a handler at Cherry Point.

"I fell in love with dogs in 2006 when I started working with one of my friends training dogs," said Nickerson. "I loved it so much I decided to go from being an engineer to a dog handler for the Marines. Now I work with Luis, a 4-year-old German shepherd."

Nickerson has been Luis' only handler since he arrived aboard the air station in April and now spends almost every day with his dog.

Nickerson says he spends about 14 hours a day training with Luis to make sure they are prepared to complete any task they are assigned. Nickerson works with the dog during his off time and they stand 24-hour duty together.

"Being a dog handler has its difficult points," he said. "We have to make sure these dogs are up to the standard they need to be and they are ready to do their job."

Nickerson said despite the stressful requirements that come with being a handler, it is still a fun and exciting job.

"I spend every day with a dog" said the Nickerson. "It doesn't get much better than that. The best part is that I get to help and watch all the training that goes on, and it's amazing."



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A Marine from Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 operates an 850 JR Bulldozer during a course at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., Aug. 23. The course enabled the Marines to refamiliarize themselves with equipment they do not have the opportunity to operate on a daily basis.

“Workhorses” operate new equipment

License to Level at Landing Field Bogue

LANCE CPL. ANDREA C. DICKERSON

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While stirring up dust with heavy machinery in an outlying area of Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue Aug. 23, four Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 pursued credentials to operate a 621B Wheeled Tractor-Scraper.

The 621B is a 65,000-lb, diesel powered scraper employed by engineering units in the main battle area. It can be used as an earthmover and extractor during road or airfield construction, construction of anti-armor ditches, weapons emplacements and the hauling and employment of material for obstacles.

“Scrapers make it possible for us to move and carry large amounts of soil, construct dirt berms and level the ground,” said Cpl. Daniel R. Miller, an engineer equipment operator with MWSS-274.

To become qualified, scraper operators must receive instruction relating to the equipment, pass a written test and demonstrate operation techniques under supervision from an instructor, Miller said.

As part of the week-long training course, the heavy equipment operators ventured out along dirt roads and got hands-on with their equipment.

Because of the lack of necessity to use the heavy equipment in garrison, the Marines must take training classes to help them stay proficient with the bulldozers, scrapers and water trucks that are so vital to their job.

“This is our playground,” said Sgt. Brandon L. Bellefleur, an engineer equipment operator with MWSS-274. “While we are in garrison our primary role is to provide support to our unit. We also fix roads and help with tree-cutting operations, but when deployed, our responsibilities are a vital asset.”

The foundations of forward operating bases are built by Marines with the engineer equipment operator military occupational specialty designation, said Bellefleur.

“Engineer equipment operators are the one of the major proponents of support and logistics throughout the entire Marine Corps,” Bellefleur said. “Nothing can happen without us or our equipment.”

Bellefleur said he enjoys using heavy machinery to push dirt around.

“When we do perform earth work, that ground is our sanctuary. It’s not something we get to do every day.”



Cpl. Daniel R. Miller, an engineer equipment operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 operates a 621B Wheeled Tractor-Scraper during a training class at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., Aug. 23. The Marines that participated in the class received training to earn licenses to operate the scrapers.



Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 use an 850 JR Bulldozer to assist a 621B Wheeled Tractor-Scraper to move dirt during a training class at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., Aug. 23. As part of the week-long course, the heavy equipment operators got hands-on with scrapers and other heavy machinery, equipment they don’t use on a daily basis.



PHOTOS BY PFC. MELISSA ESCHENBRENNER

Friends and family await Marines with various 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing units during a homecoming ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Aug. 22. Families greeted more than 300 Marines returning from Afghanistan with signs, smiles and patriotic colors.

3rd MAW units return from Afghanistan

PFC. MELISSA ESCHENBRENNER

MCAS MIRAMAR AND 3RD MAW

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. – More than 300 Marines from various 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing units returned home from Afghanistan during a homecoming ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Aug. 22.

The Marines were deployed for as many as eight months in multiple locations throughout Afghanistan.

“I’m so thankful to be back,” said Capt. Trevor Tingle, a pilot with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466 who was greeted by his newborn son for the first time, “It’s overwhelming.”

Family members and friends greeted the returning Marines with signs and patriotic colors for what was one of the biggest homecomings of the year.

“It hasn’t been an easy deployment,” said Mandy Foster, the wife of a Marine stationed aboard MCAS Miramar. “But he’s home now and that’s all that matters.”

The returning squadrons, while deployed, supported ground units by resupplying and helping transport troops. Multiple individuals were awarded for their dedication to mission accomplishment during the deployment.

Although the units had successful deployments, Marines are thankful to finally return home to friends, family and fellow Marines after a long time away.



1st Lt. Justin Griffis, an administrative officer with Marine Air Support Squadron 3 greets his daughters during a homecoming ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Aug. 22. Marines with various 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing units returned home from to Afghanistan.

Corporals Leadership Course: Setting the Standard

Week Two: Confidence in Leadership

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After their first week of classes, the corporals of Cherry Point Corporals Leadership Course Class 274-12 were primed and ready to execute the next step when they entered week two of training Monday.

The theme for the week – confidence in leadership. Their goal – to hone their skills in the areas of operations, introduction to war fighting, communication, after action reports, weapons handling, and a continuation of their preview of sword and guidon manual from the week before.

“It is the start of the teamwork process,” said Gunnery Sgt. Valdez R. Baker Jr., staff noncommissioned officer in charge for Cherry Point Corporals Leadership Course. “Sword and guidon is becoming more in depth. They are getting used to drilling a small group of Marines, giving them the opportunity to fulfill that leadership role.”

the sword or know anything about it,” said Sgt. Stephen W. Ford, an instructor for the course. “It’s a pride a factor. I am an NCO and am proud of it. I have the skills and I know what to do when the time comes.”

For Baker, learning how to drill with sword and guidon is about learning a time-honored tradition – about building confidence in the corporals’ leadership abilities by taking the Marines away from their occupational obligations and concentrating on proper Marine Corps customs and courtesies. With this training, corporals can go back to their units and confidently lead subordinates in many areas, including ceremonial marching.

“It builds a lot of confidence,” said Baker, who credits the course for ensuring “old Corps” values and traditions are not left by the wayside.

Baker added getting the corporals marching and calling commands “gives them the opportunity to, like their drill instructors would say, ‘poke their chest out and roll their shoulders back.’”

A part of building confidence in small unit leaders is educating the NCOs about their responsibilities said Sgt. Michael A. Blaul, lead instructor for the course. Educated Marines are confident Marines.

During week two, “we will go over promotion systems, sword and guidon (manual) and conduct ‘hip pocket’ demonstrations,” said Blaul. “As soon as they pin on that rank of corporal they are NCOs in the United States Marine Corps. They get that blood stripe for a reason.”

“Our job is to give them the tools to live up to the standards that come with that blood stripe,” said Blaul.

An important part of being an effective leader is confidently commanding troops, said Baker. During the corporals course, students are required to teach a five-minute class on Marine topics chosen by the instructors to present to their peers. They are evaluated during their presentations and instructors offer feedback to improve the students’ public speaking abilities.

The goal of this instruction is teach corporals how to prepare a short class they would be able to give at a moment’s notice and confidently instruct their Marines during downtime, maximizing training time. Some topics include land navigation, patrolling, and arm and hand signals.

As they enter the NCO ranks, a lot of responsibility comes to corporals very quickly, said Baker. As lance corporals, Marines are



CPL. SANTIAGO G. COLON JR.

Cpl. Dominique A. Patterson, a student with Cherry Point Corporals Leadership Course 274-12, discusses warfighting with his peers at the Training and Education Building Aug. 22, during the second week of the course. Using historical references and research, the classes challenge the students to think about and discuss what effect combat has on human beings and how they play a role not only as Cherry Point Marines, but as Marine Corps corporals.

responsible for their own piece of the pie, their own workload. Once they pick up corporal, they not only have to manage their own workload but are responsible for a number of Marines who work for them as well.

As many of the corporals who go through the course have never spoken publicly, it is important for them to get that opportunity to build confidence in their public speaking and leadership at the course, which is essential to the continuity of the Corps said Baker.

“Senior staff NCOs do an excellent job at (educating) their Marines, but they can get bogged down by the work they do on a daily basis with whatever their occupational specialty could be,” said Baker. “This a great opportunity for those Marines to get out from under those aircraft, get off of those tanks, get from behind that desk and get these classes on what leadership is as defined by the Marine Corps.”

The Marine Corps has spent a lot of time developing a curriculum that directly targets Young corporals, and although they may be learning some of it at their commands, it is important for them to take time away to learn

everything they need to know to be confident leaders, added Baker.

Toward the end of week two, the students’ leadership skills were put to the test as they planned and executed a mess night, which is a formal dinner in Dress Blue A uniform.

As Marine Corps order dictates, the most junior Marine in the class was named Vice President of the Mess. The success of the evening depends on the vice president, which put a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of the most junior Marine present, Cpl. Nathan W. Poulter.

Overall, the course refines corporals and gives commanders a new capability in regards to operations, said Baker.

“It comes down to one word – trust,” said Baker. “It allows them to have an overwhelming amount of trust in not only their senior leaders, but their junior leaders as well.

“It allows the commander to see that he has strong team, from top to bottom and these NCOs are able to operate and perform on their own, the way the Marine Corps has outlined NCOs to be.”

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GySgt. Valdez R. Baker

SNCOIC for Cherry Point Corporals Leadership Course

The Marine NCO sword is the oldest weapon in continuous use and is used by NCOs or Staff NCOs in command of troops under arms for ceremonies. Adopted in 1859, it serves as a reminder of Marine Corps legacy, and is symbolically passed on from one NCO to another during ceremonies.

It is for this reason that sword drill manual is so important during the course, said Baker.

“Until now, some Marines have never used



LANCE CPL. RYAN JOYNER

One of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269's Hueys takes off from a confined area landing. The training the Marines of HMLA-269 conducted helped the Marines gain proficiency with the latest model of the UH-1, the UH-1Y, Aug. 9.

HMLA-269 transitions to UH-1Y

Pfc. CAMERON PAYNE

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. – Marines from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 gained proficiency in the new UH-1Y “Venom” Hueys by practicing flying and landing in confined areas aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Aug. 9.

The UH-1Y is the newest model of the Huey, and is commonly referred to as the ‘Yankee’ for the letter ‘Y’ in its designation. It is an upgrade from the older UH-1N ‘November’ version and features many new components.

According to Bell Helicopter, the manufacturer of the Huey, the UH-1Y

has almost 50 percent more range and maximum cruise speed than the UH-1N. The Yankee is equipped with a modified four-blade, all-composite rotor and has upgraded engines and transmissions to give it increased payload and performance capabilities.

“The Yankee has a lot more power,” said Lance Cpl. Michael J. Costa, HMLA-269 crew chief. “The added power the Yankee has compared to the November allows us to lift more weight and gear.”

To gain experience with the latest model, HMLA-269 used two of their new UH-1Y Hueys to help the pilots and crew of HMLA-269 maintain their proficiency and learn new tactics from the transition

training unit instructors.

The two UH-1Ys practiced landing in difficult landing zones where the terrain and obstacles would challenge both the crew and pilots as well as make them more comfortable with the newest variant of the Huey.

“The pilots of the Hueys took turns flying into the landing zone and taking off almost immediately after landing, ensuring that both pilots received the best and most amount of training possible,” said Costa.

The Marines returned to Marine Corps Air Station New River to refuel and then performed the same flight and procedures, but during the dark of night.

Since around May, the Marines of

HMLA-269 began training and transitioning to the UH-1Y, said Lance Cpl. Barry C. Clem, HMLA-269 crew chief.

“The West Coast trained with and transitioned to the UH-1Y first,” said Maj. Andrew J. Erickson, Marine Aircraft Group 29 transition training unit instructor. “It takes about 10 months to completely transition a squadron to the Yankee, but now that we have done it so much we have it down to a science.”

“It feels like the transition is going smoother than some of the other HMLA squadrons due to the overall preparedness of the squadron,” said Clem.

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“Our primary goal is to accomplish that training,” Aubel said. “You can combine all aspects of expeditionary warfare right here at Bogue.”

But Aubel said the Marines at Bogue, hand-in-hand with leaders at Cherry Point and the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, work hard to keep a close relationship with the local community. In the seven decades since the airfield was first built, the Marine Corps has constantly adjusted its training at Bogue in consideration of the growing populations that have sprung up in the communities adjacent to the field and across Bogue Sound. Balancing the requirements of military training while working to remain good neighbors is a constant challenge that Cherry Point has met for more than half a century.

Bogue Field serves as an arming and refueling point for Marine aviation assets to conduct broad-spectrum training, preparing

for a wartime situation where they receive ordnance and gas quickly, including “hot” refueling which is conducted without shutting down the aircraft engines to provide the fast turnaround often needed in combat.

Like any forward-positioned arming and refueling point, aircraft operating out of Bogue Field frequently use the airfield as a base as they train at Cherry Point’s bombing ranges that lie along the Carolina coast.

“Cherry Point is one of three specific air combat and air to ground training ranges in the Marine Corps. In fact, it is a primary aviation training range for the 2nd MAW and II MEF,” said Kenneth W. Cobb, Cherry Point range management officer.

Cobb said the ranges that surround the air station offer vital training for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force and the Department of Defense as a whole.

“We hit the combined arms aspect with an emphasis on aviation,” Cobb said. “We allow commanders to meet their training objectives.”

Those training objectives are supported through an intricate network of ranges that create a realistic environment for the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing’s pilots. The training network includes the East Coast Electronic Warfare System, which simulates enemy radar to let pilots know when they’ve been identified.

Through this system, warning indicators in the cockpit light up to alert pilots to the same type of enemy threats they will see in combat, Cobb said.

One of Cherry Point’s most employed ranges, Bombing Target 11, lies on Piney Island in Pamlico Sound near the outflow of the Neuse River. This 12,500-acre facility is a multi-function range that allows Ma-

lines to train in the delivery of air-to-surface weapons systems, from machine guns to laser-guided ordnance. Community outreach at ranges like Bombing Target 11 involves constant monitoring of the facility airborne safety sweeps, informing members of the local community of the training schedule, and posting warning signs and official notices to mariners to keep fishermen out of harm’s way.

All in all, Cherry Point’s outlying ranges, landing fields and other training areas, when added to the air station’s primary complex, more than double the total acreage in the Cherry Point toolbox. But the added training value, thanks to the dedicated personnel who manage those areas, can’t be measured in additional acreage alone – it is truly measured by the continued success demonstrated by 2nd MAW and the other warfighters who come here to practice the art of war.

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leave days to go to Kentucky for about a week to volunteer for his church’s summer camp. Francini volunteers with the teen youth group at Grace Baptist Church in Newport, N.C., to raise funds to support numerous youth activities.

He also devoted more than 72 hours as a youth director during a Christian rally in Louisville, Ky., which catered to more than 1,200 teenagers, and he now spends several nights each week counseling and mentoring teens from the church.

According to James, Francini’s actions outside work mirror his demeanor at work with his Marines.

“He’s very concerned about his Marines and their welfare,” said James. “Mission accomplishment and troop welfare are the two most important things that he strives

to accomplish every day.”

Staff Sgt. Brandon King, a ground support equipment staff noncommissioned officer in charge with VMR-1, said about a year ago one of Francini’s Marines was having marriage problems and Francini helped him through it.

“He gave countless hours toward helping that Marine and now a year later he is happily still married,” said King. “This is just one example of the things he does for his Marines and this squadron.”

On top of his normal job requirements, Francini has also taken on the responsibility as the squadron’s substance abuse control officer and is slated to fulfill a new role as squadron gunnery sergeant.

“I don’t know how he has the time to accomplish every-

thing he does, but he just does,” said James. “On top of being a father of three boys, he has found a way to take on the role of being a father figure to so many more.”

But every Saturday is still strictly set aside for him and his three boys to spend quality time together working on that old Ford truck.

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situation that you find yourself having to deal with, go to the local beach, sit and watch the waves come in, knowing there is a process. If we follow it, chances are we will be able to enjoy the ride all the way back in.

Who do you surf for?



PHOTO BY CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN

A competitor in the Cherry Point Sprint Triathlon pushes through the 10-mile bicycling portion aboard the air station, Aug. 25. A record turnout of more than 200 participants competed in various age categories.

Marines, Sailors, local community members swim, bike, sprint



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. STEPHEN T. STEWART

Danny Perez, the crosses the finish line Aug. 25, across from the Hancock pool.

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

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More than 200 competitors in swimsuits stood poised on the side of Hancock pool with orange tracking chips strapped to their ankles, waiting for the announcer to start the annual Cherry Point Sprint Triathlon Aug. 25.

The participants were separated into five groups when they gathered at the starting point with their swimsuits, bicycles and running shoes before the race started.

When the announcer finally started the race, each member waited his or her turn to jump into the water and begin the journey to the finish line.

Marine Corps Community Service's Semper Fit of Cherry Point hosted the record turnout sprint triathlon, which consisted of a 400-meter swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run.

"It's amazing to see this many people show up and compete in the race," said Berna Crosby, the event coordinator with MCCS. "It seems like every year we get more and more supporters."

The race was part of the 2012 Marine Corps Grand Prix Series, a series of races that takes place every year on the air station, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and within the local area. Those who compete earn points that go toward their end-of-year score. The top three male and female competitors are scheduled to be recognized during a ceremony Dec. 8, after the final 5-kilometer run at Camp Lejeune.

"These military members do so much for us and their country," said Crosby. "We wanted to give back to the military by hosting these events so they can get out and have fun and compete."

1st Lt. Mark C. Hardman, a judge advocate with Headquarters and Support Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., took first place overall with a time of 51 minutes, 57 seconds.

"I've never done something like this before," said Cpl. Samuel Foltz, an aviation precision measurement equipment calibration and repair technician with Marine Aviation

Logistics Squadron 14. "I wanted to see how I would do. I wanted to push myself."

As the participants crossed the finish line covered in sweat, exhausted and in pain, they received medals for completing the race and achieving their goals.

"The pain will go away," said Crosby. "The memories and the friends you make out here will be forever."

The next event put on by MCCS is a duathlon on Sept. 15. For more information contact Berna Crosby at 466-2208.



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Rory Burke, a Midshipman and student at North Carolina State University, dives into the Hancock pool, beginning the Cherry Point Sprint Triathlon aboard the air station, Aug. 25. Burke, who is on the triathlon team at N.C. State, came out for the race from Raleigh, N.C.

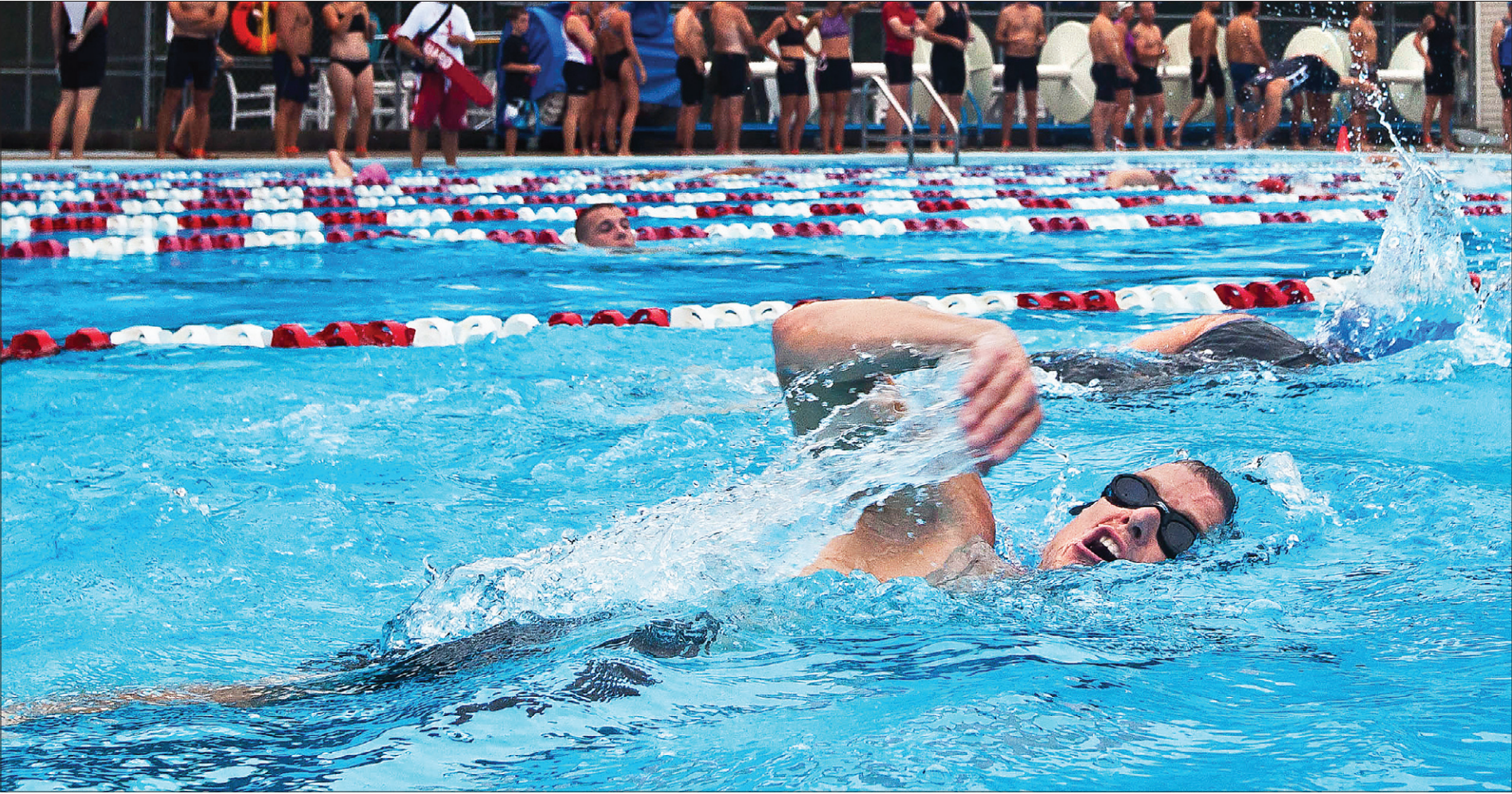


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Marines, Sailors and community members compete in the 400-meter swimming portion of the Cherry Point Sprint Triathlon aboard the air station Aug. 25. The triathlon is part of multiple races in Eastern North Carolina that form the 2012 Semper Fit Grand Prix Series, hosted by Marine Corps Community Services.

CHERRY POINT MESS HALL

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday

Breakfast 6-8 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,
Dinner 4-6 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday/ Holiday Hours

Breakfast/Lunch 8:30-11 a.m.,
Dinner 3-5 p.m.

FAST FOOD LINE

Monday-Friday

Breakfast 6-8 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
Dinner 4-6 p.m.

Breakfast Menu

Assorted fresh fruit, assorted hot and cold cereals, fried eggs and omelets to order, scrambled eggs and hard cooked eggs, grill special, pancakes, French toast or waffles, breakfast potatoes, breakfast meats, creamed beef or sausage gravy, assorted muffins, breads and breakfast pastries.

Specialty Bar Menu & Blendz

Tuesday and Thursday Lunch (Blendz) - Banana-strawberry yogurt, banana-blackberry yogurt, banana-peach yogurt, banana-pineapple yogurt, banana mango yogurt, banana-blueberry yogurt, Asian chicken chopped salad, Asian beef chopped salad, Savannah fried chicken salad, Southwest chicken strip salad, chef salad bowl, buffalo chicken salad, turkey club salad, beef fajita salad, BLT club salad, Southwest flank steak salad, chicken caesar salad, Chinese chicken salad, antipasto salad.

Monday - Pasta primavera, lasagna, chicken rotini casserole, baked ziti with four cheeses, meatballs, baked Italian sausage, boiled rigatoni, boiled spaghetti, simmered ziti, simmered linguine, simmered fettucini, simmered penne rigate, simmered rotini, Italian meat sauce, alfredo sauce, caesar salad, toasted garlic bread and breadsticks.

Wednesday - Chicken enchiladas, taco beef filling, burritos, Mexican rice, refried beans with cheese, Mexican corn, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, chopped onions, sliced jalapeno peppers, taco shells, flour tortillas, taco sauce, salsa, sour cream.

Friday - Wings of fire, honeyed BBQ wings, teriyaki wings, French fried chicken wings, French fried garlic fries, corn on the cob, baked beans, carrot sticks, celery sticks, blue cheese dressing, ranch dressing.

Weekly Menu

Thursday August 30

Lunch - Chicken and dumplings, pasta Toscano, steamed rice, steamed vegetable medley, Harvard beets and cream of spinach soup Dinner - Mediterranean herb roasted chicken, herbed roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, dirty rice, glazed carrots, steamed broccoli, brown gravy and American bounty vegetable soup

Friday August 31

Lunch - Roast turkey, French fried shrimp, French fried fish, dirty mashed potatoes, green beans, Calico cabbage, hush puppies, tartar sauce, cocktail sauce and New England clam chowder Dinner - Tater-tot casserole, baked tomato pork chops, savory baked beans, peas and mushrooms and Manhattan clam chowder

Saturday September 1

Lunch - Baked ziti with four cheeses, arroz con pollo (chicken) club, spinach, corn O'Brien, toasted garlic bread, smoked ham and cabbage soup Dinner - Three bean chili, apple glazed corned beef, shrimp curry, Cilantro rice, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable stir fry and savory summer squash

Sunday September 2

Lunch - Baked fish w/butter crumb topping, herbed baked chicken, potatoes au gratin, confetti rice, herbed-roasted carrots, balsamic roasted vegetables, tomato soup Dinner - Pork chops with smothered onion, chili macaroni, roasted sweet potatoes, French cut green beans, cauliflower combo and Wisconsin cheese soup

Monday September 3

Lunch - Pepper steak, turkey Monterey roasts, rosemary red potatoes, steamed rice, wax beans Creole, stewed chick peas and zucchini and Southwestern corn chowder Dinner - Veal parmesan, Tex-mex chicken and rice, penne rigate noodles, scalloped cream corn, broccoli and red peppers, Spanish chorizo and potato soup

Tuesday September 4

Lunch - Linguini with clam sauce, Bayou chicken, rissole potatoes, mashed cauliflower, sautéed green beans and mushrooms, beef with vegetables and barley soup Dinner - Country fried steaks, baked turkey with noodles, mashed potatoes, creamed ground beef, peas, squash and carrot medley, bean with bacon soup

Wednesday September 5

Lunch - Chicken piccata, Bayou jerk pork loin, chipotle roasted sweet potatoes, islander's rice, steamed spinach with garlic, Lyonais carrots, mango and black bean salsa, cream of mushroom soup Dinner - Hungarian goulash, Creole shrimp, brussels sprout parmesan, corn and chicken tortilla soup

Celebrate Safely This Labor Day

JOHN M. RUTH

STATION SAFETY OFFICE

Labor Day, which is observed on the first Monday in September, pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. Many history buffs believe the selection of the first Monday in September was due to the fact that in the late 1870s, there was no legal holiday for Americans between July 4th and Thanksgiving. The first Monday in September was about halfway between.

Labor Day was further spurred by the labor movement of the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day has come to symbolize the end of summer for many Americans and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events. Here at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, this is also the holiday weekend that closes out our 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign.

Hopefully, the weather man is wrong about the upcoming storms off of our southern and eastern coasts, but just in case, check your home emergency kits, review your evacuation plan, and prepare for the worst.

If the weather calls for sunshine, many will take advantage of the local beaches and other outdoor activities. If you include these types of activities in your schedule be sure to take the proper precautions and use the appropriate protective equipment for your activity of choice.

The possibility of nice weather may have do-it-yourselfers starting or finishing up that summer project. As always, plan out those events and be safe. Drink plenty of water, take breaks, and apply sunscreen. Also, don't try to overdo it. Take some time to enjoy the well-deserved time off.

If taking a long drive is part of your weekend plan, continue to practice motor vehicle safety. Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound, your roadside emergency kit is complete and in place, your cell phone is charged and everyone is buckled up. Don't drink and drive or drive while you're tired. Most importantly, arrive alive.

Our leaders will be charged with conducting a safety brief prior to releasing their Marines and Sailors for the long weekend. Take that briefing to heart and remember that Marines take care of our own. I recently conducted a driver safety brief for a returning squadron and emphasized leadership, mentoring, taking care of your "wingman" and those core values that we hold dearly. Continue to stress Operational Risk Management in everything we do.

As always, remember it only takes a second to become a statistic. Don't become a statistic this holiday weekend or any time. Too many Marines have become "stats" since the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign began on Memorial Day. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

Safety Briefing Points

Labor Day Weekend marks the unofficial end of summer, and many Sailors and Marines are planning one last big weekend before the weather cools off.

Most do a great job planning activities and managing associated risks. However, last year two Marines lost their lives in motorcycle mishaps.

Dozens more Sailors and Marines were injured, some seriously, in motor vehicle mishaps, sporting activities, or

other off-duty pursuits. A vast majority of the mishaps that occurred last year were completely preventable with solid risk management practices. This is good news! A little advance planning makes all the difference.

Just because summer is drawing to a close, don't feel like you have to pack an entire season's worth of activities into one weekend. It's better to do less and have a great time than to try to do it all and end up in the hospital.

Every Labor Day weekend there is a nationwide DUI crackdown known as "Over the Limit, Under Arrest." Law enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints. For more information, Visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov.stopImpairedDriving>.

If you have friends over for Labor Day parties and choose to drink and serve alcohol, remember that moderation and responsibility are keys to success. The vast majority of Sailors and Marines "get it" when it comes to responsible use of alcohol.

DUIs and other alcohol-related incidents are going down across the Fleet; however, overconsumption remains a concern. Be alert for ways you can make a positive difference by offering a ride or taking the keys from someone who shouldn't be driving.

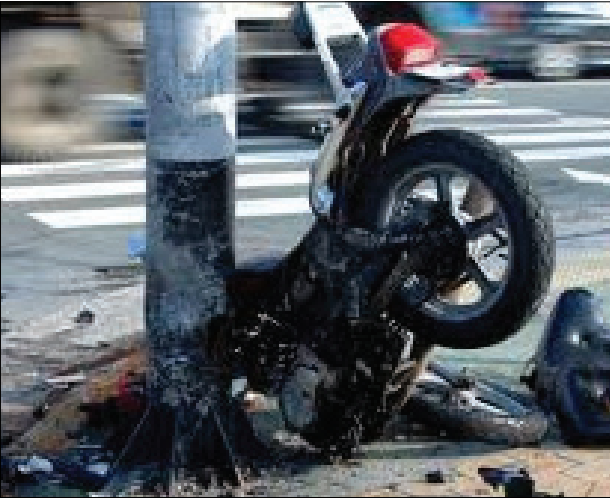
If you plan to travel outside of the local area, use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) to enhance your chances for success on the road. To date, more than 300,000 TRiPS assessments have been completed and no naval personnel have died while traveling on a TRiPS-assessed journey!

TRiPS can be found at Navy Knowledge Online, <http://www.nko.navy.mil>.

We all know that budgets are tight and we can't afford to waste our material resources.

This is even more true for our most valuable resource: You! Each and every Sailor and Marine is important to the naval enterprise, to his or her unit, and to the families who love them.

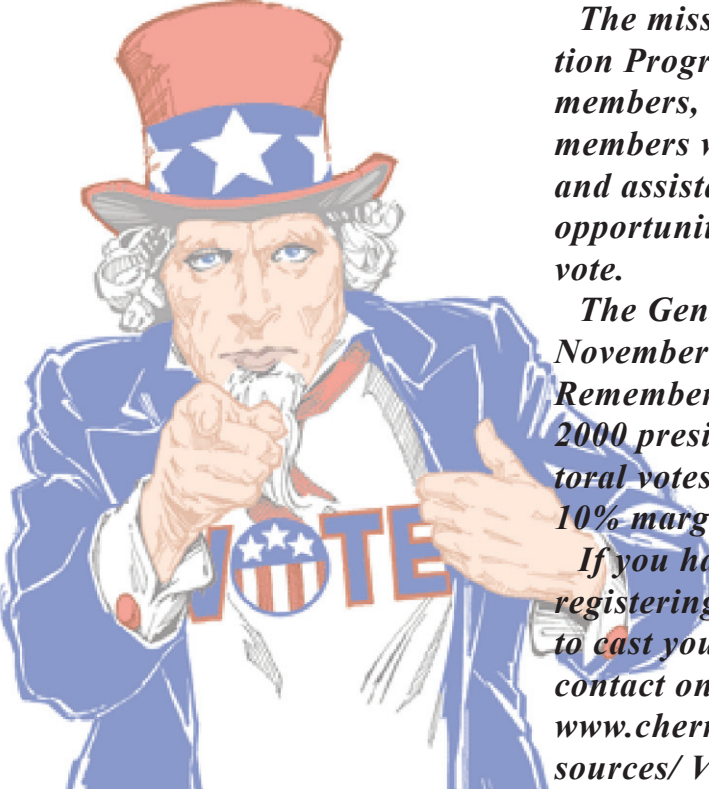
Take care of each other this and every weekend.



COURTESY PHOTO

Last year dozens of Marines and Sailors were seriously injured in motorcycle accidents. Two Marines lost thier lives.

Every Vote Counts



The mission of the Voter Registration Program is to provide all military members, civilians and eligible family members with the voting information and assistance to ensure they have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

The General Election will be held, November 6.

Remember, every vote counts: In the 2000 presidential election, 224 electoral votes were won by less than a 10% margin of victory.

If you have questions about voting, registering, polling places or how to cast your ballot and would like to contact one of the voting officers, visit www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Resources/VotingAssistance

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Thursday, August 30

6:00pm - Seeking a Friend for the End of the World R

Friday, August 31

5:00pm - Ice Age: Continental Drift PG

7:30pm - The Dark Knight Rises PG 13

Saturday, September 1

2:00pm - Ice Age: Continental Drift PG

4:30pm - The Dark Knight Rises PG 13

8:30pm - Seeking a Friend for the End of the World R

Sunday, September 2

2:00pm - Ice Age: Continental Drift PG

4:30pm - The Dark Knight Rises PG 13

Monday, September 3

2:00pm - Ice Age: Continental Drift PG

Tuesday, September 4

6:00pm - Shrek PG

Wednesday, September 5

6:00pm - The Amazing Spider-Man PG 13

MOVIE SYNOPSIS

The Amazing Spider-Man - Starring: Andrew Garfield, Rhys Ifans, Emma Stone. Peter Parker, an outcast high schooler who was abandoned by his parents, is set on a collision course with The Lizard, while making life-altering choices to use his powers and shape his destiny to become a hero.

Seeking a Friend for the End of the World - Starring: Steve Carell, Keira Knightley, Connie Britton. Set in a too-near future, a man searches for a meaningful connection as humanity's last days are at hand. Can he find his greatest love at the worst possible time? As the respective journeys of Dodge and Penny converge, the two spark to each other and their outlooks - if not the world's - brighten.

Ice Age: Continental Drift - Starring the voices of: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Manny, Diego, and Sid embark upon their greatest adventure after cataclysm sets an entire continent adrift. Separated from the rest of the herd, they use an iceberg as a makeshift ship, which launches them on an epic seafaring quest.

Shrek - Starring the voices of: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz. Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ornery ogre named Shrek whose precious solitude is suddenly shattered by an invasion of annoying fairy tale characters.

The Dark Knight Rises - Starring: Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman. It has been eight years since Batman vanished into the night, turning, in that instant, from hero to fugitive. Assuming the blame for the death of D.A. Harvey Dent, the Dark Knight sacrificed everything for what he and Commissioner Gordon both hoped was the greater good.

Movies are subject to change without notice

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The Local Buzz

Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

► Saturday in the Park

Morehead City Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its final “Saturday in the Park,” outdoor concert, Labor Day, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Jaycee Park on 9th and Shepard Street in downtown Morehead City. No tickets necessary.
For more information, call Susan Drake 726-5083.

► 5k Hope for Hospice Fun Run

Professionals Supporting Charities will host its inaugural 5k fun run at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center, Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon.
The run benefits the Community Homecare and Hospice which services North and South Carolina.
For more information call, 910-938-9520.

► Take the Lake

Walk or run 15 miles, paddle 14 miles, bike and hike 15 miles or swim four miles to pay tribute to educators and promote good health at the Take the Lake competition, Saturday – Monday, at Lake Waccamaw. Register online at www.takethelake.org.
For more information, call 910-640-2818.

North Carolina Grill Masters Tournament

Compete head to head for the ultimate title of grill master at Carteret Community College, Saturday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Proceeds will benefit wounded warriors and the American Cancer Society. The price of admission is \$5 per person.
For more information, call 503-5739.

► New River Blues Festival

The New River House Inn will host the New River Blues Festival Sunday. The festival will present classic blues artists to the High Country resulting in a day of great tunes, food, drink and scenery.
For more information visit, <http://visitnc.com>, email riverhouse@skybest.com or call, 336-982-2109.

Make Your Move Chess Tournament

High Point University, in High Point, N.C., will sponsor three separate chess events for players of all skill levels, today – Monday. The 2012 North Carolina Open is currently registering players to compete.
For more information visit, <http://www.ncchess.org> or call, Dr. Walter High at 919-619-3541.

Carteret “Ole Time” Family Fun Festival

Hot dog cook-off, battle of the bands, children’s games, tug-of-war contest, petting zoo, antique car show and more will be found at the “Ole Time” festival. Sept. 8.
The festival is located at Camp Albemarle in Newport, N.C., 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
For more information, call 762-4848 or visit the event website at <http://www.facebook.com/carterethomecoming>.

Jacksonville Patriot Day 2012

Sheep Dog Impact Assistance and Crossfit Wilmington will honor the fallen with a crossfit competition at Northside High School in Jacksonville, Sept. 8.
Registration is \$20 per person and ends Tuesday. All proceeds go to the Crystal Coast Chapter of Sheep Dog Impact Assistance.
For more information call, Tim Parkhurst at 910-546-6064, or register online at <http://sheepdogwodjville-eventful.eventbrite.com>.

Flag Football League

The New Bern Parks and Recreation is offering a four-on-four flag football league that will begin Sept. 9. All games will be played at Kafer Park.
Register no later than Tuesday at the Stanley White Recreation Center or online at www.newbern-nc.org.
Teams are limited to eight people per team at \$25 per person.
For more information, call 639-2907 or visit frietast@newbern-nc.org.

Lt Dan Band Concert

Back by popular demand, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Sept. 16, at W.P.T Hill Field. The event site opens at 2 p.m.; show time is 3 p.m.
For more information, call 910-451-0642

► MUMFest

The 32nd annual MumFest celebration is coming to the restored streets and waterfront of historic downtown New Bern, N.C., Oct. 13 – 14.
New this year: model car show and the Indy Tour exhibit, the Sea Fair floating art gallery and New Bern’s own version of “Dancing with the Stars.”
For More information, call Swiss Bear at 638-5781 or visit the <http://mumfest.com> website.

Operation Ball Gown Accepting Dresses

Gently used gowns are being accepted for “Operation Ball Gown” scheduled for Sept. 28. Drop-off locations are Marine Corps Family Team Building and the Whistle Stop Thrift Shop aboard the air station, and Intimate Bridal in Morehead City. For more information, call 466-4637.

Tours of Cedar Grove Cemetery

The Craven Chapter of Questers International and the New Bern Historical Society will provide tours of Cedar Grove Cemetery through November. Tours offer glimpses into the lives of more than two centuries of New Bernians. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the New Bern Historical Society, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or at the gate prior to the tour. All tours begin at 4 p.m.
• Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
• Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
• Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
For more information, call 635-1374.

Education Fairs

The Cherry Point Education office will be hosting monthly Career and Education Fairs, for authorized air station patrons. Fairs are held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Jerry Marvel Training and Education building, room 171b. The next fairs are as follows: Sept. 28, Oct. 19 and Nov. 30. For more information or to find out about next month’s meeting call, Dana Bayliss, at 466-2046.

Marine and Family Programs

Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

The Family Member Employment Program, Transition Assistance Management Program, Relocation Assistance Program and accredited financial counselors can be reached at 466-4201.
• Child Development Resource and Referral, – 466-3595.
• Library – 466-3552.
• LifeLong Learning – 466-3500.
• Military Family Life Consultant – 876-8016.
• Retired Activities – 466-5548.

Now in Building 87

- Exceptional Family Member Program – 466-3305.
- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program – 466-5490.
- Substance Abuse Counseling – 466-7568.
- New Parent Support Program – 466-3651.
- Family Advocacy Program – 466-3264.

Budget for Baby

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers Budget for Baby classes.
To register, call 466-2031.

Breastfeeding Class

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers free breastfeeding classes to expectant mothers.
The purpose of the class is to help prepare the mother to be ready and confident to breastfeed once the baby arrives.
To register, call 466-2031.

Veterans’ Assistance

A representative from the Veterans Affairs Office visits Cherry Point each Thursday in building 4335. Call 466-4201 for assistance.

Monthly and Weekly Events

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

Al-Anon family group meetings are held Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for family members and friends of individuals with possible alcohol problems. Meetings are held at Havelock First Baptist Church.
For more information, call 447-8063.

Cycle Classes

Cycle classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Semper Fit Center aboard the air station at 11 and 11:50 a.m.
For more information, call 466-1147.

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Cedar Creek Pool aboard the air station at noon.
For more information, call 466-1147.

Courage to Change

Cherry Point and Havelock Courage to Change support group is for friends

and families of people who suffer from alcoholism. Meetings are held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Havelock, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
For more information, call 241-6155 or 670-6236.

Marine Corps League Meetings

Cherry Point’s detachment of the Marine Corps League meets the third Tuesday of each month at Miller’s Landing at 7 p.m.
For more information, call 515-1175.

Dart Tournament

Weekly dart tournaments at the Road House restaurant and recreation facility are held Thursdays at 8 p.m.
For more information, call 241-6155 or 466-3044.

Disabled Veterans

Chapter 26 of the Disabled American Veterans meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center in Havelock at 7 p.m.
For information, contact Ancil Jones at 622-5245.

Domestic Violence Support

Support groups for victims of domestic violence are provided by the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program. The group meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
For more information, call 728-3788.

Basic Budgeting

Learn basic financial management skills in room 159 of the Training and Education building. The classes for 2012 will be held Sep. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 6 and Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. For more information, call 466-4201.

New Bible Study

Modern lessons from ancient combat stories. First and third Thursday, 12 – 1 p.m., at the station chapel. For more information e-mail the station chaplain, at steve.voris@usmc.mil.

Zumba

Zumba exercise classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Marine Dome aboard the air station at 5 p.m.
For more information, call 466-1147.

Hotlines

2nd MAW Command Inspector General
466-5038

Station Inspector
466-3449

Fraud, Waste and Abuse
If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Cherry Point, call 466-2016.
This line’s automated answering service is available 24/7.

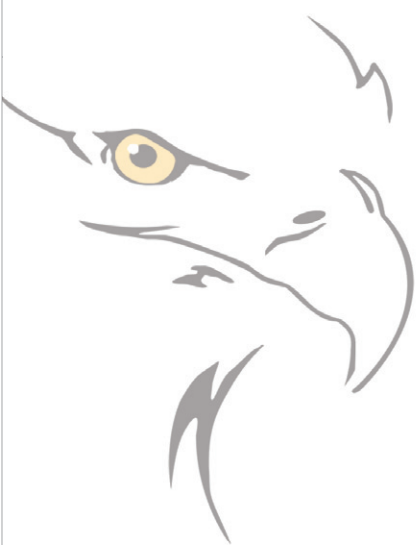
Sexual Assault
This procedure is not meant to replace calling 911 if you are in immediate danger. Immediately call 665-4713, which is monitored 24/7.
The person answering the call will help you decide the next steps to take. You may remain anonymous.

Severe Weather and Force Protection
Cherry Point personnel call 466-3093.
FRC East personnel call 464-8333.
DDCN personnel call 466-4083.

Signs of Terrorist Activity:

Tests of Security

*Tests of security are attempts to gather data.
This is usually conducted by driving by the target and observing security or law enforcement response.
Terrorists are interested in the time in which it takes to respond to an incident and/or the routes taken to a specific location.
They may also try to penetrate physical security barriers to assess strengths and weaknesses.
They often gain legitimate employment at key locations in order to monitor day-to-day activities.
If you observe suspicious activities, call the Cherry Point emergency dispatch at 466-3616 or 3617 immediately.*



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LAIRDS AUTO & TRUCK CENTER
MOE’S MART
NEW YORK TOBACCO CENTER
ONE STOP SHOP
SMART BUY
SMITTY’S R&R
TOBACCO FOR LESS
TOBACCO HOUSE CIGARETTE CENTER
TOBACCO LEAF
VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES