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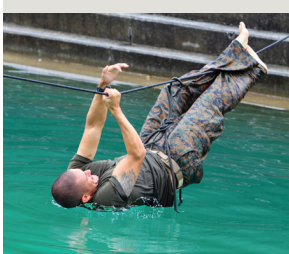
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Aug. 14, 1990, advance elements of the I MEF and 7th MEB arrived in Saudi Arabia, joining other U.N. forces against possible Iraqi aggression

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Sweathogs haul supplies to expand airfield

Story and photos by
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3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (forward)

COMBAT OUTPOST SHUKVANI, Afghanistan – A convoy of vehicles with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 cautiously trudges along an attack-prone route to Combat Outpost Shukvani, Helmand province, July 13.

The group of trucks and armored vehicles is on its fourth and final convoy to transport supplies and equipment to enlarge the base. The expansion will turn Shukvani into a forward operating base able to house up to approximately a dozen helicopters, hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel, along with personnel and equipment to support air operations.

Arriving well after dark, the Marines sleep wherever they can. Fatigued after a 10-hour drive and under the constant threat of coming under attack along the way, sleep is a welcome friend.

Once the sun rises, the Marines take in the scenery around them. Nothing is present except for several hills on the horizon and

the fine powder-like sand beneath their feet. Eating a quick breakfast, they hastily begin unloading the materials they have brought with them. The Marines know the clock is ticking to expand the base.

Moving like a well-oiled machine, the Marines have unloaded all of their cargo within an hour, even as the temperature begins to creep toward triple digits. Shukvani's unique location enables it to grow into a major hub for air operations.

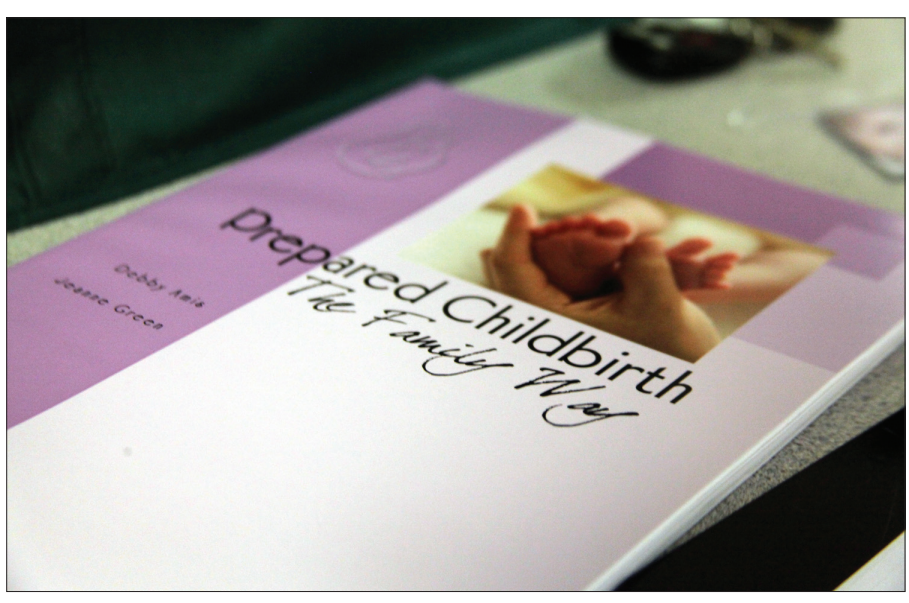
"Shukvani will become a staging area for medical flights, close-air-support gunships and a hospital," said Capt. Douglas Orr, the commanding officer for Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 273.

The convoy transported mass amounts of critically-needed materials for the base expansion.

Lance Cpl. Rebecca Devust, a native of Wayne, N.J., and a driver with Motor Transport Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, said the con-



Staff Sgt. Roscoe Batton, a native of Orlando, Fla., with Motor Transport Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, removes a hose from a P19 fire truck at Combat Outpost Shukvani, Helmand province, July 13. The convoy transported firefighting equipment and expeditionary airfield matting to allow the base to house numerous helicopters in the coming months.



The new Parent Support Program, hosted by Marine Corps Community Services, is meant to teach expecting couples parenting skills and how to care for their newborn child.

Basic training for expecting parents

Lance Cpl. John Wilkes
Staff Writer

The Marine Corps Community Services New Parent Support Program has been educating and preparing expecting parents for nearly 20 years.

Marine Corps Community Services offers programs covering everything from pregnancy to parenthood.

Baby Boot Camp, one of the programs available through MCCS, is broken down into six consecutive

classes. The camp develops parenting skills and prepares new parents for the care of newborns.

"It is important to be educated and know what to expect throughout pregnancy," said Debra Polk, registered nurse and Lamaze certified childbirth educator. "The more you know the more confident you will be."

Baby Boot Camp encourages parents to real-


Opportunities offered to units & families

Cpl. Josh Pettway
Staff Writer

All are invited to Laurel Bay for the first Air Station Volunteerpalooza on Bay Circle also known as Commanding Officer's Circle, Aug. 23. The event will promote unit volunteer opportunities and social interaction between the commands and families.

The Air Station normally holds an annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, but this will be the first joint unit volunteer recruiting event of its kind.

"Guests who attend this event will be treated to food provided by our Officer's Club, complete with pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs with all the trimmings," said Becky Cederholm, the Command Team Advisor for Marine Aircraft Group 31. "There will also be children's activities including a bounce


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

house and a coloring station. Everyone will also have the opportunity to learn more about their unit and how they can be involved."

The event also provides a unique opportunity to network with the other families in the area, make friends and build a stronger support system.

Information tents will be setup with representatives from the respective units aboard the Air Station. Additionally, Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) program members will be there to talk to prospective mentor volunteers.

"Our goal is to reignite the unit volunteer force,"

said DaNeil Cox, the Air Station Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) director. "Hopefully, the families who come out for this event will get to speak with members of their individual command teams and learn more about what their unit has to offer."

"If they are excited about something in particular and decide they'd like to learn more, they can sign up right there and their unit Family Readiness Officer will contact them within two weeks after the event," said Cox. "MCFTB will be on hand with a L.I.N.K.S. tent and to share information on our other course offerings and upcoming special events."

Glow Bowl Bash

Lance Cpl. John Wilkes
Staff Writer

The beginning of the school year is fast approaching.

To kick the school year off in a fun, exciting way, Marine Corps Community Services will hold the Back to School Glow Bowl Bash at the MCAS Bowling Center, from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 18.

There will be games, music, snacks, door prizes, black lights and more.

"We are looking forward to this event," said Eric Harding, Air Station Bowling Center assistant manager. "This is the third year we have held the Glow Bowl Bash."

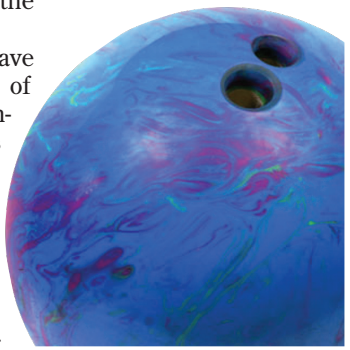
"In the past we have had varying amount of success," Harding continued. "So far, it looks like we are going to have a great turnout this year."

For those not familiar with the bowling center, the event is an opportunity to experi-

ence all it has to offer.

"The Air Station Bowling Center underwent recent renovations and the new facility is wonderful," said Chris Wildenthaler MCAS Bowling Center manager. "Renovations included everything from new bowling lanes and bumpers for kids to new 42 inch monitors."

The event is for children ages five to 14 and costs \$10, which includes rental shoes. Service members and their families may register for the event by contacting the Air Station Bowling Center at 228-7106 or by visiting <http://www.mccs-sc.com/todo/bowling.asp>.





MESS HALL MENU

Monday - Friday Breakfast: 6 - 7:30 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays Brunch: 8:30 - 11 a.m. Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

MIDRATS Sunday - Thursday 11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

* Take-out window: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10 a.m. Sunday - Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Lunch Dinner Smoked ham and spinach Corned beef and vegetable stir fry

Sunday

Lunch Dinner Baked fish and roasted vegetables Pork chops and cauliflower combo

Monday - Friday Breakfast Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

Monday

Lunch Dinner Pepper steak and zucchini Veal parmesan and broccoli

Tuesday

Lunch Dinner Chicken breast and cauliflower mash Baked turkey and steamed peas

Wednesday

Lunch Dinner Chicken piccata and steamed spinach Goulash w/ noodles and brussels sprouts

Thursday

Lunch Dinner Chicken breast and broccoli Lemon chicken and southern style greens

Friday

Lunch Dinner Baked fish and vegetable medley Grilled bratwurst and zucchini



CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic • 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass • 11:15 a.m. - Weekly Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Protestant • 9:45 a.m. - Protestant Church School (Sunday School) • 11 a.m. - Protestant Sunday Worship Service • 5 p.m. Wednesday - Protestant Bible Study

Other Faith Groups • For Jewish, Mormon and Islamic support, contact the Chaplain's Office at 228-7775

Temporarily, Protestant services will be held at the theatre and Catholic services will be held in the Fellowship hall of the Air Station Chapel.

High Shooter

The high shooter for the week of Aug. 1, Capt. J.P. Gray, Recruit Training Regiment, 3rd Bn, qualified with a score of 346.



Tri-Command News Briefs

- Marine Corps Community Services will hold a Family Story Workshop at Afterburners from 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 17.
- The Air Station Child Development Center will hold a Water Day of Play at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 17. For more information, contact the CDC at 228-7290.
- The Marine Corps Family Team Building office will hold a Hearts Apart support group at the MCFTB Training House located on Laurel Bay from 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 24. For more information, contact Ashley McCartney at 228-6141.
- Saltus River Grill is the place to be on Aug. 16th. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. you can join in the MCAS Beaufort's Officers Spouses Club's MARTeANI Party. The MARTeANI party is a fundraiser for the Annual Senior Citizens' Tea. The annual holiday event is free to the greater Beaufort community's senior citizens and veterans and features free food, beverages and entertainment from local musicians. The MCAS Beaufort's Officers Spouses Club is hosting this fundraiser for the 43rd straight year!

Chaplain's Corner

Never Give Up

Lt. Allen Presser Chaplain, U.S. Navy

So many times in life there seems to be some temptation or distraction to influence us to quit, be discouraged, or not go on.

Maybe it is a dream, a goal, or a relationship of some sort.

This reminds me of a true account where a pastor went to a small town to start a church and believe God for the finances. This individual was certain the Lord had told him to do so.

So, off he went, to go start a work of the Lord for the people of God, and those yet to come to the wonderful knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At some point, he needed a certain amount of money to go on, but the money never came, and he thought he did everything in his power to believe God and work to both sustain himself and the ministry to which the Lord had called him.

Much time had passed, and finally, he became angry, gave up, and left town. About 30 minutes or so after he had left, a woman came looking for him with a certain amount of money. The amount of money was just enough for the preacher and some extra to give a tithe and an offering from the money.

The lady said the Lord had instructed her to give the money to the preacher. She looked and looked for him, but there was no sign of the preacher anywhere insight. Finally she came to realize that he had left town, and so she ended up giving the money to a different ministry. The preacher had given up just before the miracle provision that he needed came in.

It is always easier to point the finger and say this person or that person should have done so and so. "If only the preacher would had not given up, he would have had what he needed." It is always easier to say such things after the fact, also known as the saying: "Hindsight is 20/20." Meaning it is always easy to see what we should have done after the fact.

We can learn a lot from this unfortunate example. For instance, we could take the perspective of declaring he should have done this and it was therefore all his fault. I would say that a more accurate picture is, he may have had his share in the failure, but others around him also share in the responsibility.

For example, did those around him pray enough for him; did they support him as they could have; and did they encourage him as they should have?

Additionally, there was a true account in the Bible where there was a woman caught in the act of adultery. The people present wanted to kill her; however, Jesus demonstrated the most excellent way-the way of forgiveness and mercy.

Jesus said to the crowd regarding the woman caught in adultery: "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with

the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she said. 'Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin'" (John 8:7-11).

Similarly, we also would do well to emulate forgiveness, love, and mercy. Yes, we can take the option of executing judgment toward others, but we have the privileged opportunity to show love and mercy instead.

Much of our judgments toward others are seen in our hearts. We are either loving and forgiving others, or we are not forgiving and therefore executing others in our hearts, which comes in the form of hatred and it could be equivalent to murder.

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him" (1 John 3:14-15).

No one is an island unto oneself. To some degree we are all in this together, and to some degree, we have a responsibility to love, help, and pray for each other. I believe the safest acknowledgement to the Lord regarding the aforementioned preacher is to plead guilty, such as, "Please forgive me Lord for not loving, giving of myself, and helping the person more as I could have done. I pray that you restore him in his life."

If someone stumbles and falls, even in sin, and even if it is a preacher, we should be the first to lend a helping hand to help restore the individual, vice permanently banish the person because of the individual's sins. Love restores and reconciles, hatred divorces and excommunicates.

Circumspectly, each of us cannot do everything for everyone, but the question we need to ask ourselves is, what can I do to help the situation and individual?

Let's not cover up hatred and say it is holy indignation when it is not. Let us not give up on each other, but let us help each other to fulfill our God-given potentials and destinies in life. This is God's heart, and He is willing.

Thence, the question remaining is, are we willing to love, believe the best about, and help restore those in need?



Things you need to know

Fraud,Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Beaufort, call 228-7777. If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse within MAG-31, call (252) 466-5038. The automated answering service on these lines are available 24 hours a day.

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- An all clear broadcast will be

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MCAS Beaufort Movie Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Brave.....PG.....(1:33)

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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Saturday 7 p.m.

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are currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



MALS-31 Stingers
detachment is currently deployed aboard the USS Enterprise in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

CORPS BITS



Security platoon maintains mission readiness

CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Japan — Marines with security platoon conducted security-operations training at the Central Training Area at Camp Schwab, July 16-22.

The platoon, part of Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, consists of Marines of various military occupational specialties throughout the battalion.

“The main purpose of the (platoon) is to provide expeditionary security in the event the division goes forward (for) contingency operations,” said 1st Lt. Christopher Meadows, security platoon commander. “We are also the commanding general’s personal security detachment.”

The platoon conducts specialized training monthly to ensure mission readiness, according to Meadows.

“Since we have had a lot of new Marines come to the unit, we reset the training schedule so we can have everyone on the same page,” said Lance Cpl. Tyler Rodriguez, a Marine Air-Ground Task Force planning specialist with the battalion. “We are ensuring (that) those new to this unit are proficient in operating crew-served weapons. We are also doing nighttime-firing drills, convoys and security operations.”

The Marines are required to learn the characteristics and functionality of crew-served weapons before being allowed to fire, according to Meadows.

One thing the Marines with security platoon have to adjust to is the environment in which they train.



A reconnaissance Marine traverses across the water-crossing lane during reconnaissance training at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves, July 25.

Recon Marines prepare for MEU exercise

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Matthew
Manning
Marine Corps Bases Japan

CAMP GONSALVES, Okinawa, Japan — As the wind drives down the valley making trees sway, the Jungle Warfare Training Center’s next students prepare to descend. Each has been trained and equipped for the task. Each, in turn, will go over the edge and test their mettle against gravity, rappelling in the Okinawa jungle.

Marines and sailors with Force Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted reconnaissance training at Camp Gonsalves’ JWTC, July 24 – Aug. 2.

The purpose of the training was to complete operational requirements before taking part in certification exercise with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, according to Sgt. Kyle Becker, a reconnaissance man with the company.

“We are here to practice our tactics, techniques and procedures

while conducting reconnaissance missions in the Asia-Pacific region,” said Becker. “The first few days we went over water crossing and rappelling techniques. It is a good environment (from which) to learn, and the staff has definitely helped. We are already familiar with these types of operations, but we have been able to build upon the fundamentals and try new procedures for crossing water obstacles.”

Relying on bridges or obvious crossing points is not always the best choice when in combat, according to Cpl. Blake Cameron, an instructor at the center.

“One good reason to conduct a water-obstacle crossing is that it greatly increases the mobility of your squad. You will not be limited to areas where the enemy may be planning to ambush you,” said Cameron.

The company received a period of instruction on water-crossing procedures and then was given the chance to practice different techniques.

“We are all amphibious, so we do a lot of water-

to-land operations,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Volk Sergoan, a special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman with the company. “The facilities at the jungle warfare training center provided us with a good staging point to set up standard operating procedures within our teams.”

Environmental and enemy threats are the two major elements that pose a risk when conducting a water crossing, according to Cameron.

“The environmental threat brings the drowning possibility because of either swimming ability or the water’s current,” said Cameron. “The other threat (is) enemies who may attack (our forces) during a period of vulnerability while in the water.”

The Marines and sailors with the company worked on various methods to decrease the danger of these threats.

“Each squad learned different ways to cross, so they could adapt to the requirements of the mission,” said Sergoan. “We focused on crossing speed, maintaining sound discipline, and keeping

our equipment dry.”

This training evolution is the first time many of the Marines and sailors have been to the Jungle Warfare Training Center, according to Becker.

“Some of the guys have

been here before and have been telling us how hard the training is, but we are looking forward to the challenges we will face and the lessons we will learn while we are here,” said Becker.



Reconnaissance Marines perform rappelling and fast-rope maneuvers at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves, July 25. The Marines are with Force Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



Special forces make leap of faith

IE SHIMA, Okinawa, Japan — As cold air rushed through the CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter, Army special forces and their Navy team members prepared themselves for a leap 5,000 feet above their landing zone.

Soldiers and sailors with 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), practiced their parachuting skills with the help of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, July 26.

Pilots with the squadron flew two CH-46Es in the skies over Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan, enabling the service members to conduct parachute training.

The service members practiced static-line parachuting, during which a static line is attached to one end of the aircraft while the other end is attached to the pilot chute inside the jumper’s backpack. This opens a jumper’s parachute automatically upon exiting the aircraft.

In addition to static-line parachuting, the service members also performed free-fall parachute jumps.

“Though people may think it’s not a perishable skill, it really is,” said one of the Navy jumpers. “If we don’t practice jumping constantly, then we won’t be able to do all our formation landings and jumps well.”

The unit’s airborne group frequently conducts parachute training evolutions to ensure its service members can perform their jumps safely when called upon.

To help ensure safety, Marine pilots communicated with Army Special Forces support personnel on the ground at the drop zone.

As the training came to an end, the service members gathered and discussed the training evolution.



Corps Shot

Cpl. Paul Zellner

A helicopter, the AS532 “Cougar,” flies over as Marines with Black Sea Rotational Force 12 and Bulgarian soldiers conduct training in Novo Selo, Bulgaria, July 30. The combined display of training was part of a distinguished visitors day held to showcase capabilities of the combined forces. Black Sea Rotational Force 12 is a Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force with crisis response capabilities deployed to the region to enhance interoperability and promote regional stability.



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Air Station supply drive

On average, a military family will spend approximately \$60 per child on school supplies.

The Air Station Chapel completed a two-week school supply drive with the aid of Air Station personnel and their

families. The drive will supply children with basic school materials such as markers, pencils, erasers and glue sticks. For more information contact a unit family readiness officer or the Air Station chapel at 228-7775.



Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe

Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Campbell, an Air Station chapel religious program specialist, sorts donated items for military families after the Back to School Drive at the base chapel aboard the Air Station, Aug. 7. After the items are separated into age categories, unit representatives will collect donated items and distribute them to military families.



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Staff Writer

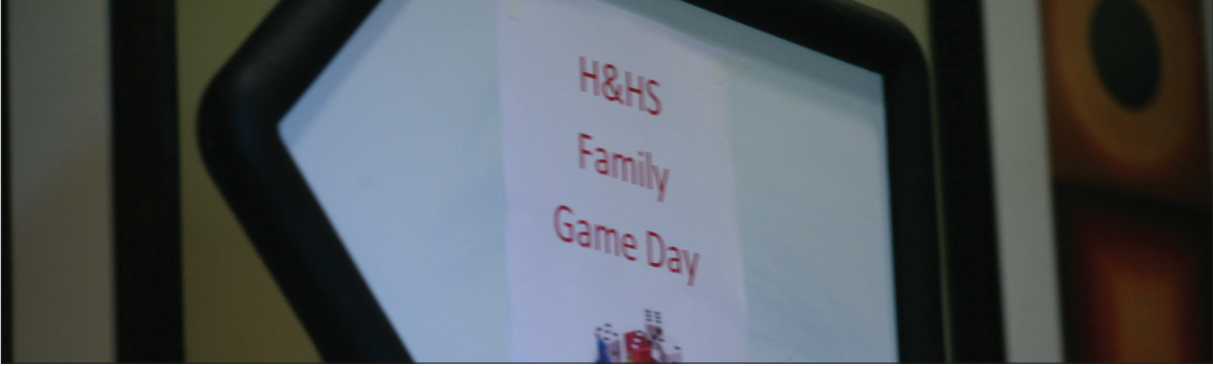
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron held a game day at Afterburners, Aug. 2.

Marines and their families enjoyed an afternoon full of food, fellowship, fun and games. The event got the squadron away from their work sections and let them enjoy their families and fellow Marines company.

Children participated in board games and arts and crafts. Even single Marines joined in the festivities teaching children how to play new games. Prizes were also given to

children.

Lisa Montanez, H&HS family readiness officer, and squadron leadership were present to discuss issues with Marines and let families know they are there to help.



SWEATHOGS

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voy transported protective barriers, firefighting equipment, electrical generators, air-conditioning units and expeditionary airfield matting.

Large amounts of Envirotac II, also known as ‘Rhino Snot,’ a substance sprayed onto the earth to harden it, was also transported. The chemical compound minimizes brownouts caused by the downwash of the rotor blades of a helicopter taking off or landing.

Within an hour, the Marines have unloaded all supplies and equipment and prepare for their return to Camp Leatherneck.

Orr, a native of Ridgeland, Conn., said Shukvani will become a major medical hub in the near future. U.S. Army medical teams will be stationed there, along with assets from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469. AH-1W Super Cobras and UH-1Y Huey helicopters will resupply and refuel when they land there to provide close-air-support for ground units engaged in fire fights with insurgents.

Support squadron Marines have built everything on the base, from billeting to workspaces and the control towers, in short order.

“The Marines of the squadron have been doing some incredible work here,” Orr said. “They’ve had their hands in just about everything when it comes to building up this base.

We had to build a base with the capacity to support air operations into at least 2014, and I think the Marines of the squadron have done a great job in helping make that a possibility,” he said.



Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 tighten straps on a pallet while moving barrels at Combat Outpost Shukvani, Helmand province, July 13. The squadron transported timber, firefighting supplies and other equipment to help expand the base.



Trucks with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 travel through a dust storm carrying supplies to Combat Outpost Shukvani, Helmand province, July 12.

BABY

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ize the challenges ahead and to prepare for them.

“A common challenge that parents must overcome is realizing that both parents are equally important in raising the child,” said Polk. “Fathers often feel like they don’t help

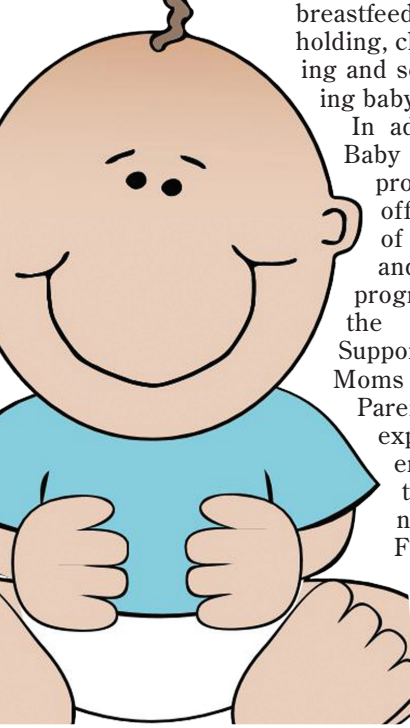
enough or they may feel uncomfortable. It is important that both the mother and father both become more knowledgeable.”

Throughout Baby Boot Camp parents learn the Lamaze technique to reduce stress, tension and cope with labor pain.

Parents also learn about signs and symptoms of early labor, breastfeeding, nutrition, holding, changing, bathing and soothing a crying baby.

In addition to the Baby Boot Camp program, MCCS offers a variety of supportive and educational programs from the Breastfeeding Support Group for Moms to the Men’s Parenting Class, expecting parents can find the help they need.

For more information on MCCS programs visit their website at www.mccssc.com.



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Additionally, the MCFTB L.I.N.K.S. program has a Junior Mentor Program made up of young adults who mentor other children. Information on those opportunities will be available at the event as well.

“This event is important because family readiness equals mission readiness,” Cox said. “The unit and personal family readiness program would not be what it is today without the hard work and dedication of our family readiness volunteers. This event not only

celebrates what current volunteers are doing, but opens up the line of communication for other family members who may not know what opportunities are available and would like to get involved in their unit family readiness program.”

Bay Circle and Birch Dr. will be blocked off from 3-8 p.m. with members of the Provost Marshal’s Office directing traffic and parking. The event runs from 4-7p.m. and is open to all hands.

For more information, contact DaNeil Cox at 228-6504 or Ted Crandall, Marine Aircraft Group 31 family readiness officer, at 228-7230.

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The School Information Fair featured Representatives from the Exceptional Family Member Program, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, STARBASE, the Air Station library, school bus safety, lunch programs, after school care, Beaufort County schools, Laurel Bay schools and more were on site providing information to families at the Officers' Club, Aug. 8.

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Col. Brian Murtha, the Air Station commanding officer, speaks to guests at the Back to School Information Fair at the Officers' Club, Aug. 8. The fair provided children and parents with information regarding both on and off base schooling.



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Children took part in arts, crafts and activities during the School Information Fair at the Officers' Club, Aug. 8. Many prizes, such as bookbags and candy, were raffled off to those in attendance.



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As the school year approaches, students will walk to and from schools aboard the Laurel Bay housing community.

For children and parents being cautious of their environment will ensure their safety and arrival.

Many precautions have been made to ensure safe

arrival of students: cross walks, crossing guards and traffic signals are just a few examples.

Children also need to know how to react when they come into contact with stray pets and other wildlife.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 4.7 million people fall victim to dog bites each year. In the United States over the past several years, there has been an average of 30 to 35 fatal dog attacks annually.

According to Atlantic Marine Corps Community guidelines, service members residing in base

housing are allowed two pets and they must be kept inside the home, in a gated backyard or on a leash under the control of their owner at all times.

In addition to having a two pet limitation, certain breeds dogs are no longer allowed in military housing.

Marine Corps Order P11000.22 Ch 5 states prohibited breeds aboard all Marine Corps installations as follows; pit bulls, rottweilers, canid/wolf hybrids, or any canine breed with dominant traits of aggression present.

If a service member has visitors at their residence, those visitors must also adhere to the order. Keeping pets on a leash and under positive control is every pet owner's responsibility.

To report a missing pet or a stray animal sighting call the Provost Marshal's Office to prevent any incidents from occurring. Military policeman can be contacted by dialing 911 in case of an emergency or 228-6710 for a non-emergency situation.



Safety Tips for Children

To help prevent children from being bitten by dogs, teach the following basic safety tips and review them regularly:

1. Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
2. Do not run from a dog or scream.
3. Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog.
4. If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still.
5. Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
6. Immediately report stray dogs to an adult.
7. Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
8. Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.
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