

Cherry Point fosters spirit of cooperation with local community

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Editor's note: This article is the fourth 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.

For 70 years, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., has served as the headquarters of the East Coast's Marine aviation component, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. Through every conflict since World War II, and in times of peace, the service members and civilian employees that make the air station home have stood side by side with the community outside the gates, forging an important partnership.

That's because the fence that separates the air station from the surrounding communities does not prevent roughly 36,000 service members, civilian employees and family members from being an integral part of those communities, not to mention the many service members who have retired in this area over the years. You can't have such a large workforce sharing living space and classrooms, eating in the same restaurants and shopping in the same stores without realizing they are just as much a part of the local community as everyone else.

To help make that partnership work, Cherry Point has developed and maintains a strong sharing relationship with the civilian infrastructure. Both civilian and military leaders describe a tremendous spirit of cooperation with organizations like law enforcement, schools and emergency response.

One demonstration of a nearly invisible but important partnership with the local community is the air station's dedicated liaison who helps integrate the more than 5,000 military-connected children who attend elementary, middle and high schools in Craven and Carteret counties.

Donna Bagley, Cherry Point's school liaison, works to ensure there is a healthy partnership with the school districts to educate and care for those children. Bagley says that children from military backgrounds have unique issues, noting frequent moves, having parents who are deployed, and having parents who return from deployment with an injury.

Bagley helps the local school system maintain a healthy and open relationship with the military community. This involves fostering an adopt-a-school program where squadrons here can maintain a close volunteer relationship with a local

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9/11 TRIBUTE



Cpl. Clay liams, a volunteer firefighter with Township 6 in Carolina Pines, N.C., climbs the Stairmaster in full gear at Devil Dog Gym at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Sept. 11. liams was simulating climbing the steps of the World Trade Center to pay tribute to firefighters who responded to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 on the 11th anniversary of the national tragedy. "I just don't want those guys to be forgotten," liams said. "Three hundred forty-three of them ran into absolute hell in hopes of saving people." liams, an ordnance technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14 at Cherry Point, is a native of Fayetteville, Ark.

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Lt. Col. Eric S. Weissberger, executive officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, reads the dedicated bricks of Havelock 9/11 Memorial Plaza after a memorial service Sept. 8.

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Havelock, Cherry Point communities pay respects at 9/11 Memorial Plaza

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HAVELOCK, N.C. – The drizzle of rain and sound of bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" set the mood for a memorial service at Havelock 9/11 Memorial Plaza Sept. 8. Children too young to remember, let alone grasp the immensity of the tragedy that took place 11 years ago played in puddles, waving American flags.

Marines, Sailors and local community members congregated at the memorial, hosted by the Have-

lock Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Havelock Fire Department and Havelock Police Department, to pay their respects to the 2,819 lives lost in the terrorist attacks.

"I wish we didn't have to have a memorial like this, but we do," said Havelock Mayor Jimmy Sanders. "The magnitude of the event is so enormous that we cannot forget. The events of the morning of September 11, 2001, were an attack on

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Cherry Point, 2nd MAW transition to new websites

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Webmasters for Cherry Point and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing have diligently spent the last few months relocating thousands of documents, images and pages from the Marine Corps' previous server platform to its new and improved version.

The migration is happening Marine Corps-wide to meet the requirements of Marine Administrative Message 069-11 which spells out the details, timeline and responsibilities for the transfer and management of all public websites currently hosted on the Marines.mil SharePoint

platform.

In November 2009, the Marine Corps chose to shift its content management and hosting capabilities for publicly accessible Marines.mil sites to the services and facilities provided by the Department of Defense Public Web Program, said Mary Hill, 2nd MAW webmaster.

"This decision mitigates some critical budgeting and technical support issues for the Marine Corps and ensures the continuity and growth of all Marines.mil sites," said Hill.

According to Hill, upon migrating to the new sites, each website will inherit an updated, templated Marine Corps design.

The new blueprint ensures consistency, limiting confusion among installation and unit websites across the Marine Corps.

"This will help outside sources who are looking from one installation's site to another know they are still on an official Marine Corps site," said Hill.

Cherry Point and 2nd MAW's websites went live in early August and are already showing signs of their seamlessness for Marines, Sailors and civilians alike.

"This website is a lot cleaner and easier to navigate," said Roxie Emunson, the family readiness officer of Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. "In the event an East

Coast Marine has to access a West Coast installation's website, they don't have to relearn how to navigate it."

The platform's new search interface also makes it easier for users to find stories, images, and documents. At the same time, a cleaner upload interface makes uploading content a smoother process as well, said Hill.

The transition is expected to be complete by the end of this year. For more information, reference MARADMIN 069-11 at <http://www.marines.mil/news/messages/Pages/MARADMIN069-11.aspx>.

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News Briefs

HSOAG 2012 Announced

Marine Administrative Message 497/12 signed Sept. 12 announced the health services operational advisory group (HSOAG) and provided information and administrative guidance.

HQMC health services will host the HSOAG at the Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va., Oct. 15 – 19.

Requested attendance includes all HSOAG members and invited partners in order to discuss Marine forces health service support issues and develop strategic objectives.

For more information, visit <http://www.marines.mil/news/messages/Pages/maradmins>.

MARSOC Screening Schedules

Marine Administrative Message 498/12, signed Sept. 7, offered new guidance regarding the screening and selection of enlisted Marines for Marine Special Operations Command operators.

Additionally, MARSOC is recruiting special operations capabilities specialist billets in support of U.S. Special Operations Command requirements.

Marines who demonstrate a strong desire for duties with MARSOC are encouraged to begin the screening process, although it is not required.

For more information see the MarAdmin at <http://bit.ly/marsocscreening1>.

Sport-Bike Course Changed

The Military Sport-bike Rider Course (MSRC) has been changed to the Advanced Riders Course–Sport–Bike Technique (ARC-ST).

This MSF course is level 2 training, geared toward sport-bikes. However, cruiser riders may also enroll in this class to accomplish level 2 training.

The Experienced Riders Course and Basic Riders Course 2 (ERC/BRC2) are still listed and available for cruisers only.

For more information on military sport-bike rider course changes, visit <http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com>.

Chaplain’s Corner.

A Tattoo for Eternity

CMDR. JAMES GOODBOW

MCAS CHERRY POINT DEPUTY CHAPLAIN

A man walked by a tattoo shop along one of Hong Kong’s narrow streets. In the shop window there was a display of available tattoo designs: flags, sayings, anchors, daggers, skulls, crossbones, mermaids and thousands more. There was one design that stood out: “Born to Lose.” This made him so curious that he walked into the shop.

The shop owner spoke just a little English. The man asked him if people really did have that message permanently tattooed on themselves. The answer was “Yes.” In fact, the last customer wanted it tattooed across his chest.

The man asked, “Why on earth would anyone want to be tattooed with a depressing saying like that?” The Chinese man shrugged his shoulders and said, “Before tattoo on chest, tattoo on mind.” What a powerful idea: There is a tattoo in our minds long before one appears in the way we live out our lives.

I have run into many people who have built either a negative or positive image of themselves in their minds. I have noticed how that image can play out in a person’s life in at least two powerful ways. In the first, even though life can shower incredible blessings and circumstances upon an individual, if the image of himself/herself is a poor one they will not succeed or find much happiness. In the second, I have met men and women who experienced incredible adversity. They have had few opportunities or things go their way. However, the image in their mind was positive. The person saw themselves as a winner who could and would achieve the very best in life. It’s true: the mental image we have of our self is powerful and will guide us for good or bad throughout our lives. The Christian Scriptures describes it like this: “As a person thinks in his or her heart, so he or she becomes.”

I know a Marine who at an early age had been thrown out of his home. He was tossed out with no money, little clothing, no nearby family, and very little hope. In his mind and

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A letter of thanks

The following letter was sent to the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point by retired Brig. Gen. George Bartlett, a World War II veteran who has been a regular guest of the MCAS Cherry Point air show for many years, to thank Marines here for their service.

Dear Colonel Zimmerman,

I am an old retired type who started flying in PBJ's at Cherry Point in 1943. I was a navigator-bombardier in Marine Bombing Squadron (VMB) 613. I met Mr. Larry Kelly when I commented on his web page that I had flown in B-25s during the war and he asked me to come fly with them.

That was 12-plus years ago and I always try to be with Panchito (a B-25 airshow performer) when they come to Cherry Point.

This year I was a little unsteady on my feet and could not make it.

During the show many Marines came by to see the plane and Larry asked them to sign a DAV poster of Panchito for me. I feel honored that so many of them would take the time to wish me well. I love to return to Cherry Point each year and share my experiences in Marine Corps Aviation with all the people, especially the Marines, who come by to see Panchito.

The PBJs, the Navy/Marine Corps designation for the North American B-25, left a wonderful legacy at Cherry Point. Seven squadrons ended up in combat during the war and most of them started their training at Cherry Point. It was fun to join a crew, train, be assigned to a plane and then take that plane 9,000 miles to combat.

We flew across the U.S., had the plane upgraded with some extra gas tanks and then flew to Hawaii, Palmyra, Canton, Funafuti, Espirito Santo, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Green Island and finally to Emirau Island at 150 degrees east longitude and 2 degrees south latitude.

The Seabees had just completed a field on Emirau with two parallel 7,500-foot runways when we got there. The fields were made of coral and ended up looking like concrete runways. One runway was used for the PBJs and the other for the SBDs and F4Us based on the island.

On a daily basis, we bombed the more than 200,000 Japanese soldiers and sailors at Kaviengand Rabaul that had been bypassed as the war moved on. We bombed them literally morning, noon and night with four or five squadrons of planes. Each squadron would put up nine planes each day for the group mission.

The heckling missions at night were two-plane raids. One plane would fly at 12,000 feet and when the Japanese turned on the searchlights, the second plane would go in low and bomb and strafe the searchlights.

I want thank Cherry Point for sponsoring the air show giving many present day Marines and dependents a chance to see what it was like in WW II.

To all Marines and their loved ones, I wish them smooth sailing, a following sea and hope they keep a steady hand on the tiller. It is a great life. I want to thank them all for their service to this Great Country.

*Semper Fidelis,
Brig. Gen. George Bartlett, USMC, (Ret)
12 July 2012*

LANCE CPL. JOSHUA BUGARCHICH

Job Title: Collateral Duty Inspector and Avionics Technician

Unit: Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366

Hometown: Shelton, Conn.

Age: 22

Date Joined: Sept. 8, 2008

Lance Cpl. Joshua Bugarchich is a collateral duty inspector and avionics technician with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366. It is his job to inspect maintenance performed by other avionics technicians and certify helicopters for flight.

His job is a great responsibility, and is usually performed by a seasoned corporal or a sergeant, said Gunnery Sgt. Ryan W. Morris, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the avionics section with the squadron.

Bugarchich said without someone performing his function, people could die in an accident. Bugarchich’s favorite aspect of the job is fixing things and being a hands-on technician.

“I couldn’t sit around a desk all day,” he said. “Repairs make time go by faster and it’s fun.

As a collateral duty inspector, he makes sure other Marines are constantly learning new aspects of the job. Bugarchich said part of the challenge of an inspector is balancing the load of teaching others and making repairs himself.

“He’s been doing this as a lance corporal for the last two or three months flawlessly,” said Morris.



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America, an attack on all of us, an attack on our very freedom and an attack on our way of life.”

The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron color guard supported the memorial service as representatives of Marine forces at Cherry Point and those deployed across the globe.

“It’s an honor to perform here and be a part of something so big,” said Staff Sgt. Terri Kopetzki, a musician and public affairs representative with 2nd MAW Band.

Kopetzki said the band performed songs like “God Bless America,” “America the Beautiful,” and “This Is My Country,” and was moved when the crowd began singing along with lyrics.

“When 9/11 happened I was actually in Hiroshima, Japan, and it was when I came home that I learned the attacks happened,” she said. “I think it was because it was so far removed that it seemed like a sick joke.”

Kopetzki, a corporal at the time, said it was like watching a movie and that it could not possibly be real. When the reality of the attacks finally set in for her, she knew she wanted to stay in the military and keep playing her part in defending the country.

The ceremony was not only for the adults whose lives have been forever changed because of the tragedy.

“This memorial means a lot, for everyone,” said Fire Chief Rick Zaccardelli. “One of the ideas we had during the construction of it was that there are so many schools in the area – at least five elementary schools – and there are kids that have no idea what 9/11 is, so they can come here and get a history lesson on what happened on that horrific day.”

Sanders spoke about why the memorial was in Havelock and what it represented, especially to those who worked so hard to get it there.

“To me the answer is simple,” he said. “We need a constant reminder of what happens if we become complacent. In my opinion, Havelock is the perfect place for this memorial because Havelock is America. We represent what America was created to become; we have citizens from all over the world in almost every known religious belief or background who live in harmony in our community. We live together in peace and we are bound by the fact we all love freedom and will defend it at any cost.”

Aviators train for worst-case scenario



Pfc. MELISSA ESCHENBRENNER

Aviators sit in a helicopter dunk simulator during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Aug. 28. When submerged, the Marines must release seat restraints and exit the simulator through the side windows.

PFC. MELISSA ESCHENBRENNER
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. – Aviators with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing continually train to ensure preparedness for an emergency over water at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Aviation Survival Training Center aboard MCAS Miramar, Calif.

This potentially life-saving training course must be refreshed every four years by any service member

who regularly flies with 3rd MAW aircraft.

“Being in the water, actually doing what they would have to do [in an emergency] produces muscle memory,” said Navy Lt. Logan Scheeler, a naval aerospace operational physiologist. “They can go through the procedures and build confidence under water, like an emergency was happening.”

The two-day course starts off training with briefs on first aid, equip-

ment and how to fight sensory illusions and sicknesses caused by flying at high-altitudes.

The following day, aviators are brought into the pool where they practice an array of skills to be prepared for any scenario. They are refreshed on proper swimming techniques while wearing gear, proper helicopter rescue techniques and how to evacuate a submerged aircraft.

“No one skill is most im-

portant,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Graf, an instructor for the course. “Survival swimming is just as important as knowing how to egress from a helicopter under water.”

It is important for Marines to be prepared for anything, even if it is not likely to happen. The goal of the Aviation Survival Training Center is to train as realistically as possible to ensure students benefit from it.

Motivational speaker, double amputee drives home safety aboard Cherry Point

Billy Robbins shares experience with service members, civilians

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He has no hands but a lot of heart.

Billy Robbins, a double-amputee turned motivational speaker, has been sharing his message, "Changed attitudes produce safety," with Fortune 100 companies and national associations since he lost his hands in a company accident in December 1980.

Robbins brought this message to military and civilian professionals at the station theater aboard Cherry Point Sept. 7.

Robbins spent seven years in the Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam, and ended his active service as a sergeant. He said he enjoys the opportunity to share his message with members of the military and his message of safety is important for Marines because he sees them deploy, come back safely, and get hurt doing something preventable back home.

Pfc. Matthew L. Stamm, a help desk technician with Cherry Point Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, volunteered to help demonstrate and was taped to a wheel chair, simulating what it is like to be paralyzed.

"Your family does not deserve this," Robbins said. "No matter what, when an accident happens, somebody pays and it is usually family.

"You have to think about that before you do something [reckless]. Do you really not want to play with your kids?"

The experience was a revelation for Stamm. "I didn't like it all," Stamm said about being unable to move in the wheel-chair. "Experiencing it for that small amount of time really made me think and realize I do not want that."

During the presentation, "Hooked on Safety," Robbins shared how he was injured in an accident that was 100-percent preventable. He said he was working on a telephone pole when he made contact with a 7,200-volt power line, burning his hands so severely they had to be amputated.

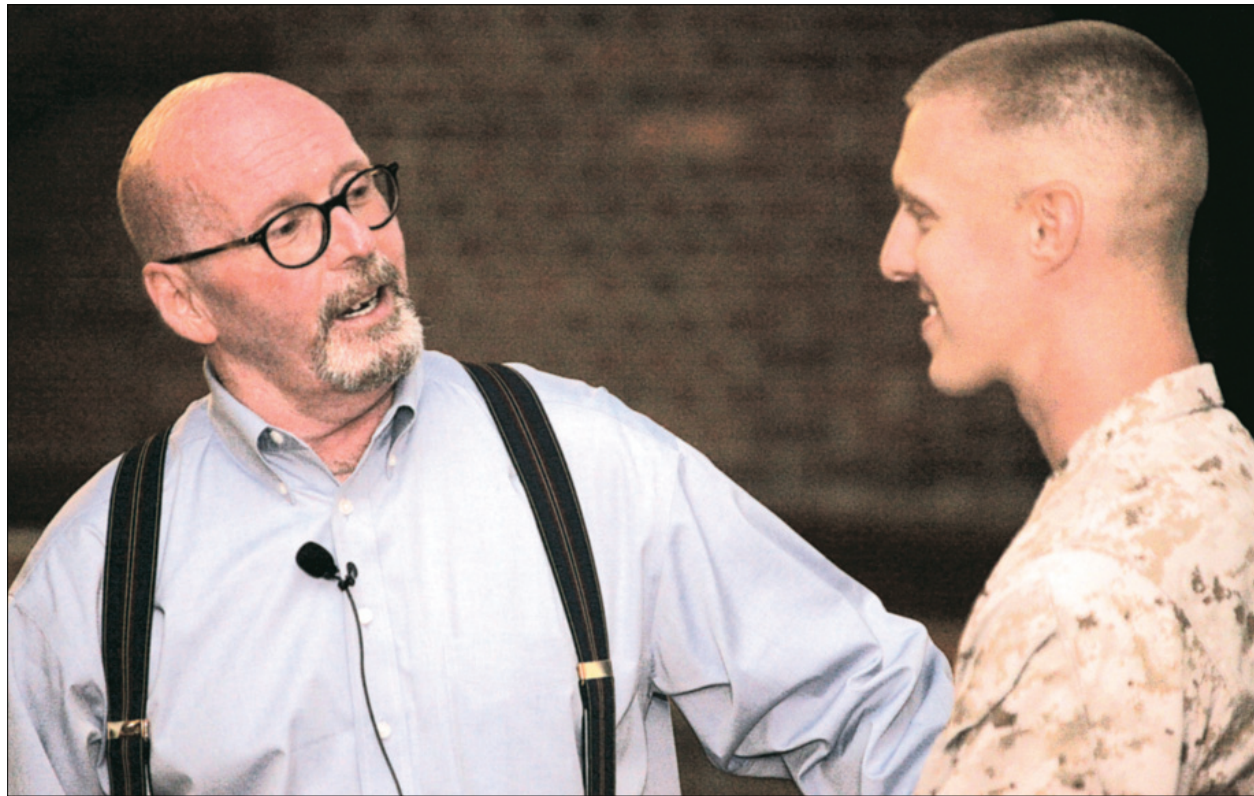
"Incidents like mine steal moments from your life," Robbins said. "I have never held my wife's hand."

He said keeping an incident-free workplace takes a high level of commitment.

"You can't let your emotions dictate your life," said Robbins. "You have to be motivated or risk (the consequences of) complacency."

Robbins shared a story about the first time he saw his father cry, which was right after Robbins lost his hands. He said his father wanted to see how it would be to live without hands so he covered them with socks. He then tried to drink a cup of coffee, which brought him to tears.

The realization of how this affected his father really put safety in a completely new light for Robbins, and that is the message he stressed during his presentation.



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Billy Robbins, a world-renowned motivational speaker and Marine Vietnam veteran, speaks to Lance Cpl. Edward M. Kosiba, a data network specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, at the air station theater Sept. 7. Robbins lost both hands in a workplace accident in December 1980 and has since used his experience to motivate people to make safety a priority.

"Safety has to become the most important thing in your life because it affects the most important people in your life," Robbins said.

"He was really motivating," said Stamm. "I liked the fact that he didn't give up on himself like some people would in his situation."

Robbins has given his motivation sessions all over the world including countries like Germany, France and Amsterdam and said he hopes he can make a difference in people's lives.

"I love people and I was so tired of seeing them get hurt for no reason," Robbins said. "Plus, it's fun."

Billy Robbins speaks to Cherry Point Marines as Pfc. Matthew L. Stamm, a data network specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, demonstrates what it is like to be paralyzed at the air station theater Sept. 7. Robbins lost both hands in a workplace accident in December 1980 and has since used his experience to motivate people to make safety a priority. "You can't let your emotions dictate your life," said Robbins. "Attitudes need to change."





PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

Lance Cpl. Stephen Benjamin D. Bargar, a crew chief trainee with VMR-1, scans the ground below him during a search and rescue training flight conducted over eastern North Carolina Sept. 7. "Crew chiefs are important because they are the pilots' eyes," Bargar said. "We are the ones that can look outside of the aircraft and see things the pilots can't always see."

'Pedro' and crew continuously train for search and rescue



Cpl. Kyle Smith, a rescue swimmer with VMR-1, grasps Lance Cpl. Stephen Benjamin D. Bargar, a crew chief trainee with VMR-1, while he scans the ground directly below an HH-46E helicopter commonly referred to as "Pedro" during a search and rescue training flight conducted over eastern North Carolina Sept. 7. The practice flight helped crew members gain valuable training hours they need to maintain their proficiency in conducting critical missions.



A Marine with Marine Transport Squadron 1 boards an HH-46E helicopter before conducting a search and rescue training flight departing from Cherry Point Sept. 7.

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When military personnel and community members find themselves in harm's way in eastern North Carolina, many rely on Marine Transport Squadron 1's versatile resources to help save the day.

VMR-1 is one of the last two active search and rescue squadrons in the Marine Corps; the other squadron is located at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. Their mission is to provide search and rescue support to MCAS Cherry Point-based aircraft as well as short and medium range rapid response or high speed multipurpose light transport of key personnel and critical logistics support to the Department of Defense.

Although the squadron's main focus is providing support to Cherry Point, VMR-1 also has the capability to aid the Coast Guard, local law enforcement agencies and emergency response teams from surrounding areas in crisis situations.

In order to provide life saving assistance in a timely manner, the unit relies on their three HH-46E helicopters affectionately referred to as "Pedro," said Maj. Alexander T. Kushnir, a pilot serving as the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing director of safety and standardization.

"There aren't any local aviation agencies nearby that can provide search and rescue support in the event of an emergency," he said. "Our only effective means of getting there is flying Pedro."

The use of Pedro allows VMR-1 to save time and reach destinations quickly, whereas it would take other methods of transportation several hours to travel the same distance, he said.

"Time is of the essence," said Kushnir.

He added the importance of the crew that supports the aircraft. Without the pilots, rescue swimmers and crew chiefs, search and rescue over bodies of water and dense vegetation in eastern North Carolina would be virtually impossible.

Pedro crew members constantly train to ensure their readiness. Several members of the squadron recently conducted a range sweep over Marine Corps Outlying Field Atlantic, the Outer Banks and other outlying areas.

A range sweep occurs when personnel fly their aircraft over an area and practice visually scanning for survivors and distressed vessels then rehearse rescuing techniques once the "victims" have been positively located. The process and procedures involved are referred to as search then rescue, said Cpl. Kyle Smith, a rescue swimmer with VMR-1.

"During range sweeps we rehearse search patterns," Smith said. "The flight we conducted today was part of an effort to train Lance Cpl. (Stephen Benjamin D.) Bargar, who is training to become fully qualified."

As a crew chief, it is vital to be well-versed on the procedures executed during the search portion of a flight, said Smith.

"Crew chiefs are important because they are the pilots' eyes," Bargar said. "We are the ones that can look outside of the aircraft and see things the pilots can't always see."

While on the training flight, Smith said Bargar gained valuable knowledge and laid a solid foundation for future flights by learning several search patterns.

Bargar has been performing on-the-job training to become a crew chief with VMR-1 for four months and will need an additional 25 flights before being fully qualified as a search and rescue swimmer.

"This was my first search pattern flight," said Bargar. "I learned how to search for survivors and downed aviators and how to rescue them once they are found."

He said he looks forward to becoming fully qualified so he can assist comrades with carrying out missions.



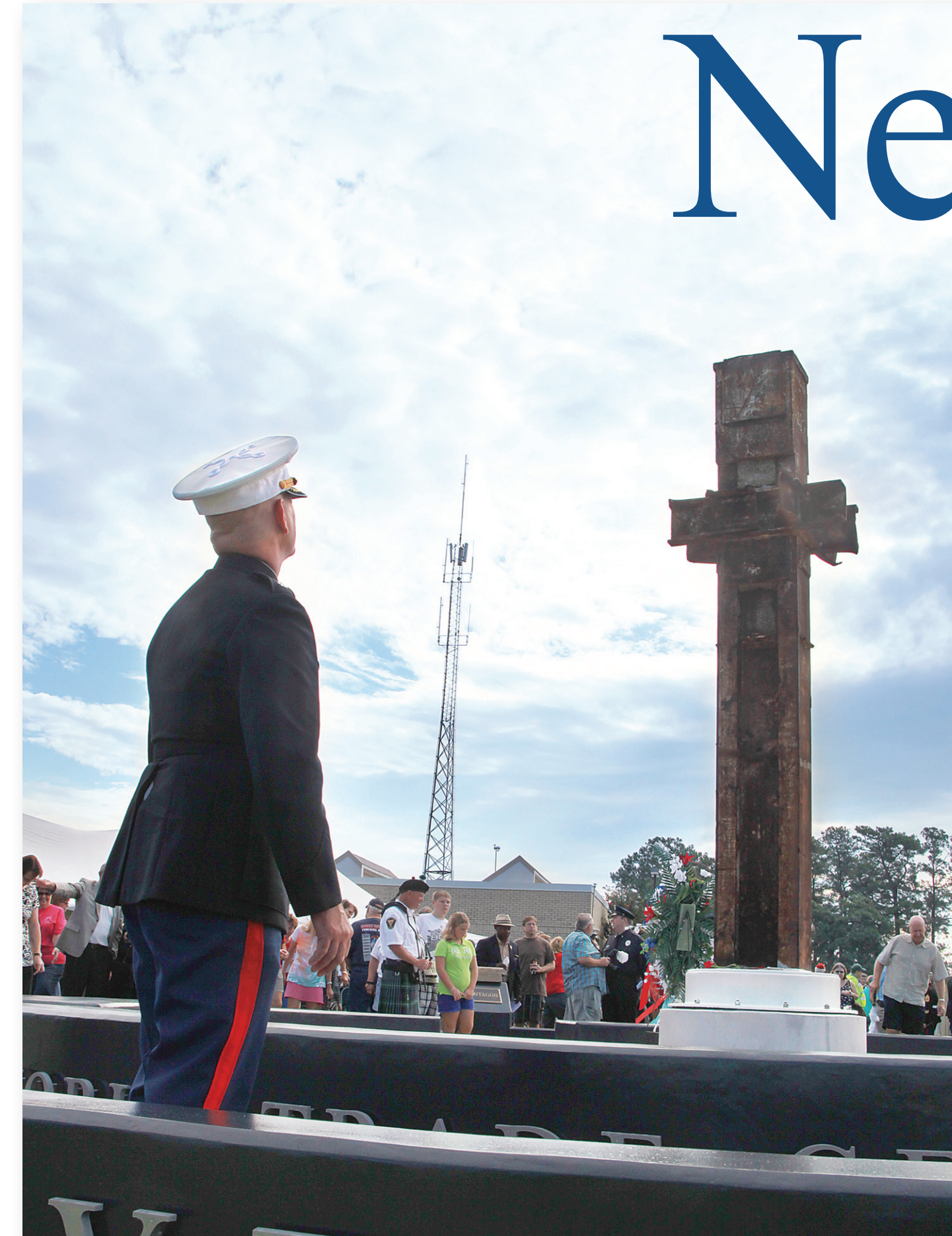
Petty Officer Third Class John H. Nelson, a search and rescue medical technician with Marine Transport Squadron 1, observes nearby activity on the ground from one of the squadron's HH-46E helicopters dubbed "Pedro" during a search and rescue training flight conducted Sept. 7.

Never Forget

Havelock, Cherry Point remember 9/11

The Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and Havelock communities gathered at the 9/11 memorial at Havelock Memorial Plaza, Sept. 8, to remember the victims lost during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The memorial is 50 feet across with more than 1,000 bricks that ring the monument, each with individual messages etched on them. Tuesday marked 11 years since the national tragedy.



PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. GLEN E. SANTY



VMFA-122 pilots become first Fighter Attack Squadron Instructors

CPL. JUSTIN BOLING

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT, S.C. – F/A-18 Hornet pilots constantly learn and maintain a plethora of tactical knowledge.

Two Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 pilots were the first Marine aviators to earn the fighter attack instructor designation and are tasked with sharing their knowledge with their juniors.

“The purpose of this designation is to provide an instructor cadre at the middle experience level,” said Capt. Geoffrey Franks, the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 pilot training officer. “A fighter attack instructor will be able to teach at a more general level.

“They will be able to instruct in many different areas, which are very important to the tactical employment of the F-18.”

Capt. Albert Garcia IV and Capt. Brian Hansell, both F/A-18 Hornet pilots, passed the final requirements set forth by Marine Aviation and Weapons Tactics Squadron 1 and Marine Corps Training and Education Command.

“We will now be in charge of teaching some of the more junior pilots advanced tactics,” said Garcia. “It is going to enhance the ability for junior pilots to seek out the knowledge they need to know.”

Weapon system knowledge, air to air combat tactics and low-altitude aerial combat strategy only name a few of the skills used to provide close air support to ground forces or provide maritime security.

“It was a pretty challenging course,” Hansell said. “We had both Weapons and Tactics instructors course and MAWTS-1 instructors come out to evaluate us. These instructors would go through all of the mission capabilities of the Hornet to ensure that we have the knowledge and are able to share with junior pilots.”

“It is a good feeling to have earned the designation, but without the preparation by our squadron and training

officer we would have not been able to accomplish it,” Garcia said.

The six F/A-18 Hornet squadrons aboard the air station fulfill numerous operational commitments around the globe from training with foreign militaries to providing close-air support to troops on the ground.

“We always need the highest standard for instruction at the middle level, which leads to highest level of performance from that level,” said Frank.



PHOTOS BY CPL. JUSTIN BOLING

Capt. Brian Hansell and Capt. Albert Garcia IV, both Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 F/A-18 Hornet pilots, passed the final requirements to receive the fighter attack instructor designation. The criteria for the designation was set forth by Marine Aviation and Weapons Tactics Squadron 1 and Marine Corps Training and Education Command.



Capt. Brian Hansell, a Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 F/A-18 Hornet pilot, passed the final requirements to receive the fighter attack instructor designation.



Capt. Albert Garcia IV, a Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 pilot, was one of the first pilots to earn the fighter attack instructor qualification.

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heart however, he knew that God was with him and that God was going to help him get through this ordeal. To make a long story short, God directed his steps; he was able to move into the home of a family who made him feel like family.

In time, he made a life for himself, graduated from high school and later joined the Marine Corps. He told me, "Chaplain it never occurred to me that it wouldn't all work out for the best because I knew God had a plan for my life." God's plan for his life started inside and worked its way to outside to make his life a success! What might have happened if his mental tattoo read: "Born to Lose"?

What are you thinking in your heart?

When you look inside what does the "tattoo" read? Is your mental image positive or negative? Does it transform your life into a life of abundance and joy or just the opposite? You know it's true: how we view ourselves, what we tell ourselves makes a gigantic impact in how we live our lives. What a difference it would make if we just had the right tattoo on our minds! And Jesus understood that. He knew that discovering God's love and being a part of God's family is a powerful image which transforms a person's life.

That's why he taught the Kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a person finds and covers up again; then in their joy goes and sells all that she

or he has and buys that field. Discovering God's love (which the "treasure" the story describes) is the most important opportunity in this world. For me, discovering God's love is the treasure that is tattooed in my heart.

I think of the Marine standing there alone, abandoned by his family, but not abandoned by God. What did the tattoo read in his heart that day? I am guessing, "You are not alone. I am standing with you. You are a born winner."

If you are living for God, you may have a spiritual tattoo on your mind like: "You belong to God." "God is with you." "Nothing in this world can defeat you!" "You are a born winner!" I'm not saying that living

for God will be easy all the time. We all know that's not true. However, God promises that no matter what happens, good or bad, God's presence, care, and love will be with us ALWAYS. God has a plan and purpose for our lives that cannot be shaken or changed by the world around us.

That's important to know as we face a very uncertain world that challenges us and our families. God asks, "What's in your heart?" "What is your heart telling you about you?" Is it a message of doom and gloom or is it a message of hope?

May God bless you this week and always!

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school. This year, Bagley says she expects to have more than a dozen local schools adopted. Bagley also works to ensure educators at local schools are attuned to the needs of military children and understand the resources available aboard Cherry Point. For example, she will host an "educators' boot camp" Oct. 15 – a periodic program designed to boost school staff and administrators' understanding of the challenges military children face and the resources available to assist with those challenges.

"It's important that we have a personal relationship, so they feel comfortable calling when they just don't know who to call about a student," says Bagley.

Another vital relationship between the air station and its neighbors is the Cherry Point provost marshal's office's similarly close working relationship with local law enforcement, sharing information and resources.

Elijah Bouie Jr., the deputy chief of police at Cherry Point, says the partnership with local law enforcement is healthy and active,

with the departments frequently sharing resources like canine units and helping one another on investigations.

"The spirit of cooperation is definitely there," says Bouie. "It is all one big family."

Havelock Chief of Police G. Wayne Cyrus can't agree more.

"Since the city and the air station are so intertwined, the relationship between the two entities is very important," says Cyrus. "We work very hard to maintain it to ensure we're able to keep the community safe."

Perhaps the most visible example of off-base support for the civilian community is provided by Cherry Point's Marine Transport Squadron 1. VMR-1 provides rapid multi-purpose light transportation of key personnel and logistics to the Department of Defense. However, to the local community here, the unit is well known for another purpose.

The squadron's search-and-rescue component features a fleet of orange and gray HH-46E Sea Knight helicopters operationally known as "Pedro." Though Pedro's

main mission is to provide search and rescue support to Marine Corps aircraft training in the area, it is occasionally called upon by the Coast Guard or local authorities to lend its services to the eastern North Carolina community.

"The local people have a real affinity for Pedro" says Lt. Col. Edward T. Lang, commanding officer of VMR-1. "They are extremely appreciative of the support."

Several things make Pedro a valuable resource to the community, including the only rescue swimmers in the Marine Corps and a team of Navy corpsmen specially trained to serve on the aircraft.

"Because of those additional medical capabilities," says Lang, "we're routinely called upon to assist the local community."

Lang says the squadron's agreement with the Coast Guard and local agencies is contingent upon not jeopardizing their primary mission of supporting 2nd MAW. Pedro's crew steps in if other resources are unavailable, are otherwise occupied, or if the weather is too

poor for another aircraft to fly.

But as long as those conditions are met, Lang says the Marines in the squadron value the opportunity to help their neighbors. All of the squadron's rescue swimmers volunteered for the role, and Lang says when he tells people he commands VMR-1, they react very positively.

"VMR-1 provides that mental sense of security (for people) to know that in light of limited resources the military is there and ready to assist."

On the air station, no one cherishes the partnership with the local community more than Col. Philip J. Zimmerman, Cherry Point's commanding officer.

"Our relationship with the community is one of mutual success," Zimmerman says. "Whether we're teaching our children, rescuing people in distress, or making sure the streets are safe at night, we are all in this together, shoulder to shoulder. That's exactly how it should be, and that's exactly how it will remain."



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Russell Davis cuts a ball down the fairway during the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament at the Sound of Freedom Golf Course here Sept. 9. Davis' four-player team led after day one of the best-ball format tournament at 11 shots under par. But teammates Rick Geslain Sr., Roger Haas, Ed Easter and Linda Biggs rallied to win at 20 under par on the second day of play.

Golfers aim for Commander's Cup

CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN
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After nearly a week of soggy North Carolina rain storms, the golf gods parted the clouds and allowed two days of sunshine for the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament at Cherry Point's Sound of Freedom Golf Course Sept. 8-9.

More than 150 participating golfers,

ranging from hacking first-timers to seasoned pin seekers, evenly split into four-player handicapped teams before putting and driving their Titleists and Callaways for more than \$7,700 in prizes in the 24th annual best-ball format tournament.

Longest drive and closest to the pin contests were also on the line throughout many of the course's 18 tree-skirt-

ed, ball-eating holes.

The par 72 course played like a sponge on the fairway, but rolled true on the green.

"Our maintenance crew has done a phenomenal job with the condition of the course given the circumstances they've had over the last 12 to 14 days," said Jim Ferree, course golf pro and primary organizer of the tournament.

By sinking one of the tournament's lone Eagles on Saturday and stringing nine birdies in a row on Sunday, accuracy and consistency paved the way for the weekend's winning team, which shot a combined 20 under par.

"It was a long time coming," said Rick Geslain Sr., upon receiving the Commander's Cup on behalf of his team at a banquet afterward. It was Geslain's second time being on the tournament's winning team, his last trophy claimed more than 10 years ago.

Joining his foursome were Roger Haas, Ed Easter, and Linda Biggs, all of whom had never played a round together until Saturday.

"It's all about which team gels together and gets hot at the right time," said Russell Davis, whose team led at 11 under par after Saturday's round.

When a team plays to their strengths and knows their weaknesses, they typically prevail in this type of tournament, said Ferree.

With its best-ball format scores also

improve considering each of the four players gets a swing at every shot.

"There was a lot of excitement out there," Ferree added. "We have some guys that are blood and guts competitive, and we've got some that just want to play golf with their buddies and enjoy it."

The tournament's host and commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Col. Philip J. Zimmerman, said while at times frustratingly fun, the beauty of golf is it is a sport a person can play well into their golden years.

"A lot of these people have been playing golf all their lives, are retired and like to go to events like this," he said. "I'm glad we're able to provide a good one."

Matching his first name with his game, Zimmerman did his best Phil Mickelson impersonation as one of only a few southpaws on the course.

Closing in on the tournament's 25th anniversary, golfers are sure to set a tee time to return next year to smack the ball around with some new and old golf buddies in another quest for the Commander's Cup.

"It's something I look forward to every year," said Davis.

A full list of scores from the tournament can be found at <http://bit.ly/Nm22qb> for Saturday and at <http://bit.ly/P9xx59> for Sunday.



Col. Philip J. Zimmerman, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, putts for birdie during the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament Sept. 9.



Russell Davis, right, and Johnnie Pippin celebrate at the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament Sept. 9.

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 barbecue 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 September 13

Lunch - Cream of broccoli soup, Jamaican jerk chicken, creole macaroni, cilantro rice, succotash, Balsamic roasted potatoes

Dinner - Chicken and orzo soup, pork scaloppini with herbed, tomato sauce, baked stuffed shells, rice pilaf, marinara sauce, stewed chick peas with zucchini, mixed vegetables

Friday September 14

Lunch - New England clam chowder, maple glazed salmon, turkey pot pie with baking powder biscuits, long grain and wild rice, green beans, cauliflower polonaise

Dinner - Turkey vegetable soup, Mambo pork roast, lasagna, candied sweet potatoes, marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, Mexican corn

Saturday September 15

Lunch - Beef barley and onion soup, vegetable and black bean, Enchiladas, chicken and broccoli casserole, confetti rice, Spanish style beans, steamed vegetable medley

Dinner - Cream of chicken soup, java molasses pork loin, Swiss steak with mushroom, gravy, Lyonnaise potatoes, buttered egg noodles, stewed tomatoes, peas

Sunday September 16

Lunch - Vegetable beef supreme soup, baked citrus herb crusted fish, fried chicken, brown rice pilaf, red bliss smashed potatoes, cream gravy, green bean casserole,

Dinner - Turkey noodle soup, creamy Cajun shrimp penne, meat loaf, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, brown gravy, Louisiana style smothered, okra mēlange

Monday September 17

Lunch - Beef short ribs, chicken and vegetable pasta, steamed rice, roasted zucchini, steamed baby carrots, minestrone soup

Dinner - Braised pork chops, turkey meatloaf, buttered egg noodle, islander's rice, Lyonnaise wax beans, broccoli polonaise, brown gravy, chicken gumbo soup

Tuesday September 18

Lunch - Salmon with tomato cucumber, relish, chicken fried chicken, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, sausage gravy, succotash, southern style greens, cream of potato soup

Dinner - Roast beef, baked ziti with Italian sausage, parsley buttered potatoes, peas, vegetable stir fry, toasted garlic bread, navy bean soup, horseradish sauce

Wednesday September 19

Lunch - Santa Fe glazed chicken, baked smoked chicken, Southwest orzo pasta, whipped sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, simmered mustard greens, raison sauce, chunky beef noodle soup

Dinner - Swedish meatballs, spicy shrimp with cheesy grits, rice pilaf, French fried cauliflower, French cut green beans, brown gravy, chicken noodle soup

Suicide Prevention Week:

Suicide's impact far reaching

GUNNERY SGT. MELINDA D. MUÑOZ
CHERRY POINT MARINE AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

When a person commits suicide the impact is far reaching. Mom, dad, sister, brother, wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend, daughter, son, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, co-worker, friend... all are impacted. For every suicide there are six to 10 survivors left behind, stunned. Most will be bewildered by questions like, "Why?" "Did I miss something?" "Could I have done something?" To put it in perspective, between January and June 2012 the Marine Corps lost 24 Marines from suicide. That leaves an estimated 144 to 240 survivors who are left to mourn and wonder. Perhaps you or someone you know has been directly impacted by suicide. In order to win this battle and save lives we need to eradicate the myths of suicide, recognize the warning signs and be brave enough to ask the question, "Are you thinking of hurting yourself?" Dispelling myths is the responsibility of each and every Marine and Sailor. Myth: A suicidal person clearly wants to die. Wrong. The truth is, most suicidal people are unsure of whether or not they want to die and are hoping someone will intervene on their behalf. Myth: Survivors of non-fatal attempts are just looking for attention. Wrong. For many, these attempts are a way of ex-

pressing pain and asking for help. Myth: Most suicides occur with little or no warning. Wrong. Most people exude outward signs through direct statements, physical outbursts, emotional displays, or withdrawing from interaction. A combined effort is required to combat suicide. Most have heard the mantra, "Know your Marines." I encourage you to take a moment and reflect on what that means and to take it one step further. If you notice a Marine struggling, be brave enough to reach out and ask the tough questions. It could save their life. Know what resources e.g., Marine & Family Programs, chaplain or the DStress line, are out there for your fellow Marines and pass that knowledge on to friends and family members. Promote a healthy atmosphere that encourages a Marine to seek help when there is a problem. Seeking help shows strength of character, not weakness. We are all impacted by suicide, which makes it the responsibility of each and every Marine and Sailor to educate themselves and play an active role in preventing it. For a detailed list of myths, warning signs, and risk factors visit <http://www.mccscherrypoint.com> and click on the Suicide Prevention Week banner.

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1-800-273-TALK (8255)

It's important to talk about suicide and feelings of depression or PTSD. If you're looking for more information or resources, trained health professionals are available 24/7 at the:

DCoE Outreach Center

866-966-1020

resources@dcoeoutreach.org

www.dcoe.health.mil

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Thursday, September 13

No Movie

Friday, September 14

5:00pm - Diary of A Wimpy Kid: Dog Days PG

7:30pm - Savages R

Saturday, September 15

2:00pm - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days PG

5:00pm - Moonrise Kingdom PG 13

8:00pm - Savages R

Sunday, September 16

3:00pm - Sneak Preview - End of Shift R

Tuesday, September 18

6:00pm - Puss In Boots PG

MOVIE SYNOPSIS

Diary of A Wimpy Kid: Dog Days - Starring: Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn, Robert Capron. During his summer vacation, "Wimpy Kid" Greg Heffley, the hero of the phenomenally successful book series, hatches a plan to pretend he has a job at a ritzy country club -- which fails to keep him away from the season's dog days, including embarrassing mishaps at a public pool and a camping trip that goes horribly wrong.

Savages - Starring: Aaron Johnson, Taylor Kitsch, Salma Hayek. Laguna Beach entrepreneurs Ben, a peaceful and charitable Buddhist, and his closest friend Chon, a former Navy SEAL, run a lucrative, homegrown industry--raising some of the best marijuana ever developed. They also share a one-of-a-kind love with the extraordinary beauty Ophelia. Life is idyllic in their Southern California town...until the Mexican Baja Cartel decides to move in and demands that the trio partners with them.

Moonrise Kingdom - Starring: Bruce Willis, Edward Norton, Bill Murray. Two twelve-year-olds fall in love, make a secret pact, and run away together into the wilderness. As various authorities try to hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing off-shore -- and the peaceful island community is turned upside down in more ways than anyone can handle.

Puss In Boots - Starring the voices of: Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Zach Galifianakis. Long before he even met Shrek, the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw Puss in Boots becomes a hero when he sets off on an adventure with the tough and street smart Kitty Softpaws and the mastermind Humpty Dumpty to save his town.

Movies are subject to change without notice

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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The Local Buzz

Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

► Comedy and Mystery Dinner Theater

Porch Theatre Company will host a Clue-themed interactive mystery dinner at the Brooklyn Arts Center at St. Andrews in Wilmington, N.C., Friday.
For more information visit, <http://porchtheatre.com/> or call 910-232-6611

► The Ghost Train

Carolina Chamber Music Festival presents “The Ghost Train,” at the Cullman Performance Hall at Tryon Palace, in New Bern, N.C., Saturday.
The event begins at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$22 in advance or \$25 at the door.
Visit <http://bit.ly/ghosttrainnewbern> for more information.

► Civic Appreciation Day

All civil service workers, military personnel and their families and friends are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Civic Appreciation Day at St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, 111 Hodges Street in Morehead City, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday.
The event is in remembrance of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 and all those who have continued to give their lives for freedom since that time.

There will free food and drinks including barbecue plates with all the fixings, sweet tea and desserts. There will also be games for the children with prizes, a bounce house, a dunking booth, live entertainment, several guest speakers and more.
For more information, email nancy.guthrie2@gmail.com or visit <http://stpetersunitedmethodistchurch.wordpress.com>.

Crystal Coast Grand Prix

Experience two days of speed and excitement as the fastest boats in the world race at the Crystal Coast Grand Prix in Morehead City, Friday and Saturday. Event starts with a meet and greet with the racers and a parade of boats starting at 10 a.m.
For more information, call 269-7682.

Lt Dan Band Concert

Back by popular demand, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune at W.P.T. Hill Field Sunday. The event site opens at 2 p.m. show time is 3 p.m. No tickets necessary.
For more information, call 910-451-0642.

New Bern Battle of the Bands

Twin Rivers YMCA, New Bern Parks and Recreation and Port Human Services have teamed together to bring New Bern’s inaugural battle of the bands Sept. 22. Specifically highlighting teen bands, musicians, singers and other performers, the festival will be held at the Twin Rivers YMCA.
For additional details about the battle of the bands see <http://www.facebook.com/nbbattleofthebands>.

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.

► Last Month for Penguin Exhibit

The North Carolina Aquarium will host a month-long penguin send-off from today to Sept. 30. On-the-Spot prizes will be given to those wearing penguin “garb.” The exhibit opens from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. every day.
For more information, visit www.ncaaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores or call 247-4003.

AMTRAK Service Reaches Havelock

Amtrak will establish two new bus service routes to Eastern North Carolina, one serving the communities of Greenville, New Bern, Havelock and Morehead City, and a second serving Goldsboro, Kinston, Jacksonville and Wilmington. Both routes will connect with the Amtrak Palmetto train service at the Amtrak Station in Wilson, starting Oct. 3.
For more information, schedules or fares, call 800-USA-RAIL, or follow on <http://www.facebook.com/Amtrak> or <http://www.twitter.com/Amtrak>.

MumFest

The 32nd annual MumFest celebration is coming to the restored streets and waterfront of historic downtown New Bern, 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 Downtown Development Corporation at 638-5781 or visit the <http://mumfest.com> website.

► Onslow Oktoberfest

Along with mouth watering beer and bratwurst, Onslow Oktoberfest will also host it’s fourth annual 5K run or walk at the Riverwalk Crossing Park in

Jacksonville, Oct. 27.
Register online at <http://onslowco.org> or for more information call 910-455-5733.

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, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or at the gate prior to the tour.
All tours begin at 4 p.m.
• Sept. 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 host 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 scheduled for Sept. 28, Oct. 19, and Nov. 30.
For more information 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.

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.

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 Saturdays 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 domes-

tic 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 Oct. 11, Nov. 6 and Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. For more information, call 466-4201.

Zumba

Zumba exercise classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Fitness Connection 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.
DLA personnel call 466-4083.

Signs of Terrorist Activity: Acquiring Supplies

An area to be cognizant of is anyone attempting to acquire supplies. This may be where someone is purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons or ammunition, and someone storing harmful chemicals or chemical equipment.
Terrorists find it useful to have law enforcement equipment and identification, military uniforms and decals, flight passes, badges or even flight manuals in their possession.
If they can’t find the opportunity to steal these types of things, they may try to photocopy IDs or attempt to make passports and other forms of counterfeit identification. Possessing any of these makes it easier for them to gain entrance into secured or prohibited areas.
If you observe suspicious activities, call Cherry Point emergency dispatch at 466-3616 or 3617 immediately.



OPERATION EAGLE EYES

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