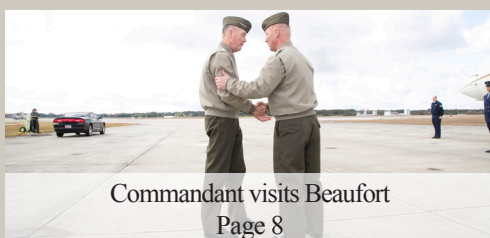




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Fightertown Marines return from ITX 1-15



Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31, and Marine Aircraft Group 31 returned from Integrated Training Exercise 1-15, Nov. 24. The squadrons deployed Oct. 16 to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty Nine Palms to form the aviation combat element for ITX 1-15. The ACE integrates with the Marine Air Ground Task Force to support the ground combat element and provide close air support.

Marines take aim during intramurals

Cpl. Brendan Roethel
Editor

Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island gathered to participate in the Parris Island Intramural Rifle and Pistol Competition at the Weapons and Field Training Battalion aboard Parris Island, Nov. 17.

According to a Depot bulletin, annual competition increases proficiency, provides the foundation for Corps-wide marksmanship, and enhances combat readiness.

Marines can enter the competition as individuals or four-man teams. Each team however must have at least one officer and one sergeant. Shooters are required

to compete with both the M9 pistol and M16A4/M4 service rifle with Rifle Combat Optics during the intramural matches.

"The intramurals breed the competitive spirit while focusing on the individual Marines' marksmanship skills that have been the hallmark of the Marine Corps all the way back to Belleau Wood," said Gunnery Sgt. Adam Tack, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the Parris Island Rifle and Pistol Team. "It gets Marines out of the mindset of only focusing on their marksmanship skills when they shoot their annual qualifications and helps them better hone their skills."

"Shooting on the intramurals is a completely different animal than shooting

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Corps' clarifies Off Base Subsidy Child Care

Cpl. Brendan Roethel
Editor

The Marine Corps released Marine administrative message 570/14 to clarify the guidelines of their Off Base Subsidy Child Care Program, Nov. 4.

The purpose of the message is to explain the eligibility requirements

and fee assistance amounts available to qualifying families.

"Generally all program requirements are the same across the board," said Martin Hibbs, a spokesman with Operation Military Child Care. "All programs require families to use a provider with a state child

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Photos by Sgt. Aneshea Yee



MESS HALL MENU

Monday - Friday
 Breakfast: 6 - 7:30 a.m.
 Lunch: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m. **MIDRATS**

Saturday, Sunday and holidays
 Brunch: 8:30 - 11 a.m.
 Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

Sunday - Thursday
 11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Takeout Window Hours:
 Breakfast - Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Lunch - Mon. - Fri. 12:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 Dinner - Mon. - Fri. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Smoked ham and cabbage soup	Apple glazed corned beef and rice

Sunday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Baked fish with butter crumb topping	Pork chops with smothered onions

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

Monday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Pepper steak and rosemary potatoes	Spanish chorizo and potato soup

Tuesday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Beef with vegetables and barley soup	Bean with bacon soup and peas

Wednesday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chipotle roasted sweet potatoes	Creole shrimp and corn

Thursday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chicken with rice soup and breadsticks	Salisbury steak and southern style greens

Friday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chicken and cheese enchiladas	Louisiana seafood gumbo and rice

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic
 • 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
 • Confession takes place before Mass
 • Confession Monday - Thursday at noon

Protestant
 • 9:45 a.m. - Protestant Church School (Sunday School)
 • 11 a.m. - Protestant Sunday Worship Service (Children's church is also available at this time)
 • 5 p.m. - Wednesday Protestant Bible Study
 • 5 p.m. - Saturday Worship Service at Laurel Bay Youth Center

Buddhist
 • 11 a.m. - Saturday Worship Service in the Chapel Fellowship Hall

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Sexual Assault

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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 is available 24 hours a day.

MCAS Beaufort Movie Schedule

 Saturday 2 p.m. PG (1:48)	 Saturday 4:30 p.m. PG13 (1:42)	 Saturday 7 p.m. R (2:14)
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MCRD Parris Island Movie Schedule

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Word Bank



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- December
- Decorations
- Family
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- Gloves
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- Hat
- Holiday
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- New Years
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- Winter

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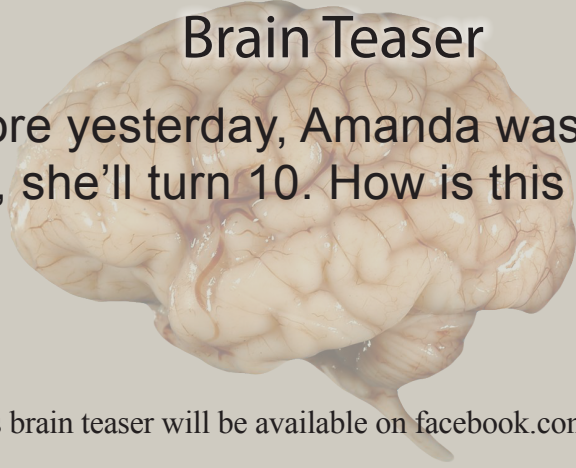
Forecast according to weather.com

Happenings

- The Provost Marshal's Office plans to test the mass notification system on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. The test will take place aboard MCAS Beaufort and Laurel Bay. It will announce the following twice; "This is a test of the Marine Corps mass notification system. This is only a test. Test 5 4 3 2 1. Test out". These tests are standard drills, and do not require any response. For further information, please contact the physical security section at 228-6335.
- Breakfast With Santa will be held at the Marine Corps Exchange on Parris Island from 8-9:30 a.m., Dec. 6. They will serve snowman pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. The cost to attend is \$3 per person.
- Santa's Mailbox is now open at the MCAS Beaufort and MCRD Parris Island libraries. The library will accept letters to Santa and write a letter back. For more information call 228-7682 or 228-1672.
- The photocopying of U.S. Government identification cards is a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by fine and imprisonment.
- The detention ponds located in the Freedom Sound neighborhood of Laurel Bay housing are off limits to all personnel. 'No Fishing Allowed' and 'Keep Out' signs have been posted on the fences encircling both ponds.

Brain Teaser

The day before yesterday, Amanda was 7 years old. Next year, she'll turn 10. How is this possible?



Answer for this week's brain teaser will be available on facebook.com/MCASBeaufort on Dec. 10.

Quick fixes and long term solutions

Cmdr. Bill Holliman
U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps

Every week someone comes to my office with a pressing problem that has to be fixed "right now." Usually the service member or spouse wants a quick fix. Can they come see me one time and get everything they need to fix a marriage or fix a legal problem or fix some other problem? But the fact is that most things that need to be fixed "right now" took a long time to get that way and will take a long time to get fixed. So what do we do?

Let me begin by saying that most of what the Religious Ministries Program on the base is about is not quick fixes. We are about long term solutions. Let me give you some examples.

When my Dad was a young Sailor he was a mess. But he attended Church because he thought that would make up for the bad things he had done during the week. It was a sort of penance for all the ways he was not a good Christian. Dad was not a hypocrite; he knew he was a mess. It was just that he thought that attending church would pay off his debt. I have often seen that attitude in Marines who get in trouble. They come to Church once or twice to pay off the debt to soci-

ety and to God that they think they owe, but they do not really get anything out of the service and they quickly wander away.

But then one day my Dad found a completely different understanding of church and that changed everything for him. Now my Dad is an assistant pastor at his church.

One of my friends is involved in the AA

Here are some positive examples. When you attend one of the PREP classes we offer here in conjunction with the MCCS folks, you get tools to help you and your spouse to communicate with each other so that you do not get into a spiral of defeat and despair that breaks up your marriage.

When you and your family attend one of the worship services here on a regular basis you begin to get in touch with God and that will change how you look at church, the Marine Corps and life.

When your kids attend the monthly Youth Group meetings at the chapel, or Sunday School, or CCD for the Catholics, they begin to get some moral material to work with that helps them to make sense of their experiences and what God is doing in the world.

When you attend the Christian Women's Fellowship you get something that will exhilarate your soul and give you some fun with the other women who attend.

Will any of these instantly solve the "right now" problems you face? Of course not. But all of these will help you to have long term solutions instead. And really wouldn't you really have long term solutions to your problems instead of a quick fix that doesn't really fix anything?

"When you and your family attend one of the worship services here on a regular basis you begin to get in touch with God and that will change how you look at church, the Marine Corps and life."

- Cmdr. Bill Holliman

program. He told me that he used to go to AA and then drink on the way home. It was a long time of going to AA and then drinking before he was able to go to AA and not drink. Something changed for him and that changed everything.

I could go on, but if you read this far you know that when we are looking for a quick fix, it does not work. But when we look for long term solutions, that does work.

Did you know...

On December 4, 1950 Lt. Col. Raymond G. Davis led 1st Battalion, 7th Marines into Hagaru-Ri, Korea to fight in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force for four days. His actions and battalion helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines. Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.



An extremely frigid winter is predicted this year. An El Nino-type winter will bring a low chance for extreme cold to our area and a slightly higher chance for above average precipitation. Be prepared for drastic changes in temperatures and precipitation. Monitor the latest forecasts and briefings from the National Weather Service in order to prepare your home and family for any extreme weather. Ensure you take extra precautions when travelling.



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5210: Preventing obesity through healthy habits

Cpl. Sarah Cherry
Staff Writer

Knees creak to stand on swollen feet, a heavy breath sighs with the work it takes to stand and walk into the doctor's office for the verdict: type 2 diabetes. This is a snippet of life with obesity.

Obesity affects about 35 percent of adults and 17 percent of children in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Semper Fit and the Department of De-

fense launched a campaign to support and promote central health concepts in families and communities, according to Marine Administrative Message 462/14

"It's very important to establish healthy habits early and to follow Department of Defense recommendations," said Jeffrey Sussmane, M.D., a pediatrician at the Naval Hospital of Beaufort. "You should offer your child healthy choices to eat and opportunities for physical activity in early childhood."

The DoD and Semper Fit recommendations are easily remembered by the mnemonic

5210: five or more fruits and vegetables a day, two hours or less of screen time, one hour or more of physical activity and zero sweetened drinks.

"What's good about 5210 is that learning healthy behaviors at an early age can carry over into adulthood and contribute to better health overall," said Harriet Fisher, Semper Fit program coordinator. "An obese child more than likely will become an obese adult."

Fat cells develop during childhood and stop developing by adulthood, said Fisher. Weight loss during adulthood decreases

the size of fat cells, but will not decrease the number of fat cells.

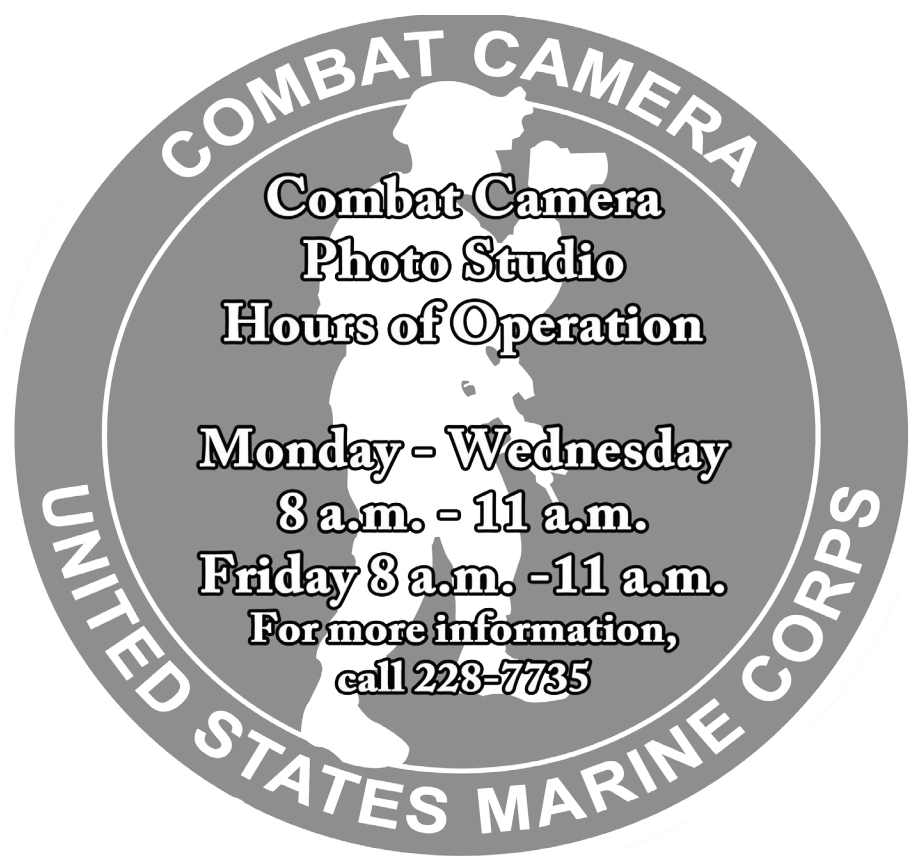
There are many health concerns that come with being obese, including an increased likelihood of developing cancer, heart disease and diabetes, said Sussmane.

Through the 5210 campaign, Semper Fit and the DoD hope to stop obesity in its tracks.

"Speak with your medical home about offering these healthy choices and how to begin them successfully in your family," said Sussmane.



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care license who has been inspected within the last 12 months. The program provides fee assistance for dispersed Marines and activated Reservists with children under the age of 12-years-old living more than 15 miles from an installation."

Geographically dispersed active duty Marine families must be living outside of a 15 mile radius of a USMC military installation with no-access to military operated or military sponsored child-care, including children who are not able to use military childcare due to school age transportation issues.

"For eligibility, the child must live with the active duty Marine, except during deployment orders," Hibbs

said. "The Marines' spouse, and or other legal guardian, must be employed at least 35 hours per week, enrolled in a full-time education program, or be assigned as their spouses non-medical attendant if the Marine is a Wounded Warrior."

Part-time employment in conjunction with part-time education and cases of extenuating circumstances may still be considered. Temporary assistance is also available for spouses who are seeking employment.

The Marine Corps will not reimburse or pay-back families, Hibbs said. Applications are approved the month the application and supporting documents are completed and meet all of the necessary requirements.

For more information or to fill out the application visit www.naccrra.org/military-families or call 1-800-793-0324.



CMC visits the Lowcountry



Photo by Pfc. Samantha Torres

Colonel Peter D. Buck, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, speaks with Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., the 36th commandant of the Marine Corps, and spouse Ellyn Dunford as they prepare to leave the Lowcountry via the Air Station, Nov. 26. Dunford spoke with the Air Station and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island command teams during his visit.



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US Forces prepare BNDF for upcoming deployment

BUJUMBURA, Republic of Burundi -- U.S. Marines are training with the Burundi National Defense Force to prepare them for their deployment in support of African Union Mission in Somalia.

This joint training engagement refines and improves the BNDF's overall knowledge of basic infantry tactics, engineering, logistical support, countering-improvised explosive devices, lifesaving techniques and convoy operations.

The refinement of these skills is important to the BNDF and helps bolster their overall military capacity and technical skills sustainment, all while strengthening the relationship between the Marines and BNDF.

Recently, the Marines completed the countering-improvised explosives portion of the training where BNDF soldiers split into multiple groups and rotated through stations, allowing them to practice the techniques they learned earlier in the classroom.

Between the different stations, topics covered were proper dispersion while patrolling, proper positioning if the enemy is shooting at you, spotting possible IED locations and combat lifesaving techniques.

AMISOM began in January 2007 as an active, regional peacekeeping mission operated by the African Union with the approval of the United Nations.

The team of Marines and Sailors conducting training with the BNDF are from SP-MAGTF-Crisis Response-Africa, stationed at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy. The Marines and Sailors conduct theater security cooperation engagements with partner nations in Africa—these training engagements help strengthen U.S. Africa Command's ability to help African states address their regional security challenges.



U.S. Marines aid Uganda against IED threat

CAMP SINGO, Uganda -- U.S. Marines with SPMAGTF-Crisis Response-Africa completed a training engagement focused solely on detection techniques and safety precautions for improvised explosive devices with service members of the Ugandan People's Defense Force in Camp Singo, Uganda.

"I loved the training right away," said a soldier with the Ugandan People's Defense Force who excelled during the first iteration of training and has since been brought back for multiple iterations to assist Marines and Sailors with SPMAGTF-CR-AF in teaching the UPDF.

"There is a lot of information given to us in a short amount of time, but Power-Point presentations help and I really like the practical application portions after the classroom instruction," said the soldier. "I also love that everything we're taught, we have to work as a team to accomplish."

Explosive ordnance disposal technicians walked the UPDF soldiers through a training area specifically designed to aid in the instruction, known as a 'Military Operations in Urban Terrain' (MOUT) town, and asked the UPDF to point out potential danger areas for IED placement. Once they completed the walk through, the Marines pointed out where they hid simulated IEDs.

The technicians covered the basics for what steps each UPDF soldier can take to keep themselves and their fellow soldiers safe if they encounter an IED. In another portion of the training, the EOD Marines detonated various explosives [in a designated area] to demonstrate what dangers present when IEDs of different sizes detonate. The UPDF then walked the range so they could see how much destruction an IED can cause.

This training engagement started in late October and will end during the month of December. Similar to the work Marines are currently doing in Burundi with the Burundi National Defense Force, these service members are helping the UPDF hone their skills in basic infantry tactics, engineering, logistical support, countering-improvised explosive devices, lifesaving techniques, and convoy operations, which the UPDF will use for upcoming deployments.

By conducting partner military training, the Marines and Sailors of SPMAGTF-CR-AF will gain and share valuable teaching, training and small unit experiences while working with the UPDF.

The theater security cooperation engagements SPMAGTF-CR-AF conducts strengthen U.S. Africa Command's ability to help African states address their regional security challenges.



A Multi-Purpose Canine handler, with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, fast-ropes with his canine aboard Stone Bay, Oct. 1. As MARSOC continues to demonstrate their capabilities and versatility, MPC handlers with the command are preparing themselves and their canines for new areas of operation they'll be deploying to.

MARSOC multi-purpose canine handlers train for unforeseen

Cpl. Steven Fox
Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- United States Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC) was born in 2006, during the wake of Operation Enduring Freedom's surge. During their eight years of operating within Afghanistan, MARSOC triumphantly left their footprint in the country's evolution to stability, training and advising Afghan National Army Commandos and eradicating Taliban safe havens.

Now, the war in Afghanistan is nearing its conclusion, and no further MARSOC battalions, companies or teams are due to deploy there again. And though the young unit's undertakings during Operation Enduring Freedom have earned the command an immense amount of respect within the Department of Defense, the war in Afghanistan by no means defines MARSOC.

Being a highly-adaptable force, possessing a multifaceted set of skills, MARSOC has begun transitioning into new Areas of Operation (AO).

MARSOC's Multi-Purpose Canine (MPC) unit is such a program, adequately preparing the MPC handlers for the new AOs in which they'll be operating.

"Now that MARSOC has broken down into different AOs, we're ensuring all the handlers know what AO they're going into, and what mission-set the teams could be tasked with," said the Multi-Purpose Canine program manager.

That AO-breakdown involves each Marine Special Operations Battalion (MSOB) deploying in service of a different regionalized special operations command. First MSOB deploys under Special Operations Command Pacific; 2nd MSOB deploys under Special Operations Command Central, while 3rd MSOB deploys under Special Operations Command Africa.

"All of our guys have all the same capabilities, but each handler will be dealing with a different mission-set in respect to his AO, so we're constantly training and re-certifying our guys to create a great product for the teams," said the MPC program manager.

The multi-purpose canines' core capabilities include explosives detection, tracking, and protection work. Along with maintain-

ing these perishable and essential skills, the MPC program actively introduces additional training to the handlers and canines to meet the needs of the Marine Special Operations Teams (MSOT).

"That's what we bring to MARSOC with our multi-purpose canines -- a dog with several different capabilities to be able to conduct whatever mission the team has for us," explained the MPC program manager. "They're getting a multi-purpose canine that's off-leash, sniffing out explosives; they can track, patrol, chase down fleeing suspects and provide an extra layer of protection to the team."

The MPC program manager went on to say that this particular canine program has a unique ability to quickly change, and adapt to varying AOs, given the small size of the unit, and the resources made available to it.

In transitioning into the new AOs, the MSOBs are now placing more of an emphasis on maritime operations. The MPC program has followed suit to accommodate the operational need of the MSOTs.

"Aside from the fast roping and repelling we've been working on, we're also spending a lot more time in the water," said a handler who recently deployed to Afghanistan with 2nd MSOB.

The AOs are designed to cover the bulk, if not all of the assigned region. This allows MARSOC, partnered with the other existing Special Operations Forces (SOF), to essentially canvas the globe in support of a global SOF network.

This will be the first time any SOF unit has brought along a multi-purpose canine element to many of the areas the MSOTs are expected to visit. In addition, these AOs cover a considerable land mass containing different countries, cultures, terrains, climates, threat considerations, etc.

As the MPC handlers continue to deploy with the Marine Special Operations Companies, they'll bring back with them helpful information regarding their tours and how they can better adapt to the needs of the MSOTs. The MPC program manager stated the handlers who have come back from Special Operations Command Pacific deployments returned with invaluable information.

"Once we identify a capability we need to change, we'll either enhance that capability, change that capability, even do away with that capability if it's no longer needed; or we'll create a new capability if that's what's desired by MARSOC," said the MPC program manager.

To expedite the preparation and adaptation process, the program manager explained that the handlers are currently refining their skills as trainers to develop new skills, as needed, while deployed.

"Our goal is to continue to be proficient and continue to be flexible," said the MPC program manager. "MARSOC's motto is 'Today will be different. That's every day. So, tomorrow, whatever mission is pushed out to us, we have the capability of readying our handlers for that mission requirement'"



Corps Shot

Cpl. Joshua Murray

Camp Pendleton, California - U.S. Marines with India Battery, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, carry out a fire mission during MEU Exercise 14 aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Nov. 20. The purpose of MEUEX is to train the different elements of the 15th MEU to work together to complete a wide variety of missions.

Fightertown deployed:



MALS-31 Stingers
a detachment is currently deployed to the Western Pacific supporting VMFA-115 and VMFA(AW)-533.



VMFA-115 Silver Eagles
are currently deployed to the Western Pacific as part of the Unit Deployment Program.



VMFA(AW)-533 Hawks
are currently deployed to the Western Pacific as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

CORPS BITS



Uncommon Valor a Common Virtue: Amputee conquers disability

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Virginia -- Like many of the Marines of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, Joshua Smith is an amputee. But like most Marines, Smith tells an uncommon story that brings him together with other Marines.

While on recruiting duty, Smith lost his limb during a shotgun accident at home.

"I was getting ready to clean it, I dropped it and instead of letting it go I tried to grab it and my finger slipped in the housing and just took out my ankle completely," said Smith.

In the aftermath of his injury, Smith has come a long way from the accident through enthusiasm.

"I think it's a little bit easier for me than most. I have a really positive outlook on a lot of things," said Smith. "It kind of sucked obviously at the beginning when they tell you, 'odds are pretty good that you're gonna lose your leg.'"

As expected, reaching that point was not easy, and required adapting to the injury both mentally and physically, according to Smith.

"There are things you have to adjust, especially when you are out walking around town, because nobody really understands and so you get people looking at you," said Smith.

Smith was not in shortage of help getting better, as many surrounded him with overwhelming support.

"Between the surgeries and the doctors and the atmosphere down in San Antonio everything's been awesome," said Smith. "I've had a lot of Marine Corps and family support and then getting back into sports volleyball, softball, basketball [helped]."

Though physically different, it was imperative to Smith to reinforce his enthusiasm.

"If anything, it's probably helped [my family] out a little bit because I have such a positive attitude about recovering," said Smith. "They haven't changed the way they look at me. If anything there is more of a boost in confidence in the family."

Smith finds competition with others and sitting volleyball helps him keep a positive mindset.

"Mentally it's all about heart. Its about how bad you want to stay out there how much you want to keep doing what your doing," said Smith. "There are adjustments you have to make because you can't make the same motions with your leg, but again it's just about how bad you want it or how bad you want to get out there and get it done."



Lance Cpl. Michael Fuentez clears an aisle Nov. 20 at Camp Courtney's Post Exchange during an active shooter reaction exercise.

To serve, protect: Marines train to save lives

Lance Cpl. Isaac Ibarra
III Marine Expeditionary Force

OKINAWA, Japan -- In the previous 14 years, more than 160 active shooter instances have occurred resulting in casualties in communities throughout the U.S. Military installations are also susceptible to these types of emergencies. As first responders, military police must remain ready to keep their community safe and respond to all types of emergencies.

Military policemen with the Provost Marshal's Office responded to an active shooter and barricaded suspect training scenario Nov. 20 at Camp Courtney's Post Exchange and Commissary to practice their tactical skills.

The training began when PMO responded to the call of an active shooter, supported by Camp Guard. The PMO Special Reaction Team was called in as follow-on support when the active shooter became a

barricaded suspect.

"Today the active shooter response exercise was put in place to both ensure and evaluate our readiness for an operation," said 1st Lt. Paul R. Johnson, a watch commander with PMO, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"This is also to ensure the coordination amongst camp guard, SRT, and PMO is sound."

The exchange and commissary provided an accurate training environment of where military policemen could possibly operate in an active shooter scenario, according to Staff Sgt. Gerardo D. Casillas, a patrol supervisor with PMO.

Camp Courtney's Camp Guard also participated in the drill by providing a security element to assist PMO.

"Camp guard assisted the military police throughout the situation by forming a security perimeter, so the military policemen can go inside and restrain the active shooter,"

said Casillas, from Hillsboro, Oregon.

The Marines train in combat towns in similar evolutions, but the commissary and exchange provided a new environment to maintain their readiness.

"We went over the trends of active shooter incidences in the past, and analyzed any type of statistics that are relevant," said Johnson. "We also go through the procedures of how to clear rooms, maintain proper communications, and how to handle and interview

witnesses."

Multiple volunteers, including service members, participated in the event to role-play as shoppers to bring another element of realism to the training.

"The exercise went well; they trained and learned from their mistakes in the environment, so that way they don't make them," said Eugene Warfield, from Tucson, Arizona, the anti-terrorism officer for Camp Courtney. "Overall, the Provost Marshal, the military and civilian volunteers did a great job."



Force Company Marines take beach

Cpl. Joshua Murray
I Marine Expeditionary Force

Camp Pendleton, California -- Marines with 2nd Platoon, Force Company, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, conducted helocast exercises off the coast of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Nov. 19.

Helocasting is a method of insertion into coastal regions in which Marines jump from helicopters into the ocean and use combat rubber raiding crafts. They are then capable of moving quickly and silently to the shore to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations.

Corporal Jeff Sanders, a reconnaissance Marine with Force Company, said insertion methods like helocasting give the Marines of Force Company another tool to complete their mission.

"Helocasting is really vital to us when it comes to doing R&S missions in pretty much any coastal area," Sanders said. "It drops us close to the beach but still allows us to make our way onto land undetected."

Helocast training exercises enhance the Marines' tactical proficiency so they are prepared to deploy wherever they are needed.

Staff Sgt. Blake Flannery, a reconnaissance Marine with Force Company, said the training is an excellent way for Marines to learn more efficient ways to conduct drops.

"Whenever we go on training ops our main priority is to perfect the skills that allow us to complete our mission and

find ways to improve our standard operating procedures," said Flannery.

"We take everything that happens during the training, good and bad, and evaluate and study it over and over to find ways to make us the best we can be."

While all training exercises have some safety concerns, jumping from a helicopter into the ocean presents its own unique risks.

Sanders said the members of Force Company take Marine Corps safety procedures very seriously.

"There are a lot of different aspects that come into play when we are helocasting," said Sanders. "From the mo-

ment we step inside the bird until the time we are back on the beach, safety is our number one priority. The last thing we want is for our training to end with a trip to the hospital."

As the Marine Corps re-shifts its focus on its naval roots, conducting sea-to-shore training plays an essential role in successfully fulfilling the needs of the Corps.

"The Marine Corps is a unique beast," Flannery said. "We are meant to be on the water and to be able to go ashore wherever we are needed at a moment's notice, and I'm going to ensure that all of the Marines with me can do just that."



U.S. Marines, Spanish soldiers train helicopter lift capabilities

MORÓN AIR BASE, Spain -- U.S. Marines assigned to Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response - Africa trained with Spanish soldiers from Transport Helicopter Battalion 5 in externally sling loading heavy equipment at Spanish Helicopter Base Coronel Mate, Colmenar de Viejo, Spain, Nov. 18-19.

"The Marines and I had an outstanding time working with the Spanish military," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Werner, the staff non-commissioned officer in charge of the landing support detachment. "We look forward to the opportunity of working with them again in the future and further enhancing our relationship with our Spanish partners."

During the multi-day event, the Marines and Spanish soldiers conducted training in helicopter support teams, sling loading equipment to a Spanish Army CH-47 Chinook. The training event included day and night operations in which they lifted water bladders and vehicles by a single-point sling load, using only one lift cable; dual-point sling load, using two lift cables; and tandem lifts, lifting two water bladders or trucks at the same time.

The training event allowed the Marines and soldiers to sustain technical skills while enhancing operational capacity between the Spanish Military and U.S. Marines, strengthening their partnership.

SPMAGTF-CR-AF is rapid response force able to conduct a broad range of military operations in U.S. Africa Command's operational region, including: U.S. Embassy reinforcement, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, rescue of downed pilots, and other missions as directed.



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annual qualifications,” said Sgt. Adam Heintzman, the Marine Aircraft Group 31 crew chief with Station Ordnance aboard MCAS Beaufort. “I’m very competitive, so being able to go out and shoot against other Marines as well as on a team make it more challenging. Shooting during the intramurals also allows you to shoot both the rifle and pistol during the same range.”

More than 100 trophies, plaques, medallions and certificates will be presented to the match winners, Dec. 17, Tack said.

Marines who stand out and desire to continue shooting in marksmanship competitions, could be offered the opportunity to compete in higher level competitions as a member of the Parris Island Rifle and Pistol Team.

Those with top marksmanship skills that become members of the Parris Island Rifle and Pistol Team join a rich history of elite marksmanship in the Corps. Team members pass down the team’s history, and represent the Marine Corp’s tradition that every Marine is a rifleman.





EFMP BOWLING

9 December 1700-1830 | MCAS Bowling Alley
You're Invited to come and join us for our EFMP Holiday Bowling Event!
All children are encouraged to join us and take a Selfie with Santa!

All enrolled Exceptional Families are eligible to attend. \$1.00 per person per game. \$1.00 for rental shoes per person. Please RSVP 3 days in advance for event planning purposes. EFMP wishes to make this event accessible to persons of all abilities. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to fully participate in this event, please contact us.

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EFMP 101

10 December 0900-1000
MCFTB House, West Laurel Bay Blvd. House # 652
All authorized patrons are invited to attend

All families with special health and/or education needs and professionals who provide support to exceptional military families are invited to learn about the basics of EFMP. This training focuses on the enrollment process, respite care information, EFMP's continuous support services and much more! RSVP 3 days in advance for event planning purposes. Participants without DOD decal are required to submit additional information. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to fully participate in this event, please contact us. Hourly drop off care may be available at the CDCs or Youth Centers. Please contact CDCs or Youth Centers to make reservations and to ensure compliance with the requirements of these programs.

EFMP: Exceptional Families, Exceptional Service

Jeanette Smith
 Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program or EFMP is a mandatory U.S. Department of Defense enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services worldwide to U.S. military families with special needs.

Service members on active duty enroll in this program when they have an Exceptional Family Member (EFM) with a physical, developmental, or emotional diagnosis requiring specialized services which meet the needs of their EFM. EFMP helps connect each family with the needed services and resources at their current command and during the military personnel assignment process.

Service members must enroll in the pro-

gram once they are aware that their EFM meets eligibility criteria, per MCO 1754.4B, Exceptional Family Member Program. Service members are responsible for keeping their EFMP enrollment current as the EFM's conditions change, or at least every three years, whichever comes first.

EFMP is a family centered program that values a climate of respect and trust, understanding that each family is unique and has the right to receive equal care. EFMP's ser-

vice philosophy seeks to empower families, build on their strengths, and provide them with information to enable them to make well informed decisions. A well trained and empowered sponsor is the most effective advocate for their EFM. For more information visit our EFMP Web Site at: <https://www.mccs.sc.com/efmp/index.html> or call our Training, Education & Outreach Specialist at (843) 228-3849 to find out more about services and resources that are available.





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