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MCAS Beaufort hosts Hornet training squadron



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Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101 arrived at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 24 to complete advanced aviation training requirements.

VMFAT-101 is a training squadron for Marine Corps and Navy students who have been assigned to fly one of the F/A-18 variants. The squadron is based out of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and falls under the command of Marine Aircraft Group 11.

"The reason we left Miramar was because of the weapons and tactics instructor's course and the air show happening there," said Maj. Dave King, the assistant maintenance officer with VMFAT-101. "Those things got in the way of the training that we needed to accomplish. Whenever a (weapons and tactics instructor's course) comes through, we lose all of our range time."

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An F/A-18C Hornet lands aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 24. Fifteen jets from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar will train at MCAS Beaufort for approximately one month. The Hornet is with Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101, Marine Aircraft Group 11.

Song and dance for an important message

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More than 300 Marines and sailors attended the performance "Domestic Violence: The Musical" at the Lasseter Theatre aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 29. The show, produced by the Fix the Hurt company, is a creative take on traditional military training that uses dance and musical numbers to educate service members about the causes and prevention methods of domestic violence.

"This is a play that we have been presenting across America at different military installations," said Linda King, the founder and president of Fix the Hurt. "We started performing domes-

tic violence training in 2006 and we realized that the performing arts are an effective way to raise awareness and really get the attention of the people that need to hear our message."

The musical combined comedy, real-life situations, and audience participation to tell a story of a woman trapped in an abusive relationship. The show offered a unique and powerful way in which the actors portrayed their parts.

"It was an intense performance these men and women displayed," said Cmdr. William Holiman, the MCAS Beaufort Chaplain. "I think it really got through to these Marines in ways that other forms of education would not."

The performers laid out

topics that are seldom discussed, such as the physiological reasons for why victims tend to stay with their abusers and how criticizing a victims' actions gives the abuser more power.

"One of the things that we are very proud of is that we have outstanding actors who are able to use their skills to communicate a message through lyrics and dance," said King. "They help people understand the escalation of domestic violence and that it doesn't necessarily start out with a hit or a punch. It is a slow steady escalation of control and isolation. Those are the main things that you have to watch for when helping a victim of domestic violence."

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A Marine assists in a scene with a performer of "Domestic Violence: The Musical" during the show at Lasseter Theatre aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 29. The show, produced by the Fix the Hurt company, is a creative take on traditional military training that uses dance and musical numbers to educate service members about the causes and prevention methods of domestic violence.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Samantha K. Torres

Cpl. Cameron Netz has served two years in the Marine Corps as a motor transportation operator. Netz was awarded a certificate of commendation for hauling 1,960 lbs of equipment during pre-deployment training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. Netz is also a rifle and pistol range coach and advises Marines to never give up; failure is not an option. Netz is with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, Marine Aircraft Group 31.

Different jobs, same mission

Story by:
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"The Noise you hear is the sound of freedom" is what is proudly displayed by the front gate of Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. The air station is much like a heavy piece of machinery: there are many working parts needed to get the job done.

The air station supports Marine Aircraft Group 31, and behind the scenes there are Marines and sailors who support and respond to the needs of the personnel of the air station, ensuring mission readiness.

When a gear in the machine breaks or needs a little oil to keep it turning, the 'Doc' steps in and makes the repair. Corpsmen respond to Marines in the event of an emergency and are the on-scene combat life savers.

"In my spare time, I do a lot of studying for my job to make sure I'm always up to date and educated in the medical field," said Petty Officer 3rd class Premel Price, a corpsman with Naval Hospital Beaufort.

When all gears are properly maintained and cared for, the operator can accomplish the mission at hand. Motor trans-

portation operators such as Cpl. Cameron Netz with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, are trained to operate heavy machinery to support the air station and the mission.

Getting the machinery to and from each point requires a team of first responders in the event of a mishap. Aircraft rescue and firefighting Marines are the first ones to show up to the scene of a jet crash or even something as small as a flat tire on the runway in less than five minutes from when the call is made.

For example, in February when an F/A-18D Hornet experience a mishap in the swamps of Valdosta, Ga., Cpl. Sebastien Vachon and two other ARFF Marines with headquarters and headquarters squadron responded to the scene, working hand in hand with motor transport Marines and U.S. airmen. They worked together to safely clean up and transport the remains of the jet to where it needed to be.

If chemicals are ever involved, there is, of course, a response team. A Marine is all about mission readiness for when the call is made.

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MESS HALL MENU

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

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

MIDRATS

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

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

Lunch Bayou jerk pork loin and rice
Dinner Shrimp cocktail, fried chicken, steak

Sunday

Lunch Salmon with cucumber relish
Dinner Baked ziti with italian sausage

Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven-fried bacon

Monday

Lunch Baked smoked ham and sweet potatoes
Dinner Spicy shrimp with cheesy grits

Tuesday

Lunch Chicken and dumplings and rice
Dinner Herbed roast pork loin with pan gravy

Wednesday

Lunch Roast turkey and green beans
Dinner Manhattan clam chowder

Thursday

Lunch Arroz con pollo and garlic bread
Dinner Apple glazed corn beef and squash

Friday

Lunch Herbed baked chicken and carrots
Dinner Chili macaroni and green beans

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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

Labyrinth Walk
• 8 a.m - 4 p.m. - Monday in the Chapel Fellowship Hall

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PMO Dispatch 228-6710
Severe Weather and Force Protection 1-800-343-0639

Sexual Assault

The contact number for a Uniformed Victim Advocate is 592-0646. This number can get you in contact with a UVA 24 hours a day.

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MCAS Beaufort Movie Schedule

 Saturday 2 p.m. PG-13 (1:41)	 Saturday 4:30 p.m. R (2:27)	 Saturday 7:20 p.m. R (1:36)
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MCRD Parris Island Movie Schedule

 Sunday 2 p.m. PG-13 (1:37)	 Sunday 4:30 p.m. R (1:36)	 Sunday 7 p.m. R (1:37)
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Afterburner Word Search

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Word Bank

AFTERBURNERS
RECREATION
ENTERTAINMENT
MEDIAROOM
POOL

PINGPONG
VOLLEYBALL
CORNHOLE
HORSESHOES
BASKETBALL

BAR
SNACKS
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Sudoku

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Sept 25th solution

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Answer to this week's puzzles will be available in next week's edition of The Jet Stream.

HAPPENINGS

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort continues to reach out to all military families living in and nearby the Bluffton, S.C. area. Military Spouses of Bluffton will hold its first two meetings at the Bluffton Library Wednesday, Oct. 14th and Wednesday, Oct. 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. All active duty spouses, Reserve and those departed from military service within the last six months are encouraged to attend. Military and Family Life Counselors will facilitate. You may bring lunch and beverages.

Please contact Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Family Readiness Officer MSgt Frank Ginn with any questions. Tel. 843-228-7663 (Office), 843-321-6708 (Mobile) | Email: Frank.Ginn@usmc.mil

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at the Station Chapel aboard MCAS Beaufort every Monday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. Meetings are open to all service members, veterans, and civilians within the Tri-Command.

The MCAS Beaufort

Library will be closed for renovations for approximately two months beginning Aug. 1. During this closure, please visit the MCRD Parris Island Library or other libraries in the surrounding area. The Parris Island Libraries hours of operation 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call 228-1672.

The 2015 Hunting Season aboard MCAS Beaufort will open Sept. 15. All service members, retirees, dependents, and

civilian contractors who wish to hunt aboard MCAS Beaufort must attend a Hunter Safety Brief aboard MCAS Beaufort. Classes will be held every Wednesday in the NREO/Game Warden Building classroom until Sept. 30. For more information call the game warden at 228-7017.

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Fightertown Fun Fact Afterburners: Bringing the fun to Fightertown

Being a Marine can be stressful due to a number of things: your job, deployments and the operational tempo of the unit. In order to relieve stress, Marines take on recreational activities around town and on base. One facility that allows warfighters to enjoy themselves and relieve some of the daily stressors is the enlisted club. For Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, that venue is known as Afterburners.

Afterburners is a brand new, state of the art recreation facility under the direct management of the Single Marine Program. The Single Marine Program works to ensure single Marines and sailors, single parents, and geographical bachelor's lives in Beaufort are the best they can be. However, the facility is available for all hands, dependents and authorized Department of Defense employee usage, according to the Marine Corps Community Services South Carolina website.

Before Afterburners, in 2005, the Liberty Center was open as the primary facility for entertainment. The building was created in response to quality of life issues that Marines brought up at SMP meetings, mostly about having to go outside the air station to find entertainment, according to Jimmie Woods, former assistant coordinator for the SMP.

"This place has all the same stuff that guys

used to go out in town for," Woods said. "We are within walking distance of everybody in the barracks. Why take the chance of driving drunk or getting into trouble?"

The two-story building was the former Tax Center and it was located in Bldg. 1231 behind Barracks E, within walking distance of all bachelor enlisted quarters.

The Liberty Center contained five computers with high-speed internet, three 27-inch televisions, each with an Xbox game console, one 42-inch plasma screen television, as well as multiple DVDs and Xbox games available to check out.

"No Rockers Down," located downstairs, contained a bar area, two 42-inch plasma screen televisions, one 27-inch television and a pool table. In August 2010 the center closed to make way for a new era of entertainment.

Afterburners officially opened Aug. 13, 2010. The concept of giving air station personnel their own space for entertainment on base carried over to the new facility. With a sizeable upgrade, Afterburners covers all the demands of today's generation.

The current building features a main bar and a staff noncommissioned officer bar. It is equipped with 23 TVs, a media room with stadium seating, five pool tables and all the major video

game consoles like Xbox and Play Station. As a courtesy, Marines can checkout laptops to take advantage of the Wi-Fi if they do not own a personal one. If in need of printing, Afterburners lets you print documents for free.

The facility also offers an array of outdoor activities. There is an outdoor pool table- which can be turned in to a ping pong table, corn hole games, full basketball court, volleyball court, and regulation horseshoe pits.

Bar snacks like hot wings, fries, hamburger sliders, and mac and cheese bites are available for purchase. Also a Subway sandwich shop is located within, catering to the establishment patrons' taste.

Afterburners is equipped for special events. There is space available to reserve professional military education sessions and a kitchen for catered events. Two stages are available for bands, functions or special events. Sports are shown for free, and a variety of other special events will be hosted courtesy of MCCA and the Tri-Command Single Marine and Sailor, according to MCCA.

When looking for a place to relax and wind down, now you know the spot, Afterburners, right here on the air station.

For more information on SMP or Afterburners please visit www.mcca-sc.com.

Did you know...
October 1, 1997: The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.



Effective June 1, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort is in Tropical Cyclone Condition V for Hurricane season until Nov. 30. There are currently no threats. Due to El Nino conditions, it's likely to be a below average tropical cyclone season for the Atlantic. NOAA is predicting 6-11 named storms, 3-6 hurricanes, and 0-2 major hurricanes. Monitor local weather sources to stay up to date and be prepared.



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Fightertown deployed:



VMFA-251 Thunderbolts are currently deployed aboard the USS Roosevelt as part of the U.S. Fifth Fleet.



VMFA-312 Checkerboards are currently deployed to the Western Pacific as part of the Unit Deployment Program.



MWSS-273 Sweathogs have a detachment of Marines currently deployed to Spain in support of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response-Africa.



MALS-31 Stingers have detachments currently deployed to the Western Pacific supporting VMFA-251, VMFA-312, and VMFA(AW)-224.



VMFA(AW)-224 Bengals are currently deployed to the Western Pacific as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

Tri-Command Weather 7 Day Forecast

Fri 10/2/2015	71°	61°		Cloudy
Sat 10/3/2015	74°	62°		Mostly cloudy
Sun 10/4/2015	76°	64°		A morning shower in spots
Mon 10/5/2015	74°	60°		Showers possible
Tue 10/6/2015	78°	65°		Mostly cloudy
Wed 10/7/2015	80°	62°		Mostly cloudy
Thu 10/8/2015	77°	56°		Clouds and breaks of sun

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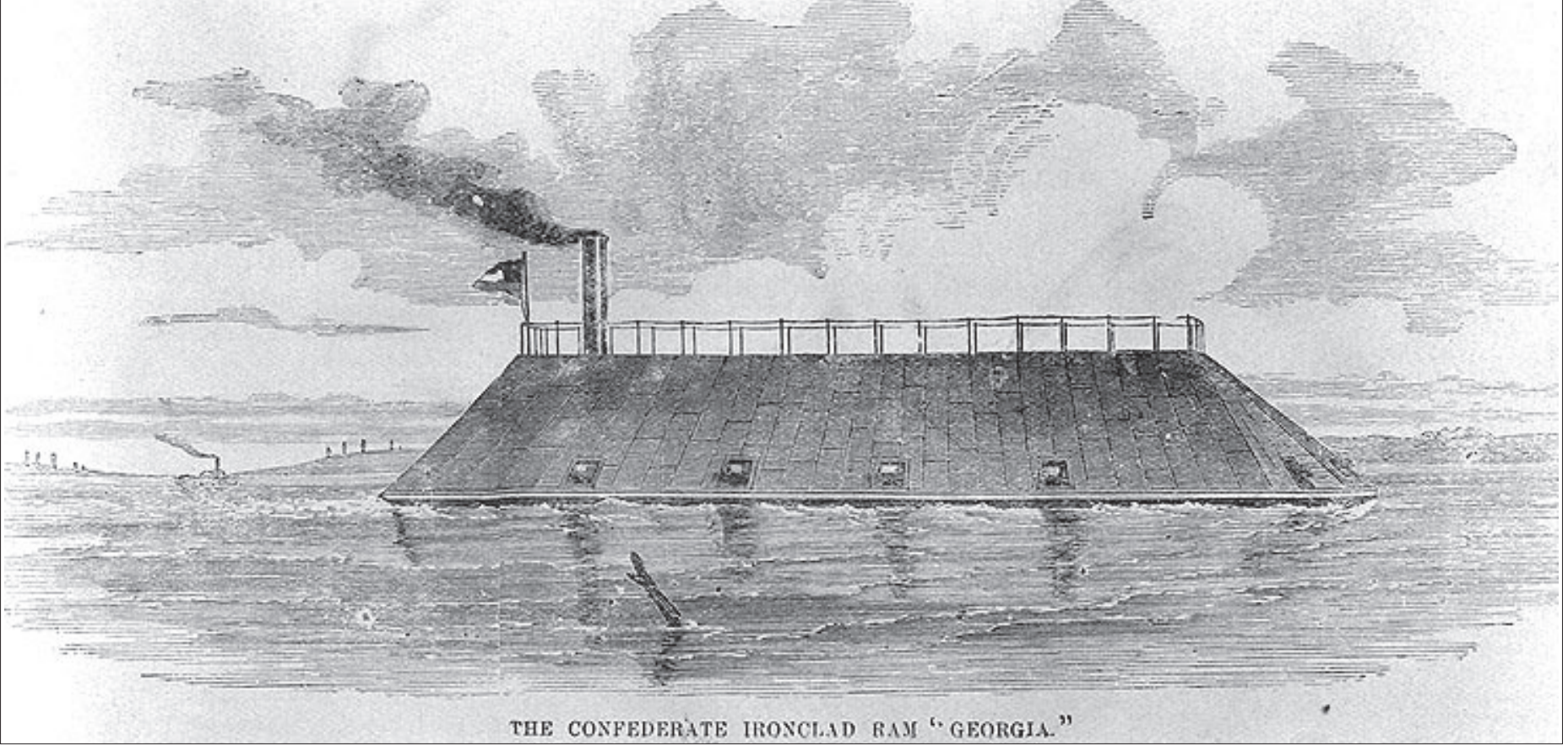


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The Confederate Ironclad Ram 'Georgia' Line engraving published in *The Soldier in Our Civil War*, Volume II, page 31, depicting CSS Georgia, an ironclad floating battery that served in the defenses of Savannah, Georgia. Despite the caption included in the original image, this vessel was not a ram. U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command Photograph.

Civil war era ship provides EOD historic opportunity

Story by:
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Deep under the murky waters of the Savannah River, laid a piece of sunken American History. The CSS Georgia was once part of the Confederate Navy during the Civil War, but was built too heavy to operate on its own steam, so it guarded against union advances into Savannah.

Since 1864, the ironclad has been underwater, and more than 150 years later, is being brought to the surface piece by piece.

Being the Civil War, the ship also contained ordnance and cannons that had never been fired. Approximately 120 rounds were pulled out of the water, and 15 of those will be made inert by Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort's explosive ordnance disposal team at the end of October.

"Navy EOD went hardhat-diving to where the ship sank and brought up the rounds," said GySgt. Vance Bercot, the EOD operations chief aboard MCAS Beaufort. "They tried to maintain the rounds in the same state as they found them so the explosives on the inside wouldn't dry out and become more hazardous."

The buckets remained submerged in water until the air station's EOD team picked them up.

"They are unfired rounds, which is an unarmed condition, so they are safe to transport," said Bercot. "We had to work with station ordnance to get block and bracing to help transport the cannonballs, and paperwork to transport hazardous materials on the roadways. We even got questioned about the foul smell from the old bombs as we were driving through the front gate."

The buckets were placed in metal cages, wrapped in wood, then strapped to the back of a truck to safely transport the ordnance, said Bercot.

"We plan on inerting them, cleaning them up, and giving them to a museum," said Bercot. "For us to be able to inert them, we have to find out their conditions. The Army Corps of Engineers will come and x-ray the ordnance for us to ensure they are safe to work on."

Performing this method will help the EOD Marines locate the fuses on the cannonballs, allowing a safer inert process.

The process will involve drilling holes into the cannon balls and rinsing them out to remove the explosive black powder on the inside.

MCAS Beaufort's EOD is a part of the historic moment, and is going to blow history right out of the water.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Samantha K. Torres

Unexploded ordnance from A Civil War Confederate Ship, the CSS Georgia, is safeguarded in cages by the explosive ordnance disposal team aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 29. The ship was pulled from the Savannah River in pieces by the Navy Explosive Ordnance Team for the past few months. The ship contained cannonballs and cannons that have never been fired, and at the end of October, MCAS Beaufort's EOD team will inert the 15 rounds they received from the Navy.

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MOS

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Chemical biological radiological and nuclear defense specialists are the Marines everyone sees operating in the gas chamber. Although the suits they don may look like something out of a horror movie, they are life-saving.

"While the Marine Corps has a first to fight mentality, sometimes we don't know what we are stepping into and embrace the unknown," said Sgt. Benjamin E. Frazier, a CBRN defense specialist with Marine Aircraft Group 31.

All the different jobs are crucial for the operation of the air station and keep the 'machinery' up and operating. Whether it is sitting behind a desk, turning a wrench, or fighting fires, every Marine plays their role for the air station and keeps the gears of the big machine moving.



Photo by Sgt. Aneshea Yee

Cpl. Sebastien Vachon has served approximately two and a half years in the Marine Corps as an aircraft rescue firefighter. Vachon has been awarded two meritorious masts, the first for responding to emergencies during the 2015 MCAS Beaufort Air Show, and the second for responding to a downed F-18 in Valdosta, GA. He is originally from Montreal, Canada, and is finishing out his time in Beaufort before serving as a Marine Security Guard. Vachon is with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Beaufort.

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HORNET

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The squadron brought fifteen F-18 aircraft, a mix of the B, C and D variants, to train aboard Fightertown. VMFAT-101 plans on flying every day to train as much as possible during their time in Beaufort. "We will fly a lot over the next few weeks," said Capt. Steve Bellevue, an instructor with VMFAT-101.

Most of the pilots visiting are in training and need to complete simulated missions to advance their training.

"There is a lot of training to do," said King. "We have several students that are preparing for training aboard a ship. A week after we return to Miramar, we are sending fourteen students off to carrier operations, so we will be doing field carrier landing exercises here. We also have some air to ground training with the local ranges here."

Field carrier landing practice is when pilots rehearse landing on an aircraft carrier. They simulate the conditions and restrictions of landing at sea. It's important to conduct the training on a flight line first to build their proficiency before they try it on the carrier.

"It's pretty amazing to see these pilots land on the ship for the first time," said King. "It's not a big target area and it is even more difficult at night."

To better simulate landing on ship, there is a silhouetted resemblance on the

flight line of an aircraft carrier deck complete with the wires used to stop the jet.

Usually twice a year, VMFAT-101, leaves Miramar and continues to train on another air station. This is the first time they have utilized MCAS Beaufort.

"Beaufort was chosen as our temporary home because many of its squadrons are deployed or training," said Bellevue. "Another reason is the support we get here. We have full support from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 and there is a flight simulator here that sets Beaufort apart from other air stations. Miramar and Beaufort are the only two places in the Marine Corps with F-18 flight simulators."

VMFAT-101 will hang their hat in one of Marine Aircraft Group 31's deployed squadron's hangars. "It's good to get away from home," said King. "It's feels good to get out of our comfort zone and be in a new place and get a change of scenery."

Although VMFAT-101 is far from home, the mission remains the same: training the most tactically efficient Hornet pilots.

"VMFAT-101 is by far one of the most aggressive squadrons," said King. "We train the future aviators and maintainers of the Marine Corps and Navy. I have Marines, sailors and contractors all working together here with me."



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonah Lovy

A Marine guides an F/A-18D Hornet on the flight line aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 24. The Hornet is from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and will train at MCAS Beaufort for three weeks. The Marine is with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533, Marine Aircraft Group 31. The Hornet is with Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101, MAG-11.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonah Lovy

An F/A-18C Hornet sits aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 24. Fifteen Jets from VMFAT-101 will train in Beaufort for the next three weeks. The Hornet is with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 101, Marine Aircraft Group 11.

DOMESTIC

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According to domesticviolencestatistics.org, one in three women have been a victim of abuse from a family member or loved one and it is the leading cause of injury to females. However, domestic violence affects both men and women.

"Victims can be male or female. We don't want to ever give the message that all victims are women because that is just not the case," said King. "The majority of cases with male victims goes unrecorded because they just do not want to report it."

One of the goals of Fix the Hurt is to help service members recognize the signs of domestic violence and know what to do if a friend or co-worker is in trouble. At the end of each performance there is a chance for the audience to speak up, share stories and ask questions.

"The response has been tremendous," said King. "The audience members that speak out during our question and answer session ask really important questions that help promote prevention. One of our many goals is to get people to open up and initiate that communication between their friends and their neighbors. We want viewers to understand what is appropriate to say and what does not help the situation."

The Marine Corps is an organization that looks out for its own so it is important for new Marines and their leadership to learn this information together. Every Marine has a responsibility to watch for the signs and help those in need.

"I am encouraged to see many senior Marines here today with the younger crew," said Holiman. "It's important for everyone in the chain of command to understand and appreciate the message presented. Domestic violence affects the Marine Corps and Navy in many ways and the best way for leaders to look out for everyone is to be educated about the warning signs."

"Domestic Violence: The Musical" has plans to continue touring the country and bring their message to military communities.

"Last year, we did 18 performances in five weeks across seven states," said King. "This year, we will have about 15 performances across six states. We are just happy that the military has latched on to this method of presenting domestic violence awareness and education."



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonah Lovy

"Domestic Violence: The Musical" begins at Lasseter Theatre Sept. 29. More than 300 Marines and sailors from the air station attended the performance to raise awareness and education about domestic violence.



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Caroline Wagner, left, and Patrick Adam perform a scene in "Domestic Violence: The Musical" at the Lasseter Theatre aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Sept. 29. The performance combined comedy, real-life situations, and audience participation to tell a story of a woman trapped in an abusive relationship. Wagner and Adam are performers with the Fix the Hurt Company.

Passage of command: Neller becomes 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Dunford set to become Joint Chiefs Chairman



Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green, right, hands the Marine Corps Battle Colors to 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., during the passage of command ceremony at Marine Corps Barracks Washington, D.C., Sept. 24. Dunford relinquished the position to Gen. Robert B. Neller, the 37th and new Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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WASHINGTON — General Robert Neller received the battle colors of the Marine Corps from Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr. during a passage of command ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, Sept. 24, signifying his new position as the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Neller, an East Lansing, Michigan, native and 40-year Marine veteran, assumes responsibility as the senior ranking officer of the Corps.

“I am honored, proud and humbled to be here,” Neller said. “I appreciate your support. Now let’s go do this.”

During the ceremony, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter spoke highly of Neller and his ability to lead the Marine Corps and spoke about his “greatest trait” — his love for the troops.

“They light up when he’s talking to them, and he lights up too,” Carter said.

Dunford, a Boston native, relinquished command of the Marine Corps after serving in the top post for less than a year.

“In his short but significant tenure, Gen. Dunford guided the Marine Corps during the final drawdown in Afghanistan, and maintained the Corps as the most formidable expeditionary fighting force that has ever existed,” said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. “He kept it ready to respond to any crisis throughout the globe in spite of budget constraints, threat of sequestration and the impact of continuing resolutions.”

During his time as the 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Dunford moved forward to meet challenges with his planning

guidance stressing innovation, adaption and winning America’s battles.

“I feel fortunate because a few minutes ago Gen. Neller became my commandant,” said Dunford. “Just like all the other Marines and sailors, I have the good fortune to have a leader who’s passionate, has extraordinary operational capability, and he has extraordinary energy and vision to take us into the future. We couldn’t be in better hands.”

Dunford will assume his new position as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sept. 25.



Gen. Robert B. Neller, right, and Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., salute during a pass in review portion of their passage of command ceremony at Marine Corps Barracks Washington, D.C., Sept. 24. Dunford, 36th and former Commandant of the Marine Corps, relinquished the position to Gen. Robert B. Neller, the 37th and new Commandant of the Marine Corps.



Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. hands the Marine Corps Battle Colors to Gen. Robert B. Neller during their passage of command ceremony at Marine Corps Barracks Washington, D.C., Sept. 24. Gen. Dunford relinquished the position to Gen. Robert B. Neller, the 37th and new Commandant of the Marine Corps. Dunford is the 36th and former Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Bravo battery splashes down on San Clemente Island

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SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, Calif — The wind from roaring fans propels a Landing Craft Air Cushion through the ocean to ensure the arrival of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment onto San Clemente Island, Calif. Sept. 24. This was the beginning of Supporting Arms Coordination Center Exercise for the integrated 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Amphibious Squadron 1.

SACCEX is the first exercise in which the battery conducts coordinated missions with their naval and air counterparts.

After arriving at their first staging area, Battery B received their ammunition via a MV-22 Osprey from the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 166 Reinforced, the air combat element for the 13th MEU. The Osprey off-loaded an Internally Transportable Vehicle towing the rounds that were used during SACCEX.

“With the composition of the 13th MEU’s elements, we have a wider range of capabilities,” said Capt. Sean Wolterman, the air officer with the 13th MEU.

It was very interesting to see so many different elements come together as one, said Lance Cpl. Jerson A. Gilces, a cannoneer with Battery B.

Once the ammunition was loaded, the battery’s vehicles were assembled into a convoy and the battery quickly made it to the area of operations where they conduct live-fire missions.

The Marines and sailors of the battery quickly spotted the naval vessel and attack helicopter firing on the same objective as them.

“Seeing the ship fire at the same area we were targeting left me in awe,” said Lance Cpl. Travis Capps, an ammo chief with the battery.

As the battery continued their suppressive fire on the objective into the wee hours of the night, they were supported by their mortar brothers, who fired illumination rounds into the sky in order to maintain sight of the objective.

“I did not expect to see a ship assaulting the same objective as us,” said Sgt. Rudy J. Rodriguez II, a section chief with the battery, “let alone attack helicopters.”

The combination of the ground combat element, air combat element and logistic combat element along with the ARG has made the PHIBRON-MEU team a force in readiness.

As the Marines and sailors of the 13th MEU re-embarked the USS New Orleans, they had received their first taste of working as a cohesive unit with PHIBRON 1. As SACCEX comes to a close, the 13th MEU, slated for two more at-sea periods with their naval counterparts, continues to further strengthen the rope that is the PHIBRON-MEU team.



A Landing Craft Air Cushion splashes onto San Clemente Island, Calif., during Supporting Arms Coordination Center Exercise Sept. 24. This exercise is the first the Marines and ailers will work together at sea as they prepare for deployment to the Pacific and Central Command areas of responsibility in early 2016.



Captain Sean Wolterman coordinates the landing of an MV-22B Osprey onto San Clemente Island, Calif., Sept. 24. The exercise is the first the Marines and Sailors will work together at sea as they prepare for deployment to the Pacific and Central Command areas of responsibility in early 2016. Wolterman is the air officer for the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

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