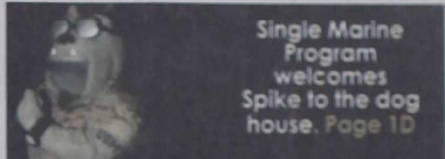




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WASHINGTON

President orders 17,000 soldiers, 4,000 Marines to Afghanistan

By GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama ordered a Marine expeditionary brigade and an Army Stryker brigade combat team totaling 12,000 soldiers and 4,000 Marines to Afghanistan.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates signed the orders on Feb. 17. The soldiers are part of the 2nd Infantry Division's Stryker Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Lewis, Colo., and the Marines serve with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade from Camp Lejeune.

Of the 12,000, 4,000 are Marines and the remaining 8,000 are Army soldiers. Both units will deploy later this spring.

This is the president's first major deployment decision. "There is no more solemn duty as president than the decision to commit our armed forces into the world's way," Pres. Obama said in a written statement released by the White House. "I do it today mindful that the situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan demands urgent action and swift action."

The president's decision calls for up to 17,000 service members to deploy. The 5,000 Army soldiers and Marines are "enabler forces," Defense Department officials said. These troops generally deploy in smaller units and cover such essential capabilities as engineering, command and control, communication, intelligence and military police.

The deployment partially fulfills the request that Army Gen. David D. McKiernan made upon taking command of the 1st Infantry Division in Afghanistan last year. Gen. McKiernan is the commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and 1st Forces Afghanistan.

"Gen. McKiernan's request is months old, and the fact that we are going to responsibly wind down our forces in Iraq shows us the flexibility to increase our presence in Afghanistan," the president said.

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Photo by Cpl. Jason Spinella



Photo by Cpl. Michael Bianco



Photo by Lance Cpl. Donminic Young



Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducts a mock terrorist camp after coming ashore via Combat Rubber Raider Craft during a jungle raid training exercise at Recon Beach during Exercise Cobra Gold 2009.

Photo by Cpl. Jason Spinella

SAMAESAN, THAILAND

Royal Thai, U.S. Marines finish strong during Cobra Gold 2009

CPL. JASON SPINELLA
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

As the only forward deployed Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Asia-Pacific region, the 31st MEU is constantly on call and out at sea. Throughout the year, the MEU conducts a variety of exercises and operations focusing on humanitarian assistance, military operations, and most often, bilateral

training. Exercise Cobra Gold 2009 is no exception.

From Feb. 7 through 17, approximately 800 Marines and sailors with the 31st MEU, along with its ground combat element, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines; logistics element, Combat Logistics Battalion 31; and aviation combat element comprised of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (Reinforced) and Marine Attack Squadron 211, hit the ground and airspace of the Royal Kingdom

of Thailand and conducted various training events with the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

Training included mock amphibious assaults, helicopter raids, Non-combatant Evacuation Operations, as well as Jungle Warfare Training and Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear defense training, all focusing on military interoperability and strengthening professional partnership with the Royal Thai armed forces.

Lt. Col. Stuart Lockhart, the

executive officer of the 31st MEU said, Cobra Gold '09 was an excellent opportunity for the Marines of the MEU to reinforce their jungle tactics and fortify teamwork and cohesion with the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

"The purpose of Cobra Gold, as a whole, is to work together during operations, critique each other and show our strong suits," said Lockhart. "It allows us to work together."

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CAMP RAMADI, IRAQ

Maintenance platoon assists 1st IA Division with logistical capabilities

CPL. BOBBIE A. CURTIS
2nd Marine Logistics Group
(FWD)

Coalition forces have focused a lot of attention on building the confidence of the Iraqi Army and security forces in Anbar province, Iraq, to help them become more capable of sustaining peace on their own.

According to military advisers with Military Transition Team 0110, who are the advisers to 1st Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division, the IA still

has room for improvement in some areas, mainly logistics.

"Logistics is still the Achilles' heel of the IA," said Lt. Col. George S. Benson, the MiTT 0110 team chief. "It's still the problem area."

During December 2008, Marines from Maintenance Platoon, Combat Logistics Company 51, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, started helping the MiTT in their mission of improving the brigade's logistics capabilities by showing the Iraqis more efficient ways

to run their vehicle maintenance sections.

"We are teaching them about the components of vehicles, troubleshooting procedures and how to fix them," said Cpl. Bryan T. Seabrook, a mechanic with Maintenance Platoon. "We have also shown them how to completely organize and run a maintenance shop."

Seabrook said the Iraqi brigade has made a great deal of progress since his fellow

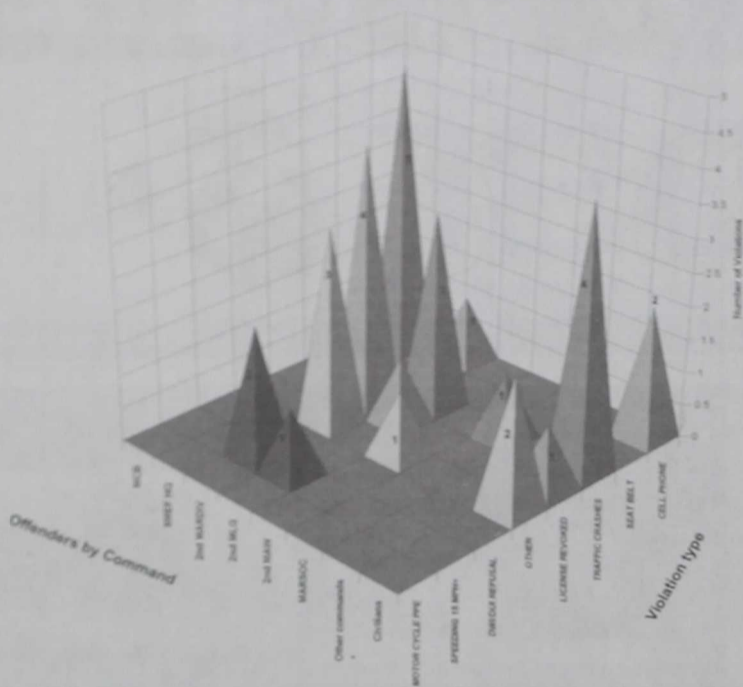
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Photo by Cpl. Bobbie A. Curtis

A major in the Iraqi Army's 1st Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division, discusses vehicle maintenance logbooks with U.S. Marines at Camp Ramadi, Iraq, Feb. 12.

Traffic violations aboard Camp Lejeune



This graph represents traffic violations and Driving While Intoxicated / Driving Under the Influence refusals for Camp Lejeune during the week of Feb. 15 through Saturday. Traffic violations are defined as: driving while license revoked, speeding in excess of 15 mph or over, traffic crashes, seatbelt, cellular telephone and motorcycle personal protective equipment violations.

Source: Command Inspector General's Office for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

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MAN ON THE STREET

If you could cut spending in the Marine Corps or make it more efficient, how would you do it?



1st Lt. Tyler J. Anderson
1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment
Springfield, Miss.

"Cut out the purchasing of MR-2s and side saps."



Cpl. Leanne D. Neal
2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group
Paducah, Ky.

"People go on TAI or on training when they don't need to be there. There needs to be more controls over spending, especially when it is so much money being spent carelessly."



Staff Sgt. Christopher Jones
Headquarters and Support Battery, 10th Marine Regiment
Mobile, Ala.

"I would like to see the Marine Corps build barracks quicker and more efficiently."



Lance Cpl. Fernando Ortiz
3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment
Houston

"The Marine Corps needs to get serious about what we really use and what we don't. I am with Weasner Company and we have stuff that we have never touched and don't have stuff that we really need."



Amber L. McIntyre
Military spouse and academic counselor for Campbell College
Pittsburg, Pa.

"The Marine Corps needs to realize what units need and use, because units buy gear they know they will never use, just to keep budgets inflated for the future."

NewsWatch

MARSOC 3rd Anniversary Cake Cutting and Annual Awards Ceremony will take place 11 a.m. Monday at the Goeltz Memorial Field House. The event is open to all active duty reserve and retired Marines, sailors, DOD civilians, the families and all friends of MARSOC.

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CAMP RIPPER, IRAQ

Education remains important while deployed

LANCE CPL. ALAN ADDISON
Regimental Combat Team 8

Many Marines often join the corps seeking a chance to further their education. Some don't realize the opportunity is afforded to them, not only at military installations in the U.S., but even while deployed.

"Knowledge is power. If a Marine takes advantage of education opportunities while they're in the military, it can help make them be more competitive within their military occupation specialty and in the civilian workforce," said Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Forbes, administration chief for Regimental Combat Team 8. For young Marines, it's the perfect time to take classes. There are plenty of other Marines who are willing to give them a hand with their classes and help them succeed.

Forbes not only encourages his Marines to take college courses, but he has also enrolled in classes. "How can I expect my Marines to listen to me if I'm not setting a good example to follow," said Forbes. "I have completed close to 71 credits and I plan on getting a lot more done while I'm here." Forbes said he's working toward a degree in human resources.

Assistant operations chief for RCT-8, Master Sgt. James Emch, works with Marines to help them complete necessary documents in order to enroll in classes.

"I help Marines with the first steps of what to look for when enrolling in classes. I also work as a liaison for the education center at Camp Lejeune," Emch said.

He said Marines should jump at the opportunity to better themselves and set themselves up for a successful future. Emch also said with the current operations tempo in Iraq, there is no excuse why every Marine in RCT-8 can't take at least one college course while here.

It takes a little more than leadership to motivate Marines to further their education. It takes a high level of self-motivation and dedication.

"I have no excuse not to take advantage of the opportunity. It's 100 percent free," said Sgt. Bruno Macedo, administration noncommissioned officer in charge.

"You can come to Al Asad, work hard and only earn an Iraqi campaign medal, or you can earn your medal and possibly a degree too," Macedo said.

Although Macedo took some time to decide whether he would continue his education, he says he now understands the urgency of obtaining a good education.

"I know I have to get out of the military some time. Whether it's in three years or 11 years, I want to make sure I have all the tools I need in order to be successful," Macedo said.

Not only are Marines getting the opportunity to work toward associate and bachelor degrees, some Marines are going even further. Cpl. Nathan Munoz, an RCT-8 armorer, has already obtained his bachelor's degree in computer science and is working toward his master's in the same field.

"I realize that having my bach-

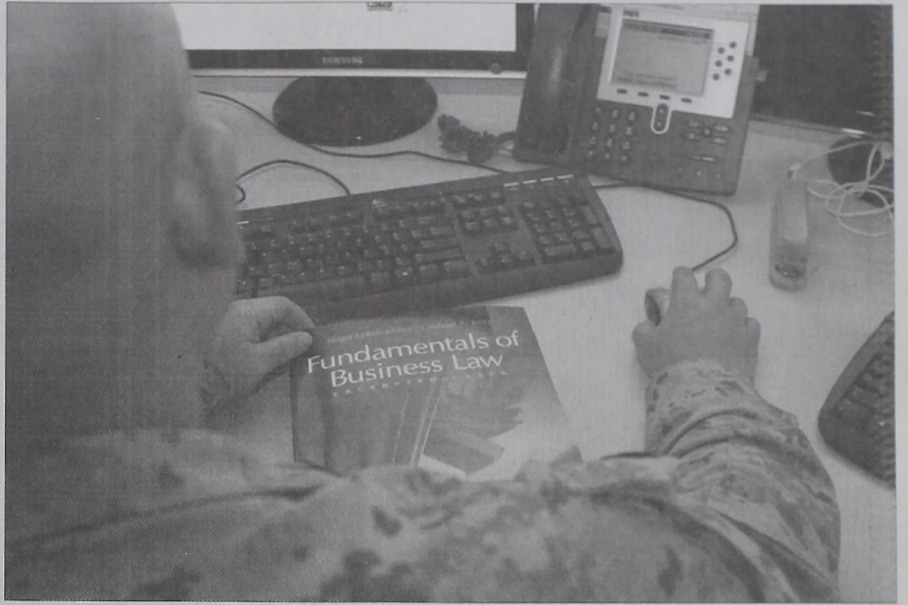


Photo by Lance Cpl. Alan Addison

No matter where Marines find themselves, they always have the opportunity to further their education. A good education can help Marines stay competitive within the Marine Corps, as well as in the civilian world.

elor's degree gave me the opportunity to get my foot in the door, but I feel that if I really want to be successful I have to continue my education," Munoz said.

Munoz said that taking classes while deployed is a nice allowance. Even with his work schedule, he felt

he has more than enough time to complete a few classes.

In today's society, education is a cornerstone in helping individuals succeed in finding a successful career. Not only does education help in the civilian sector, but also proves to be helpful within the Marine Corps.

No matter where Marines may find themselves, they can always seek education opportunities the Marine Corps offers.

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FRP: More than a name change

GUNNERY SGT. BRYCE PIPER
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Last week's edition of The Globe discussed More than a name change, an article about the Marine Corps' implementation and funding of the new Family Readiness Program, including hiring a professional Family Readiness Officer. 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit Commander Col. Mark Desens stressed the purpose of the program is to support combat readiness and longtime volunteer Janice Capdepon shared her experiences with family programs from the 80s to today.

Fundamental change

As with any new program, Desens said making the transition can be difficult, particularly when Marines and families are used to the old system.

"It's not as easy as flipping a switch," Desens said. Hanging on to past experiences can hinder a leader's understanding and proper utilization of the new program, he said.

"This is different," Desens continued. "It's not Key Volunteers Network. This is professional information, resource and referral. The FRO is a member of your staff, a key leader in ensuring your command is prepared - just like your adjutant or your logistics officer."

A new paradigm

"We were trying to put into practice what hadn't completely gotten written into policy," said 26th MEU FRO Kelly Cotton. "And quite honestly, we're all still trying to wrap our hands around some of the new paradigm. This was more than a name change, but I don't think any of us (FRO, command team or assistants) realized how much more until we began working through the new paradigm," she said.

"This is a clean break from the KVN," said Desens. "The new FRP professionalizes family readiness within the operating forces by a wide variety of training, additional resources, budgets, equipment and a paid family readiness professional," he said.

"The key enabler," Desens continued, "of this new professionalized family readiness program is the hiring of full-time Family Readiness Officers with credentials and training commensurate with their responsibilities."

Desens said the emphasis the Marine Corps has placed in the new program is evident in appropriated funding and training. With a professional, paid FRO, the new paradigm allows commanders to fully inte-

grate Family Readiness into staff planning and execution, creating a professional link between the command, immediate families, and extended families, he said.

Reweaving the social fabric

Janice Capdepon, involved with family readiness more than 28 years, said while she's glad to see the program move back to information and referral, there was great value to the social aspect developed with Key Wives and Key Volunteers.

"In my own experience it was other spouses who helped and assisted me when I was adjusting to Marine Corp life," explained Janice. She said impersonal modern communication cannot replace true social interaction.

Cotton agrees innovations like the Mass Communication Tool, a new system for sending messages to families, are technological wonders, but are no substitute for true human interaction.

"Technology has done wonderful things for us," said Cotton. "But it can never replace the true sense of togetherness, friendship and camaraderie that comes through social gatherings. We always hear what a small 'family' the Marine Corps is and how likely it is you will cross paths again with someone you know."

The new FRP has not neglected this important social aspect. Family events now have centralized planning and official budgets. Cotton has helped organize robust family events throughout the MEU's deployment. Fall saw MEU families at the Harvest Fest, bowling in November, and in December families attended a Holiday Party, complete with gifts and a visit by Santa and his elves. January offered both Spouses in the Midst (sponsored by MCFTB) and a bunco-game night.

Cotton teams with other FROs and MCFTB to get MEU children to "Kids N Deployment" and Return and Reunion workshops in preparation for the MEU's homecoming.

"Social interaction is one of the challenges of the new program I think commanders have to think hard about," said Desens. "I believe many spouses (and Marines) have a natural reluctance to call a FRO or Family Readiness Assistant they don't know and feel a connection to. Ideally, I'd like them to get to know their FRO and (Family Readiness Assistants) during the course of being

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A.P. HILL, VA.

Civilians get taste of military life

LANCE CPL. CASEY JONES
2nd Marine Division

Local council members, county officials, and Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, gathered recently to get a brief display of military life and to highlight the importance of training at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

"Seeing what goes on the installation has personally given me a better understanding of military life," said Gregory Killough, the superintendent of Caroline County schools.

To show how service members live, the guests were given a tour of the base and had the opportunity to eat a Meal-Ready-to-Eat.

"The MRE was actually pretty good," Killough said. "It was much better than what I would've ever thought."

All of the guests and service members in attendance agreed the base plays a crucial role in training today's warriors.

"I think the training at A.P. Hill is very valuable," said Gary Skinner, a retired lieutenant colonel and a board supervisor. "Being a former Marine and knowing the value of going into combat ready, this is the type of material we need to have our young troops learn. So whenever they do go into a combat situation, they can have the confidence they will take over the enemy."

"You would never put your young son in a car before he knows how to drive, so we should never put any of our young people in combat until they are ready to go."

The guests also discussed any concerns they had in regards to the base. The concern most voiced by the group was the noise, but that to them was still considered minor.

"Sometimes the installation will receive a noise complaint and we try to mitigate complaints by holding gather-

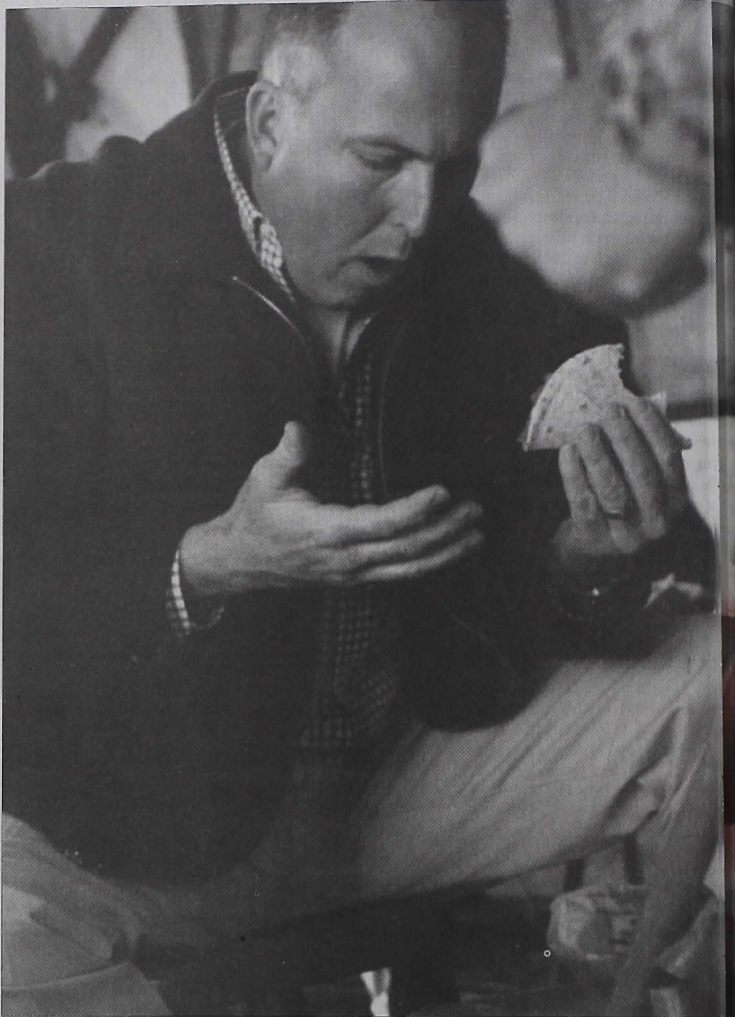


Photo by Lance Cpl. Casey Jones. A local community council member tastes a beef enchilada Meal Ready to Eat during a brief gathering recently. Several civilians came aboard the installation to get a brief display of military life and to highlight the importance of training at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

ings and meetings like this to discuss when and where we're doing to be conducting training," said Christopher Joyner, the installation's public affairs officer.

Skinner said the local communities and Fort A.P. Hill have a wonderful working re-

lationship and quickly solve any problems that may come up.

"We know how important the training is, so we work together," Skinner said. "We don't have a lot of problems with the noise and people don't really bring it up because

we all know how important the training is. I think we can solve any problems with effective communications."

After the meeting, the county officials thanked the service members for their hospitality and continued touring the installation's training sites.

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WASHINGTON

Marines fight through burning pain to qualify as OC spray instructors

JACOB H. HARRER
The Barracks 8th & I

On a crisp day at the athletic field of Marine Barracks Washington D.C., Marines practiced take-downs and holds on each other in preparation for a training exercise. One hour later, the instructor would turn to tears as the Marines were sprayed with one of the most potent non-lethal chemical agents used by law enforcement.

ploy OC in an effective manner," said Cpl. Flynn Dillard, corporal of the guard. "It's important we realize the consequences of using it on somebody, and we have an idea of how that person will react."

While OC spray training is mandatory for Marines who serve in any of the three security companies of the Barracks, ceremonial marchers also participated in the qualification.

Company B sent five Marines to become instructors to qualify the entire company for the use of OC spray, said Staff Sgt. Samuel Bass, platoon sergeant for 1st platoon, Company B. As a secondary mission, ceremonial marchers must be prepared to con-

duct riot control. The company plans to become the first of the ceremonial marching companies to become proficient in the use of OC spray.

The Marines in line appeared cheerful in spite of the vicious training they were about to receive. They were briefed about the effects of the spray, and they anticipated the burning sensations in their eyes and on their skin, along with involuntary movements, tightening in the chest, excess mucus and loss of control.

"It's the most painful experience of your life," said Cpl. Terry Mandrell, a guard Marine who had previously qualified. "There have been women who have given birth who say OC is more painful."

"It's brutal, it's intense — it's a malicious act," Dillard

added.

Before being sprayed, Marines paired up and stood with their hands behind their backs. They were then asked a series of questions confirming they understood what was happening before closing their eyes and waiting. The instructors then stood at a distance, holding the canister as far away from their body as possible, before squirting a stream of liquid directly onto the student's eyelids, turning the skin bright red wherever it made contact. The students were then instructed to open their eyes.

Immediately, the Marines sprinted through a training course, taking down training dummies who were dressed in bright red protective body



Cpl. Jacob H. Harrer
Cpl. Lorenzo Williams, body bearer, Company B, Marine Barracks Washington, vigorously washes oleoresin capicum spray from his face during nonlethal tactics training at Marine Barracks Washington, Feb. 17.

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CORPSMEN UP



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Seaman Apprentice Byron Fjeld, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, carries a mock casualty during the tactical combat casualty care course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, Camp Gonsalves.



OKINAWA, JAPAN

Navy docs take tactical combat casualty care course

LANCE CPL. PAUL D. ZELLNER
Marine Corps Bases Japan

In teams of four and five, the corpsmen came out of the jungle and prepared to clear the houses of Smallville, a training area at the Jungle Warfare Training Center located on Camp Gonsalves in Okinawa's remote northern training area. As they neared their first house a simulated firefight commenced.

The sailors began to take cover and return fire. When two of the team members were declared casualties of the simulated firefight, they were told what their designated injury was and had to act the part. Their team members had to get them to safety, treat them properly and call in a medical evacuation, all while still being in the firefight.

The sailors incorporated tactical combat casualty care into the Jungle Skills Course at JWTC Feb. 11 to prepare them for potential deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. Though the training focused on corpsman, several combat-bound Navy religious program specialists bound for combat also took part in the training.

"They got a small taste of how hectic everything will be under fire," said Petty Officer 1st Class Hans Jacobs, a Navy diver assigned to the 3rd Marine Division surgeon's office, and the coordinator of the exercise. "They have to really think and remem-

ber all their training.

Course instructors critiqued every move and exercise, which added stress from the simulation.

"This was the 'stress inoculation,'" Capt. John LaBarr, 3rd Marine Division surgeon, said. "They need to be proficient in basic first aid skills to the point that it's second nature to them."

Corpsmen are the Marines when you're in combat and could be the difference between who can treat the wounded and who can't, depending on the situation.

"The first 15 minutes after someone is wounded are the most critical. You can add many hours to someone's life during that golden hour. It's a trauma resuscitation course. They're essential tools and you have to understand the stress of it," he said.

The golden hour is immediately after someone is severely wounded. It is the time when if the proper care is rendered during that golden hour a victim's survival are much greater.

"At the end of the course, you will know you can take care of a corpsman enough to get them to a Marine's lives in his hands," said Sgt. Steve Chang, a tactical combat casualty care instructor with the 3rd Marine Division.

The sailors will need to complete a tactical combat casualty care course before deployment.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Bobby J. Yarbrough
Seaman Apprentice Byron Fjeld, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, uses a PRC-119 radio to request a medical evacuation during a tactical combat casualty care course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Bobby J. Yarbrough
(Far left) Petty Officer 2nd Class Rene Luchalem, a religious program specialist for Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, is buddy dragged to a landing zone during a simulated combat casualty care course.

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(left) Seaman Froilan Bundall, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, treats a mock casualty during a tactical combat casualty care course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, Camp Gonsalves.

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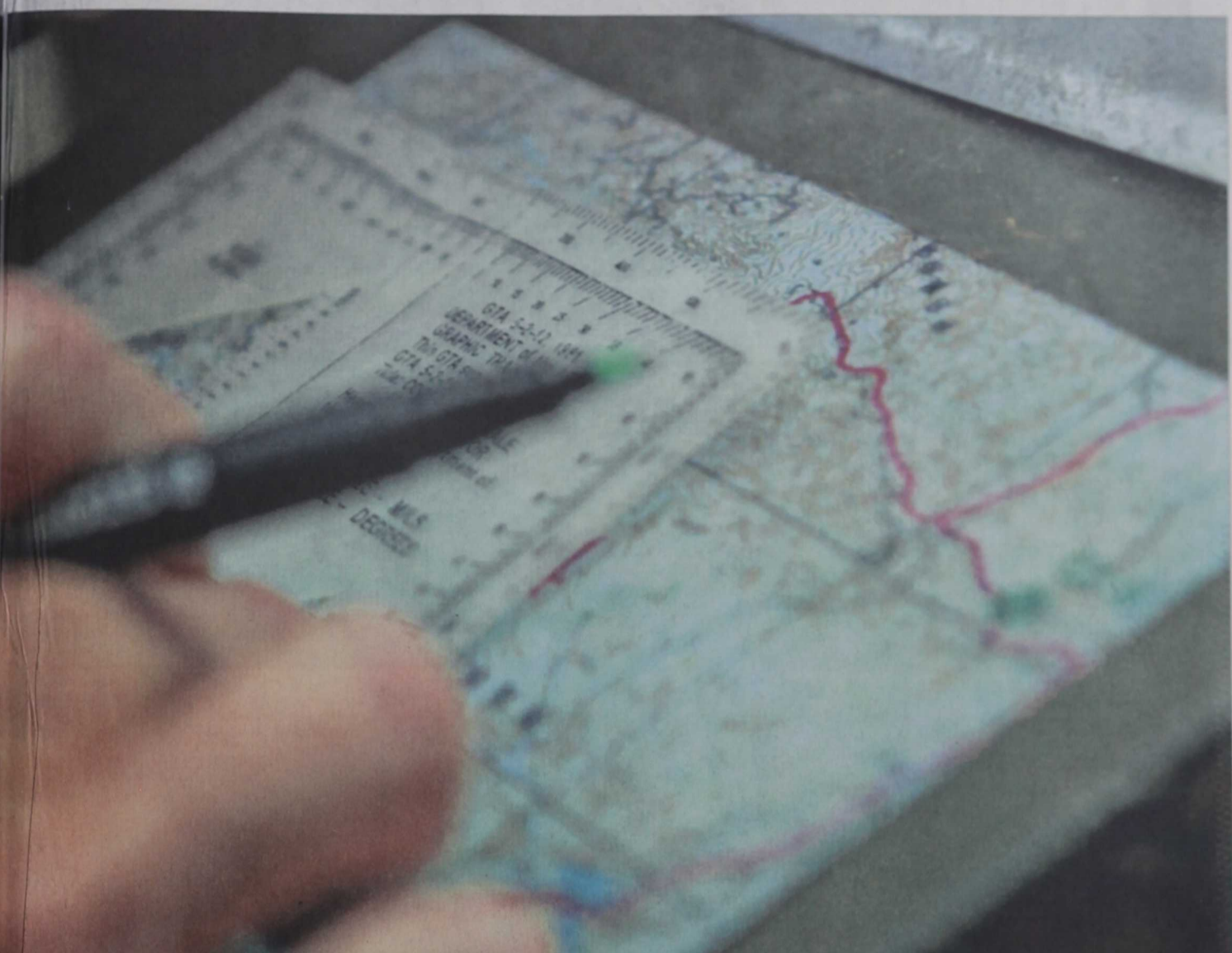


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A team member plots points before beginning a land navigation exercise during the jungle skills course. Land navigation was just one of the skills sailors had to complete during the course.



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Seaman Dustin Myers, religious specialist with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, provides cover for simulated casualty Petty Officer 2nd Class Rene Luchalemus, a religious program specialist for Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, during a combat casualty care course.

“They got a small taste of how hectic everything will be under fire. They have to really think and remember all their training.”

Petty Officer 1st Class Hans Jacobs, 3rd Marine Division Surgeon's office

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Hospital Corpsman Apprentice Byron Fjeld, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, provides medical care for a mock casualty during a tactical combat casualty care course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.



Photo by Sgt. Elsa Portillo

Senegalese Special Forces soldiers practice a technique that uses pressure points in order to gain control of an individual during a nonlethal tactics seminar. This is just one of a variety of seminars the Marines with Marine Advisor are conducting in support of Africa Partnership Station 2009. It is an initiative that partners U.S. forces with host nation forces in order to promote maritime safety and security in the region.



Photo by Sgt. Elsa Portillo

Senegalese Special Forces participate in a riot formation, which is a portion of the nonlethal tactics seminar.

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Senegalese Special Forces welcome Marines for Africa Partnership Station

ELSA PORTILLO
The Forces Africa

Marines with Marine Advisor came ashore Feb. 3, en route to Thies Military Reservation in Thies, Senegal, in support of Africa Partnership Station 2009.

Senegal is the first of six countries Marines will visit in support of APS Nashville. The U.S. is partnering U.S. forces with host nation security forces in order to promote maritime

safety and security. Each country will have seminars specific to their needs and include such topics as patrolling, Marine Corps martial arts, motor transportation operations, intelligence, non-lethal tactics, combat lifesaver skills and armory procedures.

"The training really helps me out," said Pfc. Sidy Badiane, Senegalese Special Forces. "I can take my experience and the U.S. Marines' experience, and we can share it."

This collaboration taught the Senegalese some Marine tactics, but it also brought forward issues to be addressed. The host nation soldiers continually asked about how to prevent heat exhaustion and treat snake bites, commented Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan M. Clough, MAT. He also said training was not originally on the agenda, but it was added to the curriculum in order to meet their needs.

Another course that brought new lessons to the soldiers was

the nonlethal tactics seminar.

"Today, they learned some new things in nonlethal training," said Lt. Dame Ka, platoon leader, Senegalese Special Forces. "Here in our country, the shield is used by police and security police, not so much by the army."

The Senegalese soldiers have worked with American forces before, so not all the training was new. However, they said they enjoyed practicing and interacting with fellow military

service members.

"I am really satisfied with the training," said Abdou Magib Dianko, Senegalese Special Forces. "It may be the first time you have come here, but we have worked with other American military before. We really appreciate when they come here to work with us."

The Marines still have more on the schedule in the coming days. The soldiers will have the opportunity to shoot on the range, conduct military opera-

tions in urban terrain and continue with more in-depth first aid seminars. However, satisfaction is already felt on both sides of this mission and in both a personal and professional manner.

"The most rewarding part is going into this environment, expecting the unknown and being able to walk out heads held high, knowing that we've made a lasting impression," said Staff Sgt. Denny Meadows, MAT, advisor.

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SHOUZ, HERAT PROVINCE, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Marines instruct Afghan National Police recruits



Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian Jones

An Afghan national policeman learns to shoot a pistol at the Shouz Police Training Center, Herat province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Feb. 9. Marines of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), the ground combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Afghanistan, assist in mentoring and instructing the ANP at the center. SPMAGTF-A stands with the Afghans as a strategic partner in building an effective and sustainable security force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian Jones
 Afghan national police recruits stand in a formation while awaiting the lowering of the national ensign at the Shouz Police Training Center, Herat province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Feb. 9. Marines of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), the ground combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Afghanistan, assist in mentoring and instructing the ANP at the center. Marines train and mentor the ANP in order to provide the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with a professional police force able to provide security for its people.



LANCE CPL. BRIAN D. JONES
 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment

Five Marine noncommissioned officers are making a difference in the lives of Afghans through their personal interaction with Afghan national police recruits at the Shouz Police Training Center in Herat Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The select group of Marines from 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), the ground combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Afghanistan, have been working closely with the ANP and its recruits, assisting in mentoring and instructing since mid-January. Their goal is simple, help the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan develop a sustainable police force.

"I actually feel like we are making a difference out here," said Sgt. Nicholas Fagerquist, the senior NCO among the five Marines. "We're not even finished yet and (the policemen) have great military discipline, they're eager to learn, they're motivated, they're being proactive, opposed to being reactive, and that's something you don't usually see."

American law enforcement instructors lead the eight-week program at Shouz, while empowering Afghan police instructors to train the police recruits. Stepping in, to lead by example, the Marines offer their help to the students and instructors assisting them in meeting the required training objectives. The Marines invoke leadership qualities among the students by doing what Marines do best, teaching the ANP recruits how to step up and take a leadership role among their peers.

"We make them realize that (being a policeman) is more than a (paycheck), it's a big responsibility," said Cpl. Thomas A. Moss.

The American law enforcement instructors at Shouz utilize the Marines' skills for teaching military tactics, techniques and procedures. Together, they're trying to develop a police force that can both apprehend criminals and suppress insurgent attacks.

"It's not like in the United States, where a cop responds to a call," Moss said. "They have to deal with drug smugglers more often, and they have to deal with people attacking their compound."

The cadre of Marines has firsthand knowledge of the situations the ANP are faced with here and recognizes which

training objectives need to be sized, based on their own experience patrolling with the ANP in different districts. Because of this, the Marines' valuable insight to the American law enforcement instructors' approach to training the ANP.

The Marines' efforts go well beyond the classroom. They have developed working relationships with the ANP instructors and recruits at the center through the help of interpreters. Through conversation, they have found the common ground between the two groups.

"I feel we have built a really strong bridge with the working relationships between us and the (Afghans)," said Fagerquist. "I've never had any problems with the Afghan locals, and now I enjoy being with them even more."

Moss said, when the Marines first met the recruits they were shunned by the Afghans and the recruits didn't want to speak to them, but that is not the case now. Afghans have a greater understanding of what the Marines' role is within their country and not only trust them, but they like them as well.

"They're no longer students, they're co-workers," said Fagerquist.

Once training is complete, the Marines plan to return to the Afghan province with the newly trained police.

"It's going to show the community that Marines are here, we do care, we are here to help them and enable them to be a better country," said Moss. "We're not here to be an occupying force, we're here to help them out to the best of our ability."

"We know that most of these people really do care about their province, they're not just here to make money," said Moss. "They actually want to help their community better."

The Marines continue to train and mentor the ANP in order to provide the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with an effective, sustainable and professional police force. As they become capable of sustaining law and order and force development, Marines will have more responsibilities over time.

"I know they're going to help more and vice versa," said Fagerquist. "They're not just looking the role, they're being the role. I know it's going to increase the tempo of the missions and hammering down on the bad guys."

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can learn, and they can... Whether it was during class-demonstrations or execu-

shared their expertise, changing a routine boat raid into a learning opportunity for their American counterparts.

ground, the experience not only taught them about the procedures for the moment in the jungle, but a deeper understanding of their Marine Corps ethos and traditional infantry tactics.

tries placed further emphasis on jungle tactics during Cobra Gold's Jungle Warfare Training evolution. Thai Marines with Company A, Royal Thai Marine Reconnaissance Battalion, showed the MEU Marines methods of establishing shelter, using native wildlife, fruits and plants for nutrition, and jungle-environment medical procedures.

the MEU's ground sensor platoon. "Throughout the entire exercise of Cobra Gold, there has been a great exchange of knowledge, this training right here possibly being the most beneficial."

trainer and Sattahip, Thailand native. "We enjoy learning about the Marines' equipment and weapons."

FROM 5A

s. They had to execute correct non-lethal techniques and spraying procedures while coping with the adverse effects of the spray. The training ended after the pair of students used teamwork to take down a dummy.

ORDERS FROM 1A

Both units had been slated to deploy to Iraq. They will be based in Regional Command South, Defense Department officials said.

strain this deployment places on our troops and military families. I honor their service and will give them the support they need."

sets are needed in the rough terrain of Afghanistan. Gen. McKiernan has asked for another brigade combat team, or its equivalent.

FROM 4A

olved in the "social fabric" of a command. This is where command-sponsored activities and Family Days are so important. In, if they do need assistance, they are talking to someone they already know and trust."

CAPABILITIES FROM 1A

Marines and he first started teaching the Iraqis and they have applied much of the advice given. "They added a tool room, parts room, tire shop and started maintaining vehicle records," he said.

"We're going to make a turnover of everything we have taught the Iraqis so far," Seabrook said. "We also plan to advise CLB-4 on what to continue teaching them."

Editor's note: Continued in More Than a Name Change Part which discusses hiring the right FRO and ensuring he is properly trained.

Marine Corps Association Luncheon

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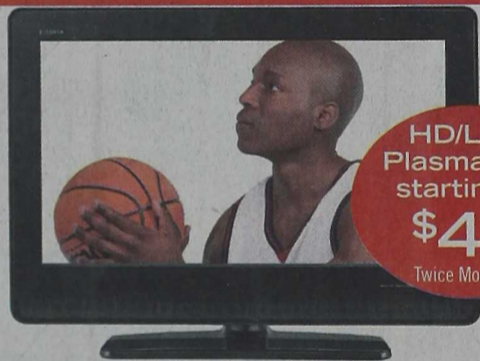


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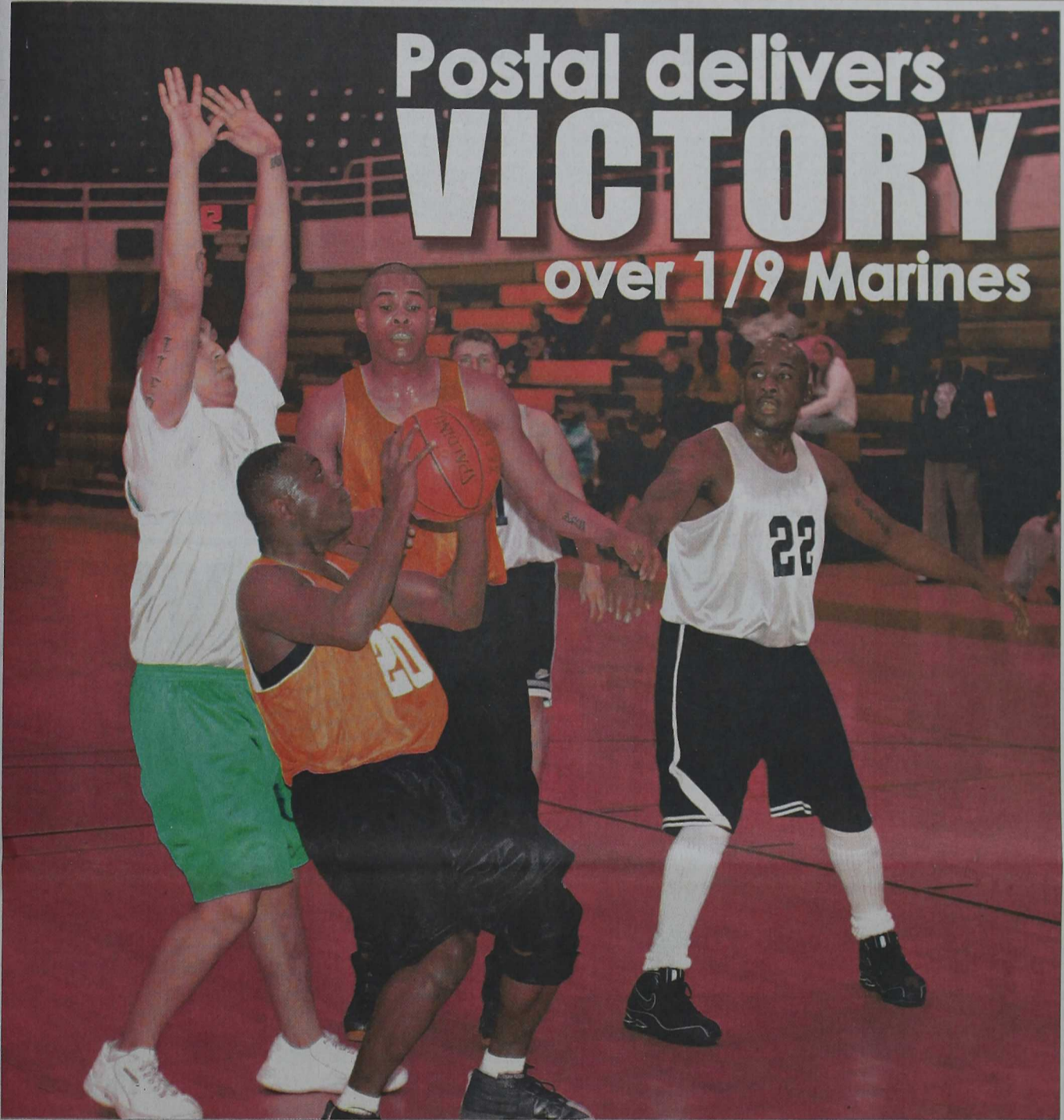
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Postal delivers **VICTORY** over 1/9 Marines

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Headquarters & Service Battalion Postal player Donald Jackson contends with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, defense. Teammate Mario Miller supports the



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Antoine Davis of 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, goes into the heart of the defense.



Photo by Jamie Cameron

Robert Reed drives to the hoop against Headquarters & Service Battalion Postal.

Early foul trouble conspires against 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment

JAMIE CAMERON
Assistant managing editor

A heavy deployment schedule may have left Headquarters and Service Battalion Postal playing for fun in this year's intramural basketball league, but don't tell that to 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. 1st Bn., 9th Marines, lost a hard-fought, 53-49 contest Monday to Postal at Goettge Memorial Field House.

Postal head coach William Cooper had his defense open the game in man-to-man, but switched to a zone whenever he felt a change of pace was in order. Postal staked out a small, but stable, 17-10 lead midway through

the first half, thanks in large part to some nifty interior passing from center Mario Miller.

In the meantime, 1st Bn., 9th Marines' small lineup scrapped to stay in contention. Their physicality led to plenty of fouls and free throw opportunities for Postal, but also set a competitive tone throughout the game.

With one minute to play in the first half, 1st Bn., 9th Marines pulled into a 21-21 tie with Postal and was down by one, 24-23, when the whistle blew for the break.

To open the second half, 1st Bn., 9th Marines relied heavily on perimeter shooting from the likes of Duncan Rawlins, J.D. Dugger and Robert Reed, but the player Postal needed to account for was Antoine Davis. Despite his

large size, Davis is an excellent ball-handler and creative around the basket. It was his penetration that allowed the 1st Bn., 9th Marines' outside shooters to come free for open looks at the basket.

With the lead changing back-and-forth for much of the second half, the game appeared to be either team's to win, until disaster struck for 1st Bn., 9th Marines. At eight minutes to go, center Mike Evans fouled out, a casualty of the aggressive style 1st Bn., 9th Marines employed to stay close in the early going. The loss left Postal with a decided size advantage the rest of the way.

But, anyone who has followed Postal through the season knows, nothing comes easily to this team. As the final

whistle drew near, Postal was unable to capitalize on its good fortune. With just over one minute to play, Postal clung to a 49-47 advantage. The victory finally came thanks to crucial free throw shooting from Donald Jackson, who hit all four of his tries at the charity stripe in the final minute.

"It should have never been this close," said Cooper after the win. "If we had all of our players, we could have competed with any team in this league, but we're still competing. Some teams have taken us lightly and we've surprised them."

The Camp Lejeune intramural basketball season continues through the middle of March. All game are played at Goettge Memorial Field House, Monday through Thursday.

Spring looms for hunters, fishermen



Lejeune Outdoors

With Jamie Cameron

We're finishing up the last week of February and I've got a few outdoorsy things on my mind.

First, it's time to break out the turkey calls and start practicing. Last spring, I started fooling around in the backyard with my calls about a month and a half before the season opener (April 11 this year). I certainly think it improved the way I sounded, and certainly think it helped my confidence.

One thing I have always struggled with is that first calling sequence of the morning. If I can get through the first round without hitting an awkward note, I tend to do a lot less calling than I would have if I made a real stinker. Generally speaking, the less calling you do, the better. Wild turkeys have great hearing. They know where you are from the get go. Most experts suggest calling every five minutes or so, but I've noticed that if I sound bad in the first sequence, I'm always trying to make up for it as the morning goes on, and thus tend to over call.

When I'm practicing, I try to set up just as I

will when it's the real deal. I sit the way I'll sit in the woods, with my shotgun propped up across my knees and my facemask on. It helps me feel comfortable with the way I'll be holding the calls (I'm a box call man) when that old gobbler is sounding off across the field.

I think it's especially important during practice sessions to wear the gloves you'll be wearing during the hunt. Gloves affect the way you hold your calls and the amount of pressure you need to apply to make them sound right. Test my theory, with and without gloves, and see if you don't agree. If you're practicing "in the raw," you're going to be in for a big, bad surprise when you finally strike the paddle on game day.

I also wear my hunting vest during practice sessions to double check how my equipment is going to ride during the hunt. I try to arrange the gear I think I'll need the most in places where I can get to it easily and with the least amount of movement. Imagine trying

to find the call you're sure is going to bring the big boy across those last critical yards only to have to fumble around in your vest before you can bring it to bear. I can just about guarantee how that scenario ends.

Second, the spring shad fishing season is about to bust wide open on the Neuse and Roanoke rivers. If you haven't already done so, use what little time remains for preparations to re-spool your light spinning reels with fresh line and make an inventory of the shad darts and spoons you have at your disposal.

I speak from experience when I write about the

disappointment of heading out for the first shad trip of the year, only to find all of the tackle shops on the way to the river have been cleaned out of every effective lure. Stock up now or you may be sorry.

Anglers are already reporting catches of a few hickory shad from several of the traditional locations on both rivers, so the time is drawing close.

In other fishing news this week, the offshore bite continues to be on again, off again for blackfin tuna and wahoo. The only trouble is the weather, which has been just as shifty as the fish lately.

Good luck out there.



Have you been on an outdoor adventure lately? Share your photos, send them to jamie.cameron@militarynews.com



Photo by Jamie Cameron

A happy angler shows off the first hickory shad of the season. Fishermen may also run into the larger, American shad when fishing the Neuse and Roanoke rivers.

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

On target: Competition helps shooters hit mark

LANCE CPL RYAN A. RHOLES
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Service members recently had the chance to get extra trigger time while representing their units and exemplifying the motto, "Every Marine is a rifleman."

Eighty-three Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar competed in the 2009 Intramural Rifle and Pistol Competition from Jan. 26 through 30 at the Carlos Hathcock Range Complex on east Miramar.

Competitors shot individual pistol and rifle events, and then formed teams for competitions. They also competed for the Daniel Boone trophy, which went to the Marine who fired most accurately with a rifle, while standing, from the 500-yard line.

"The intramurals are open to every Marine aboard the air station," said Lee Duncan, the range operations chief. "We hold intramurals to build interest in competition shooting and find Marines who may want to attend the division shooting match at Camp Pendleton."

There are no prerequisites to enter the intramural competitions, but a Marine must shoot sharpshooter or higher to compete in division matches, added Duncan.

Although the competitions provided a fun and competitive atmosphere, it also presented Marines a chance to complete required annual training.

"Before the two match days even begin, Marines shooting in the intramurals qualified with both the rifle and the pistol," said John Frost, the deputy director of the Formal Marksmanship Training Center on east Miramar. "A lot of junior Marines who normally wouldn't shoot the pistol get to earn their pistol qualification badges."

These competitions aren't just about walking across that stage with trophies, added Duncan. It's about Marines having another chance to familiarize themselves with weapons they use while deployed.

"I'm deploying to Iraq in March, so this was a good chance to shoot a weapon before leaving," said Michael Patterson, a range maintenance administration clerk. "It definitely makes me feel more ready for what I may have to do in Iraq."

Intramurals are open to all service members aboard MCAS Miramar, and also to all civilians working at the air station.

Christopher O'Connor, the commanding officer of MCAS Miramar, presented trophies to the winners of each event at the Bob Hope Theater.

Christopher Gehrki was the aggregate winner for the individual competition, and also the individual rifle-shoot winner. A four-man team from Headquarter and Headquarters Squadron won both the team rifle and pistol competitions. A team from Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38 won the infantry team trophy.

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	MONDAY	
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Low tide	5:06 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
	TUESDAY	
High tide	11:48 a.m.	
Low tide	6:05 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY	
High tide	12:36 a.m.	12:53 p.m.
Low tide	7:13 a.m.	6:55 p.m.

SPORTS ON TAP

Girls fast-pitch softball

The East Duplin Xplosions, an under-12 girls fast-pitch traveling softball team is in need of a few players to round out its spring roster. The team practices Sundays in Beulaville, from 3-5 p.m. For information, call Jerry Halford at 358-1804.

Rock climbing outing

Marine Corps Community Services has planned a rock climbing field trip Saturday. A training session will precede the all-inclusive trip to a Wilmington rock climbing facility. The cost is \$20. The trip is open to the first 18 registrants. To register, call 451-1440.

Fishing tournament

The first event of the 2009 Gottschalk Marina Team Bass Tournament Series is scheduled for March 7. The Spring Splash invites 2-person angling teams to fish for large-mouth bass on the New River and its tributaries. The cost to register is \$70, and there is a guaranteed payout of \$1,000 in prizes to the top teams. For more information, call 451-8307.

Bulldog Challenge

Marines at the Military College of South Carolina invite service members and civilians to participate in the 13th annual Bulldog Challenge, scheduled for March 7 at the Citadel in Charleston. The challenging team event takes place over a six-mile course with an array of obstacles to overcome. For more information, visit www.active.com and search 'Bulldog Challenge.'

Run for the Warriors

Registration is open for the 2009 Run for the Warriors 10K, 5K and 1-mile Fun Run aboard Camp Lejeune, May 16. To register online, go to www.hopeforthewarriors.org. For more information, call 546-1120.

Intramural volleyball sign-ups

Players and coaches are needed to field at least five teams for the intramural volleyball league. A coaches meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 6 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune. For more information, call Antonio Warner at 451-2061.

Fishing trip

Registration opens March 15 for the 2009 Military Appreciation Day, Morehead City Event, which includes deep sea fishing at no cost to active duty military, National Guardsmen and reserves. Boats will depart May 30 from Morehead City, and there will be plenty of family activities for those left on shore to wait for the anglers' return. When the fishing fleet gets back to the dock, there will be a Southern style cook-out and live music for everyone. To register, go online to www.MilitaryAppreciationDay.org.

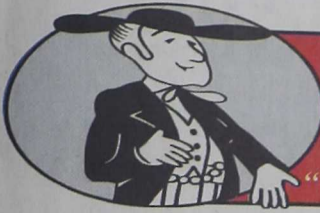
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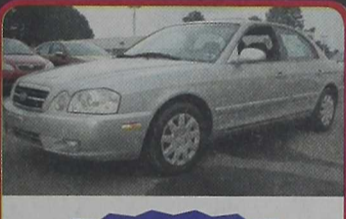
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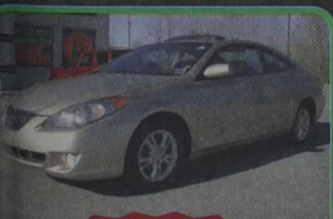
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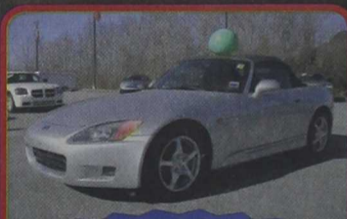
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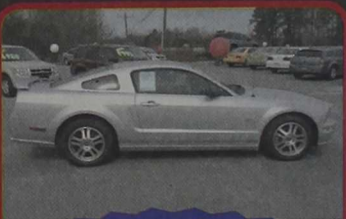
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Spring is in the air: Baseball's offseason shenanigans continue



Batter Up
with Lance Cpl. Joseph Day

There's something in the air as of late. If you go outside you can smell the overpriced beer, freshly cut grass, leather softener and steroids. It can mean only one thing, baseball season is upon us. There's one thing I look forward to each year. It's never marked on my calendar or saved on my phone, but I always inherently seem to know when pitchers and catchers report for pre-season warm-ups. This year, we have so much to look forward to. The journey we're about to

undertake will cover A-Rod's steroid use, the pickups and let-goes of the off season and the veterans playing left out.

This year's big story so far has been Alex Rodriguez's steroid use. He admitted to using the performance enhancing drugs between 2003 and 2005. In 2005, A-Rod went on the market looking for a new club. The Yankees outbid the Red Sox to pick him up.

After a 2004 disclosure of the anonymous records, A-Rod joined some of the greats in baseball who may end their career with an asterisk after their names. Just to name a few, try seven-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens, Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte and Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi.

Granted, I admit I'm picking on the Yankees here, but of the 19 names in the Mitchell Report, four played for the Yankees. A-Rod is just another name to add to the list of disgraced Bronx Bombers.

Now, onto another important topic of the new season, the offseason pickups. Who

picked up some of the biggest names of the offseason? One big acquisition during the offseason was Mark Teixeira to the Yankees. He will bring a steady bat and great fielding to the team which had one or the other from Giambi. The Red Sox picked up Josh Bard as another catcher to help Jason Varitek in his behind the plate duties. This will give the long-time Sox catcher a little more rest between appearances, and it will give the Sox a better bat on the offensive side.

The Chicago White Sox have redone their entire infield during the offseason. Between December and now, they have signed eight different infielders and resigned two starting pitchers, Bobby Jenks and Bartolo Colon.

Finally, it's time to talk about who is still on the open market. If you go on the free agency and look at the names, you may be a little surprised. Some of these names a year ago wouldn't have lasted more than 24 hours on the market.

To start, Manny Ramirez has a .314 career

batting average, a .411 on base percentage and 527 homeruns. There aren't many better in the game, but he's seems to be hanging around the left out club a little late this year because of his lust for more money.

Another big name on the "last picked for dodge ball" list is Curt Schilling. The hero of Boston, he is now the oldest, expendable, surgery-ridden pitcher who probably is two seasons past his due date. The man will forever be a hero of me for the bloody sock incident in the World Series, but his future as a pitcher is uncertain.

Ivan Rodriguez has been a stand-out catcher for many years. His defense and offense has been solid compared to the rest of the catchers out there. He has found himself warming the bench in gym class waiting for some one to call his number.

All of this leads me to believe this will be one of the most exciting in recent history. So get the peanuts, the jersey, the crusty old hats and get ready for another great season of America's pastime.

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The Right Hand Angels brain injury support group lost a member to brain cancer, Tom Hentze. He retired from the Marine Corps 3 years before his death. Staff Sgt. Robin Bristow, the leader of the group, describes Tom as "a man who would do anything and everything for others." Tom completed the 5k run in the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina's 1st annual Joggin' for Your Noggin 5k event at Camp Lejeune in March of 2008.

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Minnesota Vikings' running back, Adrian Peterson, fights his way through the American Football Conference's defense to gain yards for a first down during the 2009 Pro Bowl at the Aloha Stadium, Feb. 8. The National Football Conference left the game with a 30-21 win over the AFC.

Photo by Sgt. Chadwick

HONOLULU

Marines play their part in sending Pro Bowl Aloha

SGT. MACARIO P. MORA
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Hundreds of volunteers from Marine Corps Base Hawaii made their presence felt Feb. 8 during what could be Hawaii's final farewell to the NFL Pro Bowl after hosting the event for 30 years. Marines and sailors played a vital role in ensuring the 49,958 in attendance were privy to an all-star game for the ages. The volunteers filled the void — working as security guards, explosives trackers and even helping with the opening coin toss as the NFL bid "Aloha," for the foreseeable future, to the Hawaiian fans.

Darin Cleveringa, chief trainer for MCB Hawaii's K-9 Unit, along with four of his Marines, helped keep the game secure from potential explosive threats.

Cleveringa said he, his Marines and their four working dogs spent the day sweeping small vehicles and packages to ensure no explosives could get into the stadium. He said the team even helped secure the player buses hours before kick off.

"Everything went smoothly," Cleveringa said. "For some of the Marines this was their first off base experience working with their K-9s. It was a good experience."

Cleveringa and his K-9 unit, along with base EOD, worked side by side with the Honolulu Police Department, Sheriff's Department and other local and state agencies to ensure the safety of the players, coaches, entertainers and roughly 50,000 in attendance — and everyone else involved in the game.

Marines also participated in the game's opening ceremony.

Carlos A. Martinez, company gunnery sergeant, Wounded Warriors Company, joined other service members from the Air Force, Navy and Army to represent the Armed Forces during the opening coin toss.

Martinez, a Purple Heart recipient, came here in November from 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion in Camp Lejeune, N.C., to recover from various wounds received while deployed four times from 2003 to 2007. He received his Purple Heart from injuries sustained on New Year's Eve 2005.

The Chicago native said he has between six and seven appointments at Tripler Army Medical Center weekly. He said the therapy will help him return to 2nd AAB.

The humble 13-year veteran thought he was having a prank pulled on him when he found out

he was chosen to represent the Marine Corps.

"A lady called me on the phone and told me I was going to be a part of the coin toss at the game," Martinez said. "I thought she was lying until she told me my master guns had given her my name."

Martinez said he felt honored to represent the Marine Corps and take part in the coin toss in front of the other 23 Marines and sailors from the Wounded Warriors Company.

He gave credit to the NFL and players for a job well done.

"I liked being able to see the best players represent their conferences," Martinez said. "That's what caught my attention about the game — they went out and gave a 110 percent. They go out and give 110 percent every game

and that's why they're all stars."

The same dedication is evident as Martinez and his Marines and sailors struggle everyday to heal and get back to the fight.

Martinez, an avid Bears fan, said he and the other wounded warriors had a blast.

The National Football Conference defeated the American Football Conference 30-21 in two highlight-reel touchdowns, receptions by Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald was awarded the Most Valuable Player award.

Next year's all-star games scheduled to take place a week before the Super Bowl in Miami. The change of location and game schedule will be implemented next year in an effort to raise interest in the game and save money.

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WASHINGTON

New running suits to go Corps wide by fall

NCE CPL. JACQUELYN WHITE
Headquarters Marine Corps

Marine officials recently announced the new physical training uniform will be issued to all active duty Marines free of charge.

The running suits, first revealed to Marines in Iraq Nov. 7, 2007, started arriving in bulk at Marine Corps installations in January, said Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway. The mandatory possession date is Oct. 1.

According to Marine Administrative Message 015/09, dated Jan. 9, commanders must ensure each Marine receives the running suit and records it in their service record book. The message also states every Marine is responsible for maintaining and retaining their gear.

Distribution Phase III, known as the "all hands here," is already underway, said A. J. Pasagian, program manager of Infantry Combat Equipment, Marine Corps Systems Command.

Marine Forces Reserve has provided guidance on how to order individual running suits for their Marines. Once the order has been placed, units can expect deliveries within 3-4 days.

However, Marines will not be able to purchase the new suits until after the Corps-wide distribution. Uniforms will be ordered

electronically through the Kentucky Logistics Operations Center and individually shipped to units. When ordering uniforms, each Marine must know their inseam, waist and hip measurements. If a Marine is due to change duty stations, they should order the running suit when they reach their new location.

Gen. Conway initiated the development of the new running suit to provide a quality and durable physical training uniform to be worn in various climates. The expectation was that the running suit would be distinctive like other Marine uniforms, all of which say "Marine" when worn, Pasagian said.

"I think they are a great improvement," said Nicholas A. Soares, of Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

They are more comfortable, practical, durable and breathable in comparison with the sweats, he added.

The running suits are made with silver vertical reflective stripes running along the sides and one across the back. The jackets have the Marine Corps emblem on the front, with "MARINES" displayed transversely along the back. The trousers have "USMC" running down the bottom outside the right pant leg.

Regulations pertaining to the running suit were published in All Marine Message 019/08. For more information on the new PT uniform, call (703) 432-3313.



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Marine wrestlers make their mark

NEWS REPORT

All-Marine Wrestling Team

The All-Marine Wrestling Team competed in the 2009 Cristo-Lutte International Wrestling Open in Paris, Jan. 31 through Feb. 1.

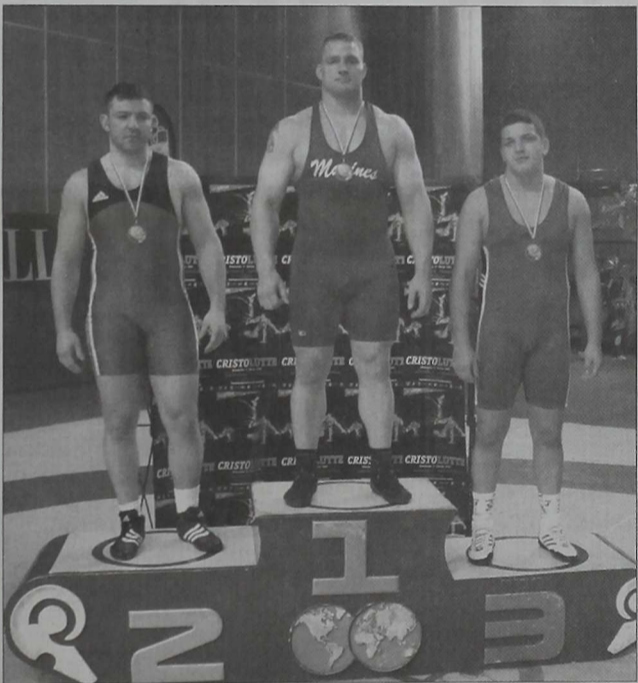
David Arendt Jr. won all four of his matches in the 120 kilogram division on his way to the gold medal. In his first match, Arendt defeated France's Nicolas Sauvaire, 3-1, 4-2. Next, he defeated Javal Bahadurov of Azerbaijan 3-1, 7-4. In the third round Arendt defeated Frenchman Yannick Szczepaniak 3-1, 5-3. Szczepaniak won fifth place in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In his fourth and final match, Arendt defeated Oldrich Kucera of the Czech Republic 3-0, 9-0.

At 96 kg, Moises Hernandez defeated France's Mody Diawara 3-1, 5-1 on his way to fifth place.

During the following weekend, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Marines competed at the 2009 Dave Schultz International Open Wrestling Tournament.

Arendt won the silver medal with a record of 2-1. In the first round, Arendt defeated Dharmender Dalal of India 5-0, 2-0. In the second round he defeated countryman, Pete Kowalczyk, by fall in 5:36. In the final match, Arendt was defeated by 2002 World Champion, Dremiel Byers of the U.S. Army.

Hernandez turned in another good performance competing at 96 kg going 2-2 on the day. On his way to a fourth place finish, Hernandez defeated Pete Gounaridis, of the U.S. Olympic Education Center in Marquette, Mich., 3-1, 4-1. Gounaridis is currently ranked No. 5 in the U.S.



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All-Marine wrestler, David Arendt Jr., (middle) took the gold medal in the 120 kilogram division at the 2009 Cristo-Lutte International Wrestling Open.

Also competing well for the Marines was Steven Forrest. He battled his way to a sixth place finish in the extremely competitive 74 kg division. Forrest finished the day with a 3-3 record, with two of his wins coming over international wrestlers from Ecuador and India. The 74 kg

division featured two 2008 Olympians and three former U.S. National Champions.

The Marines will be back in action at the Armed Forces Championships hosted by the U.S. Air Force at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, March 11-16.

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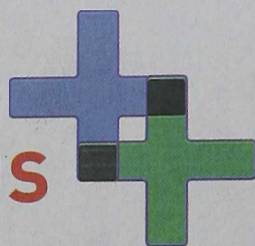
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Women Marines HONORED for years of service

CPL. JESSICA L. MARTINEZ
Marine Corps Base

"Women are like tea bags. You don't know how strong they are until you put them in hot water," Eleanor Roosevelt once said.

After many years of dedicated service to the Marine Corps, women Marines, past and present, were honored with a North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Dedication, Feb. 13, at the Camp Lejeune Staff Noncommissioned Club.

"This was an event that allowed people to learn parts of history that led us to where we are today," said Gunnery Sgt. Curtis Bradley, equal opportunity advisor with Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

The dedication not only gave women Marines recognition of their achievements, but was a venue for education on how women began their role and journey in the Corps so many years ago.

"The Marine Corps takes unmitigated pride and reposes great value in its history and traditions," said the guest speaker Lt. Col. Lynn J. Kimball, on the history of women Marines aboard the base. "Camp Lejeune, the 'Home of Expeditionary Forces in readiness,' since 1941, can rightfully claim a sizable portion of that history."

In 1941, Camp Lejeune was selected

and recognized as the home of the Corps' first black and women Marines.

"Approximately 20,000 women Marines trained at the Marine Corps Women's reserve schools, located mainiside aboard Camp Lejeune, from 1943 to 1946," said Kimball. "Today we honor Camp Lejeune as the traditional

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Fallen Marines awarded Navy Cross for valor

Security station spared from car bomber

CPL. CASEY JONES
Marine Division

On October 23, 1983, a defined suicide bomber in a Mercedes-Benz dump truck loaded with more than 10,000 pounds of explosives sped through security checkpoints posted sentries. The truck exploded in the lobby of the main headquarters of the 9th Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 220 Marines, sailors, and 3 soldiers with Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

The sentries had time to sound, but because of the chaos of engagement, they did not quickly react to the attack. By the time the sentries were set to fire, the truck was well on its way to its final destination.

Nearly 25 years later, the same scenario played out again with a different ending.

On the warm, dusty morning of April 22, 2008, Lance Cpl. Jordan C. Haerter and Jonathan T. Yale, both serving as riflemen with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, and 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, respectively, faced imminent danger just as the two sentries a half decade earlier had.

Haerter and Yale stood on the ground and defended the Security Station Nassir in Ramadi, Iraq, as a Mercedes-Benz dump truck loaded with 2,000 pounds of explosives raced toward the security checkpoint where the two were standing guard. Haerter, armed with an M16A2 Rifle, and Yale, with an M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, sprayed the vehicle with bullets causing the suicide bomber to prematurely detonate the explosives only 100 yards away from the security station.

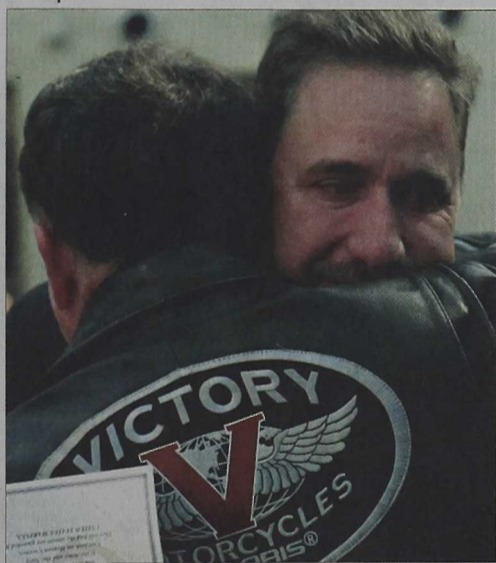


Photo by Lance Cpl. Casey Jones
Christian Haerter, the father of Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter, receives a comforting hug after the Navy Cross ceremony at the Museum of the Marine Corps, Feb. 20. Christian's son, Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter, was killed in action while defending his post in Ramadi, Iraq, April 22, 2008, against a suicide bomber. To date, 27 Navy Crosses have been awarded in the "Global War on Terrorism."

Haerter was killed instantly. Yale fought for his life, but succumbed to his injuries hours later.

Their heroic actions and courage saved the lives of over 50 Marines and Iraqi Policemen.

"If it weren't for those two and doing what they had to do, I know for a fact that none of us who were at JSS Nassir that morning would be alive," said Matt Carver, formerly a section leader with Haerter's platoon.

For their actions, Haerter and Yale were awarded posthumously the Department of the Navy's second highest award, the Navy Cross. Secretary of the Navy Donald

Winters presented the awards to the families at a ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps Quantico, Va., Feb. 20. To date 27 Navy Crosses have been awarded in the "Global War on Terror."

"Jonathan and Jordan were shining examples of the finest of America's next generation," Winters said. "When faced with danger they had no time to go to their chain of command and no time to assess the situation, they were forced to rely on their discipline and their training."

Rebecca Yale, Jonathan's mother, said she felt a level of comfort in knowing her son

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Photo by Cpl. Aaron Rooks
Sgt. Danny Koleski, the chief instructor at the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Motor Vehicle Incident Drivers School, counsels a Marine on how to successfully guide his Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle through the "dog leg" during the 2nd MLG MRAP Operator Course, Feb. 11. MVIDS instructors are licensed to operate and teach how to use the MRAP.

Deploying Marines learn to operate MRAPs

Lifesaving vehicles take time to master

CPL. AARON ROOKS
2nd Marine Logistics Group

The Marine Corps Times reported during September 2008 roadside bombs remained the No. 1 killer of U.S. troops in Iraq. Data from the Pentagon showed that 70 percent of the then 4,151 troop deaths were caused by roadside bombs.

The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle is meant to protect service members from the violent, deadly blasts of IEDs. The armored vehicles feature V-shaped hulls to deflect any explosive forces originating from below the vehicle, protecting both the vehicle and the passengers.

"They've taken hits — many, many hits that would have killed soldiers and Marines in unarmored Humvees," said Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a June 2008 interview.

USA Today reported Feb. 4 there are currently 9,746 MRAPs in Iraq and 1,608 in Afghanistan. But having MRAPs in the two countries is only half the fight. Marines must first know how to operate the new-age vehicles correctly if they are to continue being effective.

"The probability of no fatalities is great, and the vehicles have been proven effective," said Gunnery Sgt. William Cartwright, the director of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Motor Vehicle Incident Drivers School. "This is why it's important that everyone know how to operate these vehicles."

Cartwright implemented the course December 2007 after familiarizing himself with the vehicles at Force Protection Industries in Ladson, S.C. Since then, his teams have instructed more than 500 Marines from a multitude of different military.

Sgt. Danny Koleski, the school's chief instructor, said the vehicles are also more high tech in comparison to the humvees and 7-ton most Marines are used to. He stated the MRAP simply takes time and knowledge to employ it to its full extent.

Koleski said the five-day course gives the students the necessary knowledge to return to their units and operate the vehicles. Cartwright said the course features classroom instruction, vehicle and safety familiarization, driving skills practice and on-road driving time.

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Focusing on elbow down, hand doc serves Marines

CPL. KATIE MATHISON
Marine Corps Base

Most people don't realize just how important their hands are to their everyday lives. People use their hands every day to make phone calls, drive, pick up things and there are simply too many other things to mention. No one realizes how important this body part is until it is injured.

For those who have lost use of a hand whether from a car accident or a sniper's bullet, there is hope here aboard Camp Lejeune, and it comes in the form of a surgeon who specializes in hands. Lt. Cmdr. Eric Lewis, an orthopedic surgeon at the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, helps service members who have hand injuries.

Lewis, who is originally from Houston, attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. It was during medical school he decided to join the Navy.

"I decided I wanted to join the military mainly for financial reasons," Lewis said. "My father was retired and on a fixed income, so I couldn't get much financial help there.

I also didn't want to take out loans with high interest rates. Joining allowed me to take the financial burden off myself and my family."

Lewis' military service allowed him to continue medical school and pursue his dream of becoming a doctor. Although, when Lewis began medical school he had a completely different specialty in mind.

"When I went to school, I originally thought I was going to do emergency medicine," Lewis said. "In my third year I saw orthopedics and knew that is what I wanted to do."

After he chose orthopedics, Lewis found a specialty that really suited him and even allowed him to use his undergraduate degree.

"I chose my specialization in hands because of my undergraduate degree in engineering," Lewis said. "A lot of what I see in orthopedics struck a cord with me in my engineering background. I didn't decide until my fourth year of training hands would be my specialty. One of the things about hands is it's one of the most difficult subspe-

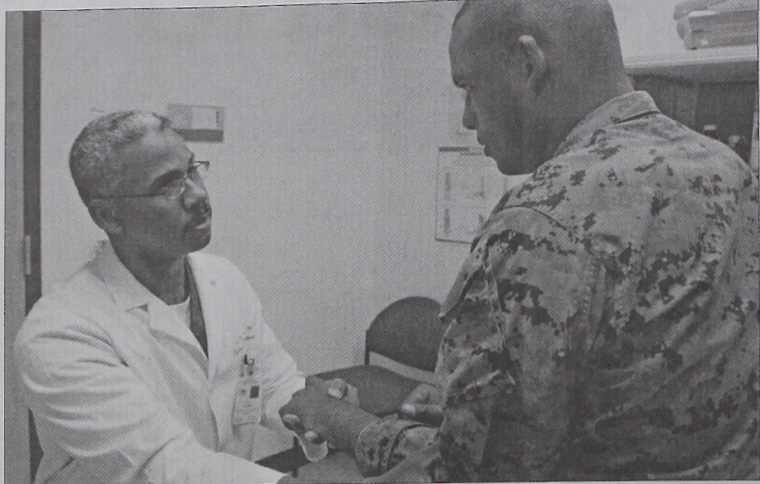


Photo by Cpl. Katie Mathison
Lt. Cmdr. Eric Lewis, an orthopedic surgeon at the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, examines Cpl. James Boddy, a landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 27. The exam is part of a post surgery routine to make sure Boddy's wrist heals properly.

cialties. I knew with how difficult it is I would never get bored with it."

For Lewis, one of the main differences between being a doctor in the military and being a doctor in the civilian sec-

tor is not having the burden of worrying about overhead in the practice.

"We can put the patient first," he said. "It is much easier when you don't have to worry about costs and can fo-

cus solely on the patient."

Lewis added there is more than merely being able to practice freely on patients that makes being a military member and a doctor special. His eyes lit up as he talked about

the most rewarding aspect of his job.

"You get a strong sense of accomplishment taking care of Marines," Lewis said, "especially when you know the sacrifices they make. To give to them for something they called to do is very gratifying."

Lewis not only gains meaning from his job from the military aspect, but also the challenge of helping patients who another doctor would fix.

"When someone in who has significant loss of function and they have much hope," he smiling. "They come to me, and I can relieve the pain and increase the function very satisfying."

Lewis believes any surgeon he has had in the military come from a very strong port system.

"It starts at home with wife Dionnicee, who takes care of our children, Nijah, 16, Casey who is six and Ren who is three. It's here with the (physician assistants) and nurses being care of the patients so I can focus from the elbow down.

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"Our instructors are licensed to operate and teach how to use the MRAPs and every other vehicle the Marine Corps operates," said Koleski. "They receive more than 40 hours of training in driving and maintaining the MRAPs. We try to make sure the students get as much knowledge from us about these vehicles as possible."

Students must show clear familiarization with the MRAPs before they are actually allowed to drive them. This begins following classroom time with what the instructors call a "show me test." This test presents various questions involving the MRAP which students are required to answer correctly if they are to continue their training.

Koleski said if they accomplish this test, they must then complete what is known as Preventative Maintenance Checks and Services test. This document addresses every part of the vehicle from the tires, to the fluids and seatbelts to ensure everything is functioning properly.

"You have to take care of these vehicles," Koleski said. "If you start it wrong, you can mess up the computer. If you don't check the fluids, the vehicle can become inoperable. These vehicles are vital to operations, so they have to stay operational."

Once students get past these various

tests, they begin their driving skills training. They call this the "dog leg." The course is made up of cones, simulating objects like a pole or a rock, spread out along a narrow gravel path. Koleski said the goal is to weave the MRAP through the cones without hitting one.

He said the dog leg gets the individuals familiar with how the vehicle turns and how the brakes feel. He added that it also helps them become use to the visibility limits that come with the MRAP.

"The vehicle maneuvers and handles excellent," said Pfc. Marion Frye, motor transport operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd MLG. "You just have to learn to judge the obstacles properly in order to get around them safely."

The students are permitted to begin their on-road driving time after they successfully negotiate the dog leg. Koleski said they complete 35 road miles at the school. They must then return to their units with learner's permits until they gain the remaining 90 miles experience required to attain their license. Once they achieve the total 125 miles experience, they may return to the school to take the final driver's test.

Lance Cpl. Miles Malinowski, a motor transport operator with CLB-8, had prior experience with MRAPs before coming to the course. Malinowski said the Marine Corps has done an excellent

job transitioning to what the fight dictates with the introduction and fielding of MRAPs.

But the Marine Corps has not finished adapting yet as Afghanistan terrain poses problems for the MRAP due to scarce paved roads and rutted mountain passes that are common in the region.

To combat this, the pentagon plans to field an all-terrain vehicle later this year to provide off-road maneuverability and enough armor to deflect the growing threat of roadside bombs in Afghanistan, according to the Feb. 4 article by USA Today. This vehicle will combine the maneuverability of the Humvee with the protection of the MRAP.

"It's a desire to get off the roads and be able to maneuver cross-country," Brig. Gen. Michael Brogan, the Pentagon's MRAP program head, said in the article. "That does a couple of things. First of all, it increases the areas they can maneuver and occupy. But it also significantly increases the targeting problem for the bad guys. You're much less predictable if you can go many more places."

The Marines of the logistics group's MVIDs are ready to adapt to any new equipment to help ensure Marines accomplish their missions in Afghanistan, much as in the past when the need for trained Marines to operate MRAPs in Iraq came up.

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and spiritual home of women Marines and the Marines which trained here. We can all take pride in the recognition. For all of us here are in some way related to the Corps, and you can't be a Marine without revering its history. As truly spoken by Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, our 24th Commandant, "We can only know who we are by being certain of who we have been."

Several attended and shared their remarks during the ceremony which brought Marines of all ages, races and gender together for a moment of history in the making.

"More than any other event in the century, World War II transformed the United States from a country with a small military establishment designed primarily for self-defense into a leading military power with forces stationed around the globe," said Tanya Queiro, human resource specialist with labor/employee relations on Camp Lejeune. "In the process, the U.S. Armed Forces were transformed from essentially all male to mixed-gender forces. This marker commemorates the significant role of women Marines during WWII aboard Camp Lejeune and serves as a reminder to the Marines of this historic turning point in Marine Corps history."

Women Marines more than made their mark aboard Camp Lejeune by leaving their blood, sweat and tears behind. Their names are permanently engraved upon the streets. Name like Molly Pitcher and Lucy Brewer will never be forgotten.

"The strength of women Marines was amply demonstrated at Camp Lejeune and in their subsequent service to their Corps and country," said Kimball. "This was not an easy passage. They were the other minority, and like blacks faced a reluctant and sometimes hostile reception as a result of centuries-old misconceptions, social traditions and unapologetic prejudice. (Women Marines) were at times segregated, suppressed and at the onset generally unappreciated. Their transformation into Marines, even though motivated by the same challenges, patriotism and pride as their male counterparts, was initially met by derision, innuendo and subtle remarks about their womanhood."

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and Jordan saved the lives of others. For her, the ceremony video some closure.

"The ceremony was very helpful," said Rebecca, mother of Jonathan Yale. "I am so proud of my son. It is because of his sacrifice so many families did not have to endure the I endured. He loved his country and wanted to make a difference in someone's life and I know he did just that."

Lance Cpl. Nicholas Xiarhos, a squad leader with the 9th Marines, described the ceremony as a celebration of life and ultimate sacrifice and not a somber occasion.

"This ceremony was a culmination of everything that's happened and I'm very appreciative of what they did," Xiarhos said. "The hardest thing to think about is knowing that many people will forget about all of this. I hope no one ever forgets that did was nothing less than heroism at it's finest."

Carver said neither Jonathan nor Jordan were the types to acknowledge or praise. But he said he knows both would be pleased to receive the medal and to know their sacrifice has not been forgotten.

"They would be proud, I can guarantee that," Carver said. "I know they were proud of the kind of Marines they were I know they thought about abandoning their post — I know they died."

Winters concluded his remarks with a line from the Marine Corps' hymn, "If the Army and the Navy ever looked upon the streets they would find the streets are guarded by the U.S. Marines."

"I have all the confidence, that if Jordan and Jonathan are on duty today, they are standing as proudly as they were on faithful Tuesday. Let us be inspired by the heroism of our Marines and by the many sacrifices made by service members home and abroad in the 'Global War on Terror.'"

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Marine of Soldier remembers fallen MARSOC corpsman

By **FC. STEPHEN C. BENSON**
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The men and women who serve together in our armed forces go to the furthest lengths to protect each other at home and in combat. So it is no wonder when we lose a fellow service member we go to great lengths to honor their sacrifice. Whether it is through awards, plaques, buildings with their namesake or even tattoos, we find ways to keep their memory alive long after they have left us. One soldier decided to honor his fallen comrade in his own unique manner and share his gift with all those that were touched by the life and sacrifice of Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles Luke Milam.

Army Maj. Michael Solovey served with 7th Special Forces Group, United States Army, Special Operations Command during 2007. Throughout that period he was deployed to Afghanistan, and his unit worked closely with Milam's company from 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command.

Solovey said Milam's company asked if he could put something

together for them in which Milam was featured prominently, as he fell during combat operations Sept. 25, 2007. Solovey took his pencil to the canvas and "Precision Pride" was the result.

"Precision Pride" is definitely one of my favorite prints for a couple reasons," said Solovey. "I personally served with the unit in combat, it was for a sister service in the (special operations forces) community, and I actually met the fallen corpsman."

The drawing is a collage of Marines and sailors conducting various actions in combat from freefall parachuting, patrolling, reconnaissance and sniping. In the upper left hand portion of the drawing, Milam is depicted in full combat gear looking into the distance. He is shown directly above the Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman insignia.

Solovey is an accomplished artist and has a talent for drawing and painting. He has studied abroad at the Marchutz School of Art in Aix-en-Provence, France, and has done more than 45 sets of prints since 1998. He is frequently commissioned by units to draw these, however, this is his first for a Marine Corps unit and a work

he has a particular attachment to.

"This print was a huge step for me in that I branched out into another community that doesn't know me as an artist," explained Solovey. "It was a tremendous honor to depict a fallen comrade in an original work I knew would be reproduced into 320 prints."

Along with the 320 prints, Solovey made 50 artist proofs. He got in touch with Milam's family and offered the original pencil drawing to his father prior to releasing prints to the public. Solovey said this was his biggest motivation in doing the project. Many of the prints have been reserved for Milam's company and 2nd MSOB as a whole.

Solovey's contact at 2nd MSOB, a gunnery sergeant who deployed with Milam's company, said he was impressed with the artwork along with the rest of his fellow Marines and sailors. He said the piece means a lot to them, and they were appreciative of the effort and time he put in to commemorating their fallen brother.

If you wish to get one of the "Precision Pride" prints or an artist proof by Solovey, visit www.soloveyart.com for more information.



Illustration by Army Maj. Michael Solovey
This is a copy of the piece Army Maj. Michael Solovey created for 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command. Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles Luke Milam, a sailor who fell during combat operations in Afghanistan, is featured in the top left corner, above the Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman insignia.

Save A Life Tour reaches service members



CPL. JESSICA L. MARTINEZ
Marine Corps Base

Drinking and driving continues to injure and kill thousands of people around the globe. On military installations everywhere, units continue to inform their service members on the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving.

The Save A Life Tour is a nationwide campaign that takes a different angle to reach the nation on drinking and driving awareness. When the tour visited Camp Lejeune, they brought a shocking reality to everyone who attended the event.

The tour visited Camp Lejeune, Feb. 18 and 19, at Marston Pavilion, in hopes of educating service members on the dangers of drinking and driving.

Brian D. Beldyga, the senior manager with Save A Life Tour, was the presenter during the event. As he shared his personal story with the service members who attended, it was easy to see his presentation on preventing drinking and driving reached

the minds of those who sat before him.

Not only did he share his own experiences of drinking and driving, he also shared with the audience a horrible and fatal event which took place because he chose to drive while under the influence many years ago.

"If you think paper is going to cut you, then think what a three-ton car will do to you or someone else," said Beldyga. "This is America's most violent committed crime. Our goal is to get someone smart enough to take the keys from those who have been drinking. I want to change the world, but I'm a realist, so I know it won't happen over night. We have to focus on one person at a time. That is why it is called the Save A Life Tour."

Since 2002, it has been illegal in all 50 states to drive with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

"A first time drunk driving offender, on average, has driven drunk 87 times prior to being arrested," as stated by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Web site. "On average, someone is killed by a drunk driver

every 40 minutes, and in 2007, an estimated 12,998 people died in drunk driving related crashes."

The tour was not the typical drunk driving class most service members sit through with their units. It brought with them their multimillion dollar drinking and driving simulators, which allowed attendees to get a complete realistic and sober experience on the effects of driving while under the influence.

"It was good to be in a different and relaxed environment," said Cpl. Matt Enz, Amphibious Assault Vehicle crew chief with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion. "I learned new stuff and useful facts. Some of the stuff scared me enough to think twice next time I'm out drinking and before I drive. The presentation was very interactive and really kept my attention."

For more information on drinking and driving awareness and prevention, visit Health Promotions at the Marine Corps Community Services Web site at www.mccslejeune.com.

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Marines experienced 'driving' drunk at the driving simulator.

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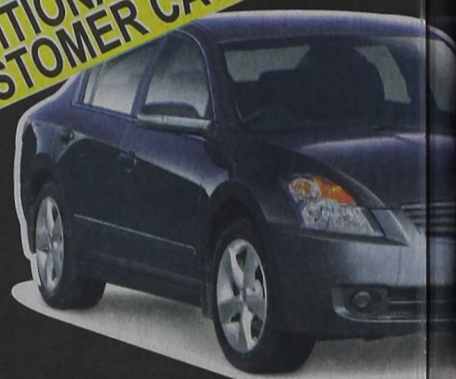


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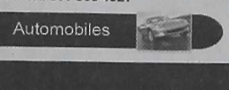
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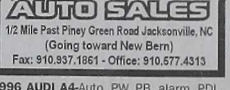
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HEATHER M. OWENS
Carolina Living editor

Meet Spike. He's the new Camp Lejeune

Single Marine Program mascot, and he's here to make Marines and sailors sit up and take notice.

There is "a little bit of comedy and a little bit of seriousness" in Spike, said Cpl. Ben Mastrofilippo of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base. Mastrofilippo was on hand for the recent Save a Life Tour at Marston Pavilion and saw Spike, a strapping bulldog dressed in a Marine uniform and shades, in action.

"I thought he was awesome. You have all these silly mascots, but (Spike) is pretty cool to see, something that represents a little bit of what you are," said Mastrofilippo. "I like the cammies with the sleeves rolled up and with the desert camouflage for the Marines who are deployed."

Casual observation shows that, like a Marine, Spike is tough and cool. He is certainly buff. And though he is capable of operating independently, he seems to like to run in a pack, kind of like the Marines and sailors who spend their off duty hours recreating with the SMP.

If Spike were to have someone resembling a mother figure, it would likely be Susan Goodrich, Camp Lejeune's SMP coordinator.

"He took about nine months to make, almost like a baby," said Goodrich. "We're proud of him. He is very much like a Marine from his cammies down to his watch."

The digital watch, she pointed out, has the time permanently set to 11:10 which pays homage to the Marine Corps birthday, Nov. 10.

"As we got into building him with the company we contracted, it really opened my eyes as to how unique the Marine Corps uniform is," said Goodrich, who has been a Marine Corps Community Services employee for about 16 years now. "I had to actually have Marines come in almost daily to make sure the details were right. The excitement was building monthly."

Goodrich said there are only a few companies in the United States which make the camouflage material used for the Marine Corps battle uniform. For reasons of security, they were not about to ship that material to the company who created Spike. They insisted on sending it to Goodrich, who later forwarded it to the mascot-building team.

Spike stepped aboard Camp Lejeune late last year. His first public appearance was his promotion ceremony.

Lt. Col. Michael Cordero, Headquarters and Support Bn., promoted Spike to private first class at a December SMP council meeting held at the Central Area Recreation Center.

Since then, Spike has been mixing it up and mingling at various events where Marines can be found. "He's cool. He can fit in anywhere there are Marines," said Goodrich, noting that Spike has been known to cut a rug at recreation center parties.

Besides being the face of the Camp Lejeune SMP, Goodrich said she hopes to use Spike to emphasize attention to safety, whether it is not drinking and driving, the reason he attended the Save a Life Tour program last week, or not text messaging and driving. She takes him to briefings and safety stand downs.

"What's most important is the reaction we are seeing from the Marines when they see the mascot in their uniform. You see the cell phones come out and they're taking pictures with him. It's almost like you're at Walt Disney World standing next to Mickey Mouse," she said.

Only this character is much more beefy, has "USMC" tattooed on his bicep and wears the combat uniform of the Marine Corps.



Photos by Heather M. Owens

Above, Spike puts Cpl. Marlo Pina of 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, in a headlock at the recent Save a Life Tour, an alcohol awareness presentation which took place at Marston Pavilion. In photograph at top left, Spike stands with several Marines of 2nd AA Bn.

Editor's note: To invite Spike to a unit event or briefing, call Goodrich at 451-1767.



MovieReview



From the front row with Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt

'Frost/Nixon': Watergate film details infamous events, interview

Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"FROST/NIXON" (R)
"Frost/Nixon" is a post-Watergate drama and a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most famous and captivating

television interviews in history. At this 1977 event, viewed by millions of people, Nixon acknowledged the Watergate incident was indeed a criminal act.

Frank Langella ("Good Night, and Good Luck," "Su-

perman Returns") portrays Richard M. Nixon, the 37th President of the United States, who was forced to resign in disgrace during 1974.

For three years after the Watergate scandal and the departure from Washington, Nixon never admitted any guilt, nor did he apologize to the American people.

Michael Sheen ("The Queen," "Blood Diamond") plays David Frost, the British journalist and talk show host, who led the interview and got Nixon to own up to his wrong doings.

Co-starring are Sam Rockwell ("The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford") as James Reston Jr.; Kevin Bacon ("Mystic River") as Jack Brennan; Toby Jones ("W") as Irving "Swifty" Lazar; Andy Milder ("Domino") as Frank Gannon; Matthew MacFadyen ("Pride & Prejudice") as John Birt; and Oliver Platt ("Martian Child") as Bob Zelnick.

Patty McCormack ("Shallow Ground") can be seen as Mrs. Nixon; Kate Jennings Grant ("Trust the Man") is Diane Sawyer and Rebecca Hall ("Vickie Christina Barcelona") plays

Caroline Cushing, Frost's girlfriend.

Director Ron Howard ("The Da Vinci Code," "Cinderella Man," "Apollo 13," "A Beautiful Mind") recounts the time leading up to the taping of four interviews with the disgraced president, which was an epic televised confrontation.

Howard directed this story, based on Peter Morgan's Tony award winning play, brilliantly. Morgan ("The Queen") also wrote the screenplay for the film.

Langella and Sheen recreate their stage roles which they first played in London during 2006 and then on Broadway during 2007. The two leading actors are mesmerizing and powerful in their repeat performances.

"Frost/Nixon" is full of humor, excitement and suspense during a time period many adults might remember.

Note: The movie was nominated for several Oscar awards, including best picture of the year.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"THE INTERNATIONAL" (R)
"The International" is a

Euro-thriller about a corrupt banking system.

The movie tackles power, corruption and lies of the new global capitalists and puts the spotlight on multinational banks involved in arms deals, assassinations and third-world coups.

Clive Owen ("Children of Men," "Derailed," "Inside Man," "King Arthur") stars as Louis Salinger, a highly motivated rogue Interpol agent.

Naomi Watts ("Eastern Promises," "King Kong") stars as Eleanor Whitman, a Manhattan District Attorney.

The two lead a probe into banks that finance terrorism and are determined to bring to justice one of the world's most powerful banks.

While Salinger and Whitman follow the money from Berlin to Milan, and from New York to Istanbul, they uncover numerous illegal activities, including money laundering.

They find themselves in a high stakes chase across the globe and put their lives at risk, as their targets will stop at nothing to continue financing terror and war.

Co-starring is Armin Mueller-Stahl ("Eastern Promis-

es") as Wilhelm Wexler, is the fixer for the bank.

Also appearing are U Thomsen ("Hitman"), Jonas Skarsen, and Bri O'Byrne ("Before the E Knows You're Dead"), a Consultant.

Director Tom Tykwer ("Heaven," "Perfume: Story of a Murderer," "Run Lola Run") filmed this dynamic and stylish thriller on locations around the globe, giving a cool chase sequence Istanbul's Grand Bazaar a spectacular shoot-out a art-filled Guggenheim Museum in New York City.

The talented international filmmaker John Woo ("Mission Impossible 2") leaves an imprint serving as one of executive producers.

"The International" is contemporary thriller that couldn't come at a better time. The film is well-made and handsome and tense dramatically. It retells one of the old conspiracy thrillers like "The French Connection" and "Three of the Condor."

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GamingIntel

Franchise loses some of its edge but still please

BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

"Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party" is billed as the first video game you can play with your butt. It might seem like a no-brainer, but this game's gotta be good.

The E-10-rated game from Ubisoft is the third in the "Raving Rabbids" series on Nintendo's Wii. This time, the floppy-eared mutants get trapped in Rayman's TV and create a strange lineup of programs, and minigames.

The campaign mode involves playing through games based on a week's worth of the rabbids' oddball programming and commercials. The party mode lets up to four friends compete head-to-head in those same games.

In the great rabbid tradition, the minigames require wild gestures with the Wii's motion-sensitive controllers. But this year, the pressure-sensitive balance board makes its debut, which is where the whole butt thing comes into play. One game involves sitting on the board while guiding an onscreen wildebeest down a snow-covered slope.

In other games, the board simulates the gas and brake pedals in a crazy barnyard race and acts as a sort of interstellar snowboard careening through space debris.

It's also used in dance and fitness challenges, which require you to match arm and body positions with the rabbids on screen. These are easily the most amusing events

in the game, especially if you're watching other people make fools of themselves.

Since only one balance board can be synced to a Wii at a time, players sometimes need to take turns in party mode. However, that doesn't mean anyone gets to rest. The players who aren't controlling the action can fling distracting objects, select difficult moves to perform and generally play spoiler.

Non-balance-board games include strutting your stuff on a catwalk, wrestling and performing in a band. Plunger-shooting also returns as you blast costumed rabbids who are trying to interrupt the filming of various movies, such as "Night of the Zombies."

"TV Party" is definitely tamer

than the first two rabbid games. You don't hit any critters on the head with hammers. You don't pluck worms from rotting teeth. You don't spit in anyone's drink. You don't slap any school children. And you're never propelled through the air by flatulence.

Sure, some of those minigames went over the edge. However, this year's edition doesn't even seem to have an edge.

Does that mean the rabbids have gone lame? Actually, I had my doubts.

However, I changed my mind after taking "TV Party" and several other popular Wii titles to a couple of gatherings. I discovered that everyone was eager to test the new rabbid game, and everyone had a blast.

Afterward, I asked my friend which game they liked best, "Mario Kart Wii," "Super Smash Bros. Brawl," "Boom Blox" or "TV Party," and the rabbids were the clear winners.

It became apparent why the game is called "TV Party" rather than "TV Solitaire." Games that seem pretty lackluster when played alone take on a lot of life when others are in the room. I recommend you fill the room and have fun.

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On the Web: rabbids.uk.ubi.com

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The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences are sponsoring two spring nature sessions on reptiles and amphibians at the Jacksonville High School cafeteria. The first session begins at 2:30 p.m. The second session begins at 3:30 p.m. The two, one hour programs will feature a short lecture then provide an opportunity for hands-on participation. The program is free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Cake auction fundraiser March 3, 6:30 p.m.

Lejeune High School is planning a cake auction as a fundraiser for Project Graduation 2009. The auction is scheduled to take place during the LHS winter sports banquet. All are welcome to participate. For more information, call 451-2451.

Guardian Ad Litem training March 10

The North Carolina Guardian Ad Litem program seeks volunteers to train as court appointed advocates for abused and neglected children. Training begins March 10. For more information, call 346-5335 or visit www.gal4kids.org.

Natural family planning class March 5, 4:30 p.m.

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune has scheduled a 90-minute introduction to the Creighton model of fertility care for couples or single women who would like to learn more about natural planning. The event will be held in Classroom C at the Naval Hospital. To register, call 450-4564.

Arbor Day celebration March 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

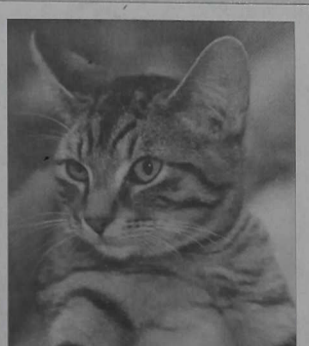
An Arbor Day celebration is scheduled at the Jacksonville Mall. Come out and visit Smokey the Bear. There will be free trees while supplies last. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

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SMP Marines, sailors dance night away for good cause

by Cpl. Katie Mathison
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CPL. KATIE MATHISON
 Marine Corps Base

The dining hall was decorated with red streamers, cardboard hearts, bouquets of red balloons and rose petals sprinkled on top white tablecloths.

The door was framed by a large arch with red streamers and roses. It looked like any Valentine's Day dance at a high school, but it was not a high school.

The dance took place at Carebridge Assisted Living Community, and some special guests came to dance the night away with the residents Feb. 12.

Ten service members from Camp Johnson's Single Marine Program volunteered to escort the residents at the dance. This is the third year the SMP has visited the community for the holiday.

"When we can get our Marines to volunteer without even raising a finger, that is really rewarding," said Susan Goodrich, Camp Lejeune SMP coordinator. "I feel it's truly coming from their hearts, and they wanted to be involved in it."

The dance is not just a special night for Carebridge

residents, it is also a good opportunity for the service members.

"There are a lot of smiles, not just on the residents' faces, but also the Marines," Goodrich said. "I never know which one has more fun."

For William Combs Jr., a resident of Carebridge and the Valentine's Day dance king, the service members attending the dance had a more personal connection. He came from a military background. His father was a captain in the Marine Corps, and he was in the Coast Guard.

Although having a military connection made the night special for Combs, it was not his favorite part of the evening.

"The best part of the evening was definitely my queen," he said.

The queen of the dance, Brenda Foster, had a different opinion on her favorite part.

"The best part for me was getting to see what it is like to be queen," she said. "I enjoyed being the queen, because I was always the one in the background. My boyfriend didn't like it though. Nobody voted for him. Well, they did vote for him, it just wasn't enough to win."

Foster also enjoyed the Marines' company for the evening.

"The Marine I danced with was very polite," she said. "I think it is great they came all the way out here for this. I remember last year, and I looked forward to this."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Antrion Smith, an instructor with the Field Medical Training Battalion East, was glad he had an opportunity to volunteer for the event.

"The Single Marine Program president (Petty Officer 2nd Class) Roberts asked for volunteers, and it was something I have never done before," Smith said. "My grandmother is in a facility like this, I know how important it is for her to see a fresh face. It really brings a smile to her face. So, I know how important it is for these residents. A lot of them just want someone to talk to."

Smith truly enjoyed the dance and would like to see more events like this, he said.

"They need to do this more often," he said. "The military really should get involved in events like these. It shows the community the military cares, and especially for the veterans in these facilities, it shows we still care for them."

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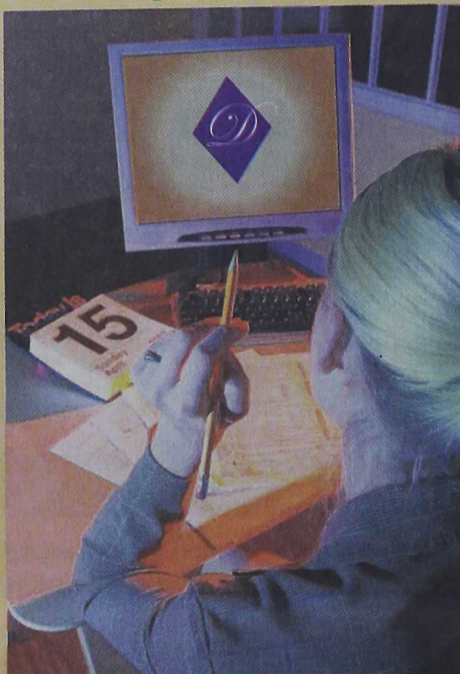
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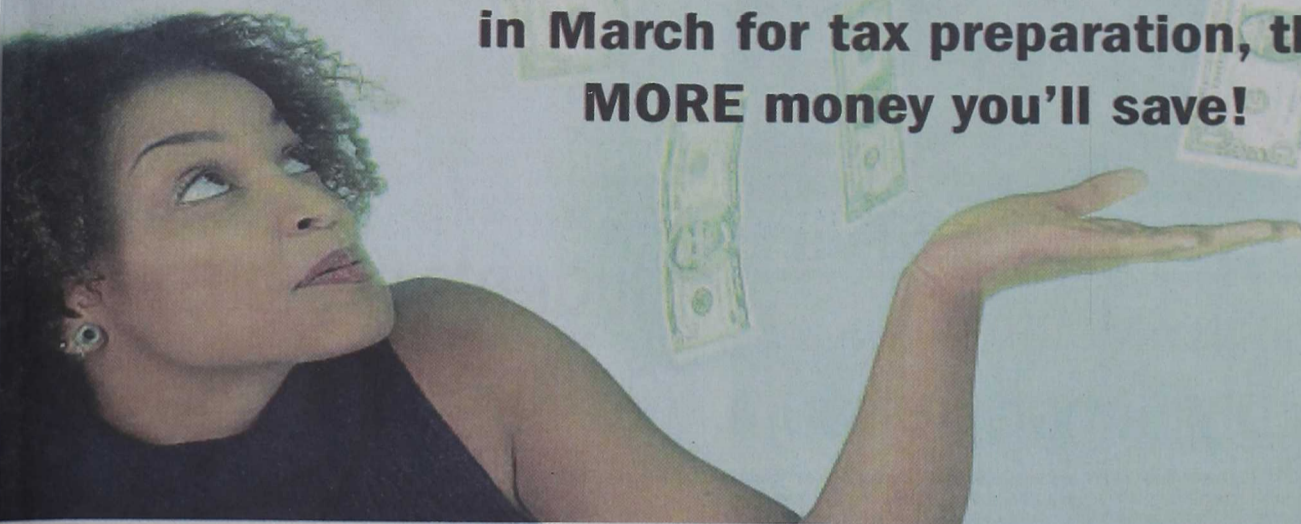
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Craig Reed, branch head for Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit and husband of Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School teacher Cynthia Reed, was one of the guest speakers at the school's Black History Month celebration Friday.

Black History Month: Assembly honors freedom

HEATHER M. OWENS
Carolina Living editor

Tarawa Terrace II students and teachers gathered in the gymnasium Friday to celebrate Black History Month.

The assembly included speeches, musical offerings and a dramatization of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech.

Col. Joel H. Berry III, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools commanding officer, and Capt. Juan Turner, Camp Johnson African-American History Month chairman, spoke to students about the contributions of African-Americans in the Marine Corps.

Berry spoke of the contributions of early African-American Marines, who were known as Montford Point Marines after the camp at which they received their training.

"Before we became Camp Johnson, we were called Montford Point," said Berry. "African-American history is very, very important to those of us who now work at Camp Johnson."

Kaira Miller, daughter of a retired Marine and 2009 Stellar Gospel Award winner, sang for the students and teachers. Then Lejeune High School

students, Kashonia Boston and Zachary Moss, played a musical selection.

Craig Reed, Semper Fit branch head and husband of TT II teacher Cynthia Reed, gave a dramatic presentation of the 1968 March on Washington for Civil Rights and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Reed engaged the students by reciting the speech and then leading them in singing the spiritual "We Shall Overcome."

Reed has been reciting King's speeches for audiences for about 15 years. He started after being inspired by King's words and wanting to keep his legacy vibrant for future generations.

"It helps keep the message alive and it motivates me as well," he said. "His speeches remind me, as a leader, there is something in this world that is bigger than me."

Leigh Anne Kapiko, TT II's principal, said the school does its best to shape tomorrow's leaders through the curriculum and special presentations.

"If there had not been a dream, there would not have been a President Obama. We have to learn from the past to have a better future," she said. "Assemblies like this help students realize that, and that they are creators of their own destiny."

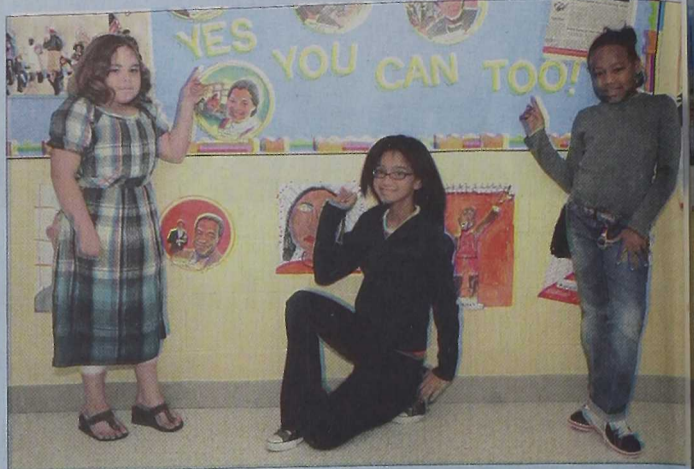


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Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School recently announced the winners of Black History Month essay contest. The winners, shown here from left to right: Emilee Pascoe, fourth grade, Gabrielle Timbrook, fifth grade and Regina Robinson, third grade, pose in front of one of the school's bulletin boards.

Students use art, words to experience history

HEATHER M. OWENS
Carolina Living editor

Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School students have been using essay writing, poetry, art and other media to enhance what they have been learning about Black History Month.

Student artwork decorates the school's hallways. Some pieces are portraits of famous African-Americans, while others are students' interpretations of African-style artwork.

Again this year, the school held a Black History Month essay contest for students in grades three through five.

The winners were announced at an assembly Friday. The winners are: Regina Robinson, a student in Diane Pina's third grade class; Emilee Pascoe, from Lauren Hunt's fourth grade class and Gabrielle Timbrook of Laura Hastings fifth grade class.

Each girl received several prizes her winning essay, including a certificate of achievement and a savings bond presented by the Montford Point Marine Association.

Robinson wrote about Civil Rights leader Rosa Parks in her essay. "I learned that she stood up for herself and she wanted to do something to change her life and everybody

else's life," said Robinson, who said she enjoyed writing about her life and fairy tales.

Pascoe's class assignment was to write about three famous African-Americans in their essays: inventor Elijah McCoy, President Barack Obama and humanitarian Harriet Tubman.

"I learned about a lot of new people," said Pascoe of her experience in researching and writing her essay. "It was really fun writing the essay."

Though she enjoyed writing the essay, Pascoe said her favorite media is poetry. "Poetry is the best kind of writing because it tells a story and it has a lot of expressive words," she said.

Timbrook also wrote about several famous African-Americans in her essay.

"The theme our teacher gave us was the quest for black citizenship, and I became interested in the topic right away," said Timbrook.

"I have a passion for writing because it lets me express myself, so that made it really easy to write," she said of her essay.

TT II's principal said she was proud of all of the essayists. "They have brought together strong academics with the knowledge of important world events," said Leigh Anne Kapiko.

Read Across America Week

March 2 - 8 is national Read Across America Week. Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools will observe the week by inviting guest readers to the schools. Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., base commanding officer, has officially recognized the celebration and requests Camp Lejeune citizens and community partners to encourage children to make reading a lifelong practice.

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2nd Dental Battalion observes National Children's Dental Health month

HEATHER M. OWENS
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The 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group is charged with safe guarding dental health of Camp Lejeune Marines sailors.

(et, during National Children's Dental Health month, which is observed during February each year, many members of the 2nd Dental Bn. staff are on a special volunteer mission.

Dentists, hygienists and technicians have visited several area schools, and even the Har- te B. Smith Library, this month bringing message of good oral hygiene to young people.

We have been talking with children about dental oral hygiene, proper nutrition, what causes cavities and what happens when you visit the dentist," said Lt. Amy Proano, staff dental officer.

Proano estimates at least 50 2nd Den- Bn. service members and civilians have volunteered to participate in the dental health presentations for students at Camp Lejeune dependent Schools and even a few off base schools. All of the volunteers hail from the various dental clinics aboard Camp Lejeune.

"They're hilarious," said Proano of the children they have encountered during the presentations. "They are excited about brushing their teeth and they all want to show you how they brush their teeth."

During the 45-minute presentations, the dental staff uses posters, videos, story books, puppets and models of teeth to illustrate their message.

They even get students in on the act. Using anatomical balls as spacers, the officers and staff line up several children to play the role of teeth. Then they have two other children

use a jump rope to demonstrate proper flossing techniques.

Friday, students at a Bitz Intermediate School presentation seemed to really appreciate the hands on learning techniques. They laughed and cheered as their classmates played the role of giant teeth.

Employing a green dinosaur called "Mr. Dudley," dental staffers explained the importance of wearing mouth guards to protect teeth while playing sports. They also talked about preserving oral health by maintaining proper nutrition, not smoking and not drinking sugary drinks throughout the day.

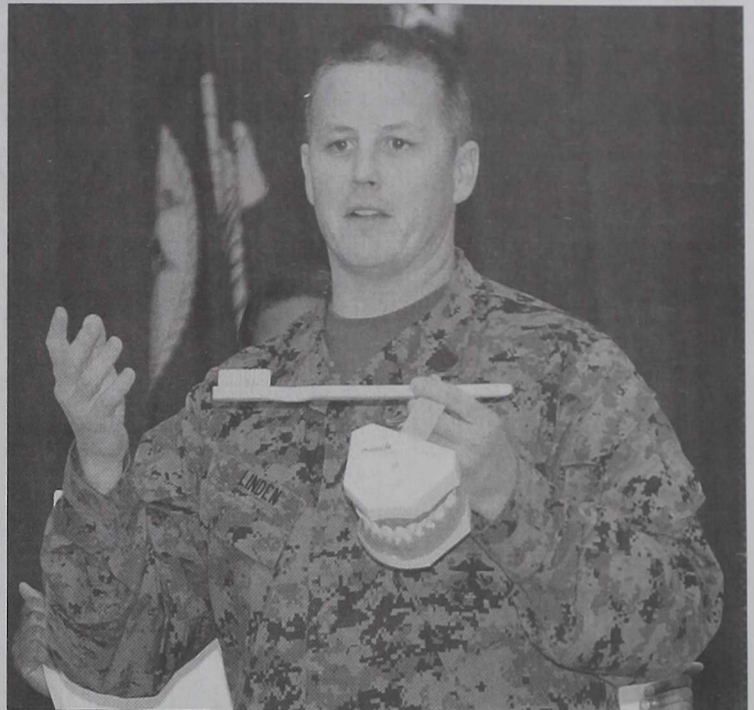
For parents who did not have the benefit of attending the presentations, Proano offered four suggestions which parents may follow to help preserve their children's oral health: Brush teeth twice a day, floss once a day, visit the dentist every six months starting at age 1 and limit sugary drinks, such as juice, to meal-time. Water is the best drink for children to consume between meals, she said.

Though the military dental system is only set up to treat pediatric patients in special circumstances, it is very important for parents to schedule dental checkups twice a year with civilian dentists, said Proano.

Proano said she hopes the dental health class the unit has presented to Camp Lejeune children this month will aid parents in safe guarding their children's dental health.

The education may teach children that there is no reason to fear going to the dentist. It may also help them think more about good oral hygiene between dental office visits.

"Through teaching children about cavities and what causes them, it will hopefully help prevent dental problems down the road. It may also make going to the dentist a positive experience for them," she said.



Photos by Heather M. Owens
 Lt. Ross Gille, staff dental officer with 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, uses props to demonstrate proper tooth brushing techniques during a presentation at Bitz Intermediate School Friday. During February, which is National Children's Dental Health Month, 2nd Dental Bn. dentists, hygienists and technicians have visited local schools to teach children about proper oral hygiene.

Officers' Wives Club accepts applications for grants

The Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives Club is accepting applications for their annual distribution of fundraising proceeds to nonprofit and charitable organizations that impact the local military community and community at large. To be considered for funds, organizations must submit their requests in writing to: Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives' Club, Rebecca Hakola, Charitable Distributions Committee, 3007 Seth Williams Blvd., Camp Lejeune, N.C. 28547.


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