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ASAD, IRAQ

## Marines take big step in leaving Iraq

SGT. MATTHEW SEWELL  
Multi National Force - West

The Marine Corps took its first major step in the drawdown of Marine Corps commands from Iraq when the Logistics Combat Element of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) was redesignated as 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) to Combat Logistics Regiment 27.

At a ceremony held Sept. 1, Brig. Gen. Juan Ayala, commanding general of 2nd MLG (Fwd), turned over command of Marine Corps logistics in Iraq to Col. Vincent A. Coglianesse, commanding officer, CLR-27. After the ceremony, Ayala left Iraq and the organizational colors of 2nd MLG (Fwd) went with him.

A 4,000-person MLG has been the cornerstone of Marine Corps logistics in Iraq since 2004. This reduction measures in the thousands, as the CLR is about half the size of the MLG, and is the beginning of the end for Marine forces in Iraq.

However, the preparations for the drawdown were set in motion long before Sept. 1. The wheels began turning as soon as II MEF (Fwd) landed in country. Security and stability in the region led to fewer attacks on U.S. forces, Iraqi forces and Iraqi citizens, to the point where Anbar province dropped off of the mainstream media's radar almost altogether.

Although most of the preparations by the Marine Corps were transparent to much of the world, the Marines themselves knew they were working toward an end to the Marine Corps' involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The departure of the fourth and final Marine Medium Tilt-Rotor Squadron to serve in OIF in April, was a sure sign of a decreased requirement of both personnel and equipment. As such, the Marine Corps had begun to redeploy units with fewer and fewer follow-on forces entering the country.

The next major reduction for the Marine Corps will be the redeployment of its two regimental combat teams this fall. As they leave the country, a single Army advisory and assistance brigade comprised of the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division from Ft. Bragg, N.C., will be moving in to assume the role of training and advising the Iraqi security forces.

Shortly thereafter, a third major reduction will take place as yet another command's flag will return to the United States. The Aviation Combat Element of II MEF (Fwd) will be redesignated from 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) to Marine Aircraft Group 26. There will again be a significant manpower reduction as Marines return to their loved

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Photo by Cpl. Meg Murray

Brig. Gen. Juan Ayala (left), commanding general of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Fwd.), congratulates Col. Vincent A. Coglianesse (right), commanding officer for the newly established Combat Logistics Regiment 27 (Fwd.), on his assumption of command of the Logistics Combat Element of Multi National Force - West at a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq, Sept. 1.

## Gone but NEVER forgotten

9/11 ceremony gives faces to those lost

CPL. KATIE DENSMORE  
Marine Corps Base

In one of the most devastating terrorist attacks on American soil, 19 people changed the lives of millions. In an attack coordinated by al-Qaida, 2,993 people lost their lives. The attack not only changed New York's skyline, but America as a whole.

The attacks were meant to kill the American spirit, but just the opposite happened. America was drawn closer together. Flags were flown across the nation to show a united front against a new enemy.

Eight years later, America has not forgotten the planes that crashed into the twin towers, Pentagon and the plane that crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pa., nor have they forgotten the brave emergency responders who lost their lives running into a burning building in an attempt to save as many innocent civilians as possible.

To honor all of those who died in the attacks, the Onslow Civil Affairs Committee hosted a ceremony at Lejeune Memorial Gardens beside the 9/11 Memorial.

The memorial is a beam from the World Trade Center that a delegation of the Fire Department New York and the Fire Family Transport Foundation delivered as part of an Independence Day celebration July 3, 2003. The beam was donated to recognize the Marines for their support in the aftermath of the attacks and continued actions in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Underneath a cloudy sky, the cool morning was an appropriate setting for the somber ceremony. The event began with the 2nd Marine Division Band playing "Proud to be an American" and "America the Beautiful" as people milled about before finding their seats.

Members of the Onslow Civil Affairs Committee stood behind the beam. They were dressed in white shirts and black pants. When they stepped on the stage in groups of four they symbolized civilians who lost their lives in the attacks. Each member of the committee held a photo in front of their face as the narrator read a story about the person who lost his or her life that day. The presentation was meant to remind the audience that the victims were more than just names. They were real people who were going about their daily lives when tragedy struck.

The first group to be honored was the unsuspecting passengers on the planes that crashed. The youngest victim honored during the ceremony was an 11-year-old girl.

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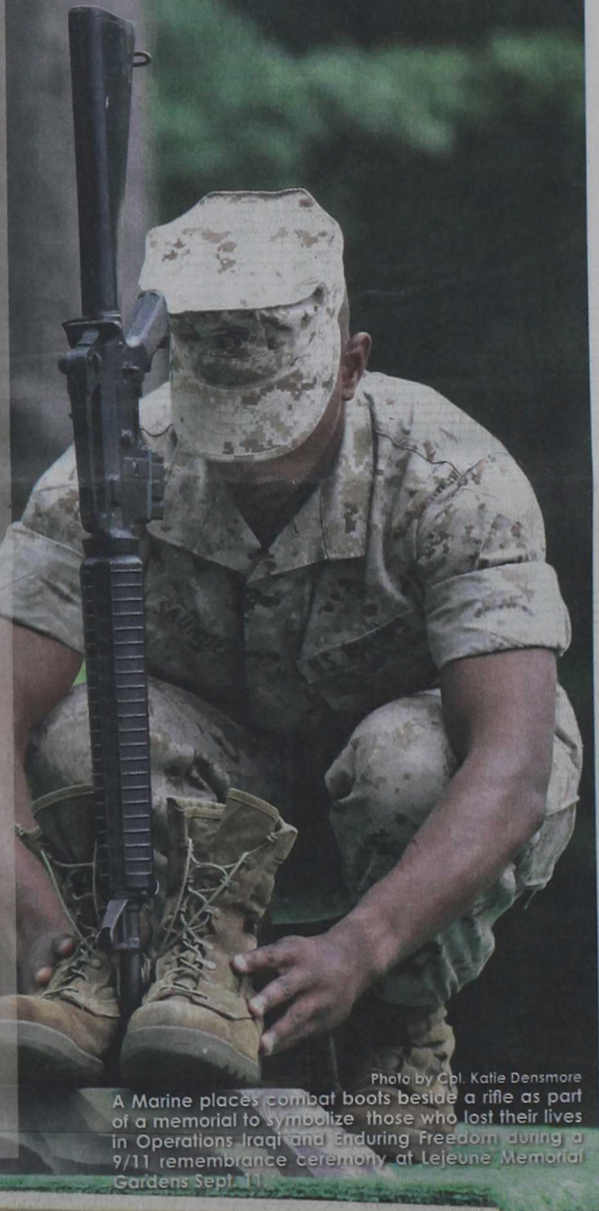


Photo by Cpl. Katie Densmore

A Marine places combat boots beside a rifle as part of a memorial to symbolize those who lost their lives in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Lejeune Memorial Gardens Sept. 11.

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### WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Naturalization ceremony honors new uniformed citizens

JOHN J. KRUZEL

American Forces Press Service

Marine Sgt. Tikonblah Dargbeh is like the tens of thousands of other troops who have served in Iraq as a U.S. military member, save for one major distinction: until today, Dargbeh was not American.

But his national status changed when Dargbeh, a native of Liberia, and 30 other foreign-born U.S. military members officially became American citizens at a naturalization ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept. 10.

"Represented here are immigrants from 20 different nations, on five continents," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told the crowd gathered

in the building's center courtyard. "It is one of the true glories of our country that, when it comes to being an American, you don't have to be a descendant of the founders or the colonists who came over on the Mayflower."

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 50,000 men and women have become citizens while wearing the uniform of the U.S. military, said Gates, adding that more than a hundred of these newly-naturalized citizens have died in action.

Gates called it fitting that in accordance with a 2002 executive order, immigrants who serve on active duty become immediately eligible for U.S. citizenship, which often represents an expedited path for

foreign-born service members to become Americans.

"This nation that welcomes you with warmth and with pride is very much in your debt, because you have shown your love for this country in the most honorable way possible," he said. "So on behalf of the people of the United States - your people - and the 'self-evident truths' which they hold so dear."

Gates' fellow cabinet member Janet Napolitano, the secretary of Homeland Security, led the group in reciting the Oath of Allegiance to the U.S. Constitution.

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Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Molly Burgess

Marine Sgt. Tikonblah Dargbeh poses with fiancée Ashley Smalls, left, and mother Martha Dargbeh, right, following a Sept. 10 naturalization ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., during which the Marine officially became a U.S. citizen. Dargbeh is assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.



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- Review your recent Industrial Hygiene survey and conduct a Job Hazard Analysis to determine which work areas need to use PPE. Based on the JHA and IH survey the supervisor and employees should

select the correct PPE required and post warnings of the required PPE.

- Train all employees in: when to wear PPE, what PPE to wear, how to wear the PPE, limitations of the PPE, and how to properly maintain and dispose of the PPE.

- Be sure to document the training, without documentation you cannot prove the training occurred.

- Re-train if personnel do not understand the training points, lack situation awareness of proper PPE usage or the PPE requirements change in the work place.

- Ensure all PPE utilized meet the minimum approval of federal specs, ANSI standards, or recognized testing organizations like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- The organization is responsible for providing ap-

proved PPE and enforcing its use, however you will get the best results when employees are involved in the type and style of PPE selected.

- Eye and face protection shall be worn when reasonably expected to prevent or reduce injuries to the eyes/face and must meet ANSI standard Z87.1

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- For work processes involving respirators be sure to consult with your Base Safety and Industrial Hygiene Representatives.

Remember, it only takes a fraction of a second to have a life altering experience. Think safety and avoid potential hazards by wearing your PPE. Your involvement and commitment in your safety on and off-duty is what makes you successful.

Commanders and Supervisors: It is your responsibility to ensure your personnel utilize their PPE. To assist you in your duties, a "Leaders Guide" is available on the following page. For more information, contact your unit safety officer, or base safety representative.

### MAN ON THE STREET

What are you lacking in your PFT and what are you doing to train up to it?



**Cpl. Chris Davisbarton**  
Control Logistics Command 252, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group  
Austin, Texas

"My run time; I run every morning to get my stamina up."



**Lance Cpl. Gabriel Villa**  
2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division  
El Paso, Texas

"Pull-ups; I weight lift with free weight bar curls."



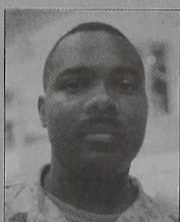
**Phil Beck**  
Retired lieutenant colonel, United States Marine Corps  
Lawton, Okla.

"It was my run time; I would do endurance and distance runs, but no speed drills."



**Lance Cpl. Terry Armond**  
Food Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Division  
Meridian, Miss.

"Crunches, and I do leg lifts in my room nightly before a shower."

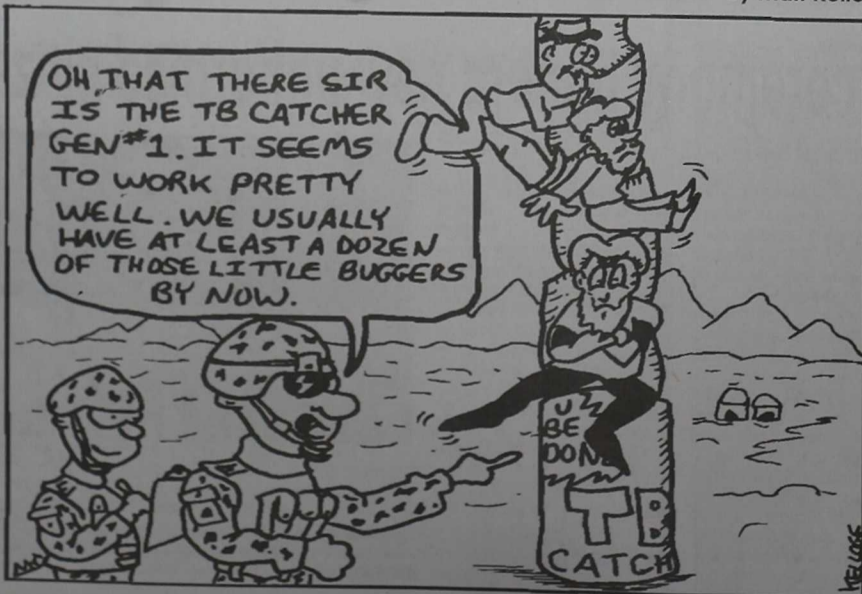


**Gunnery Sgt. Nicky Williams**  
Headquarters Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division  
Goldsboro, N.C.

"My run time; I do more cardio workouts, and also run backwards for a fourth of a mile."

# Flip Flop Doodles

By Matt Kellogg



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CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT

# Conversations, down time on the Sierra Battery gun line

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22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

A person might come across some interesting conversation topics on the gun line with Sierra Battery, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, as they conduct fire missions in the middle of the Kuwait Desert.

The barter value of chewing tobacco in the field;

Marine One: "What kind dip you got?"

Marine Two: "The kind you put in your lip."

Marine One: "Give me me."

Marine Two: "Why?"

Marine One: "I gave you a cigarette earlier."

Marine Two: "So?"

Marine One: "And some capstick."

Marine Two: "Alright. Here you go."

Nicholas Cage's acting;

Marine One: "You can't compare 'Face Off' and 'Matchstick Men,' they're two completely different movies."

Marine Two: "But they're both Nicholas Cage."

Marine One: "Well, then you need to compare 'Face Off' and 'The Rock.'"

But when a fire mission comes over the radio, there's only one conversation, one voice that is heard at Sierra Battery's Gun 5, known as Steel Reserve.

Section Chief Cpl. Kyle Street: "Fire mission!"

All the Marines of Steel Reserve: "Fire Mission!"

Street: "One round H-E-D!"

All others: "One round H-P-D!"

Street: "Charge, three o'clock!"

All others: "Charge, three o'clock!"

Street: "Deflection, thirty-two-oh-one!"

All others: "Deflection, thirty-two-oh-one!"

Street: "Quadrant, two zero eight!"

All others: "Quadrant, two zero eight!"

Street: "Stand by."

All others: "Stand by."

Street: "FIRE!"

And then all conversation ceases as the cannon known as Steel Reserve lends its booming 155mm opinion to the discussion.

"You feel it in your chest — the 'BOOM.' There's nothing like it," Street said. "It's adrenaline like nothing else."

Street has been firing the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Epright

The Marines of Gun 5, "Steel Reserve," with Sierra Battery, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, ram a round in their M-777 howitzer at a training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 1. The 22nd MEU is ashore in Kuwait conducting sustainment training while serving as the theater reserve force for U.S. Central Command.

big guns for his whole Marine Corps career — first the venerable M-198 howitzer and now the lightweight M-777. Before the Corps, he even did a short stint as an artilleryman in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

He and his assistant section chief, Cpl. Brian Miller, both Iraq veterans, keep it light when they're not sending steel downrange. They say it has a positive impact on their Marines' performance.

"If you get people talking in between fire missions, kind of relaxing, nobody gets stressed out during the fire mission," says Miller. "It keeps everybody calm and everyone knows exactly what they're supposed to do."

Street and Miller take advantage of lulls in the pace to ensure the younger Marines on the gun know not only their jobs, but other jobs on the gun as well.

"We've basically pulled ourselves off the gun and said 'alright, you better learn how to run this now,'" said Cpl. Caleb Guy, and the third member of a team of veteran corporals

that keeps Steel Reserve running smooth.

The three were brought up together in the same gun team and operated together through their time as a mounted security force in Iraq.

The last several weeks of their last deployment, they helped build an artillery firebase from scratch in a corner of Taquaddum Air Base in Iraq.

Middle-of-the-night counter-fire missions kept them sharp and got them to the point where they were able to go from a dead sleep, to firing the first round out of the tube within 30 seconds.

"As soon as you hear 'counter-fire,' without even thinking, you would be out the door before you even realized what was going on," said Guy. "If you walked in there and yelled 'counter-fire,' you would get us jumping out of the rack."

Speed like that is the key to maintaining superiority on the gun line, he says.

"From the training drills we do, to the actual fire missions, everything is to see who is the better gun," said Guy.

The competition even extends off the gun line.

"Even when it comes down to (physical training)," added Miller. "If somebody falls out in PT, they say 'he's in your section, you don't see anybody from Gun 5 falling out.'"

Even with the pressure to be the fastest gun on the line, they still concentrate on doing everything the right way.

"Everybody wants to be the fastest gun, but at the same time, you have to be the safest gun," said Guy. "You can't cut corners and fire a round unsafely."

Firing in the middle of Kuwait gives younger Marines the space to practice firing the guns safely.

According to Guy, there

is little room for error when training on U.S. military bases.

"Out here in the desert, if you miss, you just hit more desert," he added.

Guy adds that aside from giving the Marines more room to stretch their capabilities, the heat can be an effective training tool.

"For the new guys, it's really good training because they've never fired in any kind of desert climate," Guy said. "We've fired in the heat and we're used to the heat."

All three corporals are on their twilight tour with artillery, with Street and Miller looking at lateral moves to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Guy planning to get out of the Corps.

So the conversation turns to who will carry on the "Steel Reserve" tradition, as a gun name is an important aspect of a gun team.

"We named it. We sprayed the name on there as a section," Street said. "It's our thing."

Street explains that he, Miller and Guy all hope that Gun 5's senior lance corporal, Lance Cpl. William M. Zahorak, is the chosen heir.

"When we all leave, he's probably going to take over the gun. Since he was brought up on Steel Reserve, if he wants to keep the name, he can keep it," said Street. "But if my gun goes to somebody else, I'll make them scrub it off."

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A view of the staging area of gear ready for shipment to Afghanistan, near the 2nd Medical Logistics Company compound aboard Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, Aug. 30. The company is in the final stage of its seven-month deployment to Iraq.

CAMP TAQADDUM, IRAQ

# 2nd MEDLOG ships \$3 million in supplies from Iraq to Afghanistan

**GUNNERY SGT. KATESHA WASHINGTON**  
2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward)

As more U.S. troops are being sent to the fight in Afghanistan, the possibility of more troops being injured rises. To ensure those responsible for saving limbs and lives are equipped to handle such an enormous task, sailors with the 2nd Medical Logistics Company at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, have sent about \$3 million worth of medical supplies and equipment to the region.

The shipment of the much-needed gear does more than just keep military doctors and corpsmen well-stocked to handle any emergency; it also helps to reduce the military's footprint in Iraq. With millions of pieces of gear still left to ship out of Iraq, anything that can be retrograded back to the U.S. or to Operation Enduring Freedom will bring military planners one step closer to reducing its footprint in Iraq. But the major concern during the drawdown process, says Chief Petty Officer Adrian V. Dimla, the officer in charge of 2nd MEDLOG, is making sure he continues to support his own units in Iraq while also looking

out for his fellow medical professionals in Afghanistan.

"The biggest challenge we face here at MEDLOG is continuing to receive and ship gear and equipment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, while at the same time continuing to sustain the units within Multi National Force - West," he said.

Some of the most sought-after items requested by military doctors and corpsmen in Afghanistan include pharmaceuticals, tourniquets, bandages and surgical gloves. Dimla and his 13 sailors are honored to have the opportunity to help out their fellow hospitalmen even if they are thousands of miles away.

Since arriving at Al Anbar province in early March, 2nd MEDLOG sailors have provided seamless logistical support to units throughout Iraq including its own command, the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), and its subordinate units. Their mission is to provide medical equipment and supplies to the Marine air-ground task force, as well as to provide logistical support to meet the requirements for missions such as disaster relief, humanitarian relief efforts and peacekeeping operations.

The logistics company currently has 14 sailors at Camp Taqaddum who are working from sunrise to sunset to consolidate the last pieces of gear and equipment before their replacements arrive in September.

Recently, they inspected, packaged and staged in preparation for shipment, 161 pallets, tri-wall boxes, and three, 40-foot International

Organization for Standardization containers in order to make the transition with their counterparts easier and to prepare them for a successful tour.

Traditionally, the incoming unit would handle a job that large, but Dimla explained that although he could have just left the work for them to do, it was important that he saw this project

through to completion.

"(We did it) because it's the right thing to do. We started this retrograde process and have taken a lot of pride in the amount of gear that has been shipped out to OEF. The majority of this gear is leaving in the next few shipments and we will be able to see the completion of this task and make

the transition smoother."

As Dimla and his crew prepare to end their seven-month deployment, they look back on their time in Iraq and know they've made a difference — in the overall mission of the U.S. military in Iraq and to their Navy brethren who are fighting to keep Marines alive in Afghanistan.

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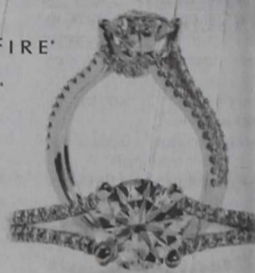


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CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT

# 22nd MEU Leathernecks learn basic Lioness lessons

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22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

At forward operating bases and on patrols throughout Iraq and Afghanistan it is becoming more common to see long hair peeking out from under the edges of Kevlar helmets as more female Marines are sent out for direct interaction with local communities. To help bolster readiness and flexibility, female Marines and sailors from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit learned how to protect entry control points and conduct personnel searches of Middle Eastern female civilians at a training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 25.

In Middle Eastern countries, where the majority of the civilians are friendly and their cultural norms restrict contact between unrelated

males and females, using respect and consideration in interactions with those civilians is vital to maintaining good relations with the local populace.

"It's a cultural awareness thing for Iraq and Afghanistan," said Guy Mortati, the civilian instructor contracted by the U.S. Army to teach the lessons to units participating in the training. "Being a Muslim culture, only females can touch females."

The women warriors went through three stages of the training, starting with classroom instruction on the proper ways to conduct female searches, then moving through practical application on ECP operations and culminating with a live-fire escalation-of-force training shoot.

"I think this would be good training for any Marine in general," said Cpl. Cassandra Hoffman, a military police noncommissioned officer with the 22nd MEU's Logistics Combat Element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22.

Hoffman, who deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, last year and served as part of a Marine female search team, or FST, said the training got the key points across without being complicated.

"For Marines who need to have a basic understanding of searches, this is a good place to come," she said. The 22nd MEU, led by Col. Gareth F. Brandt, is a scalable, multi-purpose force of more than 2,200 Marines and sailors. The unit is composed of its ground combat element, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; aviation combat element, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 (Reinforced); logistics combat element, CLB-22 and its command element.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Epright  
From left to right, Cpl. Angelique Smith, a radio operator, Sgt. Zenita Green, a warehouse clerk, and Cpl. Marine Hendrix, an administrative clerk, all with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, load their M16-A4 rifles during an escalation-of-force reaction range near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 25. The 22nd MEU is ashore in Kuwait conducting sustainment training while serving as the theater reserve force for U.S. Central Command.

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Lance Cpl. Joshua S. Speakman, a radio operator with India Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, provides security during Deliberate Assault Course training at a training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, recently.



Photo by Cpl. Justin M. Martinez  
Marines with amphibious assault vehicle platoon, Company I, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, rehearse the Deliberate Assault Course at a training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, recently.

CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT

# India showers desert with destruction

CPL. JUSTIN M. MARTINEZ  
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

A storm rolled through Kuwait. But it didn't bring water to replenish and hydrate the Earth. Mother Nature had nothing to do with the deadly metal downpour that demolished the local desert. The havoc that rained down came from the combined force of the major subordinate elements of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Marines with India Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, with the support of aviation, mortars, artillery, tanks and Amphibious Assault Vehicles, participated in a Deliberate Assault Course training exercise at a training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 31 through Sept. 1.

As Marines awoke in the cool dry air, they dusted away the overnight sand deposit that sprinkled their sleeping bags and readied for the day's events.

The calm breeze began to pick up as India infantrymen wearing digital cammies and tan protective gear, scrambled into the troop compartments of green, brown and black AAVs.

The AAVs' engines revved and whined as the lumbering vehicles cut a wake through oceans of sand toward their objective. In the distance, a rumble of explosions like distant thunder foretold an approaching deluge of steel rain.

"First, Sierra Battery



Photo by Cpl. Justin M. Martinez  
Petty Officer 3rd Class David T. Spanding, left, the hospital corpsman for the amphibious assault vehicle platoon, India Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, practices a casualty evacuation during a Deliberate Assault Course Rehearsal, recently.

launched some rounds down range to soften up the target for a bit," said Gunnery Sgt. Shawn C. Souders, the platoon sergeant for the AAV platoon.

The 155mm shells from Sierra's M-777 howitzers pummeled the ground, kicking up clouds of sand where the high-explosive rounds impacted.

Following Sierra's steel rain, Weapons Company's 81mm mortar platoon hurled rounds downrange as an AH-1W Super Cobra from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 (Reinforced), sliced through the air, striking with rockets and guns to further scour the desert of threats.

"It's good for them, as infantrymen, to see that there are other Marines that do other jobs," said 1st Lt. Matthew K. Seglem, the executive officer for India. "To see pilots, the artillery Marines, the mortar Marines -- Marines we don't really interact with on a daily basis --

to see them in action supporting what we do on the ground is a good opportunity."

In a final gust of obliteration, three camouflage tanks blew through the deep sand, their sights set simultaneously on the same subject. Flares billowed out of the tanks, main guns raining death on the demolished objective. The firing continued for several minutes as AAVs advanced forward.

A beam of sunlight pierced the shadows of the troop compartment in the AAVs, illuminating the chaos that lay beyond the protective shell of the vehicle.

"We set up a support fire position for them," said Cpl. Nicholas C. Whattam, an AAV crewman. "We set our 50-caliber rounds down range. Once we were out of range, we dropped ramp and deployed the infantry."

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CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT

# 22nd MEU Marines join Army in joint chemical training

PL. JUSTIN M. MARTINEZ  
2nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear response team conducted a joint-service exercise with soldiers at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 3.

This joint training exercise gave the soldiers a chance to experience and use new equipment for detecting and containing hazardous materials.

"This evening's training was a joint exercise to get Marines and the Army working together in a chemical environment," said Marine Chief Warrant Officer Steven Dancer, the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear defense officer for the MEU. "It's a chance for the (soldiers) to see new gear that they have not been exposed to yet."

The service members worked as a five-man team, walking in green hazardous material suits around a training area, scouting for faint chemical traces in cracks and corners of a suspected contaminated building with handheld devices.

"My team is part of the initial entry team," said Lance pl. Jose D. Figueroa, a communication technician with Headquarters and Support Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Marine Regiment, 22nd MEU. "We went downrange to do an initial site survey and analyzed certain points for the sampling team."

Dancer said the training gives Marines a chance to interact with another service and share experiences.

"Any hazardous material can be used as a weapon, and we need to be prepared to work with that material to eliminate the hazard to save lives," said Dancer.

The different training teams went through the contamination scenario wearing a bulky suit. Many of the same quali-

ties that make the suits impervious to chemicals, make them equally impervious to clear communication.

"You're encapsulated, you have a mask on your face and you're trying to get a thought through to someone else," said Dancer. "It can be frustrating when you're talking through two layers of plastic."

The muffled voices soon developed into slow announced words with hand and arm signals as they overcame the difficulties of communication.

"Communication was a little rough, but I think it was an adapt-and-overcome situation," said Army Sgt. Erik S. Arnold, a team leader with Security Force Area Reaction Force. "We would have to say things more than once and tap each other on the shoulder."

At the end of the training the Marines and soldiers had lessons to build on and experience they could take back to their commands to make them more effective at protecting fellow service members.

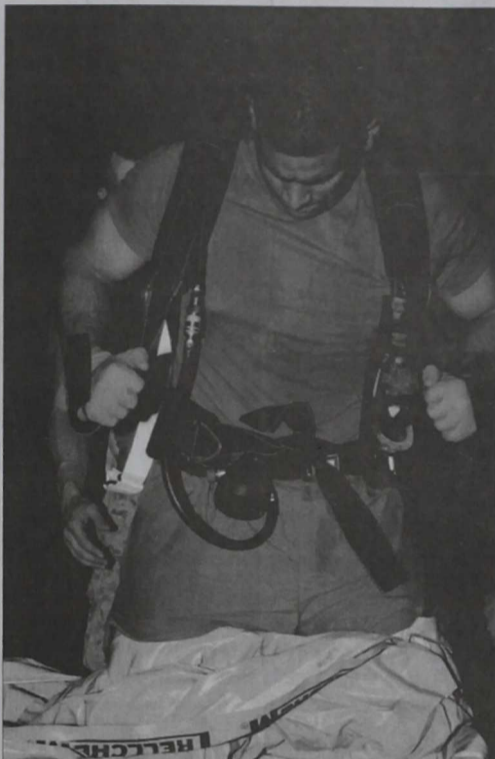


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Lance Cpl. Jose D. Figueroa, a communication technician with Headquarters and Support Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, puts on a chemical protective suit during a joint Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear training exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 3.



Photo by Cpl. Justin M. Martinez  
Fetty Officer 3rd Class David A. Kishton, left, a hospital corpsman with Headquarters and Support Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, assists Marines in preparing equipment during a joint Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear training exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 3.



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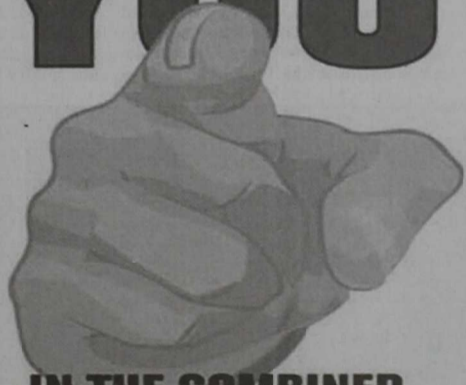
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AL ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ

# Corpsmen conduct training to further Iraqi army medical capabilities

**LANCE CPL. MELISSA A. LATTY**  
Combat Logistics Regiment 27 (FWD)

Corpsmen from Combat Logistics Battalion 7, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward)'s battalion aid station, have been conducting medical training with the 7th Iraqi Army Division at Camp Mejid, Iraq, the Iraqi army base located aboard Al Asad Air Base, since the battalion arrived in February.

Once a week, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jennifer Ybarra and Petty Officer 3rd Class Vincent Hernandez, two hospital corpsmen with CLB-7's BAS, and Senior Chief Petty Officer Rey De La Cruz, the senior enlisted leader at the Battalion Aid Station, conduct classes with the Iraqi army medical staff.

The purpose for the medical partnership is to upgrade the knowledge and skills of the Iraqi army medical personnel and prepare them for the departure of U.S. forces, said De La Cruz.

Classes have been taught on a range of topics, such as swine flu, sports injuries, burns, battle wounds, fractures, mass casualty drills and sexually transmitted diseases.

Each training session is conducted in a standard classroom environment using manuals that are translated into Arabic and with the assistance of an Arabic interpreter, who ensures the Iraqi soldiers comprehend the information being presented.

Following the classroom instruction, Iraqi soldiers conduct practical application to make sure they are fully grasping the basic concepts and can also apply it to a real-life situation.

"A lot of times (the Iraqis) will be able to explain to you how to perform

a specific task, but when we actually practice the procedure and physically do it, they are not able to perform," said Ybarra.

Although there are still some areas in need of improvement, the corpsmen said the Iraqi soldiers are making a great deal of progress.

"When we were teaching a class on primary and secondary assessment of a casualty, there was an Iraqi soldier who, we could tell, knew what he was doing and was able to explain each step as he did it," said De La Cruz. "We were impressed with all the things he remembered. Those are the guys we really know want to learn and want to do well in this field."

One of the major points the corpsmen stress to the Iraqis is the importance of having a standard procedure for every situation.

"In the U.S., medical is universal," De La Cruz said. "Anywhere you go, the procedures will be done almost exactly the same. Here they are each taught a different way of doing things."

To help the Iraqi soldiers accomplish standard operating medical procedures they are given pamphlets translated into Arabic to keep on file for reference.

"We hope that, as we leave the country, they will be a more organized military and will be able to operate on their own," said De La Cruz. "They need to develop a self-dependency as they look to improve their military. Without a good medical system that will be difficult to accomplish."

Combat Logistics Battalion 46 intends to continue the medical partnership when CLB-7 completes their deployment.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Melissa A. Latty  
Petty Officer 3rd Class Jennifer Ybarra, a hospital corpsman with Combat Logistics Battalion 7, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward)'s battalion aid station, observes as a member of the 7th Iraqi Army Division's medical staff practices wrapping an ankle sprain aboard Camp Mejid, Iraq, Aug. 1. Corpsmen from CLB-7's BAS have been conducting training with the Iraqi army medical staff since the battalion's arrival in February.

AL ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ

## The Marine Corps' new approach to suicide prevention

**CPL. MEG MURRAY**  
Unit Multi National Force - West

"I'm going to be straight up with you all. This class is about three hours long. This is not just another brief. This is a training course."

Sgt. Jason Murrey, the detainee operations noncommissioned officer in charge for Multi National Force - West, gives his straight-forward introduction to the Corps' new NCO suicide prevention course.

Murrey and fellow class instructor, Sgt. Anthony Velasquez, an operations NCO for the training section of II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Forward), have been training their fellow Marine NCOs aboard Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, since Aug. 27.

When military suicide rates began to rise, the Marine Corps took action. Their new approach involves NCOs teaching their fellow NCOs how to recognize red flags in their Marines' behaviors and deal with a situation, should one arise.

"This is not just a suicide prevention course," said Murrey. "This is also NCO

training. We say NCOs are the back bone of the Marine Corps, and if we can rely on them to complete a mission, then we can rely on them to make changes in the Corps."

The course begins with a video depicting a realistic scenario of a lance corporal on a downward spiral toward suicide.

Much of the course relies on interaction and discussion among the group of NCOs present. "The instructors asked us questions and really did their best to get us all involved," said Cpl. Eric M. Degenfelder, the maintenance management chief for II MHG (Fwd). "They wanted us to know they were serious about the course, and through their guidance, I believe a lot of the Marines walked away with a positive attitude."

Murrey said during the course, NCOs learn tools that help them more effectively take care of the Marines under their charge.

"Ultimately, NCOs need to be involved in the lives of their Marines in order to enhance their overall well-being," began Murrey. "I'd say many NCOs don't know what

makes their Marines tick. Yes, our role is the mission, but ultimately, it is the well-being of our junior Marines."

Degenfelder said the course introduced a lot of unique concepts that he hadn't seen in suicide briefs before.

"Usually we just get a short (slide show) presentation, and we've had it so many times, I can almost predict exactly what each slide will say," Degenfelder recalled. "This time, the Marine Corps really mixed it up, and I think the new approach is really going to make a difference."

However, Murrey does have tips for the time students in the course.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions and be willing to learn," said Murrey.

If all goes as planned, Murrey hopes the students will walk away understanding a misconception that seeking professional help will ruin your career is absolutely false. He also hopes to empower his peers to better NCOs and give them the resources they need to help their junior Marines.

"All this is useless — all this time and energy — if the NCOs don't take action," said Murrey.



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"Asia Cottom had just started the sixth grade at Bertie Backus Middle School in Northeast Washington," read Ed Williams, member of the New River Harmony Men's Barbershop Chorus and narrator for the event. "Asia was eager to learn and pleased to be at the campus where her father worked. Asia had been selected to take a trip to California with a teacher to participate in National Geographic Society biology conference. She was on American Airlines Flight 77 on 9/11, which crashed into the Pentagon."

The next group to be honored was the victims in the World Trade Center. Their stories ranged from a 54-year-old father of three girls to a 26-year-old stock trader.

Then Carol Hurst Long, a committee member took to the stage to read a prayer for these civilian victims.

"The stories we have heard of innocent people who suddenly were victims move us," she said. Children, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, loved ones. They were passengers on a plane, at work in a building or going about their daily lives."

Then the final civilian group was honored, those who died within the Pentagon.

After the stories of the Pentagon victims were told, the committee members dressed in black and white left the stage.

The air was then filled with the beautiful and introspective sound of violins and other stringed instruments from Jacksonville High School's Cardinal Chamber Strings.

The music lead up to one of the highlights of the ceremony, the National Moment of Silence. The moment was held all across America at 8:46 a.m., a minute



Photo by Cpl. Kalle Densmore

Marine representatives carry pieces of a killed-in-action memorial to be placed on stage during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Lejeune Memorial Gardens Sept. 11. The ceremony centered around the National Moment of Silence held to honor victims of the attacks.

after the first plane crashed.

All heads bowed as the attendees and participants took time to reflect over the stories of the innocent people they had heard earlier and those who have died while protecting America's freedom on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The moment of silence was broken as three sirens from emergency vehicles went off one after another. Their echoes faded in the distance as the narrator resumed the ceremony.

"These sirens represent the response of brave law enforcement, firefighters and rescue personnel who responded on that day to the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and to the field in Pennsylvania where one of the planes crashed," read Williams. "Standing before you are members of our community who also willingly risk their lives to save others. They will help share with you the stories of some of

the fallen first responders of that fateful day."

After the first responders were represented, the final group of military representatives took their place on the stage. Although service members did not perish in the terrorist attacks, they were honored for their sacrifices in the War on Terrorism.

The final life honored was that of Army Sgt. Roger L. Adams Jr. Williams read the story with a special emphasis on Adams' son Tyler.

"(Tyler) remembered that he had known his final football game (a year ago) would be the last game his father would see him play in because of his deployment," Williams said. "In that game, he caught the winning touchdown and pointed to his dad in the stands as acknowledgment of the role he had played in his life."

Williams added Tyler did not know the game his father

watched him play this past year was indeed the last game he would ever attend. To honor his father's sacrifice Tyler's jersey was placed on the beam.

Then Marine participants from Camp Johnson began to assemble one of the most recognizable symbols of those killed-in-action. Boots, rifle, dog tags and Kevlar were all carefully placed together.

The narrator then began to bring the ceremony to a close as he talked about the strength that came from this tragedy.

"Tragedies have a way of unifying us," he said. "They help us see we stand on common ground. Despite the horrific suffering on that day eight years ago, there has come a great outpouring of pride and strength in our country. The pride brought unity, nationalism and spirit. The strength has brought resolve, compassion and action."

CITIZENS FROM 1A

In various accents of English, the immigrants repeated each clause of the oath. Together, they renounced "fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty," vowed to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and the nation's laws, promised to serve at the will of the nation, and pledged they were assuming their duties "without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

The service members represent the 20 countries of Bangladesh, China, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, India, Iran, Jamaica, Liberia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, South Korea, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

None better illustrates the idea of sacrifice on behalf of the United States than

Dargbeh. The Liberian native, whose father instilled in him the belief America represented greater opportunity to excel, enlisted in the Marines and twice deployed to Iraq.

During his tour in Karmah, Iraq, in 2007, Dargbeh and his Marine unit prepared for a nearby mission. Dargbeh, a machine gunner, sat in the back of a 7-ton Mac armored vehicle, clutching his weapon.

Moments later, the vehicle was rear-ended by a car packed with explosives.

"We were going to go do a raid at another village. I was trying to put my weapon from 'safety' to 'semi-automatic' and that's the last thing I remember," Dargbeh said. "The next thing I know,

I was at a medical facility."

As a result, Dargbeh received a Purple Heart for suffering injuries at the hands of an enemy on behalf of the United States — a country that wasn't even his own at the time. When asked if he feels his military service has helped him earn his U.S. citizenship, he replied, "I think so, yes."

"I understand what it means to give selfless service (to the U.S.)," he said.

After the ceremony, Dargbeh's family showered the Marine with praise and posed next to him in photographs.

"I'm overjoyed," said the Marine's mother, Marta. "As a little kid, he had always loved the military, so this is a dream come true

for him to be able to get into the Marines and here he is a U.S. citizen. It's a really big occasion for us. We are very proud of him."

Another service member whose dream of becoming an American came after deployment with the U.S. military was Army Sgt. Maria Ceron.

In addition to defending a nation she couldn't yet call her own, Ceron, who served as a nurse in the Combat Support Hospital in Mosul, received two Army Commendation Medals.

"It's a very happy day," she said of today's ceremony. "I've been trying to get my citizenship for three years and finally it's come today and it's so great it's here. I'm just very excited about it."

INDIA FROM 6A

The Marines stormed out of the AAVs and took up position behind a small berm circling a training village. In teams, the warriors flooded over the edge and into the makeshift town.

A few moments after the grunts entered the town, the call came that a Marine had been hit. A notional chest wound was wakening a toll on the Marine and he needed to be evacuated for further care.

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MAG-26 will assume responsibility for Marine Corps air operations in Anbar province and will shoulder the effort to return the final aircraft and Marines of the ACE back to the United States.

The future holds a continued gradual draw down of Marine forces from Iraq. As units leave, they are not being replaced, with the gap either being filled by Army units or turned over completely to the ISF.

The final piece of the drawdown will be the command element for II MEF (Fwd). They are scheduled to remain as the element of continuity in the region through the Iraqi national elections scheduled for January 2010.

The Marine Corps was first involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 when coalition forces crossed the line of departure with a mission of freeing the Iraqi people and toppling Saddam Hussein's regime. The Marines completed their mission in October, and returned home, only to once again deploy in February 2004. The Marines were tasked with the stabilization of a portion of western Iraq that was considered the 'wild, wild west'; it was not uncommon to see gun-toting bad guys around every corner.

This rather large piece of ground was known as al Anbar province, a relatively unpopulated area of approximately 1.2 million people with vast amounts of open desert and bad guys a plenty. The Marine Corps, as 'America's 911 Force,' was up to the task. They came into Anbar with the mission in mind and a focus on success without failure.

After nearly six years of war, the Marine Corps has achieved a level of success in Anbar, the cities are peaceful, with no more violence than generally found in any major city in the world. They have

trained Iraqi Security Forces that are both ready and able to carry on the efforts the Marines have begun in this once violent and unforgiving area and have been responsible for security and stability since the return to provincial control in September 2008.

In 2007, the Marine Corps really started to see change in Anbar as the citizens turned against al Qaeda and began communicating with U.S. and Iraqi forces about the whereabouts and actions of would-be terrorists. This was one of the most evident signs of change in the province. It was this change that paved the way for the Marine Corps' future in Iraq.

As this change enveloped the province, Anbaris began investing themselves in the continued security of their homeland, rejecting the insurgency, and giving the Marines and Iraqi forces the locations of weapons caches and improvised explosive devices before they were a threat to anyone. Marines continued to show their tenacity and commitment to the mission in Anbar, through sustained combat operations, humanitarian aid to the local populace and the forged relationships with tribal leadership in order to bring Anbar back to a peaceful and prosperous province in a free and sovereign Iraq.

These efforts have brought the Marines of II MEF (Fwd) to the point they are today, the last Marine Air Ground Task Force to serve in OIF.

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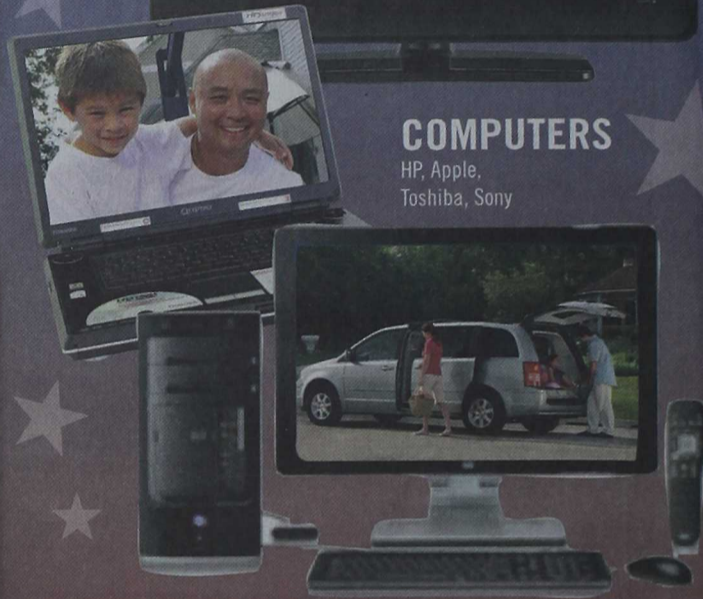


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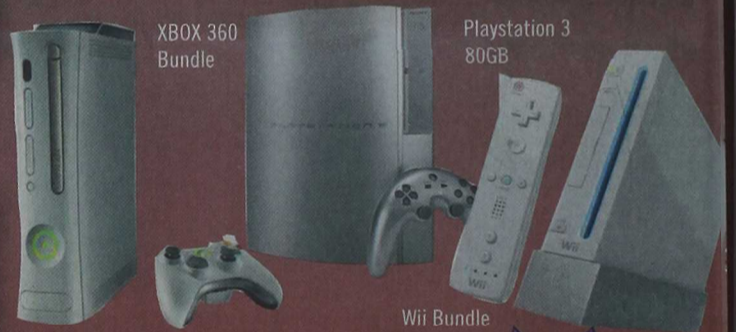
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## LADY DEVIL PUPS

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Photos by Jamie Cameron  
(Top) Shannon Hessen tracks down a shot during Lejeune High School's tennis match against East Carteret High School, Sept. 10. (Above) Doubles player, Cait Cobb takes aim at a forehand.



Photo by Jamie Cameron  
Lejeune High School's Therese Hempenius strikes a forehand in a match she and doubles partner, Cait Cobb, won against East Carteret High School, Sept. 10. The Lady Devil Pups team won its opening match, 5-4.

“Hopefully, we can keep the excitement going.”

— Melissa Olson, Head coach

JAMIE CAMERON  
Assistant managing editor

Lejeune High School's girls tennis team opened the season in grand fashion Sept. 10, edging the East Carteret High School Lady Mariners by the score of 5-4.

“We were pretty excited following the match,” said head coach Melissa Olson. “The girls were walking on air.”

Unlike last year, when Lejeune had just four players and went into every match by forfeiting three points, the Lady Devil Pups are stacked with 12 varsity players in 2009.

The roster includes two returning starters and 10 rookies, all of whom have been practicing diligently since Aug. 4. When inclement weather forced the team off the practice courts, Olson kept her players in the tennis mindset by having them play the video version on the Wii.

“It's really exciting. This year, we know it's anyone's match going in,” said Olson.

Among the Lady Devil Pup winners, No. 2 singles player Therese Hempenius took her match, 6-3, 6-3; Leah Fitzgerald won at No. 3 singles, 6-1, 6-0; and Mary Miles earned a hard-fought, 7-5, 6-4 victory at No. 5 singles.

Two of Lejeune's doubles teams also earned critical wins. Miles and her partner, Shannon Hessen, won their No. 3 doubles match, 8-4, and the No. 1 doubles team of Fitzgerald and Krissy O'Brien claimed its first victory at 9-7.

“That was the first time (Fitzgerald and O'Brien) have played together as a team under pressure,” said Olson. “We're expecting big things from them this season.”

The team drew plenty of spectators for its first match of the season. Olson reported team parents and the Devil Pup cross country team were on hand to cheer the home side to victory.

“The girls really deserved this win,” said Olson. “They've worked hard to get to this point. Hopefully, we can keep the excitement going.”

Lejeune's next match is today, starting at 4 p.m., when the team hosts Jones Senior High School, a team it beat twice last season.

# Doves fly during weekend hunt, fishing improves as fall season approaches



## Lejeune Outdoors

With Jamie Cameron

The 2009 dove hunting season didn't start for me until this past weekend.

I was fortunate to get an invitation to a private farm in Down East Carteret County where the doves feed amid massive fields of recently harvested corn. The morning flight was good, but the doves were already in the middle of the fields by the time we got there. That meant we had to sit around and wait for them to get their fill before they got up to return to the trees for their mid-morning siesta.

What shooting we did have was fast and furious, as flocks of doves in the 10s and 20s rocketed overhead. Picking out a target from groups like that is difficult, especially for me. I was so anxious after my off-season of inactivity, that I did way too much "flock shooting," an ineffective approach when the shooter can't pick out a single bird and ends up firing into the flock. After a couple of hours, I had gone through a box and a half of shell and had only three doves to show for it.

We came out of the fields for lunch and some much-needed time to relax and unwind. It's always good to stop for awhile and

replay one's performance. It certainly helps me when I can analyze what I'm doing and how I can improve.

By the time we returned for the evening flight at 3 p.m., the doves were already on the move. Wave after wave of speedy gamebirds rose up from the treeline to make their way back to the corn. After watching the flight lines for an hour or so, I moved to a spot directly under the path many of the birds were taking. From my new position, I had steady shooting for the rest of the evening and my aim got a lot better.

I'm not sure how long it took to fill my limit of 15 birds for the day, but I think I was done by around 5 p.m. It was the first time in my hunting career I was able to accomplish the 15-dove feat. Undoubtedly, the number of birds in the air had a lot to do with my success, but it was definitely one of the best shooting days I've had in the field.

In addition to being fantastic table fare, mourning doves are a great way to sharpen your eye for the rest of the wingshooting season. If you can hit a dove on the fly, you can hit anything.

Flush with my Sept. 12

success, I tried a different location Monday evening after work and was reminded how truly fickle dove hunting can be. In two hours, I saw five doves and fired four times, bringing down one. It was a far cry from the first hunt, but that's the way it goes.

While I was out chasing little brown birds, the fishermen were taking advantage of the ever-improving action along the coast. Richard Ehrenkauser, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, reported good results in the surf and on the area's ocean fishing piers.

With tons of baitfish along the beaches, the predators are hot on their

heels. Fishing for red drum, bluefish, Spanish mackerel, ladyfish and even false albacore has been good for surf-fishermen throwing lures, flies and bait into the wash.

At Bogue Inlet Pier in Emerald Isle, the fishing has been up and down. During the "up" times, anglers are catching spot, red and black drum and pompano. On Topsail Island, the Seaview Pier reports bluefish, Spanish mackerel, flounder and black drum, while fishermen at Surf City Pier are busy catching some nice flounder, along with the blues and Spanish.

Until next week, good luck out there.



Photo by Jamie Cameron

Brian Degan accepts a dove from his faithful yellow lab, Maple. Mourning dove season is in full swing in North Carolina.



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## GREEN BAY, WIS.

# Cutler flops as Bears fall to Pack 21-15

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Jay Cutler's debut with the Bears turned out to be a big bust. "Probably the city of Chicago is disappointed, I'm disappointed, 90 people in that locker room are disappointed — coaches and players," said Cutler, who threw a career-high four interceptions in a 21-15 loss to the Green Bay Packers Sept. 13. "This team, I think ultimately at the end, is going to overcome this one. We're going to bounce back and we're going to be fine."

Aaron Rodgers threw a 50-yard TD pass to Greg Jennings with 1:11 to play for his first come-from-behind victory late in the fourth quarter after Green Bay lost seven games by four points or less to finish 6-10 last year. Rodgers was 17 of 28 for 184 yards, none bigger than his final fling to Jennings on a play-action pass.

"It was a huge play — a huge play," Jennings said. "We kept our poise, we stayed confident in one another and when it came down to it, we made the play."

While former Bears quarterback Kyle Orton won his first start for Denver, Cutler threw several balls up for grabs and went 8 of 22 for 127 yards with three picks in the first half.

Cutler composed himself in the third quarter and the Bears rallied to take a 12-10 lead off a 36-yard TD pass to Devin Hester and a 47-yard field goal by Robbie Gould, but the teams traded fourth-quarter field goals before Rodgers' decisive drive.

"I was thinking we're due for a good drive, but I just told the guys, 'Hey, just give me one drive.' Up front I went to the linemen and said, 'Hey, let's protect this one drive. Give me some time and we're going to go down there and score,'" Rodgers said.

He did and after Rodgers put Green Bay ahead 21-15, Cutler had one more pass intercepted when cornerback Al Harris jumped Johnny Knox's route with 1:06 left.

"It's still a learning process, we haven't been together

that long. We haven't really been together that long in game situations," said Cutler, who finished 17 of 36 for 277 yards. "So we're still learning, but that's no excuse for what happened out there."

The Bears also were without linebacker Brian Urlacher in the second half after he dislocated his wrist. The team later reported Urlacher's injury will leave him out for the season, and Smith didn't have many positives afterward for the team and his own coaching performance.

"Not good enough. No takeaways. Not a good defensive effort if you don't take the football away," he said. "You've got to take the ball away. We didn't do that. Guys played hard. It's a start for us, we've got a long ways to go."

One of the worst decisions was a fake punt on Chicago's own 26 early in the fourth quarter. The Bears were trying to catch the Packers with too many men on the field, but the play failed.

Smith wouldn't say who made the decision to fake it, calling it a "first-game mistake," but players said they made it.

"It's a call we make as a unit," Garrett Wolfe said. "It wasn't about converting. We thought we had a free play."

Instead, the Packers went three-and-out but kicked a field goal to take the lead, 13-12. Gould answered with a short field goal of his own with 2:35 left after Chicago's ensuing drive stalled at the Packers 3.

Rodgers then connected with Jennings for the winner.

"When you're ahead in the game in the fourth quarter with a chance to win, you have to keep them out of the end zone and we didn't do that," linebacker Lance Briggs said. "It didn't really matter what else happened in that game, our offense gave us a chance to win and we didn't finish."

Cutler didn't either, even though neither his coach nor his teammates would say he was pressing in his debut.

"A lot of failures," Cutler said. "I think we'll still going to be a good football team, there's no need to panic. It's Game One, there's 15 more ... One loss isn't the end of the season."

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# Guru picks perfect in Week 1, can it continue?



## Gridiron GURU

With Jamie Cameron

Just in case you haven't kept track, I went 5-0 for my Week 1 picks, that's right, 5-0.

Starting a season in such perfect fashion is hard, as evidenced by the fact that no one came up with a perfect, 10-0 record to win The Globe's "Football Forecast" contest. That means the pot increases to \$150 this week. Make sure you play after reviewing the rules and featured games on page 4B, and then going online to [camplejeuneglobe.com](http://camplejeuneglobe.com). Too bad the rules prohibit me from playing — I would clean up.

Week 1 in the NFL was awesome. I hope everyone saw Brandon Stokely's unlikely touchdown reception in the final minute to lead Denver over Cincinnati. Drew Brees had an incredible first game. The New Orleans quarterback threw six touchdown passes against Detroit in what had to be the best offensive performance of the week.

As for defensive performances, who could argue Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu wasn't having one of the greatest individual games

in memory before he got hurt in the Sept. 10 opener against Tennessee? Let's hope he has a speedy recovery.  
And now, on to the picks.

### Carolina (0-1) at Atlanta (1-0)

Does anyone want to take the over on how long Jake Delhomme remains the Panthers' starting quarterback? Carolina's offense is in shambles right now, and unless Delhomme can drastically improve from his last two games in which he has been personally responsible for 11 turnovers, it's going to be a long, dark road for Carolina. The Falcons picked up where they left off last season by beating Miami in convincing fashion. I think we can add them to the list of teams with legitimate playoff prospects. Pick: Atlanta

### New England (1-0) at New York Jets (1-0)

After winning his professional debut and giving an extremely mature post-game analysis on what happened, I truly believe Jets' rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez has what it takes. The kid is mature, he recognizes his mistakes, and he credits his teammates for whatever success comes his way. The Jets are a dark horse this year because of Sanchez. Tom Brady looked rusty after coming back from a season-long rehabilitation stint, but when the game was on the line, it was the same old story. New England won ugly last week, but I expect them to be vastly improved against their AFC East rivals. Pick: New England

### New Orleans (1-0) at Philadelphia (1-0)

I've already talked about the Saints and their high-octane offense, but the Detroit Lions are not the Philadelphia Eagles. The

Eagles blitz packages were extremely effective against Carolina in Week 1, and I expect them to be relentless in pursuit of Drew Brees this week. On the offensive side of the ball, a lot will depend on Donovan McNabb's broken rib. If he plays, the Eagles might be able to keep pace. If he doesn't ... Pick: Philadelphia

### Pittsburgh (1-0) at Chicago (0-1)

The rest of the NFL is quaking in its boots after watching the Steelers go aerial for most of their opening game victory. If Ben Roethlisberger can change his style to become a dynamic passer instead of a manager of the offense, the door is wide open for Pittsburgh to repeat. On the other hand,

Jay Cutler of the Chicago Bears showed he is hardly the leader the team needs him to be. Roethlisberger is a champion. For now, Cutler is a wanna-be. Each of these teams lost their defensive leaders in the first week. The Steelers will miss Troy Polamalu, while the Bears will try to move on without Brian Urlacher. Pick: Pittsburgh

### Cincinnati (0-1) at Green Bay (1-0)

It would appear the Bengals are the same old "Bungles" we have come to expect after frittering away a lead in the final minute against Denver. Cincinnati will be hard-pressed to stop the Packers, especially at Lambeau Field. Look for a lot of happy cheeseheads. Pick: Green Bay

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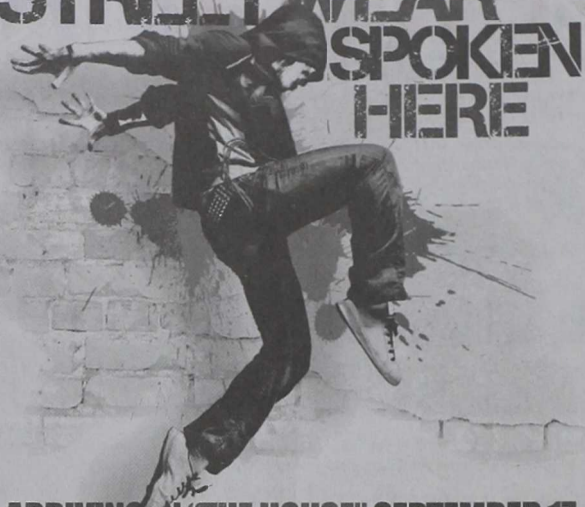
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The Final REVA Report and associated Fact Sheets for MCB, Camp Lejeune and MCAS, New River are located for public review and access on the internet at <http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/reva/>

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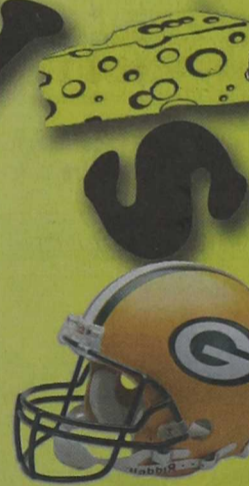
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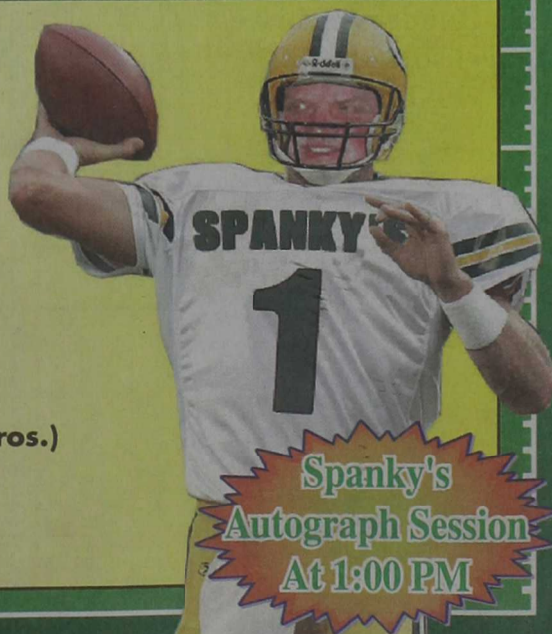
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CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA, JAPAN



Photo by Lance Cpl. J. Nava

Dylan Law, right, runs the ball at the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League Championship game at Mike Petty Stadium on Camp Foster Aug. 29.

## Okinawa Bulldogs claim U.S. Forces Japan championship

LANCE CPL. J. NAVA  
Marine Corps Bases Japan

The undefeated Foster Bulldogs battled it out with the Yokota Warriors for the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League Championship at Mike Petty Stadium on Camp Foster recently.

The Foster Bulldogs went into the last game of the season against the Yokota Warriors with a perfect record of 7-0 after dominating against every other team in the league. By game's end, the Bulldogs had racked up another win with a final score of 30-6, making them the USFJ-AFL champions.

An uneventful first quarter was capped off by a botched attempt by Yokota to drive the ball down the field.

The Bulldogs, leading 2-0 at the start of the second quarter, took a heavy hit from Yokota after several failed conversions and turnovers from both sides.

Yokota then scored their first touchdown of the game after the Bulldogs fumbled the ball. Yokota's attempted two-point conversion failed, leaving the score at 6-2.

The Bulldogs came back strong. "As Marines, we have that mentality, 'adapt and overcome,'" said Daniel Ramirez, a Bulldogs linebacker. "We go hard every play

and in everything we do, no matter what the circumstances."

The Warriors' lead was short-lived as the Bulldogs scored soon after, bringing the score to 9-6 in the Bulldogs' favor.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs defense once again proved their dominance by blocking a punt and recovering the ball for a touchdown.

This put the score to 16-6.

After interceptions committed by both sides and devastating losses of possession and yardage due to Yokota fumbles, the Bulldogs scored again.

With the score at 23-6, the Bulldogs pulled a quarterback sneak near the goal line for another touchdown.

"It was a little tough getting through. I was getting hit a lot," said Bulldogs player Devon Brawner, a Houston native. "It was good in the end though, I finally have a touchdown to my name."

At third quarter's conclusion, the score was 30-6.

The fourth quarter had a couple of missteps by both sides, but the Bulldogs' defense prevented a Yokota comeback.

"It feels great to win. We put in a lot of hard work and left everything on the field," said Ramirez. "Everyone here deserves the championship. From the coaches to the players and the fans, everyone deserves it."

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Headquarters Support Battalion's Ryan Farrell (left) tries to square up to the goal while the Bamcis United defense closes in during their match, Sept. 9.

## HQ Spt. Bn. strikes twice against Bamcis

**JAMIE CAMERON**  
Assistant managing editor

Two unanswered goals ousted Headquarters Support Battalion to victory in its intramural soccer game against Bamcis United, Sept. 9.

The match marked the halfway point for both sides they compete for the Camp Lejeune soccer championship. In the opening half, Bamcis United threw everything into the offensive attack, hoping for a quick score against Headquarters Support Battalion. Forward Stephen Landry had a couple of chances in the early going, but his shots sailed just wide of the Headquarters Support Battalion net.

In the meantime, Bamcis keeper, Tyrone Baugh, was relentless in tracking down counterattacks from Headquarters Support Battalion forwards. Baugh's speed gated several breakaways and kept the pressure off the

Bamcis United goal for much of the half.

It only took one defensive lapse on the part of the Bamcis United defense to change the face of the game. With less than a minute to go before the halftime whistle, Headquarters Support Battalion's Dario Ramirez slipped through the middle of the field for a one-on-one opportunity against the Bamcis goalkeeper. Ramirez put the shot away easily and the sides went into halftime with Headquarters Support Battalion up 1-0.

When the teams returned to the pitch for the second half, it was obvious the momentum had shifted to the Headquarters Support Battalion side, which started to dominate both the 50/50 balls and possession down at the Bamcis United end of the field.

After several near-misses, Headquarters Support Battalion added to its lead when David Schimdt found some room in

front of the net and slammed a shot off the goalie's chest.

Following the win, Headquarters Support Battalion player and coach, Jeronimo Guzman, said his team played to its strength by controlling the midfield and transitioning from defense to offense.

"We have a huge team ethic," he said. "We stress team play and simple soccer strategies."

One of the reasons Headquarters Support Battalion has enjoyed a successful season so far is undoubtedly the level of experience many of its players bring to the table.

"We have a very diverse team, with players from all levels, including high school, college and Olympic Development Program," said Guzman.

Camp Lejeune's intramural soccer season continues Monday, with games starting at 6 p.m. at Intramural Field, behind Goettge Memorial Field House.



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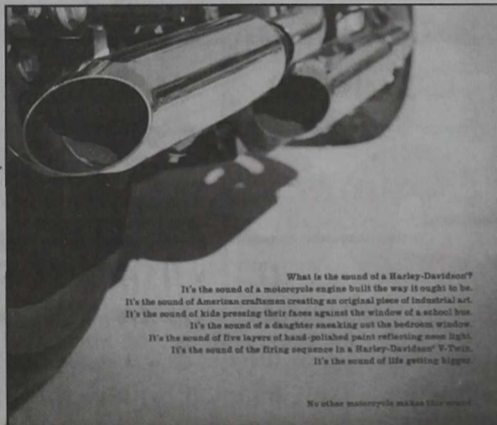
Headquarters Support Battalion's Fernando Erler (right) locks up with Bamcis United's Tyler Stokes during intramural soccer action, Sept. 9.

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LANCE CPL. BRIAN D. JONES  
2nd Marine Division

As the dust from repeated mortar and artillery strikes finally began to settle, all eyes turned skyward as an F/A-18 Hornet roared into sight. On the ground, the Marines huddled over maps, radios and laser guidance equipment as they vectored the approaching aircraft into attack position from which it would unleash precision weapons against targets on a live-fire range aboard Camp Lejeune.

These men, officers and staff noncommissioned officers attending the Tactical Air Control Party course taught by Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic, repeated this scene time and again Aug. 25, as they practiced their new skills as forward air controllers and joint terminal air controllers.

The role of Forward Air Controllers and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers is to communicate with forward observers on the ground and aircraft above to employ ordnance properly on enemy targets in support of Marines on the ground. To achieve these designations, the Marines must complete an exhaustive training regimen.

After completing three weeks of classroom academics and simulator train-

ing, the TACP students went to the ranges aboard Camp Lejeune for a week-long combined, live-fire exercise that culminated in coordinating airstrikes with actual aircraft.

Enlisted Marines of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, teamed together with the TACP students at an observation post to control and call in fire, as joint fires observers. A JFO's primary job is target location, while controlling surface-to-surface suppressive fires on enemy air defense in support of a JTAC or FAC who is controlling an aircraft set to strike.

Throughout the exercise, the Marines utilized multiple weapon systems to include machine guns, mortars, artillery, AH-1W Super Cobra Helicopters and F/A-18 Hornets to destroy their targets. The exercise also tested the line of communication between everyone else involved.

"It makes a unit so much more capable because now they have guaranteed, qualified Marines who can conduct and coordinate fires," said Cpl. Christopher C. Ahrens, an observer with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, commenting about the capability. "You learn how to use all assets and when it comes time to use it you're proficient at it."

Some of the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines qualified as observers during the exercise, who attend

a separate school from JTACs and FACs.

"The JFO course is a new concept (for the Marine Corps). It's going to be a huge asset, especially to units out in Afghanistan who are operating so far away from each other," said Sgt. Daniel R. Lightfoot, a platoon sergeant and new graduate from the JFO program with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines. "Any certified JFO really needs to understand this is a very serious business because you are responsible for giving a JTAC accurate targeting information so you can get that bird in."

Lightfoot stressed communication is key for everyone coordinating such missions to avoid the loss of friendly and innocent lives.

"If your targeting information is off and you're dropping a 500-pound bomb and miss by 100 meters here or there it could mean life or death for not only your Marines, but other U.S. forces and civilians," said Lightfoot.

Cpl. Christopher C. Ahrens, a JFO with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, said even though the job may not be a Marine's responsibility, every Marine should strive to learn how to call in fire, because any Marine could find themselves in a situation where they would need the school.

"It's a skill set every Marine should know how

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Photos by Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

(Top) A student of the Tactical Air Control Party course of the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic, in Norfolk, Va., practices calling in close air support from a F/A-18 Hornet during a combined-fires training exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, Aug. 25. (Above) Cpl. Christopher C. Ahrens (center), a joint fire observer with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, helps a fellow JFO through call-fire procedures during the combined-fire training exercise.

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"All Marines, young and old, share the experience that comes from boot camp. It all starts there," said Sgt. Maj. Ralph Drake, Marine Corps Installations-East sergeant major. "Going back a few years later to serve as a drill instructor was definitely a great experience, because it definitely helps develop confidence as a leader and serves you well for the return to the operating forces."

Confident leadership was a hallmark of Drake's 30-year active-duty career, which concluded with a retirement ceremony held at the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Amphitheater, Aug. 28. Drake credited his success to the great people he had the opportunity to serve with in the Marine Corps.

"Association becomes assimilation," said Drake. "You become like the people you hang out with. While I served as a guard in Hawaii, I was fortunate enough to be a part of a 'spit-and-polish' unit, where I had noncommissioned officers who had high expectations of me. I did my best to learn everything I could,

and this helped me pick up sergeant in two years and six days in service. Later, it was great to be around drill instructors from various (military occupational specialties) who were motivated, hard chargers. It's a great association."

During his second tour on San Diego's drill field, Drake, who performed duties as a drill master, was stationed with his strikingly similar-looking brother Master Gunnery Sgt. Henry Drake.

"Often when I was on the depot in civilian attire, drill instructors would mistake me for my brother," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Drake. "They would want to schedule a time for a dummy drill session and I would say sure, I'll do it Tuesday. Then I'd call my brother up and tell him he had to do a dummy drill for Staff Sgt. Whoever on Tuesday or call him and reschedule."

Over his lengthy career, it was the connection with fellow Marines that kept Drake wanting to serve more time in the Corps.

"After my first tour, I actually got out of the Marine Corps for two months, but I missed the camaraderie and sense of belonging," said Drake. "Once I got back in, I served with so many great Marines. When I became a first sergeant and later sergeant major, I got to observe the enthusiasm and motivation of so

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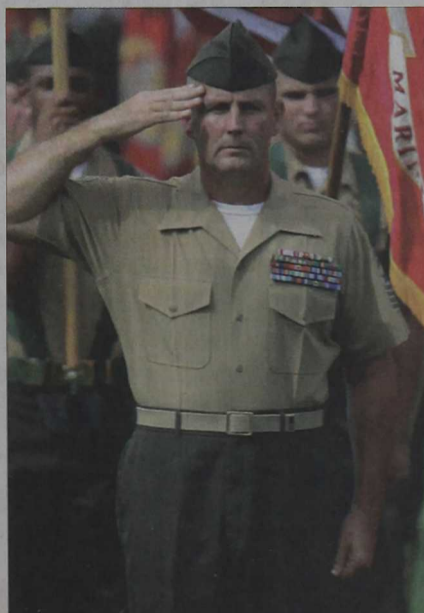


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Sgt. Maj. Ralph Drake retired after 30 years of active-duty service and relinquished his command as Marine Corps Installations-East sergeant major during a retirement ceremony held at the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Amphitheater, Aug. 28. Both Drake's wife Julie and his brother, Master Gunnery Sgt. Henry Drake, were in attendance.

## Marine Major leads by example after 50th consecutive 300 PFT

LANCE CPL. JAMES W. CLARK  
11 Marine Expeditionary Force

Only a handful of men and women broke a sweat at the French Creek Fitness Center aboard Camp Lejeune, before the sun rose Sept. 2.

One Marine in particular set a harsh pace for himself, as he sprinted in place at full speed. His long legs stretched from one end of the treadmill to the other as he widened his stride in order to maintain his momentum over the next hour.

This personal discipline may have been what led Maj. Dean Keck, the executive officer for 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, to recently complete his 50th consecutive physical fitness test with a perfect score of 300. For every fitness test, Keck achieved the maximum score by running three miles in less than 18 minutes and completing 20 pull-ups and 100 crunches. His best run time to date is 14 minutes, 56 seconds.

However, according to Keck, his motivation and drive doesn't come from a desire to compete or collect perfect PFTs, but rather to set an example for his junior Marines.

"It was never my goal to get perfect scores on my PFT, just a desire to lead Marines from the front and set an example to follow," said Keck, who has deployed twice to Iraq, Afghanistan once, and is preparing to deploy again in the coming months as the company commander of Combat Logistics Company 252, Combat Logistics Regiment 25.

Keck said working out and pushing yourself routinely keeps you mentally and physically in shape. He added that

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# STOMP smashes Exceptional Family Member Program members' fears

**CPL. KATIE DENSMORE**  
Marine Corps Base

Raising a child in a military family can be challenging with deployments and frequent moves, but add in a child with a disability and it can seem almost impossible. Fortunately, the Exceptional Family Member Program is here to assist families with special needs.

The EFMP hosted a Specialized Training of Military Parents workshop at Midway Park Theater, Sept. 2 and 3. The seminar focused on parents' rights when dealing with the school system.

For the STOMP team members, seminars are excellent opportunities to help parents new to the program avoid some of the problems they faced before STOMP was established.

"Every one of us here have husbands who were or are active duty and have special-needs children," said Valerie Patterson, parent education coordinator with Specialized Training of Military Parents. "We understand what the parents here are going through."

The seminar covered several topics, including Web sites for support, installa-

tion programs, will writing and setting up a power-of-attorney, all of which are very important when having a special-needs child. But the seminar also taught parents how to communicate with their child's school.

"We are teaching them that they have rights as a parent," Patterson said. "They can collaborate as a team member and advocate for their children in the school system to meet their child's specific needs. We teach them how to set and achieve goals to help their children academically."

The seminar also introduced a new service to EFMP members — an attorney.

"The assistant commandant's wife polled EFMP families about what they thought would improve the program, and they answered they needed a lawyer," said Vickie O'Brien, attorney for the EFMP. "I officially took the position July 1. Right now, we've just been trying to get the word out that this service exists."

With the position being so new, O'Brien has not had many clients, but she believes after the school year starts, that will all change.

"I hope to provide quality service to military families

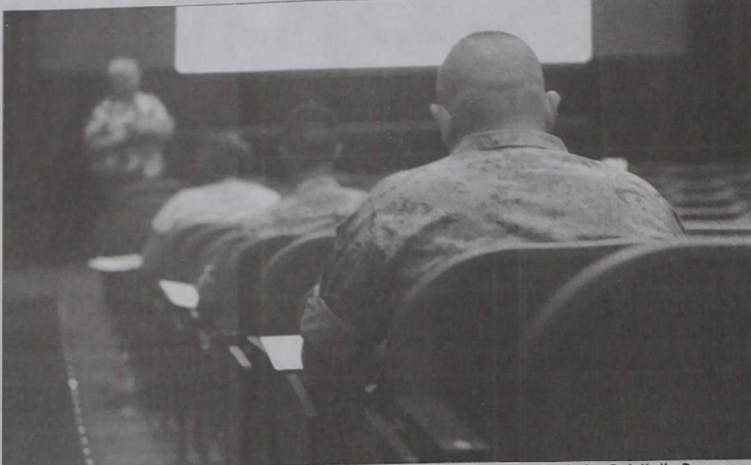


Photo by Cpl. Katie Densmore

Parents of children enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program attend a Specialized Training of Military Parents workshop at Midway Park Theater, Sept. 2 and 3. The workshop covered topics such as Web sites for support, installation programs, will writing, setting up a power of attorney and more.

and show them they have an advocate, someone who can level the playing field with county schools," she said. "I am available, and I look forward to helping people."

For one of the conference's 80 attendees, the information passed during the classes was invaluable.

"I didn't know any of the

state laws," said Staff Sgt. Shana Gilstrap, supply officer with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "I learned about the laws and resources available to families, especially through the Web sites."

Although the information was extremely important,

there was an even bigger benefit for Gilstrap.

"The connections I've made are a benefit," she said. "It is important to know that there are other people out there going through a similar situation. There are people from all walks here. Parents here have children with several different needs, includ-

ing Autism, brain injury, Cerebral Palsy and Syndrome."

Gilstrap found out about the seminar through her family readiness officer and thankful her command introduced her to the program.

"It has been a rough year," she said. "I had to get a humanitarian transfer because my daughter gets spiking fevers and cannot be enrolled in daycare. I had to stay home with her until we could figure out what was causing her fevers. Through all of that, my command has been absolutely wonderful. I am very thankful for my command. They were very supportive and understanding. They helped point me in the right direction to get the assistance I needed."

For Patterson, who has five children, all with disabilities, the most important thing she wants the parents to realize is that their children's needs should always come first and STOMP will try to assist them in any way possible.

"Every child deserves an appropriate education, she said. "We are here to assist them in every way we can."

For more information visit the Web site stompproject

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to do," said Ahrens. "Just like qualifying on a rifle, you should have to qualify on calling in for fire."

Ahrens went on to add that he enjoys his new secondary job as a JFO.

"I love it," said Ahrens. "I hope I can use this in the future. It would be a good asset. Every Marine or squad leader should be JFO-qualified; every Marine should know how to 'call for fire' and I think every platoon sergeant and platoon commander should be a JTAC."

The exercise included international support with Polish and Ukrainian students, as well as a British Royal Marine instructor.

"Their participation was all in support of ongoing NATO efforts in Afghanistan and overall standardization of close air

support procedures across the coalition," said Lt. Col. Adam C. Tharp, the fires training department head with Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic.

Upon graduating the course, the majority of the officers will receive orders to units aboard Camp Lejeune and will make use of their skills in Afghanistan or Iraq, said Tharp.

Such exercises prepare these Marines for upcoming combat deployments. The capabilities of such combined fires are useful as both defensive and offensive operations needed to aid all levels of units to maneuver and conduct operations.

For more information on the II Marine Expeditionary Force, visit the unit's Web site at iimefpublic.usmc.mil.

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many young Marines serving with pride."

During his active service, Drake deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit to the Mediterranean and later to Kuwait as the sergeant major of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force. He also served as the sergeant major of the Combined Joint Task Force-Haiti.

"Deployments are great," said Drake. "It's hard to be away from family, but you'll never become closer as a unit than you will on a deployment. The leadership traits in your Marines become very obvious in those situations."

It is those leadership traits and core values that build a Marine's career. For young Marines wanting to become a sergeant major, keeping those principles in mind is the key to success.

"Seek out mentors to emulate, and take them about challenges and goals," said Drake. "The three most important words of advice I can give are 'act as if.' If you want to be anything, a good student, ball player, leader, Marine, start acting as if you are and you'll end up doing the things to get that goal."

Though his days of Marine Corps physical fitness tests may have drawn to an end, this doesn't mean Drake plans to kick off the "go-fasters" for good.

"I love the Marine Corps community in Jacksonville, so I'll be staying local and running a few miles around town in preparation for my 13 Marine Corps Marathon," said Drake. "After that, I'll be looking at a new job offers in the area before I end up driving my wife crazy."

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it requires a great deal of discipline, which itself is something to strive for.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps Jan. 3, 1984, and meritoriously advanced up the ranks, becoming a staff sergeant before being appointed a warrant officer and eventually making the leap to limited duty officer ranks in 2001.

Physical fitness is imperative to success on the battlefield, Keck said, and to him, the implementation of the Combat Fitness Test provides Marines with a way to realistically gauge their stamina and endurance and prepare them for what awaits on deployment.

"The Combat Fitness Test focuses on more than just being able to run or do pull-ups, it requires you to be able to conduct a fireman's carry, sprint abruptly at full speed and requires stamina," Keck said.

For many, working out is a therapeutic experience, but for Keck, it's a means to an end — being physically fit and setting an example that junior Marines can follow.

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Maj. Dean Keck, the executive officer for 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, runs on a treadmill at the French Creek Fitness Center during an early morning workout aboard Camp Lejeune, Sept. 2.

## Off-limits establishments

The following businesses are designated by the base commander as "off-limits"

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Botta Booms (A.K.A. Private Dancer)	3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville
Carland	2911 Routs 17/ G.W. Highway Tabb, V.A.
Cash-N-Advance	2235 Lejeune Blvd., Jacksonville
Centennial Enterprises, Inc.	1489 East Thousand Oaks Blvd. Suite 2, Thousand Oaks, CA (Headquarter's Office)
Club Mickey's	4441 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville (Closed)
Doll House	Highway 258 West, Jacksonville
Easy Money Catalog Sales	233-F Western Blvd., Jacksonville
Fantasies	4951 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
Illusions	Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
Jacksonville Speedway Auto Parts (A.K.A. Raceway Auto Parts & Raceway Used Auto Parts)	401 Blue Creek Elementary School Road
Joshua Experience/Club Access	200 Golden Oak Court, Virginia Beach, V.A.
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# 2,000th home opens door to more energy efficient homes

**LANCE CPL. LIA GAMERO**  
Marine Corps Base

"Going Green" is the thing do right now, and contractors are no exceptions. Actus Lend Lease Construction has just completed the 2,000th Atlantic Marine Corps Communities home.

The 2,000th home is in Camp Lejeune's Midway Park neighborhood. Not only does the home mark a large step in renovation and construction on Camp Lejeune, it is so one of the first groups of homes to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Homes certified.

LEED-H is a certification system that makes new homes more energy efficient, healthy and green. It works on a point system that requires specific characteristics. It checks for the home to be water and energy efficient, healthier and more environmentally friendly.

To be LEED-H certified, the 2,000th home and each new structure at Midway Park has dual-flush toilets, which are more water efficient by allowing residents to regulate the amount of water used in each flush. The lighting inside each home is compact fluorescent, using less electricity and less carbon dioxide into the air. The walls are also made of recycled content that helps provide better air quality for residents.

Features outside the home also contribute to the eco-friendly houses. A new feature, like most neighborhood roads, exclude inlets. Inlets



Photo by Lance Cpl. Lia Gamero

The 2,000th home, built on the corner of 2nd Street in Midway Park, has a small wooden bridge at the home's entrance, to pass over the ditch made to help regulate water absorption.

collect rain water and carry it into a sewage system. Instead, the homes have small ditches in front of them, which collect water and carry it to stoned areas where the water sits until it is absorbed into the ground. This keeps fewer contaminants from being carried to lakes and rivers, and keeps the overall water condition safer.

Matt Lynn, deputy project director for Actus Land Lease, said they feel that in making more environmentally friendly homes, they are doing right by the residents.

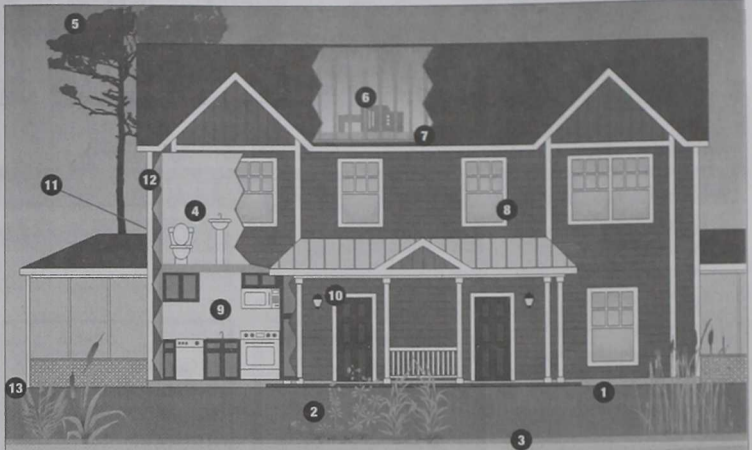
There will be a total of 537 homes built in Midway Park housing that will all be LEED-H certified, and current residents of Midway Park will be moved into the new homes as they are completed. The old homes will then be destroyed and new homes will be built on the land.

"That's another way we are

helping the environment, we are building on pre-developed sites," said Lynn. "So we aren't tearing down any more trees or digging up more land."

To help achieve their goal of making LEED-H homes, Actus Lend Lease Construction is working in a private venture with the Department of the Navy. The units will be constructed in phases, and the construction companies are already producing approximately 16 units each month. The project is expected to take a total of four years to complete.

"Having achieved building the 2,000th home, it feels good to know that we've helped 2,000 families get new homes," said Lynn. "We are very proud of our homes, and we know we are providing so much for our troops, which is the least we can do for those who are fighting for us."



## LEED Homes at Midway Park

The Midway Park neighborhood at Camp Lejeune is the first on a Marine Corps Installation to have LEED Gold certified homes. The Midway Park LEED homes offer specific features to allow Residents a more sustainable living environment.

### 1 Sustainable Site

The Midway Park land was previously developed which means that the new community is not disturbing any new land and is also limiting the amount of new resources required by reusing the existing roads and infrastructure. The site is within 1/2 mile of numerous community resources such as a convenience store, bank, post office, etc. making the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly.

### 2 Water Efficiency Outside the Home

There is no need for irrigation systems within the Midway Park Community as drought tolerant grass and plants that do not require watering are being used for landscaping.

### 3 Pollutant Protection

Storm water is directed to bio retention swales in lieu of storm drains, which is reducing runoff and pollution into the local storm systems.

### 4 Water Efficiency Inside the Home

All homes are equipped with dual flush toilets and high efficiency fixtures that help save water. The toilets have two different settings, a half flush for liquid removal and a full flush for solid removal.

### 5 Existing Roads

Existing road patterns are reused to eliminate deformation and to minimize dust and noise.

### 6 HVAC Systems

The homes are extremely energy efficient due to the tight building envelope created by advanced framing techniques and highly rated insulation. The home is also healthier for residents to live in due to well planned construction practices such as a pre-occupancy air wash, use of exhaust fans and controlling contaminants that enter the homes.

### 7 Recycled Materials

The majority of materials during demolition of the old homes were recycled and diverted from landfill. Material for the new homes such as fiberglass insulation and carpet have recycled content.

### 8 Dual Pane Windows

Reducing the amount of heat infiltration, which is perfect for the subtropical North Carolina climate.

### 9 Energy Star Appliances

Kitchen Appliances that use 20%-30% less energy are installed in every Midway Park home.

### 10 Lighting

All homes are equipped with CFL lighting to help reduce heat in the home and provide more efficient lighting.

### 11 Garages

The homes have a rear entry feature allowing for private entry. In addition, mechanical systems and ductwork are not located in the garage eliminating pollutants that would typically infiltrate these systems and get into standard homes.

### 12 Walls

Thicker insulated walls with a higher thermal value lead to better heating and cooling efficiency in all seasons.

### 13 Carbon Emission Reduced

We made a conscious effort to purchase as many materials as possible locally to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation of these materials. In addition, by creating a neighborhood pathway network, Residents will be enabled to walk more and drive less to get to the convenience store, playgrounds or dog parks.



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3. Use the following Web site to submit your complaint: [www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcb/3rdparty.pdf](http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcb/3rdparty.pdf). Complaints may also be submitted in person at Bldg 43. The point of contact for all traffic complaints is the PMO Operations Division at 451-5702 or 451-4316. For PMO dispatch, please call 451-3004/3005.
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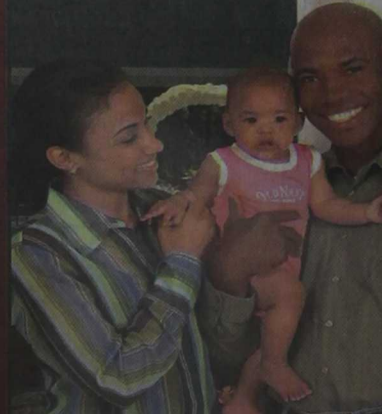
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## Club members flex their **MUSCLE CARS**



**HEATHER M. OWENS**  
Carolina Living editor

Everyone has their own form of off-duty recreation and relaxation.

For members of the Cape Fear Corvettes club, free time off means flexing their uniquely American muscle cars, which includes tinkering with, driving, talking about or showing off their Vettes.

One local Marine invites other military members and their families to join the club at its 2nd annual Corvette Show to be held in Wilmington, Sunday. Set to take place at Jeff Gordon Chevrolet at 228 South College Rd., the Corvette Show will offer the opportunity for enthusiasts to gather to talk shop and neophytes to learn more about the world of muscle cars.

Staff Sgt. Chuck Reiss, substance abuse control officer for 2nd Maintenance Battalion, was on recruiting duty when he bought his first Vette a couple years ago. It was a light-blue 1988 convertible.

He was hooked.  
"It's an All-American sports car," he said. "That's exactly why I bought it. And it's unique, not a lot of people have them."

Plus, he said, they're fast like imports Porsche and Lamborghini.

"It can run with them, but for half the cost," he said.

Reiss now owns a 2008 victory red Corvette coup.

Members of the public are invited to register their Corvette for the show either online before the event (see below for information) or on-site starting at 9 a.m. Sunday. The registration fee is \$20. Trophies will be awarded to top Corvettes in all year groups, as well as a special edition group. Categories include: dealer's choice, best paint, best engine, best interior and best of show.

Each category lets a different type of car shine.

"My favorite Corvette is the older one that doesn't have any modifications and they still run like the day they bought them," said Reiss. "My second favorite would probably be the customized Corvettes."

A driver's meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., when all contestants must put down their chamois and detail brushes to prepare for judging. The judging is scheduled to start at high noon, and awards are to be presented at 3 p.m.

Reiss suggested Camp Lejeune service members and their families might enjoy getting out of the house Sunday and seeing some really cool cars.

For those who don't know much about Corvettes, the show is a chance to see one up close.

"There are a lot of myths about these cars," said Reiss. "And so people will come up and

ask questions. Sometimes they will want one of their own. It's just kind of neat."

There is also the opportunity to rub shoulders with other enthusiasts.

"The biggest thing people do at car shows is just socializing," Reiss said. "They stand around a car and ask questions for an hour and then they move on to the next one."

For those who are just seeking a fun outing with the family, they can look at the cars, talk with the people and have lunch at one of the show's food vendors.

A 50/50 raffle will also be offered. Door prizes and goodie bags will be offered to those who show their cars.

Children get a kick out of seeing the cars too, said Reiss.

"Some of the kids like to have their picture taken with the cars and it gets them started in knowing what a car show is all about," he said.

**Editor's note:** For more information about Cape Fear Corvettes' 2nd annual Corvette Show, visit its Web site at [capefearcorvettes.com](http://capefearcorvettes.com) or call Bill Bordwine at 910-367-6045, Jim Cerniglia at 910-526-4580 or Tony Caracciolo at 910-371-2375. Information about joining Cape Fear Corvettes also appears on the club's Web site. Membership dues are \$24 for the whole year and \$12 for those who join during the last six months of the calendar year.





# MovieReview



From the front row with Reinhold Mildenhauser Huneycutt

## Sandra Bullock is 'All About Steve' in new comedy

Now playing in Jacksonville  
**"ALL ABOUT STEVE"**  
 (PG-13)

"All About Steve" is a comedy about a woman on a road trip in pursuit of her soul mate.

Sandra Bullock ("The Lake House," "Two Weeks Notice," "Speed") stars as Mary Magdalene Horowitz, who is an eccentric and quirky, but brilliant and somewhat fanatical crossword puzzle creator.

Bradley Cooper ("Hangover," "Yes Man," "Failure to Launch") stars as Steve, a handsome CNN cameraman with whom Mary has a rather unusual and short blind date.

Mary is convinced that Steve is her one and only true love and becomes obsessed with him. She follows him all over the country hoping to persuade him that they are soul mates and belong together.

Thomas Haden Church ("Sideways," "Smart People") plays Hartman Hughes, a news reporter and Steve's buddy, who helps and encourages the smitten Mary to keep up her pursuit of Steve.

On her cross country trip, always in hot pursuit of Steve,

Mary comes across a group of oddballs who embrace her many idiosyncrasies.

Now, she is unwillingly getting embroiled in the news story of the year, and through her many wacky experiences, Mary might have to rethink her journey.

Also appearing are Katy Mixon ("Four Christmases") as Elizabeth; Sara Sanderon ("Norbit") as a Houston Anchor; and Ted Garcia ("Crank") as the meteorologist.

Phil Traill is making his directorial debut with this lame and wacky romantic comedy that was produced by Sandra Bullock.

"All About Steve" is an off-beat comedy and satire on the TV news sensationalism that just doesn't work.

**"EXTRACT" (R)**  
 "Extract" is a comedy about a flavor extract factory in trouble.

Jason Bateman ("State of Play," "Tropic of Thunder," "Juno") stars as Joel Reynolds, a vanilla extract factory owner.

Joel is one step away from selling his factory and retiring to easy street.

However, a freak workplace accident sets in motion a series of disasters that put his business and personal life in jeopardy.

Joel is frustrated, dealing with everyday workday problems, boredom and a streak of bad luck, while his wife Suzie, played by Kristen Wiig ("Ghost Town"), has an obsession with reality television shows and has little support or concern for her husband.

Ben Affleck ("State of Play") costars as Dean, Joel's best buddy, who tends bar and is somewhat of a slacker.

Dean is trying to bring his friend out of his slump and his struggling marriage by introducing him to the normal life outside.

During this transition time when he is experiencing trouble at his company, Joel hires a few temps, including Cindy, played by Mila Kunis ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall"), with whom he becomes infatuated.

Trying to justify his behavior, he hires a womanizing pool boy for his home, to see if his wife would be inclined to cheat on him.

Dustin Milligan ("The Messenger") plays Brad, the gigolo pool boy.

Also appearing are Clifton Collins Jr. ("Star Trek") as Step, a factory worker involved in an accident; J.K. Simmons ("Juno") as Brian; David Koechner ("Get Smart") as Nathan; and Gene Simmons as Joe Adler, a sleazy lawyer.

The movie was written and directed by the creator of TV's animated shows Beavis and Butt-head and King of the Hill, Mike Judge ("Idiocracy," "Office Space").

"Extract" is an amusing adult comedy that focuses on a couple of bad decisions, bad plans, and bad ideas and the sometimes funny and disastrous outcomes of these situations.

**Editor's note: Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.**

## GamingIntel

# Games: 'Madden NFL 10' scores on all consoles

**BRIAN BOWERS**  
 Stars and Stripes

This year's "Madden NFL" is definitely the best yet, and not just because it has the Steelers all over the place.

EA Sports has taken last year's winning lineup and strengthened it with better graphics and animations, deeper artificial intelligence and additional online options. And that's just for the edition that gamers will play on Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Wii fans will see totally new graphics and a revised interface that makes the game even more friendly to those who favor the little white console.

At first glance, there doesn't appear to be too much difference between last year's edition and "Madden NFL 10" aside from the dazzling graphics. However, it eventually becomes apparent that the entire experience has been refined to make it more realistic.

The new Pro-Tak system allows up to nine players join in tackles, the quarterback better evade rushes and players fight to recover a fumble. You can also lock down defenders so your best players will always be paired with specific players on the opposing team. Another nice addition is a rumble that lets you know when the pass rush is about to pounce on your QB.

What's less obvious, but just as important to the game's realism, are changes in the AI. For example, quarterbacks' accuracy ratings are now broken down for short, medium and long passes to better reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the actual NFL players.

Other tweaks add realism to the way players become fatigued, defenders cover receivers, tipped balls react in the air and more. Of course, a lot of these changes are pretty subtle and I might not have noticed them if I hadn't had my eyes peeled for them.

However, the overall effect of these and other alterations make the game "feel right."

Game play is basically the same as last year, with three different levels of control. Traditional "Madden" fans will opt for the advanced system, which gives them control over every aspect of the game on a play-

by-play basis. On the other hand, beginner of the game's complexity can leave most of the coaching duties to the AI and simply control a few key players. An intermediate system falls between the two, and is probably good for casual players who spend as much time with the hand in the pretzel bowl as on the controller.

Once again, players can either play a single game, create their own superstar and progress through his career or develop a franchise. This year, they can also team with a friend online to play against a CPU opponent or try on online franchise.

On the Wii side of Maddenland, accessibility for newcomers was obviously the major concern.

Last year, the franchise made tremendous strides with its all-play option. This allowed the legions of newbies who flocked to Nintendo's console to get a taste of "Madden" without fear of the game's complex, full-blown control system. The system returns this year but with a few alterations that make it less reliant on making gimmicky gestures with the motion-sensitive controller. I really enjoyed the optional point-and-pass system, which let you simply aim your Wii remote at the player you want to hit the A button. On the other side of the ball, you can aim at a specific offensive player and send your defense swarming all over him.

A much bigger change comes in the realm of graphics. Players and stadiums look a bit more cartoonish, which might seem like a throwback to the 1990s. Some won't like it, but I think it works quite well on the Wii.

In both versions of the game, the weakest link is the color commentary. Expect a lot of inane comments, and expect to hear them repeatedly.

Overall, "Madden NFL 10" is a robust game that delivers a lot of fun, even for those who aren't Steelers fans.

**Platforms:** Xbox 360 (tested), PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2, Wii

**On the Web:** maddennfl.easports.com

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 The Holiday TravelPark in Emerald Isle will be the location for the 4th Bi-Annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter Walk to Defeat amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Check in begins at 8 a.m. The 3-mile walk will raise funds for global research, provide assistance for people with ALS, coordinate multidisciplinary care through certified clinical care centers, and foster government partnerships. For more information, contact Kim Hebert at 252-354-6410 or visit catfishchapter.org.  
**Prostate cancer support group meeting Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**  
 The Man-to-Man Prostate Cancer, Information, Education and Support Group is scheduled to meet in the west wing class room off of the cafeteria at the Onslow Memorial Hospital Saturday. Breakfast will be served. Information on urinary incontinence treatment and a solution to erectile dysfunction will be discussed. For additional information, call The American Cancer Society 800-282-4914 or Robert Kimbrough at 347-6289.  
**"City to the Sea" bike ride Sunday, 2 p.m.**  
 The Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department, Hammocks Beach State Park and other local businesses have scheduled a leisure bike ride for Sunday. Registration for the free ride is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. and the ride will begin at 2 p.m. The ride will originate at the Food Lion parking lot on the corner of Piney Green and Halltown roads and it will finish at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. An adult must accompany riders under the age of 18, and all riders are encouraged to wear a helmet during the ride. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.  
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# Lobster Fest offers food, fellowship

**HEATHER M. OWENS**  
Carolina Living editor

North Carolinians seem to be all about seafood and plan dozens of festivals each year to celebrate local fruits of the sea.

There is the Shrimp Festival, the Mullet Festival, the Spot Festival and, of course, the Seafood Festival.

But have you ever heard of North Carolina lobster?

Probably not, because the crustacean is native to cooler seas, such as the waters around, say, Maine.

Though lobster is not native to the Crystal Coast, it doesn't mean there isn't a festival to celebrate it. For 19 years, Swansboro's St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal church has been trucking in fresh, Maine lobster each fall.

This year's Lobster Fest is set to take place Sept. 26 on St. Peter's By-the-Sea grounds. The church is located at 503 Broad St. in Swansboro. Plenty of free parking is available on the streets surrounding the church, said festival chairman Mike Brown.

"Generally speaking, we buy about 1,200 lobsters," said Brown. "Lately, it's been more challenging (to obtain them), but more recently I have gotten in touch with people who know people (who can supply them)."

The lobsters are fresh and trucked right to the church the day before the event.

Folks are able to spend time at the festival enjoying their seafood dinners which consist of a 1 1/2 pound lobster, two side dishes, a roll and dessert for \$22.

For those who just can't get enough of the unique taste, live or cooked lobsters are available to take home for \$18

or \$20, respectively, as long as supplies last.

"That actually happens quite a bit, people will bring their big coolers and buy 25 or 30 lobsters and take them home," said Brown, adding that last year his whole neighborhood pitched in to buy lobsters for a block party.

Barbecue chicken dinners, which consist of a quarter of a chicken, two side dishes, a roll and dessert, are also available for \$10 for those who want to partake in the fun but aren't interested in the lobster.

The church's youth group also sells hotdogs and sodas for children and others who like simpler fare.

Like any good festival, the event is not just about the food.

"My vision was for this not to be a lobster dinner where people come and eat and run," said Brown. "I wanted to make it an all-day festival where families can come in, and the adults can listen to music and the kids can play games."

This year's entertainment will include a disc jockey spinning tunes which Brown hopes will have a little something for everyone.

"Sometimes it's hard to keep people happy with music because the young people want to hear rock and roll and the old people want to hear Frank Sinatra," joked Brown. Hence, the D.J.

However, as an eclectic treat, the festival has contracted with Dmitri Resnik, a Louisiana blues-style musician, to perform as well.

Children's games and other entertainment are also planned for the event.

Though he's not sure if it will happen again this year, Brown said a local masseuse showed up one year and gave



Courtesy photo  
A volunteer serves up fresh lobster at St. Peter's By-the-Sea's annual Lobster Fest. The churches' 19th Lobster Fest is scheduled to take place on its grounds in Swansboro, N.C., Sept. 26. Participants may enjoy a lobster or chicken dinners on site. Or they may purchase uncooked or prepared lobster to take home with them.

massages for people's aching shoulders and backs.

Though Brown and the festival committee hope people will enjoy the festival, they can also feel good they are supporting local charities and non-profit organizations.

Brown estimated proceeds from last year's event topped \$11,000 and, while a portion of the money went toward church events, much of it was donated to local charities. The plans for this year's fund raising are also earmarked for charities.

Some of the causes supported in the past have included a woman who trains dogs to become service animals, wounded warrior organizations and Operation Hug-a-Hero, a nonprofit which provides dolls to children of deployed or fallen warriors in

the service member's likeness.

Brown said military families from the area's installations enjoy coming to the festival.

"I've discovered it's nice to get together with other families who may have lived in another area you have lived in," said Brown. "A lot of military are from other places, as a rule, and they enjoy the friendship of talking with and meeting people (at the festival)."

Editor's note: Lobster Fest tickets may be reserved by calling St. Peter's By-the-Sea at 326-4757 and then may be picked up the day of the event. Tickets may also be purchased at the Swansboro Chamber of Commerce in the visitor's center in downtown Swansboro.

## Public invited to informational meeting regarding foster parenting

The Onslow County Department of Social Services has scheduled an informational meeting for Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the DSS Training Center in the New River Shopping Center at 1245 Hargett St. in Jacksonville.

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# Preparing before wrath of the storm

LANCE CPL. LIA GAMERO  
Marine Corps Base

Residents of the East Coast are no strangers to hurricane watches and warnings, but for service members and families who are still learning their zip code, hurricanes are something for which they may not be prepared.

The 2009 hurricane season officially started June 1 and blows through Nov. 30. So far, there have been four tropical storm systems. Only one has become a hurricane, but more are expected to come. Some people have already begun preparing in case of a hurricane.

According to the Web site [nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov), there are plenty of things that can be done beforehand to get ready. For example, always have an evacuation plan and a disaster relief kit prepared. If residents are unsure where to start, they can learn about the community's emergency plans, which include proper evacuation routes and locations of official emergency shelters.

Marines living in Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune barracks have a destructive weather plan.

The company has destructive weather teams to help pass emergency instructions to Marines. The company also runs destructive weather drills at the barracks. The drills are run-throughs that help keep Marines on their toes about what to do in case of a hurricane. The drills are designed to run every two to three months. The company also holds classes to refresh Marines' minds.

"The Marines have two options," said Gunnery Sgt. Santonio Haywood, Company A's gunnery sergeant. "Option 1, they stay in their rooms and get into the bathroom for

safety, or option 2; if they are caught outside, they can head to one of the base gyms for safety."

Although they were not designed specifically to be storm shelters, barracks and the gyms on base are built strong enough to shelter Marines or base personnel from a hurricane.

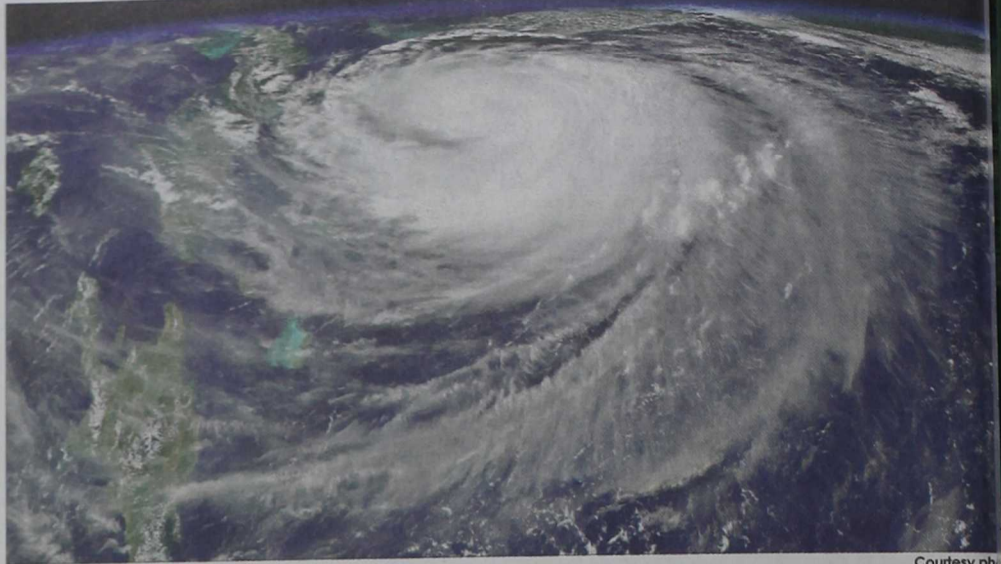
Not only do the Marines on base need a plan for emergencies, residents of Jacksonville and nearby towns should also have a plan and location prepared. The location chosen for safety should be far enough away to not get hit by the storm or strong enough to withstand the effects of the hurricane.

There are a couple of things that should be at the escape location. In case the public water supply is contaminated by the rising water, dirt or debris carried by the hurricane, there should be enough potable water to last three to five days. According to the Web site [sptimes.org](http://sptimes.org), there should be about five gallons or more for each person in the home.

Of course, people can't survive on water alone for very long.

Canned or pre-packaged food that does not have to be refrigerated or cooked should also be available. Each person should have enough food to last five days. Some nonperishable foods include canned meat, vegetables, spaghetti, ravioli, crackers, and dry cereal. Meals, Ready-to-Eat are packages with full-size meals that don't spoil. Cases of MREs can be bought online. If access to an electric stove-top to cook on is available, a resident should consider having batteries or an extra power source in case of a power outage.

Flashlights, batteries and extra bulbs may be needed as a light source. Candles are not



This photograph of Hurricane Frances, which hit Cocoa Beach, Fla. during September 2004, shows a satellite-view of the power behind hurricanes. Coastal Carolina residents are also no strangers to hurricane winds and warnings. Yet service members and families who are still learning their zip code, hurricanes are something for which they may not be prepared. The 2009 hurricane season, which officially started June 1, will last through Nov. 30. The best way to weather a hurricane is to have a safety plan and stockpile necessary supplies in a hurricane-preparedness kit.

a good replacement because they can be a fire hazard.

Keep in mind any special circumstances. The Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Web site [ohsep.louisiana.gov](http://ohsep.louisiana.gov), suggests that if a family member requires special treatment, there should be plenty of articles to support their need. This can be anything from diapers and baby formula for an infant to a dialysis machine for someone who is sick.

Any place set for protection needs to have daily necessities in case there is no time to collect items before heading to the destination. If things cannot be staged at a location, find a place where there is access to what may be needed.

For some, family members also include pets. Many public shelters do not accept pets inside unless the animal is relied on for assistance or guidance, but there are pet shelters available. The Web site [muttcats.com](http://muttcats.com) has a list of links to animal shelters. It specifies what city the shelter is located in and what animals it accepts. Some shelters accept only cats or only dogs. Any pet taken to a shelter should be up-to-date on their shots and have proper identification. Pet-owners should have a place ready to go to in case of emergency.

Most people don't realize that having a plan doesn't mean just having a place to go for safety. Residents should also know how to

leave their home protected in case of evacuation. Knowing where or how to turn off the gas or power supply can help protect a home from a leak or other dangers like electrocution.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, said a homeowner should strengthen the home at any area where wind may be able to get in, including the roof, windows, doors and garage doors. Windows or large glass doors should be covered with storm shutters or boarded up to keep any glass from shattering. Broken glass can damage a home by breaking other furniture, or leaving scratches. A broken window opens a home to water, wind,

broken tree branches and even animals looking for a place to hide.

The home's windows can be broken by almost anything the storm has picked up with its strong winds.

Tree limbs have been found to be the most common piece of debris to break windows. Most broken limb cases can be prevented by keeping the yard and nearby trees clean of any weak or old limbs.

Taking action before the storm can help keep a Marine or a family alive and safe by being ready for this year's hurricane season.

For more information, visit the National Hurricane Preparedness Web site [nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov).



Photo by Heather M. Owens

Conserving energy aids the Marine Corps mission by saving money and resources. Marines and sailors may do their part by shutting off their computers, monitors and lights before they leave each day.

## Marine Corps order aids security, conserves energy

LANCE CPL. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT  
Marine Corps Base

The average residential monthly electricity bill at the start of 2007 was around \$95, yet near the end of the same year it rose to \$100, according to the Energy Information Administration. Whereas it doesn't seem like a drastic rise individually, the administration figured the overall American population paid \$1.5 billion in a yearly electricity bill rise.

With figures and facts like these, it is little wonder why shutting off electrical sources when not in use would greatly benefit anyone's spending budget. However, when a level of security is involved, it not only becomes a good idea, but also a necessity.

"All the computers using a (Navy Marine Corps Intranet) connection receive automatic updates," said Catherine Lea, a contract technical representative with Marine Corps Installations-East. "If an NMCI computer is never rebooted, it can't install any updates."

Lea explained that with an estimated 17,500 computers on base with an NMCI connection alone, the amount of computers without necessary security updates pose a security risk as they are rarely shut down, but simply "locked-out."

Computers will eventually receive updates, whether through being shut down by a user or by a power outage. Lea said the aspect that relies solely on user effort is shutting your computer off every

day to save electrical consumption.

"With as many computers as there are in Camp Lejeune, one can imagine how much we're spending to keep them on all the time," said Kevin Brown, the energy program manager for the base Public Works Department.

"(Based on NMCI-connected computers) the amount of energy saved by turning off computers and monitors at night will save the base approximately \$350,000 in electrical costs," said Brown. "That's the equivalent of enough energy to power 150 homes for a year."

As mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13423, the base is required to cut its energy usage by 30 percent by 2015. Brown says that many states, including North Carolina, have adopted renewable energy portfolio standards, which require utilities to generate with renewable energy.

"Electricity is being generated cleaner and greener than ever before," said Brown. He went on to describe some of the energy efficient steps that have been taken on base in the past, such as using fluorescent light bulbs in streetlights, carpooling and building energy-efficient homes.

With the goal of Camp Lejeune's energy consumption to be reduced by nearly a third, powering down any electronic equipment when not in use is essential, and coupled with a level of security, the new order may prove beneficial in the end with a "safer, greener tomorrow."

## Back-up with ITMO, never lose those videos again

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A piercing shriek echoes through the house, striking you like a hammer as you jump out of bed and rush downstairs. You see your kids at the computer with paled faces, shaking as they stare at the monitor: a power surge completely wiped the computer's memory and you have no backup file.

To avoid the havoc, there is a way to copy and encrypt your entire computer's memory and store it, a program available to download in case of computer failure.

"Information Technology Management Online allows someone to quickly recover lost files or data due to viruses, hardware failure, natural disasters or theft," said Thomas S. Bousquet, a co-owner of ITMO.

Working alongside the Travel Management Office, ITMO offers service for 120 days or one year for a single computer, or a "family plan" for all the computers within a household. Prices range from \$49.95 to \$149.95 for either a 120-day account or a one-year account.

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Another service ITMO offers is unlimited storage space, as opposed to other online storage companies. No matter how much data is uploaded to your storage account, there is no extra fee.

"Other companies have a set upload limit, and you have to pay extra to store more," said Bousquet. "We offer unlimited storage, so the price for your account is all you will pay."

Users of ITMO will also have the ability to input how often the computer updates the online storage account, adding or deleting in tune with its memory.



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Many families store valuable information on their computers which may be lost through a power surge or other mishap. Backing up computer files provides peace of mind that valuable photographs, school work, and personal and financial information will be safe in the event of computer failure.

"If you run a business and have important files saved on your computer, you cannot afford to lose those," said Bousquet.

Whether you're traveling or just want to protect your computer's files, an ITMO account is the safest way to back-up your memory, he said.

Although working with TMO, one may not be able to purchase an account through them. To learn more about ITMO or to purchase an account, visit their Web site [americandatavault.com](http://americandatavault.com) or call 877-232-0785 to protect your computer's files.

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 Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools has scheduled school board election Sept. 24. Parents or sponsors of children currently enrolled in CLDS may vote at any school from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. The polls have been extended to 6 p.m. Lejeune High School is conducting a special town hall meeting with Dr. Emily Marsh, North Carolina district superintendent, that evening. Nine candidates are running for school board this year. From left to right) They are Patrick Dostal, Jennifer Brodfuehrer, Marcie Jean Friesner, Amanda Roberts, Tanya Washington, Dave Neubauer, Amy Neubauer, Darlene Johnson and Darlene Johnson.



**Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' Parent Informational Meeting**

Meet Dr. Emily Marsh, North Carolina district superintendent for Department of Defense Education Activity and Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools  
 Sept. 24  
 9 a.m. or 6 p.m.  
 at the Lejeune High School Auditorium

School board voting has been extended until 6 p.m. at LHS so parents may cast their ballots prior to the evening meeting

# CLDS introduces school board candidates

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"There is just no greater purpose than preparing our children for the world they will face," said Dr. Emily Marsh, North Carolina district superintendent for Department of Defense Education Activity and Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools. "All the educational research shows that the most successful students are those who have parents involved in their education." For that reason, Marsh said she is impressed with, and very appreciative of, all of the members of the community who volunteer at Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools all capacities, including the pool board. A new crop of nine individuals have volunteered to stand for election for the CLDS school board this year. Military members and spouses living in Camp Lejeune housing areas are eligible to stand for election. The school board election has been scheduled for Sept.

24. Polling sites will be available at all Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools and are scheduled to be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voting will be extended until 6 p.m. at Lejeune High School as a town hall meeting with Marsh will take place there at 6 p.m. that evening.

Parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools at the time of the election are eligible to vote.

Each parent or guardian is entitled to one vote and must do so in person. Individuals who vote will be required to show proof of identification and will sign the poll list.

"What better way to support your community than to make your voice heard," said Marsh who encouraged parents to vote.

Each school board candidate was asked to respond to the question: "What qualifies and motivates you to serve on the CLDS school board?" Their responses appear below.

**Jennifer Brodfuehrer:** I will serve as a versatile

member of the school board. I am a mother of three and have worked as a volunteer, coach and teacher in the public schools. I have a graduate degree in curriculum and instruction. I would love to be a representative of our school community.

**Patrick Dostal:** With 18 years of active service and as a father of two, I feel it is my duty to aid in our children's development and education. I have been working with children through youth sports, and I truly understand the challenges that our children face now and in the future.

**Marcie Jean Friesner:** I believe my experiences as a Marine wife, mother of three, professional educator and church and community volunteer have given me a wealth of knowledge about America's schools and her children. This, along with my strong motivation to see children succeed, qualifies me for a position on the school board.

**Darlene Johnson:** I care about our children's educa-

tion. I was a child of Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and now I am a concerned parent for our children's education. Running for the school board that supports our military community in the efforts of improving quality learning for our children's education will be an honor.

**Amy Neubauer:** I am interested in the education of my child and other children. Education is important for our children's future. I also want to be a role model for my daughter and her friends.

**David Neubauer:** Electing me to the board would add versatility to the board. Education is important to me because these children could be our future doctors, teachers or government officials. We as parents, teachers or military members need to support them because their success will affect our future.

**Amanda Roberts:** As the mother of three girls, I know the importance of having a strong educational system. Therefore, I am motivated to be a voice for our children to

insure that their schools are running the best that they can. After all, if we as parents don't step up, who will?

**Corinne Smith:** As an avid parent volunteer, I would bring a unique perspective to the school board. Volunteering continues to provide the opportunity to see the educational process from all sides. By making decisions benefiting students, parents and teachers alike, I hope to positively impact our children's education.

**Tanya Washington:** The motivation behind my bid for election is the mental, physical and social development of all children. Having three children in three different schools, I have a broad, unique perspective of our schools. I have served on parent teacher associations for twelve years and am currently PTA president of Bitz Intermediate School.

For more information about the election, call Marilyn Gray, the school board representative in the superintendent's office, at 451-2461, ext. 227.

**Camp Lejeune to hold Cultural Heritage Day**

Camp Lejeune will honor its diversity and common American heritage by celebrating Cultural Heritage Day, Sept. 25.

"The purpose of the event is to promote cultural awareness and highlight our strengths in diversity," said Gunnery Sgt. Curtis Bradley, Marine Corps Base equal opportunity advisor. "Because it is the strengths that each culture possesses which make the military stronger."

To commemorate the day, service members, their families and members of our civilian community, are invited to share these cultural traditions during a celebration from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune.

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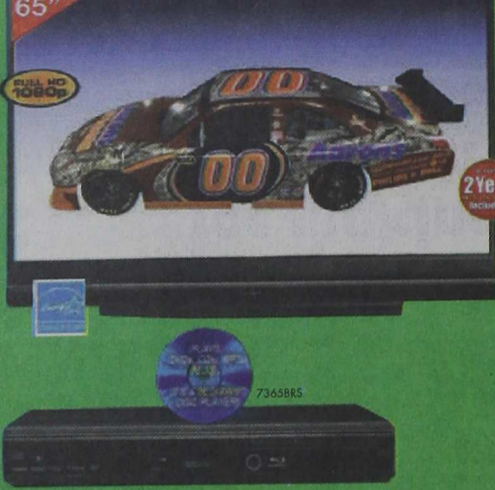
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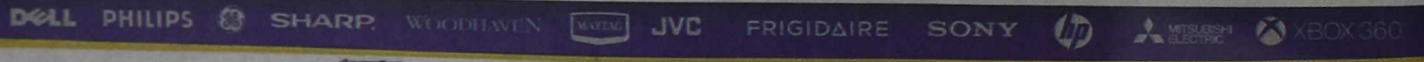


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