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HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

Marines light it up as sun sets on insurgents

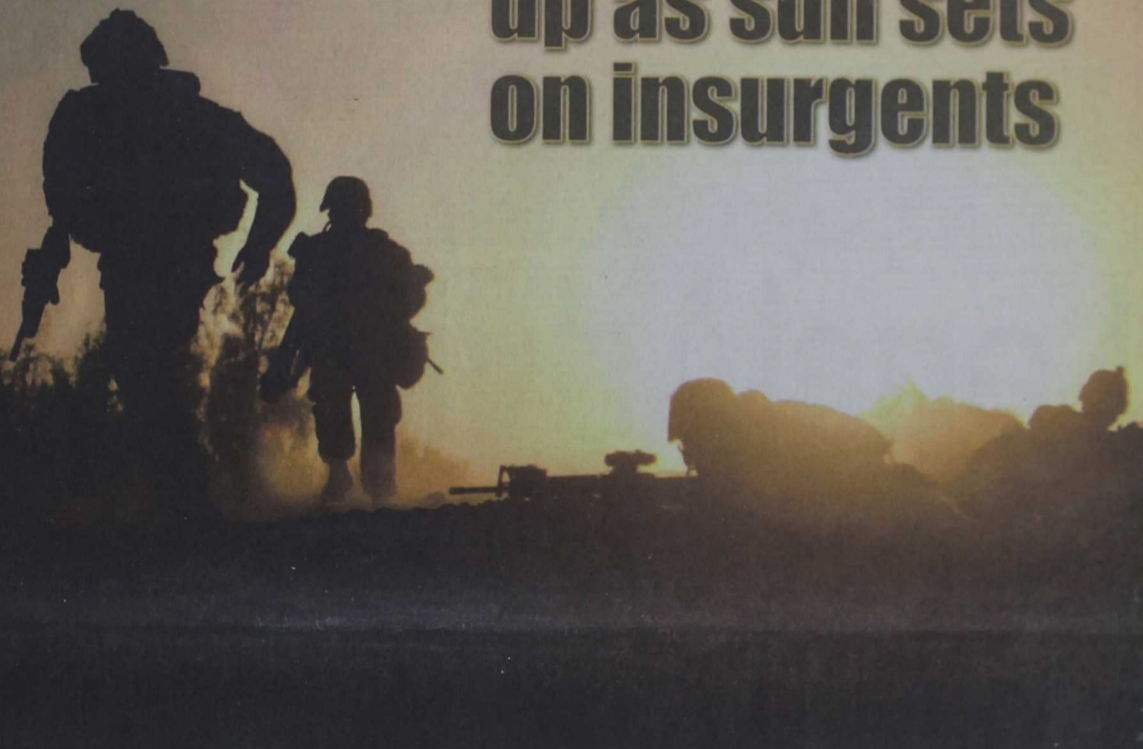


Photo by Lance Cpl. John McCall

Marines with Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 3, run for cover during a firefight in Nawa District, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Oct. 2. Marines were attacked while conducting a security patrol in the area. They suffered no casualties after exchanging fire with enemy insurgents for nearly two hours.

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. MCCALL
Regimental Combat Team 3

"I could hear the bullets flying over my head," said Lance Cpl. Michael Estrada, a team leader. "They were impacting right in front of us."

Marines with Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 3, were engaged in a firefight here, Oct. 2.

Marines conducting a security patrol were attacked by enemy insurgents hiding on the outskirts of a nearby village.

"We were patrolling through an area that is known to be used by the enemy," said Sgt. Matthew Duquette, a squad



Photo by Lance Cpl. John McCall

Marines with Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 3, take cover in a trench after receiving indirect fire during a patrol in Nawa District, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Oct. 2.

leader. "We were moving across this small field on our way back (to the patrol base), and we started taking fire."

Caught in an open field, Marines rushed for what little cover they could find, attained positive identification of the enemy, and

began returning fire.

"They were firing at us from a few different positions; most of it was coming out of a small village

directly in front of us," Duquette explained. "Once we identified their positions, we returned fire. We knew where they were so we had no reason to leave."

"You could see a few guys poking their heads out along with the muzzles of their rifles," Estrada recalled.

With the sun beginning to set, the enemy continued to harass the Marines from various positions. The insurgents put themselves between the bright sun and the Marines in a failed attempt to stifle them.

"They try to use the sun to their advantage," Estrada explained. "The enemy will attack a lot when the sun sets or when it rises since it is hard to see anything with the sun in your eyes."

After nearly 90 minutes,

Marines radioed for an air strike to take out the remaining enemy fighters.

"The shots kept coming in for us," Duquette said.

"I'm glad the plane came when it did because it seemed like the enemy's shots started getting a lot more accurate as the fight went on. Once we had support from the air, the enemy retreated and stopped firing."

The gunfire ceased after two aircraft made their gun runs, laying down fire on the insurgent positions.

After the fight, the Marines found hundreds of enemy bullet casings in many different buildings in the area. Fortunately, the Marines had suffered no casualties during the fight.

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HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

Marines facilitate veterinary care for Afghan farmers

SGT. SCOTT WHITTINGTON
Regimental Combat Team 3

The expression "goat rope" usually refers to something unorganized, but service members here helped local farmers with their roped goats, sheep and cows with free medical treatment.

Marines from 4th Civil Affairs Group, attached to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 3, hosted the project for Afghan livestock, Oct. 9, in the Garmsir District center here.

"It's not just something nice to have," said Capt. Micah P. Caskey IV, civil affairs officer. "This is the people's livelihood."

More than 60 farmers, and one local veterinarian, brought 717 animals — sheep, goats and cows — to the market to get complimentary veterinary treatment to treat and

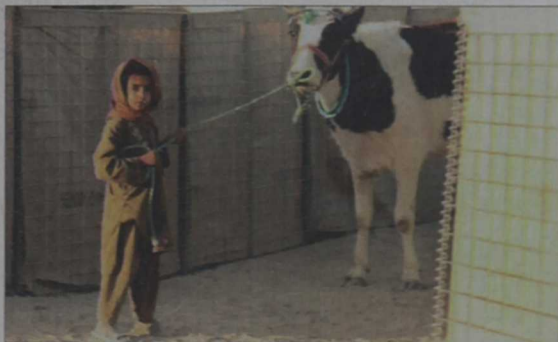


Photo by Sgt. Scott Whittington

An Afghan girl waits her turn during a veterinary civil affairs project, Oct. 9. Marines from 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment and 4th Civil Affairs Group provided free medical care for more than 700 cows, goats and sheep.

prevent worms and illnesses. Two U.S. Army and British Royal Army military animal doctors from the provided their assistance for the

civil action project.

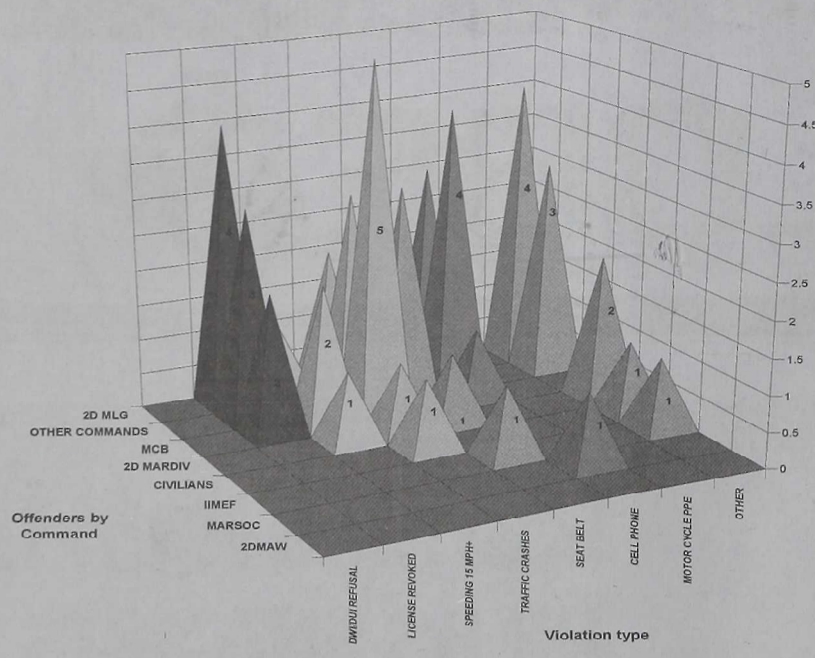
U.S. Army Capt. John M. Winston III, one of the two veterinarians and a member of the 993rd Medical Detachment Veterinary Services, thought the clinic "was fantastic." "We directly engaged with and helped the Afghan people," he said.

This project is another prime example of cooperation between the Afghan government, Afghan national security forces and the International Security Assistance Force, Caskey said.

The plans for the project began in July. Part of the coordination was a meeting between Caskey, local elders and other community members to ensure it didn't impinge on the local veterinary supply store or veterinarians.

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Traffic violations aboard Camp Lejeune



This graph represents traffic violations and driving while intoxicated / driving under the influence refusals for Camp Lejeune during the week of Sept. 21 through Sept. 25. Traffic violations are defined as: driving while license revoked, speeding in excess of 15 mph or over, traffic crashes, seatbelt, cellular telephone and motorcycle personal protective equipment violations. Source: Command Inspector General's Office for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

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Life insurance is a very complicated, important, and expensive product that should be purchased only after careful reflection and not immediately after receiving a passionate sales pitch from an insurance agent. Purchase of insurance involves a careful assessment of costs involved, current and future needs to care for dependents, alternative uses for the money that you might otherwise spend on insurance, different types of insurance available, different insurance companies available, and the value of current insurance owned. This article addresses one of those issues, the nature and value of the current insurance owned by most service members: Service members Group Life Insurance. Service members are eligible for up to \$400,000 term life insurance with

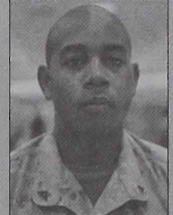
SGLI. The cost is about \$27 per month (or six and a half cents for every \$1,000 coverage). Regardless of your health, the rates do not increase. It's a good deal that very few service members pass up. In recent years, the product has been improved with the option of family coverage, up to \$100,000 coverage for a spouse at a monthly cost of seven dollars or less for any spouse under the age of 40. (Monthly rates increase to \$9 for those 40 to 44, and \$14 for those 45 to 49.) A service member may also purchase up to \$10,000 insurance for each dependent child. Further, as of Dec. 1, 2005, any service member with SGLI also has Traumatic Injury Protection, or TSGLI. Depending on the injury suffered by the service member, TSGLI payments range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. All SGLI is "term" insurance. It does not have any cash back, or paid up

insurance value, and it covers you only for the specified term you are paying for. While on active duty, you will remain insured as long as you continue paying the premiums. Coverage continues for 120 days after discharge from the armed forces. After discharge, service members have 120 days to convert SGLI to Veteran's Group Life Insurance. Within two months of discharge, you should receive an application. Or, rather than waiting, you can either apply online or download the forms and apply by mail. VGLI is based on the insured's age and, over time, is significantly more expensive than SGLI. For example, though the monthly cost is only \$32 for \$400K coverage for those aged 29 and below, it's \$88 for those 45 to 49 and \$144 for those aged 50 to 54. VGLI is renewable term insurance; that is, the insured has the right to renew year after

year regardless of health, but the rates go up with the insured's age. Note that the service member is not required to purchase spouse SGLI, and likely will not if he considers it too expensive or if the couple is experiencing marital difficulties. Further, only the service member portion of SGLI may be converted to VGLI. The spouse or child's insurance ends when the active-duty coverage ends. SGLI provides a wealth of information online concerning all of these products, their cost, and answers to frequently asked questions. Forms are available. The site even has a "Life Insurance Needs Calculator." Life insurance decisions can be very difficult, particularly as you grow older or leave the armed forces. Evaluate your finances and educate yourself before purchasing so that you get the product and coverage that is right for you.

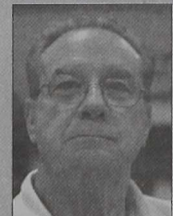
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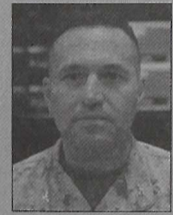
Lance Cpl. Ricardo Smith
2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment
2nd Marine Division
Severn, Md.

"Whichever one I see with the starving children out there; they should be able to grow up strong."



James Walters
Retired staff sergeant
Rogers, Ark.

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Col. Matthew Lopez
Headquarters Company, 6th Marine Regiment
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Headquarters Company, 8th Marine Regiment
2nd Marine Division
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By Matt Kellogg

MAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

Marines construct new position near Taliban marketplace

SCOTT WHITTINGTON
Regimental Combat Team 3



Photo by Sgt. Scott Whittington

Marine engineers attached to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, pound nails into roofs for four guard towers at Patrol Base Lakari, Oct. 2.



Photo by Sgt. Scott Whittington
Marines with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion offload building materials at the location that will become Patrol Base Lakari, Oct. 1.

since the first raid on Bazaar in mid July, which turned up thousands of pounds of drugs and bomb-making materials, the Taliban has continued to use market as a staging area for illegal activity — launch more than 20 attacks against coalition troops in immediate vicinity from location.

To stop this, more than 300 Marines conducted a ground raid in the early morning hours of Sept. 30, seizing caches of weapons and killing several insurgents after receiving enemy fire. To ensure the Taliban didn't return to their old activity, Marines from Company D, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion and Combat Logistics Battalion 8 conducted a patrol base less than a mile from the bazaar. Afghan National Army soldiers and 1st Marines with Company 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, will occupy the new base to disrupt Taliban activity in the area.

"The base will give (2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment Marines) an opportunity to project their influence on the Lakari market," said platoon commander 2nd Lt. Mark H. Tetzl, Company D, 1st CEB. "The engineer Marines arrived here 18 hours after leaving Forward Operating Base Delhi, more than 40 kilometers away, and went to work immediately under the 2 a.m. moonlight. This patrol base, 10 miles from Pakistan's border, is the southern-most base controlled by Regimental Combat Team 3.

"It's all about survivability," said Cpl. Joshua M. Smith, heavy equipment operator, 1st CEB. "The bigger the berm, the safer the Marines are on the inside, especially. They won't have to

worry about direct fire."

A 13-foot dirt berm was pushed up around an already-existing wall in the new compound, and an outer, shorter berm was constructed outside the larger one to make standoff room. According to Tetzl, this gives another layer of protection from threats such as vehicle-borne IEDs.

Inside the compound, engineers using head lamps pounded away with hammers in the darkness, driving nails into prefabricated guard towers, a shower, a hygiene area and field-expedient burnout toilets. Marines from 8th Engineer Support Battalion were responsible for creating pre-made structures and a group of them were attached to CLB-8. They frequently accompany the CEB Marines on their builds.

"This is CLB-8's third time to come out with us," said Tetzl, a former corporal. "Those guys are awesome and won't stop until the job is done."

Throughout the engineers' deployment, they've built four observation posts, seven combat outposts of various sizes, and three patrol bases in Helmand province.

Building these posts and bases in the middle of towns and open desert takes a lot of moving parts. This build

alone used the efforts of several units. Two Combined Anti-Armor Teams and Marines from 1st CEB's route clearance platoon lead the 37-vehicle engineer convoy from forward operating base Delhi, on the lookout for enemy ambushes and improvised explosive devices. At the convoy's tail, 60 Afghan National Army troops in vehicles provided security from anyone trying to sneak up behind. Those attached units provided security for the engineers to, at and from the construction site.

"Security is important because it allows the Marines to build the best product they can without worrying about what's behind them," said Staff Sgt. Randy C. Jackel, motor transportation chief, 1st CEB.

It took the engineers almost 60 nonstop hours to complete the build. With the project completed, Company E Marines moved into their new digs with the intent on eradicating the Taliban in the area and giving the local Afghans freedom to shop and run their businesses in a safe market.

"We come in, build it and leave," said Tetzl. "We want to give 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment a good product."



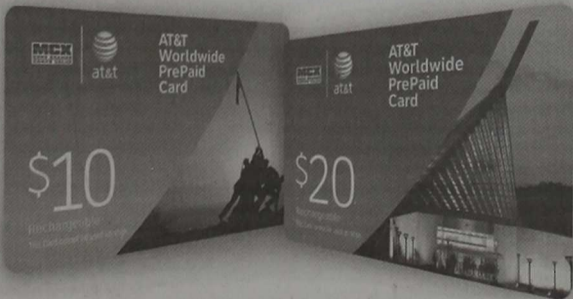
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Marine engineers attached to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, raise a roof for a guard post at Patrol Base Lakari, Oct. 2.

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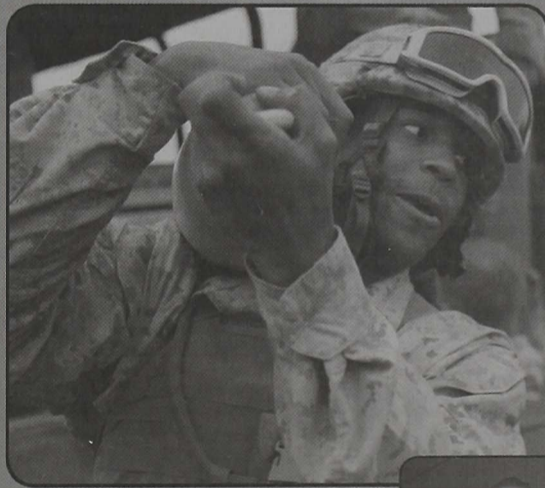
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Military Police Support Company celebrates its first birthday in Iraq

LANCE CPL JASON HERNANDEZ
II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)

Throughout the course of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the U.S. military has committed many resources to the restoration of law and order within the borders of Iraq.

Recently added to the long list of units which have come and gone through Iraq is the II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Forward) Military Police Support Company, a unit whose task, among others, is providing military units in the Multi National Force - West area of operations with the additional resources necessary to accomplish their goals and missions.

The unit celebrated its first year Oct. 1.

But, despite the unit's short time in existence, it holds within its ranks many

service members with years of experience in military policing and operating with military working dogs. It is this characteristic which has allowed the unit to celebrate the summation of its first 365 days in service with pride.

"Since our unit's formation and deployment, we have assisted the MHG in the accomplishment of its mission," said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey J. Worley, the training staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the MPSC. "Whether it's been going on missions or simply having a canine unit available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The MPSC has other responsibilities in its new and unique roll. As a new unit, it receives missions that were once completed by various other units. These new tasks include maneuver mobility support missions, law and order operations, antiterrorism-force protection operations and area security operations.

With a constantly shifting tempo of operations throughout Iraq, the MPSC finds itself evolving to better meet the new challenges placed before them on a daily basis. All the while, when they're not doing missions, they're working to become better Marines and preparing for whatever surprises may lay ahead.

"The unit has done an amazing job out here," said Worley. "Even with the number of missions going down, we're still hooking and jabbing. Whenever we're not out and about on convoys or outside the wire, we're completing Marine Corps Institute courses and studying up on military studies."

Their record speaks for itself.

With several of the Marines earning meritorious promotions to corporal and the unit, as a whole, completing work on a military working dog training camp,

the MPSC has managed to stay focused while other units have steadily withdrawn from the Iraqi theater of operations.

Another unique aspect of the unit is its capabilities. From tracking dogs and bomb sniffing dogs that can operate far from their handlers, to the well-trained military police who operate beside them, the unit has become more adept in the use of canines.

Part of the reason the dogs and their handlers are so close is because of their training. During their handler training, many of the Marines are paired up with a dog. Those dogs are trained by their handlers even as their handlers are being trained themselves.

After their specialized training, both handlers and dogs graduate together and go on to their first duty station.

"Training the dogs ourselves helps us fix a lot of



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jason Hernandez

Cpl. Jesse Makela, a dog handler with the II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Forward) Military Police Support Company, is brought down during practice by a military working dog aboard Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, recently.

problems before they even become problems," said Cpl. Steven Feliciano, an MWD handler with the MPSC. "Many, not all, go through this with their dogs. It helps to build a better team."

As their first year as a unit draws to a close, the men and canines, which comprise the Military Po-

lice Support Company, sit back and reflect on a year of proud service. Feliciano can say they've completed as much within their first year of existence. Not only have they completed their first year smoothly, but they've done so where the stakes are very high...forward deployed.

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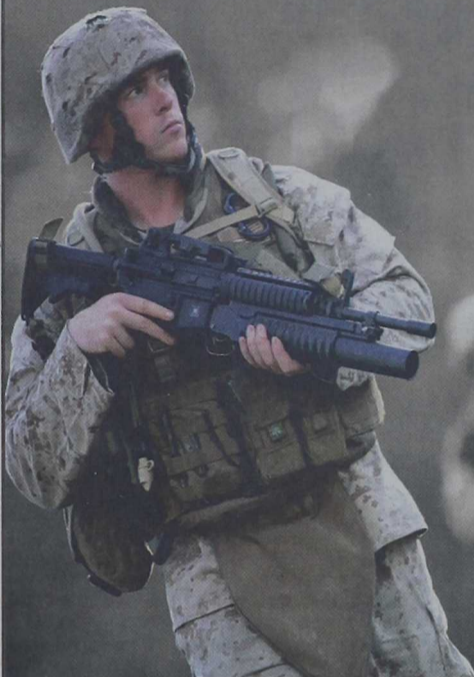


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Head of the Iraqi navy visits CAMP LEJEUNE



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Maj. Gen. Carl B. Jensen, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations—East, shakes hands with Rear Adm. Ali Hussein Al-Rubaye, head of the Iraqi navy, after exchanging gifts during a visit to the Joint Maritime Training Center. The visit gave the Iraqi officers a chance to see how the maritime services train together, Oct. 2

CPL. KATIE DENSMORE

Marine Corps Base

Between all of the services there has always been a sense of rivalry, just like siblings vying for their mother's attention. It is that sense of pride in an individual's service that allows each branch to succeed and flourish. But when it comes right down to it though, it is one team one fight.

The Joint Maritime Training Center aboard Camp Lejeune proves this everyday, training members from the maritime services together and giving each an opportunity to glimpse into each others' roles in the war on terrorism.

Their success drew the attention of a few very special guests, Oct. 2. Rear Adm. Ali Hussein Al-Rubaye, the head of the Iraqi navy, and Capt. Husham Taher Hammadi Al-Hashimi, both representing the Iraqi naval forces, Rear Adm. Jeffrey S. Jones, direc-

tor of Coalition Naval Advisory and Training Team, Baghdad, Iraq, and Lt. Cmdr. Fouad Elzaatari, a translator from Navy Central Command, visited the JMTC to observe how the maritime forces train together to become a stronger unit.

The visiting party began their tour with a quick brief about the importance of working in a joint environment.

U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Steve Weiden, the JMTC commanding officer, lead the brief by discussing the importance of not only working in an inter-service environment, but also in a multi-national effort. He used the example of some of the courses he has attended where foreign military officers were involved.

"In Coast Guard training, we had two or three convenings a year, where we had Jordanians, Egyptians and others foreign officers in a tactical operations course," he said. "It ran Monday through Friday and on the last two days we let the officers plan

the mission."

The course helped to bring the officers together to train in a joint environment, but there was also an opportunity to learn about each other's cultures.

"I hosted students from the program," Weiden added. "I hosted a Jordanian, Bohemian, Singaporean and Colombian. They came from all over the world to train with us."

Al-Rubaye then asked through his translator - if such an opportunity existed at the center?

Weiden answered that currently it does not, but hopes one day to open the training offered at the JMTC to foreign military to increase the fluidity in a multi-national environment.

After discussing the importance of cooperation and understanding between foreign militaries, the party set off to see some of the tools used and operations taught at the center.

The tour began with displays showing some of the devices used for everything from cold-weather

training to entry control points.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class David Gustafson, a tactical coxswain instructor with the center, gave a quick overview of some of the cold-weather gear the Coast Guard uses and their training techniques.

"We do very high speed and maneuver training here," he said. "Really training is the key to any successful mission, other wise you are riding around with a bunch of gear."

Then they headed out to the boats where it was time to get a taste of the actual training.

The first training simulation was Coast Guard restricted waters. Two 25-foot defenders patrolled a restricted access point. Another boat approached and tried to enter the off-limits area. The Coast Guard vessels then took action to prevent the boat from entering. They skimmed across the water cutting the boat off at every pass.

After this first exercise, the official party then boarded a Riverine patrol boat. The second scenario

involved an extra-manned aerial vehicle behind enemy lines.

A Riverine crew on the shore so another could recover the other waited for shots from shore instructors returned with the exercise. The machine guns and machine guns are guns. The extracted the vessel and just the boats continue to pressive fire. The left the area to return a successful exercise.

The exercises were a tour, and the officials see other facilities after understanding operations.

The event gave the officials insight about the JMTC and their training. It all opportunity to see the center offer successful joint military



Photo by Cpl. Katie Densmore (Left) Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Daniher, a gunners mate with the Joint Maritime Training Center, explains the capabilities and uses of several of the weapons in the armory, Oct. 2.

A Riverine patrol boat splashes through a wake during a demonstration to learn more about U.S. naval operations, Oct. 2



Photo by Cpl. Katie Densmore

An instructor with the Joint Maritime Training Center mans a .50 caliber machine gun on a Riverine patrol boat during a simulated extraction exercise, Oct. 2. The demonstration was for visiting Iraqi officers to see the training offered by the center.



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(Left) Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Daniher, a gunners mate with the Joint Maritime Training Center, explains the capabilities of a Mark-19 and how it is employed by the Coast Guard and Navy to Iraqi officers who were touring the JMTC, Oct. 2.



Photo by Cpl. Katie Densmore

demonstration. The demonstration was for Rear Adm. Ali Hussein Al-Rubaye, head of the Iraqi navy, who was visiting the Joint Maritime Training Center to



Photo by Cpl. Daniel A. Flynn

Estonian Capt. Villiko Nurmoja, liaison officer with the Estonian army, turns to look at an Afghan child walking by him during a security patrol from Patrol Base Hasanabad, recently.

HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

Estonian soldiers integrate with 2/8 Marines

SGT. SCOTT WHITTINGTON
Regimental Combat Team 3

Many cultures throughout the world sustained themselves because they had men and women who had a warrior spirit and a willingness to fight for a common cause.

A company of soldiers from the Estonian army demonstrated this characteristic last year while supporting 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment in Now Zad, Afghanistan. Now they have another opportunity to continue NATO's mission with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment in southern Helmand province.

"I would jump at the chance to serve with any Estonian unit in the future, and I appreciate the almost six months I did have to learn and serve with them," wrote Company F commanding officer Capt. Ross Schellhaas, in a 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment after-action report. The battalion, stationed at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., finished their most recent Afghanistan deployment in November 2008.

Estonian soldiers had similar thoughts of admiration for their brothers in arms. "The same basic soldier drills and common thinking on the battlefield made the cooperation very smooth," said Estonian



Photo by Cpl. Daniel A. Flynn

Estonian Capt. Villiko Nurmoja, Estonian army liaison officer, participates in a joint security patrol with Marines out of Patrol Base Hasanabad.

Capt. Villiko Nurmoja, liaison officer stationed at Forward Operating Base Delhi. "Working together with U.S. Marines is a privilege which some units never experience."

Estonia, located in northeast Europe on Russia's western border, has a population of 1.4 million people and is no stranger to conflict, transitioning from German control during WWII to a Soviet government for 50 years. In 1991, they became an independent nation, joined the United Nations and have been developing economically ever since. They have participated in NATO's missions in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003.

"They share the same risks, same harsh living

conditions, and they have absolutely no issues with either of those," said Maj. Mike D. Broyan, Regimental Combat Team 3's future operations officer and Estonian integration planner. 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment and their Estonian attachment fall under RCT-3's command in Helmand. "That's what they want - to be in the trenches with us."

The Estonian soldiers moved into 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment's battle space at the end of September and took over Patrol Bases Shamshad and Masood, previously occupied by elements from 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment's Company F. They share these bases with elements of the Af-

ghan National Army and will continue the battalion's counterinsurgency operations until 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment takes over later this year.

"They're coming at the exact right time to set the conditions for the (relief in place) and framework," said Lt. Col. Christian G. Cabaniss, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment battalion commander. "It will be hard for the insurgents to react to it."

To prepare for the deployment, the Estonian army participated in training similar to their American counterparts, like reaction drills and company-sized exercise simulations. The exercises were enhanced to reflect lessons learned from testimonials of real combat scenarios in Afghanistan.

"The situation in Helmand changes so often that units have to be very flexible to take over new (Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures) from previous units or coalition partners," said Nurmoja. "Flexibility and open thinking save lives."

Broyan boasted about the Estonians' professionalism and said there is no question about their capabilities.

"They're good soldiers with good attitudes," Cabaniss agreed from his headquarters at Forward Operating Base Delhi. "I expect very good things from them."



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Estonian Capt. Villiko Nurmoja, (center), liaison officer with the Estonian army, reviews a map of Helmand province with two fellow countrymen during a brief about future operations in the area.

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All service members are trained to do a special type of military occupation - their military occupation specialty. However, sometimes they are asked to maintain the efficiency in another occupation - the mortarman. The mortarman is a specialist with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. "You have to know how to use another person's specialty," said Sgt. Andrew Gonzalez, a mortarman. "You still do our job, but we need you to do it for us. It's not a real need, but we just do the job for you," he said.

The Marines who live at Patrol Base Fielder are mortarman, AAV operators and scout snipers. They have all been operators as basic riflemen and their original

Patrol Base Fielder is a newly occupied position. It opened up to make it easier to communicate with the people easier. "With this new position, we can easily integrate with the people, and they can come to us if they have problems," said Gunnery Sgt. Shawn Hughes, a platoon sergeant. "It's closer for people to talk to us."

Before, the Marines living here were doing another post. The Marines at White Hill provided a watch position called Route 66. They have all been operators to re-supply positions. Improving these devices are

occurrences. Now, White Hill is only as an outpost whereas the situation is now a patrol base of operations. "It has been hard to have an effect in a large area," Gonzalez said about covering the ground moving here. "It can help, but

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Marines multi-task at Patrol Base Fielder

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. McCALL
 Platoon Sergeant, 1st Platoon, 5th Marine Regiment
 All service members are trained to do a specific — their military occupational specialty. However, sometimes they are also asked to maintain their proficiency in another one, like the mortarman and amphibious assault vehicle operators with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. You have to know how to do another person's job if you lose one of your Marines, someone has to fill in for him," said Sgt. Andres Gonzalez, a mortarman. "We still do our job if we need us to. Right now there is not a real need for mortars or AAV operators, we just do the job of a mortarman," he said. The Marines who live at Patrol Base Fielder consist of mortarman, AAV operators and scout snipers. They have all been operating as basic riflemen along with their original skill



Photo by Lance Cpl. John McCall

Lance Cpl. Paulo Moreira provides security during a patrol near Helmand province, Afghanistan, recently. Moreira is a mortarman deployed with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

Patrol Base Fielder is a heavily occupied position. It was opened to make communicating with the local populace easier. "With this new patrol base, we can easily interact with the people, and they can come to us if they have any problems," said Gunnery Sgt. Shawn Hughes, scout platoon sergeant. "It's closer for people to come talk to us." Before, the Marines living here were occupying another post known as White Hill. White Hill provided a constant watch position on a road called Route 605 that convoys regularly used to re-supply various positions. Improvised explosive devices are a common occurrence on the road. Now, White Hill is used only as an observation post whereas this new patrol base is now a platoon-sized base of operations. "It has been hard trying to have an effect on such a large area," Gonzalez said about having to cover the ground prior to moving here. "I think we can help, but it is go-

ing to take time." To help address the IED issue, scout snipers have joined the Marines at Fielder to help. They set up observation posts at night to catch enemy insurgents doing their dirty work. "It's a game of cat and mouse out here," Hughes explained. "When we do patrols, it doesn't always work. We try to figure out the enemy patterns so we can catch them in the act." To combat IEDs Marines have been using foot patrols as a way to meet with the locals and establish good relationships. "We are trying to make our presence here very friendly. We invite people to come and talk to us if they have any problems,"

Hughes said. "Everyone knows me by 'Gunny.' People I have never met before seem to know my name. It's really the Marines though. They're getting out there doing patrols, meeting people and really staying focused," said Hughes. He intends to eventually use the patrol base to hold shuras for local Afghans to attend — giving them the opportunity to voice their opinions and resolve any issues. "I am here to listen and then pass it on up to the command where people can make things happen," Hughes said. The Afghan National Army has been a big help in getting through to the locals. Marines work to-

gether with the ANA. They show them how to keep the area safe and work with the populace. "Having the ANA here really helped improve the disposition with the locals," Hughes said. "It helps build our rapport partnering with them. They like seeing us working together with the ANA." One of the goals tied into building friendly relationships with the people is for them to feel comfortable enough to work with Marines and Afghan soldiers by giving them information that will lead to better overall security in the area. "I think information will start coming in after the people see we can help them," Gonzalez said.

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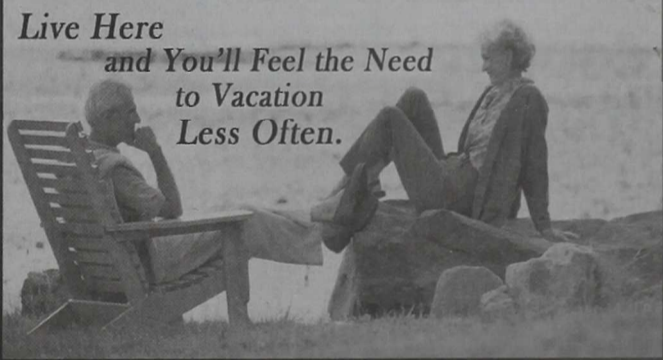
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FORT A.P. HILL, VA.

Assaultmen utilize breaching charges

LANCE CPL. JAMES W. CLARK
11 Marine Expeditionary Force

Explosions rocked Fort A.P. Hill, Va., recently, as Marines from 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, blew the handles off more than a dozen doors and cleared paths through lines of concertina wire during a series of training exercises.

Assaultmen from the battalion's Companies A and B conducted biannual explosives training in order to sustain their demolitions expertise and prepare them to lead the way during assaults when combat engineers are not available.

The majority of the Marines participating in the training have conducted similar operations for the last several years, said Sgt. Ryan White,

an assault section leader with Company A.

In fast-paced operations in Afghanistan and Iraq during recent years, Marines like White often found themselves blocked by obstacles such as walls or locked doors and such barriers needed to be cleared in a timely fashion.

"The purpose of this (training) is to provide us with the capability to handle these situations when we don't have combat engineers," said White.

Sgt. Frankie Hines, an assault section leader with Company B, echoed White's sentiments, adding, "This training allows the Marines to get some hands-on experience with demolitions and see the effects breaching charges have on a target."

The Marines used a variety of charges designed to blow off door handles, destroy door hinges, or

simply push down doors - whatever the mission required. Getting out to a demolitions range and working with live explosives is a rare and invaluable opportunity, said Lance Cpl. Adam T. Toffling, an assaultman with Company B.

The assaultmen created, emplaced and detonated a variety of the charges they may be required to use while on deployment. With a length of steel, several pounds of C-4 and a roll of tape, the Marines made an improvised Bangalore Torpedo to clear concertina wire and crafted a host of other makeshift explosives as well.

Having time with demolitions while stateside allows the Marines to become comfortable with the role they may be called upon to perform before they do it in combat.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jason Hernandez
Lance Cpl. Andrew Grant places an improvised Bangalore Torpedo explosive designed for destroying obstacles and barriers, among concertina wire during demolitions training aboard Fort A.P. Hill, Va., recently.

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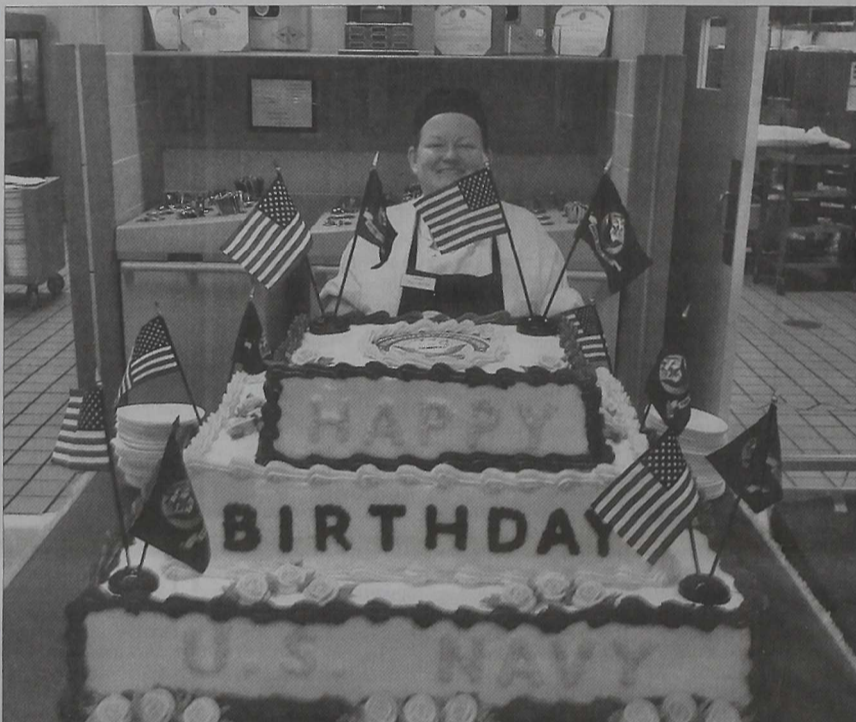


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Field Medical Training Battalion-East celebrated the Navy's 234th birthday at the Camp Johnson Galley, Oct. 8. FMTB-E staff served lunch to Camp Johnson students and staff. The galley staff provided support. Pictured above is Heidi the baker and designer of the Navy's birthday cake.

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"The people are feeling happy," said local fabric dealer Sheer Mohammad through an interpreter. Mohammad spread news of the one-day clinic to some of his friends who, in turn, brought their animals for treatment. "It's a good thing you're doing this."

Mohammad added he was surprised to see a foreign military giving free medicine for livestock. He couldn't recall any previous foreigners providing this type of service for the community.

As the farmers arrived, they checked in and took their animals to a waiting area. Once the vets were ready, the

interpreter called off names. They then herded their sheep, goats and cows into the treatment area. Some larger animals took a few Marines to wrangle. Although the project was concluded without major incident, only a few sore toes from dancing cows, the day had its share of unexpected challenges.

"The volume of animals in such a short time was a bit of pressure," said British Royal Army Capt. Miles H. Malone, veterinarian, Royal Army Veterinary Corps. "Having another vet there was key to its success."

"We saw and treated more animals than expected," added Caskey. "But more importantly, we showed the people their government cares about them."

Plans for another vet clinic are being considered. However, since Regional Command South only has one vet on staff, Caskey said he will definitely pass on the local vet's contact information to incoming units so future coordination can include him on other animal-related projects.

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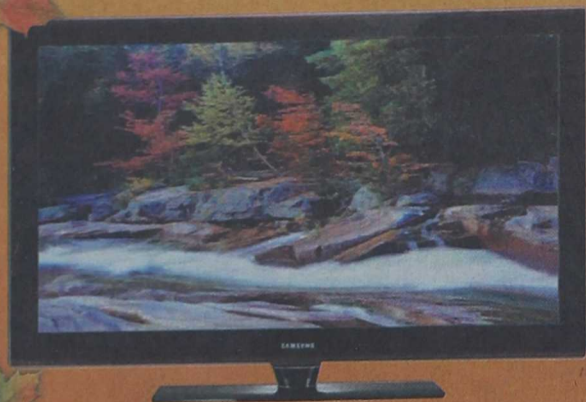
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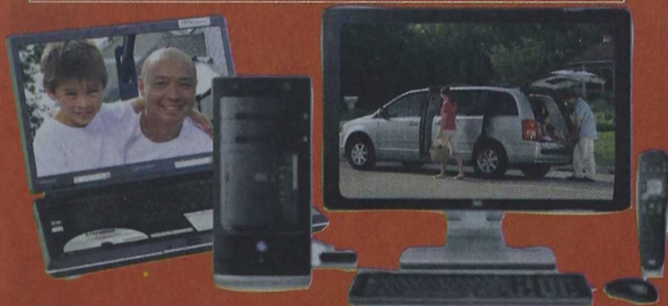
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Hallstrom crushes competition

JAMIE CAMERON
Assistant managing editor

Lejeune High School's McKenzie Hallstrom ran a 20:09 to dominate the girls' cross country 5-kilometer race at Dixon High School, Oct. 8.

The Lady Devil Pups finished second overall in the meet against four of their Division 1A Coastal Plains Conference foes. The boys' team was led by a freshman, John Dick, who finished 11th overall with a 20:50. Because of injuries earlier in the season, the team now consists of just three runners and does not qualify for the team competition.

The Dixon course proved to be quite a challenge, despite the relatively low humidity and cool temperature at race time. Several runners from all five teams had trouble navigating the course as it twisted around the school campus. Early in the girls' race, Hallstrom, a sophomore, narrowly averted disaster when she was forced off her line and nearly collided with a telephone pole guy wire.

"McKenzie is great," said Lejeune cross country coach Alex "Gunner" Nevglowski. "She's an inspiration to the other girls on the team and she always gives 110 percent."

Dixon won the girls team competition, followed in order by Lejeune, Southwest, East Carteret and Pamlico. The Dixon boys' team also finished first, followed by Pamlico, Southwest, East Carteret and Lejeune, respectively.

Following Hallstrom in scoring for the Lady Devil Pups were Taylor Snipes (fifth overall at 23:23), Marissa Price (eighth overall at 24:36), Miranda Crider (13th overall at 26:44) and Morgan Audley (14th overall at 28:49).

In the boys' competition, James Clark finished 13th overall at 20:58 and Charlie Wooley was 16th at 21:28.

"Dixon ran a good race out there and really showed great sportsmanship in directing the other runners on the course," said Nevglowski.

The Devil Pups hosted the conference championship yesterday, and results from the race were not available by press time.

Now the cross country team will prepare for the Eastern Regional Meet, where several runners will hope to qualify for the state championship race.

"Last year as a freshman, McKenzie finished second in the regionals and I really don't see any girl out there this year that can compete with her," said Nevglowski. "I believe, with a little extra work over the next two years, she could challenge for a state title."

For the rest of the Lejeune runners, the regional meet will be make-or-break in deciding who else can qualify for the final race of the season.

"The boys have been coming along great. They've been bringing their times down significantly in each meet," said Nevglowski. "Both the boys and the girls have been really impressive this season. I'm very satisfied with their effort and I think we'll be competitive with everyone in the East."

Photos by Jamie Cameron
At top, McKenzie Hallstrom crosses the finish line in 20:09 to win the girls division at the Coastal Plains Conference cross-country meet at Dixon High School, Oct. 8. At right, John Dick powers his way through the Dixon course.



Early waterfowl season signals start to serious hunting weather: Fishing great



Lejeune Outdoors

With Jamie Cameron

Somehow the early waterfowl season snuck up on me, and I hadn't done my homework like I should have. With only four days (Oct. 7 through 10) to hunt, you really need to have your ducks in a row, so to speak, if you expect to have any success here along the coast.

Luckily, we've been on the receiving end of a few nice cold fronts starting in late September, and there have been some wood ducks and teal in the area.

Without any solid intel on what was happening down at the swamp, my two hunting partners and I decided to wing it and set up as though the birds would be flying the way we're accustomed to.

After meeting at the traditional convenience store at 5:20 a.m., we consolidated vehicles and drove on down to our spot to make the best of the Oct. 7 opener.

Our little duck hole is on public land — a creek that has been turned into a swamp of flooded timber, thanks to an industrious family of beavers. We generally see wood ducks and a few green-winged teal there, but have killed a drake ringneck duck once, and seen large puddle ducks and Canada geese fly over.

Since it's such a small place, we often don't carry any decoys with us, which makes the half-mile hike in a little easier. We opted against decoys this time too, and by 5:55 we were settled in

behind the beaver dam, telling jokes and looking anxiously at our watches to signal legal shooting time.

The magic hour came and went without sight nor sound of ducks. Ten minutes into the season, I was starting to wonder if the swamp had any birds at all when the first flight of wood ducks came in from the right. We sent out a volley that brought one bird down, and just like that, the season was on.

We saw around 20 or 30 woodies during that first half hour, but many stayed out of range and we did not shoot particularly well at the others. We ended up with three wood ducks — not our best result from that spot, but a satisfying way to begin the waterfowling year.

The early season is over, so the next shot at waterfowl won't come until Nov. 14. At least the middle season is long enough to let you get in the groove — it lasts until Dec. 5. Then there is the late season, which runs Dec. 19 through Jan. 30.

Of course, there will be plenty to keep hunters busy in the meantime. Rifle season for deer starts Saturday, and rails, squirrels and feral hogs are open now.

The fishing scene couldn't be much better, with a great variety of species being caught from the tidal rivers, to the beaches, to the Gulf Stream.

Back in the marshes and creeks, anglers are pulling in speckled trout, red drum and a

few flounder. If you find some deeper water, you might luck into a school of migrating spot down near the bottom.

The Intracoastal Waterway had trout, drum and flounder as well. Michael Gonzales caught a beauty of a flounder recently while fishing with his grandchildren from the pier at the Onslow Beach bridge that crosses over the Intracoastal (see photo).

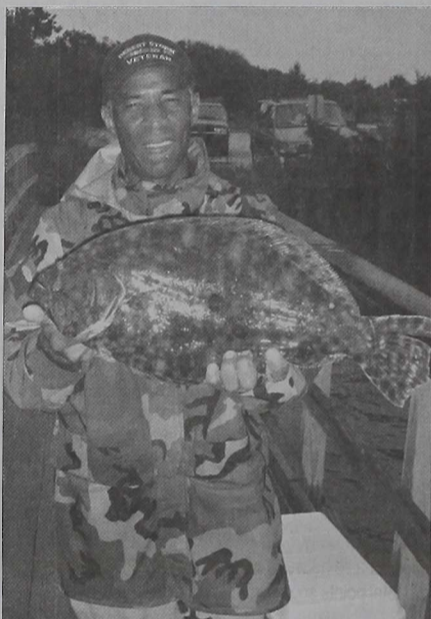
Along the surf, there are pompano, sea mullet, spot, bluefish, red drum and trout. What goes into your cooler depends on what you like to catch. Use fresh bait on the bottom for pompano, spot and mullet. Cut bait and artificials will tempt red drum and bluefish, while lures are

great to cast for Spanish mackerel and maybe the odd false albacore school that passes close to the shoreline.

Just off the beach, boaters are targeting king and Spanish mackerel, false albacore and bluefish near the surface, while down around the artificial reefs and wrecks there are black sea bass, flounder, and gray trout to be had.

Farther offshore, the charter boats are wearing out the wahoo, and to the north, the big yellowfin and bigeye tunas are making their presence felt. Man would I love to get out there and tackle some of those 100-pound-plus bigeyes. Maybe next week; who knows?

Until then, good luck out there.



Courtesy photo
Michael Gonzales caught this 5-pound flounder recently while fishing the Intracoastal bridge at Onslow Beach.



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The Onslow County Oktoberfest 5-kilometer run/walk is scheduled for Oct. 24. The race will begin at 8 a.m. at the old railroad station on Railroad Street, in downtown Jacksonville. Participants must register by 7:30 a.m. on race day. Those who pre-register will save money with the reduced cost of \$20. Race day registration is \$25. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Onslow Community Outreach program. For more information, call 455-5733.

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Jacksonville veterinarian raises thousands for wounded heroes

CAROLE TURNER
Hope For The Warriors

Dante Martin doesn't wear a "high and tight" haircut like the many Marines he meets in his work as a veterinarian at the Jacksonville Veterinary Hospital, College View Veterinary Clinic, and Coastal Veterinary Emergency Clinic. At least he didn't until now.

Martin got the buzz in preparation for his running of the Chicago Marathon this weekend as a member of Team Hope For The Warrior, a national non-profit group that seeks to ensure no sacrifice is forgotten, nor need unmet for the heroes of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, the buzz cut was part of a fundraising incentive; he issued a challenge to potential donors that the hair would come off as soon as he reached \$2,500 in donations. He's well past that now and looking forward to race day.

A resident of Sneads Ferry, N.C. since 1996, Martin is an avid runner. Chicago will be his eighth marathon. Martin grew up in Palos Heights, Ill., and his parents own and operate the Midlothian Animal Hospital. In fact, much of Martin's financial support has come from the Chicagoland community, a fact for which he is extremely grateful.

While running the Shamrock Marathon in Virginia Beach last March, he ran into neighbors running with the Hope For The Warrior team. Capt. Pam Unger and Maj.

Mark Unger talked up the cause and Martin soon joined the team.

"I chose to run for Team Hope For The Warriors because of the great people involved in this organization and the cause it supports," says Martin. A lot of Martin's clients are in the military and he wanted to give something back. "These men and women give so much for us so that we can live our lives freely here in the United States," says Martin. "My run is a way to say thank you to them for their sacrifices."

Funds raised by members of Team Hope For The Warrior support injured athletes in competitive events across the country, as well as fund additional Hope For The Warrior programs including Warrior's Wishes, Spouse Scholarships, and Hope and Morale trips.

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon attracts runners from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Known as a fast, flat race, the course starts in Grant Park and offers a scenic tour of Chicago from the waterfront through 29 diverse neighborhoods.

Hope For The Warriors is a national, non-profit group actively seeking to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet, particularly with regard to the short and long-term care of the severely injured. For more information, visit their Web site at hopeforthewarriors.org.

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Devil Pups' defenders create a human wall to block a Southwest High School direct kick during their match, Oct. 8. The Southwest Stallions ended up on the play, on their way to a 7-0 victory over Lejeune High School.

JAMIE CAMERON
Assistant managing editor

The Lejeune High School Devil Pups ran up against one of the top teams in the Division 1A Coastal Plains conference Oct. 8, and the 7-0 result was sadly predictable.

The Southwest High School Stallions (7-5-1 overall, 3-1 in conference) showcased their scoring prowess early and often against the homestanding Devil Pups (4-12 overall, 2-2 in conference), starting in the second minute with a perfectly-placed shot that floated over Lejeune goalkeeper, Ryan

Hawley's fingertips and into the upper net.

The Stallions followed quickly with another strike just minutes later, essentially putting the Devil Pups on their heels for much of the match.

With Lejeune losing most of the 50-50 balls to their bigger opponents, much of the first half action remained in the Devil Pup half of the field.

Senior co-captain Dillon Pratt surprised the Stallion defense with a strong run to the left side of the Southwest goal.

Pratt's initial shot was blocked at point-blank range by the charging goalkeeper, and the

Lejeune midfielder was unable to collect the rebound after the ensuing collision.

The play seemed to spark the Lejeune team, who played the Stallions evenly through the rest of the half, but allowed a soft goal in the 27th minute to fall back 3-0 by the break.

The Devil Pups started the second half flat-footed, allowing the Stallions to tally three goals in the opening 10 minutes.

With a now insurmountable lead, Southwest substituted several bench players into the game.

Lejeune tried to take

advantage of the situation by playing long passes into the offensive end of the field.

The tactic nearly paid off when sophomore midfielder Dodge Brown took the ball deep into the Southwest corner and rocked a shot across the mouth of the goal.

Ryan O'Byrne had Lejeune's best scoring chance when he slipped by the Stallion defense with six minutes to play.

O'Byrne's shot went wide, but the miss did not detract from the senior co-captain's outstanding midfield play throughout the contest.

Southwest scored again in the

waning minutes for the 7-0 score.

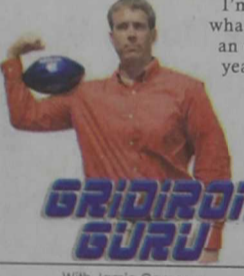
"I thought we played really well in the first half and did what we wanted to do," said Lejeune coach Glen Davis. "Two of their goals were really nice shots that we could do anything about."

"We showed some of our weaknesses in the second half and let in some soft goals," continued. "We're still trying to mold a good product, but overall, I'm proud of the boys."

The Devil Pups' next scheduled home game is Wednesday against Dixon High School. The game starts at 6 p.m.

Southwest rolls past Devil Pups soccer: 7-0

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I'm starting to wonder what, exactly, constitutes an upset in the NFL this year.

Does Denver (5-0) beating New England (3-2) at home in overtime qualify? How about Baltimore (3-2) losing to Cincinnati (4-1)? Obviously, the rest of you are having

similar doubts. Through the first five weeks, The Globe's annual Football Forecast has yet to have a winner. In case you've forgotten, the Football Forecast is a weekly contest in which participants (you) try to pick the winner in each of 10 featured games. Get all 10 right and you win the cash pot, which, by the way, is up to \$350 this week. As an added bonus, if you pick the Game 5 winner, you automatically get a chance in the end-of-the-season, random drawing for a big screen TV. The more Game 5 winners you pick through the regular season, the more chances you'll have to win the television.

I should probably mention the contest is free. Just go online to campjeuneglobe.com and click on the Football Forecast window at the top of the page. Follow the instructions (don't forget to include the featured sponsor for each game), and sit back and watch the games on Sunday. I'll keep track of the entry forms and the Game 5 winners throughout the season, and give you a call if you win. Good luck.

Now back to the season at hand: I would not have believed there would be more undefeated teams in the NFC at this point than in the AFC, and I certainly would never have guessed the Denver Broncos would be one of those teams. With Sunday's overtime win over the New England Patriots, no one can use the "weak schedule" explanation for Denver's success. It's high time we recognize there is something exciting going on in the Mile-High City.

In the not-so-exciting category, the Cleveland Browns' 6-3 win over Buffalo may have satisfied some crotchety old-timers who say they love defensive football, but that game was brutal to watch (or watch highlights from). Kudos to the Browns for getting their first win of the season, but at what cost? No one is going to tune in to a Cleveland or Buffalo game for the rest of the year if they can help it.

With the aforementioned upsets, I was 2-3 in my Week 5 picks, giving me a 16-9 overall record for the season. Let it be known I try to pick the most-competitive games each week — no gimmees to pad my stats.

With that disclaimer, on to this week's picks:

Baltimore (3-2) at Minnesota (5-0)
It's hard to say whether the Ravens' 2-game losing streak is a result of the competition or the beginning of a trend. One thing is certain; Baltimore isn't scoring gobs of points the way it was through the first three games of the season. Could quarterback Joe Flacco be starting to experience the dreaded sophomore slump? The Ravens' defense is still among the top units in the league, and that has to be of concern to the Minnesota Vikings. They have to protect Brett Favre from the likes of Ray Lewis, Terrell Suggs and Ed Reed, who will be looking to avenge another close loss and the first 100-yard rushing game (Cincinnati's Cedric Benson, 120 yards) of the year. Certainly, Viking running back Adrian Peterson is the right man for the job when it comes to keeping opposing defenses honest, but expect Favre to take some hits in this one. Pick: Minnesota

New York Giants (5-0) at New Orleans (4-0)
In a game with two of the NFC unbeaten, there are two questions: Will Eli Manning and his bum foot be able to generate enough offense to match the high-powered New Orleans attack, and will the Saints be able to live up to the hype? In their last two games, the Saints have won without putting up huge numbers. That's probably a good thing. If New Orleans is in this for the long haul, the team will need confidence it can win without Drew Brees racking up four touchdowns a game. That said, Brees and his dynamic receiving corps can strike at any time, and passing the ball is the way to beat the stalwart New York defense. With Manning playing at a little less than 100 percent, the Giants will again put the ball into the hands of running backs Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw. New Orleans will have to put a stop to that, and hope Manning is unable to make them pay through the air. Pick: New York Giants

Carolina (1-3) at Tampa Bay (0-5)
Let's hear it for the hometown team. The Carolina Panthers finally got off the hook with a close win over Washington last week. The "Cats" aren't pretty to watch, but you know with quarterback Jake Delhomme at the helm, they'll never give up. This is a very winnable game for Carolina. Tampa Bay's offense is nearly non-existent, and the defense

isn't much better. This is the perfect opportunity for Delhomme to have a breakout game with wide receiver Steve Smith and prove to the fans why the team signed him to a long-term contract after last year's implosion in the play-offs. There should also be room to run for DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart, so I expect a well-balanced attack from the Panthers. Sorry Buccaneers fans; this season is going to get worse before it gets better. Pick: Carolina

Arizona (2-2) at Seattle (2-3)
Did we finally see the Arizona Cardinals of 2008 in last week's narrow win over Houston? Defining play of the game came with Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie's interception return for a touchdown in the waning minutes, harkening back to last year's Super Bowl run when the Cardinals combined a devastating passing offense with a defense that created turnovers at an astounding rate. Cardinal's quarterback Kurt Warner looked great in the first half against the Texans, but the team needed Rodgers-Cromartie to seal the deal. For Seattle, last week's blowout win over Jacksonville was a testament to quarterback Matt Hasselback's ability to be a game-changer when he's healthy. This could be a defining game for either team. Pick: Arizona

Chicago (3-1) at Atlanta (3-1)
The Bears have come back strong after their opening game dud while the Falcons will look to continue their bounce back from the Week 3 loss in New England. Jay Cutler as the Bears quarterback is starting to make me a believer. He is managing games efficiently and finding his receivers when he needs to. Chicago also brings a stout defense to the table, and it will have to be against the Falcons. Atlanta has a number of weapons to go to, putting pressure on the opposition when it comes to deciding which player to try to stop. This could be the game of the week. Pick: Atlanta

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Misfits rugby team remains undefeated

Marines 6-0 for season with 25-13 victory over Eno River club

CAMERON
 Staff managing editor

Camp Lejeune's Misfits rugby team extended its winning streak to six with a strong defensive effort against Eno River, Oct. 10.

Misfits overcame the absence of several key players who took advantage of their Columbus Day break. David Pidgeon played exceptionally well for Camp Lejeune in his first game after changing positions from scrum half.

In spite of their low numbers, the remaining players led the game with a tactical strategy that pinned Eno River deep in its own half of the field for much of the contest.

After going ahead 3-0, the Camp Lejeune side allowed an unconverted try off a penalty, which put it down 8-3. Misfits tied the game up late in the first half, thanks to an unconverted try of their own.

Misfits established themselves early in the second half by kicking the opening kick-off all the way down the field for another unconverted try, and then repeated the feat a few minutes later to go up 18-3.

According to team spokesman, Gerasimos Skordoulis, Misfits lost their focus offensively for much of the rest of the contest, but maintained a stranglehold on New River at the defensive end of the field.

In spite of a lot of penalties and some bad field position, they scored some really tough defense, until we allowed an unconverted try with 5 minutes to play," said Skordoulis.

Misfits bounced back quickly, scoring their final try two minutes to play for the 25-13 final score. An unconverted try (converted try) finally broke Eno River's spirit and they were able to hold on," said Skordoulis.

After try outs for the All-Marine Rugby Team scheduled for next month, Skordoulis was happy to see a lot of the Misfits' experienced players get valuable playing time against Eno River. The game should serve as a confidence boost to Camp Lejeune's All-Marine Rugby Team.

They were also very happy to get our less-experienced players some much-needed minutes, to build their confidence for the spring season."

Misfits rugby team is continually seeking new players to join its ranks. Anyone interested in playing should e-mail Skordoulis at gerasimos.skordoulis@usmc.mil.



Camp Lejeune's defense converges on an Eno River ball-carrier during the Misfits' 25-13 win, Oct. 10. Courtesy photo

Wade can only watch as Spurs beat Heat

REYNOLDS
 Sports Writer

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich quickly pointed out that DeJuan Blair only had one defensive rebound in the game.

"It's not good enough," Popovich said, barely keeping a straight face.

Blair is showing the Spurs — and probably the rest of the NBA — that he's certainly good enough.

The rookie scored 28 points on 11 of 13 shooting attempts, with those points coming in the final 7 minutes, and helped erase an 11-point deficit entering the fourth quarter to beat the Miami Heat 95-93 in a preseason game.

"He's a real mobile, agile player, even though he's got a lot of weight that he has," Popovich said of the 6-foot-7, 240-pound Blair, who's noticeably slimmer than he was in college ball at Pittsburgh. "It's a heck of a gift."

George Hill added 12 points and Michael Finley scored 10 for San Antonio (1-1 preseason), which played against the Miami Heat and the Orlando Magic.

DeJuan Cook scored 20 points, Mario Chalmers added 17 and Michael Beasley finished with 16 for the Heat.

Miami (0-3). The Heat were without several regulars, including reigning NBA scoring champion Dwyane Wade.

Cook tried to win it with a 3-pointer at buzzer, but his shot bounced off the rim.

Blair's steal and layup with 3 minutes left helped the Spurs take control, and further illustrated why he's looked like the steal of the NBA draft so far in preseason. The 37th overall pick last June had 16 points and 19 rebounds in San Antonio's only other preseason game so far, not including the Spurs' win in an exhibition last week over Greek club Olympiakos.

"It's just hard work and my teammates trusting in me and just trying to adjust to the system," Blair said. "I'm not showing it, but it's problems for me. Adjusting to the system is kind of hard, but I'm getting it."

As Blair got dressed after the game, guard Keith Bogans was at the next locker, having a sandwich and some Doritos. Blair lamented that neither of those are among his culinary choices these days, as he tries to slim down.

"It's paying off. He's a character guy. He's a quality guy," Popovich said. "He's a hard worker and obviously, he has a

passion for the game."

Both sides were far from being full strength, with at least two probable starters unavailable for each team.

For the Heat, Wade (left ribs), Jermaine O'Neal (left foot) and Quentin Richardson (left ankle) were among those sitting out. The Spurs opted to leave Duncan and Ginobili at home to rest.

Wade went through a pregame workout on the Heat practice court, then received treatment. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said the team doesn't believe the muscle strain will be a long-term concern for Wade.

"He's feeling better," Spoelstra said. "He was actually able to do quite a few exercises in the weight room (Oct. 10) and that's going to be part of the proactive approach that we take with him to try to gain more flexibility in this area and try to build up some strength."

Miami was also without backup point guard Chris Quinn (right foot).

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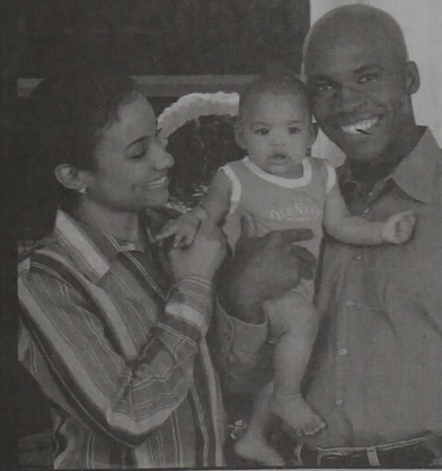
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Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Service Division was presented the Department of Defense Fire Department of the Year award for being the most outstanding fire department for achieving the highest degree of excellence in mission support and fire protection management in the Marine Corps. The award was presented to the unit by Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's commanding officer Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., recently.

Camp Lejeune fire services receives DoD Fire Department of the Year Award

JESSICA L. MARTINEZ
Marine Corps Base

Edward F. Croker, a former chief of New York City's Fire Department from 1899 to 1911, said when a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished; what he does

after that is all in the line of work." Often this work goes unrecognized, but in a heated situation, firefighters come to the rescue.

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"It's a great honor they've received this award, because

the truth is everyone on this installation, whether they realize it or acknowledge it, on a moments notice ... very dependent on them and we all owe them a thanks for what they do," said Flatau. "This is a tremendous tribute to the professionalism and hard work the entire fire department exercises day in and day out without

any fanfare, all year long, 24 hours a day, any weather, anytime. I'm very proud of them and it is well deserved."

Many factors are considered for the award such as customer services, department level awards, accreditation, certifications, innovativeness, implementation of quality management

principles and initiatives and quality of life initiatives.

Currently the Fire and Emergency Services Division for the base provide services for an area of approximately 199 square miles to include 14 miles of beach access, 7,374 buildings valued at over \$5.5 billion, 877

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

Gregg Whitehead, the Richlands town administrator, greets Marines of the Civil Affairs Detachment, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, in front of the Richlands Town Hall, recently.

Civil Affairs Marines take in Richlands

LANCE CPL. BRIAN D. JONES
2nd Marine Division

Marines are battling insurgency on multiple fronts throughout the world, and civil affairs is crucial to these operations as Civil Affairs Marines engage with local populaces and governments to 'win hearts and minds' and engender goodwill in their areas of operation.

"It's putting a different face on the battle," said Maj. Mike Ohleger, the Civil Affairs Detachment officer in charge with 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

Marines of the Civil Affairs Detachment met with the Richlands, N.C., mayor and other city officials at the Richlands Town Hall, recently, as part of a training exercise to prepare the Marines for future operations overseas.

The goal of the exercise was to refine their skills in gathering information about the people and culture that make up a city and surrounding area. In the long term, the Marines can use information they've learned about small-town America and apply it to small communities abroad, shaping government and improving local economy.

"We're glad to have them here," said Marvin Trott, the mayor of Richlands. "They sacrifice so much for us and this is the least we can do to help them."

During the interview, the Marines inquired about such topics as medical and community services, local business, energy sources, crops, schools and crime. All important topics for assessing and analyzing communities in combat environments

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Photo by Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez

Recently, the commanding officer for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., presented several Food and Hospitality Excellence Awards for Fiscal Year 2009 to the Food and Hospitality Division with Marine Corps Community Services. Ten employees received the awards, on behalf of 4 Corners, Berkeley Manor, Duffers Retreat, French Creek Snack Bar, Grammy's, Quickfuel, Spare Time Sport Grill, The Filling Station, The Sandbar and Lejeune Inn aboard the base.

Lejeune's Food, Hospitality leads the way in service

CPL. JESSICA L. MARTINEZ
Marine Corps Base

Two things are of high importance to Marines: their pay and food. Marine Corps Community Services aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune knows just how to satisfy its service members' tummies.

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"These are awards presented annually by Headquarters Marine Corps to the very best of the Food and Hospitality activities throughout the Marine Corps," said John Sollis, director of MCCS. "Camp Lejeune ordinarily does very well and this year we've done exceptionally well."

The awards presented signify the continuing focus of Lejeune's food service professionals toward the Marines, sailors and families they serve.

"The criteria are objective," said Sollis. "It's not how pretty you are, or how snazzy things are. There are specific performance criteria, such as how operationally you're doing financially and a big portion of the evaluation comes from customer feedback. If Marines, sailors and

their families are happy, that goes a long way toward convincing Headquarters we're doing something right. So it's the sum of a lot of criteria and we are enormously proud of these people who are up first thing in the morning and here-last thing at night and just going way out of their way to make people happy."

This year Camp Lejeune led the way Marine Corps-wide by taking the most awards.

"I think (this award) is outstanding," said Dolly Coady, an MCCS employee with the Filling Station. "It's because I take care of you guys. I give you what you want, try to keep you happy and try to keep you coming back. This award shows that we really care. It's not all about the food, it's how you're treated and that you're wanted here."

Hearing conservation program educates service members on one of the biggest deployment injuries

CPL. KATIE DENSMORE
Marine Corps Base

When rounds are flying over head, being able to hear is critical. If the platoon commander is screaming for the Marines to begin squad rushes and several of the Marines can't hear the orders, those who can't hear are putting everyone at risk. Hearing loss is one of the most common injuries seen as a result of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is often referred to as a silent wound because there is no blood and sometimes it is not an immediate obvious impairment.

"We have seen a dramatic increase, especially since the war started, in Marines with hearing loss," said Lt. Cmdr. Alan Ross, the departmental head for hearing conservation with the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. "We have really started to see a large number of younger Marines come in and receive hearing aides. In fact, 52 percent of the people we fit with hearing aides are between the ages of 18 and 27." Ross believes the increase in hearing loss is due to an increased operational tempo and more time at

the ranges. However, most of the hearing loss Ross has seen is preventable. Marines can lessen their chances of hearing loss by wearing proper protection, but there are also steps the command can take to ensure their Marines are informed and tested, she said. "We do safety stand downs where we show options for hearing protection and how to properly use hearing protection," he said. "We even have mobile hearing test trucks, so we can go to a battalion. We want people to take advantage of our services, so we

are as user friendly as possible. We will come to you if you can't come to us." The hearing conservation program even offers service members custom fit hearing protection and headphones. "Most people don't know they can have special hearing protection made here," Ross said. "We actually pour silicone in the ear to create a mold and then ship it off to a company we use to create custom-fit ear protection or headphones for about \$30 to \$40. For this service out in town, it costs anywhere from \$250 to \$300."

Ross is working to ensure Marines realize the importance of their hearing and how it can affect them beyond the Marine Corps. "My main concern is military careers and civilian careers later on," he said. "By the time you are in your 40s, the hearing loss will catch up with you. At this age some hearing loss is natural and if you suffered hearing loss in your 20s it will be much worse. Especially if you don't have it listed in your service record, (Veteran Affairs) won't pay for it, and you will have to pay for a hearing aide out of pocket."

For those who have hearing loss as a career ender, Ross sent several Marines to Iraq and Afghanistan with hearing aides, but with education through hearing loss will decrease. "The biggest thing this doesn't have to be a pen," he said. "The hearing loss I see is 100 percent preventable if people would just like they are supported. For more information on services offered by the Hearing Conservation Program, call 451-9451-2533.

New base chaplain brings focus to service members' families

LANCE CPL. LIA GAMERO
Marine Corps Base

He worked on humanitarian efforts while aboard the USS Iwo Jima, helped in the Hurricane Katrina relief and fought through bladder cancer. He has served with both the Navy and Marines. Cmdr. Milton Gianulis is a new chaplain aboard Camp Lejeune with Marine Corps Installation-East. "I sometimes look back and wonder how I got to this point, and I thank God every day for it," said Gianulis. Gianulis grew up in a church-going but not super-religious family. "In high school, if they had taken a poll on who would be least likely to become a priest," said Gianulis, "I would have won."



Cmdr. Milton Gianulis

But before his high school years ended, he was drawn into religious teaching. He went on to earn a bachelor's and master's in arts and religious studies. From there, he worked in a civilian ministry for nine years in Kansas City, Kan. Then he got information that would change the path of his life. "One day I received a letter from a Navy recruiter about the need for ministers and priests for different religious groups to serve military members," said Gianulis. "I had always had it in the back of my mind to possibly join the military, but I had responsibilities to the church on Sunday and didn't know I could work around that. So when I learned as a reservist I could drill only Fridays and Saturdays, I jumped at the chance."

As a reservist, he worked with Religious Unit 108 of II Marine Expeditionary Force and later with Marine Aircraft Group 43 out of Willow Grove, Penn. In 1994, four years after enlisting as a reserv-

ist, he went into active duty. "Working with Marines and civilians is such a huge difference," said Gianulis. "I found it to be less frustrating than working at a parish, and it was more rewarding to be in the ministry with Marines. They were more grateful for the work I did for them." In the mid-90s, Gianulis led a mission team to a remote area of Tanzania. There they built a religious school for the people. "We lived off the bare minimum while we were there," said Gianulis. "It was tremendous to meet people who lived that way every single day of their life, and yet they were the happiest people I had ever met in my life."

Gianulis then went on to work aboard the USS Harry S. Truman and the USS Iwo Jima. The Iwo Jima was the command center of operations for Joint Task Force Katrina and Rita. "We were the first to respond, and it was definitely a lot of work," said Gianulis. "Both to get the job done and to help keep the service members strong in a religious aspect, because of all the destruction they saw as they worked."

During the efforts, Gianulis was able to work with service members of different branches and civilian relief organizations together. Gianulis leaned forward as he began to stress the difference between working with sailors and working with Marines. "The Marine Corps focuses more on the people of the organization, and Marines themselves value the need for a chaplain," said Gianulis. "It really makes me feel appreciated. Now that I'm on Camp Lejeune, I want to give that back to the Marines and help bring the focus back to the church."



Mark Brown, creator of the Moto Mark 1 Motorcycle Assessment course, critiques a Marine as he negotiates the Iron Cross at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., recently.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE TAKES RIDERS TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

LANCE CPL. BRIAN M. WOODRUFF
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Although many Marines enjoy a variety of pastimes, not all of them are as dangerous as motorcycle riding. The number of motorcycle deaths in 2008 surpassed the death toll for Operation Iraqi Freedom during the same period. Though riding may be hazardous, there are always ways for Marines to improve their defensive driving skills and general safety knowledge. The Marine Corps made it mandatory for all Marines to take a basic safety course before they ride.

One such course has recently received a lot of attention. The pilot version of the Moto Mark 1 course ran at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Sept. 13 to 19. The new course is designed for veteran riders with a few years of experience. The Marines who participated were handpicked by their commanders because of their character as a Marine, their riding skill, as well as their participation in past courses.

The most important thing the new program focuses on is the mentoring of younger Marines.

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Doll House	Highway 258 West, Jacksonville
Easy Money Catalog Sales	233-F Western Blvd., Jacksonville
Fantasies	4951 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
Illusions	Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
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Reflection Photo	353 Western Blvd., Jacksonville
Smitty's R&R	Highway 17, Jacksonville
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hundreds of miles of roads, more than 8 tactical landing zones and a population of approximately 140,000. "Several contributions are significant to the ward, but they evaluate the entire fire and emergency program, which means our responses, our training program and special programs such as fire prevention and fire safety," said Robin Lewis, fire chief for Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services Division, Camp Lejeune. "Just about everything we do they look at. We submit a package with all the services we

provide like structure firefighting, advanced life support, boat rescue, confined space rescue and all the training that is required for us to do. I'm very proud that our folks got to take this award in while I was fire chief." A particular achievement of the fire and emergency services is the training facility they provide with a live fire fuel pit for shipboard firefighting. Over the past year, 841 Marines and sailors with the Marine Expeditionary Units attended the course, saving the government almost \$2 million.

The job of a firefighter is a selfless one, and when things get hot, they are the guys that put the fire out and get the people out. This particular crowd is not only in the business of savings lives, but protecting those that are defending America.

"I like to see that they (Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services Division, Camp Lejeune) are recognized as being among the best there is in the Marine Corps," said Flatau. "Cause I already know that, but not every body else does, so now they do."

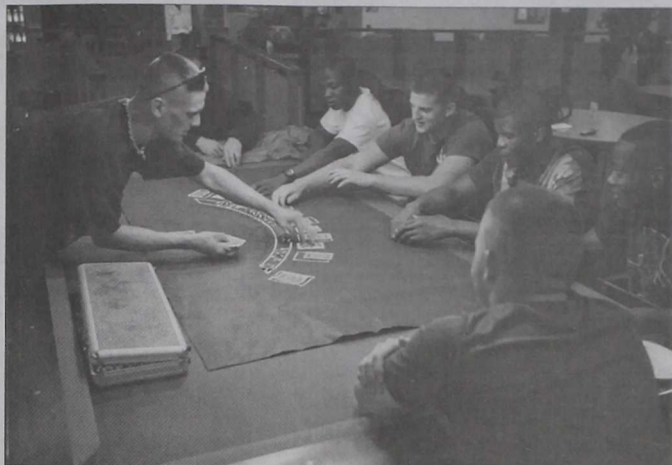


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The game of Blackjack was featured during the Single Marine Program's Casino Night at the French Creek Fitness Center, recently. Participants quickly drew a crowd and the night's success bore the signs of future Casino Nights with more poker attractions.

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Everyone at the table knew who he was: a man of legendary status in the western territories, a man who carried justice in his hands through the cold ivory handles of his revolvers. His eyes never changed, his expression was like that of a statue, and his hands were deathly steady as they drew his cards from behind his walls of chips. Hands that collapsed those walls as a shot rang out and the statuesque face that would never move again fell upon the cards it pondered over: Aces and eights, the "dead man's hand" of Wild Bill Hickok.

Thought to first originate from the 15th century German betting game 'Pochspiel,' poker has become one of the prime facets of social interaction, fast cash, and a fun way to pass the time. Members of the Marine Corps Community Services here have come to realize those characteristics and have incorporated it into the first Single Marine Program-sponsored Casino Night, recently.

"We saw a lot of Marines playing card games (in the recreation centers), and it just came up in a meeting, 'why not make it part of the program,'" said Keysharra Hoody, a French Creek Recreation Center employee. "Once more people start coming, we'll start featuring more casino games."

Cpl. Rusty Robertson, a clerk for 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group,

the table's card dealer, looked as if he had a couple years' experience of poker under his belt, yet it was quite to the contrary.

"I was in Las Vegas last year, and just watched what they did," said Robertson. "I've never (dealt at a poker table) before."

One of the tables featured Blackjack, a card game, which is based on adding card values to reach or come near the number 21 to win. The game quickly drew a crowd of interested onlookers and players. First-time players sat alongside veterans as the night wore on and the chip stacks grew; no actual money was used.

"I come here all the time," said Lance Cpl. Ryan Shaner, a landing support specialist also with 2nd Maintenance Battalion.

The table across from the Blackjack game sat an unused station set up for Craps, a game based on the addition of two die and their values with either a red or black designator. Hoody shrugged and said, "Maybe next time."

At the various billiard games disbanded to gather around the table with the most action, landmarking a successful first casino night as calls of "hit", "stay" and "bust" spanned the length of the little tournament.

From the Wyatt Earp of yesteryear to the charismatic poker player the 'Unabomber' of today, the atmosphere of the casino and its featured games has started making its way to Camp Lejeune Marines via the SMP. Though there may not be any showgirls, one can always sit down for a night of cards and learn a new trick or two.

ISLANDS FROM 1C

le battling insurgents. "I'm impressed with the young people defend our country," said Fran Pierce, Richlands alderman. "Their questions are on point and very interesting." The Marines also visited the Richlands Volunteer Fire Department and Onslow County Museum to research the history of the area. "Today was a good training exercise," said Sgt. William D. Aynes, the detachment's platoon sergeant. "We got a lot of knowledge out of it and the Marines good practice talking to town leaders. They learned not to be timid and how to associate with somebody to get their point across while receiving information." The eight-man detachment is a new vital asset, and as it grows to its full complement of 56 Marines and sailors, the detachment is confident they will have a measurable effect on the unit's mission. Ohleger spoke about his past deployment experience working in civil affairs, noting that it was not uncommon for Iraqis praise Americans in areas where civil affairs put money into the communities and completed projects needed for economic improvement.

"Winning hearts and minds is a huge

plus on our side," said Ohleger. "It's a very fulfilling job helping out people who are less fortunate than us."

Ohleger went on to explain that civil affairs is also more than just civil assistance. Through interacting with the people, their job also allows them to gather valuable intelligence that proves helpful in defeating enemy threats in combat environments.

"I'm actually pretty excited about my job," said Pfc. Jyher Lazarre, a new civil affairs specialist, who just learned he will be deploying to the Horn of Africa. "I can't wait. It will be my first deployment." "Today was a good exercise talking with town leaders and others in charge and learning the simple things on how to run a village," Lazarre continued. "We will get to use the knowledge once we get over there."

In the future the Marines will also visit Swansboro, Jacksonville, and other communities surrounding Camp Lejeune for further training to learn small-town economics, gaining knowledge they may one day use to improve the lives of impoverished people around the world.

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

MOTORCYCLE FROM 2C

"We do really well at the training part, but the part that's missing right now in this community is the mentoring part," said Stanley J. Dutko Jr., Director of Safety, Marine Corps Installations - East. "We want to create an atmosphere where Marines can talk and share ideas within the motorcycle community but we want to have a few competent people that are certified through courses like this who can take Marines out and do assessments and improve their skills."

After Marines return from the course, they are certified as a motorcycle safety assessor. They use their new skills to assess the riding skills of their younger Marines and peers and then tell them how they can improve their safety and driving skills.

Although mentoring is the main focus, a lot of the course just contains practical application. Riders work their way through several difficult obstacles including the Iron Cross and the Figure Eight.

The Iron Cross simulates an intersection where Marines must make a tight 90 degree turn, then make an immediate U-turn. It requires a great deal of skill and balance, and every single Marine who tried it for the first time failed, even those who had been riding in excess of 20 years.

"This isn't your mother's motorcycle course," said Mark Brown, founder of the course.

After several days of discouragement on the course, the Marines began to steadily improve. The Iron Cross was no longer so intimidating. Time after time the Marines easily negotiated the obstacle with a slow and steady ease born only by repetition.

After repetitively negotiating all the obstacles on the course uninhibited, the Marines were put through their final test before trying out their

new skills in actual traffic. Three instructors, clad in yellow jackets, raced around the course honking, yelling and generally harassing the drivers as they negotiated the course. One instructor even blew an air horn in Marines' faces as they passed by, trying to disorient them.

"It definitely helps us get a better sense of what it's really going to be like driving out on the street, what we can expect," said Sgt. James Shaw, maintenance chief, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion. "We're not just on the range in a controlled environment."

Being a former Marine, Brown understands the unique skill set needed by military members who ride motorcycles.

"We've been working with other military branches for about six years now," Brown said. "This course is designed specifically for the military, to the types of people service members are."

"They are usually a bit more prone to take risks," he continued. "We want them to be equipped to take only the right ones."

The course may be difficult, with students in the classroom and riding an average of 11 hours a day, but for these Marines it's still all about camaraderie and encouragement.

"Especially for the first few days when we weren't doing so hot, we really worked hard to encourage each other and cheer each other on," said Miles Bowman, tactical safety specialist, 6th Marine Regiment.

At the end of the day, the Marines packed up their gear and went home, sweaty and exhausted. Although they lost energy and hours that could have been spent on other things, they gained the confidence to face any hazard on the road and that may save many more lives in the future.

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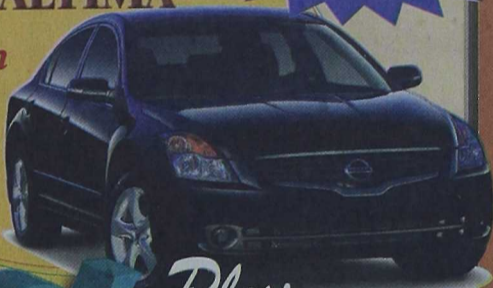
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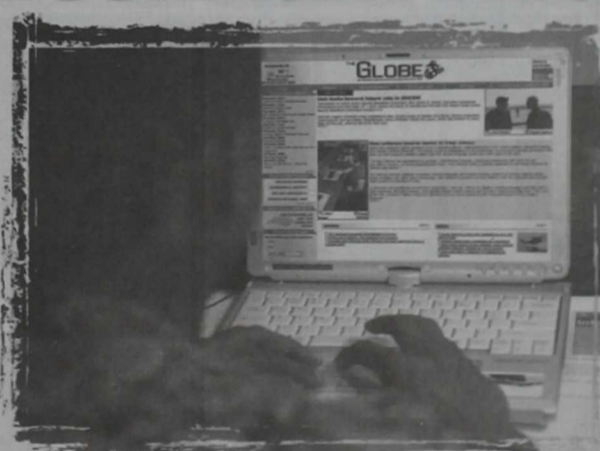
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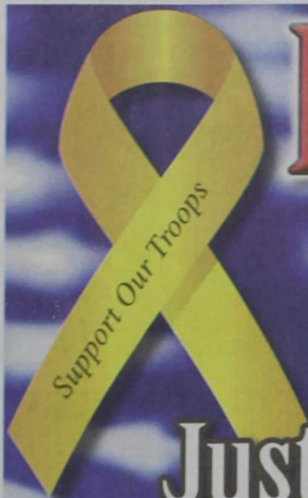
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Taking merely a day to travel somewhere new and a little off the beaten path can bring you back stronger and ready to face the challenges ahead. It can also renew old connections to the physical world, not just the technological one.

A nice place to go and enjoy the slower Southern lifestyle is Washington. When I first talked about going to Washington for a daycation I got many strange looks. Most people thought it was entirely too far a drive. It was at this point I informed them: I wasn't going all the way to Washington, D.C., but to Washington, N.C.

Although Washington is two hours away, it is a very simple drive. Going out the front gate, take Highway 24 toward Western Boulevard. Then make a right on to Western and follow it until you hit Highway 17 North, also known as Marine Boulevard. Then make a right and simply stay on Highway 17 North; it will lead you straight to Washington.

Washington is located where the Tar and Pamlico Rivers meet, but it wasn't always called Washington.

"When the town was founded in the 1770s, it was referred to simply as 'Forks of the Tar,'" according to the Web site pamlico.com/washington. "The town served as a supply outpost during the Revolutionary War, and in 1776, its name was changed to Washington in honor of Gen. George Washington."

With the name change, Washington became the first city in the country to be named after the first president of the United States.

I was immediately struck by Washington's

Southern charm. As I walked the streets, people inside of the buildings would wave from behind the glass paneled storefronts. Everyone who was out and about would smile and say hello as they strolled by. The friendly atmosphere alone was a welcome change from the fast-pace of daily life.

The other thing I noticed was everywhere I went I saw crabs; however, these weren't the crawling, pinching type. They were all giant crab statues, but each was unique with its own design and personality. One in front of a restaurant was painted as an Italian waiter with the menu written all over him. Another in front of the local paper looked like papier-mâché with articles about the town covering his body.

"Blue crabs are one of the most widely

exported products from the Pamlico Sound," said Lynn Lewis, Washington's tourism director. "We decided we needed a town mascot a few years ago and crabs were a natural fit. We made 33 statues and auctioned them off raising more than \$40,000 for local charities."

Bidders who won the crabs then had local artists decorate the crab in any manner they chose, which created a diverse crab population throughout the town.

For nature lovers, Goose Creek state park is right next door, offering visitors a chance to get in touch with nature. The park is filled with serene hiking trails that lace through ancient oaks cloaked in Spanish moss.

There are also several places in Washington to take in the beauty of North Carolina's unique water system. Whether it is simply gazing over the water, jumping in for a quick dip, kayaking across the surface or fishing, Washington is the perfect place to fulfill your every desire.

Washington is also home to the state's only estuarium, which highlights the importance of the coastal rivers and sounds. The estuarium is located on the Pamlico/Tar River estuary, which is the second-largest in the nation.

"The estuarium is so unique," said Lewis. "It's not an aquarium or museum. It really gives a good perspective on what the waterways have done for North Carolina."

The 12,500-square-foot building has more than

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(Top left) A crab statue in the likeness of an Italian waiter greets those who head into downtown Washington. Thirty-three statues were auctioned off as part of a fund-raiser. The auction raised more than \$40,000 for local charities. (Above) People walk the brick boardwalk in Washington where the Tar and Pamlico Rivers meet. Washington's downtown district offers cuisine ranging from hotdogs to the catch of the day.



MovieReview



From the front row with Reinhold Molderhauer Huneycutt

'Sorority Row:' Get ready for cheesy, bloody romp

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"SORORITY ROW" (R)

"Sorority Row" is a suspense horror thriller involving a couple of sorority girls. When five sorority girls inadvertently cause the murder of one of their sisters in a prank gone wrong, they agree to keep the matter to themselves and never speak of it again, so they can go on with their lives.

This proves easier said than done, when after graduation, a mysterious killer goes after the five of them and anyone who knows their secret.

Starring as the sorority sisters and college juniors who have sworn an oath to trust, secrecy and solidarity, no matter what happens are: Briana Evigan ("Step Up 2 the Streets") as Cassidy; Leah Pipes ("Fingerprints") as Jessica; Rumer Willis ("The House Bunny") as Ellie; Jamie Chung ("I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry") as Claire, and Audrina Patridge ("Into the

Blue 2") as Megan.

However, their loyalty is thoroughly tested when Megan ends up dead during a prank at a house party.

The girls try to cover up the murder of their house sister and vow never to speak about the incident to anybody.

Now, at the time of their graduation, the remaining sisters are being stalked by an unknown and unseen killer, who seems to want them all dead.

Carrie Fisher ("The Women") appears as Mrs. Crenshaw, the house mother.

Stewart Hendler ("Whisper") directed this remake of the 1983 slasher film "The House on Sorority Row."

"Sorority Row" is another one of those cheesy horror movies with lots of bloody violence, language and parodying, but little else.

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GamingIntel

'Need for Speed: Shift' kicks it into high gear

BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

Putting your car through a 540-degree spin is a heart-pounding, disorienting experience. Believe me: I've done it on ice and in "Need for Speed: Shift." Both experiences were pretty much the same thanks to the graphics, rumbles and sound effects in "Shift," and the fact that no real cars were damaged in either incident.

The E-rated "Shift," developed by Slightly Mad Studios for Electronic Arts, simulates the thrill of driving high-performance machines on the world's best tracks.

Those cars and courses look great, but the driving experience is what sets the game apart. The basics will be familiar to anyone who's played a racing game. You go from race to race, earning points, which increase your level, and earning money, which allows you to buy new cars and upgrades. What's a bit different about "Shift" is the way it tallies points based on both your precision and your aggression and builds a profile of your driving habits. If you're good at following the best line and taking corners, you'll earn precision points. If you like to draft or kiss your opponent's bumper, you'll earn aggression points. Both sorts of points help you advance in level. Different deeds can also earn you badges that appear on your driver profile.

The game also offers several levels of control, and authenticity. The uninitiated could jump right in and feel comfortable using the casual settings against easy opponents. It's unlikely you'll ever skid wildly out of control or fall too far behind. However, that would mean missing a lot of the action and excitement. It's only when you fly down the track without computer assistance, and with full crash effects engaged, that the game gets truly fun.

When unrestrained, the physics engine does a terrific job of re-creating the effects of speed

— skidding, loss of control or even a crash. It also balances these effects against the upgrade you've purchased for your vehicle — wider tire improved suspension, etc.

In addition to affecting your car's performance, the results are translated into some pretty cool visual cues that indicate how things are going. The camera shifts as your body wobbles in response to the G forces involved in cornering or breaking. If you accelerate, the background blur with the increasing speed. And if you crash or spin, the view gets distorted, sort of like you're dizzy.

The vehicles themselves look very good, with plenty of realistic detail and stellar animation. The tracks are also rendered very well. The game's

core is its career mode. When you embark on a career, you're offered a limited selection of cars and upgrades. As you progress through the four different tiers on the way to the NSF Live World Tour, you gain additional options for cars, upgrades and decorations.

At any point, you can also jump into a quick race, competing against computer-controlled opponents or other gamers online. In this mode, you can select a track, the number of opponents and type of competition and other options. The points and money you earn are applied toward your overall total.

"Shift" offers a good selection of races and challenges. However, it doesn't offer split-screen play — a major gap. "Shift" is so fun and addictive that it's a shame I can't trade a little paint with a friend in a side-by-side race.

Platforms: Xbox 360 (tested), PlayStation 3, PC

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What's happenin' CAROLINA

For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes up and down the Carolina coast, check out What's happenin' Carolina each week. To add your event, e-mail heather.owens@militarynews.com. Space is limited to availability.

Workshop regarding children with special needs, individualized education plans Saturday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The Special Education Alliance of Eastern North Carolina presents its free, fall workshop regarding children with special needs. Parents and professionals who work with special needs children are invited to this meeting featuring Dr. Joan Currie. The workshop will give more information about individualized educational plan paperwork and tips to help improve parenting skills. The workshop is set to take place at the Onslow County Health Department at 612 College Dr. in Jacksonville. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a seat, call 577-3969 or e-mail seal4enc@hotmail.com.

Pets of the Week

Photos by Heather M. Owens

Hello, I am Cleo, a 4-month old gray and white, domestic shorthair kitten. I would very much like to come to your home and be a part of your family.
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The Onslow County Animal Shelter is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., Friday from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.
To see more photographs of pets available for adoption, visit www.petsharbor.com.
For more information, call the Onslow County Animal Shelter at 455-0182.

Base pet fair Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Camp Lejeune Veterinary Treatment Facility is sponsoring a pet fair at WPT Hill Field, Saturday. There will be free vaccinations for dogs and cats while supplies last. Microchips will also be available at a discounted price. Only cash will be accepted. The fair will give on-base residents an opportunity to comply with base policy regarding pet vaccinations and microchipping. Pets must be properly restrained during the pet fair. Each sponsor, with military ID, may have up to three pets treated at the fair. In the event of rain, the pet fair will be held at the Veterinary Treatment Facility, Bldg. 2459, on Iwo Jima Boulevard, in Tarawa Terrace. Free goodies will also be available while supplies last. For more information, call 450-1607.

Pumpkin painting party Oct. 26, 6 p.m.

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Mike's Farm are sponsoring an October pumpkin painting party. This free event is scheduled for Oct. 26 at Blue Creek Elementary School beginning at 6 p.m. Children 12 years and under are invited and parents are encouraged to attend. Free pumpkins will be available while supplies last, though you may wish to bring your own. Painting supplies will be provided as well. Door prizes and goody bags will also be distributed. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Coastal Carolina Artists & Crafters Guild fair Oct. 30 deadline for booth space

The deadline to register for booth space at the Coastal Carolina Artists & Crafters Guild's Nov. 14 Craft fair is Oct. 30. For more information, call 938-7077.

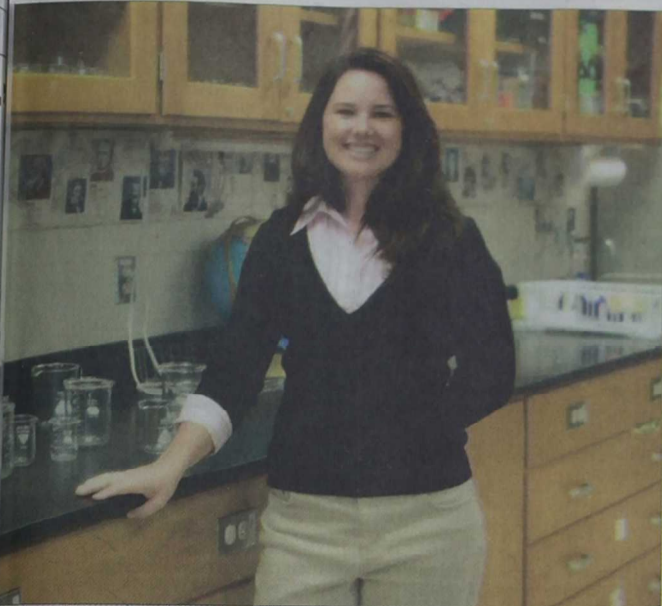


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Megan Maltez, Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools teacher of the year, teaches science and social studies at Brewster Middle School. She has been a CLDS instructor since 2002.

Teacher of the year has a heart for making learning accessible

HEATHER M. OWENS
Carolina Living editor

It's just before noon on a Friday morning, and Megan Maltez has the rapt attention of a room full of sixth grade science students in her Brewster Middle School classroom.

A girl stands at the whiteboard drawing shapes which Maltez suggests to her. The student cannot see what her classmates do. Off to the side, her teacher holds a drawing up for the rest of the class.

Maltez uses the example to teach her students about the power of communication. In the first phase of the experiment, the girl draws a square, triangle, rectangle and small circle next to one another. But on the second go round, using plenty of descriptive words, Maltez guides the student in forming the shapes into a basic drawing of a house.

This hands-on approach to learning is just one technique Maltez uses to inspire her students.

Recently named the 2010 Teacher of the Year for Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools, Maltez knows all about the importance of teaching to her students learning styles. Her own early struggles with learning formed her desire to meet each student at his or her level and build from there.

"All of my siblings were A-B students, and I was the one sitting at the table (doing schoolwork) until 10 o'clock at night," she said. "My parent's rule was you couldn't leave the table until you had finished your homework."

It wasn't until the seventh grade that Maltez was diagnosed with dyslexia, a learning disability which made reading, writing, spelling and working with columns of numbers more challenging for her than other students.

"The god walked across the street." Maltez recalls reading that sentence over and over in front of a classroom of students. She could not understand her teacher's frustration and insistence she continue to reread the same sentence.

Her dyslexia turned a key word around in her brain. "The dog walked across the street," was how the text was really written.

Her learning difficulties and frustration continued through high school. Then a special educator stepped in to help her unlock the mysteries of learning. Her biology teacher, Mr. Chow, began to tutor her.

"I started making As and Bs; I don't know if the lights came on (or what). But it just started clicking," she said. "And I found out I wasn't learning the way I needed to learn."

Maltez was able to turn her academic life around and begin to excel.

"One of my most meaningful accomplishments was graduating high school with a 3.1 average," she said.

Since then, Maltez has earned both un-

dergraduate and graduate degrees.

Though, that wasn't the original plan. After high school, Maltez worked as a daycare provider as a favor to her sister-in-law Joanne O'Neill, who owned the daycare center.

O'Neill said Maltez was meant to be a teacher. "You can really do this," she said to me," remembered Maltez. "She really encouraged me."

On the way to becoming a teacher, Cheryl Fialo-Hill became Maltez's mentor teacher during a stint as a student-teacher in a kindergarten classroom. Fialo-Hill also inspired Maltez to be the best teacher possible and to employ the philosophy of fairness in the classroom.

For Maltez, fairness means giving each student the tools they need to learn. It means challenging the students who catch on quickly and giving extra help to the students who struggle.

Maltez became a full-fledged teacher eight years ago. She has been teaching for CLDS since 2002.

She has thrown her whole being into making learning fun and accessible to her students. Not only in the classroom, but after school as well. Maltez helps run the Brewster's after school homework club and chairs a committee which brings teachers and parents together to help struggling students succeed. She volunteers for other projects as well, such as for teams who work to enhance the curriculum.

"I like to watch that connection happening (for my students)," she said. "It's what gets me here and keeps me here. I'm doing my job and it's actually working."



Photo by Heather M. Owens

Brewster Middle School teacher Megan Maltez shares a light-hearted moment with a student in her sixth grade science class.



Photo by Heather M. Owens

Sandy Dubbs, left, manages the Hidden Talents craft store at Hadnot Point. Sandy Foster is the store's financial manager. Both are volunteers. Proceeds from Hidden Talents sales fund the Officers' Wives' Club annual scholarship program.

Hidden Talents craft store serves military family in many ways

HEATHER M. OWENS
Carolina Living editor

One cannot help but smile upon walking into the Hidden Talents craft store.

The atmosphere is as bright and inviting as the women who greet you at the entrance.

The shop is filled with handiwork of every type: from quilting to wood work, from patriotic Americana to seasonal decorations.

Located behind the Subway restaurant at Hadnot Point, Hidden Talents is an all-volunteer run project of the Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives' Club.

Though it may sound cliché, the women who volunteer there say their efforts are entirely a labor of love for the military community.

"It's not a one woman show, it's a group who work really well together," said Sandy Dubbs, manager. "I think all of us do it because we want to give back to our community."

In fact, the enterprise helps the community in a variety of ways.

There are the crafters who sell their wares in the store. There are the military wives who find a sense of community in working there. There are the customers who find the perfect, handcrafted gifts and decorations at the shop. And then there are the military family members who receive college scholarships drawn out of the store's annual proceeds.

"I really found that is my knack," said Dubbs. "I really like the retail part of it, greeting the customers and working with the crafters. We have so many wonderful crafters."

Service members, military retirees and their families are able to consign their handmade items in the store. They pay \$30 per fiscal year (June through May) for space in the store. After January, the price falls to \$15. Crafters keep 80 percent of their profits; 20 percent go to the OWC scholarship fund.

"It's a unique opportunity for the crafter to get in here and make a little money," said Dubbs. "Sometimes our crafters will say this is how they supple-

ment their retirement income."

For Sandy Foster, the shop's financial manager, working at Hidden Talents helped her become a part of the community after her family moved to Camp Lejeune last year.

"It was so difficult (at first) because I thought I didn't know anybody," she said. "Now I feel like I know a lot more."

Foster has retail experience, and she enjoys putting those skills to use for the greater good of the community.

"All of the customers who come in here are golden because not only are they supporting a good cause, they are also helping the crafter," she said. "The store also shows how much talent there is in the military community."

Then there are the scholarships. Each year the OWC gives away thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors and military spouses to pursue higher education.

Cathy Close, OWC scholarship chair, said the group gave \$22,500 in scholarship monies during 2008. The amount of money given away varies each year based on the money raised by Hidden Talents and other fundraisers.

"It's fulfilling because education is so important and anyone who is willing to pursue education beyond high school deserves all the support they can get," said Close. "(Hidden Talents) makes the money and our committee gives it away."

Editor's note: Hidden Talents is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Though only military members, retirees and their families may consign at the store, the public is invited to shop there. A special event, the "Shop and Crop for the Cure," has been scheduled for Saturday to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The store will be open from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for shopping and 3 to 9 p.m. for the scrapbooking crop. Tickets are \$7 and include dinner, a make and take project, and more. The fall craft fair is set for Nov. 21 and 22. For more information about the store and its programs, call 451-2658.

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200 displays. The estuary is a perfect place to take children. There are several interactive exhibits and touch-tanks for them to play with and learn a little something from too. There is also a marsh walk directly behind it, which is filled with turtles, small fish and birds, giving nature lovers a chance to see some critters in their natural habitat.

If you are looking to get a little exercise while enjoying the town's beauty, the visitors center offers a walking-tour guide. The guide is a small book, which not only shows a path to take, but also pictures of every historic home on the tour and a brief history of each.

The guide ensures a day of calorie-killing exercise and a souvenir to take back home. The guide is normally \$7, but Lewis said people who mention this article will receive one for free.

Before you start your personal walk-athon you may want to check out the large

variety of eclectic gift shops and eateries.

Washington is a window shopper's delight with everything from handmade pottery and art to second-hand shops. The local eating establishments offer cuisines ranging from hot dogs to the catch of the day to satisfy everyone's needs. Plenty of the restaurants sit right on the water, giving diners a relaxing meal. There are also plenty of benches on the waterfront so you can grab something to go or unpack your picnic right by the water.

After taking a day free of technology in the lackadaisical atmosphere Washington has to offer, it may be hard to pull yourself back into the daily grind. However, there is an upside. You can always go back another day.

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All Marines know in 1775, their Corps came alive, but few people know that same year the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established.

The USACE has a rich history, which includes creating the basic infrastructure for America. In fact, when West Point was founded it was not for training military officers, but for training engineers.

For the first half of the 19th century, the academy produced graduates who engineered the bulk of the nation's initial railway lines, bridges, harbors and roads. West Point was the only engineering school in the country until 1824.

Today the corps is a commonly misunderstood organization. Many people are unsure as to whether it is part of the Army or a civilian organization.

USACE is a Department of Defense organization, which employs a combination of civilian and Army personnel, making it the largest public engineering, design and construction management agency.

USACE's mission is to provide vital public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen America's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters, according to the Web site usace.army.mil.

With a mission that includes national disasters, international assistance and local flood projects, USACE continues to help people all over the world.

"The missions are so diverse," said Army Lt. Col. Christian A. Sulit, the Wilmington deputy

district commander. "Just to see all of them is an amazing sight. We aren't out front, but we are always behind the scenes."

The organization is primarily project funded, meaning a flood control project, which has a \$5 million budget, goes directly to the USACE.

A small amount is then taken out for overhead and the remaining amount goes to the prevention of flooding in that area.

In cases of an emergency disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency tasks the USACE with a specific mission. After Hurricane Katrina, FEMA tasked the corps with the water mission.

"We had 3,000 members of the corps there to support the effort," said Ronald P. Stirrat, chief of the emergency management division, USACE Wilmington district.

"That's 10 percent of our organization. In 70 days, we delivered water to 234 sites. It was pretty chaotic in (the office). For the first 14 days we were working 24 hours a day. After that, it was 14-hour days. Then at about 70 days out, we were at 8-to-10-hour days."

The corps was able to handle its mission after Hurricane Katrina due to contracts that were already in place for disaster relief.

"We have contracts already lined-up for emergency relief," said Stirrat. "We found that it doesn't work to wait until disaster strikes. This way, we can open up bidding and ensure we get the best prices for the tax payer before a disaster even occurs."

The USACE works to prevent flooding and assist with disaster relief nationally, but they also deploy to other countries.

For Hank Heusinkveld, a public affairs specialist with the Wilmington office, some of the most rewarding experiences with the organization have occurred while supporting the USACE's mission overseas.

"I was a contractor for the corps in Washington, D.C., as public affairs in the late 90s," he said. "I got to go to Europe and inspect facilities. In Bulgaria, there was a lonely, little orphanage in the middle of the country. We brought in the National Guard from Kentucky to fix it up. It's tiny, little projects, like giving those orphans a proper home. It's stories no one

ever hears about, but things we do every day all over the world that make our work so rewarding."

Stirrat agreed with Heusinkveld that the most gratifying part of his job is just seeing how the corps' actions help those who have been affected by a disaster.

"The most rewarding thing is when you go in and provide relief and see people in action," Stirrat said. "During Hurricane Ike, we spent three weeks fixing 20,000 roofs and helped provide power to Galveston Island. It was just amazing to see the destruction and be able to actually help people start to get back to normal."

Photo by Cpl. Katie C. Densmore

Gary Fallinowski, left, and Ronald P. Stirrat stand in front of a display for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District at their office. Fallinowski and Stirrat, both retired Marines, work in the emergency management division for the Wilmington District. USACE was formed in 1775, a birth year the organization shares with the Marine Corps.



Community Notes

Veteran's Day Parade

Rolling Thunder Chapter NC-5 is sponsoring a Veteran's Day Parade. It is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 7. Organizations, clubs and businesses are invited to participate. Parade applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Call 327-0891 for details.

NHCL offers mammogram screenings

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune has scheduled walk-in, first come, first served mammogram screenings for TRICARE beneficiaries. The walk-in screenings are scheduled for Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 450-4357 for more information.

"Peacekeepers at War" book signing

Retired Col. Timothy J. Geraghty, commander of 24th Marine Amphibious Unit at the time of the Beirut bombing, has written a book "Peacekeepers at War: Beirut 1983 — The Marine Commander Tells His Story." He will have a book signing Oct. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Marine Corps Association Bookstore, Bldg. 84, at the Marine Corps Exchange Annex. For more information, call 451-7500.

Beirut Memorial Observance

The City of Jacksonville and the Beirut Memorial Advisory Board have scheduled the annual Beirut Memorial Observance Ceremony for 10:30 a.m., Oct. 23, at the Beirut Memorial site at Camp Lejeune Memorial Gardens. At 2 p.m., a public Beirut Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony is scheduled at Camp Geiger. For more information, call 451-7440.

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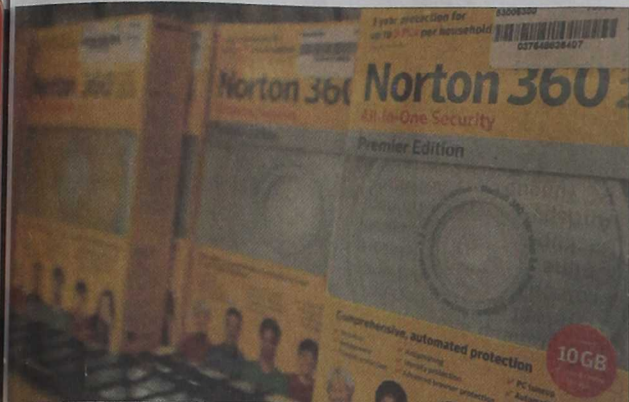


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A Trojan horse is a term used to describe malicious software which may cause computers to invade and extract information from other computers. There are many products on the market to protect computers. Due to the threat of malicious software, the Marine Corps offers free antivirus programs which enhance government computers by protecting service member's personal computers.

Free computer firewalls keep out Trojan horses

By CPT. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT
Marine Corps Base

"Caveat Danaos et dona ferentes" translates to "do not trust Greeks bearing gifts."

As a phrase the priest Laocoon tried to warn the Trojans before he was killed by serpents sent by the goddess Athena. The Greeks constructed a giant wooden horse and concealed themselves inside, and gained entrance into Troy, thus taking the soldiers by surprise.

A Trojan horse is a term used to describe a malware, or malicious software, that enters a computer and can allow users to gain a certain amount of access depending on the computer's user privileges. This is just one of the many threats, worms and viruses that can enter your computer if you do not have proper antivirus protection.

This threat is why the Marine Corps offers free antivirus programs; just download and install and you're covered with peace of mind.

"I renewed my one-year subscription, and that's without all the fees," Ryan Bell, a pay technician with

Headquarters and Support Battalion. "I had no idea we could get it for free."

Through the DoD Antivirus Software License Agreement, McAfee and Symantec allows active DoD service members to utilize their software free of charge.

"Service members were bringing data from home with viruses to their computers at work," said Sean Gilligan, the lead information assurance technician for Marine Corps Installations — East. "So the DoD bought enterprise licenses which allow for infinite downloads from one product."

With the Navy Marine Corps Intranet stepping up its security, one can't afford to make the mistake of putting a malicious piece of software on a DoD computer. Protecting the computer at home protects the computer at work.

"All it takes is a couple of clicks, and you get free antivirus software for the life of your computer," said Gilligan. "It's been around for seven or eight years, and not many people know about it."

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Fogel, district manager for Sodexo, presents a \$10,000 donation check to Armed Service's Young Men's Christian Association executive director, Angela Rodriguez, in support of the Backdoor Boutique. The boutique offers discounted clothing, appliances, decorations, and other necessary items to enlisted personnel.

Backdoor Boutique offers way to save when times are tough

CPL. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT
Marine Corps Base

Where would you be able to buy a couple of hundred dollars worth of clothing for approximately \$100? The Backdoor Boutique, in the center of Midway Park, offers deals like that, and much more. Headed by executive director of the Armed Service's Young Men's Christian Association, Angela Rodriguez, the boutique offers discounted clothing, appliances, decorations and other necessary items to enlisted personnel.

"We started out as a second-hand clothing store," Rodriguez, surrounded by boxes filled with donated material. "From there, we started offering other products and grew to where we are now."

The boutique is open to enlisted personnel up to the rank of staff sergeant. To participate, they must have a valid military ID and make a \$5 donation to the program. They then shop around, and what they decide to get must fit inside two brown paper bags provided by the ASYMCA staff.

"It's an incredible opportunity for families to stretch their budget," said Rebecca Ranes, who has been a regular patron for three years. "My shirt, pants, shoes; all from here for a really good deal. For a small

donation, you can just come in and shop around."

The boutique also depends on donations from other sources, such as other service members and civilian companies. The boutique recently received a \$10,000 donation from Sodexo, a food services and facilities management company and owner of Camp Lejeune's mess halls.

"The donations go toward buying in-demand supplies, such as baby formula and diapers," said Rodriguez. "We take away the embarrassment of having to explain their hardships to get the help they need; just come in and shop around."

In addition to discounted, donated products, the boutique also offers immediate aid in the form of commissary waivers and Wal-Mart gift cards.

"The service member is able to focus on the mission at hand and know that the ASYMCA is supporting his or her family," said Rodriguez. "We started out helping about 300 people, and now we're averaging 1,000; we've grown a lot over the past nine years."

So, for those who may be going through a tough financial time and need a little discount, the Backdoor Boutique is a friendly out-of-the-way shop with antiquities to aid and outfit the enlisted service member.

For more information for the Backdoor Boutique, call 451-9569.



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