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Marines with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, hand out water to local children during a patrol through the village of Kace Satar, Afghanistan, Nov. 11.

FARAH PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

## 3/4 Marines patrol Farah village, build trust

L. ZACHARY J. NOLA  
Regimental Combat Team 7

Marines and sailors in Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, made their way into the village of Kace Satar, Afghanistan, Nov. 11, with a mission: protect the locals and gain their trust. The Marine's of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines believe that providing security and building relationships with these small villages will help disrupt enemy activity in their area of operations. "The little towns are where most of the Taliban comes and terrorizes the people," said Cpl. Bradley Penn, a section leader with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. "They then have an opportunity to store weapons (in the towns). So we don't go to the little towns, then we won't have an opportunity to find these caches of ordinance they use in (improvised explosive devices) or any weapons systems they may

have." The first of the four patrols headed into the town to visit with the local Afghans after setting up security and performing gear checks.

The Marines took necessary precautions with their route and made sure not to disturb the local farm fields as they carefully navigated their way through the outskirts of the town.

The first patrol, led by Penn, was met by local elders and other villagers upon entering the town.

Following an exchange of pleasantries, the elders guided the patrol down the village's many dusty pathways, while talking with the Marines about their key concerns which include the village's water shortage.

The second patrol into the city proved a test of the Marine's training.

The Marines had spotted a possible enemy observer on a ridge overlooking the town. Once the patrol's security element confirmed



Photo by Cpl. Zachary J. Nola

Cpl. Bradley Penn, a section leader with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, talks to members of the village of Kace Satar, Afghanistan, during a patrol of the village, Nov. 11. Penn is an infantryman.

their belief of possible enemy observation, the Marines switched into high gear and surrounded the possible threat.

"I thought worst-case scenario, it could be someone with (binoculars) looking at our patrol, and that he could be a forward observer and maybe (the Taliban) were going to try to (indi-

rect fire) on us," said Cpl. Nic Rodriguez, a vehicle commander with Company I. "The only thing that was going through my head was that I wanted to get my guys up there as soon as possible to see what it was and assess the threat at the time."

The patrol identified the individuals as an Afghan man and some children

who were playing in holes they claimed were created by mortars during the Afghan-Soviet War in the 1980s, the platoon's interpreter explained.

The incident allowed the vehicle commander to observe his Marines in a real-life situation in a combat environment.

"There were some good

points. The intensity (the Marines) had was amazing, even if it was just someone we thought had (binoculars). They treated it very professionally," said Rodriguez. "I liked the way I saw the Marines take it seriously."

The Marines and sailors of first platoon were ready to return to their forward operating base after the third patrol had concluded, but not before addressing the town's water shortage and determining a possible course of action.

"At that time I began to talk to the village elder, who seemed very happy we were there to help out," said Rodriguez.

The fourth patrol was able to help the village by passing out additional food and water to local children. Once the patrol reached the village center, the Marines distributed all remaining food and water to the local Afghans in need.

"The food and water was a gesture of 'Hey, we're here to help,'" said Penn.

FARAH PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

## Marines save lives, assist Afghan National Army

STAFF SGT. LUIS R. AGOSTINI  
Regimental Combat Team 7

As Seaman Jared D. Wilson, a corpsman with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, stepped into his humvee on the morning of Nov. 2, he knew he very well could find himself in the position of saving lives. He didn't expect it to be Afghan lives.

On the evening of Nov. 1, the Marines of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment were tasked with the security of a re-supply convoy the following morning for the Afghan National Army.

The Marines have been down this road before. Part of the route the Marines have taken from their forward operating base to their final destination has been identified as a Taliban hot spot.

"The last time we went down that route, we found three, 100-pound

improvised explosive devices. It was kind of nerve-racking," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua J. Azarte, also a corpsman with Company I.

"That's a bad place. We're finding IEDs all of the time over there, and last time, we took indirect fire that came really close to our trucks," said 2nd Lt. Robert R. Fafinski III, the commander of first platoon, Company I.

After a two-hour delay waiting on the Afghan National Army right outside of the FOB, the convoy made its way to the Afghan Uniformed Police checkpoint, with Ford pickup trucks of Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army soldiers integrated.

The Marines have learned to exercise patience and develop their mentoring skills with the Afghan forces. From departure times to picking up



Photo by Staff Sgt. Luis R. Agostini

Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua J. Azarte, a corpsman with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, labels an injured Afghan boy for medical priority following a car accident, Nov. 2. The Marines were providing security for an Afghan re-supply convoy when they were informed of the nearby accident.

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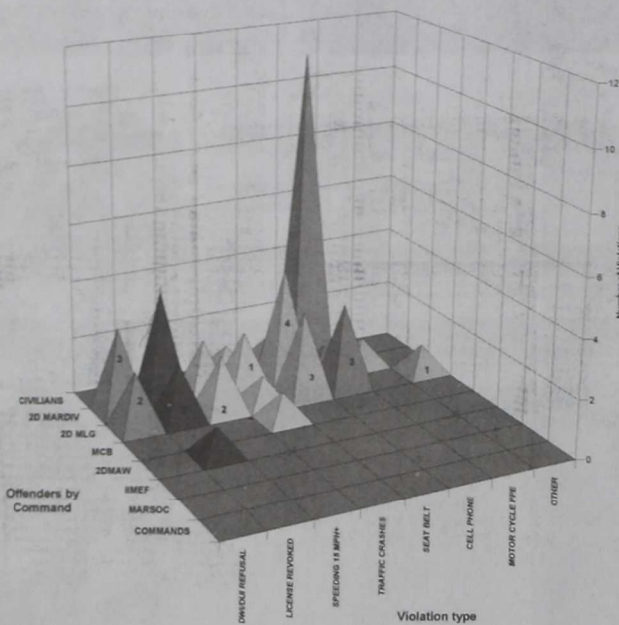
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# Traffic violations aboard Camp Lejeune



This graph represents traffic violations and driving while intoxicated / driving under the influence refusals for Camp Lejeune during the week of Nov. 16 through Nov. 20. 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

# Legal Advice

## You have your will, now what?

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Regional Legal Assistance Officer

Every year thousands of Marines and Sailors obtain a will, a power of attorney, an advance medical directive, or other estate planning document from their installation legal assistance office. Once all the witnesses sign, and the notary seals the last document, what do you do with these important legal papers?

Deploying service members should NOT put original wills or other original estate planning documents in their seabag. Doing so runs a high likelihood of damage or loss. Furthermore, it will be hard for the people who need to use these documents to obtain them.

There are two goals in caring for these documents: protecting them and allowing access to those who need to view or use them.

**Your will.** Maintaining your will in a safety deposit box may keep it very safe, but your executor will probably have to get the court involved in order to get into that box after your death. Keeping your original will in a fireproof safe in your house may therefore be a better

option. In any event, let your executor know where the will is located. If you don't have any good option for safekeeping the document yourself, consider providing the original to the executor. If you don't mind letting people know the content of your will in advance of your death, send copies to any primary or alternate executor or trustee you named in the will.

Stringent rules apply to the amending of wills. Pen changes are almost certain to result in a question as to their legal effectiveness or worse, as to the validity of the entire will. If you don't like something in your current will, make a new one.

Your executor will be required to pay the debts of your estate (out of your estate's funds, not out of the executor's personal funds), inventory your property, and make distribution to beneficiaries. Make your executor's job easier by compiling the following documents and information and maintaining it with your will:

- Account and contact information for creditors, such as the mortgage company, vehicle loan creditor, or providers of any personal loans.
- Credit card account

information.

- Nursing home, hospital, physician, or other health care creditor information.

- Health insurance policy information.

- Life insurance policies, insurance agent's name and contact information.

- Real estate description and county office where the deed is recorded, especially if you own real estate other than your primary place of residence.

- Information concerning financial accounts, such as bank accounts, mutual funds, stocks, individual retirement accounts.

- A description and location of any other property that may be hard to find.

**Power of Attorney.** The original power of attorney should be provided to the person you named therein as your POA agent. Keep a copy for yourself in a fireproof safe and encourage your agent to do the same.

You may have been provided with a document called "Affidavit that Power of Attorney is in Full Force and Effect." Your named agent can sign that document in front of a notary in the event that the person s/he is transacting business with requests written assurance that the POA has not been revoked.

**Advance Medical Directives.** The original health care power of attorney should be provided to the person you named therein as your health care agent. Keep a copy for yourself in a fireproof safe and encourage your agent to do the same. The original living will (Declaration of Desire for a Natural Death) should also be provided to your health care agent, if you have one. If you do not, keep the original living will yourself and let a trusted friend or relative know where it is.

A copy of both the living will and the health care power of attorney should be provided to your treating physician, if you have one, and should be placed in your military or civilian health record. Your doctors will thereby be informed of your desires and better able to effect your health care wishes. Review these documents annually and upon the occurrence of some significant personal event; such as marriage / divorce (or pending divorce), the birth or death of beneficiaries or agents, incapacitating injury to yourself or a loved one, or a large increase in the value of your estate assets.

## MAN ON THE STREET

What are you thankful for?



**Staff Sgt. Worthy Cottrill**  
Command Element, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit  
Warren, Ohio

"Always family"



**Joshua Aganes**  
Marine Corps Exchange Employee  
Jacksonville, N.C.

"My friends are family  
what else is there?"



**Cpl. Lt. Jon Eng Soe**  
3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division  
Tampa, Fla.

"Family is always first"



**Betty Farrell**  
Marine Corps Exchange Employee  
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"I'm thankful for my  
sons, daughter-in-law  
and new grandbaby"



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By Matt Kellogg

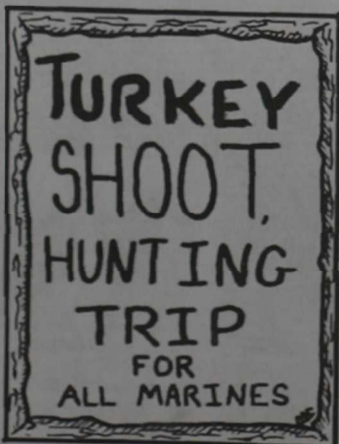




Photo by Cpl. Jenn Calaway  
(Below) Afghan Border Police Join Marines at South Station, ABP Compound in the Rig District, Helmand province before a clearing convoy, Oct. 27. During the operation, Marines mentored ABP on clearing and security techniques, allowing ABP to someday complete the movements sans Marine presence.



Photo by Cpl. Jenn Calaway  
Marines and Afghan Border Police rest up before convoying to the Safar Bazaar shopping village in Rig District Oct. 27. The initiative is the first large-scale operation pairing U.S. and Afghan forces to eliminate insurgent presence in the area.

ELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

# Afghans lead the way

**CPL. JENN CALAWAY**  
Marine Expeditionary  
Battalion - Afghanistan

"This is completely new for us," said Sgt. Andrew Schleke, a platoon leader with the Police Mentor Team, a group of military police Marines who work hand-in-hand with Afghan order Police volunteers.

The ABP partnered with Marines from Company C, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan, Oct. 27, to clear the Safar Bazaar shopping village of illicit activity and ensure the security of the locals in the area.

This is the second time coalition forces raided the known insurgent hot spot this year. The first encounter yielded large amounts of poppy seed and chemicals used in the production of homemade explosives.

"This may be one of the largest operations between Marines and the Afghans in the region and it's particularly important to note that the Marines are mostly acting as mentors. The goal is to give the ABP as much hands on as possible," said Capt. Christopher Conner, Company C commander, 2nd LAR.

Explosive ordnance disposal Marines used

HME detection dogs and metal detectors to locate and safely detonate seven improvised explosive devices, clearing the streets ahead of Marine-ABP "buddy" teams, allowing them to conduct thorough searches.

"(The Afghans) were the ones with the bolt cutters in their hands going from shop to shop," Schleke said.

"At first, a few started going ahead of the group and that really concerned me considering we were still finding IEDs at that point, but their Marine mentors pulled them back," Schleke said.

"We've been training for this operation for awhile now," said Lance Cpl. Jeremy Pittman, a mentor who's worked closely with his counterparts for 10 months. "They were able to exercise common sense when going through the rooms. You could tell they've been working with Marines for awhile now 'cause they knew what was up, what to look for."

With the language barrier nearly halting training at times due to the absence of a translator, it hasn't been easy getting to the point where Marines would take a back seat in an operation as potentially

dangerous as this one, Pittman said.

"We're really together all day, every day," said Pittman. "Personally, it's been rewarding because I've learned a lot from them and I'm sure they've learned a lot from us. With the little Pashtu I've picked up and the little English they speak, we can get by."

The absence of illegal weapons and narcotics activity at the bazaar may be due to the increase in local Afghans signing up for ABP jobs, Afghan National Army and Afghan National Security Forces volunteer service, said Conner.

"For the first time, Af-

ghan forces are really taking control of their destiny and standing up and taking part in their future," said Conner. "I think this is a baby step in the overall scheme of things to come here in Afghanistan."

For Marines who've served previous tours in Afghanistan, this time marks a significant change in the overall commitment of the Afghan people, Schleke said.

"Last year when I was here, we weren't working with the Afghan people at all," Schleke said. "This year, we're working with them every day, so I think that says a lot right there."

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HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

# Marines patrol, make friends in Helmand province

**CPL ZACHARY J. NOLA**  
Regimental Combat Team 7

The Now Zad region in Helmand province has been the site of constant tension between coalition and Taliban forces. Both sides have realized the road to victory begins with winning the support of the region's civilian population.

While the Taliban has chosen to force support through intimidation, manipulation and unrestrained violence, coalition forces have chosen to gain support by showing support by protecting, listening and interacting with locals through security patrols to the area's towns.

That's exactly what the Marines and sailors of third platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment did as they made their way by foot to visit with the local populace here Nov. 2.

The patrolling Marines arrived at Khwaja Jamal, a small town in the southern Now Zad region, where patrols are visiting the town's elders daily, to gain support

for coalition forces and information about local concerns and Taliban activity.

"We are trying to get to the people, talk to them, find out what's most important to them, and how we can separate them from the Taliban and give a free country and free government to Afghanistan," said Capt. Andrew E. Terrell, the company commander for Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. "They're really the critical piece. Without the people we can't stabilize this country and give them a free government."

The Marines handed out gifts, such as pens, pencils and other small trinkets, as they were welcomed by Khwaja Jamal's children upon entering the town's small marketplace. Locals slowly began to make their way into the marketplace as well and spoke with the Marines about local issues once security was established.

This constructive dialogue was made easier by the presence of Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, who made the long and dusty walk



Photo by Cpl. Zachary J. Nola

Lance Cpl. Robert Navarro, a machine gunner with third platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, and other Marines and sailors of Company L make their way to the town of Khwaja Jamal, Afghanistan, during a patrol with members of the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police Nov. 2.

with the Marines. "The ANA are important because this is their town. They know the area, they know what's happening out here and they get (information) from the civilians," said Lance Cpl. Carlifrederick Organo, a machine gunner with weapons platoon, Company L. "The ANA were helping the Marines out by talking to the elders and little kids. We got a lot of info on the patrol."

The Afghan national security forces provided security, passed out the small gifts to the local and helped ease any tension that may have existed with their presence.

"I think the locals feel more comfortable with their own people being around," said Cpl. Alex Pirila, a squad leader with the company. "I know if someone came into my town I'd feel better if they were being shown around by someone I knew or someone I knew spoke my language."



Photo by Cpl. Zachary J. Nola

Petty Officer 3rd Class Sskief Ahmed, a corpsman with third platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, documents the medical needs of a young boy during a patrol of Khwaja Jamal, Afghanistan, Nov. 2.

Although 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines has only been in country in support of Afghan national security forces for a short while, advancement in Khwaja Jamal can be seen on both the short and long term spectrums.

"We've only been here a month, but it feels like the locals have definitely

warmed up to us," said Pirila.

"When I was here two years ago with the British, we couldn't even walk to Khwaja Jamal without being mortared," said Terrell. "Now we can go down there, we can interact with the people and we can go to their shops. Everyone is willing to talk to us, and

a lot of progress has been made."

Once conversation between the Marines of Company L and local residents concluded, the Marines and their Afghan comrades began their trek back to post, continuing to communicate and gain valuable information from their Afghan friends along the way.

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# School's in session in Rig District

JENN CALAWAY  
Expeditionary  
to Afghanistan

st-grade student Yaar  
ats a fly from his eye-  
with one hand as the  
follows along in his  
book. He repeats  
his instructor again  
again. "Nomads live  
the tent. Nomads sleep  
tent."  
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in his way to become  
first in a long line  
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2nd Light Armored  
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e Expeditionary Bri-  
Afghanistan secured  
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ome of these kids trav-  
up to three kilometers  
me to class here," said  
Ariz, a cultural advi-

sor and interpreter working  
with Marines and soldiers  
protecting the village. "Go-  
ing to school hasn't been  
an option around here for  
at least five years."

Though concerns about  
the Taliban still linger and  
there are rumors they have  
threatened the lives of  
those who cooperate with  
the Americans, parents  
greatly value the opportu-  
nity for education and wil-  
lingly send their children on  
the trek through the fields  
to the schoolhouse.

"This is as old fashioned  
an area as Afghanistan  
gets," said Army Staff Sgt.  
Richard A. Bemis, a psy-  
chological operations team  
chief helping to secure the  
region. "It's impressive that  
they're this open to cooper-  
ating with Americans."

With 120 students strong  
and two local instructors,  
the school's future looks  
bright.

"You should see the  
students when the teacher  
comes in. They're incredi-  
bly disciplined," said Ariz.  
The school is only able

to facilitate grades one  
through three, however,  
because that's where the  
teachers' formal education  
stops.

"We need better salaries  
so more people will come  
to teach here," said Salam  
Abdullah, the primary in-  
structor, who has to scurry  
from class to class to keep  
up with the overflow of stu-  
dents. "It is good because  
the students are coming  
back every day because they  
know the Americans keep  
the area safe for them."

If the Taliban is a threat,  
young Yaar doesn't seem to  
notice. He and his fellow  
classmates kick rocks back  
and forth with Marines  
and soldiers on their way  
to school, practicing Eng-  
lish words and teasing the  
Americans on their poor  
attempts at Pashtu phrases.

"It's really rewarding  
to be a part of this and  
see these kids wanting to  
go to school," said Ariz.  
"When I talk to them now,  
they have all sorts of goals  
and things they want to do  
with their life."

Year pondered a long  
time on the question of his  
favorite subject in school  
and finally decided it was a  
tie between his Koran studies  
and mathematics.

"He says he wants to  
be a doctor," Ariz trans-  
lates as Yaar smiles and  
nods enthusiastically. "So  
he can help people grow  
big and strong like the  
Americans."

The district governor  
of Rig is taking strides to  
provide education for more  
children in the region. Tem-  
porary schools are slated  
for nearby Quai-E-Now  
and Divyalok, but finding  
funding is difficult.

"The best guess around  
here is it's been 10-plus  
years since any type of  
government has been es-  
tablished here," said Chief  
Warrant Officer 2 Christo-  
pher Wright, civil affairs  
officer for Company D,  
2nd LAR. "It's just good to  
see these kids with books  
in their hands, because if  
the Taliban had their way,  
it would probably be home-  
made bombs."



Photo by Cpl. Jenn Calaway

A student washes his hands before praying at a mosque during a lunch break during class of the Khan Neshin School in the Rig District, Nov. 2. Students are now able to attend school and religious services without fear of insurgent forces due to the security provided by Marines in the area.

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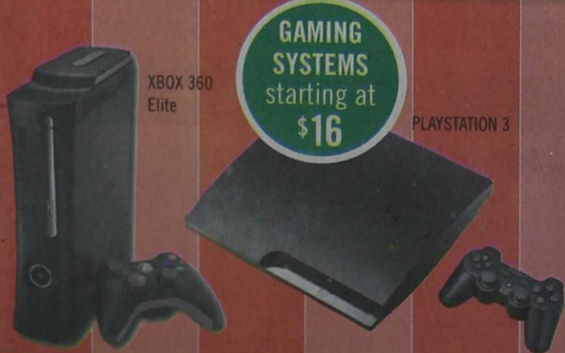


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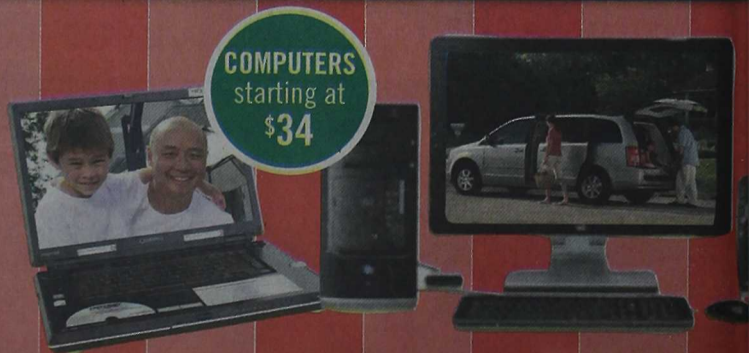
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## New River lands in CHAMPIONSHIP

**JAMIE CAMERON**  
Assistant managing editor

**T**he New River Knights earned a spot in the base intramural tackle football championship, thanks to their narrow victory over the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion Gators, Monday.

The Knights scored on their first possession of the game and held on to win, 16-12.

Nathyn Purganan got things going for New River when he took the opening kick-off down to the Gators' 25-yard line. New River quarterback, Channing Smith, took his excellent starting field position and tossed a screen pass to Jeremy Bacon, who rumbled down to the goal line. The Gators held the line for three straight plays, but finally gave up the touchdown to New River's Frank Marchisella. New River kicked the extra point and the game was on.

The 2nd AAV Bn. offense had trouble getting out of the gate and was forced to punt down to their own 45-yard line. The spot of the ball gave New River a short field to work with, but they turned the ball over with a second down fumble.

The two teams traded punts for the rest of the first quarter, playing a game of field position which neither could capitalize on.

The Gators' best drive started on their own 28-yard line, when quarterback Jordan Whitehurst, started working the middle with short passes to his tight end and receivers. To that point, the Knights' defense had effectively shut down 2nd AAV Bn.'s running game. In spite of getting some production through the air, the Gators' drive eventually stalled and they were forced to punt.

With time winding down in the first half, New River took the ball from their own 20-yard line and marched all the way down to the goal line. Staring an opponent with first-and-goal in the face, the Gators' defense rose to the challenge and pushed the Knights back on three consecutive downs. New River settled for a 20-yard field goal attempt, and the kick was good, giving them a 10-0 lead going into the half.

Coming out of the break, 2nd AAV Bn. started to create some running room for tailback, Lacardo Wall. Then, facing third down and 15 yards to gain, Whitehurst hooked up with Jamaal Green for the first down. The Gators' prospects were made even better when New River drew a flag for a late hit on the play. With first down on the 15-yard line, Whitehurst handed off to Wall, who scampered all the way down to the goal line. Fullback Devin Mathern capped the drive off with a dive into the end zone. The Gators' attempt at a 2-point conversion failed, but they were in the hunt, 10-6.

The teams traded possession for the rest of the third quarter, until 2nd AAV Bn. struck again on a 15-yard touchdown pass to Green. New River thwarted the 2-point conversion, but had given up their hard-fought lead and now trailed 12-10.

With 2:30 minutes left in the game, New River recovered a fumble near midfield and reclaimed the lead with a 30-yard strike to Brent Jenogan. The extra point try was blocked, but the Knights had all the points they would need at 16-10.

The Gators never quit on their final possession of the game, but a critical fumble was recovered by New River's Michael Scottodiluzio and the game was over.

"We came in knowing the playoffs are a new season and regular records go out the window," said New River head coach, Michael Stumpf. "My players toughed it out and now we're going to try to fulfill our goal in the championship game."

**Editor's note:** The Camp Lejeune intramural tackle football championship is scheduled for Dec. 2. Check out the Dec. 9 sports section to learn who was crowned champion.



Photo by Jamie Cameron

New River's Nathyn Purganan brings back the opening kick-off to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion 25-yard line. The Knights went on to score on the drive and eventually win the game, 16-12, Monday.

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## Lejeune Outdoors

With Jamie Cameron

As always, the success of your deer season depends on your expectations and the quality of the places you hunt. Harvesting multiple deer from private land with a good population can be relatively easy, while getting one or two from heavily-pressured public land is quite an achievement.

I am lucky to have a couple of private farms to hunt, along with several special permit opportunities at some very productive state and federal lands. By my standards, I've had an extremely successful season to this point — five deer down. Though there isn't a buck worth bragging about in my tally, I am a meat hunter, so my measure of success is how full my freezer is at the end of the season.

I still hold those hunters who consistently bag deer from public gamelands without the aid of dogs as a cut above the rest. Not only do they have to contend with the challenges of outwitting deer that are, for the most part, nocturnal, they also must think outside the box to find productive places to hunt amid the crowds of sportsmen who take advantage of our public lands.

The middle duck season is now in its

second week, but the weather seems to be working against us. Sure, there are wood ducks in all of the usual places, and there are some reports of green-winged teal starting to make an appearance, but the big puddle ducks and divers need more incentive to come our way.

From my home near the White Oak River, I've been keeping an eye on the lower river for the flocks of scaup and bufflehead that eventually will arrive, but they're not here yet. In fact, I haven't seen anyone even try to put out a big spread of decoys yet. We need some cold fronts to push the birds our way. Some snow and ice in the Northeast wouldn't hurt either.

The warm weather is also playing tricks on the late fall fishing season. According to Richard Ehrenkauf, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, the speckled trout run in the surf is the worst he's seen it in 17 years at the coast. There are some fish back in the sounds and marshes, but they are mostly undersized throwbacks — a far cry from the schools of big fall trout we all had hoped for.

The jetty at Cape Lookout has had some decent action on nice gray trout and keeper flounder up to four

pounds. Hopefully, the forecasted cold front will help clear the water and warm up the bite.

Without speckled trout to target, many surf fishermen are focusing on red drum, black drum and small bluefish. There are a few small flounder in the mix, along with blowfish and tiny sea mullet.

The false albacore show continues to impress even the veteran fishermen. There are large schools of frenzied albacore everywhere you look along the coast. Unfortunately, most of them have moved away from the beaches and out of reach for the surf casters. Boaters have been having a field day however, especially out over 40- to 50-foot water depths.

False albacore are a sport fisherman's dream quarry. They are fast, strong and plentiful, but if you're looking for something to add to the Thanksgiving

table, look elsewhere. To keep them moving at the speed of light, these fish have extensive blood circulation to their muscles and, subsequently, have a strong "fishy" flavor that doesn't agree with most folks. It's better to catch them on small tackle and release them to fight another day than to fill up the boat with marginal table fare you'll likely end up feeding to the cats.

A little further offshore, there are still king mackerel to be found, but the recent windy weather has kept most boats close to port.

Hopefully, you saved a wild turkey from the spring season to grace the holiday table. If, like me, you were unsuccessful in enticing a love-struck tom into range, I guess you'll have to settle for the store-bought butterball.

Happy Thanksgiving and, until next week, good luck out there.



Photo by Jamie Cameron  
Brian Degan had to get wet to bag this 6-point buck in Onslow County Nov. 20. The deer responded to rattling and grunts.



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Photo by Lance Cpl. Damany S. Coleman  
Aubrey Evans, left, tries to get a read on his upcoming putt by watching Mike Mrynard's attempt. The two were participants in the Food Drive Golf Scramble, held Nov. 21 at Paradise Point Golf Course aboard Camp Lejeune.

## Base golfers hold food drive

LANCE CPL. DAMANY S. COLEMAN  
Marine Corps Base

They stood staggered atop the closely-cut, grassy mounds, overlooking the ocean of green and planning their next stroke. It wasn't a very good day for golfing, but any day is a perfect one to give back to the community. This was no leisurely day at Paradise Point Golf Course aboard Camp Lejeune; the players were golfing for a greater purpose.

"It's great that retired and active-duty Marines and sailors get together and play golf for this," said Mike Maynard, retired master gunnery sergeant and president of the Paradise Point Men's Golf Association. "We need to help those who are less fortunate. All the people in (the tournament) that make it happen, I'm just the president."

The Paradise Point Golf Association hosted the Food Drive Golf Scramble, Nov. 21. Participants paid an entry fee and three to four cans or boxes of non-perishable foods.

The food drive and golf tournament gathered money and more than 200 food items for donations which will be donated to the Onslow County Soup Kitchen. The money is used to buy peanut butter and jelly for the soup kitchen, which is a primary snack there.

"It was a really good turnout despite the weather, the course was really wet," said Debbie Backus, customer associate with Paradise Point Golf Association. "We're really pleased with it."

The association has been running food drives and tournaments for 20 years now and "no one brings one can," said Backus.

There were 52 participants creat-

ing 13 teams of four.

The participants played a total of 18 holes in scramble format, in which they were assigned random holes throughout the course. At the end of the tournament, Capt. Tony Apperson led his team to a win with a score of 58.

"It's a good feeling knowing that you can help a lot of less fortunate people out there," said Staff Sgt. Aubrey Evans, chief cook with Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

The retired and active-duty Marines and sailors participated in other reasons, rather than their enjoyment of golfing.

"(I do it) to give to the folks that need it, especially this time of year," said Apperson.

The Paradise Point Association also plans to hold more similar events as well as lend a hand in the Toys for Tots next month.

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# Bengals stumble out of respectability



## Gridiron GURU

With Jamie Cameron

Tampa Bay, but let's not forget how bad the Buccaneers are. If New Orleans can beat New England

Monday night, I will probably change my tune and crown them the cream of the NFL.

Thank goodness I didn't try to predict the outcome of the Cincinnati/Oakland game. I knew if I included it in my weekly slate of prognostication, I'd be ridiculed for trying to pad my stats. I guess that's why they play the games on the field.

Just when everyone agreed the Bengals were for real, they go and lay an egg against the hapless Raiders. Unfortunately for the defending champion Pittsburgh Steelers, they couldn't take advantage of the Cincinnati stumble — losing to the equally hapless Kansas City Chiefs in overtime. So despite embarrassing themselves and causing everyone to reassess the Bengals' chances at post-season glory, the situation remains the same in the AFC North.

In the meantime, the strongest team in the league appears to be Brett Favre's Vikings. At 9-1, Minnesota is rolling with a well-balanced offense and a stout defense. In my opinion, the Vikings are the most complete team in football, followed closely by the undefeated New Orleans Saints. The Saints put up a lot of points against

Indianapolis continues to get little consideration when it comes to serious Super Bowl contenders. The Colts are 10-0, but they're winning games by the skin of their teeth and have a host of injuries to deal with. I know they beat the Patriots two weeks ago, but Peyton Manning and his crew are doing it with smoke and mirrors. Baltimore nearly upended them last week, and it's just a matter of time before their luck runs out.

My sleeper pick to make a late-season splash is San Diego. As usual, the Chargers started out of the gate slowly, but have come on strong to reclaim the AFC West with their impressive win over Denver. Granted, the Broncos are dinged up, playing back-up quarterback Chris Simms, but it's hard to dismiss the efficiency of the San Diego offense.

Like many folks, I enjoyed a successful week making my picks, going 5-0. That puts me at 33-22 for the season with plenty of momentum for the rest of the season.

I hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving holiday and has the oppor-

tunity to watch lots of football during the break. On to this week's picks:

### Carolina (4-6) at New York Jets (4-6)

It pains me to say it, but I think it's time to pull the plug on the Carolina Panthers' playoff hopes. Their Nov. 19 loss to Miami proved the Panthers are simply unable to get any traction this season and need to retool the team through free agency and the draft. That's a hard pill to swallow for Carolina fans who thought the Panthers could return to the post-season and make a better showing than last year's epic collapse against Arizona. The good news is, the Panthers are playing the Jets. New York's early success this season is now a distant memory as teams have learned to pick apart the defense. Rookie quarterback, Mark Sanchez, has come crashing back to Earth and looks uncomfortable and confused as the season wears on. Pick: Carolina

### Kansas City Chiefs (3-7) at San Diego (7-3)

The Chiefs pulled off one of the biggest upsets of Week 11 with their overtime win over Pittsburgh. The task was made easier after Ben Roethlisberger exited the game with a head injury, but make no mistake, Kansas City deserved to win. The Chiefs defense was solid when it needed to be, and Matt Cassel made the plays that needed to be made to get his team into a position to win. San Diego had no trouble dispatching the Denver Broncos in their AFC West showdown

last week. With the Chargers atop the division, it's hard to think up a scenario that doesn't put them into the playoffs. San Diego's offense has never been in question this season — the key to success continues to be the defense, which has been shaky at times. The Chargers can be taken advantage of through the air, but I doubt Kansas City will be able to match them point-for-point in this one. Pick: San Diego

### Jacksonville (6-4) at San Francisco (4-6)

Jacksonville isn't winning anything easily, but at least they're winning the games they're supposed to. Nobody has found a way to stop Maurice Jones-Drew, in spite of his diminutive size. You've got to love a running back who gives up so much in stature, but more than makes up for it with strength, speed and desire. Quarterback David Garrard is making a nice connection with his receiver, Mike Sims-Walker. The combo is a legitimate threat to hook-up for a big play at

any time, against anyone. The Jaguars defense isn't flashy, but it gets the job done against lesser opponents. Are the San Francisco 49ers a lesser opponent? The 49ers are still trying to find an identity while waiting for first-round pick/holdout Mike Crabtree to become a big play threat in the offense. Something tells me San Francisco is going to use homefield advantage to make this game a happy memory while their sitting on their couches during the playoffs. Pick: San Francisco

### Chicago (4-6) at Minnesota (9-1)

Regardless of their respective records, the Bears and Vikings will always bring their best to this rivalry. For Chicago, their best might not be good enough at this point in the season. Offensive woes and a defense that simply hasn't lived up to the hype have kept the Bears' prospects limited this year. The Vikings, on the other hand, are playing fantastic football right now. If you try to stop Adrian Peterson,

Brett Favre will kick through the air. The Vikings' defense is in lights-out football these days and it's imagine a scenario Jay Cutler will be have success on St. Pick: Minnesota

### Pittsburgh (6-4) at Baltimore (5-5)

If the Pittsburghers couldn't beat Kansas City, how are they to win in Baltimore? More importantly, is going to be the Steelers' quarterback if Roethlisberger (he and Charlie Batch can't go? Whoever under center for Pittsburgh will be facing the league's most feared pass rushes. Ravens gave Indianapolis all they could handle last week, and are that never seems to trouble getting excellent play football. Joe I inopportune interference throw toward the end of the Indy game undoubtedly cost him a victory, but up to that point, the Baltimore quarterback was playing very well. Pick: Baltimore

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# Panthers face difficult road after loss

CRANSTON Sports Writer

From Jake Delhomme's struggles to suspect tackling injuries and just plain bad luck, there are plenty of reasons for Carolina's 4-6 record.

It shouldn't, however, be a surprise. Following a difficult season with a dud is all the Panthers have known in their 15-year history.

After a Nov. 19 loss to Miami followed the familiar script, starting off an impressive win over Atlanta, the Panthers were at home as a favorite against a team without its top running back and a banged-up offensive line.

It marked the fourth time this season the Panthers had a game with a chance to reach .500. They're 1-4. And with a brutal closing schedule, they appeared to again fail to accomplish consecutive winning streaks for the first time in team history.

Not sure outside of that (team meeting) room, there are a lot of people who don't give us a chance," coach Tom Fox said. "Until the math says it, we'll feel like we have a chance."

They would be in a much better spot if they were not in the red zone. Carolina was plagued by penalties, from the four sacks to a key interception that turned a touchdown opportunity into field goals or punts.

Delhomme tried to get star receiver Steve Smith open — targeting him 15 times. He caught seven passes for 87 yards and a touchdown, but Delhomme's pick in four games came near the goal line when he tried to force it to the four-time Pro Bowl selection.

That play also was an example of how Carolina isn't taking the breaks. The Panthers were using their no-huddle offense and the Dolphins had too many players on the field. Delhomme wanted to snap the ball to get the play started, but the official was standing over the ball.

On Friday the official had mistakenly thought the Panthers had substituted when they hadn't. "You're supposed to give the defense an opportunity to stop only if you sub," Fox said.

Carolina also showed a drop-off after losing two starters to season-ending injuries in two games. The tackle Jordan Gross' absence was noticeable with Delhomme's lack of protection. And the Panthers struggled to tackle 32-year-old running back Ricky Williams without outside linebacker Thomas Davis.

Williams rushed for 119 yards and scored all three touchdowns. The Panthers have allowed 330 yards of rushing in the past two games, and now have more injury concerns.

# TEAMS CLASH IN MUD BOWL



Photo by Jamie Cameron

New River played 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, Nov. 19, in the first round of Camp Lejeune's intramural tackle football playoffs. Before the game could be completed, a thunderstorm moved through the area, causing both scheduled match-ups to be postponed until Monday (see related story on 1B).

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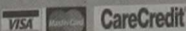


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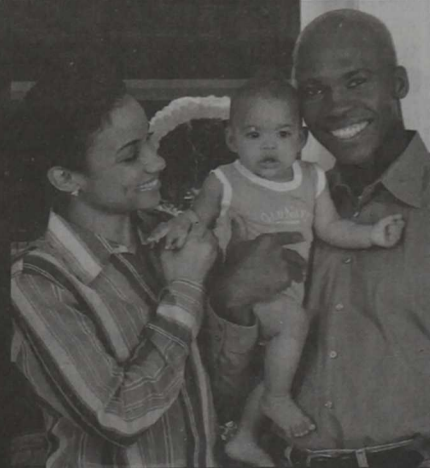
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Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones (Left) John W. "Jake" Foster and George Garden, veterans of "The Battle of Tarawa" during World War II, fire M-249 squad automatic weapons at an indoor marksmanship simulator training facility aboard Camp Lejeune, Nov. 19. (Below) William Murphy, a veteran of "The Battle of Tarawa" during World War II, fires a M-2 .50 caliber machine gun at an indoor marksmanship simulator training facility aboard Camp Lejeune, Nov. 19. World War II veterans who fought in "The Battle of Tarawa" attended Tarawa Day hosted by 2nd Marine Division to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the battle and the Marines and sailors who fought and died there.

## Camp Lejeune pays tribute to vets at TARAWA DAY

LANCE CPL. BRIAN D. JONES  
2nd Marine Division

Sixty-six years have past since the Marines and sailors of 2nd Marine Division were called upon to defend their country during World War II in a battle revered as what many have called the bloodiest fighting of the time. Their legacy was honored aboard Camp Lejeune, Nov. 19, during Tarawa Day. On Nov. 20, 1943, U.S. assault crafts transporting Marines and sailors from 2nd Marine Division Reinforced, stormed the shores of a tiny island located in the central Pacific Ocean. Marine companies who led the attack suffered the heaviest casualties, losing 45 percent or more of their men. More than 1,000 Marines died and thousands more were wounded in a span of 76 hours. Those three

bloody days became known as "The Battle of Tarawa," one of the fiercest and most vicious battles of World War II.

"It was the worst battle anyone has ever seen," said 88-year-old John W. "Jake" Foster, a World War II veteran who served as a machine-gunner with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, during "The Battle of Tarawa."

Foster recalled battling off and shooting down attack aircraft, igniting trenches and tunnels with flamethrowers, and Marines having to take rifles off the dead bodies of their brothers to replace their own. These are just a few of the memories he mentioned that still live on with him.

Foster also told of how he took a bullet in his left shoulder during the battle, and if someone were lucky enough to get medical help for their injuries there was no place to send injured Marines to recover. Corps-

man just patched them up and sent them back to the fight.

They had faced Japanese Imperial troops who had spent nearly two years fortifying the island.

Before the battle, Imperial Japanese Fleet Rear Adm. Meichi Shibasaki boasted, "A million men cannot take Tarawa in 100 years." In response, Marines took the island in only 76 hours at the cost of 4,500 Japanese lives.

Foster said he remembered the sight of 19 Japanese fighters who survived only by running away with their lives after the battle had ended. He went on to tell Marines the story of his best buddy who he thought he saw die and had mistaken him as a ghost three days later.

Foster and 11 other World War II Veterans who fought on Tarawa were able to be present for the Tarawa Day events hosted by 2nd Marine Division on the battle's 66th anniversary.

The day began with a com-

memoration ceremony at the Base Protestant Chapel where the Tarawa veterans along with other war veterans, active-duty service members and families, gathered to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the battle.

"Had they not stopped the Japanese and Germans in World War II, I guarantee you America would be a far different place than it is today," said Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, the II Marine Expeditionary Force commander, who spoke at the ceremony.

Lt. Gen. Hejlik assured the veterans before him that the Marine Corps still and always will honor them for their sacrifices and that the Marines fighting for them today are every bit the warriors they were and still are.

Following the ceremony, the Tarawa veterans were escorted to an indoor marksmanship simulator training facility to fire a number of infantry weapons

in a simulated environment. Next, they attended a ceremonial luncheon followed by an opportunity to see static displays of weapon systems and speak with infantry Marines who use the weapons daily. The veterans compared the weapons to those used during their active-duty service. They also visited the base exchange to purchase souvenirs and ended the day at the officers' club where the World War II leathernecks were delighted to sit down and share their stories with other veterans and active-duty Marines.

The veterans said they enjoyed the amount of attention and respect they were shown by the hosting 2nd Marine Division and thankful that 66 years later their sacrifices and efforts were still being recognized.

For more information on 2nd Marine Division, visit the unit's Web site at [iimefpublic.usmc.mil/2dMarDiv](http://iimefpublic.usmc.mil/2dMarDiv).

## Uniformed Social Worker of the Year award presented to Cmdr. Springle's family

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cial workers offer guidance to individuals in crisis. Those individuals can range from young children to the elderly. Additionally, there are various areas within social worker's responsibilities. Still, with such a broad job description, it is as a surprise to many to know that any employs social workers.

Even more of a surprise is that Navy worker Cmdr. Charles Springle was big at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq, his short life was ended at the hands of an American soldier.

Keith was a pathfinder," said Army Lt. Jeffrey Yarvis, Assistant Professor and Director of Social Work for the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

The Navy doesn't typically deploy social workers. He was the first to do that. He helped a lot of folks for one individual. It was someone with forward thinking to outside the box," Yarvis added.

Last week, in a spectacular ballroom, on Camp Liberty, several hundred members of the Association of Military Surgeons United States, presented Springle's wife Susan and his son Cpl. Char- ringle with the Uniformed Services Social Worker of the Year Award on his behalf. His parents and brother were also present during the ceremony.

An advocate for deploying Navy social workers to coalition combat zones, Springle volunteered for the first deploying temporary social work health assets at Land- 2. Following his temporary deployment he immediately volunteered for, and was selected for, the opportunity to deploy in support of Marine Corps and Navy ground combat operations," stated nomination for the award.

His advocacy resulted in his event- ual deployment to Iraq as one of the first social workers thus deployed, and ultimately to a greatly expanded role for social workers in support of combat



Photo by Col. Annita Best

Rear Adm. William Roberts, U.S. Navy Medical Corps, left and retired Maj. Gen. George Anderson, U.S. Air Force MC, Executive Director of the Association of Military Surgeons United States on the right, present the Uniformed Services Social Worker of the Year Award to Cpl. Charlie Springle and Susan Springle on behalf of Cmdr. Charles K. Springle, who was killed in Iraq this year. The awards ceremony took place as part of the 115th annual AMSUS convention in St. Louis last week.

operations in ground war zones." Yarvis said almost 8,000 individuals are considered for the award each year. They come from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Veterans Administration and Public Health.

"There was some attention given because the award was posthumous; he made the biggest sacrifice anyone could make. But he was given the award because he truly was the best of us. His contributions this particular year were pretty impressive, plus the fact he laid down his life for this job," Yarvis said.

"It's a pretty big deal, his name was in the running long before. He'd done a tremendous amount of work and brought Navy social work into the fold regarding dealing with deployments."

In addition to his advocacy of the importance of social work forward, while working as the director of the Community Counseling Center at Camp Lejeune, Springle led an effort to obtain the services of Military Family Life Consultants to Camp Lejeune to supplement a robust suicide prevention outreach program.

Not only does his legacy live on in the path he blazed for Navy social work, but in the lives of his children, son Charlie Springle, Jr., daughter Sarah and a grandbaby. Additionally, friends and family have established the Charles Keith Springle, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship fund.

The scholarship will support military dependent students in the master's of so-

cial work program at University of North Carolina's School of Social Work who are working with military families or have an interest in mental health care for veterans and their families. The fund has already surpassed the \$25,000 mark and the goal is to reach \$100,000 in order to provide two scholarships a year.

And that's not all. On Dec. 15, the Cmdr. Charles K. Springle Training Center will be dedicated aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The Training Center will provide a venue for many training needs in the area of mental health and wellness. And will be a service of the Community Counseling Center at Camp Lejeune, which supports active-duty military, their families, and retired military in the area.

At the center, military command teams, clinical teams, and other military and civilian groups will be offered specialized training on such topics as suicide prevention, post traumatic stress disorder, anger management, combat stress, and other issues that contribute to domestic violence and family stressors. The Community Counseling Center is a service of the Marine and Family Services Division of Marine Corps Community Services.

Pamela Alberi, Counseling Service branch head, worked with Springle prior to his deployment. "Cmdr. Springle lived life to the fullest and loved serving others. He was always mindful and grateful for the sacrifices of military personnel and their families and to that end he had a steadfast commitment to ensuring quality mental health services at the center. In the end, he made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of other," she added.

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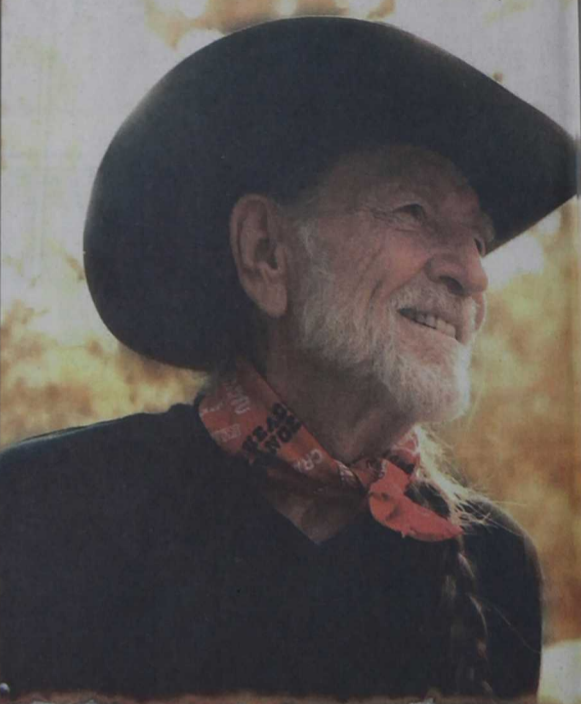
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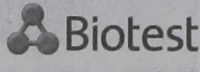
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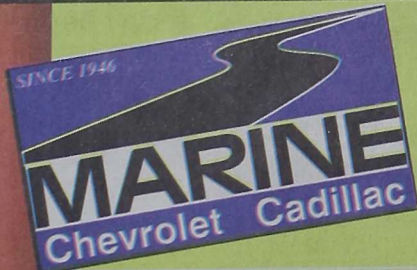
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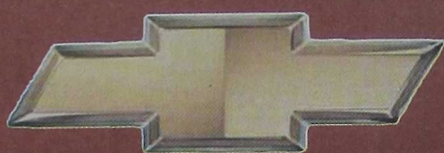
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- Col. John Kopka, retired Marine and former chief of staff for Camp Lejeune

I'm thankful we still have a republic. I'm thankful for all of our young people who are willing to stand strong to defend our country. I'm also thankful for the good lives we lead here in Jacksonville and our strong military and civilian community.

- Col. Wayne Morris, retired Marine and former commanding officer of Camp Johnson

I'm just thankful that even as our economy is as it is, people — service members and civilians — are able to contribute to make this happen. It's only through volunteers and donations that we can do this.

- Sgt. Maj. Pete Gante, retired Marine and chairman of board for the USO of North Carolina

HEATHER M. OWENS  
Carolina Living editor

**H**appiness is a home cooked meal, football on the big screen and hanging with your battle buddies.

When a Marine or sailor is away from home on Thanksgiving, the little kindnesses go a long way.

It's a concept the United Services Organization has been operating under for more than 60 years.

Every Thanksgiving and Christmas day, a core group of Jacksonville-area volunteers ensure the USO tradition of a "smile and a cup of coffee," in other words, down-home hospitality, is there for every warrior and family member who walks through the door.

This year is no different. Once again, Jacksonville's USO center will serve Thanksgiving dinner to service members and their families, provide free phone calls home to active-duty members and offer the day's football match-up's on large-screen televisions.

Sgt. Maj. Joe Houle, a motivated retired Marine, is a hard-charger when it comes to taking care of "his troops." That's why he's been orchestrating the USO's Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for more than a decade.

Though many groups and individuals raise money for the dinner and fixings all year; the actual preparation of the meal starts three days before the holiday.

"Thanksgiving dinner starts on Monday when I pick up 70 turkeys and take them to the dining facilities at Camp Geiger and Camp Lejeune," said Houle, who also serves as the chairman of the USO's Jacksonville committee and the director of operations for the Museum of the Marine. "They have been preparing the turkeys for more than 10 years now, which is absolutely wonderful."

Before dawn each Thanksgiving, 12 to 15 key volunteers gather to begin preparing the meal. Houle and his team; a hardscrabble group of senior officers and non-commissioned officers from each of the U.S.'s military services, have the holiday

meal down to a well-executed mission.

"When the turkeys get there, it's like an assembly line," said Houle. "Every retiree and every volunteer has a job."

The list of volunteers is quite distinguished. Yet to a person, they say they are just happy to "give back" and help the troops who serve the country.

Col. Wayne Morris spent 34 years in the Marine Corps, and retired as the commanding officer of Camp Johnson. Still, he defers to the sergeant major.

"The thing we do there at the USO is teamwork. We all have our jobs we do when we get there; we just go on autopilot," said Morris. "Joe and the others are the spark plug that keeps this going; I am just a worker."

Col. John Kopka, who retired as Camp Lejeune's chief of staff during 1994, has similar sentiments. He said he is just a laborer in an endeavor to help service members and their families. In the field, the company commander eats last, he said; preparing holiday meals for the USO is just

an extension of that leadership ethic.

"After you (volunteer) a couple of times, it just keeps going," he said.

Sgt. Maj. Pete Gante, whose last Marine Corps job before he retired was sergeant major for II Marine Expeditionary Force, said he spent most of the weekends at the USO when he was a young infantryman at Camp Geiger.

The friendly atmosphere and free food made an impression on him and now, more than 36 years later, Gante serves as the chairman of the board for the USO of North Carolina.

"It's my turn to pay back for all they do," he said about the USO and the troops it serves.

Those who attend this year's Thanksgiving dinner can expect a mouth-watering offering of traditional holiday fare. The menu consists of turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and vegetables. Members of the Jacksonville community provide hundreds of pies, cakes, cookies and other deserts. The sweet-treat donations

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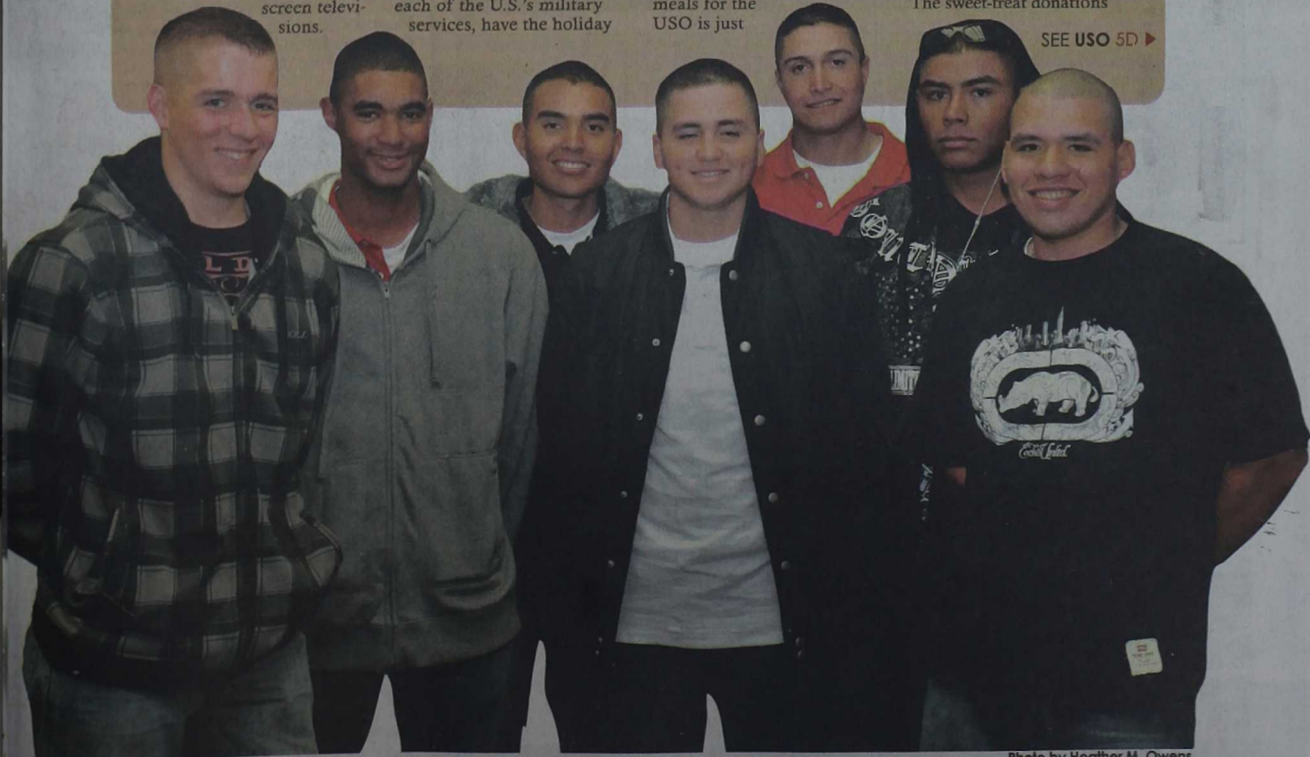


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More than 2,000 military personnel and family members ate Thanksgiving dinner at Jacksonville's United Services Organization center last year. These seven Marines, students at Camp Johnson at the time, were among the service members who stayed on after the meal to relax in the USO's game room. This year, the Thanksgiving meal will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until the last person is served.



# City Hall ceremony honors veterans' service to community

**KATIE DENSMORE**  
Marine Corps Base

Jacksonville is known for being the youngest city in America, which is no surprise with Camp Lejeune providing plenty of young Marines to skew the statistics.



However, many say the backbone of the community is the retirees who are military, but decided to stay in the area.

The city honored 17 veterans and active-duty Marine from 19 veterans' associations during a ceremony at City Hall last week.

The Mayor of Jacksonville, Sammy Phillips, presided over the ceremony. Veterans also received an Outstanding Citizen lapel pin, which is only issued in the direction of the mayor.

United States veterans have played an important role in protecting our country and freedom for many years," Phillips said in his introduction. "These individuals have willingly put themselves in harms to defend the lives and liberties of others. The city is proud of its relationship with our local veterans' organizations and the (Onslow County) Council of Veterans Organizations."

Each year the city asks every veteran's organization within the local area to nominate a member of their organization for recognition as Outstanding Veteran of the Year.

Several of the award winners were listed in multiple retiree associations, but one veteran won awards from organizations. Joseph Traumer, member of the National Order of Loyalists Dugout 483 and American Veterans Post 225, received the award for his never-ending dedication to military and community.

As the 'Operation Task Force' chairman for AMVETS Post 100, Joseph Traumer has been instrumental in collecting used DVDs and distributing them to troops who are in harms way," according to the award summary from the American Veterans Post. "He has distributed over 100 donation boxes and traveled over 100 miles to pick-up donated DVDs and CDs."

For another veteran, Sandy L. Fiel,

Photo by Cpl. Katie Densmore  
Each year the City of Jacksonville asks every local veteran's organization to nominate a member of their organization for recognition as Outstanding Veteran of the Year. Sammy Phillips, mayor of Jacksonville, poses with Joseph Traumer after presenting him with an award. Traumer received awards from two organizations.

a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 9133, her nomination came not only from her volunteer work, but also her attitude.

"Members of the auxiliary feel there is one word that best describes Fiel and that is 'totally,' she is totally committed, totally loyal and totally caring," according to her award summary.

The active-duty service member recognized at the ceremony was Sgt. William Green, a ground support equipment technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 29, Marine Corps Air Station New River. Green has been volunteering with The Captain John C. Carr Veteran Resource Center for more than three years.

"I build wheelchair ramps, install railings on walls and make doors wider for those in wheelchairs," Green said. "I like building and it's a good way to

support our veterans. The best part is at the end of a project just seeing the look on their faces."

The ceremony ended with special recognition for George Barrows who donated a great deal of his time volunteering to help out not only veterans, but also to make Jacksonville a better place.

"Through his dedication and volunteer work, he reminds the community that the men and women who served and fought for our country, past, present, and future will never be forgotten," read his award summary. "As the city's veteran liaison, he has been responsible for ensuring the city of Jacksonville is aware of what is happening in the veteran community. His caring for the people of the city and his fellow veterans are evident in all that he does and has not gone unnoticed."

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Marines from Camp Johnson and cosmetology students from Coastal Carolina Community College celebrate after their collaboration on a "day of beauty." The Single Marine Program organized the opportunity for female Marines to get their hair, makeup and nails done prior to their Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Friday. CCCC's cosmetology students made it possible by volunteering their time and skills.



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(Above) Pvt. Alicia Balderas, of the Personnel Administrative School at Camp Johnson, has her nails done by nail technician Stephanie Heaton. (Right) Cosmetology student Shlonda Collins fixes Pfc. Volya Gaillard's hair during SMP's day of beauty event. Collins, whose husband is a Marine, and Gaillard, who is just days away from graduating from Personnel Administrative School at Camp Johnson, discovered they are both originally from Louisiana. "I told her my head is messed up and she can get it right because she's from Louisiana," joked Gaillard.



# DAY OF BEAUTY

## Women Marines prepare for birthday ball

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Carolina Living editor

For many male Marines getting ready to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday means preparing their uniform and taking a shower.

For other Marines, who happen to be women, getting ready for their Marine Corps Birthday Ball can be a more elaborate process.

Three years ago, Anne Miren Berry, spouse of former Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools' commander, Col. Joel H. Berry III, recognized that fact and wanted to do something to honor those Marines.

Susan Goodrich and Robin Karratti of Camp Lejeune's Single Marine Program understood and worked on a plan to make that idea a reality.

"They are warriors, but they are also females and, at a ball, you want to have your hair and make up done," said Goodrich.

Enter: the SMP "Day of Beauty." Female, single Marines from Camp Johnson were invited to spend some time before their ball getting their hair and make up done by cosmetologists. During

the first two years of this program, the SMP called on the generosity of local studios to provide the professionals and ran the event out of the Camp Johnson recreation center.

"The problems we experienced were lack of space and blowing fuses," said Goodrich.

This year, the SMP asked Coastal Carolina Community College's cosmetology department if they would be willing to host the event at their studio and provide the services of their cosmetology students.

"They were not only willing to this, they were excited to do it," said Goodrich. "They saw it as a way to give back to the military and give their students the experience they need to graduate."

Friday, Lynn Reyes, CCCC's department head for cosmetology, circulated around the studio as her students, and a few graduates who came back specifically to volunteer for the event, did hair, make up and manicures for 50 SMP Marines. In addition to giving pointers, she made sure her student's creativity fell within the realm of military regulation.

For their part, both the CCCC stylists and Camp Johnson Marines

were grateful for the opportunity.

"It's really exciting," said Pvt. Joleen Quitano of the Supply School. "We're a roomful of girls looking pretty for the ball: hair, make-up, nails."

Cosmetology student Jordana Williams, who said her brother is a Marine, agreed as she worked on Quitano's hair.

"They don't get a chance to get pampered; it's just work, work, work," she said. "And I know what that's like. So it's good to be able to help out."

A few booths over, Pvt. Lauren Stevenson, of Camp Johnson's camp guard, was having her hair made into a French braid by Angela Orr.

"We always have our hair just one way, the bun, every day," she said. "And to be able to have it a different way is exciting."

Over in the manicure room, nail technician Rynne O'Connor was holding court. Her husband, a Marine staff sergeant, and she were preparing to go to their ball that evening as well and she was telling the young Marines what to expect.

"I really like that this school does things like this, where female Marines can come in and get

their hair and nails done," said O'Connor. "I like how they give back to the community."

O'Connor was giving Pfc. Irene Charley a French manicure.

"This is my first time getting my nails done," said Charley, who hails from Pohnpei Island in Micronesia and said she is only the fifth female Marine to be recruited from Micronesia. "I'm kind of excited to see how it's going to look."

At the end of their time at the studio, 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Harper, of the Personnel Administration School with Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, gathered all the Marines to say "thank you" to Reyes and her students.

"My grandmother always said, if you can't afford to give something back to someone who has done something nice for you, the least you can do is say 'thank you,'" said Harper as he presented Reyes with a certificate of appreciation.

Reyes said she was pleased her students were able to help the Marines get ready for their ball.

"It's neat that these young women are starting out their military careers, and the stylists are too; so they are supporting each other in their careers," she said.

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Photo by Heather M. Owens  
 Members of the Jacksonville United Services Organization's loyal, Thanksgiving cooking crew take a break after last year's feast. From left to right, they are retired Marines, Sgt. Maj. Joe Houle, Sgt. Maj. Mike Rooney and Gunnery Sgt. Stan Walker. Houle, one of the crew's lead organizers, said Walker's teenage son Jordan has been volunteering at the meal for the last eight years as well.

And to the service members and their families, Houle sends a special message: "Come hungry."  
 Editor's note: The USO is located at 9 Tallman St. in downtown Jacksonville. Buses will run from Camps Johnson and Geiger from about 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. to transport service members to and from the USO. Though no additional volunteers are needed to serve the Thanksgiving dinner, people may sign up now to volunteer for the Christmas meal by calling the USO at 455-3411.

## Girl Scouts give back



Courtesy photo  
 Girls Scouts of Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station have been collecting books and food items for the past couple of weeks. The books were donated to the Onslow County Partnership for Children's annual book drive and the food was donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The girls experienced service to others and working together to make a greater impact on their community through this drive, said their leaders.

## Officers' Wives Club announces scholarship program

The Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives Club announces the start of its 2010 college scholarship program. Military family members, who are either graduating high school seniors or military spouses attending an accredited college or university, are eligible for the scholarship. For additional information or to download an application, visit the Officers' Wives Club Web site at [camplejeunowc.org](http://camplejeunowc.org). Copies are also available at the Hidden Talents store at the Exchange Annex. Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered to Hidden Talents by Feb. 19, 2010. Selected applicants will be notified during late April 2010. For more information, contact Cathy Close at [davidcathyclose@msn.com](mailto:davidcathyclose@msn.com).

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Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Manpower department, which consists of the Installation Personnel Administration Center, base post offices, human resource offices, S-1 and G-1, will collect teddy bears after Thanksgiving through Dec. 21. Collected bears will be distributed to patrol cars so military police will be able to distribute them to children in homes they are called to investigate.

## Toy drive helps children facing difficult situations

**KATIE DENSMORE**  
Marine Corps Base

Usually a military officer visiting a home where housing is not a sign, the visit is unsuccessful for everyone involved, especially the children in the house who do not understand what is going on. Last year, a special toy collection drive started to help calm children down and keep them occupied while they are at their house doing business. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Manpower department, which consists of the Installation Personnel Administration Center, base post offices, human resource offices, and G-1, will collect bears after Thank-

sgiving through Dec. 21 for children in these difficult situations.

"We started the program just wanting to show support for the children of the brave men and women of the Marine Corps and Navy team," said Bill Joseph, military personnel and manpower officer. "This was our way of giving back to their children."

After the bears have been collected they will be presented to a representative from the Provost Marshal's Office to be distributed throughout the year as needed.

"It is up to the individual MPs to distribute them when they feel they are needed," Joseph said. "They are primarily for domestic violence cases where there are children present but not neces-

sarily involved. They are kind of like a pacifier for children."

The collected bears will be placed in patrol vehicles so MPs will have them when they are needed all throughout the year.

"The program was a great success last year," he said. "Our goal was to collect 100 teddy bears. We ended up collecting 107. This year our goal is to collect 130 or more."

For those wanting to donate, the bears should be clean and in good condition. They do not have to be new, but should look almost new.

The toys can be dropped off at IPAC in Bldg. 6, any post office on base, the Camp Lejeune Reception Center, Bldg. 1 by the Christmas tree and any human resources office.

## Festival of Trees brings holiday spirit early



Photo by Heather M. Owens

Angela Rodriguez, Jennifer Jamison and Rashon Bennet represent the Armed Services YMCA during Jacksonville's Festival of Trees, Sunday. The event, which ran through the weekend, raised money for home health care and hospice services in the county. The ASYMCA made more than 2,500 ornaments for children to decorate.

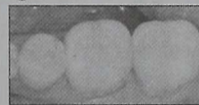
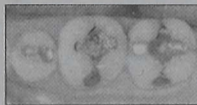


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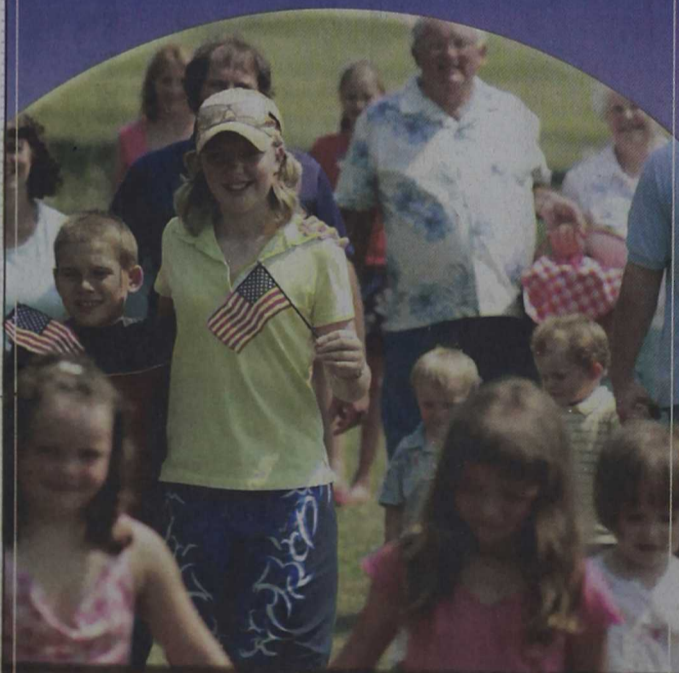
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