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## New MRAP tackles the toughest terrain for MEB-Afghanistan

MICHAEL CURVIN  
Marine Expeditionary

A tougher, more rugged vehicle can now be found on the roads in the Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan's operations. Mine Resistant Ambush Protected - All Terrain Vehicle arrived Nov. 16, offering the protection as larger vehicles, but also the ease of performing operations traditionally done by smaller vehicles. Designed for small combat operations, the M-ATV features a reinforced hull that helps protect crew members from roadside-bomb explosions away from its



The newest addition to Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan's motor pool, the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected - All Terrain Vehicle, arrived, recently at Camp Bastion in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The new vehicle provides crew members more survivability than its predecessor, the humvee.

Photo by Cpl. Michael Curvin

ATV to easily navigate rocky terrain.

"It will allow Marines to get into more restrictive terrain," Ramsey said. "We think it's going to be a huge benefit for the Marines."

Most Marines will welcome the comfort, but many will also be excited about the power. Sporting a 7.2-liter diesel engine, the M-ATV can reach 30 miles per hour in less than 11 seconds, despite weighing more than 25,000 pounds.

The vehicle also tackles terrain at speeds the humvee could not, even when going up steep inclines.

"Going up hills is nothing for the M-ATV," said Lance Cpl. Mario Rivera, a motor transportation operator with Brigade Headquarters Group, MEB-Afghanistan. "Other vehicles take forever to go up. Not this one."

Ramsey said the brigade expects to receive more than 500 of the new vehicles in the coming weeks. The M-ATVs currently here will be used to train future operators.

vehicle's design delivers more comfort to the crew, as well as protection from different angles. Sporting an independent suspension, the M-ATV keeps its crew a safe distance away from roadside improvised explosive devices, many

of which are designed to detonate when tires roll over them.

The M-ATV is not only mine, ballistic and IED-resistant,

it can roll through the desert without all the bumps encountered with the humvee.

"The M-ATV is com-

ing equipped with an independent suspension," Ramsey said. "Having independent suspension gives much better terrain

negotiation."

Each wheel is able to move freely, regardless of the axle to which it's attached, allowing the M-

HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

## Garmsir leaders, Marines discuss bazaar security, joint efforts

STAFF SGT. LUIS R. AGOSTINI  
Regimental Combat Team 7

The Garmsir Afghan National Police chief pleaded to his governor and the Marines for help.

Delivery trucks, mechanics and gas stations are filling the narrow streets of the Balaclava Bazaar, potentially disrupting business activities in the area. He requested joint patrols between Marines and Afghan National Army soldiers be stepped up, due to increased traffic and bazaar patrons. Speed bumps were requested to slow down speeding vehicles through the bazaar. Waste management and traffic control are becoming an issue. He actually recommended closing down a few of the shops, due to the potential of overloading security capabilities.

These issues, along with others, are a far cry from the Garmsir of just one year ago.

Garmsir, once a hotbed of Taliban activity and in Afghanistan's Helmand province, is beginning to serve as a model of economic progress in places such as the Balaclava Bazaar, where fruit stand managers, bread makers and other vendors make a living and provide local Afghans with goods and services.

During a security shura held at the Garmsir District governor's office Nov. 19, chiefs from the Afghan National Police, Afghan National Army and Afghan Border Police, collectively known as the Afghan national security force, along with Lt. Col. John E. McDonough, commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, met with Garmsir District Gov. Abdullah Jan to discuss security issues within the Garmsir District.

"We promise that our guys will work with your guys during the duration of your deployment. All ANSF

organizations work side by side and are everywhere your guys are. I promise that I will take my guys and fight the enemy. I pledge my commitment to the Marines on behalf of the people of Garmsir," Jan told McDonough.

Although reduced, Taliban activity is still active throughout Garmsir.

"The enemy is preaching propaganda, and intimidating the people. They're planting more IEDs to kill ANSF and ISAF forces," Jan said. "Face to face, they can't fight."

Jan also recognized the sacrifices made by the battalion, which took over its area of operations in mid-November.

"Everyone has family in the U.S.," Jan said. "We'll never forget it."

A big problem back in 2005 was 100 kilometers of porous border, which was free for everyone to come

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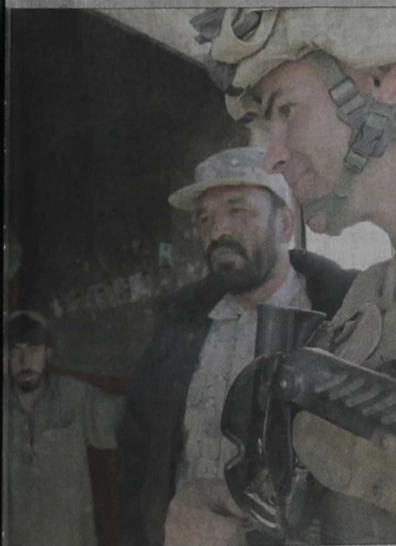


Photo by Staff Sgt. Luis R. Agostini

Col. John E. McDonough, commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, stops at a local bakery at the Balaclava Bazaar in Garmsir, Afghanistan, following a security shura at the Garmsir District governor's office recently.

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## 2/9 Marines Xback from the bay

Photo by Sgt. Heather Brewer  
Marines from Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines stand by on a Landing Craft Utility to board the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD, 1) after a month of training on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Marines are the ground combat element of the first Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force to operate in Marine Forces South's area of focus. The Wasp is currently deployed on Southern Partnership Station-Amphib with Destroyer Squadron 40 and embarked SCMAGTF.

# New laws take effect

## No texting while driving

It is illegal to type in or read text messages or e-mails while operating a vehicle on a public highway or street. The new law does not apply if the driver is parked or stopped. Penalty: a \$100 fine plus court costs.

## License plate frame covers

The state name and the month and year expiration dates must not be covered by license plate frames. Warnings will be issued for the first year. After that, violators could face a \$100 fine.

# SemperSafe

By the Base safety office

## Hunting, wildlife safety

Hunting safety, I'm sure those words mean different things to different people. What should stand out to most hunters is that hunting safety means gun safety. But as military folks we all know and apply gun safety, right? So why does the average number of hunting accidents in the U.S. stay around 240 per year with an average of 20 being fatal (Reference International Hunter Education Association) They didn't follow basic hunter's safety. With the hunting season comes hazards for non-hunters as well, and that is deer-related vehicle crashes. Deer collisions become more frequent during fall and winter due to deer migration and mating season, which typically occurs from October through December. About 1.5 million deer-vehicle collisions happen each year in the U.S. according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Those accidents cause about 150 deaths and \$1.1 billion in property damage annually, again according to NHTSA. Let's cover some basic safety guidelines for hunting and some tips to help avoid deer-related vehicle crashes.

Take a free hunter safety course — knowing the rules is the key to safe hunting (required in N.C.).

Firearms (including bows) and alcohol or drugs (including the prescription kind) do not mix.

Treat every firearm and bow as if it is loaded, keep the safety on until

you're ready to shoot.

Wear appropriate clothing for the elements and make yourself visible to other hunters (Deer can't see colors, so do not wear camo without wearing Hunter Orange).

Identify your target and beyond, emotions can run high when hunting so look twice, shoot once.

If friends are with you, give your firearm to one of them before crossing obstacles.

Tell a dependable person where you're hunting and when you plan to return.

If you're using a tree stand, wear a full body safety harness; 1 in 3 hunters using a tree stand fall from that tree stand.

Always use a cord or rope to raise and lower all equipment in tree stands so you can use three points of contact when climbing up or down, which is when most accidents occur.

When driving, "slow down" especially in areas noted for a large deer population, or where there are deer warning signs.

Always wear your seatbelt, it serves as your best protection from injuries in a crash.

Watch for eyes reflecting in your headlights, looking far down the road and scan the roadsides.

If you see one deer cross the road in front of you, don't assume that all is clear, deer herds can be fairly large and they often move one behind the other.



Courtesy Photo

"Deer whistles" or other devices that claim to prevent deer collisions do not work very well.

Maintain control of your vehicle, do not excessively swerve your vehicle or veer into the path of another vehicle to avoid contact with an animal.

Commanders, leaders and supervisors, ensure your personnel are made aware of these safety tips and other precautions to keep their on and off-duty activities mishap free. For more information, contact your base safety office, unit safety officer or visit <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>.

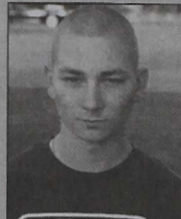
## MAN ON THE STREET

"What selections from the commandants reading list have you read recently?"



Cpl. Brandon J. Charpentier  
Headquarters and Support Battalion,  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune  
Broussard, La.

"I read *Fields of Blood* when I was in. It illustrated some realities of combat that I think it's important to read from the list. Our Corps is built on traditions and legends from the past."



Pvt. Perry Thomas  
1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division  
Morgantown, Ky.

"None, yet. I think it's important for somebody at his level to read. Certain military occupational specialties may be able to find information or inspiration on what they're doing."



Master Sgt. Paul Bishop  
Headquarters and Support Battalion,  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune  
Zanesville, Ohio

"On *Killing* was one I've read. Reading from the list is important because Marines know our history."



Pvt. Ethan Shaw  
3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division  
Washington, Vt.

"Rifleman Dodd, about dedication, and to keep pressing no matter what. A Marine who reads the books will see the importance."



Staff Sgt. Richard E. Near  
Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Battalion  
Marine Expeditionary Force  
Clayton, N.C.

"First to Fight. It was knowing who our friends and foes were through the Marine Corps and the other Marine Corps history. I think reading this book is important because Marines not only have to fight with a gun, but they also have to fight with their minds."

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## Naval hospital H1N1 vaccine clinics

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- Infants and children ages 6 months to 18 years old.

- Pregnant and breast feeding women.

- Persons who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months old.

The vaccine is only available on a first-come, first-served basis in the hallway behind the Pediatrics Clinic (Located on the first floor of the naval hospital) today through Friday and again Dec. 8 through Dec.

10 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The naval hospital will also provide the H1N1 vaccine to students enrolled in Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools. Permission slips and vaccination information were provided to the schools. Students should return the completed form signed by the parent to the

school in order for the student to receive their vaccination. Vaccinations are scheduled for the week of Dec. 7 through 11.

For additional information please visit the Naval Hospital webpage at [med.navy.mil/sites/nhcl/](http://med.navy.mil/sites/nhcl/), or call Jim Askins at 451-3712.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Grady T. Fontana  
Peter B. Lang (left), an instructor with the Georgia Training Team is rushed out of a building after being rescued by a Georgian soldier. Lang role-played as a hostage during a company raid exercise.

ASIANI, GEORGIA

# Marines prepare Georgian soldiers for deployment to Afghanistan

MASTER SGT. GRADY T. FONTANA  
Marine Forces Europe

About half a kilometer from two companies of Georgian soldiers lies the site—an old, run-down office control tower. A rickety, off-white, weathered and tattered building, devoid of all doors and windows, are the skeletal remains of Vasiani Air Base, a Soviet-era military base about 15 miles east of Tbilisi that has been abandoned and maintained since the early 1990s. Inside the tower, hundreds of soldiers are gathered, sitting on the ground, waiting for their briefing. The four-story building is a maze of corridors and rooms, some of which are used as storage for equipment and supplies. The building is a maze of corridors and rooms, some of which are used as storage for equipment and supplies.

As the scenario unfolds, 2nd Lt. Anthony M. Choros, an instructor with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and assigned to Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group, gathers his Georgian company commanders to provide them their briefing.

"We take a company through a scenario where they have to use the entire company to complete the mission," said Choros. "The mission is a movement to contact—a company raid. We gave them the mission—a U.S. Marine is captured, and the companies were given potential locations of his whereabouts. So they have to plan for two raids on two different targets."

Georgian army Senior Lt. Gorgodze Zaza, Company A commander, 31st Light Infantry Battalion, gathers his soldiers and directs his focus to a makeshift sand table on the ground. He uses rocks, sticks and whatever else he could find to represent the tower, hangars and the terrain as he explains his plan. Gathering his men in a company school circle, he issues the mission orders.

Along Zaza's flanks, Choros and a team of Marine instructors listen and evaluate. These instructors are part of the Georgia Deployment Program in support of International Security Assistance Forces. They are here to prepare Georgia's 31st Light Infantry Battalion for an upcoming ISAF deployment in March.

"Two companies prior have tried to do two simultaneous attacks," said Choros. "This company chose to take out the larger of the two buildings first. If they don't find the hostage in the first building, then they're going to assault the second objective."

The two companies begin their raid, cautiously snaking their way toward the tower, followed by intermittent rushes of squad-size elements from hangar to hangar, taking advantage of whatever cover and concealment they can muster. They soon learn that some of the hangars are fortified with insurgents, and quickly clear the hostiles out.

These companies are in the 11th week of a six-month training regimen for the Georgian's 31st Light Infantry Battalion. The regimen will culminate with a mission rehearsal exercise, prior to their deployment, at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany, in January. This training is designed to prepare them to operate alongside U.S., NATO and other multinational forces in

HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

# 2nd LAR heals physical, emotional wounds

CPL. JENN CALAWAY  
2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

It would be hard to recognize the young boy bounding out of the medical tent nestled inside the castle walls. The boy was limping from scratches on his leg only moments before. An inflated surgical glove serves as a new play thing for him and his friend. Although this was only a flesh wound, Navy corpsmen spending a few moments to provide basic remedies shows the locals that U.S. forces are here to help in an area once poisoned by insurgent presence.

A free clinic runs two to three times weekly at the Khan Neshin Castle—located in the "Fishhook" region of the Helmand River Valley—offering townspeople a convenient alternative to the long trek to the nearest Afghan hospital in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, which can take days and for most, is unaffordable.

"No government had a doctor here in 30 to 35 years. Every little thing from a sore throat to broken limbs is important," said Army Staff Sgt. Richard A. Bettis, Psychological Operations Chief working with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan. "They love us around here and this is why. All these little things start adding up."

The trust wasn't easily won, however, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Wright, civil affairs officer for Company D, 2nd LAR.

"You should have seen it when we first got here in July," Wright said. "There was no one out here in the shops, they wouldn't come near us. Now, they're letting their kids come inside the castle walls to be treated by our docs."

In a community where the majority of land is owned by generations of farmers, minor injuries can go for years without being treated.

"We see a lot of surface wounds that have infected over time and now require small surgical procedures," said Lt. Cmdr. Todd D. Bell, assistant battalion surgeon for 2nd LAR. "It's our goal to give long term care so that doesn't continue."

"One of my favorite patients came in every couple days for at least a month and hated it every time," said Chief Petty Officer Ryan D. Lisec, chief corpsman for 2nd LAR. "She was eight years old and fell in a pot of boiling milk. It was really painful for her when we changed her dressings and she fought us in the beginning. It was really rewarding to watch her recover to her normal self."

As 2nd LAR heals the physical wounds, they are also finding a cure for the way the locals view the service members. Now kids wave at the docs when they're out in the village and point to where their bruises and scrapes used to be.

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# Ground zero serves as inspiration, motivation for 26th MEU Marine

**SGT. DANIELLE BACON**  
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

People join the military for different reasons. Some join the Marine Corps to travel, others for money to go to school, but for one Marine from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit it was to answer a calling.

It came to Cpl. Kenneth Vandame when he was sitting in English class at Dansville High School in Dansville, N.Y. The principal came to his classroom and talked to the teacher. Soon every television was turned to the news and Vandame watched as planes crashed into the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center, Sept. 11, 2001.

He left his school in a state of shock.

"I was awe struck," said Vandame. "I wanted to do something. I wanted to do my part."

This drive became even stronger once he learned the fate of two of his friends. Vandame had changed high schools his freshman year. There was no reason for him to know his two friends were in harm's way. They were on a field trip for their business class. They died in the Twin Towers that day. Vandame later learned a distant cousin was also at the World Trade Center that morning. He perished as well.

Shortly after graduation, Vandame and his high school sweetheart married and had their son Jakob.

"I still felt like I wasn't doing my part," he said. "I

was also looking for stability for my family." With another baby on the way, Vandame left for Marine Corps Recruit Training with his brother in July of 2006.

"I wasn't worried about boot camp physically, but mentally ... My wife was six months pregnant when I left," he said.

The fear of the unknown was coupled with knowing his wife had complications during her first pregnancy. After Recruit Training and Marine Combat Training, Vandame went to Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

"I checked in to comm. school Nov. 15 ... the day my daughter was born," he said.

The radio operator joined the 26th Marine

Expeditionary Unit March 2008.

When he got the news that the MEU was going to take part in the commissioning of USS New York, the Navy's newest landing platform dock and a ship built around the Navy and Marine Corps team, Vandame was ecstatic.

"I was excited, because it was an opportunity to take part in an historic event that was centered on the reason I had decided to join the Corps in the first place," he said. The new ship was built with 7.5 tons of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center and was commissioned in New York at Pier 88 on Nov. 7. "When I found out I could reenlist at ground zero, it made it that much more significant."



Vandame

Surrounded by cranes working to transform the area, Vandame and three other Marines from SPMAGTF-26 reenlisted inside the reconstruction site at ground zero, Nov. 4.

"It was emotional to say the least," said Vandame who had not been to the site since its destruction. "It truly helped to reconnect with those feelings and desires to serve."

It hit home even when he visited the World Trade Center Visitor Center. The features salvaged rubble as well as a wall for those 1

"On the act wasn't as hard as the tribute center, dame said. "There took you back. You see where you were yesterday. The are what really hit

Quotes from lined the walls, counted what they at the time.

"An event like engraved in your n like a tattoo that removed," he said, trip was like a edge sword. It wa to visit and see how has come, but em at the same time."

## Marines, sailors from USS Wasp participate in community relations project in Jamaica



Photo by Ensign Jason Fletch. Petty Officer 1st Class Wymeka Mahone hands out a teddy bear to a student at Fern Grove Basic School in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Mahone and fellow sailors and Marines from USS Wasp (LHD 1) participated in a community relations project at the school in which they passed backpacks and teddy bears to the students. The Wasp is currently deployed on Southern Partnership Station-Amphib with Destroyer Squadron 40 and embarked Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force. Southern Partnership Station is part of the Partnership of the Americas Maritime Strategy that focuses on building interoperability and cooperation in the region to meet common challenges.

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"I want to help my country," said Said Ahmad, an instructor at the academy. "These men never received respect, so they could barely handle themselves or appreciate someone trying to stand in front of them and teach them something. Now, they can communicate with each other and ask questions to the Marines when they don't understand."

The class leader, a former police officer who served in his local police station with no formal training, knows the importance of learning life-saving techniques first hand.

"One time, we were patrolling down the streets of my village and we began to take fire from the windows," said Khana Sardar Muhammad. "When people are getting shot all around you, everything becomes jumbled. It is good we are learning what to do in those moments."

Over the first four weeks, a mutual respect has developed between the instructors and students, said Leggaard.

"Most of these guys, even the young ones, have seen combat. They're pretty tough," said Leggaard. "In the beginning, it was rough all around. They didn't want to eat or do anything we said. But now that we've got a solid group and they know that we're not trying to force our ways on them, it's a lot better."

"I think they've realized now that when they're done here, they're going to have a choice," Leggaard continued. "And for most of them, that means defend-

ing their families. So that's when you can see it really start to click for them."

Now almost halfway through the training, Said Mohammad is no longer recognizable as the hesitant boy not sure of his next move. Now, he stands tall in his pressed uniform, listening intently as his instructor translates the Marine's lesson into Pashtu.

"What gives me the confidence that these guys are going to go out and serve the people of Afghanistan well?" asked Leggaard. "Well, they're learning from us. I have eyes on them every day and can correct them on the spot."

Said Mohammad knows he must learn all he can while at the academy because, very soon, he will be using these techniques, and it won't be for training.

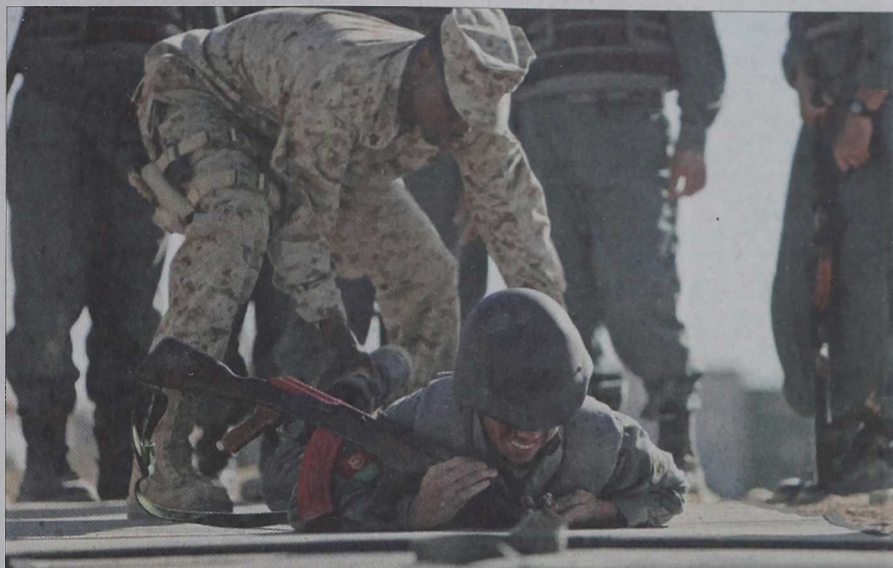


Photo by Cpl. Jenn Calaway

A Marine infantry instructor at the Afghan National Security Force Academy in Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province assists a recruit executing a low crawl tactical movement technique, recently. More than 50 Afghans volunteered for the two month long basic training iteration hosted by coalition forces.



Photo by Cpl. Jenn Calaway  
Recruits attending the Afghan National Security Force Academy on Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province perfect their low crawl techniques under the watchful eye of their infantry Marine instructor, recently. The two month long training evolution gives volunteer recruits the tools necessary to return to their district police stations U.S. Marine Corps trained to face insurgent threat.

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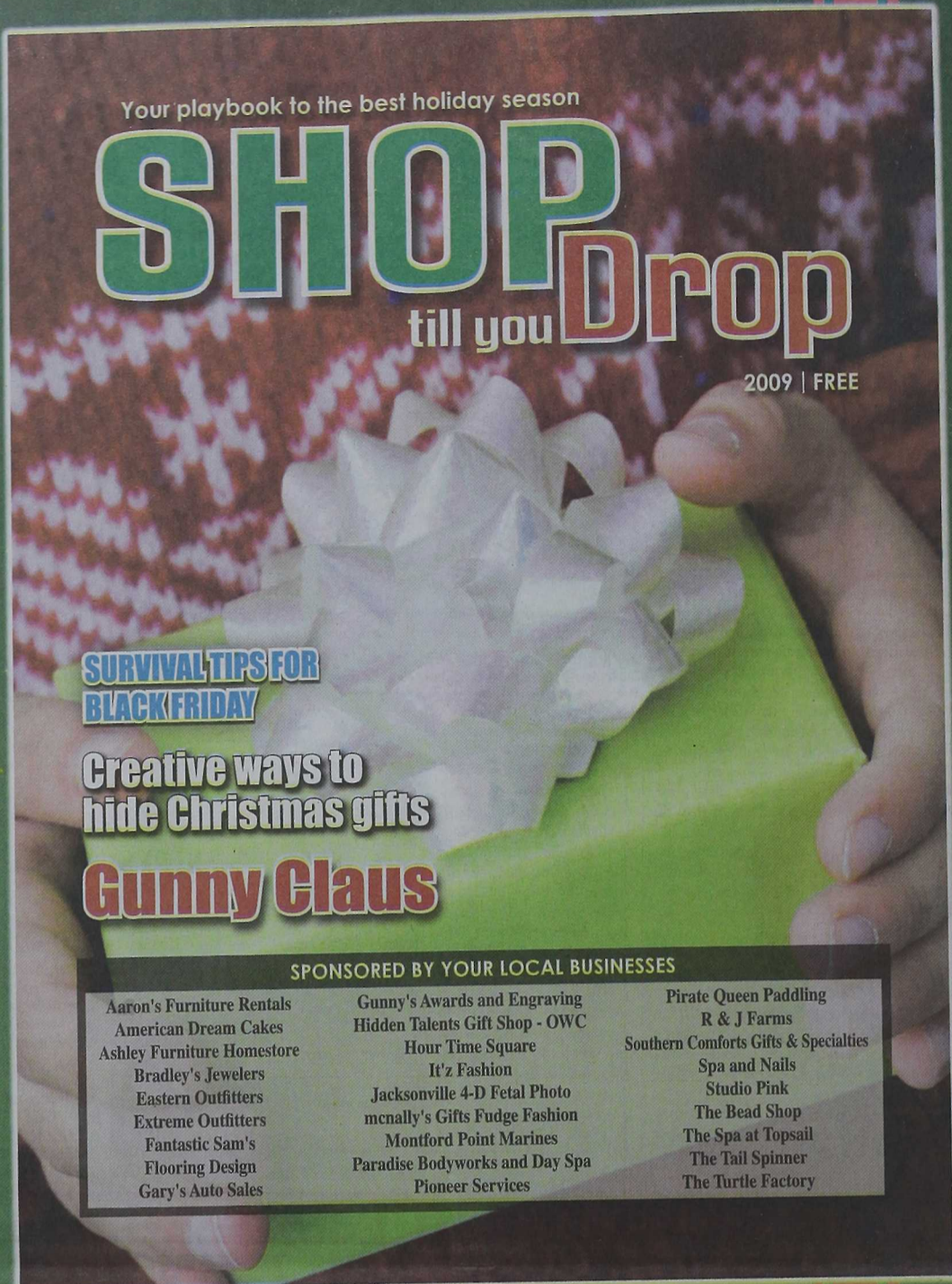
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ISAF. "It's not so much a  
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 ship; we're mentoring,  
 we're coaching, and we're  
 advising the Georgian mili-  
 tary, which is a very capable  
 military, on how they can  
 operate (in a counterinsur-  
 gency situation) better."

Amidst the fog and chaos  
 of the exercise, the objec-  
 tive was met with the U.S.  
 Marine captive found and  
 rescued. "The movement  
 to the objective wasn't bad,  
 they would've lost a couple  
 of guys, but they success-  
 fully rescued the Marine  
 detainee and they also cap-  
 tured the insurgent's lieu-  
 tenant," said Choros.

Although the GDP-  
 ISAF training focuses spe-  
 cifically on the need of the  
 Georgian forces to operate  
 in Afghanistan, it is also de-  
 signed to prepare the Geo-  
 rgian soldiers to be interop-  
 erable with other NATO  
 and ISAF partners. Now,  
 Marines are also providing  
 noncommissioned officer  
 development.

"Their previous doctrine  
 had them very centralized  
 — the old Soviet doctrine;  
 however, we're trying to  
 teach them to be decentral-  
 ized...where the company  
 is running a patrol base,"  
 said Thoele.

In a typical Georgian

military unit, the officer is  
 responsible for everything,  
 and the NCO is responsible  
 for nothing, according to  
 Georgian army Capt. Alex  
 Tugushi, battalion com-  
 mander, 31st Light Infantry  
 Battalion. Officers run ev-  
 ery aspect of the battalion.

"Under the suggestion  
 of Col. Cottrell, he recom-  
 mended we give the NCOs  
 more responsibilities," said  
 Tugushi. Col. Scott C.  
 Cottrell is the director of  
 MCTAG.

The GDP-ISAF began  
 NCO development train-  
 ing and made NCOs team  
 leaders and squad leaders:  
 armory NCOs were placed  
 in charge of the armory,  
 and transportation NCOs  
 in charge of vehicles, etc.

At the request of the  
 Georgian army, the Mar-  
 ines with the GDP-ISAF  
 continue to conduct NCO  
 development: NCO course,  
 squad leaders' course, pla-  
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 NCO course, armory NCO  
 course, etc.

"The new NCOs, new  
 sergeants — they are mo-  
 tivated and eager to receive  
 more experience and edu-  
 cation," said Tugushi.

Marines training the  
 Georgian army is not a new  
 concept.

In June the Chief of

Defense for Georgia of-  
 fered the U.S. government  
 four battalions to go over  
 to Afghanistan. These four  
 battalions would be trained  
 one at a time for six months  
 each, consecutively, over  
 two years.

Prior to the GDP-ISAF,  
 Marine Corps Forces Eu-  
 rope and MCTAG led an  
 assessment. They identi-  
 fied some of the things they  
 need to work on, and based  
 on that, built the six-month  
 training plan.

"We have to train them  
 the best we can because  
 they're going to serve along-  
 side U.S. Marines in com-  
 bat," said Thoele. "Each  
 and every Marine takes  
 that seriously, because if  
 we don't train them as good  
 as we train Marines, then  
 that's a chink in our armor  
 and the enemy could break  
 through."

The GDP-ISAF not only  
 trains the Georgian soldiers  
 on infantry tactics, tech-  
 niques and procedures, they  
 also train these soldiers in  
 all aspects of being self-  
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 73 Georgian soldiers in an  
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 vee driving course; they've  
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 they can train others; they've  
 conducted commu-

nications training and plan-  
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 an intelligence gathering  
 course.

"Every soldier, regard-  
 less of their (military occu-  
 pational specialty), is be-  
 ing trained," said Thoele.  
 "The first month (training)  
 was infantry heavy...but  
 the rest of the training was  
 in their specialty. If you're  
 a motor (transport) guy,  
 you're going to learn to be  
 a Motor T guy. Again, they  
 have knowledge; they're a  
 functioning military bat-  
 talion. We're just trying  
 to make them that much  
 better to work alongside  
 U.S. Marines in a counter-  
 insurgency environment in  
 Afghanistan."

However, the GDP-  
 ISAF is not the first time  
 the U.S. Marines have  
 trained with Georgian  
 forces. Georgia was one of  
 the first countries to offer  
 its full, unconditional sup-  
 port to the U.S. in the fight  
 against terrorism.

As a result of the part-  
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 Train and Equip Program,  
 too, was a time-phased

training program focused  
 on enhancing the capa-  
 bilities of the Georgian  
 military.

In essence, the GTEP,  
 which also lasted two years,  
 was designed to protect the  
 Georgian force's homeland  
 from terrorist threats while  
 promoting peace, security  
 and stability in Georgia and  
 the Caucasus region.

Then, in 2005, Georgian  
 President Mikheil Saakash-  
 vili offered to send troops  
 to Iraq. Thus, the Georgia  
 Sustainment and Stabili-  
 ty Operation Program was  
 born.

The GSSOP was, also,  
 a time-phased, two-year  
 training program. While  
 GTEP was geared toward  
 providing Georgia the ca-  
 pability of meeting an inter-  
 nal terrorist threat, the GSSOP  
 was focused on training the  
 Georgian military to pre-  
 pare and execute stability  
 operations in Iraq.

Many of the Georgian  
 soldiers who are preparing  
 to deploy to Afghanistan  
 are veterans of Operation  
 Iraqi Freedom.

As the GDP-ISAF con-  
 tinues, the 31st Light In-  
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 its training in February and  
 deploy in early spring; the  
 next battalion begins train-  
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## Bulldogs take

# BITE OUT

## of Devil Pups



Photo by Jamie Cameron  
Lejeune High School's Zach Grogan throws his Dixon opponent during their match in the 112-pound weight class. The undermanned Devil Pups lost to their Division 1A Coastal Plains Conference foes by the score of 66-18, Tuesday.

### JAMIE CAMERON

Assistant managing editor

**T**he wrestling Devil Pups of Lejeune High School came out on the wrong side of a dogfight with the Dixon High School Bulldogs, Monday, losing to their Division 1A Coastal Plains Conference foes, 66-18.

The Devil Pups hosted the match, but were understaffed — injuries and extenuating circumstances to six Lejeune starters forced the Devil Pups to forfeit five weight classes and the 30 points that went with them.

The competition started at 112 pounds, with Lejeune's Zach Grogan taking the mat against his Dixon counterpart. Grogan held a points lead through all three rounds, but a mistake in the final minute of the match cost him dearly and Dixon earned the pin.

Alex Banus battled throughout his 119-pound bout, despite falling behind early on points. Just when it appeared he would survive the match without his shoulders touching the mat, Banus' opponent scored the pin with four seconds left.

The Devil Pups were eager to put some points on the board after fail-



Photo by Jamie Cameron  
Drew Dubbs puts the squeeze on his Dixon High School foe during their match at 135 pounds. Dubbs scored the pin seconds later and was one of three Devil Pups who won their matches Tuesday.

ing to do so after two matches, and 125-pounder, R.J. Traylor nearly obliged. Traylor had his man just inches from being pinned in the first round, but the Dixon grappler escaped. Unfortunately for the Devil Pups fans, the tables were turned in the second round of the match and Traylor became the third consecutive Lejeune wrestler to be pinned.

Finally, Lejeune's co-captain, Caleb Sommers, turned the tide during the 130-pound match. Sommers, who wrestled well for the Devil Pups last season, pinned his man

with 1:15 to go in the second round.

Drew Dubbs, Lejeune's other veteran, co-captain, kept the ball rolling with his 1 minute pin in the 135-pound weight class and, for a short while at least, the momentum in the gymnasium shifted over to the Devil Pup side of the mat.

The feeling was short-lived, however, as the Bulldogs racked up quick pins in the 140, 145 and 152-pound matches.

Newcomer, Dalton Scarborough, gave the home crowd something to cheer about during the final bout

of the night. Scarborough, who wrestles at 189 pounds, pinned his man in 42 seconds to round out the scoring for the Devil Pups.

"When we get those six starters back, we're going to be all right," said Lejeune head coach Tom Childs. "I can't complain about anything. My kids are working hard and getting better every week."

The next scheduled home wrestling match at Lejeune High School is Friday, against Swansboro High School. The competition will begin at 6 p.m.

# Waterfowl staging North of Virginia border as winter nears



## Lejeune Outdoors

With Jamie Cameron

I hope everyone had a nice holiday weekend. Maybe, between the Thanksgiving turkey and the televised football extravaganza, you managed to get out in the field or on the water. I didn't, but I had plenty of opportunities to do some wildlife watching, which is a nice change of pace during the middle of the hunting season when I tend to become too focused on putting game in the bag.

My trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia was perfect. A cold front moved across the Delmarva Peninsula overnight, Nov. 25, and the weather brought waterfowl to the tidewater creek where my in-laws live, off Chesapeake Bay.

On Thanksgiving morning, I stood on the back porch with binoculars in hand and watched a dozen or so bufflehead frolic 100 yards away.

The flock of resident Canada geese was there too, and their presence was attractive enough to bring in a single tundra swan to check out the scene. The swan stuck around through most of the day, before it took off to find others of its

kind — probably Lake Mattamuskeet or the Albamarle Sound.

Over the course of my four days at the creek, I saw wood ducks, hooded mergansers and a drake green-winged teal. Now that I'm home in North Carolina, I can only hope those birds will find their way to the creeks and swamps I hunt on a regular basis throughout the waterfowl season.

The deer were moving as well. Each and every time we hopped into the car to run errands or go hiking, I saw deer, even during the middle of the day.

Back in the days when whitetail deer were scarce and reintroduction efforts were underway to bring them back, the Eastern Shore of Virginia got its stock from northern states, or so I've been told. For whatever reason, the deer I saw were big-bodied specimens. Even the yearlings seemed heavy enough to pass for mature does here on the Coastal Plain.

I find it especially helpful to watch deer behave naturally, when they are not being hunted. It allows me to make better decisions on where and when

to set up when I am hunting. It also reminds me how beautiful whitetail deer truly are and how lucky we are to have them in relative abundance in Eastern North Carolina.

Among fishing circles, many veteran anglers are chalking up the 2009 fall season for speckled trout as a bust. Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, reports some small trout in the creeks and along the surf, but the big boys never made a sustained run this season along Bogue Banks. Of course, there are a few experts who can catch keepers consistently, but they hold the locations of their favorite honey holes as closely-guarded secrets. Undoubtedly, your best bet to land a trophy trout as the season comes to a close will be with live shrimp, fished back in the creeks off

the New River or Neuse River.

The Cape Lookout Jetty has been a traditional big trout spot, but even there, the fish are small and scattered. In fact, it's the gray trout that have taken up much of the slack at the jetty, with fishermen landing specimens in the 2- to 3-pound range.

Surf and pier fishermen aren't completely out of luck yet. There are still some black drum, sea mullet, small bluefish and blowfish to go along with the usual, late-season skates and dogfish.

Offshore, the king mackerel fishing has been excellent, making up for the reduced opportunities at false albacore, as their remarkable fall run comes to a close.

Until next week, good luck out there.



Photo by Jamie Cameron

Hooded mergansers are frequently encountered in small ponds and open swamps. They are not held in high regard as table fare.



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# Nets fire Frank after 0-16 start

NEWS REPORT

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The winless New Jersey Nets fired coach Lawrence Frank on Sunday, several hours before they matched their worst start in NBA history with their 17th straight loss.

Assistant Tom Barrise temporarily replaced his friend, but the Nets remained 0-for-the-season with a 106-87 loss to the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Though Frank's departure has been widely expected while New Jersey lost every game in the season's first 4-1/2 weeks, several of Frank's players claimed they were stunned when their energetic coach showed up at their morning team meeting in Los Angeles not wearing his Nets gear.

"It's tough, because he was the hardest worker on the team," center Brook Lopez said. "He's so passionate about what he does. It was a rough situation, and he did a great job of not using our injuries as an excuse. He came in every night and had us prepared."

Frank was in his sixth full season, the longest-tenured coach in the Eastern Conference and the most successful coach in the Nets' NBA history. But none of those victories came this season, and the team dismissed him with a 225-241 record.

"Lawrence always approached every day with a passion for his craft that was infectious, and his dedication to the game as well as his work ethic are to be both admired and appreciated," Nets president Rod Thorn said in a statement. "I wish he and his family only the best of good fortune in the future."

Frank began his career with a 13-game winning streak, the best coaching start in league history. But he couldn't overcome a losing streak that was even longer, just a game shy of the 17-game skids set by the 1988-89 Miami Heat and the 1999 Los Angeles Clippers.

Plagued by injuries this season, the Nets faced some games where they were missing four starters and suited up the minimum eight players. Still, they played hard and stayed close for most of those games, figuring the wins would come when they started getting some bodies back.

"That's probably as little talent as I've seen anybody put on the floor in the long time with everybody hurt," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Yet they were able to fight and stay competitive. The guy's done a great job there."

Despite the losses, Frank was expected to last through the four-game trip out West that ends Sunday, with management wanting to give him time with a regular roster. But they decided it was time for a change after the Nets fell far behind in losses at Denver and Sacramento.

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 Gunnery Sgt. Gaw Jones, attached to Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force, currently deployed with the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), maneuvers the ball around in opponent during a friendly soccer game against Irie FM radio station Thursday. The Wasp is currently deployed on Southern Partnership Station-Amphib with Destroyer Squadron 40 and embarked SCAGTF. Southern Partnership Station is part of the Partnership of the Americas Maritime Strategy which focuses on building interoperability and cooperation in the region to meet common challenges.

MO RIOS, JAMAICA

# Wasp Marines kick start busy day with soccer match

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 The Wasp's sailors and Marines also participated in various community relations events, and military-to-military training aimed at strengthening partnerships and improving regional security during the ship's two-day stay anchored off the coast of the island.  
 The Marines were originally scheduled to play a soccer match with the Jamaican Defense force but it was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Irie FM, volunteered to play the Wasp Marines.  
 "The U.S. Embassy gave us a call and asked if we would play," said Nich-

olas Evans, sports reporter and producer for Irie FM. "We gladly accepted."  
 The first half of the game was close for both sides and by the beginning of halftime Irie FM was up 1-0.  
 "It was tough," said Cpl. Alan Brandli, embarked SCAGTF member. "They had a lot of talent and you could tell that they had been playing together for awhile."  
 Not only were the Marines and Irie FM getting into the game, the crowd of over 100 spectators enjoyed the match as well.  
 "It was a great experience," said 2nd Lt. Matthew Porter, SCAGTF communications officer. "The size and atmosphere of the crowd ... there was a lot of

good-natured ribbing."  
 Irie FM ended up on top with a 3-0 victory, but the Marines didn't give the Jamaicans the win easily.  
 "It certainly wasn't a blowout," said Porter. "I think if we had cleats it would've been better, but we did great for never playing together. I think the Jamaicans were pretty surprised."  
 No matter the score, it was clear the Marines enjoyed the game and were more than ready to play again.  
 "It was a good experience," said Brandli. "I love soccer; I've played it my whole life. It was good camaraderie, they enjoyed having us out there and we enjoyed being there."

The Jamaicans also had a fun time interacting with the Marines.  
 "We really enjoyed it; pure fun" said Evans. "It's good having you guys here and you could see the guys were really having fun. We would definitely play you guys again. Thank you for the nice day."  
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# Gridiron GURU: Patriots, Colts continue unbeaten run



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the Patriots. If you don't salivate over a Saints/Vikings NFC championship game down the road, you must not have a pulse.

The league's newfound concern with concussions and their lasting effects has taken its toll on rosters across the league. Ben Roethlisberger was kept out of the Baltimore game after he admitted to having headaches following practice last week. Had he played, I

think the Steelers' playoff hopes would be much more realistic, but I don't think anyone is suggesting the NFL go back to the days when concussions were simply shrugged off and the players sent back onto the field at their own discretion. After losing Brian Westbrook, perhaps for the rest of the season, to just such an injury, the Philadelphia Eagles might now be without their budding star at wide receiver, DeSean Jackson, after suffering a concussion in the second half against Washington.

The injury bug hit the Atlanta Falcons especially hard last week. The "Dirty Birds" saw starting quarterback Matt Ryan limp off the field with an ankle sprain and lost running back Michael Turner for the second time this season when he re-aggravated his own ankle injury. Atlanta also lost two

of its starting offensive linemen during the game. We'll have to wait and see about their status later this week.

I had another excellent week with my picks, going 4-1, which brings my record up to 37-23 for the season. Do yourself a favor and consider this week's prognostications closely before signing up for The Globe's Football Forecast (camplejeuneglobe.com).

On to this week's picks:

**Tampa Bay (1-10) at Carolina (4-7)**

The Buccaneers had a shot at winning their second game this season against the injury-ridden Atlanta Falcons last week, but it just wasn't meant to be. I'm still impressed by the solid play of their rookie quarterback, Josh Freeman. At this point in the season, it's safe to say Freeman is playing at a higher level than his counterpart this week, Jake Delhomme. Delhomme threw four more picks against the New York Jets, during a loss that solidified the perception that the Panthers are just going through the motions and waiting for next year's draft and free agency. Now, Carolina already beat Tampa Bay this season, but can they do it again? I, for one, am sick and tired of giving the Panthers more credit than they deserve. Starting this week, I'm breaking ranks with the faithful and calling for the minor upset in this

battle between NFC South also-rans. Pick: Tampa Bay

**Houston (5-6) at Jacksonville (6-5)**

If you watch football with any regularity, you could see the Jaguars' loss in San Francisco last week coming from a mile away. Jacksonville is a solid, young team with good skill-position players on offense, but East Coast clubs have a hard time when they travel all the way to the West Coast for games. After several years of respectability, the Jacksonville defense is suspect and asking too much of the offense to keep the games close against good teams. Houston is a good team. The Texans proved their mettle against Indianapolis last week, despite blowing a big lead in the second half. David Garrard is no Peyton Manning, and I think Jacksonville will be hard-pressed to come from behind against Matt Schaub, Steve Slaton and Andre Johnson in a game that could have wild card implications. Pick: Houston

**Tennessee (5-6) at Indianapolis (11-0)**

What an amazing turnaround the Tennessee Titans have undergone over the last five games. The Titans were 0-6 going into their bye-week and dead in the water. Team management insisted a change at quarterback and Vince Young was pressed back into service after his long hiatus. The results have

been simply remarkable. Tennessee is winning again and who's to say they can't make the playoffs? Second-year running back Chris Johnson is having a monster season and I don't think it's about to stop in Indianapolis. If the Colts continue to have trouble on defense and play inconsistently on offense, this could be the defining moment of the Titans' season. Could it happen? Sure, but it's not very likely. Peyton Manning is playing at a level rarely see in professional sports. He is making all the right decisions and all the right throws to keep the beleaguered Colts undefeated in the face of adversity. I think there will be extra incentive for Indianapolis to come out of the gate firing on all cylinders this week. Pick: Indianapolis

**Dallas (8-3) at New York Giants (6-5)**

Anyone who sat down to watch the Thanksgiving Day game between the Giants and the Broncos would be hard-pressed to come up with an explanation for New York's horrible, horrible showing. Perhaps the Giants were sleepy after the turkey feast. New York has gone from a playoff contender to a post-season contender, and it's hard to figure why. Heck, the Giants beat the Cowboys earlier in the season, but that victory is now a distant memory. Eli Manning has had trouble with his foot, but it doesn't really seem to be affecting the way he plays. The Giants' defense is lifeless and

forlorn. I have to believe the coaching staff is going to go through some major changes at the end of the season. Dallas is a good football team, not great, but they're atop the NFC East. This was once a premier match-up for everyone to look forward to. Unfortunately, the rivalry appears to be on vacation for the time being. Pick: Dallas

**Minnesota (10-1) at Arizona (7-4)**

I'll try to keep the gushing to a minimum, but Brett Favre has made me a fan again. The guy is having such an incredible year (24 touchdowns and three interceptions) and he's having fun doing it. When you watch the Minnesota Vikings huddle, you get the feeling they're playing flag football in the backyard. What offensive player in the NFL wouldn't want Favre as his quarterback right now? The Minnesota defense is equally impressive. It's hard to argue against the Vikings as the most complete football team in the league. The Arizona Cardinals are playing well enough to get back to the playoffs, but they just fell to the emerging Tennessee juggernaut, and it's uncertain if quarterback Kurt Warner will need another week off. The Cardinals will be at home, but I can't see them coming up with a plan that can stop Minnesota, either on offense or defense. Pick: Minnesota

## Contenders stay unbeaten, BCS stays unchanged

**D. RUSSO**  
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For a weekend when all the national championship contenders were undefeated, the BCS standings remained unchanged. Florida was first, Alabama second and Texas third Sunday. The Gators will play in the Eastern Conference championship game for one spot in the BCS national title game. The Longhorns can earn the spot with a victory against Nebraska Big 12 title game. BCS bids go out Sunday. Contending for a Texas loss are fourth-place TCU, which finished its regular season 12-0, and fifth-place Cincinnati, which can boost its ranking by beating Pittsburgh for the Big East championship. Sixth-place Boise State (12-0) will be fighting for Texas. The Broncos play Mexico State and likely need the win to ensure themselves a large BCS berth. Florida had an easy time running for 12-0, beating rival Florida State 7-10, Nov. 28. In the week, Alabama and Texas had to struggle to get to 12-0. Crimson Tide rallied late to beat Texas 26-21 and the Longhorns won a 9-39 game against Texas A&M. Now all three are a victory away from the Rose Bowl on Jan. 7 with national championship on the line. Florida practically a repeat of last

season's championship weekend, when Florida and Alabama played what amounted to a national semifinal in Atlanta and Oklahoma needed to win the Big 12 title to advance to the national championship game.

The Gators and Sooners ended up in the national championship game, with Florida winning its second title in three seasons.

If Texas losses at Cowboys Stadium to Nebraska, expect a furious debate about who should play in the national title game against the SEC champion.

TCU (.8689) and Cincinnati (.8547) are virtually tied in the standings. The Horned Frogs are ahead of the Bearcats in the two polls, but Cincinnati has a stronger computer rating.

Beating Pittsburgh could push the Bearcats past TCU and put them in position to take advantage of a Texas loss and slip into the national title game.

That is, unless the loser of the SEC championship game doesn't stay ahead of the pack and set up a rematch between Florida and Alabama in Pasadena, Calif.

There has never been a regular-season rematch in the BCS title game nor a matchup of teams in the same conference.

In 2006, Florida leaped past Michigan in the final BCS standings to prevent a rematch of Ohio State-Michigan in the national title game. The Gators went on to beat the Buckeyes and win their first title under coach Urban Meyer.

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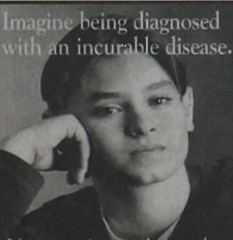


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# Run benefits children, environment

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Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

Despite the cold wind and rain, nearly 75 Marines and civilians showed up to participate in the America Recycles Day 5-kilometer race at the Cherry Point physical fitness test course recently.

The 5th annual run and walk was hosted by the air station's Environmental Affairs Department in support of Toys for Tots, programs for wounded warriors and a cleaner planet.

Dave Cooke, recycling manager for environmental affairs, said the goal for the event was to inspire people to think green.

"We hope to bring awareness to the amount of money we can save on the air station by recycling," Cooke said. "We save \$150 for every ton of trash we keep from going to the landfill."

In order to participate, the runners and walkers were asked to either donate aluminum cans, with proceeds going to programs for wounded warriors, or donate a new toy for Toys for Tots.

Alicia Filzen, physical scientist for environmental affairs, said the run was a success, with participants donating more than 1,200 pounds of recyclable aluminum and numerous toys, including four bicycles. The aluminum will be redeemed for cash through recycling initiatives.

"The run went well," Filzen said. "It is important to raise awareness of recycling, especially considering the new state law that prohibits throwing plastics into the landfills."

Cooke said runs like this one are a great way to have a good time and learn to be Earth friendly.

"The run can be fun, and recycling is one of the best things for the environment," Cooke said.

The winner of the race was Steve Lundberg, an industrial specialist with Fleet Readiness Center East, with a time of 19 minutes, 29 seconds.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Santiago G. Colon Jr.

Steve Lundberg, an industrial specialist with Fleet Readiness Center East, nears the finish line during the 5th annual America Recycles Day 5-kilometer race at the Cherry Point physical fitness test course, recently. Lundberg finished the race in first place with a time of 19 minutes, 29 seconds.

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## Warrior Games set for wounded athletes

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Calling all athletes (active duty, reserve, and veteran): If you aspire to be, or already have the skill level to be a warrior athlete, now is your chance to go out and prove it.

The Warrior Games are scheduled to take place May 10 through 14, 2010 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Co. The featured sporting events include swimming, cycling, track and field, shooting, archery, wheelchair basketball and seated volleyball.

The program is designed to elevate abilities through athletic competition for wounded, ill, and injured service members, providing a focal event to empower the incorporation of athletics into military service wounded warrior programs.

The Warrior Games will be an annual event to celebrate the achievement and abilities of wounded warriors.

The 4-day sports extravaganza is designed to provide an official opportunity for wounded service members to qualify for U.S. Paralympics team, while at the same time, build camaraderie and raise awareness to the need for adaptive sports in the U.S.

The Wounded Warrior Regiment will begin taking applications for prospective athletes during mid-December. The Marine Corps plans to field a team of 50 athletes, plus 10 alternates for the games.

Details on the application process will be announced in a MarAdmin later this month.

If you are interested in participating in the games and would like more information, please e-mail, [WRRWarriorGames@usmc.mil](mailto:WRRWarriorGames@usmc.mil).

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# Cherry Point Marine shines on softball field

LANCE CPL. RASHAUN X. JAMES

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

Sgt. Stephanie Toomey, a field radio operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 1, has been playing competitive softball since she was 5.

Recently, she became the only female athlete from Cherry Point chosen to compete on the All-Armed Forces Women's Softball Team this year, earning a spot as an outfielder for the U.S. Armed Forces women's softball team.

"Stephanie didn't get a whole lot of time on the field last year, but she still stood out as one of the outstanding players," said Gil George, Cherry Point's athletic director. "You have to play very well to make it on the All-Armed Forces Team and she does."

In 2008, she was chosen to compete with the All-Armed Forces Women's Softball Team, made up of the best athletes and Fleet Marine Force sailors from Marine Corps installations around the world.

Toomey said her skill and experience comes from playing softball for 20 years. She said she also maintains an active lifestyle and strict workout routine. "I like riding a bike. Plus I stay active whether I'm playing or not."

"I hadn't trained the entire off-season, but I returned home from Iraq just in time to start training for the season started," Toomey said. "Softball, for me, is like riding a bike. Plus I stay active whether I'm playing or not."

The All-Armed Forces Softball Team finished second in the 2009 Amateur Softball Association of America National Championships in Oklahoma City. Toomey led the tournament for two days in batting average, fielding the highest batting average among the Marines on her team during the competition.

Toomey spoke about the pride she felt competing with her fellow Marines.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Rashaun X. James

Sgt. Stephanie Toomey, a field radio operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 1, was the only female Marine from Cherry Point to compete in the 2009 Amateur Softball Association of America National Championships in Oklahoma City, recently.

"There were only three Marines on the team," Toomey said. "People are always asking who the Marines are on the armed forces teams. We are literally the few among the other services."

Toomey, who has played competitively since she enlisted in 2002, offered some advice to Marines training

to compete in All-Marine and U.S. armed forces sports.

"If you are interested in competing, say something to your command," Toomey said. "If you have the time, you should get out there and do it. It's a great opportunity to be an ambassador for your unit and the Marine Corps."

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## MARSOC dedicates new facility

**RICHARD BLUMENSTEIN**  
Marine Corps Forces,  
Special Operations Command

quarters building during a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 20, on Stone Bay.

During the ceremony, Gen. James Amos, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps was presented with a KA-BAR knife and Adm. Eric T. Olson, commander of U.S. SOCOM, was presented with a Marine Raider Stiletto to cut the ribbon.

"What you see behind you is a truly powerful

manifestation of what can happen when two organizations like the United States Special Operations Command and the United States Marine Corps combine resources, combine energy to contribute to the capabilities of a most important organization like the Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command with a most important mission at this time in our history," Olson said in

reference to the new facility.

The facility cost more than \$51 million and took 500 personnel to build. The construction of the facility began in January 2007 and reached completion on Sept. 6.

The facility's construction was part of a \$259 million project meant to reach completion in 2010. The project is a long-term military construction plan

to provide MARSOC with extensive, multi-faceted and functional compounds on Marine Corps Bases Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The new facilities consolidate Marines in MARSOC who previously were divided between 112 different facilities into 45. The facilities being constructed at Stone Bay include three barracks, 17 training facilities,

15 work facilities, and 10 miscellaneous facilities.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, Maj. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson passed the reigns of command to Maj. Gen. Paul E. Lefebvre, making him the third commander of MARSOC.

After the change of command, Maj. Gen. Robeson retired from the Marine Corps after 34 years of service.



## MARSOC gains third ever COMMANDER

Photo by Cpl. Richard Blumenstein

Gen. Mastin M. Robeson relinquished command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command to Maj. Gen. Paul Lefebvre, during a change of command ceremony in front of the MARSOC Headquarters building on Stone Bay, Nov. 20. Maj. Robeson retired from the Marine Corps after 34 years of service during the ceremony.

**RICHARD BLUMENSTEIN**  
Marine Corps Forces,  
Special Operations Command

**M**aj. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson relinquished command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command to Maj. Gen. Paul Lefebvre, during a change of command ceremony in front of MARSOC Headquarters building on Stone Bay, Nov. 20. Robeson retired from the Marine Corps following the ceremony after 34 years of service. He received his commission in December 1975.

During the ceremony Olson thanked Robeson for his service and welcomed the new MARSOC commander, Lefebvre.

"This is an important occasion for many reasons, today we

recognize a great general of Marines, not only for his leadership over the past year and a half, but also for a lifetime of service to the Corps and to his country," Olson said. "We will usher in a new commander of whom I have the greatest confidence."

Robeson became the second commander of MARSOC July 25, 2008. Under his command MARSOC has grown to about 2,200 Marines, sailors and civilians and is now at more than 80 percent of its total authorized strength.

He deployed more than 900 Marines in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, maintaining a constant MARSOC presence there. Those Marines include the first ever Marine-led Special Operations Task Force, who recently deployed.

Another 450 Marines have deployed to other parts of the globe conducting security cooperation activities and other joint training

activities.

Other milestones included standing up the Marine Special Operations Regiment, which acts as a headquarters element for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Marine Special Operations Battalions, and the graduation of 50 Marines from the first ever MARSOC Individual Training Course earning the title Marine special operator.

As a general officer he served as the assistant division commander and commanding general of 2nd Marine Division. He has been the commanding general of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, 3rd and 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigades and 3rd Marine Division. He also served as the deputy commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, and the director, strategy, plans and assessment CJ5, Multinational Force-Iraq.

His time in service includes deployments to Liberia, Somalia,

Horn of Africa, Southern Philippines, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He also served and deployed in support of Desert Storm.

Lefebvre is taking command of MARSOC after serving as the deputy commanding general of II MEF.

Lefebvre has also served as the commanding officer of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, deputy director for operations U.S. Pacific Command, deputy commanding general Multinational Corps-Iraq, director of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Staff Training Program, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, S.C.

A ribbon cutting also took place during the ceremony to commemorate the new MARSOC Headquarters building, which cost more than \$51 million to create.

## Leanes family clinches 2009 'Military Family of the Year' award

**DENNIS GARDNER**  
Marine Division

Throughout the military, exceptional men and women serve every day, often going beyond the call of duty. Recently, Dennis Leanes and his family were recognized for their contributions to the military community at the fifth-annual Military Family of the Year award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"This is actually the fifth year that we've won the Military Family award, but we decided to expand the award to celebrate one military family from each of the seven services," said Michelle Joyner, the communications director for NFMA.

Leanes, a Marine with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Division, and his family compete against other families from the Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Air National Guard, Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Aeronautics and Atmospheric Administration. Competing families were judged by a panel of nine senior military and military officials. A list of 10 families was selected from each branch of service, and placed to one remaining family whom they represent that branch.

The officials were looking for characteristics that simplify the best of military families, that make the family stand out as a role model in their community," Joyner said.

The event was held at the nation's capital, where the finalists were present for the announcing of the overall winning family.

Encompassing these qualities, Dennis and his family of seven have been active within the community for years, participating in a variety of charities and volunteer work.

While Dennis is working with the boy scouts and coaching softball and baseball, his wife Kristy leads Family Readiness meetings on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, fixes cars and sews baby clothes for neighbors. While they stay busy, their kids are just as active in the community.

Jordan, 13, repairs broken bicycles and donates them to local charities while his twin sister, Savannah coordinated a "Wounded Warrior Thank You" project through her family church, the Jacksonville Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, sending baked goods and letters to troops in the Wounded Warrior Battalion.

Bethany, 10, volunteers as a babysitter to help families with deployed parents. The three youngest of the seven, Marissa, 9, Emily, 6, and Karianne, 4, help in the kitchen, baking cookies and "friendship bread."

Voted 2009's Military Family of the Year, the Leanes took a week-long trip to the capital where they enjoyed the sites and were officially announced this year's winner.

Her family was inspired, Kristy said, between meeting and speaking with leaders in Washington and spending time with other



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Dennis Leanes and his family were named as the 2009 Military Family of the Year during a ceremony in Washington, D.C., recently.

patriotic families. Kristy continued to say she hopes that other families in the area will feel encouraged to excel through this experience.

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

## CLB-24 digitally trains for deployment

**LANCE CPL. DAVID BEALL**

24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 24, spent two days driving the streets of Iraq and Afghanistan without leaving the comforts of home, Nov. 19.

Using the Convoy Combat Simulator, which opened in July, Marines sat in seats of simulated High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacements, better known as 7-ton trucks, and operated in a simulated Iraq or Afghanistan environment.

"The Convoy Combat Simulator specifically trains Marines how to deal with situations they may encounter in a real-life scenario," said Adam J. Touchton, a civilian contractor at the CCS. "I would have to say that it is the most effective training that the military has to offer for this type of training."

The Marines work together, using radio communication with other simulators linked to them, and convoy through realistic terrain. During their time in the simulator they came upon real-life scenarios such as improvised explosion devices on the road, enemy contact and ambushes.

"The simulators were pretty intense, the graphics are very detailed and the scenarios are very realistic," said Lance Cpl. Stephanie K. Dauch, military policeman, MP platoon, CLB-24, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. "I learned how to properly execute escalation of force and the importance of dispersion during a convoy."

This training better prepared CLB-24 Marines for their upcoming deployment as a part of the 24th MEU.

"The purpose of this training is to allow the Marines another way of receiving convoy training as opposed to having to take the time to plan and put together convoys and it provides them the opportunity to experience what it is like to operate in a different environment," said Gunnery Sgt. Tony L. Moore, operations staff non-commissioned officer in charge, CLB-24, 24th MEU.

Although they have been very busy with many types of training in the past few months, most Marines agreed that this simulator was one of the best tools they've used so far.

"I liked this training better than actually gearing up and going out on real convoys for training. I would prefer this over the other training that we have been doing," said Dauch. "I think everybody here learned something today and the Marines all had a lot of fun doing it."

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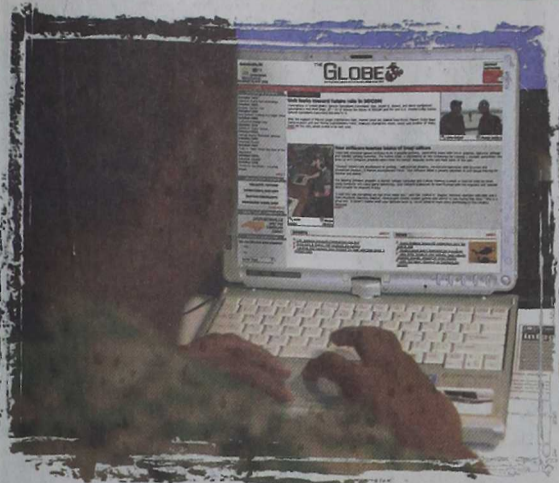


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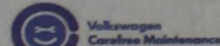
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Single Marines from Camp Lejeune's schoolhouses pose by the pool at River's Landing, a gated community near Wallace, N.C. The Single Marine Program provided transportation for approximately 200 Marines to enjoy Thanksgiving with host families. Half went to River's Landing and the other half were welcomed by families at Fairfield Harbour, another gated community in New Bern, N.C.

Photo by Lloyd Karraff

## THANKSGIVING

### Neighbors open their homes to Marines

ATHER M. OWENS  
Carolina Living editor

Thanksgiving is traditionally a day when people gather with family and friends, and may even pause to express gratitude for the good things in their lives.

This year, two North Carolina communities opened their homes to more than 200 Camp Lejeune Marines. It was an opportunity for local citizens to personally thank the Marines who defend our country.

The Single Marine Program coordinated the logistics to transport the Marines in busses to two different gated communities, Fairfield Harbour in New Bern and River Landing near Wallace. Susan Goodrich, Camp Lejeune's IP coordinator, said the opportunity for Thanksgiving hospitality and a home-cooked meal was offered to students at Camp Johnson, Courthouse Bay and Camp Geiger as they were more likely to not have a car or a way to get home for the holiday.

Goodrich worked closely with the sergeants major of the school commands to identify Marines with the opportunity. "There is the combination of the host families, the Single Marine Program and school commands working together make this happen," she said.

The opportunity of matching single Marines with host families started at home and Bruce Shattuck's kitchen table. The couple, retirees who live in Fairfield Harbour, were sitting around thinking out how they could give back.

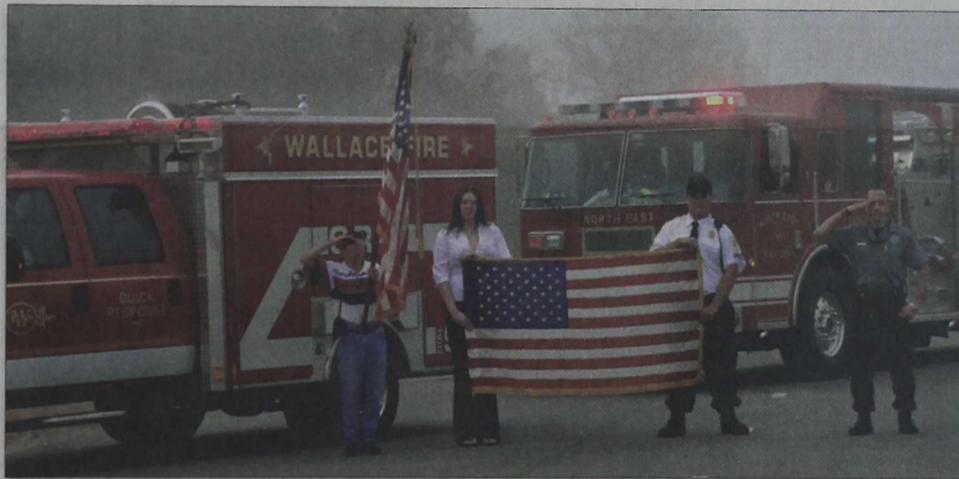
"Both of our parents always had open houses for Thanksgiving," said Bruce. "We took it one step further and decided to invite Marines."

At first, the Shattucks didn't know how to call to make this happen. Then, Susan, who retired from Southern Connecticut State University, opened up her school's alumni magazine to a large feature about Col. Adele E. Hodges. The former commanding officer of Camp Lejeune was an alumna of the school. So she put in a call to her office. Within minutes, she called back.

"It was the first time I was talking to someone on the telephone when I was standing at attention," joked Bruce. He was put in touch with Goodrich at the SMP and a tradition was born. This year, the fourth year the community has hosted Marines, 33 families welcomed anywhere from two to six Marine's guests to their holiday tables. The Shattuck's personally hosted five Marines.

"Hey, you can't do enough for these guys," said Bruce. That's why he continues to plan the yearly Thanksgiving dinner opportunity well as a summer picnic and boating for the Marines.

He is also grateful for the Fairfield Harbour residents who open their homes



Members and friends of the Wallace Fire Department meet the two busses of Camp Lejeune Marines who were invited to spend Thanksgiving day with families in the nearby River's Landing community.

Photo by Lloyd Karraff

to the Marines each year.

"You can't give those folks out here enough credit," said Bruce. "You have the Single Marine Program on one hand and on the other are these host families. Joan and I are just the glue that holds it together."

Likewise, River Landing's Robert Steen is the glue which makes his community's annual Thanksgiving invitation to Marines gel.

Steen, a retired Army aviator, and his wife Carol have been hosting Marines for three years.

"The first year, we started out with 12 Marines at our table, and the second year we had 49 (in the community)," he said. "I got some static from our neighbors for not offering them the opportunity to host Marines."

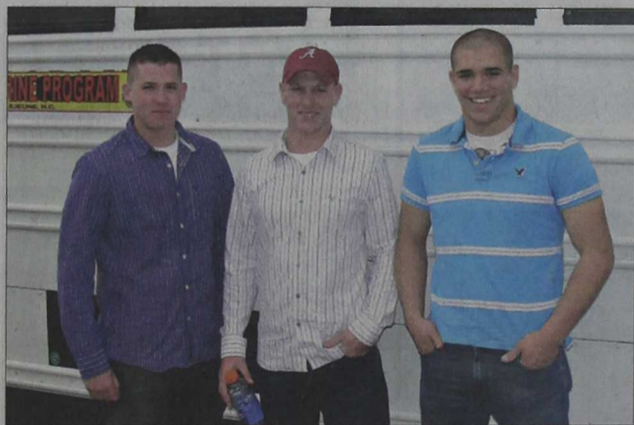
This year, 32 River Landing host families welcomed 102 Lejeune Marines into their homes.

The morning began with an escorted motorcade from Camp Lejeune's main gate. Steen organized 64 motorcycle riders from his New River Harley Owner's Club and The Way Christian Motorcycle Club to provide a hero's welcome.

"It's amazing," said Steen of the riders. "They ride for the Marines. If they could ride to Iraq or Afghanistan to serve a (holiday) meal, they would do it. They really serve our military."

Sheriff's department deputies from two counties also escorted the two busloads of Marines along the way. Also, the North East Fire Department and Wallace Fire Departments honored the Marines by standing by their vehicles and raising American flags. Even some local citizens, who had read of the event in the newspaper, turned out alongside the road to salute the Marines, said Steen.

Upon arriving at River's Landing,



Three motivated Marines ready themselves for a day of relaxation, recreation and down home hospitality at River's Landing.

Photo by Lloyd Karraff

the Marines were welcomed into the communities' recreation center for an elaborate, continental breakfast. Then they were matched with their host families for the day.

"They had a whole host of activities they could participate in, including being a couch potato and watching football," joked Steen.

The community opened up its extensive recreational facilities, including an indoor pool, marina, golf courses and sports courts, for the Marines to use during the day. Later, the Marines enjoyed a home-cooked meal with their host families.

Even though the day had to eventually end, some Marines and host families vowed to keep in touch.

"They establish relationships, many of them," said Steen. "It's a very emotional

experience when its time to pack up and put the Marines on the busses to send them back to Camp Lejeune."

In fact, Goodrich said she still hears of Marines, who participated in the program three years ago, keeping in touch with their host families.

It's a kind of bond which motivates Marines, said Capt. Charles Zimmerman, of Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry East, who sent many of his Marines to Fairfield Harbour.

"These Marines work very hard and combat is in every one of their futures," he said. "For the public to open their homes up to these young Marines... it's an excellent way for them to be recognized. As part of their leadership, it just means a lot to me for them to be recognized."

# MovieReview



From the front row with Reinhold Milderhauer Huneycutt

## This week: Get into the spirit with an inspirational movie, Christmas classic

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### "THE BLIND SIDE" (PG-13)

"The Blind Side" depicts the remarkable, true story of All-American football star, Michael Oher.

The movie follows the poor, under-educated teen who dreams of making it to the National Football League.

Sandra Bullock ("The Proposal," "Miss Congeniality," "28 Days") and Tim McGraw ("Friday Night Lights") play the real-life couple, Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy, a well-to-do, white family from Memphis. Quinton Aaron ("Be

Kind Rewind") portrays Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home.

Michael is surviving on his own in the street, when he is spotted by Leigh Anne on a cold day, dressed in nothing but a T-Shirt and shorts.

Upon learning the young man is one of her daughter's classmates, Leigh Anne insists he come out of the cold. She invites him to stay at the Tuohy house for the night.

What starts out as a gesture of kindness turns into something much more. Despite their different backgrounds, Michael becomes part of the Tuohy family.

However, living in his new environment, the teen faces completely different challenges.

With the help of the Tuohy family, Michael eventually fulfills his potential and his dreams, both on and off the football field, and his presence in their lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own.

Lily Collins ("Tarzan") and Jae Head play the two Tuohy children, Collins and S.J.

Ray McKinnos ("O Brother, Where Art Thou") plays Coach Cotton and Kathy Bates ("Misery") is Miss Sue, Michael's dedicated tutor.

One can also see cameos of past and present NCAA coaches, including Lou Holtz.

Director and writer John Lee Hancock ("The Alamo," "The Rookie") based his screenplay on the nonfiction bestseller, "The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game" written by Michael Lewis.

"The Blind Side" is a heart warmer and one of those inspiring true stories, which, when told correctly, can make for a wonderful movie experience. This one hits the nail right on the head, and Bullock is absolutely outstanding in her portrayal of Leigh Anne Tuohy.

(Note: Oher is currently playing left tackle for the Baltimore Ravens and is their star rookie.)

### "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" (PG)

"A Christmas Carol" is the latest adaptation of the classic 1843 Charles



Quinton Aaron plays Michael Oher in "The Blind Side." The true story of Oher's advance from a street kid to left tackle for the Baltimore Ravens.

Dickens tale. Walt Disney Pictures presents a new take on an old fable in an action, adventure and ghost story. It is an animated retelling through the wizardry of the live action technique at a 3-D film.

As the tale goes, Ebenezer Scrooge begins the Christmas holiday with his usual miserly contempt, barking at his faithful clerk and his cheery nephew.

But when the ghosts of Christmas past, present and yet to come take him on an eye opening journey revealing truths, Old Scrooge is reluctant to face, he must open his heart to undo years of ill will before it is too late.

Jim Carey ("Liar, Liar") takes on seven different roles that include Ebenezer Scrooge, the main character

of the film. Scrooge is a cold-hearted and greedy man who despises Christmas and all it represents.

Carey also portrays the three holiday ghosts who haunt Scrooge: The ghost of Christmas past, the first of the three spirits, the ghost of Christmas present and the ghost of Christmas future.

Gary Oldman ("The Dark Knight") co-stars as the ghost of Jacob Marley, Scrooge's former business partner. He also portrays Bob Cratchit, the abused and underpaid clerk working for Scrooge and Tiny Tim, Cratchit's youngest son.

Colin Firth ("Mamma Mia") co-stars as Fred, Scrooge's nephew.

Also starring are Cary Elwes ("Georgia Rule") as

Dick Wilkins, Scrooge's roommate; Bob Hooper ("Who Framed Roger Rabbit") as Mr. Fezziwig, Old Joe and Robin Penn ("State of Play Fan, Scrooge's sister Belle, his former fiancée, and young just about anything.

Robert Zemeckis' "A Christmas Carol" early holiday offering, the old classic novel entire family, reinvented 3-D. A caution to pass some of the film's in may be too scary for young children.

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**22nd annual Christmas Flotilla Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**  
The Jacksonville Breakfast Rotary Club presents the 22nd annual Christmas Flotilla, Saturday. The flotilla may be viewed from New River Waterfront Park near the United Services Organization at 9 Tallahassee St. downtown. Holiday music begins at 5:30 p.m. and the lighted parade of boats set sail at 6:30 p.m. Flotilla viewing is free to the public.

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Main Camp Johnson Chapel (Bldg. M-16)  
Worship Service: Sun. 9 a.m.

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**Pets of the Week**

Photos by Heather M. Owens

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# BREAD-MAKING 101

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## UnseasonedCook

with Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez

Bread has been around for centuries. People all over the world have their own ways and preferences to what kind of bread they like and how they choose to eat it.

Me, I love bread. It's so delicious, and you can eat it with just about anything.

But the cans of unbaked biscuits and croissant rolls I would regularly buy at the grocery store were pretty much as far as my bread-making skills went... that is, until recently.

A couple of weeks ago, I attended a Bread-making 101 class held at the Harriette B. Smith Library. Pastry and cooking chef, Shannon Vavich, not only shared a simple bread recipe with the class, but also demonstrated a variety of breads we could make from that one easy and uncomplicated master recipe.

### Master bread recipe:

**Ingredients:**  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 1/3 cups lukewarm water  
2 teaspoons yeast  
Pinch of sugar

### Directions:

Measure out the lukewarm water and add the yeast and a pinch of sugar. Let it sit for about five minutes so that the yeast can "wake up" and start to grow.

Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl and make a well about the size of your fist in the middle.

Next, pour the yeast water into the well and, using a wooden spoon, gently incorporate the flour and the water, working from the inside out.

When all the water is absorbed, turn the flour mixture onto a freshly cleaned and dried countertop. Fold gently with your hands, moving in one direction over and over until the dough is soft, elastic and still slightly moist. Do not overwork, or your dough will become stiff.

Place the ball of dough in a clean bowl and cover with a clean and dry dish towel. Allow it to rise for 1 to 2 hours.

After the dough has risen, you can make anything you want, from pizza and homemade hot pockets to cinnamon rolls and pumpkin spice bread. The possibilities are endless.

If you are making pizza, roll or toss your dough into the desired shape and thickness, adding additional flour if necessary, dust a baking sheet with cornstarch or cornmeal to prevent the pizza from sticking to the pan, top with your favorite toppings and bake at 425 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

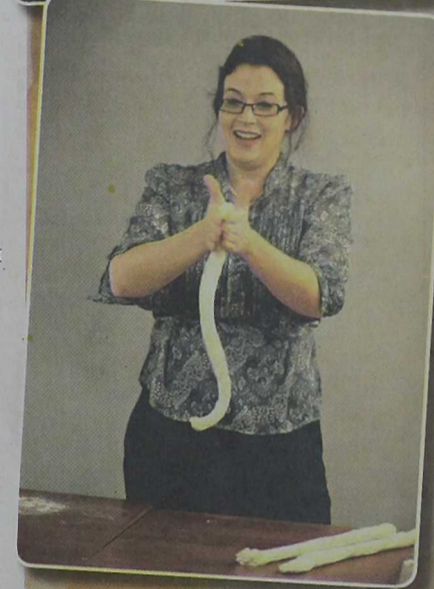
If you are making French bread, roll out your dough in a long loaf, adding additional flour if necessary, place on a baking sheet that has been dusted with cornstarch or cornmeal to prevent sticking, and cover for a second rising, about 30 minutes. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

If you are making a loaf bread, knead your dough several times, adding additional flour if necessary, and shape into a football shape and place in a greased baking pan. Cover and let rise for 30 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes.

My first experimental bread-making session turned out rather well. I love French bread, so I decided to make some, and it turned out to be easy. It came out great and tasted better than I expected it too.

Up until this point, making bread from scratch was something I thought would be completely complicated and way beyond my cooking and baking abilities. I had no idea where to begin. Now, after attending the class as well as trying out my own abilities in the kitchen, I feel confident I can make almost anything with this bread recipe. I'm ready to get creative with my next bread adventure in the kitchen.

**Bon Appetite!**  
For more tips on cooking and baking, visit [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com). For more of Vavich's bread recipes, visit her Web site, [shannonvavich.com](http://shannonvavich.com).



Photos by Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez  
Shannon Vavich, a military spouse and chef, demonstrates the finer principles of making bread during a recent baking class at the Harriette B. Smith Library aboard Camp Lejeune.

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# H1N1 Flu: Good hygiene habits may help prevent spread

JESSICA L. ALINEZ  
Marine Corps Base

With the 2009 H1N1 flu sweeping the globe, preventing and curbing the spread of the disease is something that requires a team effort. Kimberly Franklin, infection control specialist with Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, is constantly monitoring and making sure the hospital is reducing viral infections and the transmission of infection between staff and patients.

"Infection can easily spread in a place where many people visit every day. That is why it is important to inform staff on ways to prevent spreading germs to patients."

Staff members are constantly being trained on ways to care for and treat patients without getting sick or transferring germs by practicing techniques such as washing hands before patient contact, proper coughing and respiratory hygiene, and using posters around the hospital to educate patients

to educate themselves as well. We try to isolate the sick (patients), and housekeeping does an excellent job of keeping the surfaces throughout the hospital clean."

There are many ways people can help prevent spreading germs to others, but the easiest and most common way only takes a couple minutes.

"For generations, hand washing with soap and water has been considered a measure of personal hygiene," as stated by the Center for Disease Control Web site. "The concept of cleansing hands with an antiseptic agent probably emerged in the early 19th century."

It's important for people to wash their hands, Franklin said.

Hand sanitizer, if hands are not actually soiled, is just as effective as soap and water.

Doctors and staff with the naval hospital use protective gear such as gloves, masks and gowns, to also aid in keeping organisms from spreading throughout the hospital and to patients.

"I'm constantly assessing what (the hospital) is

doing and making sure we have the proper procedures to keep the hospital clean for staff and patients," said Franklin.

If someone comes to the hospital presenting a contagious illness, they are separated from the main hospital population. The hospital staff is trained in measures to help prevent the spread of viruses to other patients, staff or visitors.

"Organisms are everywhere," reminded Franklin. "They are in the air, on surfaces and on our skin. A lot of infections are caused by bacteria already living on our skin, but when someone gets a cut or wound, the bacteria gets in and has a chance to grow and cause infection. Skin is the number one protector against infection. We want to keep people as safe as possible. We never stop educating the staff and patients. It really is simple...wash your hands, cover up your sneezes and cough into your sleeve."

**Editor's note:** For more information on preventing the spreading of germs, visit the CDC Web site at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).



Courtesy photo

Using proper hand-washing techniques is a good way to prevent the spread of germs that cause diseases, such as the H1N1 flu. If hands are not actually soiled, using hand sanitizer is another option to keeping germs in check.

## Holiday Services

Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel		Main Protestant Chapel	
Mass	11:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.	Nov. 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Service 10 a.m.
Mass	8 a.m.	Dec. 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Service 10 a.m.
Mass	7 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.	Dec. 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Service 10 a.m.
Mass	7 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.		*Christmas Cantata 10 a.m.
Midnight Mass	Midnight	Dec. 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service 10 a.m.
Midnight Mass	Midnight	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.
Mass	7 p.m.		
Mass	5 p.m., 10 p.m., Midnight		
Mass	10 a.m.		
Mass	9 a.m., 10 a.m.		

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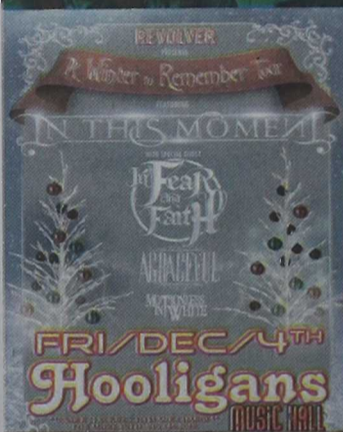
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Cpl. Richard P. Flatau Jr. (second from left), commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, breaks ground on a new Marine Federal Credit Union branch with members of the CU board of directors just outside of the Stone Bay gate, Nov. 23. Construction on the 200-square foot facility is now underway. Credit Union officials say they hope to have the branch open by the end of May 2010. Even though the branch is located just outside the main gate of Stone Bay, it is considered part of the installation. As such, Marines will be authorized to wear their MARPAT cammies while conducting business inside the facility.

## Officers' Wives' Club announces 2010 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.

To download an application and view further criteria, visit the Officers' Wives' Club Web site at [camplejeunewowc.org](http://camplejeunewowc.org). Copies are also available at the Hidden Talents craft store at the Exchange Annex. Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered to Hidden Talents by Feb. 19. Selected applicants will be notified during late April.



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[mccslejeune.com/snco](http://mccslejeune.com/snco)

December 3 1/2 Price Wings  
 December 4 Happy Hour  
 December 5 SNCO Wives Bunko  
 Closed December 21-31

### HEROZ

[mccslejeune.com/heroz](http://mccslejeune.com/heroz)

December 4 Football Bash  
 Drawing  
 December 10 Wing Night  
 Enjoy a delicious Lunch Buffet  
 Friday-Friday at The Ball Center  
 for only \$8.50 per person.  
[mccslejeune.com/ballcenter.html](http://mccslejeune.com/ballcenter.html)

## MCCS Happenings is back, with a twist

Watch our informative new documentaries each week at [mccslejeune.com](http://mccslejeune.com). Videos are approximately 5 minutes each and updated each Monday.

This week, take a virtual tour of the newly renovated Bonnyman Bowling Center.

## Win a trip to The Big Game

Enter to win at your local MCCS Clubs & Rec Centers through Dec 3, 2009.

**Grand Prize:**  
 4 days/3 nights trip for 2 to The Big Game, in Miami, FL. Includes all roundtrip air, including 2009 opening ceremony.

**2nd Place Prize:** \$2000 and merchandise.  
**3rd Place Prize:** \$1000 and merchandise.

**DRAWING PARTY**  
 Friday, December 4th  
 6:00 PM at HEROZ  
 Free Appetizers

Please see entry form for complete rules. No Federal or USMC endorsement implied.

## Holiday Happenings

at Marine Corps Community Services

**Tree Lighting**  
 December 5th, 6:00 PM, Tarawa Terrace Community Center, details at [mccslejeune.com/community](http://mccslejeune.com/community)

**Trees for Troops**  
 December 11th, 9:30 AM, Onslow Beach, details at [mccslejeune.com/beach](http://mccslejeune.com/beach)

**Pajama Party with Santa**  
 December 12th, 6:00 PM - Until, Midway Park Community Center, details at [mccslejeune.com/community](http://mccslejeune.com/community)

**Holiday Concert**  
 December 13th, 2:30 PM, Base Theater, details at [mccslejeune.com/movies](http://mccslejeune.com/movies)

PCS Parent Workshop  
 Positive Change of Schools - December 9th  
 Details at [mccslejeune.com/schools](http://mccslejeune.com/schools)

Big Buck\$ Bingo BLOWOUT  
 Ball Center, December 5th  
 Details at [mccslejeune.com/bingo](http://mccslejeune.com/bingo)

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