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Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visits Marines assigned to the Camp Lejeune, Dec. 7. Along with speaking to the Marines, Mullen traveled to Fort Campbell, Ky. to visit soldiers scheduled to be the first units deployed under President Barack Obama's plan to surge 30,000 additional troops in Afghanistan.

## Mullen visits troops readying for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER) — Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen visited Camp Lejeune, N.C., today to meet with Marines and Navy personnel. Mullen, who is also the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thanked the Marines and Navy personnel for their service and commitment to the mission in Afghanistan. Mullen also met with the families of the Marines and Navy personnel who are currently deployed in Afghanistan. Mullen said that he was proud of the Marines and Navy personnel who are serving in Afghanistan and that he was confident that they would continue to make significant contributions to the mission.

this, sometimes it's a little difficult to see what's going on as that history is being written, and it is being written by the best military we have ever had." Mullen stressed in both places that the mission in Afghanistan is to go after al-Qaida in its home. The terror group plotted the 9/11 attacks from safe havens in Afghanistan and still is plotting from safe havens along the Afghan-Pakistan border, he said. Complicating the situation is that Pakistan — which is being challenged by al-Qaida-supported Taliban — has nuclear weapons. "My worst nightmare is terrorists with nuclear weapons," Mullen said. "Not only do I know they are trying to get them, but I know they will use them."

The military must succeed in its missions, but also must balance the force over the long run, Mullen said. Far more than half of the audience at Fort Campbell had deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan in their military careers, Mullen said the services need to work on balancing the load that personnel and their families deal with as America fights its wars. The chairman told the soldiers and Marines that time is short. He said there was a lot of discussion during the president's strategy review about the July 2011 target date for beginning the withdrawal from Afghanistan. "You are going to be at the leading edge" of the fight in Afghanistan, he said. The counterinsurgency effort paid off in Iraq, and

the president believes it can pay off in Afghanistan as well, Mullen said. "All the lessons we learned in Iraq, specifically in what goes into counterinsurgency and how we think about it, we learned just in time to have the impact we need to have over the next couple of years in Afghanistan," he said. "In the long run, (Afghanistan) is not going to be about killing Taliban," Mullen told the Marines at Camp Lejeune. "In the long run, it's going to be because the Afghan people want them out." Just as Iraq did, the chairman said, he expects Afghanistan will go through a process of negotiation and reconciliation. "But there has to be enough security to do that," he added. It is more than a military

effort, the chairman said in both Kentucky and North Carolina. U.S. civilian employees and those in international and nongovernmental organizations must be able to provide assistance to the Afghans. "We've got to create other options for young 15, 16, 17-year-olds than joining the Taliban," he said. And the strategy isn't just about Afghanistan, the chairman stressed. He said Pakistan, the other countries of Central Asia and India also are important. Mullen noted he has been in Pakistan more than a dozen times since taking office more than two years ago. Each time, he said, the Pakistanis ask him if the United States is going to be a good ally and stay, or if America will turn its back as it did when the Soviets left Afghanistan in 1989.

"You heard the president say ... it is our intent to have a long-term, stable and prosperous relationship with both these countries," he said. Mullen stressed that leadership at all levels is crucial not only to progress in Afghanistan and Iraq, but also for the future of the military. "Leading in these tough times, leading and understanding the fight you are going into, the need to lead and understand we need to take care of each other, the need to lead and understand we need to take care of those who were wounded and lost and their families — there's just a host of things connected with that," he said. "These are very, very challenging times, but ... the best solution is great leadership."

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## ISAF and ANA: One team in building community ties

CPL. MICHAEL CURVIN  
Marine Expeditionary Brigade - Afghanistan

Marines with Brigade Headquarters Group, Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan, strengthen security aboard Camp Leatherneck and in the surrounding settlements every day, and in many different ways. With help from the Afghan National Army and International Security Assistance Force partners, BHG Marines recently escorted an injured girl back to her home after her treatment by ISAF medical personnel. The unit was also a key participant in a meeting, or shura, between Afghans and coalition forces Nov. 21. "We work on a daily basis with the U.K., Danish and Afghan armies," said 1st Lt. Benjamin S. Harris, the base defense command-

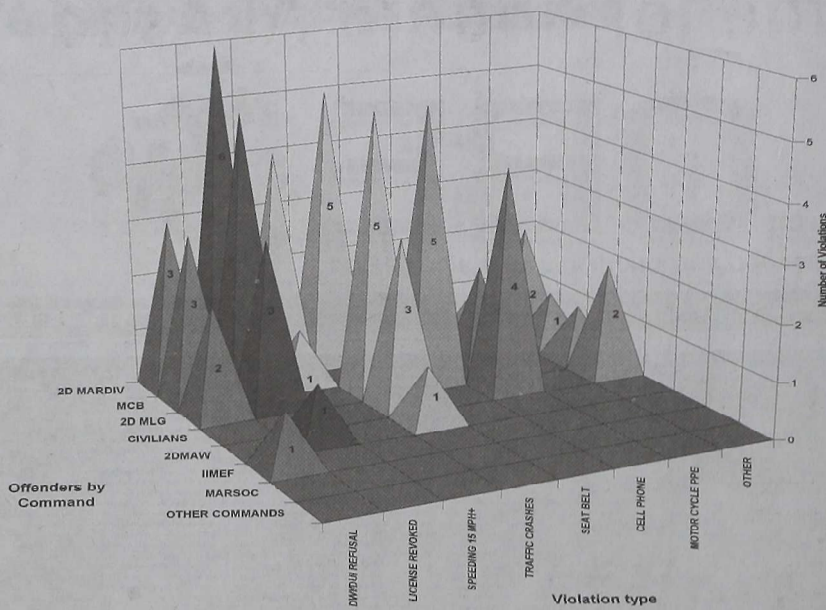
er with BHG. "We work with them very often." During the shura, Harris' Marines provided security while the Afghan National Army's Camp Shorabak Garrison Commander, Col. Abdul Rauof, spoke to his countrymen. Mixed in with BHG's Marines were ANA soldiers, also keeping a watchful eye and ensuring safety for the meeting's participants. "The purpose of these shuras is to build the relationship between coalition forces and the local populace," Harris said. "More importantly, the ANA that's here... are trying to build the relationship with the local populace." The more Afghans see their country's soldiers, the more confidence they will have in them, a fact not lost with BHG's Marines. The relationship between the ANA and the Marines has switched from



Afghan National Army Col. Abdul Rauof shakes hands with an Afghan after escorting his injured granddaughter recently. Photo by Cpl. Michael Curvin

teacher-student to that of a team. Two days before the shura, BHG Marines and ANA soldiers brought a 1-year-old girl home after treatment in the Role III hospital aboard Camp Bastion. The girl had suffered second-degree burns on her leg and abdomen when boiling tea was accidentally spilled on her. SEE TOURS 3A

## Traffic violations aboard Camp Lejeune



This graph represents traffic violations and driving while intoxicated / driving under the influence refusals for Camp Lejeune during the week of Nov. 30 through Dec. 4. Traffic violations are defined as: driving while license revoked, speeding in excess of 15 mph or over, traffic crashes, seatbelt, cellular telephone and motorcycle personal protective equipment violations.

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

# Tips for a happy, safe holiday

### PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE Camp Lejeune

During the year-end holidays, people are often busy, excited and sometimes a little bit careless. Keep in mind the following holiday crime prevention tips:

#### At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even for a few minutes.
- Don't display holiday gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Store gifts before you go away on a holiday trip.
- If you go out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house or apartment appears to be occupied.
- If you take a holiday trip away from your home, have some interior lights activated by an automatic timer. Have a neighbor or family member watch your house, shovel new snow, pick up the mail and newspaper and park his or her motor vehicle in your driveway from time to time.
- Participate in Operation Identification and mark your valuables with a unique identification number.
- Be wary of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. They may attempt to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays. Ask for identification, how donated funds are

used, if contributions are tax deductible, etc. If you aren't satisfied with the answers, don't give.

- Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with an identification number and record new serial numbers.
- Test your smoke detectors.
- Use only fire resistant ornaments on a holiday tree and make sure electric lights are in good working order. Don't leave the lights on overnight or when you are away from home.
- If you have house guests, advise them of your security precautions and make sure they follow them.
- Avoid leaving boxes from purchases (especially TVs, VCRs, computer, etc.) out on the curb for trash pickup.

#### Shopping

- Shop before dark if possible. Possibly coordinate shopping trips with a friend. Never park in an unlit lot or area, no matter how convenient it is.
- Lock your packages and gifts in your vehicle's trunk. Keep your vehicle's doors locked and windows closed.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check, credit card or debit card when possible.
- To discourage purse-snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Have your purchases delivered whenever practical.

• Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a back trouser pocket.

- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated. They should never go into a parking lot alone.

#### Holiday Party Safety

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.
- Serve something to eat before serving alcoholic beverages. High protein foods stay in the stomach longer and slow absorption of alcohol into the system.
- Have alternative transportation for intoxicated persons. Don't let guests drink and drive.

#### Pickpockets

Pickpockets like to take advantage of crowds in stores, on the street and on public transportation. Many work in teams with one distracting the victim while the other does the actual pickpocketing. Beware of anyone who jostles you. It may be accidental but, then again, it may not. For women who carry a purse, one that has a flap which folds over the opening and fastens at the bottom is preferable to one that can be opened simply by turning a clasp at the top. Men who carry wallets or a money clip should keep them in inner or side pockets rather than rear trouser pockets.

## Naval hospital H1N1 vaccine clinics

The Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital will administer the H1N1 Influenza vaccine to all eligible military spouses, retirees and their family members at the Tarawa Terrace II Community Center (Bldg. TT44) located on Tarawa Boulevard Dec. 14 through 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Additionally, those listed

as high risk below, are highly encouraged to get the H1N1 vaccine:

- Pregnant women.
- People who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and day care providers).
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel

- People 6 months through 24 years of age (especially those with higher risk for influenza-related complications like children younger than 5 years and those who have high risk medical conditions)
- People 25 through 64 years of age who have certain medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related

complications.

Eligible military members must present a military ID to receive a vaccination.

For more information please visit the Naval Hospital Web site at <http://lej-www.med.navy.mil> or call the Naval Hospital Immunization Information line at 450-4680 and select option 1.

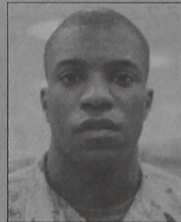
### MAN ON THE STREET

"Did you make any New Year resolutions for this year, and did you keep them?"



**Cpl. Robert Wood**  
1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Brigade, Camp Lejeune, Texas

"To make sure I take care of the love of my life, my wife, and our children."



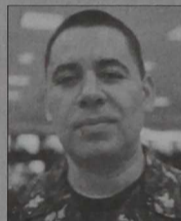
**Staff Sgt. Martin Beatty**  
G-3, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Detroit

"To save money on the bills, which are being deployed to the front lines."



**William M. Hicks**  
Retired senior chief petty officer, Pender County, N.C.

"I didn't make any resolutions, it was the usual New Year's thing, being my 87th birthday."



**Petty Officer 1st Class Heraclio Vela**  
Navy Operational Support Center, Wilmington, N.C. / Premont, Texas

"To lose weight and get a better Physical Readiness Test, which I've been doing since I was 16."



**Maj. Arthur McLean**  
Marine Tiltrotor Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron 22, Marine Corps Air Station New River, San Diego

"To run at least three marathons. I was able to complete the Williams Battalion Half-marathon."

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ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ

# Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd.) opens retrograde lot aboard Al Asad

TRIAH PENDRACKI  
National Force -

After several months of moving convoys from Al Asad Air Base to Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, the Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd.) now have the opportunity to turn in their gear at a convenient location at the new base.

The Marine Corps Logistics Command (Forward) opened a retrograde lot at Al Asad, Dec. 1.

The lot was operational at the opening, but the official ribbon cutting ceremony is today," explained Col. James Clark, Multi National Force 2nd assistant chief of staff for logistics. "The MCLC lot is better than the facility at Taqaddum. There's more command and large sun-shaded areas."

The new lot is significantly smaller than the old one at Taqaddum, but with less gear to store, the space is no longer necessary.

When we first got out there were about 100 pieces of gear that were to be retrograded," explained Clark. "Now we're down to about 10."

When the MCLC lot moved to Al Asad, it was the only turn-in location for Marines from Truck Detachment, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Fwd.), who headed the operation for gear transportation between the bases. Truck Det. personnel conducted convoys dedi-



Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Forward) turn in gear at the Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd) lot aboard Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq. The MCLC (Fwd.) lot moved to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Dec. 1. The new facility's location is more accommodating to the Marine Corps personnel still deployed in the Anbar province.

Photo by Cpl. Triah Pendracki

icated to the responsible drawdown process," said Clark. "Not only did they take thousands of pieces of gear to (Taqaddum), but they would bring back the empty containers so we could use them at the

new MCLC lot here on Al Asad. They really are a great unit of Marines."

With the new lot at Al Asad, the need for Truck Detachment's full support is no longer necessary. "Essentially, Marines

will be able to load up their pick-up trucks and bring gear to the lot themselves," said Maj. Josh Anderson, the assistant plans officer for the MNF-W logistics section. "The lot will be open during daylight

hours, so Marines will just need to call in advance to set up a time window for gear drop-off."

The movement of the lot from Taqaddum to Al

Asad is another step in the responsible drawdown process and the removal of Marine Corps gear and personnel from Iraq.

## Marines battle 'aliban, the flu

ANCE CPL. WALTER MARINO  
Regimental Combat Team 7

Aside from the constant threat of enemy contact and roadside bombs, Marines throughout Afghanistan are taking an offensive posture against another potentially deadly enemy - the flu.

Nearly 400 Marines and sailors with Regimental Combat Team 7 at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, and many other Marines throughout southern Afghanistan have received the H1N1 vaccination in an effort to keep Marines on the front lines healthy and in the fight.

"In Vietnam, a lot of people died from malaria that could have been prevented. We don't want people to ask, 'what did the people die in Afghanistan from,' and it be the flu," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Christian R. Johnroe, a corpsman with Preventive Medicine, Combat Logistics Regiment 2. "We are trying to keep people safe from what we can control. We want every Marine in this fight so we can win this war."

According to the Center for Disease Control, an estimated 22 million people worldwide have been diagnosed with the H1N1 flu virus from April through Oct. 7, resulting in approximately 98,000 hospitalizations. An estimated 3,900 have died from the H1N1 flu.

"This is relatively low when you consider that in the United States alone, there are approximately 200,000 people hospitalized, with 36,000 deaths due to seasonal flu annually," said Navy Lt. Connie R. Johnson, the officer in charge of Preventive Medicine, CLR-2. "The difference between numbers does not negate the importance of the H1N1 vaccine, however, as both seasonal and H1N1 flu virus can take a Marine out of the fight,

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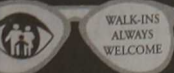
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# SCMAGTF Marines share expertise with Dominican

**ENSIGN JASON S. FISCHER**

Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force

Members of the Dominican Air Force anti-narcotics unit Defend Protect and Serve and Marines and sailors from Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force recently got a chance to hone their interoperability skills while training on the island nation.

The units took two days to exchange best practices, preparing themselves for future operations and challenges.

Training evolutions included a known distance weapons range with the M-16 A1 rifle, night vision goggle familiarization, patrolling, military operations on urban terrain, combat lifesaver techniques, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program and a culminating event – a heliborne airfield assault.

Capt. Nelson Candelario, officer in charge for these training evolutions, said the benefits of joint exchanges like this are tangible and apparent to both the Americans and Dominicans.

"The Dominicans have an opportunity to learn and employ Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures, which help them conduct efficient and effective military and law enforcement operations. It was obvious the Dominicans greatly enjoyed the training and saw the immediate benefits of incorporating these TTPs into their operations," he said. "Events like this demonstrate to our Marines the extent and level of training they actually receive. Oftentimes Marines fail to realize just how well trained they really are, or the disparity in training among different nations. These types of events give them some perspective. It also affords them an opportunity to take on a unique mentor role."

Parachutist Major Eddy Reyes Concepcion, DEPROSER commanding officer, said the joint training will enhance the new unit's ability to fight the war on drugs.

"This training benefits us in that we learn new techniques for combating drugs. This knowledge will be put into practice when we are



A Dominican counter-narcotics airman attempts to pull a simulated patient up into a fireman's carry during combat instruction at a recent military-to-military training event between the Dominican Republic and the United States.

conducting operations," he said. "Now we will have better results in the fight against drug trafficking and the emerging threats that we are facing every day."

The Marines are in the region as part of Southern Partnership Station-Amphib, which is a mission that nurtures interoperability with U.S. partner nations in the Caribbean and Central America.

Candelario said effective relationship-building and military-to-military training necessitates healthy, productive interaction between the Marines and their counterparts from other countries.

"These types of events allow us that personal interaction with PN nationals while simultaneously improving PN military personnel's skill set," he said. "It also opens the door for future similar events incorporating multiple PN's aimed at improving our partnerships."

Sgt. Brandon Price, SC-MAGTF Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor, said it was an honor to learn about different cultures by working with the Dominicans, and that he was impressed with their willingness to learn new things.

"They were receptive and eager to learn. They're like sponges, pay attention and are totally focused," he said. "They might not be able to understand the language (English) very well, but through this, we can still build camaraderie."

Candelario agreed, adding the Dominicans also seemed to enjoy the exchange.

"Their reactions to the instructors, their willingness to participate, and their desire to learn was evident throughout the entire evolution. Their great enthusiasm for all of the training events made it quite clear they thoroughly enjoyed the training."

The Dominicans aren't the only ones who learned something new. Candelario said learning how other nations conduct certain types of training allows the Marines to evaluate and sharpen their own techniques.

"These events allow Marines to see the different ways other nations approach tactical situations. This allows our Marines to view operational situations from a standpoint that they may not have prior to participating in this type event," he said. "Gaining different perspectives betters the in-

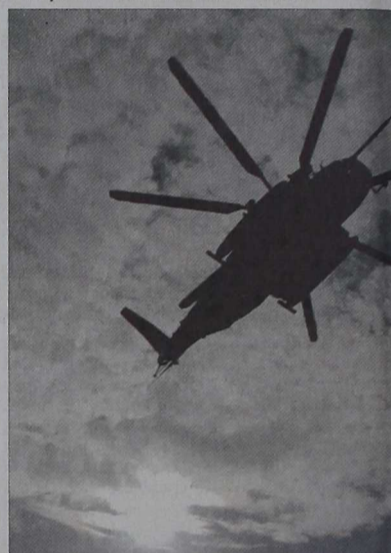
dividual Marine's ability to overcome obstacles they encounter during the course of operations."

Concepcion said training with the U.S. military gives the Dominican airmen an opportunity to make sure their training is not only adequate, but also current and timely.

"These events are an excellent way for us to gain valuable training because it allows us to determine what we need to change or improve because it is outdated and no longer effective. It helps us figure out what is current and relevant in today's operational environment," he said. "Oftentimes we are using techniques the U.S. forces no longer use because they have developed more effective techniques. Events like this allow us to learn and also benefit from those more effective techniques."

Cabo Parachutist Yeurys Gonzales Matos agreed, adding he also made new friends during the exchange.

"They taught us skills that we have not yet employed (on the battlefield)," he said. "We are good buddies, and we are grateful for the training, capabilities, and knowledge we have acquired."



A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 flies over in route to dropping off Dominican airmen minutes later poured out of the helicopter to practice a heliborne airfield assault.

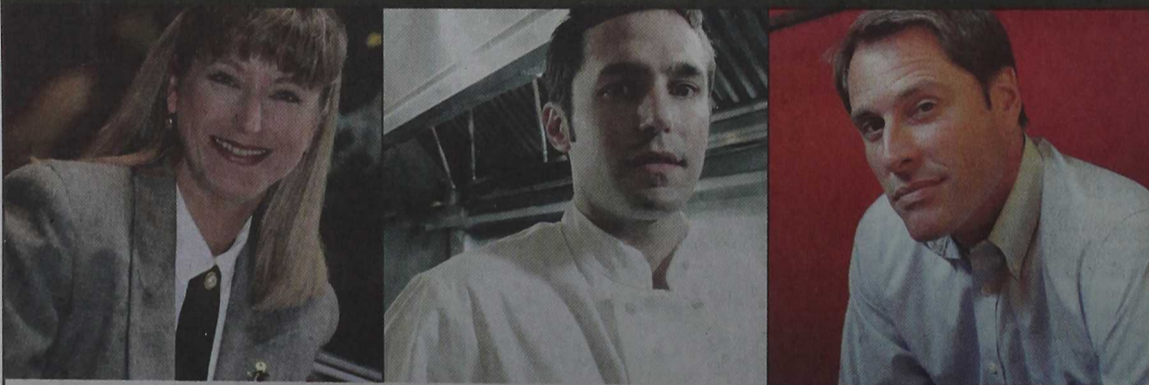
Concepcion said joint training opportunities help guarantee his airmen are ready to respond at a moment's notice.

"My men are committed to their mission 24/7 and they get the best results. They are willing to engage in operations regardless of

time or place; they always ready."

But to Lance Cpl. Armstrong, who was the M-16 range, the exchange was deeper than a tangible act of training together – he said he wants to make an impact on the Dominicans.

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# AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY WELCOMES NEWEST SOLDIERS AT MARINE PATROL BASE

CE CPL DWIGHT ENDERSON  
Mental Combat

he Taliban attacked Afghan National Army Sgt. Nazir Amrodan with an AK-47. He couldn't refuse. He died. Mohammad has read many letters from the Taliban, telling him to leave the ANA, but he continued to serve. If the Taliban kills his whole family, I will take off my uniform. I will be with the ANA. I will help the Marines," he said.

The 30-year-old soldier from Herat province, Afghanistan, continues to help train the defense forces of his nation by training recruits on Patrol Base Shamshad, Helmand province, Afghanistan. Twenty-eight of the recruits recently completed two weeks of training as part of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force's 6th Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 205th Corps.

There are many people in this world who are very few who will do what we are doing, and that is to stand up and fight for your country when your country needs you most," said Lt. Col. E. McDonough, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment.

They had participated in two weeks of training, headed by the members of 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Marine Combat Team, 1st Airborne Division.

They did pretty well," said Spc. Chris Johnson, one of the soldiers who trained the ANA. "They seemed to be very professional, their (noncommissioned officers) were squared away, and they helped out with the training a lot by taking notes and sharing their knowledge."

One of these NCOs is Mohammad, who has been with the ANA for two and one half years, and who stood out among his peers throughout the two weeks of training.

"He was definitely one of the better ones out there," said Moon.

He knew a lot from his experiences and his training. He was one of the guys who would take over and help us out by taking over his squad, and just being a leader in whole."

Over the past two weeks the soldiers have taught the Afghans many different things including basic movement techniques, basic rifleman techniques and medical training.

"I learned a lot of things, a lot of tactics from this training," said Pvt. Amrodan, one of the members of the ANA. "It was very good training for us. It was fantastic training."

For most of the members of the ANA, including Amrodan and Mohammad, this is the first time they have received training from the U.S. military.

I want the U.S. military to be here and come down and teach us a lot of tactics," said Amrodan. We need these tactics during the fighting, during the infantry patrols. They are very good tactics for us."

With this training complete, the soldiers will leave patrol base Shamshad and the Marines will be moving in and begin working with the ANA.

"I like to work with the Marines because they are brave, and I like them because they are like the ANA, they are funny," said Amrodan. We got a mission with the Marines before. They were very good guys."

As the Marines take over PB Shamshad, they look to the future and the coming months that will test themselves and the ANA.

"There are many difficult days ahead, and if it were not for people like you, this country would never be able to move forward," McDonough said. "It's an honor to be fighting next to you on a daily basis, and I very much look forward to seeing you fight, seeing you operate, and seeing you work together."

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h vaccinations are a multiplier." Chances are being taken the Marines' health in Afghanistan.

are trying to prevent from being sick," said Arroyo. "We take precautions don't take chances." The Marines have received extensive training on the H1N1 virus and administering the vaccine.

The shot is administered in the triceps, and not in the arm, and it could not have the effect, and the health could be compromised," Johnroe said.

The H1N1 vaccine eliminates the specific threat of swine flu, but other flu viruses remain a possible threat. Arroyo advises Marines to get the seasonal flu shot as well and to practice proper hygiene.

"We tell our Marines to wash their hands before meals, and cover their mouths when coughing," said Arroyo. "Keeping your body strong with daily exercise will help too."

From experiencing the flu before, I believe it's pertinent for people to get the vaccine," said Petty Officer 3rd Class William T. Morell, a corpsman with Regimental Combat Team 7. "It's vital to make sure our Marines and sailors are kept in the fight so that they can win those hearts and minds."

The danger in H1N1 is the body's lack of immunity to the virus, explained Seaman Michael J. Arroyo, a corpsman for RCT-7.

That's why the vaccine is important. It's giving the body immunity," said Arroyo.

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# Marine in Iraq receives phone call from President Obama

**CPL. M. BRAVO**  
 Marine Logistics  
 (Forward)

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude for those who made a difference. For this holiday, President of the United States called 10 deployed members to show appreciation for their work.

One of these Marines is Sgt. Miguel A. Jimenez, Combat Logistics Regiment 27 (Forward) Personal Security Detachment noncommissioned officer in charge, who was contacted by his command to receive a phone call from President Barack Obama. Jimenez is serving his fifth combat deployment since enlisting in the Marine Corps back in 1999. He is currently forward deployed to Camp Taqaddum in Iraq.

Jimenez is from a small village in La Vega, Dominican Republic. He moved to New York City when he was just 11. He grew up in a rough neighborhood and was raised by a disciplined and honorable military father, who spent some time serving in the Dominican Republic.

public army, inspired him to rise above the crime-infested streets of his childhood. When he was in high school, Jimenez decided to join the Marine Corps and become part of something bigger than himself.

"(My father) always carried himself above everyone else," Jimenez said. "He did what he knew in his heart to be right, even when others said it was wrong. I admired him growing up. We never had that 'let's go fishing' relationship, but I just watched my dad and learned."

Throughout his Marine Corps experience, Jimenez endured a total of five deployments, spending 25 percent of his 10-year career in a combat environment.

As a young Marine, Jimenez was plunged into the fight immediately after the attacks on 9/11. He served as a machine gunner and rifleman, supporting combat operations from Jacobabad, Pakistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. He lived and operated in fighting holes, providing airfield security to ensure personnel and supplies could fly into theater safely.

Then from March to June 2004, Jimenez served in Operation Secure Tomorrow in Port Au Prince,

Haiti. While standing guard in an overwatch position, he came under direct fire from the enemy. Jimenez and his Marines responded efficiently, eliminated the threat and ensured the safety of their fellow Marines.

During his fourth combat deployment, Jimenez, who was a corporal at the time, held a staff noncommissioned officer billet by leading convoys and security patrols throughout al Anbar province, Iraq.

"He has several distinguishing qualities," said 1st Lt. Robert B. Clements, CLR-27 (Fwd) staff secretary and Jimenez's officer in charge. "But I would have to say his positive attitude, professionalism, technical and tactical proficiency and force of personality (are some of his best)."

Clements said Jimenez's positive attitude is contagious but his professionalism is always intact.

"He is always smiling and brightens up any room with laughter while at the same time is the consummate and very serious professional with respect to operations or missions," he said. "His positive disposition and force of personality combine to make him an effective leader."

"His willingness to personally sacrifice for his

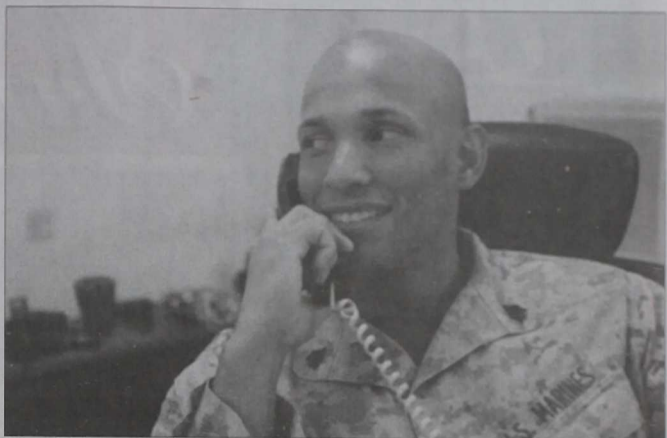


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**Sgt. Miguel A. Jimenez, the Personal Security Detachment noncommissioned officer in charge, Combat Logistics Regiment 27 (Forward), is on hold for the President of the United States.**

adopted country is both remarkable and admirable, (and he is) one of the best sergeants I have served with," Clements said.

Because of these traits and his outstanding service to the U.S. and the Corps, Clements recommended Jimenez as the most worthy Marine in the unit to receive the phone call from the president.

"I always understand that my record speaks for itself, but I was overwhelmed and surprised that they chose me," Jimenez said. "He's my commander in chief. He's the top guy in my chain of command. It's an honor to have the president call little old me."

Clements said it's important to show support to the troops and gestures like this are definitely morale boosters, not only to service members, but to their families as well.

"My family was very honored that I was called by the president," Jimenez said. "Just the fact that our family name was spoken in

the White House-it was a great honor to them."

Clements said being recognized by anyone for a job well done is always a morale booster.

"Recognition from such a high level adds to that feeling, especially during the holiday season when service members and their families miss each other the most. This type of recognition is very rare and shows the service member, families and friends that their efforts do not go unnoticed."

AFGHANISTAN PROVINCE

# Afghan Border Police, locals help Marines thwart IED attacks

**CPL. DWIGHT A. HENDERSON**  
 Personal Security Detachment

Shortly after waking in the early morning, Dec. 4, Marines of Company G, 2nd Marine Regiment, gathered around a map of their area of operation. A squad leader briefed the mission that morning.

There was word of a possible ambush near the town of Loy Darwayshan, Armsir, Afghanistan. The Marines planned a counter-attack.

Keeping their eyes peeled for any signs of improvised explosive devices or enemy movement, the Marines and Afghan Border Police moved carefully through the farmlands of southern Afghanistan. Mud caked onto their boots and cold filled them as they moved, not only through fields, but through waist-deep irrigation canals.

As they approached the reported ambush site, the Marines got into position and waited. When it was determined that the ambush wasn't taking place, the Marines moved forward and began sweeping for IEDs. "We went out to do a counter-ambush, but it didn't pan out," said Lance Cpl. A. Dunn, a team leader with the company. "So we had to do something while out there, so we started sweeping some hot spots for IEDs and caches."

The Marines broke into two teams, each with an attachment of local ABP, to move

through more fields of Loy Darwayshan and begin to search compounds, which couldn't be done without the help of the ABP.

"This country doesn't have the systems set up like our country does," said Sgt. Joel C. Quinnette, a squad leader with Company G. "Something as simple as a housing record, we can't go into a book and look up who lives in a place. We have to actually go talk to them."

These interactions are mainly done between the ABP and the locals because of the cultural understanding.

"We know about the traditions of the people here," said Gulbodan, an Afghan Border policeman. "When we go to the villages to talk to people, we go into the compounds first to talk to people, and the Marines are after us."

Quinnette added that the interaction with the locals is important for the ABP for the future, when they are the only ones patrolling their country.

With the help of the locals, an improvised explosive device was found by one team. Two bags filled with IED-making materials, including pressure plates and command wire, was discovered by another.

"We've been finding a lot of them (IEDs) before they hit us, and that's a good thing," said Quinnette, "I'd rather find them before they find us."

Increased confidence and communication between the ABP and the local com-

munity has allowed the Marines to thwart IED emplacements and attacks.

"A lot of the information that we get, a lot of the finds that we do have, are from the people coming up to us and having someone who is native to the country that they can talk to," said Quinnette. "Then they can tell us, and that allows us to act on intelligence better."

But local help alone does not find the IEDs. The Marines also use their extensive training on how to find and how to react to them.

"Patrols are rough on them, but all it

takes is a little glint of a command wire and they're on it," said Lance Cpl. Matt A. Dunn, a team leader with Company G. "My guys are good, they pay attention. They pay attention and they fall back on their training."

With one more IED down, the Marines' work is not over, as they will continue to patrol and secure the area.

"They're working hard and doing phenomenal work," said Gunnery Sgt. Walter W. Diggs, the company gunnery sergeant for Company G. "It's very humbling to watch them work."

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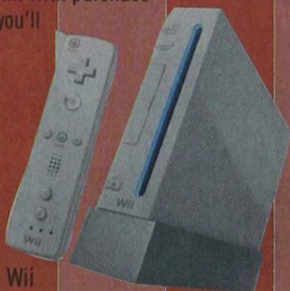
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The New River defense converges on a 2nd Marine Division ball-carrier during their 33-31 victory in the intramural tackle football championship, played Monday at Liversedge Field aboard Camp Lejeune.

# New River lands CHAMPIONSHIP

## BEAT 2ND MARINE DIVISION 33-31

**JAMIE CAMERON**  
Assistant managing editor

**N**athyn Purganan caught a short pass, slipped a tackle and scampered 15 yards down the sideline for the go-ahead touchdown as the New River Knights beat 2nd Marine Division, 33-31, Monday for the intramural tackle football championship.

New River quarterback, Channing Smith, said the winning play was all about desire. "The pass was supposed to be a slant to the split back, but he was covered, so I had to improvise," said Smith. "I threw it to (Purganan) and he did all the rest." The two teams had been chomping at the bit to play each other in the final game of the season. During the regular schedule, the 2nd MarDiv Warriors trounced New River, 28-0, for the Knights' only loss this season. The championship was scheduled for Dec. 2, but heavy thunderstorms forced the game to be postponed.

The Warriors took the opening kick-off and seemed to have little trouble advancing the football. With balance from Adam Price's punishing runs and quarterback Jeff Goines' accurate throws, 2nd MarDiv quickly found itself knocking on the doorstep from 1 yard out. Price took the rock across the goal line in workmanlike fashion and then kicked his own extra point to put the Warriors on top, 7-0.

The Knights wasted no time erasing any 2nd MarDiv aspirations of another shutout by launching an impressive drive of their own with their first possession.

Smith looked for his tight ends early and often with short passes over the middle and mixed things up by handing off to running backs, Jeremy Bacon and Frank Marchisella. The Warrior defense forced a fourth down and 1 to go at their own 3-yard line, but New River went for it with a quarterback keeper. Smith took the snap and spun his way into the end zone for the score. The extra point try was no good, but the battle lines had been drawn for what turned out to be the best game of the season.

The defenses stiffened to start the second quarter and the teams traded punts and field position on their respective drives.

The 2nd MarDiv offense started rolling again when the team took over on its own 17-yard line. Tailback, Terry Alexander broke off a 58-yard run down the middle of the field, putting the Warriors at the 25-yard line. It took the offense three downs to get to fourth-and-inches, and the call from the sideline was to go for it. Price took the hand-off and got a lot more than what the Warriors needed as he rumbled into the end zone to increase 2nd MarDiv's lead to 13-6. The extra point try was no good.

Not to be outdone, New River

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New River quarterback Channing Smith looks down field for an open receiver during the intramural tackle football championship, Monday.

# Trout season closes with a whimper, waterfowl on their way South



## Lejeune Outdoors

With Jamie Cameron

The fall fishing season is coming to a close and, unfortunately for speckled trout anglers, it's going out with a whimper.

Local experts always seem to be able to catch the fish, but for the rest of us, it's been a hard slog through what should have been the best trout fishing of the season.

Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, has been fishing his heart out in Bogue Sound, but the keeper trout have eluded him through much of the fall run.

"There are a few big trout around ... I landed a 19-inch keeper (Dec. 6)," he said. "I was fishing the creeks over the weekend, which have uncharacteristically been poor producers this season. I also released several shorts (under the legal size limit) and a cute 12-inch red drum that fought like a 3-pound trout."

If you're still looking to land a few trout before winter truly sets in, try the Neuse River and its creeks and the upper reaches of New River close to Camp Lejeune.

Red drum fishing often extends well into the holidays, but the fish have been hard to come by of late. There are reports of a nice school of drum working the

oceanfront beach along Bear Island, but you have to be wary of the weather and sea conditions if you plan on taking your boat into that hazardous environment.

Most of the piers have closed, with the exception of Seaview Pier on Topsail Island. The Seaview remains open year-round, but you'll have to work your way through a lot of skates and dogfish to land anything worth eating.

Far offshore, the first bluefin tuna of the season are starting to show up. With global populations in serious decline, let's hope the bluefins find plenty to eat while they vacation off the Carolina coast this winter.

North Carolina's middle waterfowl season came to a close Dec. 5 and I had the opportunity to bid farewell to it with Walter Bateman and Brian Degan of Hubert. Walter volunteered his boat, his dog and his spot on the Trent River for our hunt, despite the ominous arrival of a wet low pressure system over the weekend.

In the midst of off-and-on rain, we set out three wood duck decoys and waited next to the bank for the morning flight to begin. We didn't have to wait long.

Five minutes after legal shooting light, a pair of wood ducks flew upriver and paused to look at the decoys. We gave them everything we had, but the birds flew on unscathed. The scenario repeated itself a short time later with similar results, and we were left kicking empty shells around the bottom of the boat and laughing at our poor shooting skills.

It wasn't until the third flight of ducks came in that we finally got our acts together, dropping both woodies as they crossed 25 yards out over the river. They ended up being the only ducks we'd bag, but there were plenty of others that

passed by out of shotgun range.

Of course, the day after the season ended, a slug of new birds arrived in Coastal Carolina. I did a little scouting Sunday morning and found rafts of lesser scaup in the rivers, and green-winged teal, ring-necked ducks and even a few mallards in some of the backwater areas around my home. There's nothing any of us can do about it but wait for the late season to open (Dec. 19) and hope the ducks stick around until then. With just three wood ducks in my freezer after the early and middle seasons, I sure hope they do.

Until next week, good luck out there.



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Walter Bateman (left) and Brian Degan braved a rainy day to bag a pair of wood ducks, with the help of Grommit, the chocolate lab.



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The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an adult church basketball league. Team registrations will be accepted through Jan. 6, 2010. The cost is \$37 per team and \$10 per player. For more information, call 347-5332.

### Youth boxing program

Training for future boxers is available with All-Marine Boxing Team head coach, Ron Simms. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Area 3 Gymnasium aboard Camp Lejeune. Youth athletes ages 8 through 17 are invited to join and learn self-confidence, hand-eye coordination, balance, offensive and defensive techniques and, most of all, have fun. The cost for one year of instruction is \$30 per child. Additional family members pay \$20 annually. This opportunity is open to all authorized personnel. For more information, call 451-2629.

### Mountain bike training

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# Two 16-0 seasons possible, Vikings falter



## Gridiron GURU

With Jamie Cameron

Trying to predict which teams will play well on any given Sunday is an infuriating exercise, as evidenced last week. How on Earth could anyone figure the New York Giants would put together such a complete game against their arch-rivals, the Dallas Cowboys, after putting up a stinker of epic proportions against the Denver Broncos the week before? Give the Giants credit. They kept their playoff hopes alive by sweeping the 2-game set with Dallas. Coach Tom Coughlin had his guys equipped with a great game plan and the team executed it perfectly. Eli Manning was in control and his receiving corps took a page out of their early-season performance and made big plays. Running back Brandon Jacobs looked like the guy who scored 15 touchdowns last year, and all of a sudden, we've got a race in the NFC East.

The Arizona Cardinals pulled off a similar performance Sunday against Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings. The Cardinals lost a heart-breaker in Week 12 to Tennessee, but

rallied with the return of starting quarterback Kurt Warner to make the Vikings' defense look pedestrian at best. A return trip to the playoffs is all but assured now for Arizona, and I'm guessing the team will use its most-recent victory as a springboard for continuing success.

What about the lackluster performances of Pittsburgh and New England? For two of the pre-season favorites coming

out of the AFC, the Steelers and Patriots looked terrible against a couple of NFL also-rans. The defenses in particular played poorly. The vaunted "Steel Curtain" couldn't stop Oakland on the game's final possession, and New England's defensive unit had similar trouble with Miami. The Patriots should be able to stay ahead in the AFC East and make the playoffs, but Pittsburgh's chance to defend its Super Bowl title is fading fast.

A lot of folks thought Indianapolis' perfect season would come to an end against the Tennessee Titans, but it was the league's other unbeaten team that had the most trouble holding onto its unbeaten streak. While the Colts were throttling the Titans, the Washington Redskins were giving the Saints all they could handle until they finally succumbed in overtime. Both sides have tough games on the remaining schedule, but I still think New Orleans has the best chance at running the table, especially if the Indianapolis coaching staff remains true to former head coach Tony

Dunghy's formula and sit their starters once home-field advantage is locked up.

As I've already alluded, it was a tough week to predict and my hot streak came to a screeching halt. I went 1-4 on the week, putting my season record at 38-27. Hopefully, like the Minnesota Vikings, I can start a new streak Sunday. On to this week's picks:

### Miami (6-6) at Jacksonville (7-5)

The Miami Dolphins came through with their biggest win of the season against New England and with it, kept a slim hope for a wildcard berth alive. The Dolphins always play their AFC East rivals well, no matter what their record happens to be and the Patriots were reminded of that fact with Tom Brady's final throw of the day, a game-sealing interception to Miami linebacker, Channing Crowder. Like the rest of the teams in their division, the Dolphins are capable of hanging around in games and taking advantage of opportunities. The Jacksonville Jaguars will have to take great care with the football to escape with a victory over their in-state rival. Expect to see some scoring in this one, as neither team has an especially convincing defense. Pick: Miami

### Seattle (5-7) at Houston (5-7)

Just as I was about to hand the Houston Texans control of their own destiny, they go and play a disappointing game against Jacksonville and they're back on the wrong side of .500. The Texans are still searching for a spark after three years of high expectations. The cru-

cial pieces of the puzzle are there, they just don't seem to fit together. The offense, led by quarterback Matt Schaub and arguably the best wide receiver in the game, Andre Johnson, can strike at any moment, but inconsistency on both sides of the ball has resulted in the 5-7 record. The Seattle Seahawks are one of those teams that doesn't make it onto anyone's radar, for good or bad. Injuries have crippled the team's chances for the post-season. Now, the team is as healthy as it's been all season and the win over San Francisco proved the Seahawks can win. It's a toss up on which team will come out with the will to win this one. Pick: Houston

### Denver (8-4) at Indianapolis (12-0)

If this game were scheduled a week or two later in the season, I'd give the Broncos a fighting chance to come away with the victory. This week, however, I see Peyton Manning and the rest of the Indianapolis starters playing with added incentive. The time is fast-approaching when Colts head coach, Jim Caldwell will rest his stars for the playoff run, and I think those first-stringers are going to want to make the most of the time they have left on the field. Manning and his prime receiver, Reggie Wayne, have been as close to perfection as any combo in the league, and the growth shown by Pierre Garcon and Austin Collie has been remarkable. Running back Joseph Addai has gotten better and better as the season progresses and, of course, tight end Dallas Clark might be the best at his position in the entire NFL. Indianapolis

lis' defense might be bang and learning on the fly, but front line has played exceptionally well. The Broncos are coming off a pair of big wins but they're going to have hands full in this one. Pick: Indianapolis

### Buffalo (4-8) at Kansas City (3-9)

Sometimes the hardest games to pick correctly are ones pitting two sub-par teams against each other. I admit having an AFC East bias, especially when the Bills are starting to get the most out of their big free agent signing Terrell Owens. The Chiefs at home, and that's a good one for Kansas City fans, but from them, it's hard to imagine anyone who's excited about game. Pick: Buffalo

### Carolina (5-7) at New England (7-5)

There was a time when would have predicted a 59 blowout in a match-up between these two teams, but no longer. The Patriots are reeling after their Monday Night Football embarrassment against the Saints (Dec. 31) and now a latest meltdown against the New England fans (I include myself here) can no longer anything for granted, especially when the team is on the road. Luckily, the game takes place in Gillette Stadium and the opponent has plenty of weaknesses to exploit. Carolina quarterback Matt Moore finished second straight week and the vaunted Panther running game is a bit shaky with injuries. The game is just what the doctor ordered for the Patriots. Pick: New England

## SAN FRANCISCO

# Penny, Uribe turn down Giants

JANIE MCCAULEY  
AP baseball writer

Right-hander Brad Penny and infielder Juan Uribe have turned down one-year contract offers to return to the San Francisco Giants.

General manager Brian Sabean the club made a one-year offer with incentives to Penny and a one-year offer with an option and buyout to Uribe, but both free agents declined. The Giants aren't in further talks with either player right now.

One of Sabean's top priorities heading into this week's winter meetings in Indianapolis is the catcher spot, but he acknowledged it could take a while for that position to get settled. Bengie Molina is a free agent and has said he wants a multi-year deal — and San Francisco doesn't plan to offer anything beyond a year. The Giants have Buster Posey as their catcher of the future.

Posey hit .325 with 18 homers and 80 RBIs in the minors this year and spent seven games with San Francisco in September.

Brad Ausmus has come up as a name the Giants might pursue, but they could have competition for him from NL West rivals Los Angeles and San Diego. Rod Barajas and Miguel Olivo also could be options, and even Molina's brother, Jose, is available.

Penny joined the Giants on Aug. 31 hoping to help the Giants get back to the playoffs for the first time since 2003. He went 4-1 with a 2.59 ERA in six starts for San Francisco, which was in the chase until mid-September and finished 88-74 and with 16 more wins than in 2008.

The 31-year-old right-hander found a spot in the Giants' talented rotation after being cut by the Red Sox after going 7-8 with a 5.61 ERA this season — including 1-6 in his last 11 starts for Boston.

Penny won 16 games for the Dodgers in 2006 and 2007, his career high. He was hampered by shoulder problems last year.

Uribe, 30, batted .289 with 16 home runs and 55 RBIs in 122 games for the Giants in 2009, proving his versatility by playing at least 38 games each at second base, third and shortstop.

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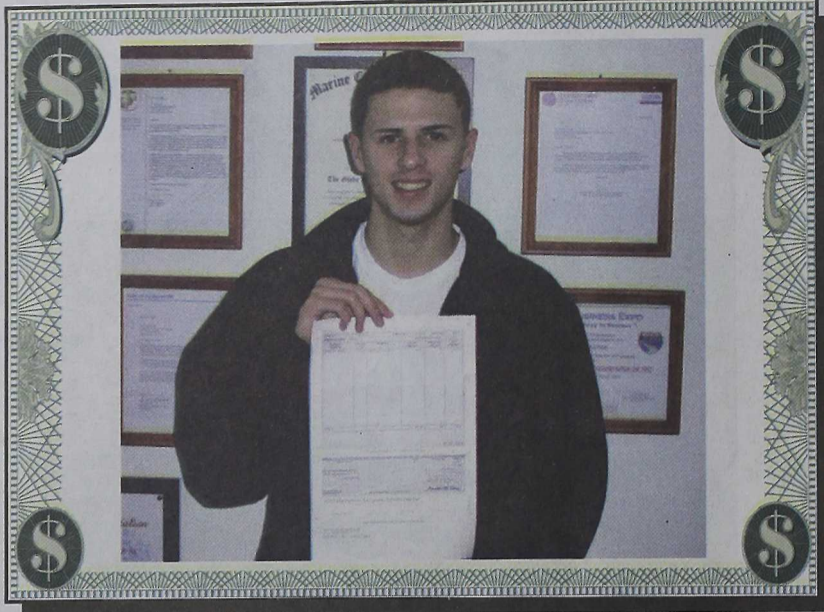
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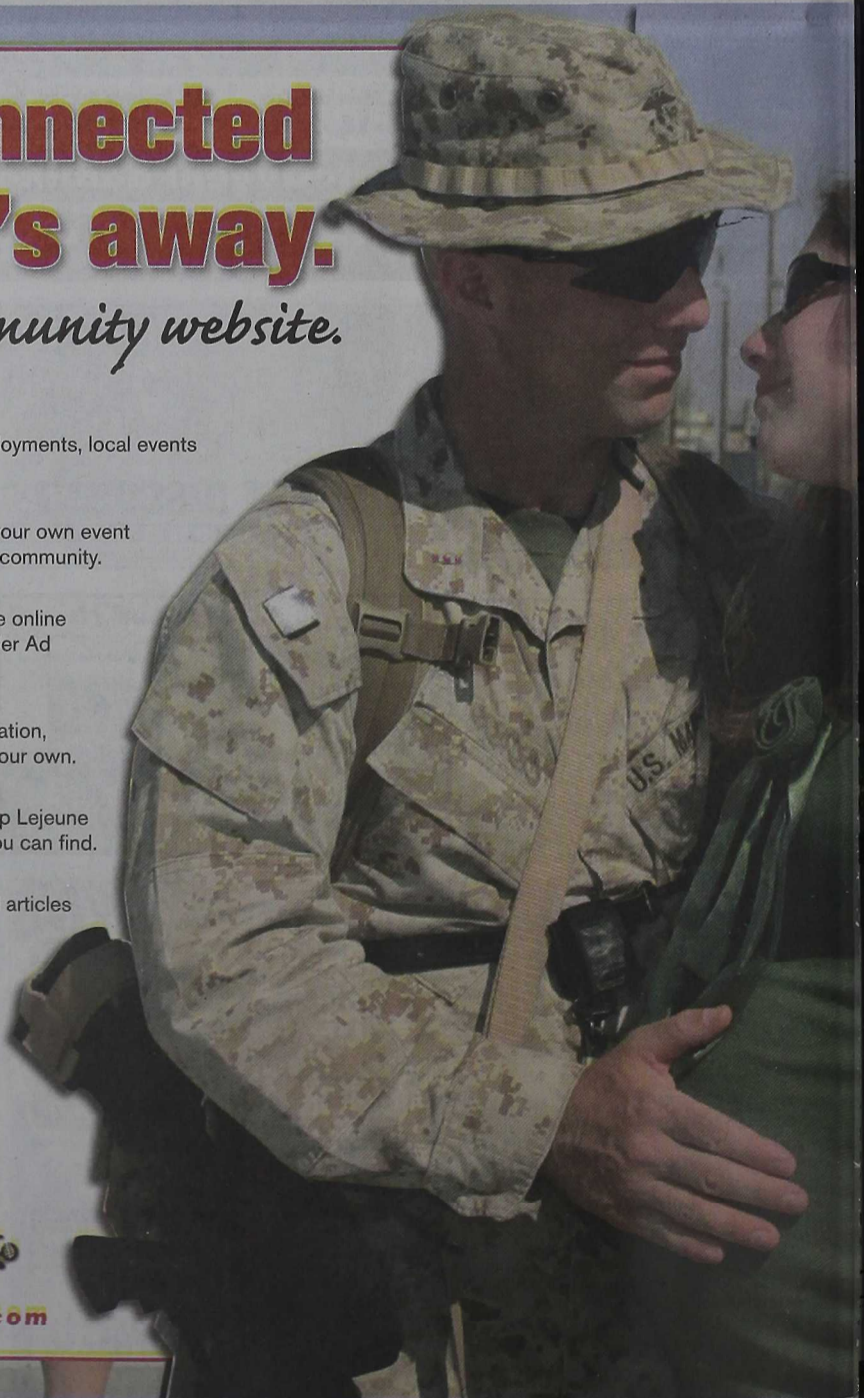


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In early August, Marines from different units within 2nd Marine Division gathered to try out for the team, coached by Col. Terry Cahill.

After hearing the team had problems in previous years, Cahill volunteered to be the coach — being able to work with young men was his motivation. From

day one, Cahill said the players had a good attitude.

"It's good being able to see young men grow up and mature," said Cahill.

The team consisted of Marines from different backgrounds, races, ages and states. Alvin Parson, a wide receiver for the Warriors, said it's almost like having a second family.

"Marines from all over, playing together, that's what it's all about," he said. "These guys really start to feel like your family and you don't even realize they have a rank until you see them in uniform."

Although there is no rank in football, that doesn't mean the Marines treat their leadership badly. "Although we don't use rank in football, we all treat each other with respect," said Parson.

Christopher Rousseau, a defensive end for the Warriors, said the best part about playing on the team is having fun.

"I would say that my favorite sport is football, and being able

to play a sport as part of my job and with other Marines is highly motivating," said Rousseau.

Although Marines have fun playing football competitively, they also enjoy making friends.

"There's many personalities on this team and it gives you a chance to meet people you normally wouldn't," said Parson.

Although the Warriors didn't win the championship game, Monday against New River, it was their only loss of the season. The players were disappointed, but knew that you can't win them all.

"I think playing is fun but it's even more fun when you're winning," said Rousseau. "It's kind of a disappointment that we lost, but we definitely gave it our best shot, we fought like warriors."

Cahill was disappointed with the loss, but he realized both teams had won in a way. "In the end, we're all still Marines, we're all on the same team, win or lose," he said.

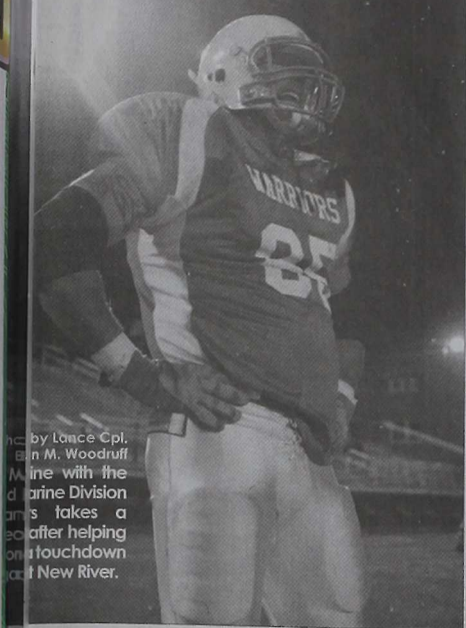


Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian M. Woodruff. Woodruff is a member of the 2nd Marine Division Warriors football team. He is shown here after helping the team score a touchdown during a game at New River.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FROM 1B

...ed down the field, thanks to a 23-yard pass play to Purganan and a 10-yard run from DeMario Gibson to the goal line. Smith followed his line into the end zone on the next play. The kick was good, tying the game 13-13 with 4 minutes to play in the first half.

The Warriors' offense reigned supreme for both halves. The Warriors went three-and-out on their next possession, but Trevor Perkins gave them the ball back by intercepting a pass and returning it all the way down to the Knights' 40-yard line with less than a minute to go. Goines made the most of the turnover, rolling out to his right and hitting Parson all alone in the back of the end zone as the first half came to a close.

Following 19-13, New River continued to feature Purganan as its main receiver. After working their way down the field with some strong runs off the line, the Knights took their lead in the game after Smith hit Watson in the corner of the end zone and converted the extra point. The momentum had shifted to New River when Robert Jones came in with a huge interception inside the Knights' 10-yard line to snuff out what appeared to be an inevitable 2nd MarDiv lead on the following drive.

The Knights' offense did nothing with the opportunity, however, and was forced to punt to the Warriors' 48-yard line. The Warriors made the most of their chance, following Price's hard running with a 13-yard touchdown hook between Goines and Parsons. 2nd MarDiv fumbled its try at a 2-point conversion, but was back in the lead, 25-20. The see-saw battle continued as New River converted its second fourth down of the game, down to the Warriors' 40-yard line. Smith dropped back on the play and floated a perfect pass to Parson, who beat one-on-one coverage and raced across the goal line to open the fourth quarter. The extra point was

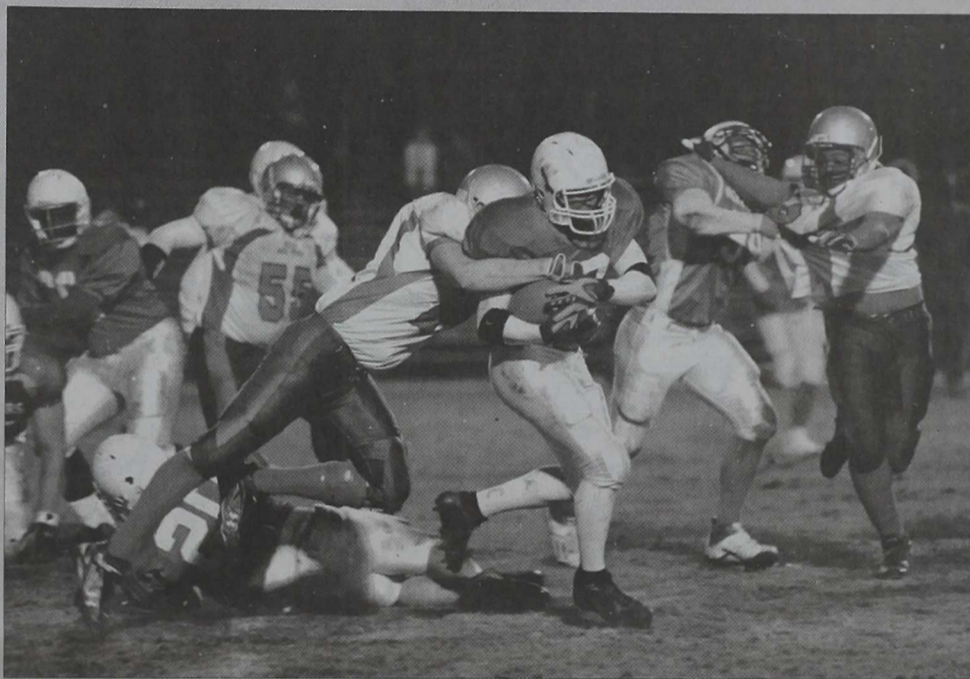


Photo by Jamie Cameron

2nd Marine Division's Adam Price drags would-be tacklers on his way toward the goal line. Price scored two touchdowns and kicked an extra point during the intramural tackle football championship, Monday.

no good, but the Knights were back on top, 26-25.

The teams traded punts again in the early going, but 2nd MarDiv was first to take advantage of the struggle for field position. Starting at the New River 39-yard line, Price took the hand-off and skated all the way down to the 6-yard line. On first-and-goal, Alexander took the ball across the goal line to put the Warriors back up, 31-26.

With just over 6 minutes to play and New River driving downfield, 2nd MarDiv cornerback Antonio Swint came up with a huge interception, giving the ball

back to the offense at the 40-yard line.

The chance to put the nail in the coffin eluded the Warriors, who were forced to punt with 2:45 remaining in the game.

New River started from their own 31-yard line and conjured up the game-winning drive.

After the scoring play to Purganan, 2nd MarDiv got the ball back with 40 seconds to play, but Smith came through again for the Knights and snagged an interception to seal the game.

"I give credit to New River for coming in here and playing a great game,"

said 2nd MarDiv head coach Terry Cahill. "This was for fun. At the end of the day, we're all Marines."

On the other sideline, New River head coach Michael Stumpf was proud of the effort his team put forth in the championship. "This is New River's first football championship in more than a decade," he said. "You couldn't ask to be in a better position — playing the team that beat us 28-0 in the regular season and coming away with the win. Everyone stepped up and played phenomenally. I couldn't be more proud of my guys."

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonathan G. Wright  
A Brazilian Marine signals to others in his patrol of a possible enemy contact during a joint patrolling exercise of Southern Exchange 2009.

## Lejeune continues mission to conserve energy

CPL JESSICA L. MARTINEZ  
Marine Corps Base

As the year draws to an end, Camp Lejeune forges ahead toward becoming a more energy efficient installation while continuously promoting energy security and conservation.

"For (Fiscal Year) 2009, we spent over \$37 million to heat, cool and light the entire base," said Navy Lt. Nate Overtree, assistant public works officer with Energy Programs aboard the base. "Federal law states we have to reduce our energy and water usage 30 percent and 16 percent respectively by (Fiscal Year) 2015."

To reach this goal, Energy Programs has several ongoing energy saving projects in the works.

"Currently we are replacing 1,150 street lights throughout the base, with (light-emitting diodes)," said Overtree. "Each light uses 50 percent less energy than the light it is replacing and are brighter."

Already the lights throughout Paradise Point, Camp Johnson, Court-house Bay and some along Holcomb Boulevard have been replaced with the energy efficient LEDs.

Overtree also said they are working on an energy monitoring control system. It is a computerized system, that will monitor and control what is running or not running properly on base such as the air conditioning, heat, lights and solar hot water in the barracks, warehouses and administration buildings throughout the base.

"The EMCS will monitor 24/7," said Overtree. "We want to get to the point where we know what isn't working properly before the people in the building know

## USMC NOT THE ONLY MC

CE CPL JONATHAN G. WRIGHT  
Marine Corps Base

The Marine Corps; illustrious, worldly renowned and with a history so diverse and successful one not help but recognize their and professionalism. From the battered halls of Montezuma to the blood-soaked shores of Tripoli, Marines have fought and won. Others had deemed impossible. Imagine then if the legendary cry of 'OOHRAH' became a cry of 'ABATE.'

'Abate' is the Portuguese way of saying 'kill', the Brazilian Marine Corps, or Corpo de Fuzileiros Navais, motivational battle cry. Didn't

know there was a Brazilian Marine Corps?

Fresh out of a revolutionary war in 1783, foreign powers turned an inquisitive eye to the fledgling country; one of those countries being Brazil. The concept of the newly-founded American Continental Marines was simply something other countries did not have in relation to their military forces, so various countries eventually created their own versions of American Marine units. Twenty-two years after the American Continental Marine Corps was born, Brazil's Marine Corps was created.

Today, many countries have their own "brand" of the United States Marine Corps and on various occasions the USMC cross-trains with those brothers and sisters



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonathan G. Wright  
Marines from exercise Southern Exchange 2009 look to the pool during combat water survival qualifications as taught by Colombian Marines, recently. The qualifications, which were to integrate the various Marines into the same techniques of swimming, was broken up into two levels; swimming in utility vests and boots, and swimming with a full fighting load.

across the border. One of these training ventures is one conducted with participating South American countries with a Marine Corps branch: the Southern Exchange Exercise.

"I think the biggest thing these exercises have to offer is not something the Marines learn, but the opportunity to interact," said Capt. Dillon Taylor, the commander of troops aboard the USS Oak Hill, a dock landing ship present in sup-

port of Southern Exchange 2009. "The South American Marines have a chance to put a face of the individual U.S. Marine to the Marine Corps, instead of just America as a whole. On the other side of it, this is the first time some of our Marines even knew South American Marines existed."

First started in 2007, the Southern Exchange exercise is held

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## 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit returns from seven-month deployment

CPL JUSTIN MARTINEZ  
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines and sailors of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Stations New River and Cherry Point Dec. 3 through 6, after a seven-month deployment that took the unit to the U.S. European Command and U.S. Central Command areas of operations.

The unit left Onslow Beach May 15, after boarding the ships of the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group. During the deployment, the MEU conducted training and theater security cooperation events in Sliven, Bulgaria; Volos, Greece; Alexandria, Egypt; Camp Buehring, Kuwait, and three other Middle Eastern countries. The 22nd MEU was the first Marine Expeditionary Unit to deploy with the MV-22B Osprey and was the first unit to introduce the aircraft into Afghanistan when it transferred its Ospreys to forces in Camp Bastion.

Before setting sail across the Atlantic, the 22nd MEU conducted an intense six-month pre-deployment training cycle, honing the unit's ability to operate from U.S. Naval shipping, execute raids, perform non-combatant evacuations, conduct humanitarian assistance operations, and conduct combat opera-



Photo by Cpl. Justin Martinez  
Cpl. Hector K. Reynoso, a machine gun squad leader with Company K, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, meets his 10-week old daughter Maryn while wife Amelia looks on. The MEU returned Dec. 4 from a seven-month deployment where it served as the theater reserve force for U.S. European and U.S. Central Commands.

tions. A focus of the training was to fully integrate the MV-22B Osprey not only with MEU units, but with the ships of the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group.

On Friday, a majority of the unit was offloaded from naval shipping. At receptions across Camp Lejeune,

and Marine Corps Air Stations New River and Cherry Point, Marines and sailors were met by throngs of family members and friends holding banners and balloons to welcome them home.

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Photo by Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado  
Pfc. R. McCurdy, a food specialist with Camp Lejeune Base Food Service, prepares food during the long test of the Expeditionary Feeding Kitchen at Camp Lejeune, recently.

## Expeditionary Feeding Kitchen may be future of food service operations

FRANKLIN E. MERCADO  
Marine Logistics Group

A large seven-ton truck backs up and unlatches its trailer. The trailer extends and opens up into a ready-to-use kitchen as cooks immediately hook up a generator and get started on preparing enough food to feed hungry warfighters.

According to officials with the Marine Corps Forces

Systems Command, this new Expeditionary Feeding Kitchen may be the future of food service operations in the Marine Corps.

The new kitchen system underwent extensive testing aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, recently, where approximately 1,500 meals were served to personnel from the base each day.

SEE FOOD 2C ▶

# Camp Lejeune revs up motorcycle safety

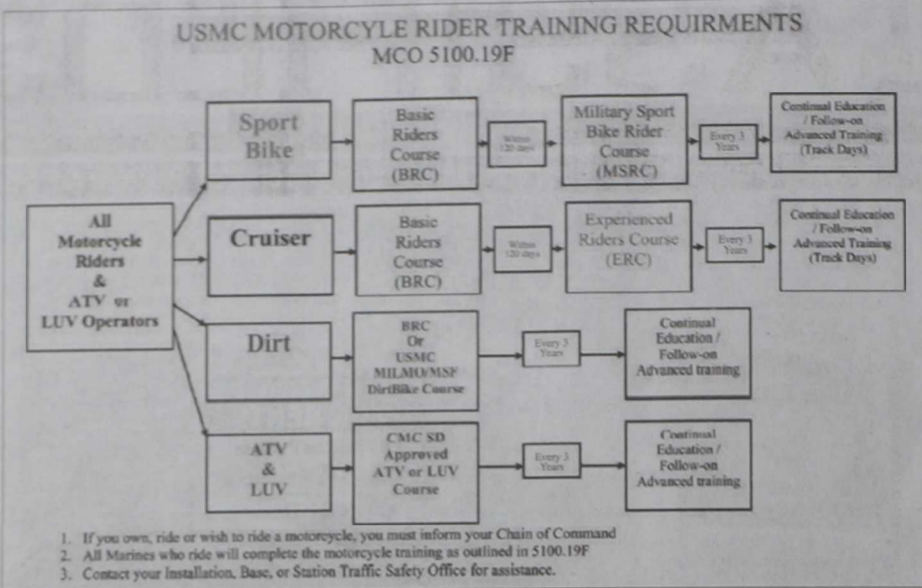
LANCE CPL. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT  
Marine Corps Base

Roaring down the gritty, black road a beast of unequivocal ferocity bore its gleaming teeth and bones in a fiery concerto. Smoke belled from its hellish maw as a white-knuckled grip hung for dear life from its horns, an eternal yowl alerting anyone nearby of this demented creature's forthcoming.

It is a popular trend among service members to own and operate motorcycles. This may derive from a various number of reasons, ranging from a popular item to another way to save gas. However, injuring or killing oneself due to riding a motorcycle is neither trendy nor a smart idea.

"In fiscal year 2008 a lot of Marines lost their lives to automobile related accidents," said Stanley Dutko, director of safety, Marine Corps Installations - East, and safety manager, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "One of the big factors is inexperience in riding motorcycles, which is where this year's motorcycle safety efforts come in."

During a recent motorcycle safety update meeting with Gen. James Amos, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, a beta test for motorcycle safety was



created and implemented in an effort to lower fatalities. One major point decided upon will not only educate in motorcycle safety, but also help Marines network.

"In the area behind Building 58 (Traffic Safety building), a club area will be constructed for riders to hang out, where they can talk to other riders as well as give advice on buying, repairing, et cetera," said Dutko.

Other points included in the beta test are mandatory additional motorcycle rid-

ing courses after the basic rider course, Marine Corps Exchange personal protective equipment discounts for riders, and 'Track Days,' where teachers of the California Superbike School come to teach Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point the techniques and safety of sport riding.

"Motorcyclists, past and future, need to get as much training as they can possibly get to ensure their safety," said Staff Sgt. Brent Sharp, 2nd Marine

Logistics Group motorcycle safety officer. "There are the multiple classes we offer as well as every battalion's motorcycle mentorship programs, which meet and ride every quarter."

Another aspect being supported through this fiscal year's motorcycle safety program is to raise public awareness of what the base's Auto Hobby Shop has to offer in the way of motorcycle repair and maintenance.

"Of the approximate 150

people a month who go to the Auto Body Shop, only two are motorcyclists coming to work on their bikes," said Dutko. "They have a section of the bays set aside for motorcycles, all the tools a motorcyclist may need to work on his bike as well as three motorcycle-certified mechanics to help."

According to a recent Marine Corps short narrative report, within the time of one month alone, from the beginning of October to November, seven Ma-

rine traffic accidents occurred. Those who risk life a deploying overseas in defense of freedom, perish accidents that been easily prevented.

"Personal equipment on a motorcycle hanging go hand in hand. Sharp. "To be legal, you need stand Marine C 5100.19E (Ma Traffic Safety and comply with

The beta test new motorcycle efforts for this fiscal year is aimed at reducing the accident rate through awareness of and safety. There have been established riders to acquire equipment, technical know also the opportunity to learn tips from motorcycle riders.

"Last year I bought a riding jacket Lejeune," said Sharp. "Now we're looking at options on all the the MCX sells, the facilities for and building a experienced riders.

For more information on classes as well as offers for motorcycle contact the Traffic Safety office at 4-

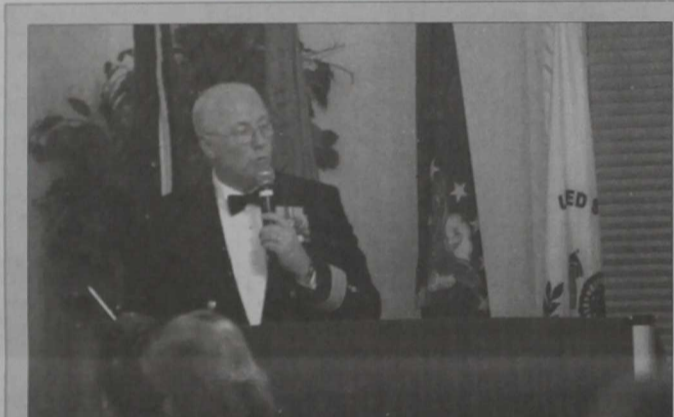


Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonathan G. Wright  
Rear Adm. Mark L. Tidd, 17th Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps and the Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains, was the guest speaker during the 234th Chaplain Corps Birthday Ball held at the Paradise Point Officers' Club, recently.

## Chaplain Corps celebrates 234th birthday at Officers' Club

LANCE CPL. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT  
Marine Corps Base

"Vocati ad Servitium." It's not the motto of some secret Marine Corps Special Operations Command unit; it's the motto of the Chaplain Corps, meaning "called to serve."

The 234th Chaplain Corps Anniversary Dinner was held at the Paradise Point Officers' Club, recently.

"Every year we have a different theme for the chaplain dinner; last year we compared chaplains of the past and of the present," said Navy Lt. Calvin Gardner, chaplain of the Marine Corps Engineer School. "This year we celebrate diversity in ministry. Throughout the military, there are so many different backgrounds and religious beliefs, yet we all serve God together."

That atmosphere was felt by all attending as Christian and Jewish chaplains and rabbis of various denominations came together to celebrate the Chaplain Corps birthday as well as its variety of services and beliefs. The diversity not only derived from the religious aspect, but also from the different paths that all attending took to eventually come under the service of God.

"I was a Bible studies college professor, and one day a young Marine came up to me and asked, 'why don't you become a chaplain for us?'" said Navy Lt. Kenneth R. Amador, chaplain for Com-

bat Logistics Battalion 26, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. "Each chaplain has a different, unique story as to how they got to where they are today."

This year's guest speaker was Rear Adm. Mark L. Tidd, 17th Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps and the Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains.

"(Chaplains) are asked to do more in one day than is humanly possible, but they do it anyway," spoke Tidd. "And as chaplains we come alongside those people in need and tell them we care."

Whether services are held in a chapel or on the roof of a humvee, God is still present, said Tidd.

After Tidd was finished, he was presented with a commissioned watercolor painting of Camp Lejeune's Protestant Chapel in honor of his speaking at the dinner.

"There are those chaplains who have a chapel, but then there are those who don't have a place to go every Sunday," said Gardner. "They go where they are needed, where people need God."

Diversity in background, religious denominations and even conditions and locations of services all in the end are as one, serving the higher power and serving those men and women who march in defense of America.

"I myself am a retired Marine master sergeant, spent 22 years in the Marine Corps," said Gardner. "And now I'm a chaplain. Shows you God has a sense of humor."

### USMC FROM 1C

each year in a different country, with this year's Southern Exchange held at Brazil's Corpo de Fuzileiros Navais base Ilha do Governador in Rio de Janeiro. The countries that participated aside from the United States were Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia and Uruguay.

"I know for us as a country, the opportunity to mix with all these other countries' Marines gives us the chance to present ourselves as the professionals that we are," said Cpl. Paul Garcia, a combat embarkation Marine with the 2nd Combat Logistics Battalion, 2nd Combat Logistics Regiment, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. "There is no history book as big as the Marine Corps', and this exercise has given us the ability to display our demeanor on an individual level as well as to learn that of the foreign Marines."

Throughout the month-long operating schedule, every Marine unit is combined and split up into 10 groups, exercising through various training periods in a round-robin fashion. Training exercises include patrolling, combat swimming, rifle and machine-gun marksmanship and combat first aid.

"It's just a great way to learn about the Marine Corps' of the world and train togeth-

er and make friends," said Lance Hopper, an infantryman with the Antiterrorism Security Team, 3rd 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

"Throughout the whole exercise, we're in the different countries together into one single unit, and that here (multi-force patrolling exercise).

The Southern Exchange Exercise is closed with a three-day peacekeeping in a participating town, 11 different scenarios with simulated attacks, civilian control, main checkpoints, et cetera.

With these training exercises, the USMC to learn and in other countries' Marines, not only Corps be more combat efficient on its own, but the ability to work in conjunction with foreign Marines is beneficial in combat.

Yes, the Marine Corps has history nearly spanning two centuries, but it is not the only Corps out there. Knowledge of countries operate and the experience cross-training will keep this country tip of the spear, razor sharp.

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The new time-saving equipment took about 45 minutes to construct and become fully operational ... a vast improvement upon the old Field Food Service System, which Cpl. Dustin K. McGowan said was a "logistical nightmare."

"With the old system it took three (seven-ton trucks) and a crane just to move it to your location," said McGowan, a food service specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 272 aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. "With the new system, all you need is one (truck) and you're good-to-go."

McGowan added that the kitchen's high mobility and minimal energy consumption makes it extremely favorable to the

Marines operating it. "The older food system took two (16-kilowatt generators) to keep it up and running," McGowan explained. "The new system ... only runs off one (10-kilowatt generator)."

Stephen N. Ewing, of Marine Corps Forces Systems Command and the project officer for the week-long test, explained that the self-contained equipment brings a lot of exciting capabilities to the table, including a system that enables the kitchen's oven and tilt-skillet to share heat, saving energy.

Data from the week-long test will be used to continue development on the kitchen. Officials hope to field more than 100 of the systems in approximately 10-12 months.

### ENERGY FROM 1C

and have it fixed before hand. We have a lot of equipment on base to save energy, and it only works if it is working properly. So as long as (the equipment) works as intended, it saves us money and electricity."

Another big project in the works for the base is the solar hot water panels being installed on the roofs of the Area 2 and 5, and Camp Johnson swimming pools.

In FY2009 alone, commented Overtree, there was more than \$100 million in savings as a result of the energy projects on base to use for the building of 14 barracks, three dining halls, a child development center and a runway apron.

"With our size we tend to take a large bit of the Marine Corps budget for energy," said Overtree. "Already we've spent over \$200 million in energy projects. If all goes as needed, next year we'll see a three to four percent drop in energy intensity on base above what we were planning. Energy is the number one priority of the secretary of the Navy and of high importance to the commandant of the Marine Corps and chief naval officers. This is important to Lejeune because we're the second largest Marine Corps base in the world."

For more information on energy conservation, visit [ecere.energy.gov/lemp/services/outreach.html](http://ecere.energy.gov/lemp/services/outreach.html).


### MEU FROM 1C

"When I stepped off the bus, I was like 'Chris coming early.' Cpl. Pedro H. Tillo, legal with the MEU, saw my wife and I knew I was home."

This was the MEU's first deployment and while he was deployed, his daughter was born. "I was approximately 7 days back in the United States and others like me accomplished family connections."

"I got and just sat on a couch, holding daughters," Castillo.

The 22nd MEU consists of ground combat element, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, Marine Regiment aviation element, Medium Troop Squadron 263 (informed); logistics combat element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22; a command element



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## Toys for Tots makes the **HOLIDAY MERRY** for every child

HEATHER M. OWENS  
Carolina Living editor

It's the busiest time of year for Santa Claus and the elves.

Believers in the jolly old elf know Moms and Dads all over the world sometimes step in and assist as necessary to ensure the requested toys are under the tree on Christmas morning.

But what if Mom and Dad don't have the resources to make that happen? What if there's been an emergency which has siphoned off much of the family funds? Or one parent has lost a job? Or if, for whatever reason, the ends just aren't meeting.

That's where the Marine Corps steps in. What with being the world's rapid reaction force and all, the Marines know a lot about logistics and getting things done.

Since 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program has been collecting toys to make Christmas special for children who otherwise might not receive a gift at Christmas.

"It's Marines helping the communities where Marines come from," said Bill Grein, a retired Marine who now serves as vice president of marketing and development for the Toys for Tots Foundation.

This year, the program has a record 691 organizations, including Marine Corps Reserve units and groups of retired Marines, running Toys for Tots drives across the nation, said Grein.

Unfortunately, other numbers factor into the equation as well.

"This year, with the economy being as it is, there is an additional 1.1 million children living in poverty than there were in December 2008," said Grein. "(Due to the economy) our corporate donations are down \$1.5 million from last year."

Locally, the story is similar.

1st Sgt. Bob Barnett, of the Inspector and Instructor Staff at Reserve Training Center Stone Bay, manages the Toys for Tots program for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Barnett and his Marines run Toys for Tots collections in seven surrounding counties. Their goal is to collect 30,000 toys. At press time, the unit was 75 percent through the drive and has collected about 60 percent of the toys needed to meet that goal.

Still, Barnett is charging onward.

"This is the time of year organizations have their Christmas parties, and often they collect toys at those parties," he said. "So the toys will keep adding up."

Toys stay in the counties in which they were donated. In Onslow County, the toys are given to Christmas Cheer, a program run by Onslow Community Outreach, formerly Onslow Community Ministries.

The organization's director, Sandra Wyrick, said applications for Christmas Cheer's toy giveaway are up but, so far, the number of toys in stock is less than the need. Additionally, Christmas Cheer's food pantry is not where it should be.

Typically, each family who receives toys from Christmas Cheer also receives a box of food and a certificate for a chicken for their holiday meal. Inclement weather cancelled last week's scheduled food drive, though it has been rescheduled.

Still, there is reason for hope.

Each year, an anonymous donor from South Carolina gives a significant sum of money to Christmas Cheer to assist military families who meet the criteria for the program. Wyrick said money goes to buy both clothing and toys for military children.

Though she does not know the identity of the donor, as the donation is funneled through a local church, she does know he is a Marine who was once stationed aboard Camp Lejeune.

"I admire this person," she said. "He wants no recognition. He just does it out of the goodness of his heart."

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# TOYS FOR TOTS



# MovieReview



From the front row with Reinhild Moldenhauer Huneycutt

## 'Precious,' 'New Moon': Dramatically different films starring teenagers

Now playing in Jacksonville

### "PRECIOUS" (R)

"Precious" is a heart-breaking drama about a young girl from Harlem who feels she has little to live for.

Newcomer Gabourey Sidibe stars as Claireece "Precious" Jones, a poor and illiterate 16-year-old African-American girl, living a horrific family life in 1980's Harlem.

Precious is an abused, damaged and morbidly obese teenager, who is about to give birth to her second child, the result of repeated abuse by her own father.

Living in a hellish home, invisible and neglected by society, she escapes the horror of her life via her rich imagination and dreams.

Having been forced to drop out of school due to her pregnancy, Precious is

accepted into an alternative school, where a caring and dedicated teacher, Blu Rain, played by Paula Patton ("Mirrors," "Swing Vote"), helps her find new direction in her life.

Precious begins a journey out of the darkness and pain which leads her on the path to love and self-determination.

Comedic actress Mo'Nique gives a bone-chilling performance as Mary, Precious' volatile and vicious mother, who is a complete monster.

Mariah Carey ("Glitter"), in an unrecognizable, dowdy supporting role, portrays Ms. Weiss, a social worker who is trying to improve Precious' home situation.

Also appearing are Lenny Kravitz ("Zoolander") as Nurse John and Sherri Shepherd ("Beauty Shop") as Cornrows.

Director Lee Daniels ("Shadowboxer"), who produced Halle Berry's award-winning "Monster's Ball," took this emotional theme of mind-boggling and extreme domestic abuse from the 1996 novel "Push" by Sapphire, and pushed his actors to perform above and beyond.

The raw, dramatic performances the cast puts forth should gain notice during the awards season.

The film has already received prestigious awards at the Sundance and Toronto Film Festivals and should score high marks at the upcoming Oscars.

Media moguls Oprah Winfrey and Tyler Perry serve as executive producers and promoters for the film.

Mary J. Blige, who encountered her own domestic abuse, wrote a beautiful song for the film.

"Precious" is a highly powerful film that is not easy to watch.

It is a harrowing, brutal, but inspiring tale of resilience, survival and hope.

### "THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON" (PG-13)

"New Moon" is the second film of the Twilight saga based on the highly popular bestselling novels written by Stephenie Meyer.

In this sequel to "Twilight," werewolves are added to the mix of vampires. The same tale of girl-meets-boy, who is a vampire, and falls for him continues.

Kristen Stewart ("Jumper") and Robert Pattinson ("Harry Potter") return as Bella Swan and Edward Cullen. Bella is recovering from an attack that almost

killed her.

To protect his love, Bella, from more harm, the brooding Edward dumps her and leaves the town of Forks, Wash., with his family.

Bella, heartbroken, sleepwalks through her senior year of high school. Devastated by Edward's abrupt departure, his image comes to her whenever she puts herself in jeopardy.

Eventually, her desire to be with him at any cost leads her to take greater and greater risks.

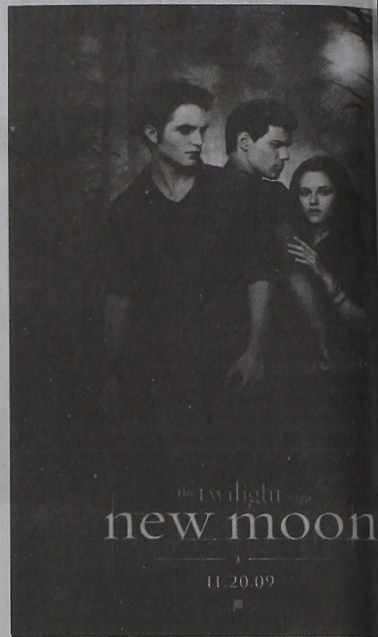
She delves deeper into the mysteries of the supernatural world she yearns to become part of, only to find herself in greater peril than ever before.

Taylor Lautner ("Cheaper by the Dozen") is back as Bella's childhood friend, Jacob Black. He is a member of the mysterious Quileute tribe and has a supernatural secret of his own.

Bella's frozen heart is gradually thawed by her budding relationship with Jacob as she rekindles their longtime friendship.

Through a chance encounter, Bella comes face-to-face with a former nemesis and realizes she is still in grave danger. She also learns the secret of the Quileutes and Edward's true motivation for leaving her.

Returning co-stars include Peter Facinelli ("Finding Amanda") as Dr. Carlisle Cullen, patriarch of the vampire family; Elizabeth Reaser ("The Family Stone") as the loving matriarch; Ashley Greene as Alice; and Nikki Reed ("Lords of Dogtown") as Edward's sister Rosalie; Kellan Lutz ("Prom Night") as Emmett



and Jackson Rathbone ("Big Stan") as Jasper. The actors representing the wolf pack, sworn enemies of the vampires, are mostly of Native American descent and include Chaske Spencer as Sam; Bronson Pelletier as Jared; Kiowa Gordon as Embry and Alex Meraz as Paul.

Michael Sheen ("Underworld: Rise of the Lycans") portrays Aro, head of the Italian vampire cult known as the Volturi and Dakota Fanning ("The Secret Life of Bees") plays Jane who joins this creepy vampire family.

Chris Weitz ("The Golden Compass," "About a Boy") directed this highly anticipated sequel to "Twilight," based on the super-popular teen book series. The next entry in the

series, "Eclipse," already finished and is scheduled during June 2010.

"New Moon" successful only because over-exposure of series which most and women have

Vampires and wolves are still a mous attraction telling and film-n. And the so-called try between the straying the main adds to the hype.

However, "New Moon" is not any better than the first film "Twilight" leaves one wondering all the fuss is about.

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Tickets and concessions open 1 hour prior to movie time. Pricing: \$2 Adults, \$1 Children

## What's happenin' CAROLINA

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

### Hidden Talents craft classes

**Various days**  
Each month, the Hidden Talents craft store at Hatteras Point offers a variety of craft classes. The classes remaining for this month include:  
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**Friday:** Basket weaving, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$35  
**Monday:** Bracelet making, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$30  
**Tuesday:** Scrapbooking, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$25  
**Dec. 18:** Card Workshop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$25  
Call Hidden Talents at 451-2658 to reserve your spot.

### Free Christmas trees for military families

**Friday, 9:30 p.m.**  
Several organizations have worked together to provide free Christmas trees to military families across the nation. Approximately 750 live trees will be available for Jacksonville-area active duty and retired service members and their families. The trees will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis at Camp Lejeune's Onslow Beach. One tree will be given to each vehicle. Proper military ID must be shown to receive a tree. Exceptions will be made for units which do not drive in a government vehicle. In the interest of safety, please do not line up prior to 8 a.m. For more information, call 451-2425.

### Fleet Reserve Association meeting

**Monday, 7 p.m.**  
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 208 has scheduled its monthly meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. at Shrine Club on Marine Boulevard. For more information, contact Raymond Applewhite at 450-4463.

### Children's ceramics class

**Registration deadline: Saturday**  
**Event: Dec. 19, noon to 3 p.m.**  
The Armed Services YMCA Ceramics Shop, located in Bldg. 1107 on Birch Street aboard Camp Lejeune, has scheduled a children's ceramics workshop. The event is open to all ages; however, children must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$5. Snacks will be served. Reserve your spot by calling 451-2011 or stopping by the shop prior to close of business, Dec. 19. The ceramics shop is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Christmas skate

**Dec. 22, 1 to 5 p.m.**  
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Station are sponsoring a Christmas Skate, Dec. 22. The event is open to the public. The cost is \$4 per person and includes skate rental, a laser tag game to first 300 participants. Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit onslowcountync.gov/parks.

# Pets of the Week

Photos by Kelli Huffman

Purr! I'm Miranda, and I'm three months old. I've got distinctive black and white markings which I think make me look really pretty. I would really enjoy living at your house.  
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For more information, call the Onslow County Animal Shelter at 455-0182.

# Southport

## One town fits all

### Daycations with Densmore



With Cpl. Katie C. Densmore

Sometimes finding a place to go is impossible because one member of the group wants to visit a Civil War site while someone else wants to go shopping. It can be difficult to find the one town that fits all. Fortunately, Southport, N.C., can suit several different tastes from history buffs to "shopinistas." The trip is two and half hours and straight forward. Take a left out of the front gate onto Highway 24 then merge onto Highway 17 like you are heading toward Wilmington. Instead of taking the Market Street exit, continue on Highway 17 until it turns into West Interstate 140. Now keep an eye out for and then take exit 14, US 421 South. Take the ramp for the Brunswick County Beaches. You won't stay on this road for long because right after this you will need to take the exit for State Route 133. SR 133 will eventually turn into Highway 87. Finally turn left onto Highway 211 and you are there.

After all of these turns you may be extremely anxious to get there, but don't speed straight down the highway, you could easily miss two very worthwhile stops.

Two very interesting side-sights along the way are Orton Plantation and the Town of Brunswick and Fort Anderson.

Orton Plantation sits on 20 acres of beautifully manicured land with walking trails winding by gardens filled with flowers and trees draped in Spanish moss. The gardens are nestled beside the Cape Fear River.

The Orton House located on the plantation is one of the oldest houses in Brunswick County. The house is one of the few in the area that survived the Civil War because it was used as a hospital. The house is privately owned and not open to the public.

If you visit the gardens and get the feeling you have seen it before, don't worry. Orton Plantation has been featured in 23 films and 34 television movies and series since 1983.

Right next door to the plantation is the Town of Brunswick and Fort Anderson.

"The port became a bustling shipping area for exporting tar, pitch and turpentine," according to the North Carolina Historic Sites Web site. "These products, derived from the resin of the longleaf pine, were known collectively as naval stores. This 'sticky gold' was essential for building and maintaining the great wooden sailing ships of the Royal Navy and the merchant fleet that sailed the oceans between Europe, its American colonies, and the islands of the Caribbean."

However, Brunswick's prosperity and success would be short lived. Fifty years after the town was founded, it was almost completely abandoned from factors including the growing prosperity of Wilmington and the relocation of the governor to New Bern, N.C. Then, in 1776, what remained of the town was destroyed by British forces.

Although the original township was destroyed, the area did not go to waste. During the Civil War, Fort Anderson was constructed atop the

old village site, and served as part of the Cape Fear River defenses below Wilmington before the fall of the Confederacy, also according to the Web site.

After taking this detour, I headed into Southport. Southport is a great place for window shoppers as several antique and unique collectable shops line the downtown.

Like most coastal towns, Southport offers every water activity imaginable from renting a kayak for a quiet close-to-nature experience to chartering a deep sea fishing trip in the hopes of catching the big one.

However, Southport does offer something that is unexpected of a small port: an airport. "The little airport with the big heart," as it is affectionately known by locals offers a variety of activities for visitors. Air tours are offered for those wanting a different view of the city. For those who are more adventurous, skydiving classes and jumps are offered throughout the week.

So, if you are looking for a place to go that has a little something for everyone you can fit into your car, Southport can satisfy those needs and bring diversity to your day away.

For more information on things to do in Southport, visit the Web site, southport.us.



Photo by Cpl. Katie C. Densmore (Top) A garden at Orton Plantation hugs the Cape Fear River. The plantation's original purpose was to grow rice, but is now a tourist destination. (Above) A statue adorns a contemplation pond at Orton Plantation. The gardens have been featured in 23 films and 34 television movies and series since 1983.

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# Educational compact helps military children

**HEATHER M. OWENS**  
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It's a common enough occurrence in the military community: Orders come and the family has to move in the middle of a child's high school career ... or even in the middle of senior year.

What happens if the sending and receiving states have different requirements for graduation?

In the past, families might have had to make the difficult decision to split up so a child may earn a high school diploma.

But things are starting to change. The Council of State Governments has ratified a new interstate compact that addresses the educational transition issues which military families face.

"According to what I've read, this was the fastest interstate compact to be enacted," said Julie Fulton, Camp Lejeune's school liaison officer.

The Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children, drafted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Personnel and Readiness, will help take away some of the educational requirement stresses which accompany military moves.

During August, North Carolina was the 11th state to sign on to the compact. According to Fulton, 24 states have joined the compact thus far. The three states with the largest Marine Corps populations, California, North Carolina and Virginia, are all members of the compact.

Fulton said the compact will level the playing field for military children, especially high school students. The compact covers children of active-duty military, guard and reserve service members as well as children of service members disabled or killed in the line of duty for a period of one year after the move.

The compact deals with issues such as enrollment, eligibility, course placement and graduation requirements. Examples of how it may help military children are numerous.

One important factor the compact covers is deployment-related absences. With the school's approval, a student may have 10 additional absences to be taken during the month before deployment or six months after a deployment. Fulton said this rule will help families re-bond after deployments.

Another benefit is receiving schools must honor the student's course placement from the sending school.

"Now, if you leave an advanced placement biology class, the receiving school must enroll you in an AP biology class unless there are no seats available in that class," said Fulton.

High school students, who often bear the brunt of difficulties related to school transfers, will now receive greater protection when it comes to meeting graduation requirements.

"If you transfer as a senior, the receiving school has to go above and beyond to help you to graduate on time in the new state," said Fulton. "If there is no possible way to meet the criteria in the new state, then graduation criteria from the sending state may be used."

That includes using testing and course requirements from the sending state.

"The senior will walk across the stage in North Carolina with their peers, but they will receive a diploma from the sending state," said Fulton.

The compact will be a major help for military families, said Fulton.

"It really is going to make a difference for our military families," said Fulton. "The military mission separates families enough. They don't need educational issues causing further separation."

**Editor's note:** The full, final text of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children may be read on The Council of State Government's Web site at [csg.org/knowledgecenter/docs/ncic/FinalCompactLanguage011108.pdf](http://csg.org/knowledgecenter/docs/ncic/FinalCompactLanguage011108.pdf). For specific questions about military educational transitions or related issues, Fulton may be reached via e-mail at [julie.fulton@usmc.mil](mailto:julie.fulton@usmc.mil).



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Cadet Tech. Sgt. Rose Ellis and Cadet Airman Bethany Riley of Civilian Air Patrol Cunningham Field Composite Squadron NC-160 await their turn to lay commemorative wreaths during last year's Wreaths Across America ceremony. This year's ceremony is scheduled for noon on Saturday at the Coastal State Veterans' Center located across Montford Point Road from the Beirut Memorial.

# Jacksonville groups participate in Wreaths Across America event

**HEATHER M. OWENS**  
Carolina Living editor

At precisely noon Saturday, people all over the country will hold wreath-laying ceremonies at the graves of fallen warriors.

Jacksonville will be no different.

Once again, the Civil Air Patrol Cunningham Field Composite Squadron NC-160 out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., has scheduled a ceremony to honor veterans buried at the Coastal State Veterans Cemetery, located across Montford Point Road from the Beirut Memorial.

Each year, despite the sometimes frigid temperature, scores of people gather at the cemetery to participate in the ceremony which got its national start 18 years ago when the Worcester Wreath Company from Maine first donated wreaths to be placed on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

Since then, the Wreaths Across America initiative, which has a partnership with the CAP, has grown to include locations near and far, including some in Europe. For locations where the noon Eastern Time ceremony start

time would be onerous, local time is sometimes used.

"They will ship wreaths to anywhere in the world where a vet is buried," said Maj. Mary Anne Fleagle, deputy commander of the CAP cadet program.

"We ask our cadets to lay the wreaths alongside the military members," said Fleagle.

Doing so evokes the program motto of "remember, honor, teach" and gives cadets a visceral appreciation of veteran's sacrifices.

Members of the five military services plus the Merchant Marines will be represented at the ceremony, said Fleagle. Additionally, Gold Star Mothers and spouses and other family members of fallen service members will attend the ceremony.

"We are privileged to have the participation of Rolling Thunder and the Patriot Guard," said Fleagle, adding that many veterans groups attend as well.

North Carolina Representative George Cleveland is scheduled to offer brief remarks. Marines and sailors from Camp Lejeune are also scheduled

to participate. Fleagle said they will be a color guard from Naval Air Station Camp Lejeune, a bugler from the Marine Division Band and a team from Headquarters and 1st Battalion.

Fleagle invites members of the public to come to the ceremony. She estimates 125 spectators joined the 200 participants at the ceremony. Afterwards, family members will place wreaths at their loved ones graves. "I would encourage those people who are out shopping to take a moment to stop by," said Fleagle. "It will come away with a renewed respect for the tremendous sacrifices our veteran's and their families made."

**Editor's note:** For more information about the Wreaths Across America program, visit its Web site at [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org). Information about how to order wreaths for Coastal State Veterans Cemetery can be obtained by contacting Civil Air Patrol Cunningham Field Composite Squadron at [mermaid@hotmail.com](mailto:mermaid@hotmail.com).

# Pharmacy program saves time, money

**CPL. KATIE C. DENSMORE**  
Marine Corps Base

Between the H1N1 flu and cold season, the lines at the pharmacy can be quite long.

For those with chronic conditions easily controlled by medicine, this trip to the pharmacy can be a germ-filled hassle.

Fortunately, there is a solution that saves time and money.

The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program is a pharmacy benefit that allows TRICARE beneficiaries to obtain up to a 90 day supply of medication through mail-order delivery.

Pharmacy staff aboard Camp Lejeune may now electronically transfer beneficiary prescriptions to TMOP. The program is the

first of its kind and is only available here.

"We are the pilot program," said Lt. Cmdr. Karen Hall, head of the pharmacy department at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. "We are just starting to let the patients know about the program. We tried it out on staff here first so we could get all of the kinks out before we brought it to the patients."

With the initial trials under way, the pharmacy department is hopeful the program will be successful and be available to the rest of TRICARE's beneficiaries, said Hall who is also a TMOP customer.

For those who are worried about receiving medication through the mail, controlled substances are not available through the program and for privacy

and protection of patients, medications are delivered in plain, secure, weather-resistant pouches.

"It is a non-descript package that is waterproof," she said. "No one will know it's medicine because it just looks ordinary. I don't even think mine had a return address on it."

Along with being safe, TMOP saves time and money.

"If you are driving a couple of hours to pick up your prescriptions, it is definitely cost-effective," said Hall. "Active-duty personnel are very busy and if they can save a trip here to have the rest of their refills sent to their houses then why not do it? It is just one more option available to them."

Another benefit of the program is an on-call 24-hour-a-day pharmacist.

Patients may call at any time with questions or concerns about their medication.

Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Miller, deputy director of pharmacy information systems, said TRICARE Manager has been working on the program since it was first implemented.

"It's exciting to see the program at work," Miller said. "We were able to connect with the mail-order system and that really is ball rolling. It's always exciting when you get technology to work for you."

If a TRICARE beneficiary is interested in enrolling in the program, there are two ways to get started: first is to ask a pharmacist to transfer the prescription to the program. The second is to call the NHCL hotline at 1-866-207-1028.

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Dec. 21	Mass	7 p.m.	Dec. 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Service	10 a.m.
Dec. 24	Mass	5 p.m., 10 p.m., Midnight		* Christmas Cantata	10 a.m.
Dec. 25	Mass	10 a.m.	Dec. 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service	10 a.m.
Jan. 1	Mass	9 a.m., 10 a.m.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7 p.m.

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Lance Cpl. Jonathan G. Wright  
 Stephen Zawistowski, owner of Metal Designs, Inc., displays a metal MV-22 Osprey as part of his Marine Corps vehicle collection during the Hidden Talents craft fair at Marston Pavilion, recently. Proceeds collected by Hidden Talents and the craft fairs go to the Officers' Wives' Club Scholarship Fund.

## Hidden Talents' craft fair is 'home-made' success

LANCE CPL. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT  
 Marine Corps Base

There's nothing quite like the rustic beauty in a craft fair to bring the old town together: quilt blankets, oil paintings of local landmarks, culinary masterpieces from grandma's Lincoln stove and so on.

The highest technology one can find is a Christmas light or two, but it's replaced by that homey, down-to-earth atmosphere where folks find comfort when attending a local craft fair.

Camp Lejeune recently held its bi-annual craft fair at Marston Pavilion, hosted by the Hidden Talents craft store, Nov. 21 and 22.

"We have everything from metal art, crochet nets and wood carvings to jewelry and gear trees," said Amanda Winn, craft fair coordinator with Hidden Talents. "The only real rule is everything has to be handmade and the vendors have to have some sort of military affiliation."

Many of the vendors orientated their products toward service members, active and retired, and military families.

Any service member would be able to find some sort of handmade product in honor of their service or specific rank.

"It started out as a hobby for me," said James McGee, military woodcraftsman, commenting on how he began his vendor of various hand-cut wood products. "After retiring from the Marines, I looked for something to do. When I started, one out of every four pieces I finished I kept. The other three went to the fireplace."

One notable vendor was attending the fair for the first time. His booth featured cut metal pieces with a military theme.

"I made a five-foot metal (CH-53D

Sea Stallion) helicopter for a friend in (II Marine Expeditionary Force), which was the first Marine Corps aircraft I made," said Stephen Zawistowski, owner of Metal Designs, Inc. "From there, it got to where they wanted me to make a gift for them to present to the Commandant of the Marine Corps during II MEF's Birthday Ball. I took the design from one of my father's Marine collar insignias and went from there."

Next Zawistowski hand-drew designs for other Marine Corps aircraft and vehicles and now sells his wares to the public with great reception.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Marcia McLaurin, family readiness officer for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, purchased her rank cut out of high-grade metal from Zawistowski's collection of large metal chevrons.

At the end of the day, families and friends left the craft fair with gifts and keepsakes of all sizes and types, and not only was it a great way to buy presents for the upcoming holidays, but all proceeds from the Hidden Talents store went toward the Officers' Wives' Club Scholarship Fund.

"Last year the store and the craft fairs collected around \$22,250, and every year we hope to pass our previous goal," said Sandy Dubbs, Hidden Talents manager.

There are two craft fairs per year. One is held before Easter and the other is held before Thanksgiving.

"This is the best craft show in the area. Everyone here does fantastic jobs, and I can't say enough good things about the people at Hidden Talents for making it possible," said McGee.

For more information about Hidden Talents and its events, visit the Web site [camplejeuncowc.org](http://camplejeuncowc.org) or call the store at 451-2658.

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what we do," she said. "The community has always come together, military and civilian, to help out."

For his part, Barnett, who has been participating in the Toys for Tots program throughout his 22-year Marine career, said he has found that children who receive toys from the program go on to become pillars of their community.

"I've actually met adults who have said, 'I received toys from Toys for Tots when I was a kid,'" he said. "And now they are participating in the program. It's pretty neat."

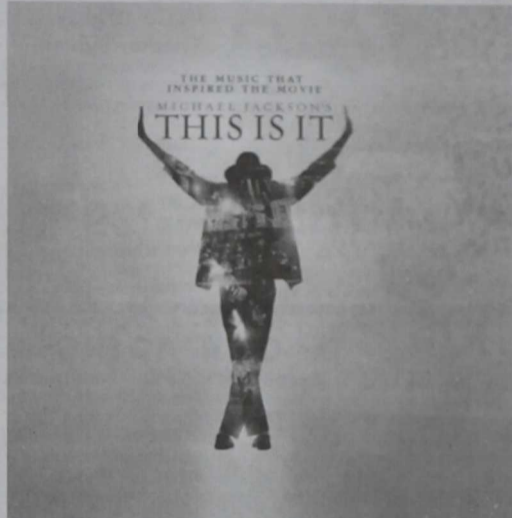
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### KEY MANOR

TIME	LOCATION
6 p.m.	Maryland & Georgia
6 p.m.	Maryland & Florida
6 p.m.	Michigan & Washington
6 p.m.	Michigan & Colorado
6 p.m.	Alabama & Washington
6 p.m.	Alabama & Florida
6 p.m.	Alabama & Vermont
6 p.m.	Alabama & Arizona
6 p.m.	Alabama & Arkansas
6 p.m.	Maryland & Oregon
6 p.m.	Delaware & Florida
6 p.m.	Virginia & Carolina
6 p.m.	Virginia & Oregon

### TARAWA TERRACE

TIME	LOCATION
6 p.m.	Tarawa & E. Peleliu
6:10 p.m.	E. Peleliu & Matanikau
6:20 p.m.	Tarawa & Matanikau
6:30 p.m.	Tarawa & Inchon
6:40 p.m.	Inchon & Naha
6:50 p.m.	Inchon & W. Peleliu
7 p.m.	W. Peleliu & Robertson
7:10 p.m.	Dimon & Robertson
7:20 p.m.	Tarawa Community Center
7:30 p.m.	Haganu & Tulugi
7:40 p.m.	Haganu & Baslone
8 p.m.	Haganu & Chosin
8:10 p.m.	Saipan & Rogers

## Officers' Wives' Club scholarship program

Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives' Club is now accepting applications for its 2010 scholarship program. Military family members, who are either graduating 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 [camplejeunewc.org](http://camplejeunewc.org). Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to Hidden Talents by Feb. 19. E-mail Cathy Close at [cathyclose@msn.com](mailto:cathyclose@msn.com) for additional information.

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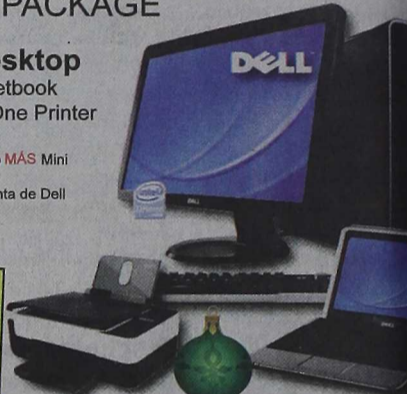
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