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## News Watch

**Amos nominated for assistant commandant**  
The former top commander of combat troops at Camp Lejeune has been nominated by President George W. Bush to be assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

Amos was commander of approximately 50,000 troops in the II Marine Expeditionary Force. He was named two years ago to become the deputy commandant for combat development and integration and other posts. The Pentagon said Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, current II MEF commander, was nominated to be commander of Marines and their bases in the Pacific.

### Recruiting marks successful month

All four services met or exceeded their active-duty recruiting goals for January, defense officials announced Feb. 11.

The legislation, which passed into law Jan. 28, includes authorities for a variety of special and incentive pays, including enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses that recruiters count on to attract new recruits. Congress made all the entitlements retroactive to Jan. 1.

The Marine Corps topped its January active-duty recruitment goal by 11 percent, bringing 3,056 new Marines into the force. The Marine Corps Reserve met its goal of 875 new recruits. The Navy met its January goals for both active-duty and Navy Reserve recruits. It signed on 3,056 active-duty sailors and 951 Navy Reservists.

The Air Force exceeded its active-duty recruiting goal for January by 3 percent, with 2,016 new airmen joining the force. The Air Force Reserve met its goal of 569 new members, and the Air National Guard met 97 percent of its January goal, recruiting 654 airmen.

The Army recruited 8,693 active-duty soldiers, 101 percent of its goal, in January. This came as welcome news to Army officials, who had feared that the delayed passage of the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act could hurt positive recruiting momentum.

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The Marines of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Fwd) send hundreds of vehicles out on Iraq's roadways to provide logistical support to all the units in Al Anbar province. But for every turning wheel is a turning wrench responsible for keeping it going. Sgt. Wayne C. Edmiston

## MLG concludes yearlong deployment

1st Lt. Philip W. Klay  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

**AL TAQADDUM, Iraq** — The 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) transferred the responsibility of combat logistics in Iraq's Al Anbar province to the 1st Marine Logistics Group during a ceremony recently.

In January 2007, the same month the 2nd MLG (Fwd) arrived in theater, President George W. Bush said in an address to the nation that "Al Qaeda has helped make Anbar the most violent area of Iraq outside the capital," and news reports regularly referred to the "volatile Anbar province" as a stronghold

for Al Qaeda and the Sunni insurgency. One year later the province shows a remarkably different face.

"An amazing transformation has happened," Maj. Gen. Walter E. Gaskin, the outgoing commanding general of Multi-National Forces-West and II Marine Expeditionary Forces (Fwd), said to the assembled Marines and sailors of the 2nd MLG (Fwd). "You brought a tremendous impact to security and government in Anbar."

During the past year, attacks against coalition forces have significantly decreased, the roads and cities are safer, and the Iraqi Security Forces have grown in size and capability.

The Iraqi army has steadily taken over more battlespace and more challenging missions, while the Iraqi police, provincial security forces and highway patrol in Anbar province have swelled to more than 22,000 members.

"It's the efforts toward transition and the transfer of battlespace to our Iraqi partners that has been our objective," said Brig. Gen. James Kessler, 2nd MLG (Fwd) commanding general, "and it has been a pleasure to watch the Iraqi Security Forces grow."

As Anbar has gone from one of Iraq's most dangerous provinces to one of its safest, the Marines and sailors of the 2nd MLG (Fwd)



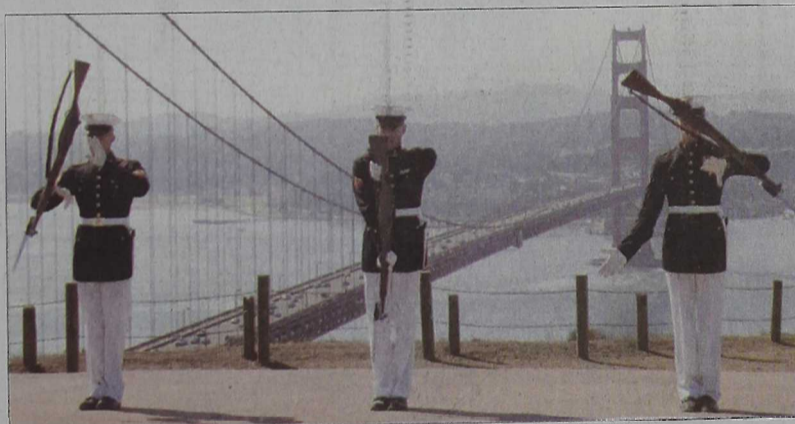
Sgt. Maj. Carl R. Green, command sergeant major of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Fwd), and Brig. Gen. James A. Kessler, commanding general of the 2nd MLG (Fwd), raise the 2nd MLG (Fwd) colors. Cpl. Jason W. Fudge

have conducted combat logistics support for Multi-National Forces - West. Their mission consisted of supply, motor transport, engineering, maintenance of vehicles and equip-

ment, medical and dental support, and services such as postal and disbursing. The unit's service members traversed countless

See **DEPLOYMENT**, 10A

## Marines launch commercial on 'Primetime'



Members of the Marine Corps' Silent Drill Platoon perform in downtown Columbia, TN as part of the America's Marines campaign. Staff Sgt. Brian J. Griffin

Staff Sgt. Brian J. Griffin  
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Don't flip the channel during commercial breaks of your favorite television show re-runs, because you might miss your chance to catch a glimpse of the latest Marine Corps commercial.

The spot, entitled "America's Marines," features the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon at iconic landmarks across the United States and has been viewed on-line more than half a million times since January 16th, when the 90-second extended version

commercial launched on [Our.Marines.com](http://Our.Marines.com).

That same night, a 60-second version debuted during the season premiere of "American Idol," which was the highest-rated non-sports show of 2008, with one in four households with televisions watching the show, according to MindShare World.

"There was a spike lasting about five minutes on [Marines.com](http://Marines.com) and [Our.Marines.com](http://Our.Marines.com) after the East Coast airing of the commercial," said Todd Copilevitz, director of digital strategy, RMG Connect, a sub-contractor for J.W.T. Atlanta.

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## Special housing offers respite to critically ill

Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — A critical illness can stretch any family emotionally and financially, but when the patient is a child, the potential stresses are even greater.

The Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation is helping ease those burdens. It provides, free of charge, hospital and retreat housing, as well as support services to children facing life-threatening illnesses and their families, and it offers priority to military families. "Our programs prioritize U.S. military families who have children being treated for life-threatening illnesses," Brian Morrison, founder and president of the foundation, said. "We believe in keeping families together during a child's medical crisis and that the gentle cadence of normal family life has a powerful influence on the healing process."

Founded in 1982, the foundation developed the concept for the first pediatric retreat facilities in the country, Morrison said. Since then, the Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation has provided more than 300,000 overnight accommodations to families.

The foundation offers six retreat facilities. All are near the Atlantic Ocean or in the mountains of Maryland and North Carolina.

Two houses opening this year, the Believe In Tomorrow House at Pinnacle Falls in North Carolina, and the Believe In Tomorrow House on the Bay in Maryland, are for use by military families exclusively as part of the foundation's military housing initiative, Morrison said.

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### Championship

The Marine Corps will be well represented at the CISM Boxing Championships this fall in Baku, Azerbaijan, thanks to a strong performance at last week's Armed Services Boxing Tournament. Read about it on 1B.



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Read all the details on 2A

### Arrive Alive Program



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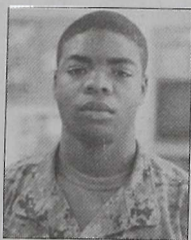
If MCCS started an enlisted club how could they attract Marines?



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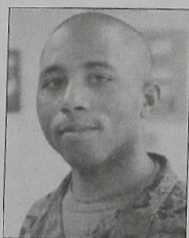
Lance Cpl. Jeremy Poirier  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

"Any thing that would help bring young Marines together, stop the individual groups."



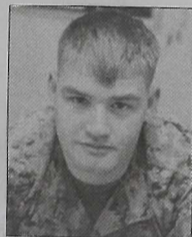
Pvt. Julius Davis  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

"It would be cool to have something like a 21 and up dance hall."



Cpl. Brandon Calhoun  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

"Having Madden tournaments and actual sporting events and teams would be great."



Pvt. Garry Feltus  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

"If the club held Pay Per View events and shows — it would be really cool."



Lance Cpl. Nichols Gillen  
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

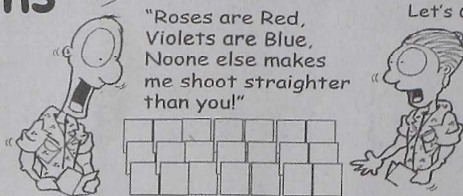
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by Gunny Wolf

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# Semper Safe

## Things you should know about the Motorcycle Safety Program

Among all motor vehicles, motorcycles are the most vulnerable on the road. Your chances of survival are greatly enhanced if you wear a helmet and follow the safety tips mentioned below when riding your motorcycle.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider Course teaches basic and complex physical skills, mental skills and risk management that is typically a lacking element found in most motorcycle mishaps.

In accordance with Marine Corps Order 5100.19E, "Operators of government or privately owned motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters, or ATVs must successfully complete a rider or operator course prior to operation on any Department of Defense installation. The training must also be completed by all active-duty military operating motorcycles whether on or off base".

The safety course must include the MSF or Specialty Vehicle Institute of America approved curriculum taught by MSF or SVIA certified or licensed instructors. The loca-

tions for the training are Coastal Carolina and Lenoir Community Colleges and Camp Johnson. One of the great things about this required training is that it's all free.

The decision to ride - accepting the risk: The first step in making a responsible decision to ride is to have a complete understanding of the high level of risk involved in riding. The risk can be lowered through the proper attitude, mental and physical strategies obtained through training.

Motorcycle operator reminders: If riding a motorcycle, use the following simple reminders in preparation to ride before heading out on the road. Has your license expired? Do you have the proper endorsement on your license to operate a motorcycle? Are your motorcycle documents such as, state registration, state inspection, liability insurance and base decal current?

Required personal protective equipment:

- Snell-approved helmet
- Protective eyewear (goggles

or full-face shield attached to helmet)

- Reflective vest (MSF Approved) (backpacks can't be worn over the vest)
- Long-sleeved shirt or jacket
- Long trousers
- Full-fingered leather gloves
- Hard-soled shoes with heels

Commanders and supervisors: You are responsible for the safety of your personnel. It is your duty to ensure that motorcyclists in your command use this information to the fullest. To assist you in your duties, a "Leaders Guide" is provided to you on our website. For more information, contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative or visit the Camp Lejeune Web site at <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>.

As Marines, sailors and civil servants we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, sailors, civilian employees or family members, and remember SEMPER SAFE.

## Report Crime

Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour hotline 938-3273  
Caller never reveals his/her identity, pays cash rewards up to \$2,500  
(information must lead to arrest or apprehension)

## Arrive Alive Program saves lives

Cpl. Patrick Fleishman  
MCB Public Affairs

In a Department of Defense worldwide survey taken every two years, the Marine Corps leads all military services in alcohol use.

Combating this issue Marine Corps Base's Headquarters and Support Battalion provides Arrive Alive cards to all of its

Marines and sailors and is offering it as an option to any service member who needs safe transportation to Camp Lejeune.

The program provides a card that lists cab companies that will take the Marine back to base where the Officer of the Day at Bldg 60 will provide payment of the fare from a fund.

"It's about a young guy

having an option after consuming alcohol, running out of money or having their designated driver becomes the 'least drunk driver' to get back to the base safely," said Col. David R. Leppelmeier, commanding officer of the battalion.

The fund of \$160, enough money for a cab ride back from Wilmington or Moorehead City, was created from donations from staff non-commissioned officers and officers.

However, this is not a hand out, said Leppelmeier. Marines are expected to pay back the OOD no later than three days after use.

There are no consequences for use of the program if you are 21 years or older, he said. "We had two Marines use it...came back

the next day, and paid the OOD back with out any repercussions."

Underage drinking is punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice and will be prosecuted accordingly, said Leppelmeier. But if a Marine younger than 21 drank, "he already made one bad and discipline-requiring decision [by underage drinking] that night, but if he uses the card it will save him a possibly fatal second bad decision by getting behind the wheel of a car."

If you don't have an Arrive Alive card cut the one from the front page, and put it in your wallet or stop by building 59 and pick one up, it could not only save your career - it could save your life.

Call the OOD at 451-3382 for a list of cab companies.

Personnel using this service will repay the OOD for the total cost associated no later than three (3) days after use.

This card can be used by ANY service member aboard Camp Lejeune!

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# Red Cross thrives thanks to volunteers

Sgt. Jennifer Brown  
MCB Quantico

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Hundreds of Quantico service members and their families receive services from the American Red Cross annually in support of family emergencies. Without volunteers it would hardly be possible for the Red Cross to provide such assistance because more than 90 percent of the American Red Cross is run by volunteers.

Volunteers for the Red Cross provide services to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies, according to Brian Shaw, Quantico's branch coordinator for Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Volunteers within the different chapters offer casework and counseling expertise to families as they access social services, emotional support networks, financial assistance and sending emergency message communication to a family member or friend serving overseas.

"The Red Cross also provides emergency leave and notification messages to service members, so their command can make decisions on determining leave when a family emergency occurs. We offer after hours emergency financial support,"

Shaw said.

With the approval of the Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriation Bill, which includes \$20 million for the American Red Cross service to the Armed Forces Program, the American Red Cross will be able to better meet the needs of American service members and their families, according to Mike W. Eversu, president of the American Red Cross.

This induction of funds will pilot more family support programs, but also means more volunteers need to be recruited, according to Shaw.

"We are a volunteer led organization, which means they operate and staff everything," he said. "Paid staff is just supplemental to this movement to fill support roles and coordinate the organization."

Currently on the base, the Red Cross serves as a volunteer coordinator for many commands including the naval health clinic, Provost Marshals Office, Consolidated Substance Abuse Counseling Center, Crossroads Inn, Officer Candidates School's physical therapy clinic and many other seasonal positions, Shaw said.

"Additionally, we have entered into a partnership with Quantico Middle and High School to offer career practicum to students on the job training as part of their school experience," he added. "We are also

a partner with Marine Corps Community Services in the anti-force protection plan for the base to provide registration duties, shelter, operations and emergency messages for emergent events."

Volunteers also provide and take health and safety classes, which include first aid, cardio pulmonary recussitation, family care giving, babysitting and pet first aid.

One of the major benefits to service men and their dependents in volunteering with the American Red Cross is they can transfer their volunteer training and experience to any place in the United States or military base worldwide, Shaw said.

"Volunteers add to the quality of life here on Quantico," he said. "We always need additional volunteers to fill turn-overs and grow programs to increase the level of service we can provide."

Volunteers are accepted here beginning at age 11 through adult. Dependents as well as service members, active and reserve, can volunteer.

"Disaster response is 24/7 and can be tailored to anyone's schedule," Shaw said. "We welcome support from the volunteers in our community."

To volunteer in your area visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or contact the Red Cross office on Camp Lejeune at 910-451-2173.



A small flag carried by the Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division is planted atop Mount Suribachi at 10:20 a.m. Feb 23, 1945 (left photo). The 54-by-28 inch American flag was from their transport ship, the USS Missoula. This is the first flag raising on the top of Mt. Suribachi. The more famous 'Rosenthal' flag-raising photo was taken when a second, larger flag was raised several hours later that day. Shown in a second photo (right), taken several minutes after the first. Staff Sgt. Lou Lowery

## Last original Iwo Jima flag-raiser dies at 82

Sentry Staff  
MCB Quantico

**REDDING, Calif.** — Raymond Jacobs, believed to be the last surviving member of the group of Marines photographed during the original U.S. flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II, has died at age 82.

Jacobs died Jan. 29 of natural causes at a Redding hospital, his daughter, Nancy Jacobs, told "The Associated Press."

Jacobs had spent his later years working to prove he was the radio operator photographed looking up at an American flag as it was being raised by other Marines on Mount Suribachi Feb. 23, 1945, on the island about 745 miles south of Tokyo.

Newspaper accounts from the time show he was on the mountain during the initial raising of a smaller American flag, though he had returned to his unit by the time the more famous AP photograph was taken of a second flag-raising later the same day.

The radioman's face isn't fully visible

in the first photograph taken of the first flag-raising by Lou Lowery, a photographer for "Leatherneck Magazine," leading some veterans to question Jacobs' claim. However, other negatives from the same roll of film show the radioman is Jacobs, said retired Col. Walt Ford, editor of Leatherneck.

"It's clearly a front-on face shot of Ray Jacobs," Ford said.

Annette Amerman, a historian with the Marine Corps History Division, said in an e-mailed statement "there are many that believe" Jacobs was the radioman. "However, there are no official records produced at the time that can prove or refute Mr. Jacobs' location."

Jacobs was honorably discharged in 1946. He was called up during the Korean War in 1951 before retiring as a sergeant, his daughter said.

Jacobs retired in 1992 from KTVU-TV in Oakland, where he worked 34 years as a reporter, anchor and news director.

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# MCA civilian-Marines deploy to Iraq

Joel C. Guenther  
MCLB Albany

**MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY, Ga.** — On Friday, Maintenance Center Albany sent a group of 17 civilian-Marines, mostly mechanics and welders, to the Al Anbar province in Iraq.

These volunteers will join the 15 mechanics and four welders already in the theater of operations who are on six-month deployments. "This is mostly about the [Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle] project," said Cpl. Christopher Mayrand, Marine liaison assistant, MCA. Mayrand said the first team deployed Nov. 1 with 13 people and the second team left Jan. 4.

Mayrand said, although the civilian-Marines left as a group, they will be split into smaller teams of two to four people assigned to different areas for maintenance duties. He said they will be not only maintaining the MRAPs, but upgrading the vehicles.

Col. Daniel Gillan, commander, MCA, said of the

volunteers, "Absolutely proud. I'm proud of the civilian-Marines. I'm proud of the families to be out here to send their loved ones off to support not only what the Maintenance Center is all about, but saving lives and making a difference."

To date, no Marine, while in an MRAP, has been killed in action from an improvised explosive device.

After he conducted roll call for the volunteers, Master Sgt. Leon Lambert, fleet liaison chief, MCA, said, "I wish I could go with them." Lambert has previously been deployed three times for a total of about two years. He added, "I was there during the initial offensive ... and it's about the guys who are on the ground over there."

Lambert coordinated the volunteers through their training and deployment. He also keeps track of their progress throughout the theater of operations. He said, "I may not be able to pull the trigger, I may not be in the field with those guys, but I can sure enough support them."

About the civilian-Ma-



Loved ones look on as civilian-Marines depart from Maintenance Center Albany for a six-month deployment to Iraq. Seventeen civilian employees at MCA volunteered for the six-month deployment in order to be able to repair Marine Corps vehicles in the Iraqi Theater of operations. Joel C. Guenther

rines, Lambert said, "It takes a lot for these guys to volunteer. A lot of these guys have not even been in the military and for them to actually volunteer ... it just takes a lot for these guys to go out and do this."

Lambert said this is "technically" the fifth group to deploy from MCA.

He said two groups are still in-country. He added the Marine Corps tries their best to train and brief the civilians and their families on what the volunteers will be facing in the theater of operations. He said it is a three-month process.

Kyle Hawkins, mechanic, MCA said this will be the longest time he would

be away from his family. "Yep," he said, "I'm ready to get it over with."

Don Powell, mechanic, said he and his family have been doing this for 34 years. He was a military man for 30 years. "They're used to it," he said of his family, adding, "I am so much looking forward to this."

Josh Erskine, mechanic and his wife, Sandra, expressed more trepidation. Sandra said she was very hesitant about the deployment and, when asked how long they've previously been apart, said, "About a week."

Tamara Gaskins, wife of Joshua Gaskins, mechanic, said they've been married for seven years. She said, "This is our fourth deployment." She said she wasn't nervous about it at all.

Christopher Davis, mechanic, Shop 723, said he and his family have never been separated before; the longest they've been apart is two weeks.

Several others had either been over in Iraq or deployed in some fashion when in the military. David Tucker, mechanic, Shop 716, said this will be his third trip over there indicating it should produce "no problem." He added, though, that the families "never really get used to it ... and I don't want them to get used to it."

Another mechanic, Jerry Knoedler, from, summed it up, "My job is fixing broke stuff. If it's broken, I'm going to fix it."

# Mexico City native gives much, asks little

1st Lt. Brian P. Donnelly  
MCB Quantico

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Lance Cpl. Mario Pacheco-Perez had only one request after being naturalized before a packed house at Harry Lee Hall Feb. 1 — a moment of silence for the immigrants who died serving the country before they had a chance to be in his place.

"I wish to share this moment with them," said the 22-year-old Marine.

Pacheco-Perez's coworkers said the request came as no surprise.

"That's him," said William Hicks, assistant head of the Marine Corps Promotions Branch, where Pacheco-Perez is a board support Marine.

Pacheco-Perez grew up in Mexico City, where he worked as a swimming instructor before moving to Texas three years ago at the age of 19. He spent a year working in a clothing store in Dallas before joining the Marine Corps with his twin brother. He said he didn't learn English until boot camp.

Staff Sgt. Sandra Aspiazu, board support staff noncommissioned officer in charge, said becoming a citizen was the first thing on Pacheco-Perez's agenda when he arrived at Quantico.

Aspiazu, a Columbia native who was naturalized two years ago, had nothing but praise for the young Marine.

"He's just one of those people (who) makes a difference no matter what rank he is," she said.

There was plenty of rank at the ceremony, including Brig. Gen. John M. Croley, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces South, and Jonathan Scharfen, deputy director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, who personally naturalized Pacheco-Perez. Despite the brass in attendance, the lance corporal's speech stole the show.

"I truly believe what this country thinks about liberty and justice," Pacheco-Perez said. "I want to prove that as an immigrant, you can go as far as you want."

Thousands of immigrants have contributed to the Global War on Terrorism. Many have gone above the normal call of duty. Sgt. Rafael Peralta, another Mexico native who obtained his citizenship after joining the Corps, saved a roomful of Marines in Fallujah in November 2004 when he covered an insurgent grenade with his body after being critically wounded by machine-gun fire during a house-clearing mission. Although Marine Corps officials do not comment on pending awards, it has been reported that Peralta has been nominated for the Medal of Honor.

Immigrant service members such as Peralta and Pacheco-Perez now face a much easier process to obtain their citizenship, thanks to an executive order signed in October 2004. Service members now qualify for naturalization after serving honorably for just one year, and anyone serving during wartime is immediately eligible. For nonmilitary immigrants, the process takes about five years.

"There's a great benefit that's being offered our immigrant soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines," Scharfen said, "and we encourage all of them to take advantage of it."

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services estimate it has naturalized almost 40,000 service members since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 4,700 have been naturalized while deployed overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Deployed service members have access to all aspects of the naturalization process, including applications, interviews and ceremonies.

"We are committed to naturalizing our military men and women wherever they are," Scharfen said.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services also has granted posthumous citizenship to 109 service members during the Global War on Terrorism, a group for whom Pacheco-Perez said he has the utmost respect.



The Corps' newest American, Lance Cpl. Mario Pacheco-Perez, meets Brig. Gen. John M. Croley, commander of Marine Corps Forces South as they pose before a painting of Tun Tavern at Quantico's Harry Lee Hall Feb. 1. WeiKe Zhao

"They are citizens already, because they fight for this country," he said. As for Pacheco-Perez, he said he looks forward to voting in the upcoming election.

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U.S. Marines and sailors with Embedded Training Team 6-3 load a mock casualty into a Stokes litter during a casualty evacuation training lane in Hawthorne, Nev., Feb. 4. Lance Cpl. Uriel De Luna-Felix



Two U.S. Marines trek down the snow-covered foothills of a mountain, during dismounted mountain mobility training in Hawthorne, Nev. The Marine in desert camouflage utilities is Sgt. Bradley Kramer, a mountain warfare instructor and a native of Saline, Mich. Cpl. Michael S. Cifuentes



A U.S. Marine with Embedded Training Team 2-6 guides Staff Sgt. Timothy O'Brien, staff non-commissioned officer in charge with ETT 2-6 and a Philadelphia native, as he's being hoisted up to a UH-1 (Huey) Navy Search and Rescue helicopter aboard U.S. Army training grounds during a simulated rescue mission. Cpl. Michael S. Cifuentes

# Marines, sailors 'hit the slopes' to prepare for Afghanistan

Cpl. Michael S. Cifuentes  
MCMWTC

HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT, Nev. — U.S. Marines and sailors serving with the 3rd Marine Division are undergoing an unorthodox training evolution in the mountainous terrain of Northern Nevada.

Okinawa, Japan-based Marines are roughing freezing temperatures, gusty winds, snow and mountainous terrain that elevates past 6,000 feet in order to prepare for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

"This is the best training we had in pre-deployment training packages to date," said Lt. Col. Michael Cuccio, officer in charge of Embedded Trainer Team 2-6.

Once in Afghanistan, Cuccio's group of Marines and sailors, as well as other embedded training teams with 3rd Marine Division, will be embedded with Afghan National army units and serve as military advisors to them. Until then, they must sharpen their military skills in the most similar terrain, which lies in Hawthorne, Nev. The training is dubbed Mountain Viper and takes place in the grounds surrounding Hawthorne Army Depot.

Early Feb. 4, Embedded Training Teams 2-6 and 6-3 spent the morning learning cold-weather survival while conducting military operations. Instructors from



U.S. Marines and sailors with Embedded Training Team 2-6 trek down the foothills of a mountain in the snowfall during a dismounted mobility course in Hawthorne, Nev. Cpl. Michael S. Cifuentes

Mountain Warfare Training Center based out of Bridgeport, Calif., where the subject matter experts.

"We teach them the material that will assist them to survive in Afghanistan," said Sgt. Bradley Kramer, mountain warfare instructor and a Saline, Mich., native. "This is the closest terrain and environment to Afghanistan, and this is the most simulated training the Marines receive when they go through Mountain Viper."

A Navy search and rescue team

from Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., came via UH-1 (Huey), to a small camp in the valley of a snow-covered mountain where the Marines bivouacked.

Cmdr. Doug Russell, NAS Fallon executive officer, and Senior Chief Petty Officer Karl Rokasz, leading chief for NAS' search and rescue teams, gave a class on rescue procedures using a helicopter as means of evacuating a casualty. Both embedded training teams were given

the opportunity to evacuate a mock-casualty out of a canyon. The search and rescue helicopter hoisted the mock-casualty using two of their most used methods — a Stokes litter, a long platform that holds and stabilizes a casualty, and a "horse collar" that wraps around the back and under the arms of a casualty.

Learning how to safely and quickly get injured or wounded Marines out of harms way by using a helicopter to evacu-

ate them is something Marines and corpsmen are used to doing, said Sgt. Jon Welch, mountain warfare instructor.

"Evacuating a hurt Marine from a canyon that's covered in snow during a windy day is something they're not used to but must feel comfortable doing," said Welch, a Moab, Utah, native. "This training is just adding another tool to their toolbox."

With winds gusting in their faces and snowfall accumulating inches in only a few hours, the Marines and sailors also toppled foothills and mountains, training for what they "surely" be doing when deployed to Afghanistan, said Kramer.

"The teams have to be prepared to face elements and climb steep, snow-covered mountains in Afghanistan," said Kramer. "Sometimes patrolling on foot is the only means of travel, and they have to get comfortable with it."

Losing footing and shortness of breath was a small problem for some Marines and sailors trekking up the mountains. But they were aware that hypothermia was an unpopular, but common, setback they faced when fighting through these elements.

Nonetheless, the teams traveled up, around and down some of Hawthorne's rocky mountains with full packs, rifles, fil-

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# Staff Sergeant whips MSOAG into shape

Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Stahlman  
MARSOC

"Intensely motivated", "Everything a Marine should be" and "A little crazy, but in a good way" are just some of the ways U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command Marines and Sailors describe Staff Sgt. Trevor S. Wargo, an instructor with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group's Standards and Training section.

Wargo, a 32-year-old native of Sulphur, La., ensures Marines and Sailors in MSOAG's 6-month student pipeline are at their peak physical condition upon graduation.

According to S&T's staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey T. Sundermier, the pipeline consists of

20 training packages to prepare the students for a variety of special operations missions in foreign countries. These packages include hundreds of hours of weapons, language and culture training, as well as instruction on teaching techniques needed to pass skills on to friendly foreign nations.

Wargo believes that in order to perform the way U.S. Special Operations Command needs them too, they must be in shape physically, as well as mentally. His role in the pipeline as the team-skills trainer, combat conditioning specialist and Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor is to ensure the students' bodies work as well as their minds.

During Wargo's seven months with MSOAG, he implemented a combat conditioning program.

"Being with the pipeline gives me the opportunity to make a strict schedule to ensure these students are physically fit to deploy," explained Wargo. "The physical training they receive is more intense, faster-paced and has more variety than the average Marine Corps unit gets."

"On average, we see around a 35 to 40 point increase on these students' physical fitness test," said Wargo. "My personal goal is to have a class average of 290 [on the PFT] and have all sergeants and above wearing a black-belt in MCMAP."

Before being assigned to MARSOC, Wargo honed his close-combat skills at the Martial Arts Center of Excellence at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., where he served as a MCMAP instructor from 2002 to 2004. Now, he shares his

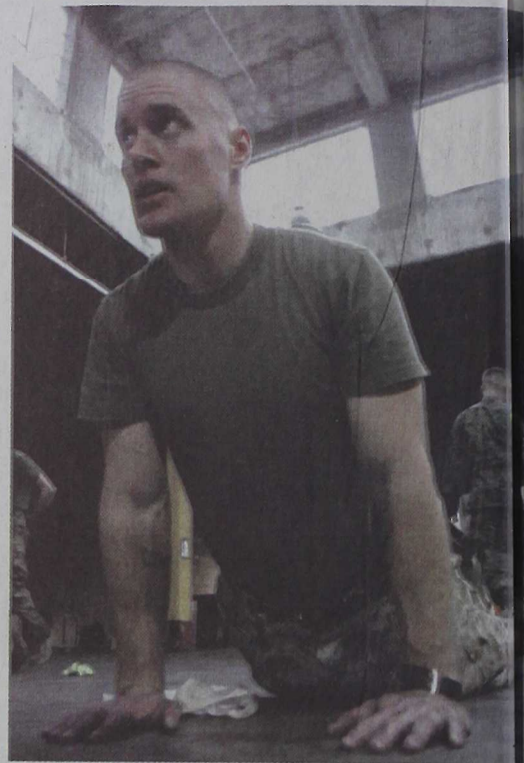
knowledge, skills and experience with his students and MARSOC as a whole.

"It's important to take one's strengths and share them with other Marines," said Wargo. "I feel it's my responsibility to spread the experience and knowledge I obtained at the Martial Arts Center of Excellence to my unit and to these students." While stationed in Quantico, Wargo also passed the Certified Military Personal Trainers course, which helped him create the physical fitness program that S&T integrated into its training pipeline.

Wargo's extensive training and experience shaped the way he teaches his students. Wargo believes leading from the front isn't just an expression, it should be the way everyone leads.

"I think the best way to

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Staff Sgt. Trevor S. Wargo, an instructor with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group's Standards and Training section here, stretches with his students after a grueling two-hour combat conditioning workout Jan. 29. Wargo, a 32-year-old native of Sulphur, La., ensures Marines and Sailors in MSOAG's 6-month student pipeline graduate in peak physical condition. Courtesy photo

# February marks Black History Month



Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman  
Marine Corps Base

Once again February marks the observance of Black History Month. The holiday was created by African Americans for to celebrate the thick cultural heritage and African American life and story.

"We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice," Carter Woodson on founding Negro History Week, 1926 ([www.chiff.com/education/black-history-month](http://www.chiff.com/education/black-history-month))

February was established as Black History Month in 1976, the celebration was an expansion of the Black History Week established in 1926, by Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was the president of what was the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

February was chosen Black History Week and then month because

of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln for his efforts in the civil war to free slaves and Fredrick Douglas for his efforts in anti-slavery.

The first African American week was celebrated mainly by members of the African American community. Soon after though, members of local and state governments, especially in the northern United States, started to endorse the observation of Black History Week. This not only helped the black community but helped the onset of interracial life.

"Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ([www.chiff.com/education/black-history-month](http://www.chiff.com/education/black-history-month))

As the rise of Black Power groups came around many black communities began to complain that a week was not enough time to celebrate the heritage of the culture of the African Americans, as they followed Black History Month.

The Marine Corps also has a thick, luscious history and heritage of African American influence.

John Martin, a slave, was the very first black man in history to enlist in the Marines. Martin fought in the American Revolution; he was recruited to the Continental service in April of 1776. Martin served on the Brig Reprisal, until the ship sank in October of 1777.

After the end of the Revolutionary war, blacks were banned from enlisting in the Marines. It was more than 160 years before another African American would enter the Marine Corps.

At the start of WWI, Blacks were being admitted into the Army and Navy in special segregated units. President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent out an Executive Order (No. 8802), which set the standard for equal employment for all races in the Armed Forces.

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# 24th MEU gears up for deployment

By Staff Sgt. Dawn Brammer  
of Landing Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 24

**PORT OF WILMINGTON, N.C.** The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit completed loading hundreds of vehicles, weapons and containers aboard the United States Naval Ship Algol, Feb. 1. This marks the 24th MEU's adjustment from operating with the Nassau Expeditionary Strike Group to supporting NATO operations in southern Afghanistan.



This way: Staff Sgt. Dawn Brammer, of Landing Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 24, helps guide a Humvee onto the Algol at the state port in Wilmington, N.C. Cpl. Randall A. Clinton

"[Just a week ago] we had all of our stuff on amphibious ships in Norfolk, Va. — I mean, we had to collect all that stuff, get it back to containers, bring it back down to [Camp] Lejeune, break open that stuff, get all the stuff we need out, get all the stuff we do need and pack it back up," said Capt. Mark Windham, embarkation officer, 24th MEU. "So within a compressed timeline we had to figure out what we had, what we have on the deck, make it reflect in the paperwork and move down to the Port of Wilmington," Windham added.

he said. However, simply getting the gear and aboard the ship is easy when compared to the process of tracking every item prior to its loading.

Assisting the 24th MEU dockside was the Army's 841st Terminal Transportation Battalion — a unit experienced in port operations along the East Coast.

The soldiers created a stow plan for the more than 450 pieces of cargo, maximizing every inch of space, said Maj. Isabel Geiger, operations officer, 841st TTB.

"You won't be able to walk between them," Geiger promised of the cargo.

Accounting for each item as it is staged and then loaded aboard the ship falls on the shoulders of Combat Logistics Battalion 24's landing support unit.

"Monday morning is when everything really started [for us]. That's when the convoys came in and then the cargo started coming in," said Cpl. Mark Brady, landing support specialist, CLB-24.

However, simply getting the gear and aboard the ship is easy when compared to the process of tracking every item prior to its loading.

"We would be loading it on ship anyway, whether it is three ships [Nassau ESG] or just one big one. It hasn't changed too much, just increased the scale. Last night we were out here until 12:45 a.m., putting tags on all these vehicles," said Brady.

Windham admitted his Marines had a tall task, but his confidence never wavered.

"It's sleep deprivation to the extreme. We rarely ask Marines to do something that is unreasonable to accomplish within the time frame we have," he said. "It's unreasonable for normal people, but my Marines that work for me down here are extraordinary. So it is not undoable for them."



Sheik Mi'shan cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the grand opening of the Karma City Courthouse Feb. 7. Sheiks culturally perform the duties of a judge for locals in disputes and civil case. Sgt. Nathaniel C. LeBlanc

# Karma City Courthouse opens its doors

Sgt. Nathaniel C. LeBlanc  
1st Marine Division

**KARMA, Iraq** — Court is in session. City officials and Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1 were present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening of the Karma City Courthouse Feb. 7.

The courthouse is another step closer into the direction of stability for the city, providing justice for all its citizens.

"It's a major accomplishment," said Capt. Quintin Jones, company commander, Co. L, 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines. "We see the completion of a triad... the government, law, and now the judicial system. Today, Karma is able to work at 100 percent and not have to send its cases to Fallujah anymore."

The original courthouse was significantly damaged during the war and was moved to a local library. With the support of RCT-6 and RCT-1, the Marines helped with the rehabilitation process and getting the judicial system back on its feet. Local contractors were hired for the job, taking only two months to complete at a cost of \$83,000.

"It's well beyond any expectations I had for Iraq," said the Memphis, Tenn., native. "It's my third deployment here, and being able to see the speed of the progress is unbelievable. Going from a dysfunctional city to a fully functional city overnight is impressive."

With the addition of the re-built courthouse, the city also received a new prosecutor judge who was present for the occasion.

Judge Walid Hassan, a recent graduate from the Law Institute in Baghdad, said he is looking forward to working for Karma and its citizens, and has high hopes for the following years to come. "The courts in Iraq have a bright future under the new directions of the central government, which supports the judicial system, and specifically in the region of Karma," Judge Walid said. "Now the court can play a larger role in the life of its citizens. Before, people used the old style of resolving cases and lawsuits between them by going to the sheiks of the tribes who would then play the role of judge."

The ceremony was a momentous event and a sign of the times, where city leaders and officials came together to show unity, and the support they have for the newly installed judicial system.

"Today, the city of Karma is speaking with one voice," Jones said. "The chairman of the city council, the mayor, Sheik Mi'shan, Iraqi police chief, Judge Walid and the commanding officer of 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines were all present. None of this could have been possible if it weren't for the sacrifices of the Marines and Iraqis throughout the past four years."

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Members of the Marine Corps' Silent Drill Platoon perform in the San Francisco, CA Bay Area as part of the America's Marines campaign. The program, initiated last September, is intended to strengthen America's understanding of the Marine Corps and consists of the new television commercial, a nationwide tour during the filming for the commercial, video documentary. Staff Sgt. Brian J. Griffin

**COMMERCIAL, from 1A**

The commercial shows what seems to be an endless line of Marines stretching from coast to coast and is part of a larger overall community relations campaign.

The campaign, initiated last September, is intended to strengthen America's understanding of the Marine Corps and consists of the new television commercial, a nationwide tour during the filming for the commercial, video documentary, and the interactive web site, where people can upload videos, photos and stories about the Marine Corps.

"The America's Marines campaign is designed to deepen the connection between the Marine Corps and the American people," said Capt. Salvatore Nigro, action officer, America's Marines campaign.

The Marines traveled throughout the country during the tour. These visits also provided local communities an opportunity to see the discipline and teamwork that defines the Corps' ethos, Nigro said.

"There have been hundreds of people who have come out to the sites we have filmed at, showing their support and sharing their stories on the Marine Corps," he said. "And that's what we wanted; we wanted people to come to

these locations and talk with us, shake our hands, and meet the Marines who have made a conscious decision to serve their country."

Art Karin was one of more than 30 people who came to the 2 a.m. filming at Times Square in New York. The 68-year-old former lance corporal traveled more than an hour from Keyport, N.J., to attend the production shoot. Karin said he enjoyed being around the Marines and feeling the camaraderie in the group. His attendance was especially poignant, as the former Marine lost his vision more than 15 years ago.

"I can't see these guys, but if I can stand here and just listen, I can see more than most of these other people ever will."

The America's Marines campaign is new by design, according to Marine Corps officials who developed the campaign concept with their long-standing advertising partner, J.W.T. Atlanta.

"This campaign has been more than a year in the making and is slightly different than Marine Corps commercials of the past," said Carl Warner, executive creative director, co-president, J.W.T. Atlanta. "Those were strictly commercials; this is a true campaign. It's really about the interaction, the filming and the web site."

**MOUNTAINS, from 6A**

jackets and communication gear.

Capt. Lance Seiffert, the lane officer-in-charge for the dismounted mountain mobility phase, said the overall purpose of training to hike through the mountains was to enable the teams to see how suited they are for long movements.

"This is definitely strenuous training but brings a lot of value to our teams," said Cpl. Mario Gonzales, a generator mechanic with ETT 2-6 and an Irving, Texas, native. "Tough training like this also brings the unit together and helps build camaraderie. When we're in country, all we'll have is each other. This forces us to work well with each other now so we'll be comfortable with each other over there."

Aside from physical training, the moun-

tain warfare instructors gave classes on survival diets, survival fires, patrolling considerations, and other survival techniques they could possibly use when in Afghanistan.

"Everything I learned here is essential to our survival in Afghanistan," said Capt. N. Cicio, a Mahopac, N.Y., native. "It all was tedious training and culminates our training package before deployment to Afghanistan."

With just weeks before their deployment, these troops on an island-based training and sailors anticipated no such weather, but frigid temperatures and desolate, mountainous terrain. Some Marines said they can't tell themselves to worry about the elements. Their mission is to operate in these elements in order to be the ANA become a sufficient force.

**HOUSING, from 1A**

"[The] retreat housing provides families with the opportunity to escape from the stressful routine of medical treatments," he said. "Families are encouraged to use our retreat facilities on an ongoing basis, free of charge, to renew themselves mentally and physically."

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Morrison said he hopes his foundation's recent affiliation with the Defense Department's America Supports You program will help spread the word about support services it offers to eligible military families. America Supports You connects citizens and companies with service members and their families serving at home and abroad.

**DEPLOYMENT, from 1A**

miles of Anbar province taking part in numerous crucial operations, be it the buildup of combat outposts in Amariyah-Ferris or the fortification of joint security stations and Iraqi police stations in Ramadi and Fallujah. Over the course of the year they have worked with the Iraqi security forces to bring medical care to the Iraqi people, kept the combat element of MNF-W moving and processed more than 28 million pounds of mail.

"The Marines are well trained and well disciplined," said Sgt.

Maj. Carl R. Green, command sergeant major of the 2nd MLG (Fwd), of the Marines he observed during the deployment, "A lot are really young but really dedicated to what they do. Our young [noncommissioned officer] corps is probably the best I've seen in many years."

The 1st MLG plans to build upon the successes of the outgoing unit. "We have big shoes to fill," Brig. Gen. Robert R. Ruark, commanding general of 1st MLG, said at the ceremony, "but we have been trained well prior to coming to Iraq and well guided by the capable hands of the 2nd MLG (Fwd)."

**Retired Military Breakfast**

There will be a breakfast for retired and active-duty military at the Ball Center on Camp Lejeune, Feb. 23.

Social Hour begins at 7 a.m. with breakfast at 8 a.m. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, USMC Commanding General II Marine Expeditionary Force.

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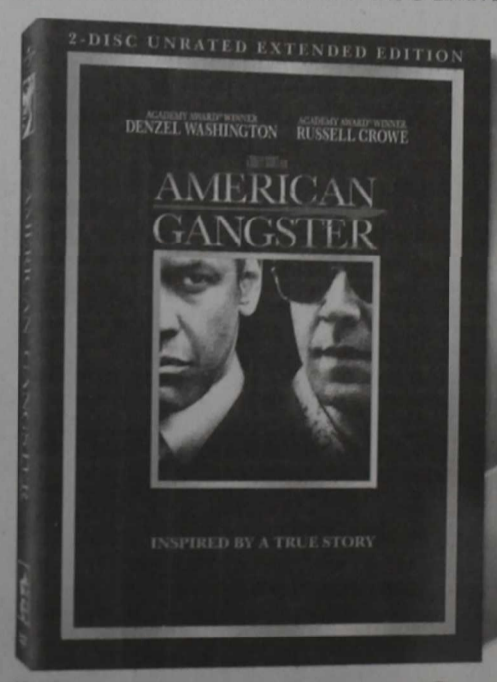
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The first Camp Lejeune Open Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for Saturday. The event is sponsored by the All-Marine Wrestling Team. Registration and weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the wrestling kicks off at 10 a.m. Weight classes include 110, 121, 132, 145.5, 163, 185, 211 and 264 pounds. For more information, call 451-3762.

### Camp Lejeune varsity soccer tryouts

Service members who wish to tryout for the 2008 Camp Lejeune varsity soccer team may call head coach Antonio Warner at 451-2061. Tryouts will be held on a continuing basis throughout the season.

### Camp Lejeune Running Club

The Camp Lejeune Running Club invites you to join and start getting recognized for your efforts. Sign-up at any area fitness center or call the fitness program coordinator at 451-7002.

### Women's intramural programs

The Intramural and Varsity Sports Office aboard Camp Lejeune is interested in rejuvenating women's sports programs here. Sports available at the intramural and varsity level include basketball, golf, rugby, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Active-duty Marines and Navy commanders and personnel are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 451-2710.

### Youth wrestling club

The Lejeune Lions Youth Wrestling Club is open to youngsters ages 6-16 interested in the sport of freestyle wrestling. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Area 5 Gym, across from the Mainside Post Office. The program is free. For more information, call 451-3762.

### Baseball players sought

The Coastal Carolina Baseball Federation is open to players more than 19 years of age. Players and coaches are needed to fill out the Camp Lejeune team. For more information, call Christopher Smith at 252-622-4201 or e-mail him at gonehuntin@ec.rr.com.

### Shad fishing Web site

Anglers can keep up with the spring shad run by logging on to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NC-Shad>. Shad have already started to enter the Tar and Neuse rivers and their associated creeks.

# Marine boxers grab silver



Perry Mason, fighting for the All-Marine boxing team in the 112-pound final, unleashes a flurry of punches on his opponent, Michael Benedosso of the All-Army team. Cpl. Triah Pendracki

“The All-Marine team exceeded what was expected of it. We did very well considering our limited experience ...”

Ron Sims, All-Marine boxing team coach

At right, Edgar Ramirez (in the red and gold) tests his Air Force opponent in the 132-pound Armed Services Boxing championship. Ramirez won the fight handily. Cpl. Triah Pendracki



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**Jamie Cameron**  
Assistant managing editor

The Marine Corps will be well represented at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Boxing Championships this fall in Baku, Azerbaijan, thanks to a strong performance at last week's Armed Services Boxing Tournament.

The four-day event played out aboard Camp Lejeune's Goettge Memorial Field House, with the championship bouts decided Feb. 7 in front of a raucous crowd of boxing fans.

Of the 10 weight class finals, All-Marine team members fought for the gold in six. Andre Ramirez, Edgar Ramirez (no relation) and Samuel Martinez all won their matches by judges' decision and qualified for the U.S. team which will go to Azerbaijan Nov. 4-11.

Army won the overall team competition with 17 points, followed by the Marine Corps with 11, Air Force with four and Navy with one.

"I'm definitely happy with getting six Marines to the finals," said head coach Ron Sims. "We got the three gold medals I thought we would and two of the other boxers came very, very close to winning their fights as well."

Championship night opened with Perry Mason of the All-Marine team facing Army's Michael Benedosso in the 112-pound final. Mason staked out the middle of the ring and initiated most of the action, but his opponent was a deadly counter-puncher. Despite slipping to the mat in the first round and receiving a point deduction for head-butting, Benedosso earned Army's first gold of the night based on points — beating Mason 21-18.

In the 125-pound match-up, Andre Ramirez got the home crowd pumped up with his win over Army's Alexis Ramos. Ramirez came out with an unorthodox, hands-high style that invited a frontal attack. Whenever Ramos took the bait, the opening closed quickly as Ramirez punished him with

rapid combinations. With both boxers tiring in the fourth and final round, Ramirez forced a crack in his opponent's defense and opened up a furious attack that led to both competitors trading wild blows while trying to stay on their feet. Ramirez held the upper-hand throughout the fight and was rewarded with the gold medal.

Edgar Ramirez kept the ball rolling for the Marine Corps in the 132-pound championship. A technician in the ring, Ramirez put on a clinic of counter-punches against Chance Yearwood, his Air Force opponent. Every time Russell tried to probe Ramirez's defense, he paid a heavy price, including a stiff upper-cut in the third round that elicited a standing-eight count from the referee. Ramirez's gold medal was never in doubt.

Martinez scored the All-Marine team's final championship in the next fight of the night, the 141-pound final

See **BOXERS**, 8B

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**Lejeune Outdoors**  
By Jamie Cameron

## Shad start season on the right foot

and light to ultra-light spinning gear and even fly-fishing rigs. Since you're not looking to fill a cooler, it's okay if you lose a few shad because of the light tackle.

Bait is not a concern. Spawning shad really don't eat anything on their way upriver; they strike brightly-colored objects out of annoyance. Traditional "shad darts" can be purchased in any coastal tackle shop. These simple lures consist of a painted lead head and a sparse hair or synthetic tail. Shad fishermen also use small metal spoons and jigs with curly-tail bodies to aggravate shad into biting. Think small; 1/8- to 1/4-ounce sizes in white, chartreuse, silver and gold.

If you are determined to take some of your catch home, make sure you select the female shad containing the roe. These golden egg sacs are excellent wrapped in strips of bacon and fried or mixed with scrambled eggs. Just remember that targeting spawning females puts a dent in the population's ability to procreate. Take a couple for personal consumption and release the rest so future generations can enjoy this spring tradition.

According to Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, the fishing along the coast for species other than shad remains slow. There are small speckled trout holding in some of the deeper creeks, but the fishing is tough, especially with recent windy conditions. As has been the case throughout the winter, red drum are also a possibility for trout fishermen. Shoals of drum have been spotted in the inlets around Bear and Brown's islands.

Get ready for a change in the regulations for summer flounder harvest starting in March. The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries is expected to increase the minimum sized for flounder to 15-1/2 inches; up from 14-1/2 inches. The bag limit will remain at eight fish per day.

Keep your eyes on the prize —the fisherman's year is about to start all over again.

If you're like me and can't wait for the spring fishing season to get underway, give yourself a pat on the back — you've weathered the worst of winter and things are going to start getting better.

One fishery I plan to take advantage of this year is the early spring shad run.

There are two types of shad that migrate from the ocean to North Carolina's coastal rivers each spring to spawn — the hickory shad and the far less numerous American shad.

Just like salmon and striped bass, shad are anadromous; they spend their adolescent years at sea and, upon reaching maturity, return to the freshwater rivers and creeks from which they were hatched to mate and lay eggs. The shad runs in the Tar and Neuse rivers are well-known among North Carolina fishermen and offer early spring action to start the year off right.

Shad fishing is done from the bank and in boats. The obvious advantage for boaters is they can move around from spot to spot until they find the fish. For shore-bound anglers, the action can be spotty, but as schools of fish move upstream, the shad will eventually swim by and offer an opportunity for everyone to join in the fun.

These fish are not giants — hickory shad average 1/2- to 1-pound and Americans a bit larger than that. Tackle selection usually tends toward the light side of things; all the better to enjoy the sporty attributes of the fish. Shad are not good eating, but they do fight hard. With that in mind, most anglers use 4- to 6-pound test line

## Gonzalez excited by new role with Marlins

Sarah Larimer  
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Outfielder Luis Gonzalez hopes to make an immediate impact with the Florida Marlins, even if it is in the clubhouse, not on the field.

"It's a bunch of good young players here," said Gonzalez. "Hopefully, the way I approach the game could rub off on a couple guys and they realize that if they're out there competing and playing hard, it's going to make a difference."

Gonzalez, who signed a \$2 million, one-year contract with the team Feb. 7, will add experience to a roster that is packed with young talent.

"I've always been vocal in the clubhouse and I'm very energetic," he said. "I enjoy being at the ballpark ... I like to have fun but I like to compete too. It's all about going out there and winning."

The Marlins set franchise records for hits, runs and home runs last season, but still finished 71-91.

Gonzalez hit .278 with 15 home runs and 68 RBIs last year with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He played in 139 games in 2007 but became a part-time player in the second half of the season. "I bring a different kind of energy to the ball park right way," Gonzalez said.

## Tide tables for New River Inlet

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## Bengals' Houshmandzadeh scores 2 TDs, but NFC beats AFC, 42-30

Barry Wilner  
AP football writer

HONOLULU — They could have played this Pro Bowl on the beach with flag football rules. All of which was to the liking of Terrell Owens and Adrian Peterson.

Making up for early sloppiness, Owens caught two touchdowns passes, including a 6-yarder from Tampa Bay's Jeff Garcia for the winning points in the NFC's comeback 42-30 victory over the AFC on Sunday.

Owens was aided by Offensive Rookie of the Year Peterson, whose 129 yards rushing was the first performance of more than 100 yards since Marshall Faulk had 180 and Chris Warren added 127 in 1995. The Minnesota running back scored twice as the NFC rallied from a 24-7 deficit, earning himself MVP honors.

Neither side held back the tricks, to the delight of the sellout crowd of 50,044 at Aloha Stadium. There was a fake punt, a throwback kickoff return and a handful of fourth-down gambles.

One of those was a 34-yard pass to Owens from fellow Cowboy Tony Romo that sparked the comeback. Before that huge play, Owens had a pair of ugly drops that drew boos. He quickly turned them into cheers.

The 48 first-half points tied the Pro Bowl record for the first two periods. The only punt of the half turned into a fake and an 11-yard completion from San Francisco's Andy Lee to Minnesota fullback Tony Richardson. After

Peterson gained 24 yards on two plays, Romo threw to Larry Fitzgerald, who dived across the goal line to tie it at 7.

On the opening drive, Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez set the frenetic pace with completions of 31 and 25 yards around a botched snap that cost the AFC 20 yards. Browns receiver Braylon Edwards, one of 41 newcomers (including injured players) beat Seattle's Marcus Trufant on another 31-yarder before Lorenzo Neal dived in from the 1. The San Diego fullback, a 15-year veteran, scored his first Pro Bowl touchdown.

The scoring never abated. T.J. Houshmandzadeh caught TD throws of 16 yards from Manning and 1 from Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger. The Cincinnati receiver's second score came after Antonio Cromartie, the league's interception leader, returned a tipped pass 56 yards to the AFC 29.

With the AFC on top 24-7, Romo and Owens got their team back in it. The big play before Owens' 6-yard TD catch was a fourth-and-13 conversion that Owens broke for 34 yards to the 7.

The NFC continued its comeback. Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck was particularly sharp on a 77-yard touchdown drive he capped with a 17-yard pass to Redskins tight end Chris Cooley. Peterson broke two tackles on a 39-yard run to spark the series, and that was two fewer tacklers than he avoided on his 17-yard jaunt down the left sideline for a 28-27 NFC lead early in the third quarter.

The AFC leads the series 20-18.

## THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

### Women's varsity basketball tryouts

Through Feb. 26

The Camp Lejeune women's varsity basketball team is looking for new players. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact head coach Lee Williams at 910-330-4716 or Varsity Sports programmer, Dennis Rautmann at 451-2710. The team is scheduled to conduct tryouts and practices, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Camp Geiger Fitness Center gym.

### All-Marine Women's Basketball Team trials

Feb. 27- March 19

Marines interested in trying out for the All-Marine Women's Basketball squad must submit their completed sports applications to the athletic director at Goettge Memorial Field House no later than Feb. 21. To get an application, go online to [www.usmc-mccs.org/Sports](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/Sports) or pick one up at the Semper Fit Athletics Office at Goettge Memorial Field House. Applications must contain command endorsement stating the Marine will be available for all events if selected and also include all previous basketball experience. Tryouts are scheduled to take place aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. For more information, call 451-2710.

### Nutritional education

Tuesday, March 4

The Semper Fit Health Promotion program includes upcoming classes on nutrition education, scheduled to take

place Feb. 5 and March 4, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Classes are free to all ID cardholders. To register, call 451-2865.

### Team Bass Tournament Series

March 8

The first leg of Gottschalk Marina's 19th annual Team Bass Tournament Series is scheduled for March 8. Two person teams fish for largemouth bass on the New River and its tributaries. The average prize purse is \$2,500, based on 50 boat entries. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded to the top three places. Active-duty teams may participate through the use of unit funds, with permission from the unit's special services officer. For more information, call 451-8307.

### Adult coed soccer

March-April

The Carteret County Parks and Recreation Department's coed soccer league is open to anyone past the age of 18 interested in enjoying the game of soccer. Sportsmanship, teamwork and having fun are stressed to all participants. Games are scheduled to be held starting in March at Freedom Park. For more information, call Carteret County Parks and Recreation Athletics Supervisor Drew Short at 252-808-3749 or e-mail him at [drews@carteretcounty.gov](mailto:drews@carteretcounty.gov).

### Tennis clinics

Ongoing

The Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department is scheduled to sponsor

several winter tennis clinics Mondays and Fridays with Tony Pereira. For information, call 252-354-6350.

### Running club

**Ongoing registration**  
The Camp Lejeune Running Club is free to anyone who wishes to earn a little extra credit for their exercise program. Record your training miles at any area fitness center and receive a free performance t-shirt after 500 miles. Starting March 4, track workouts will be held every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House. To learn more, call 451-7002 or e-mail [craismo@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:craismo@usmc-mccs.org).

### Mixed martial arts and combat fitness classes

**Ongoing**  
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit presents Brian Stann, a Marine and mixed martial arts professional fighter. Stann is instructing the new program, which combines MMA, yoga therapy and Combat Fitness to help veterans deal with combat stress. For more information, call 451-0826.

### Yoga and pilates classes

**Ongoing**  
Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department sponsors weekly yoga and pilates classes, taught by certified instructors. The classes focus on basic yoga postures and exercises for students who wish to strengthen their foundational skills. Call 252-354-3424 for information.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

**Ongoing**  
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Sports presents Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instruction, scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 7:30-9 p.m. Classes are provided by Club Jiu-Jitsu

of Jacksonville. Sessions take place in Bldg. 1742, adjacent to the Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. Each training session includes 15 minutes of warm-ups and drills, 15 minutes of technique work and one hour of sparring. For more information, call 581-0077 or go online to [www.clubjiujitsu.com](http://www.clubjiujitsu.com).

### Crystal Coast Canoe and Kayak Club

**Ongoing**  
The Crystal Coast Canoe and Kayak Club welcomes new members interested in pursuing the "quiet" water sports. The club is scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Emerald Isle Community Center. The goal of the organization is to bring people together in the common interest of canoeing and kayaking and enjoyment of paddling sports in coastal North Carolina. For more information, go online to [www.cccck.org](http://www.cccck.org).

### Semper Fit Mobile Exercise Unit

**Ongoing**  
Call 451-0826 to reserve the Mobile Exercise Unit and its nationally certified trainers.

### Intramural lacrosse

**Ongoing**  
Camp Lejeune's Semper Fit sports program is seeking Marines and sailors interested in playing intramural lacrosse. Anyone interested in being a part of this first-time league should call Bob Ferst at 267-456-5258.

### Cape Fear co-ed soccer league

**Ongoing**  
Marine Corps Community Services Sports Branch is looking for women to participate in a Wilmington-based soccer league. For information, call 451-2061.

# Lejeune Devilpup runningback signs on with Tigers



Isaac Harkless signed his letter of intent to play football on a partial scholarship at Campbellsville University in Kentucky. He is flanked by Lejeune High School Principal Wyonia Chevis and his father, MSgt. Martin Harkless. The senior runningback made his intentions official at a signing ceremony held Feb. 7 at the high school. Jamie Cameron

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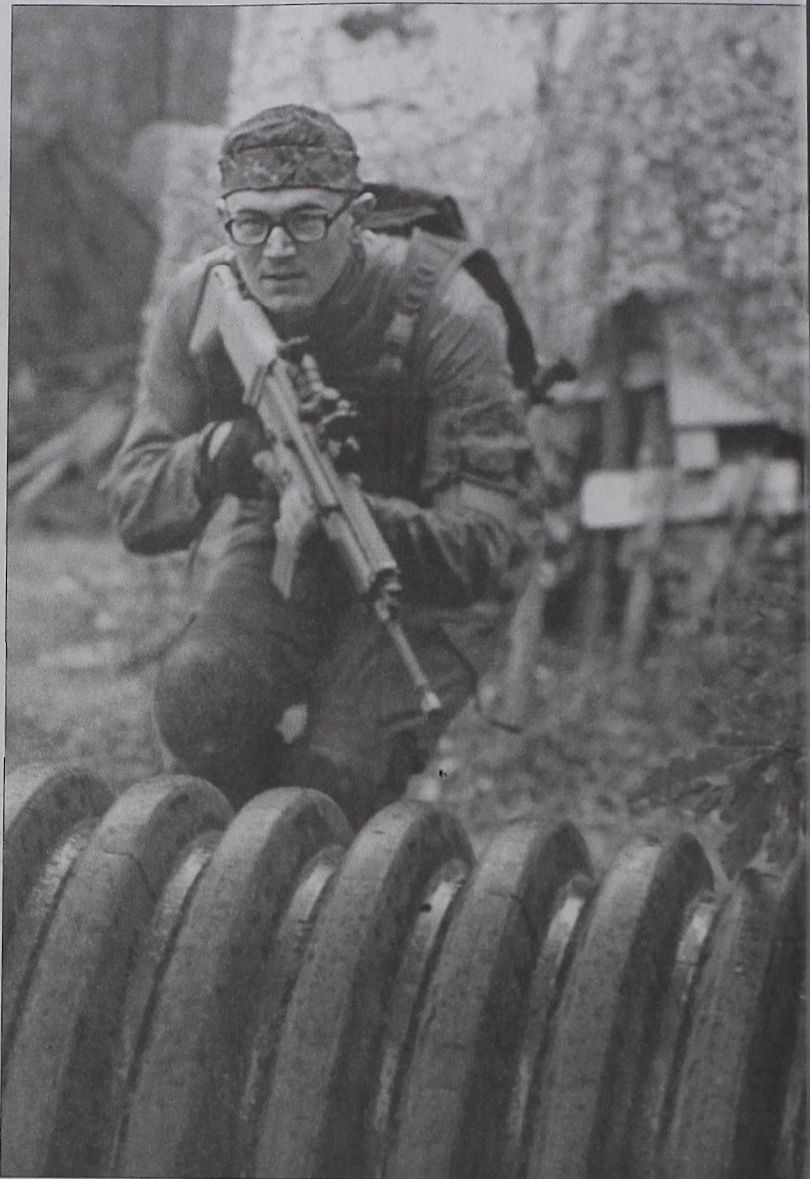
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# Wounded warriors compete in airsoft tournament



Jason Bingham, the police sergeant with Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, Wounded Warrior Regiment, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, competes in an airsoft tournament here at Sportsman's Lodge Jan. 26. The competitors shoot each other with airsoft weapons, which fire 6mm plastic ball bearings.



Brian Densmore a wounded warrior with the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, Wounded Warrior Regiment, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and enlisted advisor with the Science and Technology Department, II Marine Expeditionary Force, competes in an airsoft tournament at Sportsman's Lodge Jan. 26. Approximately 25 people dressed in cammies, flight suits and even ghillie suits, carrying airsoft machine guns, assault rifles and pistols competed despite the rain and cold weather.

Story and photos  
Lance Cpl. Katie Mathison  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — Despite the rain and cool temperatures, approximately 25 people dressed in cammies, flight suits and even ghillie suits, carrying machine guns, assault rifles and pistols competed in an airsoft tournament at Sportsman's Lodge Jan. 26.

A few of the participants were Camp Lejeune Marines with the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, Wounded Warrior Regiment, Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

"For the wounded warriors who can play, it's great physical therapy," said Brian Densmore, a wounded warrior and enlisted advisor with the Science and Technology Department, II Marine Expeditionary Force. "It really motivates us to get out here and do something physical, but it also serves as an awesome stress reliever."

Airsoft is a hobby that began in Japan in the late 1970s. The sport was created to provide an alternative for gun hobbyists, because the Japanese government outlawed gun ownership. The weapons look very similar to real firearms with the exception of their bright orange tips and 6mm plastic ball bearing ammunition. The BBs can hurt, but cause minimal skin damage.

Jason Bingham, the battalion's police

sergeant, began playing airsoft before he joined the Marine Corps.

"I began playing in high school," Bingham said. "A friend of mine brought a gun over after school one day and I thought it was cool. Then I looked it up online and started to get really into it."

The difference between playing now and playing in high school is the military tactics, Densmore said. There really were no tactics just guys with weapons shooting each other and now there are rules, scenarios and actual use of tactical maneuvering.

The entire game is based on the honor system; the teams rely on an individual's integrity to identify when they have been shot. After an individual is shot, they exit the field holding their weapon above their head to let other players know they are out for the remainder of the round.

There are several games competitors play throughout the tournament and each round is a military simulation, combining airsoft play with military strategy.

"The games are fun to play because we actually get together as a group beforehand and set up the rules for each scenario," Bingham said.

Densmore said a lot of the game's appeal comes from the weapons themselves.

"They are very realistic," he said. "Sometimes the only way you can tell the difference is the bright orange tip they are required to have for shipping."

Safety is always a priority when participating in airsoft, players are required to wear eye protection at all times during game play. Several players choose to wear other protective gear such as face masks, heavy clothing and hats to cover as much of their body as possible, so the

BBs don't leave marks.

At the end of the day, the wounded warriors headed back to the barracks cold, wet and feeling pain in their injured limbs, but they felt it was well worth it, Bingham said. They were already working up strategies and plans for next Saturday.

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# Navy's Harris named 29th-best college prospect for 2008 draft

Press release  
Navy Sports

Navy baseball right-handed pitcher Mitch Harris, a senior from Mt. Holly, N.C., has been tabbed as the nation's 29th-best college prospect for the 2008 Major League Baseball's first-year player draft, announced Baseball America. The rankings were compiled by Baseball America through discussions with scouts and represent overall future potential.

Harris ranks as the second-highest collegiate prospect among seniors in this year's draft class. Only Georgia senior right-handed pitcher Joshua Fields placed ahead of Harris, coming in at 27th on the list.

In the 2007 MLB First-Year Player Draft last June, Harris was selected in the 24th round by the Atlanta Braves organization. This past summer, he played in the prestigious Cape Cod League with the Bourne Braves. Facing some of the nation's best collegiate hitters, he started seven contests and boasted a 3.94 earned run average in 29.2 innings with 25 strikeouts. With the help of the Navy right-hander, Bourne won the Western Division regular season title with a 25-17-2 record.

During his first-three years in Annapolis, Harris ranks among the program's top-ten pitchers in five career categories and six single-season lists. The right-hander has struck out 254 batters in 186.1 innings over his career for an average of 12.27 strikeouts per nine innings, more than two higher than the next-best average. The 254 career strikeouts are currently second on the all-time list, 94 shy of the program-record held by Chuck Davis (1959-61). He has totaled 18 wins over the last-two seasons and his career 2.32 earned run average ranks ninth in school history and third since the aluminum bat was allowed in college baseball in 1974. Against Maryland-Eastern Shore in 2006, Harris became just the fifth Navy pitcher in school history to fire a complete-game no-hitter.

The two-time All-American concluded his junior season with an 8-5 record on the mound with a 2.14 ERA over 14 starts, spanning 88.2 innings. During that time, he struck out a Patriot League-record 119 batters and limited the opposition to a meager .181 batting average. The hard-throwing right-hander went at least five innings in all 14 outings, nine of which quality starts. He also struck out more batters than innings pitched in 13 of his 14 visits to the mound in 2007. He was one of only two pitchers in the country to rank among the top-25 pitchers in strikeouts (20th), strikeouts per nine innings (fifth) and earned run average (23rd).

Harris has also done damage with the bat during his career, as he owns a .303 (140-for-462) batting average with 10 home runs, the eighth-highest total in school history, and 88 runs batted in. Last season, Harris hit at a .293 (51-for-174) clip with eight round trippers, the third-best total in program history, and knocked in 47 runs. Against Holy Cross, he became the second Navy hitter in school history to belt a home run in three-straight games and the first to do so against Patriot League pitching.

Harris was selected Second-Team All-Patriot League as both a starting pitcher and a designated hitter last May, becoming the first player in school history to earn all-league accolades at two different positions within the same year. One month later, he became the first player in school history to earn ABCA all-region accolades multiple times during his career, as

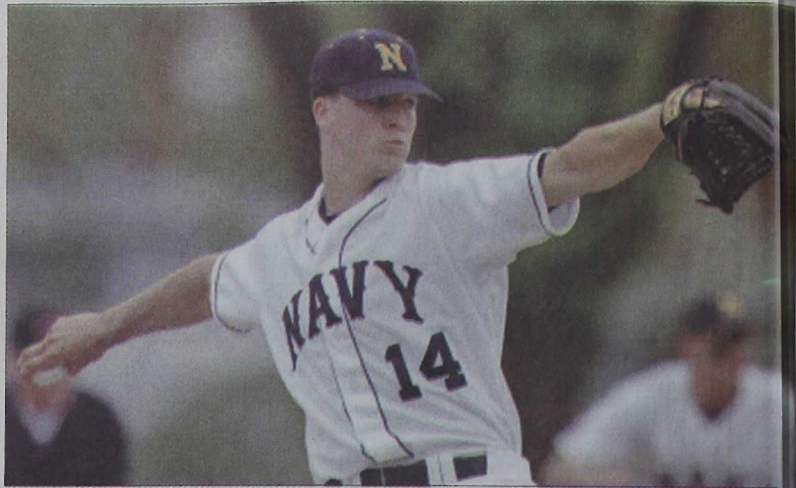
he was first-team selection in 2006 and a second-team member in 2007.

Two months ago, Harris was selected as a candidate for the 2008 Brooks Wallace Award, which is awarded to the nation's top-collegiate player. Last year's Brooks Wallace award went to Vanderbilt pitcher, David Price. Price was the first overall pick in the 2007 First-Year Player Draft and is pitching in the Tampa Bay Rays organization. The 2006 winner was standout pitcher and designated hitter Brad Lincoln of Houston. Nebraska's Alex Gordon, currently with the Kansas City Royals, took home the 2005 trophy. The inaugural award was given in 2004 to Kurt Suzuki of Cal State Fullerton, who is

now catching for the Oakland A's.

Harris and the Midshipmen will begin the 2008 season on Feb. 22, when they head to Millington, Tenn., to take on Air Force in the Service Academy Spring Classic. Last year, Navy set a school record with 35 wins and advanced to the Patriot League Tournament.

*Editor's note: Service Academy graduates (Army, Air Force and Navy) must serve a minimum of five years active duty after graduation. A service member with a special talent can apply for a waiver after serving two years, with the remaining three years doubled and spent as a recruiter in the reserves. Waivers are granted on a case-by case basis.*



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# 2008 draft United through sport: Iraqi police, army kick off new relations

Cpl. Billy Hall  
1st Marine Division

AL QA'IM, Iraq — The patter of bongos drums and the cheerful chants of the townspeople set the stage for a match that would go down in history for the village at the T-1 pumping station in Iraq.

To unify two historically separate organizations, the Marines from Company I of Task Force 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, hosted the Al Qa'im Area Annual Iraqi Security Forces Football Championship between the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi police.

The town emptied to the village football field to cheer on their local heroes and support the unification that will ensure their future security.

"As a part of the campaign plan to partner with both [Iraqi police] and [Iraqi Army] throughout Al Qa'im, I came up with various community related events with the IP and the IA working together for the people," said Capt. T.J. Owens, the commanding officer of Company I. "After all, the people are what they have in common, and if it serves the people and brings them together at the same time, mission accomplished."

During warm-ups, it was apparent the match was taken seriously from both sides. Football, better known as soccer in the U.S., is a cherished sport in the region, and though the competition was friendly, it was also fierce at the same time.

My brother is playing on the other team, said an Iraqi policeman. We have been looking forward to this for a long time.

The teams lined up at the center of the field and faced a crowd which included various sheiks and officers from both the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi police. The players stood staunchly as the Iraqi national anthem played.

"I was impressed to see so many supporters out there," said Sgt. Albert Pelnam, a Marine from Company I and head referee for the match. "The kids were having a blast. It was important for them to see everyone working together."

The best-of-three tournament kicked off with both teams remaining scoreless by the end of regulation in the first match. The game was then decided by the tournament's most valuable player, the Iraqi police goalie, who blocked two shots during



The Iraqi Police goalie dives to block a penalty kick during the overtime shoot-out of the Al Qa'im Area Iraqi Security Forces Football Championship hosted by the Marines from Company I of Task Force 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, in the village at the T-1 pumping station, Iraq. The IP goalie was named the tournament's most valuable player for blocking two game-clinching shots during the shoot-out and giving the first win of the best-of-three tournament to the Iraqi police. Cpl. Billy Hall

the resulting penalty kick shoot-out.

The Iraqi Army answered quickly by scoring a goal within the first minute of the second match, but the Iraqi police eventually tied it up, stirring the crowd into a frenzy of excitement.

In the second half, a game winning goal by the Iraqi Police brought the tournament to a dramatic finish.

"The event was termed a success by all who witnessed it," Owens said. "Several people questioned why such events had not been done in the past, and many inquired as to the likelihood of follow-on events. I encouraged the [Iraqi Security Forces] to

continue doing events for their people similar in nature to the soccer match."

The Iraqi Army, though disappointed by their loss, seemed to have formed a tighter bond with the Iraqi police while joking about the projected outcome of next year's planned rematch.

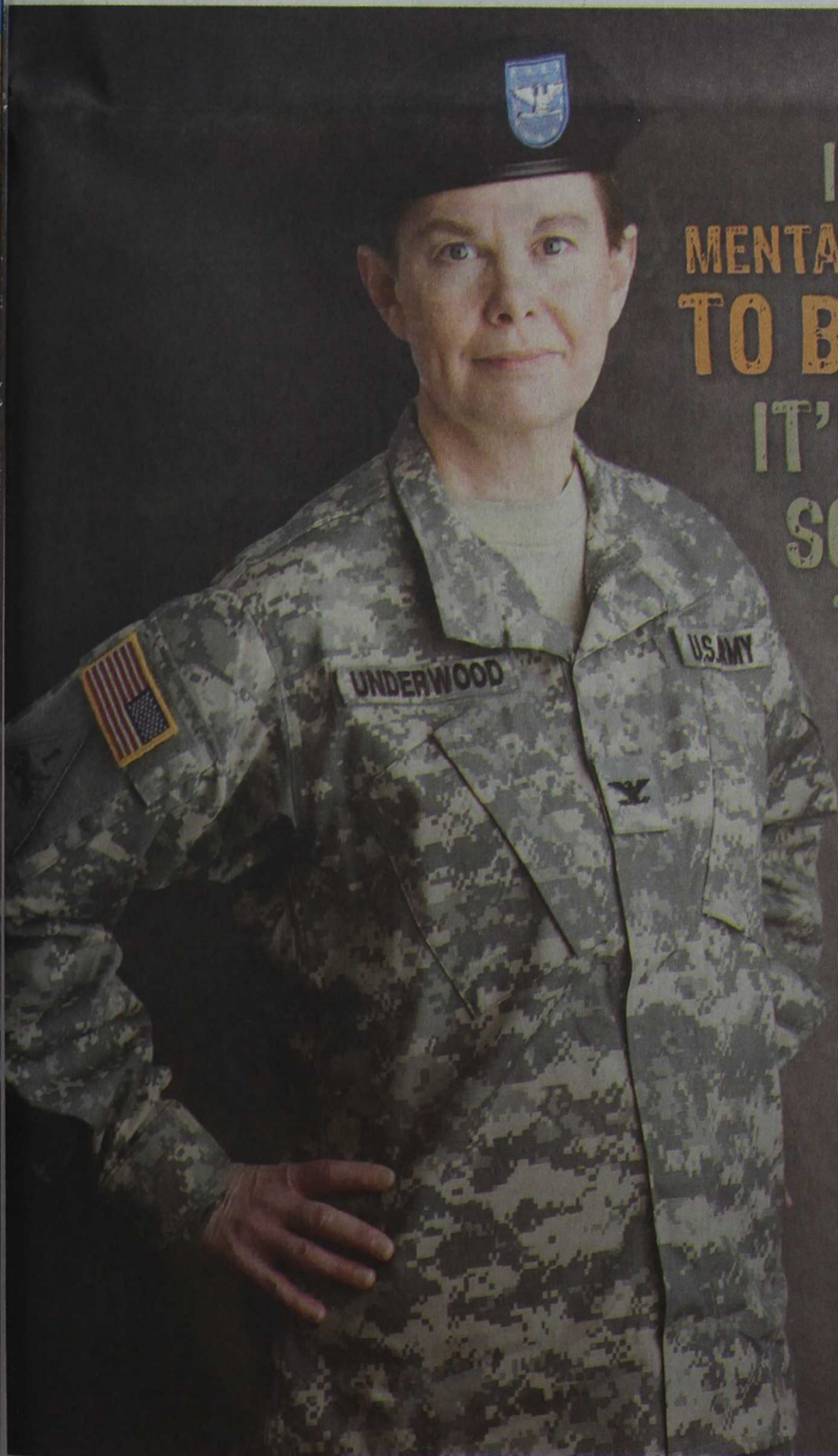
The Marines from Company I ran a concession stand during the tournament, raising proceeds so the Iraqi Security Forces could support the event annually. The Iraqi police were tasked with setting up next year's tournament to defend their title.

After the trophy presentation, the Iraqi police loaded up in the back of their

police trucks and paraded through the village as the local champions.

The Iraqi people saw the day as a friendly competition for all to enjoy, but the deeply rooted significance of the interaction between the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi police will undoubtedly be the lasting effect.

"I wanted them to see that a better Iraq was possible, and that environment was being provided by Iraqi Security Forces," Owens said. "The resounding effect I hoped to have on both ISF and the people of Iraq was a peace they can have if they work together in securing their land."



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Andre Ramirez (in the red and gold) throws a right-handed jab at his opponent in the 125-pound final. Cpl. Triah Pendracki

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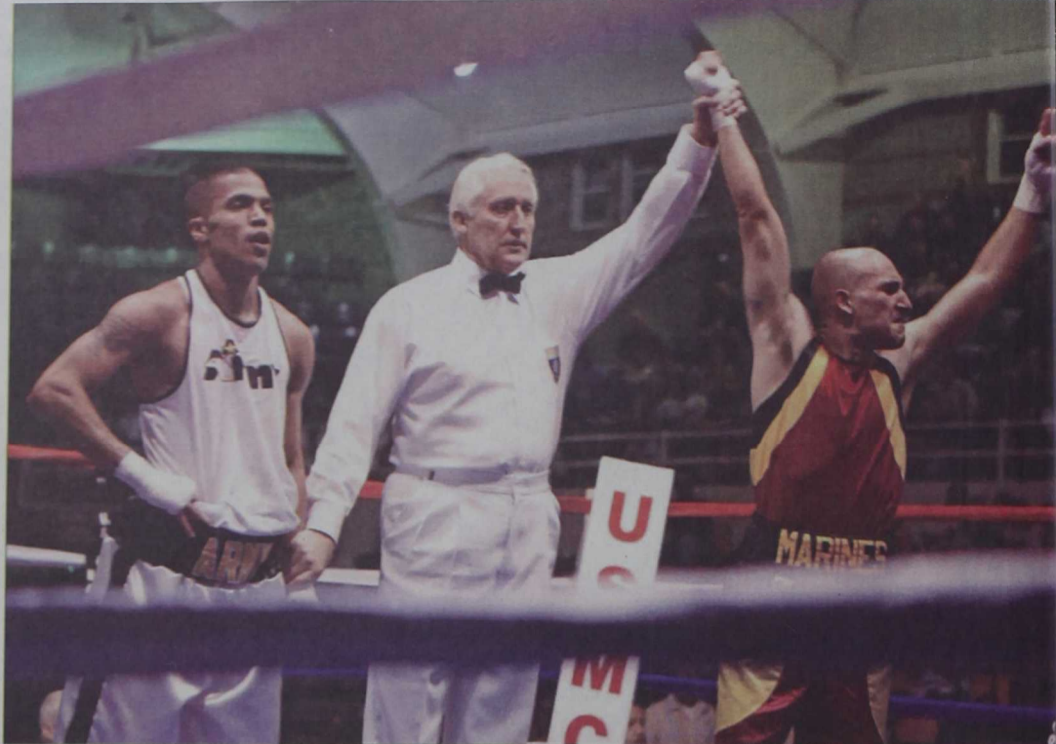
against Air Force's David Russell. Martinez took full advantage of his superior strength with each punch he threw. After softening Russell up in the first two rounds, Martinez tried to go for the home run in the final two, but was unable to connect. The lack of a knock-out did not matter, as the Marine Corps fighter dominated the match from start to finish for his gold medal.

Bill Culbertson gained the 165-pound championship and drew Zachaeus Hardrick of the Army team. Hardrick's height and long arms proved to be problematic for the Marine Corps boxer, but he had some success in the first round. Hardrick's defense tightened up in subsequent rounds and he was awarded the match by just five points.

DeJesus Gardner was the All-Marine team's last chance at another gold in the 201-pound championship, but the odds were long against Army's hard-punching Joe Guzman. Guzman finished the match in dramatic style just 1:34 into the first round with a devastating left that sent Gardner to the mat and a brief period of unconsciousness.

"[The All-Marine team] exceeded what was expected of it," said Sims. "We did very well considering our limited experience going up against the veteran teams that we did."

Boxers from the All-Marine team plan to be back in the ring for the North Carolina State Golden Gloves tournament at the end of the month and the National Boxing Championships in Colorado in March.



In the photo above, Andre Ramirez celebrates his victory over Army's Alexis Ramon in the 125-pound championship. At left, Perry Mason, in the right corner, closes in on his opponent in the 112-pound final. Mason lost the fight by a slim margin, but earned the silver medal. He and the rest of the All-Marine boxers fought well enough to take second place, behind the Army squad, in the team competition. This is the second year in a row Camp Lejeune has hosted the Armed Services Boxing Tournament. Cpl. Triah Pendracki



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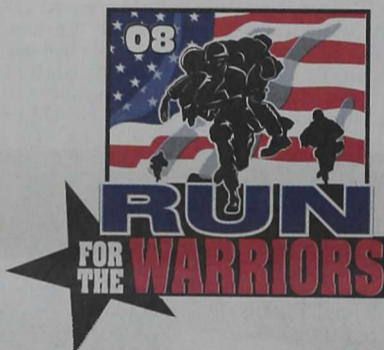


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# Football' dreams come true for Iraqis thanks to Operation Ultimate Goal



Capt. Brian R. von Kraus, Headquarters and Service Company commander with 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, poses with two teams of Iraqi children wearing uniforms donated from various organizations in the U.S. through Operation Ultimate Goal Feb. 3. Operation Ultimate Goal was organized to raise money for uniforms and soccer equipment for Iraqi kids to be able to enjoy one of their favorite pastimes.

story and photos  
by  
Cpl. Jerry Murphy  
1st Marine Division

**HABBANIYAH, Iraq** — No longer worried about insurgents and improvised explosive devices, children at a local school here battled it out during a soccer game held at their school on Feb. 3, wearing uniforms donated by various organizations from the U.S.

Operation Ultimate Goal was put together by a few Marines from 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1. It was organized to bring uniforms and soccer gear to Iraqi children so they wouldn't have to play games in what clothes they had. Some children didn't even have shoes. "Before, the kids were playing barefoot in the fields, wearing whatever they had to play in," said Capt. Brian R. von Kraus, Headquarters and Service Company commander with 1st Bn., 1st Marines. "Now, they have brand new uniforms and can play with a sense of pride. The kids can play together, and maybe grow up and work together, no matter which tribe they are from."

Originally, von Kraus expected to get just a few boxes of uniforms and some soccer balls. Instead, an organization was formed to help raise money for

uniforms and soccer gear, and more than 30 boxes of uniforms and gear was delivered to the Iraqis.

"We definitely weren't expecting anything like this, we just wanted a few uniforms for the kids, so they can play a real game and be able to tell the difference between the two teams," said von Kraus. "Now, with all the gear that was donated, there's potential to start up a league with several teams."

With the increasing security provided by the Iraqi Security Forces, the region has become safer, giving the Marines opportunities like this to help the community.

"We work hard to keep things safe in this area," said Omar Mohammed, an Iraqi policeman working out of a combined Marine and IP station. "We do it for the future of our families and friends. We do it for Iraq. It is no longer, 'I am Muslim,' 'I am Christian,' 'I am Sunni,' 'I am Shia.' It is 'I am Iraqi.'"

Rather than sitting around, talking about playing soccer, and watching a game on television The Iraqi children can now enjoy the pastime freely, as they did before the region was taken over by insurgents.

"With the increased security, we feel safe and don't worry about what's going on around

us," mentioned Mohammed with a smile on his face. "We can just play and live life just like we did before there were insurgents here."

The 'football game' (as it is called in Iraq and throughout the world with the exception for the United States) was the first event of many to come in the near future for the local children.

"We're taking small steps right now, like the game yesterday, there were no goals set up and they were playing just outside in their school yard," said von Kraus, a Boston native. "We were given goals and shoes for the kids, it just takes time. There were kids still playing barefoot, but that's just what they are used to... small steps."

With the up-coming relief-in-place and transfer-of-authority taking place between 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, von Kraus hopes 2/24 will continue on with the progress 1/1 has made and bring further help to the community.

"With us leaving and a new battalion coming on-deck, I hope [2nd Battalion, 24th Marines] can pick up where we left off and build strong relationships with the people and get this program up-and-running," von Kraus said.



Iraqi children fight for a ball during the first of many organized 'football' games wearing brand new uniforms thanks to Operation Ultimate Goal.

# NFL players take a shot at ISMT

Lance Cpl. Brian A. Marion  
MCB Hawaii

**MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII** — Seven National Football League players visited 3rd Marine Regiment's Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer at Building 1045.

The NFL Players' Association had the players visit military bases on Oahu to get a feel for military training.

"I've always admired you all for the way you defend this country," said Flozell Adams, offensive tackle for the Dallas Cowboys. "I can see that if you aren't on your game, like we are when we play, then you can lose your life, whereas we would just lose the game."

The players fired compressed air at computer generated images using weapons ranging from the M-2 .50 caliber machine gun, down to the M-4 carbine.

From patrolling a desert to defending a position from an attack, to firing on a range, the players shot the weapons, reloading when necessary.

"It looks like they're having a blast out there," said Cpl. Derek S. Gibson, combat marksmanship instructor, ISMT, 3rd Marine Regiment. "It's good for them to come experience what we do and how we do it."

The ISMT personnel took this opportunity to set up a

few additions to the simulator. They added a makeshift turret to get a feel of how Marines fire weapons from inside a vehicle. They also added a few more machine guns and new simulations for the Marines to use later on.

"It only took a couple of days to put everything together," Gibson said. "We figured since we knew they were coming, we would set everything up before they came."

There were misses, and there were hits as the players fired the weapons and felt the simulated recoil from them.

"I didn't know the guns were that heavy until I picked one up," Adams said. "You really got to concentrate on firing. The first couple of shots are cool, but then you start to get tired and then the gun starts to move so you try to muscle it still."

Along with Adams, T.J. Houshmandzadeh, wide receiver, Cincinnati Bengals; Josh Cribbs, wide receiver, Cleveland Browns; Albert Haynesworth, defensive tackle, Tennessee Titans; Leonard Davis, offensive tackle, Dallas Cowboys; Ryan Pontbriand, center, Cleveland Browns; and, Kellen Winslow, tight end, Cleveland Browns, took turns with each weapon in the ISMT.

"They're doing something they normally wouldn't have a chance to do," said Christie Cagnon, coordinator, membership services, NFL Players' Association.

After the players finished firing, they met with Marines from Wounded Warriors Company, 3rd Marines, who were injured in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Cameras flashed, players signed footballs and the small crowd applauded as a quick autograph session took place.

As the players left the ISMT, the Marines joked and laughed among themselves.

"They're big fellows, but I could've taken the big one," said Lance Cpl. Matthew Carhart, Wounded Warriors Company. "It's still cool that they came out here."

The NFL players were on Oahu for the American Football Conference-National Football Conference Pro Bowl, played Sunday at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

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## Marines test themselves against peers



Lance Cpl. Joe Garcia (left), fire team leader and Lance Cpl. Jacob Raisch, squad automatic weapon gunner, Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, plot coordinates during a fire team competition Jan. 25. Each Marine in the fire team was required to individually plot three given grids and determine what was located at each grid.

### Annual fire team competition sharpens skills

Story and photos  
Lance Cpl. Scott Schmidt  
2nd Marine Division

Marines constantly strive to sharpen and hone their warfighting skills. A mission's success often relies on the ability of a fire team to continue beyond their known physical limitations. The team constantly pushes themselves to set new goals and standards for each member.

The annual fire team competition, Jan. 25, pushed the Marines from 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force to reach beyond their limitations.

The competition course stretched along the surrounding battalion areas and included an obstacle course, combat fitness test, basic skills test, weapons assembly test, map station and a casualty evacu-

ation challenge. The event tested the Marines' physical stamina, individual skill proficiency, small unit leadership and their drive to win.

"Winning the competition gives the Marines something to look forward to when the battalion commander recognizes them at a battalion formation," said Gunnery Sgt. Jayson Franco, Mobile Assault platoon sergeant with Weapons Company.

However, it is more than just competing to win for the Marines. Franco said it is a wake-up call for the Marines by showing them the areas they are weak in and an opportunity to improve themselves.

Each event tested the teams' ability to complete the mission at hand. Lance Cpl. Anthony Clark, a fire team leader with Weapons Company, said the best team is the one with the whole package.

"I wanted a good team that could run fast and knew their knowledge," said Clark, who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom last year. "If you know your team, you know

how far they can be pushed."

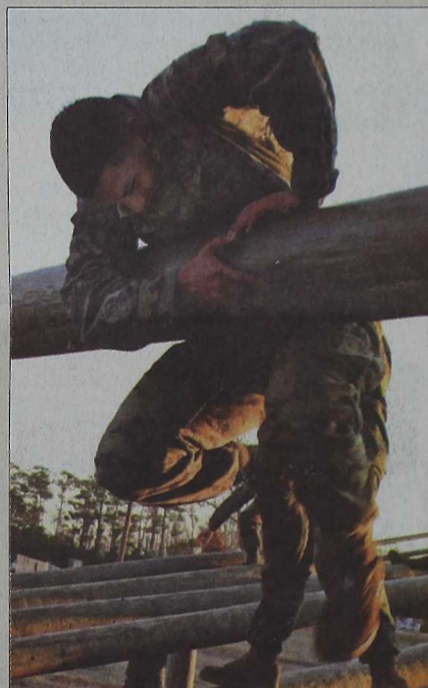
The Marines of the battalion showed no signs of weakness or failure in a competition designed to break them down, Clark said. Though the competition may seem small and unimportant to some, it was a good way to determine a fire team's drive.

"The course demanded a lot out of the Marines," Clark said. "You get to see how tired the Marines get and if they will continue with the task at hand."

The combat veteran added that in Iraq a Marine tires easily and still knows what he needs to do and does it.

"Marines should apply the same mindset to any training evolution," Clark said. "If Marines don't go through the little things like the competition, they won't be as well prepared to complete things in an orderly manner."

Training evolutions, like the fire team competition, are necessary to help the battalion build teamwork in preparation for their upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Lance Cpl. Joe Garcia, a fire team leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, climbs over a log during a fire team competition Jan. 25. Marines ran through the obstacle course twice while competing against the clock and approximately 70 other teams.

## Dental techs: The people behind the masks

Cpl. Mikaela M. Bravo-Cullen  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Imagine yourself being reclined almost upside down in a dentist's chair, your heart racing as your stomach falls into your throat. You soon see a person come into view wearing a paper mask that hides their identity and blocks the light as they begin the arduous quest of cleaning your mouth. Who is that person behind the mask, you wonder?

The people of 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, are unique individuals from all parts of the world. Veiled by the mask of dentistry, they've walked down different roads, all leading to the second floor of Building 15. Together, they work hard to give the best dental care possible to the Marines and sailors of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

The small town girl with big dreams is Petty Officer 3rd Class Heather J. Pylican, a dental assistant with 2nd Dental Battalion. An Idaho native, Pylican joined the Navy right after high school. She chose the dental field as her primary field to learn an interesting skill and to expand her horizons about something other than ships and sailing.

"I was a patient when I was a kid and always wondered what that sucky thing they put in your mouth was," Pylican recalled. "Now that I'm in this field, I've learned all the terms for everything."

Pylican currently works as the liaison



Yvonne M. Amarah prepares the dentist's tools for third-molar extractions. Originally from Ghana, Africa, she came to the U.S. to work as a journalist, but instead switched to the dental surgery field. Amarah is a dental assistant with 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. Lance Cpl. Meghan J. McNabb

## Martial arts helps Marines maintain discipline

Lance Cpl. Randy L. Little  
Marine Corps Base

From the first day of recruit training, discipline and the combat mindset are drilled into every Marine.

Throughout a Marine's career, that mindset is reinforced through focused training like the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, said Mr. Brian Pensak, the executive officer for Weapons Training Battalion.

"Part of the combat mindset is 'fight or flight,'" said Pensak, who was one of the Marines who helped come up with MCMAP. "We want all Marines' first reaction to be to fight when they are thrust into a combat scenario, not run away."

MCMAP instructors train Marines to be mentally, physically and characteristically disciplined in order to enhance their combat abilities.

The instructors will train Marines in martial arts and then, after the training, the Marines sit through a guided discussion about a topic regarding the training, said Sgt. Marlon Garcia, a combat marksmanship instructor and martial arts instructor with Weapons Training Battalion.

"A combat mindset really sticks in someone's mind after humping six miles, receiving [simulated] contact and then going through a course on combat mindset directly after the course," said Garcia.

MCMAP instructors also teach Marines on

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the effects of a combat mindset on the body and mind.

"When Marines get into a combat mindset, a few things they might experience are tunnel vision, loss of hearing and time could seem to slow down," said Garcia.

Besides receiving classes, Marines also learn techniques such as low-light engagement and the difference of ambient versus natural light and the effects each has on the body.

"We'll have the Marines conduct cohesion drills, teach them knife techniques, counter knife techniques, run through different obstacle courses and teach them how to spar," said Garcia.

Garcia said the different physical and mental training exercises Marines conduct during MCMAP training will help them maintain a combat mindset.

"Everything the instructors teach the Marines helps to build character, physical and mental discipline," said Garcia. "If you are humble and have discipline you will be effective," he concluded.



A Marine prepares to rush the stairs as part of a training simulation during the green belt instructor course at Stone Bay. The course involved various obstacle courses, live ammunition training exercises and martial art training. Lance Cpl. Randy L. Little

**DENTAL, from IC**

between dentists and patients, ensuring all appointments are organized and progress as smoothly as possible. Prior to this assignment, Pylican worked as a dental assistant in the pediatric unit at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

"It was a lot of fun," Pylican explained. "I've put braces on children and worked in the operating room. It's been amazing the things I've learned."

Pylican's experiences and world travels changed her life forever. One of the most profound changes she noticed was the one in herself.

"I've learned and experienced things you can adapt into your life and see the way it changes you and the way you can help others," Pylican said. "I think the best experience is learning that people in general are amazing. You learn about what people think, what they feel and why. I think it's the most important thing for any job."

The man with a mission is Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric Meza, a surgical technician with 2nd Dental Battalion. Meza grew up in Los Angeles in the rough part of the city. He knew nothing about other cities outside of L.A., but was determined to leave his environment and become a doctor. Meza saw the Navy as a way to make his dreams come true. So when the opportunity arose, he raised his right hand to support and defend the U.S. and became a sailor.

"I've been in the Navy for seven

years," Meza said. "It's been a great experience and I've always worked with great providers, great surgeons and great people around me."

Meza adds that working with great surgeons during procedures allows him to learn more about his job and his abilities. He now assists with surgeries and procedures the average sailor would never dream of performing.

"We take care of anything pertaining to oral surgery, implants and any type of biopsy," Meza explained. "When we go to the Naval Hospital, we do surgeries that consist of reconstruction of the jaw and anything else that needs a larger facility and more equipment."

Finding someone in the military who is truly passionate about their work is not hard to do. Like his fellow military members, Meza's extreme passion for the tedious surgical procedures he helps perform is necessary and genuine.

"It always came from the heart," Meza continued. "I've always had a passion for the medical field and helping others and I think that's what led me here."

Meza said he feels very fortunate to work in such a diverse environment. He wouldn't have it any other way.

"People here are from all different kinds of places," Meza said. "It brings diversity into your everyday life and I think it brings a good bit of morale to the battalion."

The lady with a love for life is Yvonne M. Amarr. A dental assistant with 2nd Dental Battalion, Amarr has worked with Marines and sailors aboard Camp Lejeune for almost four years. Her duties as a dental assistant varies from scheduling oral surgeries for patients to actually assisting with tooth extractions and fluid draining during procedures.

Originally from Ghana, Africa, Amarr came to the U.S. in 2001 to start a career in journalism. Instead, she went back to school to study dental surgery.

"I love my job and I won't ever work in anything else," Amarr said. "I love that you can make someone a whole new person through surgery and that I can really help people."

Amarr also said dental surgery is a very interesting field to work in, but it's the people you work with that makes you fall in love with your job.

"To have a good working atmosphere, it all depends on the type of people you work with," Amarr explained. "We have a great team here and I love the people that I work with. If you're falling short, somebody will always help you out."

Amarr, Meza and Pylican are just three of the many different people who make up the 2nd Dental Battalion. With a mission, big dreams and a love for life, they contribute to the task of getting the job done and supporting the Marines and sailors of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

# IPAC stands up at Camp Lejeune

Lance Cpl. Randy L. Little  
Marine Corps Base

In order to enhance the quality of administrative support in every administrative and personnel support office, Commandant Gen. James T. Conway, established Marine Corps Order 5000.14D, which relieves pressure from base administration offices.

Currently, there are more than 500 military administrators performing approximately 100 different personnel administrative tasks at more than 13 locations for more than 40,000 service members in the Camp Lejeune area.

The order provides guidance to establish standardized Marine Corps personnel administrative support, by directing a phased movement to an Installation Personnel Administrative Center located in the supporting establishment. This relieves operational commands of selected support functions and permits them to focus on their core mission requirements.

The purpose of an IPAC is to provide commanders, service members and their families effective administrative support and services from one administrative center located on Camp Lejeune under the operational control of the Base.

"The first of these tools is the ongoing fielding of the Total Force Administration System. TFAS will provide the foundation that enables the Marine Corps to effectively leverage emerging systems and concepts, and positions for the eventual migration to the Department of Defense mandated Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System," according to the order.

For more information about IPAC, visit [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil) under "orders and directives."

## Court Martials

Lance Cpl. Chad W. McHugh, a member of 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of violation of Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and violation of Article 87 (missing movement). He was sentenced to confinement for 6 months and reduction to pay grade E-1.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Q. Evans, a member of the 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of violation of Article 112a for two specifications of wrongfully distributing marijuana and one specification of wrongfully using marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for two years, total forfeitures, reduction to E-1 and a dishonorable discharge.

Lance Cpl. James D. Gianera, a member of the 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of three violations of Article 81, UCMJ, for conspiracy to wrongfully distribute marijuana and conspiracy to introduce marijuana onto Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; and four violations of Article 112a, UCMJ, for wrongfully distributing marijuana, wrongfully introducing marijuana onto MCB Camp Lejeune, and wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for three years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to pay grade E-1, and a dishonorable discharge.

Cpl. Dennis J. Interiano, a member of the 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of violating Article 86, UCMJ, for unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days, 60 days restriction, forfeiture of \$100 per month for four months and reduction to pay grade E-2.

Lance Cpl. Francisco Ortiz III, a member of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of violation of Article 109 (destruction of property), violation of Article 112a (possession of a controlled substance), and violation of Article 128 (assault). He was sentenced to confinement for six months, forfeitures of \$500 per month for six months, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

Pvt. Jackson R. Miner, a member of the 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of violating Article 86, UCMJ, for unauthorized absence terminated by apprehension and violating Article 87, UCMJ, for missing movement by neglect. He was sentenced to confinement for four months and forfeiture of \$890 per month for four months.

Pvt. Chase M. McCausland, a member of the 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, was convicted of violating Article 86, UCMJ, for unauthorized absence terminated by apprehension and violating Article 87, UCMJ, for missing movement by design. He was sentenced to confinement for eight months, forfeiture of \$890 per month for eight months, reduction to paygrade E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

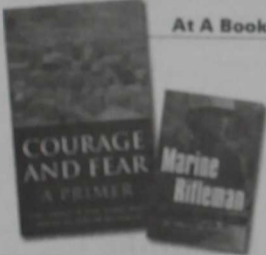
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2. Record the suspect vehicle license plate, state, vehicle description, driver description, alleged traffic offense, time and location.
3. Use the following Web site to submit your complaint: [www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcb/3rdparty.pdf](http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcb/3rdparty.pdf). Complainants may also submit complaints in person at Bldg 43. The POC for all traffic complaints is the PMO Operations Division at 451-5702 or 451-4316. For PMO Dispatch please call 451-3004/3005.
4. For on-base complaints submitted by active-duty officers and SNCOs, PMO will write a DD1408 citation and notify the suspected Marine of their traffic court date. The complainant will be required to be present at traffic court to describe the offense. For off-base complaints, PMO will obtain the suspect's information from law enforcement data bases. PMO will then contact the suspect Marine's command and notify them of the alleged offense.

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# New gear: 1/6 tests Combat Rescue Sling

Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day  
2nd Marine Division

When rounds start going down range, the worst thing to hear is, "Corpsman up!"

What if the corpsman is already taking care of another Marine? What if the corpsman is the one who got hurt? Is there another way to get Marines out of a hostile zone?

Marines from 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, learned how to use the combat rescue sling Jan. 29, in preparation for an upcoming deployment.

"The sling is made to help save lives," said William C. Wennberg, the chief executive officer for the company which designed the sling. "It is designed to give the Marines a way to quickly grab a fallen brother and get them out of the line of fire."

The Marines went through eight different stations, including pulling a man from under a debris pile and carrying a Marine up and down a flight of stairs, to learn the different uses for the sling. Each station had a specific goal with many different ways it could be achieved with the CRS.

"I could see myself using this in tight situations where a per-

son may need to be pulled out from under some debris," said Lance Cpl. Peter Barnum, a fire direction controller with the battalion. "It is one of those things you give to a Marine and he will find 100 different uses for it."

The stations also consisted of pulling a simulated wounded Marine from a tight spot under debris, climbing stairwells with a wounded person and rescuing a downed Marine without leaving cover.

"You can take the sling and connect it to as many other slings as you want," Wennberg said. "You can use it as a rope that has steps in each loop, or you can strap it to a downed man and pick him up and carry him on your back."

According to the manufacturer, the sling is made out of nylon, can support up to 4,500 pounds and can be connected to other slings. The five, 24-inch loops are color-coordinated for easier use.

"It's light-weight, easy to use and has many uses," said Lance Cpl. Brandon McGuffin, a forward radio operator for the battalion. "Those are all the characteristics a Marine looks for in any piece of gear. It takes nothing to put one of these things in your pocket."

The sling system has already been given out to 3rd Battalion,

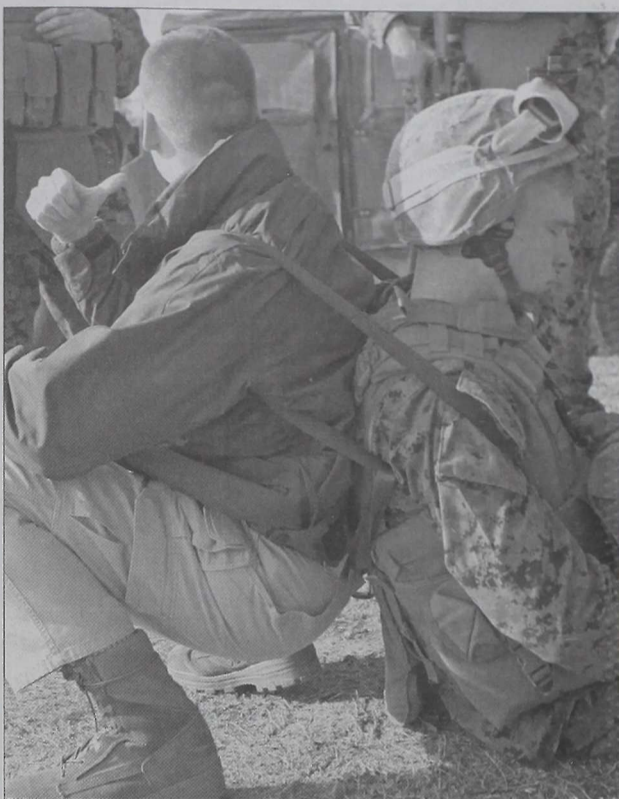
5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I MEF (Forward), who are using it in the streets of Fallujah, Iraq.

"In urban terrain, like the one we are facing in the cities of Iraq, the sling will help get Marines out," said Lance Cpl. Stephen Canty, a mortarman with the battalion. "It makes it a lot easier to carry a man down a flight of stairs quickly. The litters our corpsmen carry are hard to maneuver through the tight stairwells in Iraq. This moves however we want it to."

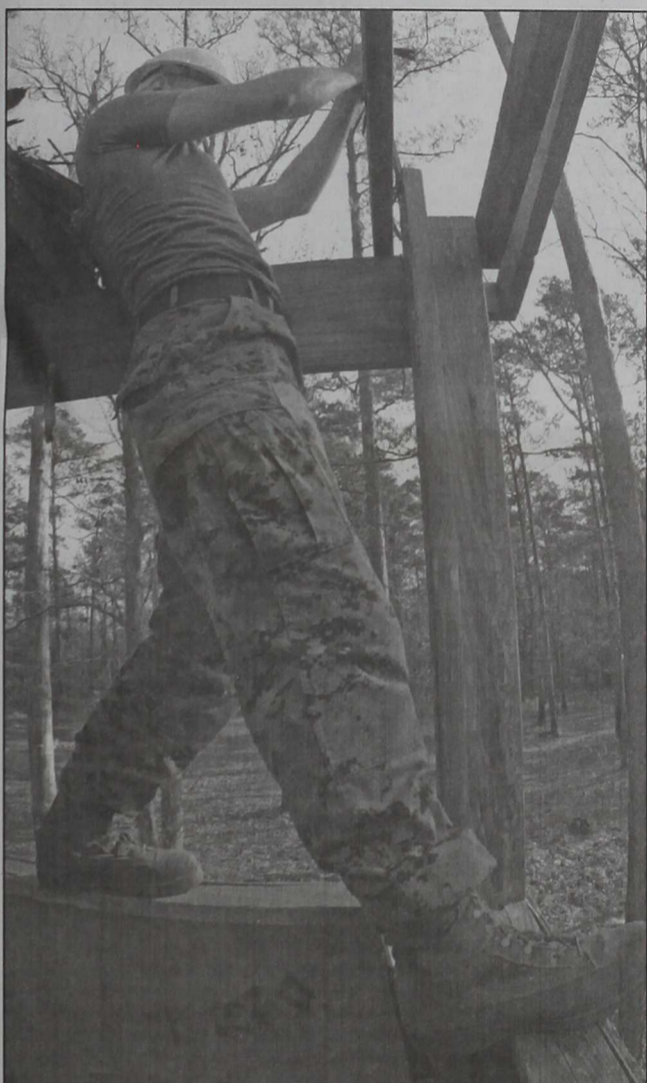
Wennberg said he sees the sling being used more frequently by battalions. Two battalions already have it and 1st Battalion, 6th Marines will be the third.

"I want it to be a staple of the Marines," Wennberg said. "If the sling can save lives, then I want everyone in the Marine Corps, and every branch, to have it."

**William C. Wennberg, chief executive officer of the company which makes the combat rescue sling, demonstrates how to use the sling to carry a Marine on your back Jan. 29. The CRS is already on the streets of Fallujah, Iraq, with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).** Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day



## Deconstruction class



**A Marine with Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, works to deconstruct the roof of a prisoner-of-war training tower at Stone Bay. "The 30 foot tower was a forgotten, falling apart eye sore that was not being used due to its condition," said Warrant Officer 3 David Dutton. "We wanted to be able to provide additional training venues for units who come to Stone Bay to train besides just marksmanship," he continued. The camp is one avenue units can use now that we have rebuilt the tower, concluded Dutton.** Lance Cpl. Randy L. Little

## Drinking your career away

Lance Cpl. Brian Lewis  
II MEF Combat Correspondent

Consuming alcohol is often associated with having a good time, partying and just relaxing after a hard day at work.

Alcohol can also have a negative effect if not consumed responsibly, which can result in severe damage to one's health and career.

The bad results can outweigh the good when it comes to drinking, so why do Marines do it?

"There are many contributing factors in Marines' excessive alcohol use," said Sgt. Janye M. Santiago, substance abuse control officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force. "It could be from peer pressure, to barracks boredom, immaturity, personal issues or stress."

No matter the reason, drinking in excess can lead to alcoholism.

"My personal belief is someone should seek out help for alcohol abuse when it becomes a routine or necessary event," Santiago said.

"When you find that buying a six-pack on your way home from work is the 'norm,' or after an emotional high or low you need a drink to help you 'calm down,' then there is definitely a problem."

It is a common belief that alcoholism is the same as alcohol abuse; however, the two are different.

"The difference can only be told through a diagnosis of the symptoms a person may have," said Victor Morales, a counselor with the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program clinic. "After the diagnosis has been made, we refer to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual."

The manual, which is produced by the American Psychiatric Association, defines alcohol abuse as recurrent substance use resulting in a failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school or home. The manual defines alcoholism, as a mental dependence of substance use, leading to clinically significant impairment or distress.

Understanding alcohol abuse and alcoholism is one thing; however, you must look at the risks before fully realizing the negative effects.

"Marines who drink in excess pose a multitude of risks," Santiago said. "Whether it be the choice to start a fight with a loved one, or getting behind the wheel, either way, you are potentially causing collateral damage to innocent bystanders because you were unable to drink responsibly."

The human liver can only process about one drink an hour, which means consuming more can cause liver damage, and in extreme cases, death due to alcohol poisoning. Financial problems, family trouble and even criminal ac-



**Alcohol consumption is no stranger to Marines facing hard times or wanting to celebrate. Clinics and counselors, such as the unit Substance Abuse Control Officer, are available to teach Marines about the dangers of heavy drinking and the negative decisions made due to the effects of alcohol.** Lance Cpl. Brian Lewis

tivity can occur due to excessive drinking, but more severe risks are at hand, such as losing your life or taking someone else's, explained Santiago.

Marine Corps Order 1700.22E is the lawful general order on alcohol consumption and abuse in the Marine Corps. According to the order, violations may result in disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or other adverse administrative action.

To keep Marines from violating the UCMJ, the Corps developed many tools to teach them about the risks of excessive drinking.

"The Marine Corps has made many efforts in funding programs that educate Marines on alcohol abuse," Santiago said. "A Marine always has someone or somewhere to turn for help. Realizing that you need to make a change is probably the hardest conclusion to come to."

Programs, such as "Arrive Alive," have been put in place to ensure Marines and sailors are brought to safety without having to risk getting behind the wheel.

A person can easily find themselves in a bad situation while out on the town. Whether the Marine takes it too far, or his designated driver becomes a designated rider, the program allows a person to call the Officer Of the Day, who will then have a taxi pick him up.

The person will be brought to the OOD, who will see to it they are delivered safely to their place of residence. They have three days following the event to pay back the fare for the ride without any other repercussions.

Programs like this help defer accidents and teach Marines about the dangers of drinking, but they unfortunately cannot reach everyone. Stigma, both career and social, is commonly thought to stick to a person if they seek help. That simply is not true, Santiago said.

"Asking for help could never be as detrimental to a Marine's career as a 'driving under the influence' charge or, God-forbid, facing a vehicular manslaughter charge," Santiago said. "It's never easy to admit one's weaknesses or faults; and this is especially true in such a tightly-woven group like the Corps, where things don't stay personal for long. However, in the grand scheme of things, and in life's ultimate checks and balances, being healthy, responsible and successful far outweighs appearing to be 'perfect.'"

If anyone feels they are abusing alcohol or is worried about someone else, they may request an appointment with the SARP. Walk-ins are welcome, but only if space is available.

For more information, contact your unit SACO or call SARP at 451-1175.

## Post Deployment/Combat Stress Workshop

Semper Fit Health Promotion is offering post deployment and combat stress workshops. Each workshop is an interactive, educational opportunity meant to increase awareness and understanding of the effects of combat stress, post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Each monthly workshop will take place at Bldg. 302. Workshops are scheduled for Feb. 29, March 6, May 9, Aug. 15, Sept. 25, Nov. 20 and Dec. 11. Additionally, units are able to schedule post-deployment briefs to take place at their location. For information on either the workshop or the brief, call 451-2865.

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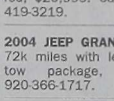
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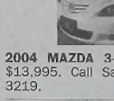
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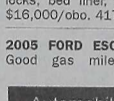
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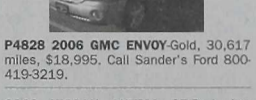
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## Lejeune happenings

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### Canned goods for change

Jacksonville Mall is sponsoring a canned food drive to benefit the Onslow Community Ministries' soup kitchen. Donate your canned goods today and see them transformed into an amazing can structure. Saturday, the New River Baptist Association Youth Groups will be building the structure from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center court. Canned goods may be dropped off at the former service center. Every donation will make a difference. For more information, call 353-2478.

### WC Scholarships

The deadline to submit applications to the Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives' Club Scholarship Committee is rapidly approaching. Applications for graduate high school senior and dependent spouse scholarships must be postmarked Feb. 27. To qualify, the applicant must reside or attend school within a 100-mile radius of Camp Lejeune. For more information, contact Leasa Wahlgren at 353-1150 or e-mail her at [lwahlgren26@gmail.com](mailto:lwahlgren26@gmail.com).

### Harriotte B. Smith library events

The Harriotte B. Smith Library has lots of activities coming up. The new reading group for children in grades 2-5 is scheduled to meet Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. The first book is "Tornado" by Stacy Byars. Call 451-3026 to register. The Main Library has also scheduled a free movie night at Tarawa Terrace Community Center for Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m. The film is "Ratatouille," and refreshments will be served.

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# Love your Valentine



## Improve your relationships, learn the language of love

Heather Owens  
Carolina Living editor

Today is the day of cupid and little red hearts and big boxes of chocolate. A consumer holiday or one of true love? You decide.

Whatever your feelings about today's festivities, there are ways to use the holiday as a springboard to having a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with your Valentine. And even those on a budget — or a diet — can benefit.

According to author Gary Chapman, author of "The Five Love Languages" there is a way to determine what your sweetie's "love language" is and then find the perfect way to speak it.

Chapman says there are five ways in which people feel love; this goes for romantic relationships, parent-child relationships and friendships. According to Chapman, the five love languages are:

1. Words of affirmation
2. Quality time
3. Receiving gifts
4. Acts of service
5. Physical touch

The book goes into the specifics of each category and how one can figure out their love language plus that of their spouse, significant other or child. Yet they are still fairly self-explanatory.

Does your spouse beam when you get his car detailed? Then his love lan-

guage may be acts of service.

Does your daughter always talk about the times when you used to practice soccer with her? Then perhaps her love language is quality time.

Do you feel special when your Marine or sailor brings you a card or trinket? Then your love language may be receiving gifts.

Determining your Valentine's love language is not rocket science. You can just visit Chapman's Web site at [www.fivelovelanguages.com](http://www.fivelovelanguages.com) and take a 30-second quiz. While you are there, you may wish to check out the link to special tips for military families.

Speaking your spouse or significant other's love language can only strengthen your relationship and make your love that much sweeter.

Check out these "month of love" events to brighten someone's heart:

### Make someone's day

The Single Marine Program is planning to attend a Valentine's Day dance at the Care Bridge Nursing Home tonight at 7 p.m. Marines will serve as escorts for the residents. For more information, call Susan Goodrich at 451-1767.

### Curl up with your sweetie and a good book

The Onslow County Board of Commissioners will proclaim February as Library Lovers Month in Onslow

County at their meeting Monday. Why not visit your Onslow County Library, including your Base Library, and check out a good book.

### Take in a Shirley Caesar concert

For an extra-special post-Valentine's treat, take a loved one to hear Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Shirley Caesar live in concert at the Camp Lejeune Base Theater tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are available at Information Tickets and Tours aboard Camp Lejeune by calling 451-3535.

### Cut at rug at Sywanyks

Eddie's Entertainment and Sywanyks Scarlet and Gold Traditions proudly present a Valentines' Day Dance for seniors (the over 50 crowd). The \$5 cost of admission includes great dance music along with food and snacks. Call Eddie at 382-3840 for tickets or more information.

### Fall in love again in a horse-drawn carriage

Treat your sweetheart to a private moonlit carriage ride with a red rose, chocolates and your private French evening coach this evening through Sunday. Reservations are required, and there is an admission charge. The carriage leaves from downtown Wilmington. For more information, call 910-251-8889 or visit [www.horsedrawntours.com](http://www.horsedrawntours.com).

# 'Juno': quirky, funny movie about teenage perils



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

**"JUNO" (PG-13)**  
"Juno" is a mature story about growing up and the bumps along the way.

**From the front row**  
With Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt

Ellen Page ("Hard Candy") is Juno MacGuff, a smart, offbeat and strong-willed teenager who has an answer for everything. When confronted with an unplanned pregnancy, she hits the problem head on.

With the help of her best friend, Leah, played by Olivia Thirlby ("United 93"), Juno tries to find the perfect and ideal set of parents, preferably an affluent suburban couple, for her unborn child.

Michael Cera ("Superbad," "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind") costars as Paulie Bleeker, Juno's geeky and shy high school class-mate, who participated in the one time curious sexual encounter.

Jennifer Garner ("The Kingdom," "Daredevil") and Jason Bateman ("Smokin' Aces," "The Ex") play the seemingly-idealistic childless couple Mark and Vanessa Loring, who are longing to adopt, and who Juno handpicks for adoptive parents to her unborn baby.

Juno's parents, portrayed by J.K. Simmons ("Rendition") and Allison Janney ("Strangers with Candy") support Juno wholeheartedly in her bizarre decision.

With their help, Juno can face some tough choices while she flirts with adulthood and ultimately figures out where she belongs.

Extremely talented screenwriter Diablo Cody, making her debut with this sharp and sweet script, brings us these bittersweet moments and memories of entering adulthood.

Director Jason Reitman ("Thank You for Smoking," "Gulp") took the reigns and accomplished the outstanding feat of bringing the wonderful and charming script to life, accompanied by outstanding performances from the ensemble cast.

"Juno" is a wholly original, satisfying and remarkable film about teenage pregnancy and its perils. The movie is very funny and quirky, but at the same time, it is a very intelligent and delightful comedy about a very serious subject.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

**"P.S. I LOVE YOU" (PG-13)**

"P.S. I Love You" is an endearing and romantic little story about marriage, friends and love.

A grieving young widow discovers that her late husband has left her a list of tasks revealed in several messages, intended to ease her out of grief and tran-



'Juno' stars Ellen Page as Juno MacGuff and Michael Cera as Paulie Bleeker, two high school classmates who face large issues in a quirky manner. [movies.com](http://movies.com)

sition her to a new life. Hilary Swank ("Freedom Writers," "Million Dollar Baby," "Boys Don't Cry") stars as Holly Kennedy, a beautiful and smart young woman, who is married to the love of her life.

Gerard Butler ("Beowulf," "300," "Phantom of the Opera") costars as Gerry, her passionate and funny Irish husband.

When a grave illness takes Gerry's life, Holly is devastated and does not want to go on living.

However, Gerry has planned ahead and wrote Holly a series of letters that will guide her through her grief.

The first message arrives on Holly's 30th birthday in the form of a cake accompanied by a tape recording. Gerry is telling her to get out and have fun.

In the following weeks and months, more motivational letters are delivered in the most unusual ways, sending Holly on new adventures.

With Gerry's guiding words and the support of her friends, Holly encounters

touching and hilarious experiences that help her into a new beginning of life.

There are also two other adorable men in Holly's life: Harry Connick Jr. ("Hope Floats") as Daniel, the infatuated barman; and Jeffrey Dean Morgan (TV's "Grey's Anatomy") as an Irish dude Holly meets on her trip to Ireland.

Among the talented costars appearing are Lisa Kudrow ("Analyze That") as Denise, Gina Gershon ("Man About Town") as Sharon and James Marsters ("The House on Haunted Hill") as John, Holly's concerned and supportive best friends.

Kathy Bates ("Misery") plays Patricia, Holly's disapproving mother.

Director and writer Richard LaGravenese ("Freedom Writers," "Paris Je T'aime," "Living Out Loud") has adapted this sappy story from the bestselling novel by Cecelia Ahern.

"P.S. I Love You" is a poignant but too sweet and very predictable movie which might make you laugh and cry at the same time. Enjoy it as long as you see it

as a charming fairy tale like encounter

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

**"Fool's Gold"**

"Fool's Gold" is a romantic adventure story about a couple who rekindle a long lost romance while setting sail in pursuit of sunken treasure.

Matthew McConaughey ("We Are Marshall," "Failure to Launch," "Sahara" stars as Ben "Finn" Finnegan, a good natured surfing bum, turned treasure hunter. He is obsessed with finding legendary 18th century Queen's dowry, consisting of 40 chests full of exotic treasure that was lost at sea in 1715.

In his foolish quest, the flakey Finn has risked every dime he had, including his marriage and his rusty salvage boat named "Booty Calls."

Kate Hudson ("You, Me and Dupree," "The Skeleton Key," "Raising Helen" stars as Tess Finnegan who has just begun to rebuild her life after leaving her foolish husband.

She is working on a big yacht owned by billionaire tycoon Nigel Honeycutt played by the wonderful Donald Sutherland ("Pride and Prejudice").

Somehow Finn discovers that a vital clue to the whereabouts of the treasure is seeking is on the same boat as Tess.

Certain his luck will soon change, Finn uses all his charm to convince the tycoon and his lovely daughter Gemma, played by Alexis Dziena ("Broken Flowers"), to join him in the hunt.

Against Tess' better judgment, she also gets involved in the search and in the process rekindles her love of the treasure — and eventually the estranged romance with Finn.

However, they are not the only one after the treasure. Finn's old mentor Moe Fitch, played by Ray Winstone ("Beowulf," "The Departed"), and Big Bunny a ruthless local gangster, played by Kevin Hart ("Epic Movie"), have also set out to claim the prize.

And so the treasure hunt and the fun begins. Also appearing is Ewen Bremner ("Match Point") as Alfonz.

Andrew Tennant ("Hitch," "Sweet Home Alabama," "Anna and the King," "Ever After") directed this light-hearted adventure.

This movie reunites McConaughey and Hudson who apparently have great chemistry together; remember they teamed up for the romantic smash hit "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." However in this movie they fail terribly to connect.

"Fool's Gold" is supposed to be partly a romantic comedy and partly an action adventure film. It is neither and is a rather lame excuse for both.

Some might enjoy this film and a few laughs for an uncomplicated 'date' movie for Valentine's Day!

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## There is always love, learning

Chaplain's Corner  
By Chaplain Cas Caserta

Tony Campolo tells the story of Lorraine Hansberry's play, "Raisin in the Sun." In the play, an African-American family inherits \$10,000 from their father's life insurance policy. The mother of the household sees in this legacy the chance to escape the ghetto life of Harlem and move into a little house with flower boxes out in the countryside. The brilliant daughter of this family sees in the money the chance to live out her dream and go to medical school.

But the older brother has a plea that is difficult to ignore. He begs for the money so he and his 'friend' can go into business together. He tells the family that with the money he can make something of himself and make things good for the rest of them. He promises if he can just have the money, he can give back to the family all the blessings their hard lives have denied them.

Against her better judgment, the mother gives in to the pleas of her son. She has to admit that life's chances have never been good for him and he deserves the chance this money might give him.

As you might suspect, the so called 'friend' skips town with the money. The desolate son has to return home and break the news to the family that their hopes for the future have been stolen and their dreams for a better life are gone. His sister lashes into him. She calls him everything in the book. Her contempt for her brother has no limits.

When she takes a breath, the mother interrupts her and says, "I thought I taught you to love him." Beneatha, the daughter, answers, "Love him? There's nothing left to love." The mother responds: "There's always something left to love. And if you ain't learned that, you ain't learned nothing. Have you cried for that boy today? I don't mean for yourself and the family because we lost all that money. I mean for him: for what he's been through and what it done to him. Child, when do you think is the time to love somebody the most: when they done good and made things easy for everybody? Well then, you ain't through learning, because that ain't the time at all. It's when he's at his lowest and can't believe in himself 'cause the world done whipped him so. When you start measuring somebody, measure him right, child, measure him right. Make sure you done taken into account what hills and valleys he done come through before he got to wherever he is."

What is she talking about? She's talking about grace; about second chances; about do-over's; about believing in someone and the hope that springs from life. Aren't there times in all our lives when we need a second chance ... a do-over? Life has become crazy, we've messed things up and we can't see a way out and we'd give anything to be able to turn back the hands of time and start over.

Need a do-over ... a second chance ... someone to believe in you ... a little 'grace' in your life? Why not try a Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation retreat? We offer retreats for couples, singles and personal growth opportunities. Call us at 910-450-1668 for more information.

Caserta is the director of CREDO.

## Pets of the week: Save a life today.

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This is Luna, a female, gray tiger and orange Domestic Shorthair. She is about 10 months old and needs a new home. Pet ID# A014107

This is Boo-Boo. He is a male, tan Labrador Retriever mix and is about 13 years old. Adopt him today. Pet ID# A014122

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Photos courtesy of the Animal Shelter

Don't be late. Have your ID ready at the gate.

# Camp Lejeune loses great public servant



**MCCS Notes**  
By Kim Oliver

On Jan. 30, Marine Corps Community Services, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, said a much too early goodbye to one of our best ambassadors.

The loss of Jean Forte should be measured not just in terms of the pain felt by those she left behind, but also by the number of people who had not yet had the opportunity for her to touch their lives. Forte seemed to be happiest behind the scenes in service to others. Her quiet, but graceful leadership made her a shining example of what is good and right in our community. Whether she was making the days of the women who worked for her delightful and fulfilling, or helping every Marine she worked with look his or her best in uniform, or even assisting grieving parents with her understanding and humility, Forte approached each part of her job with every bit of the enthusiasm she showed in her 12 years as an active-duty Marine.

Forte was very aware of the nature of her business. While many days this translated into making sure a Marine was presentable and squared away for his day-to-day routines, there was also the delicate and less-talked about duty of preparing uniforms for the latest Marine casualties in their final moments with their loved ones. It was during these most tender instances when Jean showed her mettle. As a former Marine, Forte inherently understood the intrinsic value of each and every military service member. As an employee of MCCS at Camp Lejeune, more specifically as the alterations supervisor at Military Clothing Sales, Forte personally felt the loss each and every time one of these fallen heroes needed to be cared for ... if only by making sure that in death their uniforms reflected the true Marines they were in life.

In one of these moments, Rhonda Winfield came to the Hadnot Point Clothing Sales store to update her recently-deceased Marine son's uniform so it reflected the promotion he had earned while in Iraq. The store was not yet open, but after

hearing her intentions, Forte and Glen Wilson, the Military Clothing Sales Manager, let her in early to take care of her task. They were both humble and sympathetic as they took great pains assisting Winfield in preparing her son's uniform. Unbeknownst to Forte and Wilson, Winfield documented this moment in a story that would serve to help heal the deep wounds left by the loss of a child.

The following excerpt is from Winfield's book, "When Johnnie Doesn't Come Marching Home; A Mother's Story of the Price for Freedom."

"I would correspond with Jean quite a few times throughout the following year. She was always generous with her time, her talents and her heart. About a month after I had spoken with her last, I received a parcel in the mail. The return address indicated that it was from the exchange at Camp Lejeune. I opened it to find a beautiful shadow-box filled with all of the medals and pins Jason had earned. Each one had been mounted and displayed beautifully in the box along with Jason's rank and brass tags were above each item indicating what each was for. There was also a brass plate that read: Lance Cpl. Jason Redifer, United States Marine Corps, Semper Fidelis. It was stunning. The box was a deep mahogany and was lined with black velvet. The entire display was almost breath taking. I could feel something on the back as I was holding it so I turned it over to find a note:"

*Dear Mrs. Winfield,  
Hello again. I hope this letter finds you all well.*

*As you probably already guessed, we've completed a "project" that began shortly after meeting you. A few ladies here in our Alteration Section are extremely talented and were able to put this display together.*

*Please accept this shadowbox as our way of showing our respect, admiration and appreciation to Jason.*

*Semper Fideles,  
Jean E. Forte  
Military Clothing Sales Store*

Winfield finished her story this way: "I hope that in telling this story, she will know now the depth of what that gift has meant to me: incredible women, incredible people, incredible Marines, incredible love."



Marine Corps Community Services employee Jean E. Forte, a former Marine and current alterations supervisor at Military Clothing Sales passed away Jan. 30. Courtesy photo

This story encapsulates much of what Forte loved; her file is full of testimonials made by many of her customers who were overwhelmed by her integrity and willingness to do the right thing. She dearly loved her family, including her customers, her MCCS family and the one she helped create away from work. Most of all, Forte loved people. Whatever the circumstance, Forte always did whatever she could do to make someone around her feel better, she always went that extra mile to make sure whoever was in front

of her was better for having met her, and they always were.

In the end, the enlarged heart that made her such a compassionate human being was the very thing that failed her.

Jean Forte joined the ranks of her beloved fallen Marines Jan. 30. In her passing, Jean left behind a loving husband and son, two brothers and an entire family of MCCS fans who are, without a doubt, infinitely better human beings for having known her.

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# Paul Campbell: He can't tell you what he did

Heather Owens  
*Corona Living editor*

From World War II through the Cold War, Gunnery Sgt. Paul G. Campbell (retired) saw it all.

Okinawa, Japan, Scotland, Morocco, he's been there, but he can't tell you all of what he did there. Not because he doesn't have a great memory of the war years and beyond, but because of the manner in which he served his country.

The story begins during the uncertain times of the 1940s. As a strapping young man growing up during World War II, Campbell was chomping at the bit to get in on the war. "I had tried to get in the Marine Corps when I was 16-years old. I went to Providence, R.I., and the guy said, 'You're a big kid, but I know you are not 18. The war will last,'" he explained.

So he got a job as a machinist apprentice at the Newport, R.I., Naval Torpedo Station. He could have stayed out of the war due to the importance of the torpedo production in the war effort. Yet Campbell chose to serve his country through active military service, and he joined the Marine Corps July 13, 1943.

During World War II, Campbell spent his time in Okinawa watching the skies for Japanese Kamikazes intent on sinking Allied ships. "It wasn't fun," said Campbell. "You were on tender-hooks the whole time. I had a friend who was killed."

Through a process called "showing the colors," Campbell and his compatriots identified aircraft flying over the island as either friend or foe.

Towards the end of the war, he touched a significant piece of history.

"When they came over to drop the bomb on Japan, we talked to (the service members on that plane) on my watch," said Campbell. "They showed that they were friendly and they identified themselves as the Enola Gay. And that was one of the most momentous things because it ended the war."

Even though the war ended, the tense activity wasn't over for Campbell and his fellow Marines. On the way back to the U.S., they



Gunnery Sgt. Paul G. Campbell (retired) received the base's Hardcore Warrior award in December. Heather Owens

encountered a typhoon aboard the ship and lost men overboard. "The commanding officer did the right thing - which was to turn into it. But we had to hold on for dear life," he remembered.

When the USS Sitkoh Bay docked in San Diego in October 1945, the men aboard received welcome comforts of home. "The Salvation Army was waiting for us there and they gave us coffee and donuts and they allowed us to make a phone call home which they paid for," said Campbell who said his call was probably pretty pricey as he had to call a neighbor a half mile from his house to get his parents as his family did not own a phone.

After the war, Campbell did leave the Marine Corps for a period. But he eventually did reenlist. Then it was off for a world of adventure. He eventually became an analyst/cryptological linguist.

A fluent speaker of French, Campbell



A young Campbell participated in the Toys for Tots toy drive in 1954. Courtesy photo

was prized for his language skills. "My first assignment was in Scotland and they didn't need a French linguist in Scotland," remembered Campbell.

Though the Marine Corps didn't need a French linguist in Scotland, the service did appreciate his ability to write down Morse code. After moving his young family to Scotland, Campbell was off on special assignment. That's one of the parts he can't really elaborate on.

However, he did say that his wife Lorraine did a yeoman's job taking care of the family while he was away. And though he couldn't tell her where he went, she was fairly savvy regarding his whereabouts. "My wife said, 'I know where you went.' I said, 'How did you figure it out?' She said, 'I read it in the Scottish paper.'"

Campbell also lived in Japan during his career where, harkening back to his early days in World War II, he rented a house

from a Japanese man who had trained as a Kamikaze pilot prior to the end of the war. His work there was also cloak and dagger stuff. "A lot of it was clandestine. You can't say what you were doing," he said.

Campbell retired from the Fleet Reserve Sept. 30, 1971, just nine days after his seventh child was born.

In December, he was awarded the Hardcore Warrior award by the Marine Corps Base Military Retiree Council and former base commanding officer Col. Adele E. Hodges. Several family members attended the ceremony.

Campbell said that he loves his country, and his proudest accomplishment was serving and being available to his country during times of war. He said he especially enjoyed his last decade or so of service in the Marine Corps "because I thought we were doing something good, even though we couldn't tell people what we were doing because it was all undercover."

## Veteran profile



## Pre-retirement workshops get Marines prepared

Sgt. Steven King  
 Marine Corps Community Services

Wars are either won or lost before they're even fought. As Marines, and therefore students of war, we can appreciate the value of excellent preparation. We understand that the act of armed conflict involves a little more than what is portrayed in movies like the Rambo series, where the hero simply jumps into action without preparation, yet still manages to achieve victory. Superb preparation is the cousin of flawless execution which is the brother of victory; they're all related to each other. The leaders of Marine Corps Community Services Career Resource Management Center want every Marine to adopt this same philosophy in the area of transition to the civilian sector, especially those coming close to retirement.

The pre-retirement Transition Assistance Management Program is a workshop designed to assist active duty personnel approaching retirement and their family members with transition to the civilian sector. Topics covered in these workshops include Survivors Benefits Plan, insurance, Traffic Management Office, TRICARE, veterans benefits, social security, retired affairs, retirement administration, pay, job search information, resume writing, translating military experience into civilian terminology, interviewing and more.

"The subjects covered in these workshops are critical to a retiree's smooth transition. Each class is taught by a professional with the most current information available. It's highly recommended that the spouse of the individual retiring also attend since the topics discussed will affect them as well, not to mention that two pair of ears listening to and gathering the information are better than just one," said Lee Tuthill, transition assistance program specialist.

Now, Rambo does a minor degree of preparation. He always has those moments before he jumps into action where he tightens his bandana, shoves that insane looking survival knife in its sheath, then locks and loads his weapon. He does all of this to the tune of very serious music playing in the background. Unfortunately your preparation will take a little longer than 15 seconds...that is assuming you're going to spend your retirement a little different than the way Rambo spent his.

Therefore, it is recommended that you sign up for the pre-retirement TAMP workshop up to two years prior to your scheduled retirement date. "We are very adamant about the active duty member giving themselves about 24 months to prepare. Too many times we see Marines and Sailors coming to the class with only three months until they retire. They're extremely stressed out and in a hurry. Some people feel they work best under pressure, but the truth is nobody works best under pressure when it comes to life changing moves like retirement. You should attend TAMP 24 months prior to getting out and then afterwards begin to get your affairs in order so that when the day arrives you're cool as a cucumber," said Tuthill.

Rambo was of a different breed. He could remember his training years after he was discharged. I guess it's because he kept getting recalled to action so many times. However, for everyone else, refreshers may be necessary for information you obtain in the TAMP workshop. "Many times there is so much information presented at the pre-retirement workshops that it's a good idea to take it twice - once, 24 months prior to their retirement, and again about six months out. This will be an excellent refresher and will ensure that you dot every 'i' and cross every 't.' Also, a lot of things may change for you in 24 months, and new ideas may come to you since your first attendance to TAMP so a second attendance would be ideal in supplying you with information that may support any new ideas or plans," said Tuthill.

All pre-retirement TAMP workshops will take place at the Russell Marine and Family Service Center, Bldg. 40 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Civilian attire is the uniform of the day for the workshops (but please don't come dressed like Rambo). For more information on upcoming TAMP workshops, call 451-3212. You can also learn more about TAMP and other workshops by visiting [www.mccslejeune.com/readiness/index.html](http://www.mccslejeune.com/readiness/index.html).



Members of the New York Fire Department escorted Hope for the Warriors guests, made up of Gold Star families and Wounded Warrior spouse scholarship recipients, during their New York City trip. Courtesy photo

## Hope For the Warriors New York City tour celebrates military family members

Press release  
 Hope For The Warriors

Hope For The Warriors held a celebration of hope and gratitude for members of Gold Star families, (families of service members who have died in war) and Wounded Warrior Spouse scholarship recipients in New York City from Jan. 18-21. It was an unprecedented weekend of shared healing with other families, who have struggled with the wounds and losses of the Global War on Terror, including the Fire Department New York and New York City Police Department families.

"There could not have been a more fitting location to honor the strength, fidelity and resolve of these families than New York City," said Tina Atherall, Hope For The Warrior scholarship chair.

John Viggiano, fire chief retired, and members of FDNY graciously transported the families through New York City during the weekend.

The tour began in Times Square. Just outside the Armed Forces Recruiting Station, guests listened as United Service Organizations performer Lynelle Johnson sang the national anthem. Passers-by stopped to hear Hope For The Warriors President Robin Kelleher recognized the scholarship recipients, Wounded Warriors, Gold Star mothers, NYPD and FDNY, thanking them for the gifts they bestowed to the freedoms we cherish.

Later the group convened at the Fort Hamilton Army Community Center in Brooklyn where Hope For The Warriors had the distinct honor to award four of its biannual scholarships to U.S. military spouses of Wounded and Fallen Warriors in the amount of \$5,000. The scholarships recognize and reward exceptional spouses for their strength, fidelity and resolve despite adversity and to aid in their

continued education at a reputable, accredited college or trade school as they assume critical roles in the financial well being of their families.

The 2008 Spring Scholarship Award Recipients are:

Melanie Morgan - The Shannon Maxwell Honorary Scholarship

Susan Callender - The Bonnie Amos Honorary Scholarship

Meaghan Long - The Karin Dickerson Honorary Scholarship

Stephanie Swisher - The Robin Kelleher New Beginnings Scholarship

Additionally, Homefront Heroes who have dedicated time and energy, love and devotion to supporting the troops were honored: 2008 honorees were John Viggiano, Barry Fixler and Todd Finger.

The rest of the weekend included many treats. Participants had lunch at Carmine's with an added bonus of Chief Salvatore Cassano's presence. There was a guided tour of the World Trade Center Tribute Center by Lee Ielpi and Iris and Joe Torriello. The group's final New York experience of the weekend was taking in the Broadway show, "The Color Purple," kicked off with lunch at Ellen's Stardust Diner.

For a few brave American families, the New York City weekend meant a reprieve from daily life. "This trip fulfilled one of his (and my) dreams and I thank you profusely for that opportunity. I don't believe we ever would have been able to do it otherwise," said Morgan.

Hope For The Warriors is a non-profit organization formed to enhance the quality of life for service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty.

For more information, log onto [www.hopeforthewarriors.org](http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org).

# Jacksonville/Onslow Habitat for Humanity announces next Habitat family



The Jacksonville/Onslow Habitat for Humanity recently named Jessica Acker, an Onslow County resident, and her two school-aged children as the next local family to receive a Habitat home. Acker was selected based upon her need, willingness to partner with Jacksonville/Onslow Habitat for Humanity and ability to repay a no-interest mortgage. She and her children will help build their home by working 200 "sweat equity" hours for the two bedroom three bathroom home. The volunteer construction effort is set to begin this month on Margot Street in Jacksonville. Jacksonville/Onslow Habitat for Humanity was established in 2002 as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. It is a non-profit ecumenical Christian organization with the goal to eliminate substandard housing in Onslow County, N.C. The organization is now using [www.volunteering.com](http://www.volunteering.com) to sign up volunteers and track their volunteer hours. Once on the Web site, a potential volunteer may scroll to the bottom and choose "Jacksonville/Onslow HFFH, NC," which will take them to the organization's page. A volunteer can then click "log in" at the top left corner and will then be able to sign up as a volunteer for Habitat. Once signed in, volunteers may view Habitat's upcoming schedule and elect to volunteer simply by clicking "sign up." [www.volunteering.com](http://www.volunteering.com)

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# Pet Dental Health Month: Bad breath can be cured

**Spc. Amanda Parmer**  
Camp Lejeune Veterinary Treatment Facility

Would you let years go by between visits to the dentist? Probably not. Your pet's dental health is just as important to his or her overall health, as your dental health is to your general health. 'Fido's' dog breath and 'Tabby's' tuna breath aren't something to be ignored — they could be indicative of an oral problem, and the sooner you have it treated by your veterinarian (and learn to care for it yourself), the sooner you and your pet can smile proudly.

Dental care of dogs and cats is one of the most commonly-overlooked areas of pet health care. In fact, a recent study by the American Animal Hospital Association showed approximately two-thirds of pet owners do not provide the dental care that is recommended as essential by veterinarians. What's more, the American Veterinary Dental Society reports that 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of oral disease by age three. Dental disease doesn't affect just the mouth. It can lead to more serious health problems including heart, lung and kidney disease, which makes it all the more important that you provide your pets with proper dental care from the start.

In addition to regular veterinary visits with oral examinations and cleanings, a good dental program to maintain for your pet starts with daily oral care at home. Home oral care begins with examining Fido's mouth and brushing his teeth. Yes, dogs and cats can have their teeth brushed. Introduce this new habit slowly, giving lots of praise and eventually your pet will look forward to getting their teeth brushed.

There are many pet dental products on the market. All of them are good to use, but it may take time to find the right one for your pet's comfort. As long as you are using a pet toothpaste, not toothpaste for hu-

mans, and the mechanical action of brushing the teeth is being accomplished, everything will be fine. The active ingredients in human toothpaste can upset animals' stomachs and make everything unpleasant.

As you care for your dog's mouth, look for warning signs of gum disease such as bad breath, red and swollen gums, a yellow-brown crust of tartar around the gumline and pain or bleeding when you touch the gums or mouth. You should also watch for discolored, fractured or missing teeth. Any bumps or masses within the mouth should also be checked by your veterinarian. Dogs can suffer many of the same mouth conditions that people can.

Periodontal disease is an infection of the tissue surrounding the teeth which takes hold in progressive stages. It starts out as a bacterial film called plaque. The bacteria attach to the teeth. When the bacteria die they can be calcified by calcium in saliva. This forms a hard, rough substance called tartar or calculus which allows more plaque to accumulate. Initially, plaque is soft and brushing or chewing hard food and chew toys can dislodge it. If left to spread, plaque can lead to gingivitis, an inflammation of the gums, causing them to become red and swollen and to bleed easily.

As plaque and calculus develop below the gum line, professional cleaning will be needed to help manage it. If the plaque and tartar build-up continues unchecked, infection can form around the root of the tooth. In the final stages of periodontal disease, the tissues surrounding the tooth are destroyed, the bony socket holding the tooth in erodes and the tooth becomes loose. This is a very painful process for your four-legged friend, but these problems can be averted before they even start.

For one thing, feeding your pet hard, crunchy dog and cat food is better for teeth than any other product. Using wet or canned food can



Above, Sadie gets her teeth brushed. February is National Pet Dental Health Month. Jamie Cameron

lead to dental disease. The kibble helps scrape the teeth through the process of digestion and recent studies have shown it can reduce plaque and calculus build-up.

Veterinary care of your pet's teeth will begin with regular oral examinations. As your pets age and teeth need more attention, a routine dental cleaning will help ensure their health. Veterinarians can perform a basic oral examination on patients that are

awake. However, a short-lasting anesthetic is required in order to provide a complete and thorough examination as well as dental cleanings.

Whenever anesthesia is needed, special considerations are taken to help ensure the safety of your pet. Your veterinarian will thoroughly examine your pet to make sure he's healthy enough to undergo anesthesia. Depending on your pet's age

and general physical condition your veterinarian may also run blood, urine, electrocardiogram tests and check radiographs to check for any dangerous heart, kidney or other conditions. Though there is some risk associated with any medical procedure, modern anesthesia is usually safe, even for older pets. During anesthesia, your pet's vitals are monitored (such as body temperature, heart rate and respiration, as well as other important factors). This helps ensure the safety of your pet while undergoing anesthesia. In some cases, dental radiographs may be necessary, but they are non-invasive and can be done while the animal is anesthetized.

Veterinarians use similar instruments as human dentists to remove plaque and calculus from your pet's teeth. To smooth out any scratches in the tooth enamel, the teeth are polished with a special fluoride paste and rinsed.

Veterinary dentistry is becoming more common and more sophisticated. Pets can have the same procedures as people — root canals, crowns and even braces. The Veterinary Oral Health Council is an organization of veterinarians who will help lead all of us in this rather new field. They have developed a seal of acceptance for pet dental products, just as the American Dental Association has its seal of approval. Scientific studies are continuously being done on other products, and when they are proven to be effective, they will be eligible for approval. Remember, regular dental care can improve the quality of life for your pet and add up to five years to their lifespan.

Parmer, a specialist in the U.S. Army, is a technician at the Camp Lejeune Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call the clinic at 450-1694.

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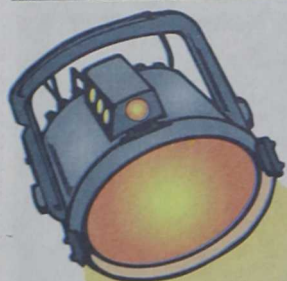
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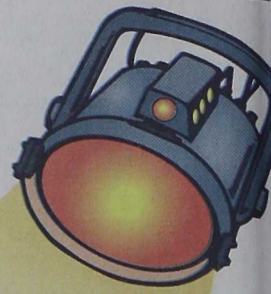
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**Lunch with the author**  
**Monday, noon**  
 Sneads Ferry Friends of the Library is scheduled to host a lunch with guest Bill Thompson, author of "Sweet Tea, Fried Chicken and Lazy Dogs" at the Sneads Ferry Community Center. The book is a collection of short stories which view life from the vantage point of a native Carolinian who has had the opportunity to leave the area and return home again. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Sneads Ferry Branch of the Onslow County Public Library or by calling 327-6471.

**Black History Month event**  
**Saturday, 3 p.m.**  
 In honor of Black History Month, the Onslow County Public Library is weaving the theme of Black history throughout their events, book clubs and story times. The Onslow County Public Library is scheduled to host a performance by accomplished storyteller Joyce Grear as Harriet Tubman. The event is scheduled to take place at the main library in Jacksonville. Grear has toured the United States since 1987 captivating audiences with dramatic interpretations of outstanding African-American heroines. She has performed locally, nationally and internationally, combining storytelling and true historical facts create a dramatic and compelling interpretation of the life of Harriet Tubman. Attendees are invited to stay after the performance for a question and answer session with Grear. This performance is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. For more information, call the main library at 455-7350, extension 242.

**Step and Talent Show**  
**Monday, 6:30 - 4 p.m.**  
 Students from the Marine Corps Combat Support Schools are scheduled to perform step routines and other talents at this show to take place at Camp Johnson's Gymnasium (Bldg. 29). For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer-4 Sequoia Aldridge at 450-0702.

**Forum Onslow**  
**Monday, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**  
 The Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce presents Forum Onslow with guest speaker Sen. Richard Burr. The event is scheduled to take place at the City Council

Chambers at City Hall, 815 New Bridge St. Please RSVP to 347-3141 or [jbowen@jacksonvilleonline.org](mailto:jbowen@jacksonvilleonline.org).

**Forum Onslow**  
**Feb. 22, 8:30 - 10 a.m.**  
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**Combat Art Class**  
**Feb. 23, 2 p.m.**  
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**Fashion Show fundraiser**  
**Feb. 24, 1:30 - 4 p.m.**  
 Angels' Voices Speak Up, a local non-profit advocacy organization, is planning its 4th Annual "Love Shouldn't Hurt, Should It?" Fashion Show and Bid for Bachelor event at Swansboro Middle School. Tickets are \$5 and two non-perishable food items (which will go to the Salvation Army along with \$1 per ticket sold). They are seeking volunteers, models and escorts. Additionally, they are asking for donations of formal wear, Marine Corps ball gowns or children's clothes for the show. Advance tickets may be purchased at the business office of the Salvation Army on Bell Fork Road, Jesse's Chicago's Own on Western Boulevard and at the Forget-Me-Not Florist. Contact Cindy at 455-6057 or e-mail [angelsvoicespeakup@yahoo.com](mailto:angelsvoicespeakup@yahoo.com) or go to [www.angelsvoices.org](http://www.angelsvoices.org).

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**Black History Month Closing Ceremony and Luncheon**  
**Feb. 28, 11 a.m.**

Camp Johnson has scheduled its Black History Month Closing Ceremony and Luncheon. The event will take place in the Field Medical Training Battalion Auditorium (Bldg. M104). Maj. Gen. Walter E. Gaskin, commanding general of 2nd Marine Division, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance by calling Chief Warrant Officer-4 Sequoia Aldridge at 450-0702 during working hours.

**Poetry Open Mic Night**  
**Feb. 28, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

The Harriette B. Smith Library aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune invites adults 18 years and older to attend its Poetry Open Mic Night scheduled for Feb. 28. Share your work, read from your favorite poets, meet other local poets and get creative ideas. For more information, call 451-3026.

**Job skills**  
**Various dates and times**

Marine Corps Community Services has planned three job skills classes. The first is a skills assessment and resume writing class. It is scheduled to take place March 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 40, classroom 106. The workshop provides students with resources that can help them assess their skills and to provide students with guidelines to write a resume. The second class is on the topic of job interviewing. It is scheduled for March 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 40, classroom 106. This class will provide information and guidance on the interview process, frequently asked and difficult questions, proper dress, body language and other topics related to the interview. Finally, a mock postal exam is scheduled for March 19 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 40, classroom 106. This event will provide information on the objectives, types of postal positions, how to apply for exams, test taking tips and taking practice exams. For more information or make reservations for any classes, call 451-3212.

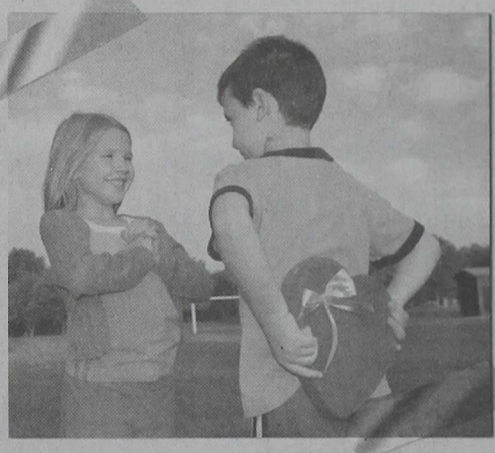
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**Basket Bingo**  
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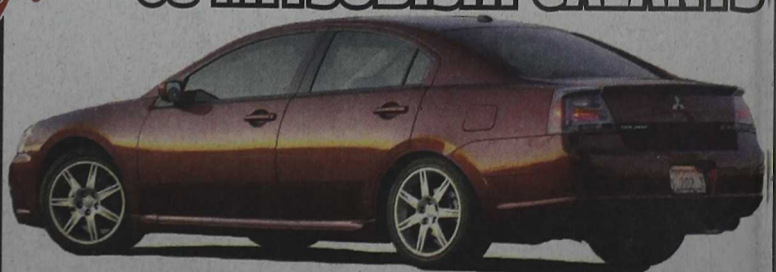
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