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## News Watch

### Warriors

Cpl. Jordan Carter, 19, of Sag Harbor, N.Y., was killed in action on April 22 from wounds suffered while fighting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Haerter assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune. Matthew R. McGrift, 28, of Fort Collins, Colo., died from wounds suffered while fighting combat operations in Basrah, Iraq, assigned to the 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune.

85,000 volunteers prepares for the week, April 2008. Officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs are looking for more people to join the ranks of its corps of volunteers.

tant to the VA nursing and national series," said James B. Peake, secretary of Veterans Affairs. "I urge everyone to consider becoming a volunteer. These private citizens prove that anyone can make a difference in the lives of veterans." 1.6 million hours of service donated last year by VA volunteers equivalent to 5,500 full-time employees, Department of Veterans Affairs. VA officials estimate the donated time worth nearly \$220 million. "I want to become a volunteer, contact the nearest VA office, or complete a form on the Internet at [www.va.gov/volunteer](http://www.va.gov/volunteer)."

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A Marine from Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, NATO International Security Assistance Force, escort an armored vehicle outside of their Kandahar province, Afghanistan base. The Marines began going outside the wire to test fire their heavy machine guns, mortars and rockets. Cpl. Randall Clinton

## President foresees tough fight ahead in Afghanistan

Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States and its allies are making progress in Afghanistan, but there is a long, tough road ahead, President Bush said during a White House Rose Garden news conference April 29.

The Taliban and its al-Qaida allies continue to fight in Afghanistan and want to re-impose an "incredibly dark" regime in the country, the president said. The recent Taliban assassination attempt on Afghan President Hamid Karzai is their latest attempt to retrieve their failing campaign, he added.

"It's very important for the American people to remember what life was like in Afghanistan prior to the liberation of the country," Bush said. The Taliban denied basic human rights to the women of the nation.

"They didn't believe in women's rights," he said. "They didn't let little girls go to school. And they provided safe haven to al-Qaida."

The liberation of Afghanistan eliminated an al-Qaida safe haven and replaced the repressive, extremist Taliban with an elected government, the president said.

"It's difficult in Afghanistan," he said. "If you know the history of the country, ... it's hard to go from the kind of society in which they had been living to one in which people are now responsible for their own behavior."

Bush said he is pleased with some of the progress in the country. He's pleased with the number of roads that have been built, the number of schools and health clinics now operating and the fact that young women can attend school.

He said he also is impressed with the progress Afghan security forces are making. "I'm pleased with the Afghan army, that when they're in the fight, they're good," Bush said.

Bush said the United States will continue to stand beside its Afghan

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## Upcoming transformations to Camp Lejeune

Lance Cpl. Randy Little  
Marine Corps Base

Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, spoke during a retiree breakfast recently to share thoughts about Camp Lejeune's upcoming transformation.

"As a result of the 'Grow the Force' initiative, Camp Lejeune and the two other regional installations are currently witnessing dramatic and positive changes," said Flatau.

The impact to the regions three installations is 11,477 Marines and sailors; 7,700 of those personnel will be coming to Camp Lejeune.

"Growth will be incrementally phased and balanced over the next four years," said Flatau. "We'll see 55 percent of the growth throughout this fiscal year, 74 percent by FY09, 86 percent by FY10 and 100 percent of the growth by FY11."

In order to support the growth, Flatau said the installation would need to construct administrative, educational, training,

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## USS Nimitz featured in PBS special

Press release  
Navy Office of Information

WASHINGTON — The aircraft carrier USS Nimitz is being featured in a 10-part documentary reality-TV series "Carrier." The series began airing on PBS April 27 and is airing two back-to-back episodes each night for five nights, until May 1.

The series features the sailors and Marines of Carrier Strike Group 11 during their 2005 six-month deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

In the spring of 2005, a 17-member production crew boarded Nimitz, and was extended unfettered access to sailors, Marines and unclassified spaces. Eventually the production crew integrated with the ship's crew and air wing, allowing them to capture about 1,600 hours of video of the crew at work and on liberty play, which was condensed into the 10 hours seen in the series.

More so than in many documentaries, "Carrier" specifically focuses on people, following about a dozen individuals onboard Nimitz. The show highlights the determination, responsibility and accountability sailors and Marines expect of themselves and demand from those around them in order to complete the mission. It also focuses on what happens when those standards are not met in both the personal and professional lives of the service members involved.

"I thought the series had great potential from the get-go. We typically have opportunities for visitors



Official U.S. Navy file photo of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. Courtesy photo

and media to come out to the ship and it has worked very well to turn them loose on the crew — hand it over to the sailors and let them tell their stories. We've always had very positive results from those previous interactions," said Rear Adm. Ted Branch, commanding officer of USS Nimitz during the filming.

A premiere featuring the first episode, "All Hands," was released in the Ronald Reagan Amphitheatre in Washington D.C. last week. The screening was followed by a

panel discussion, which addressed the questions of 300 audience members, and included "Carrier" Director, Maro Chermayeff and producers Deborah Dickson and Jeff Dupre. The panel also included Branch and former Nimitz sailors Cmdr. Dell Bull, Lt. Alex Dietrich, Chris Altice and Shaneka McReed.

"The show will allow sailors to share deployment with loved ones and illustrate better than our words ever could," said Dietrich.

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### Intramural softball



Dental Battalion's intramural softball team broke into the column with an exciting 8-6 victory over Reserve Support Battalion/Deployment Processing Command April 24. Read about the game on 1B.

### Combat Hunter Course

Combat Logistics Battalion-26 Marines complete Combat Hunter Course. Read about their experience on page 1C.



### Troops on parade in Raleigh

More than 50,000 people crowded the streets of downtown Raleigh, N.C., for the largest military parade in the state's history Saturday. To learn more, turn to 1D.



# MAN on the street

What blockbuster movie are you looking forward to this summer?



"I'm looking forward to the new Indiana Jones movie; I hope it can live up to the old ones."

Lance Cpl. Caleb Guy  
Torch Lake, Mich  
2nd MarDiv

"I can't wait to see the new Incredible Hulk movie; it looks like it's going to be a lot better than the last attempt."



Lance Cpl. Matt Dodson  
Bastrop, Texas  
2nd MarDiv



"I just got back from Iraq so I don't know what new movies are coming out yet."

Lance Cpl. Brian Miller  
Chicago  
2nd MarDiv

"I can't wait to see Iron Man. I've always been a fan of Iron Man; he can beat anyone."



Lance Cpl. Eric Pleasant  
Chicago  
2nd MLG



"I am definitely going to have to check out the Dark Knight. It looks like it's going to be really good."

Cpl. Daniel Valverde  
Washington  
2nd MLG

## Driving: Be respectful, courteous

### Semper Safe

Who enters the base through the front gate on your way to work in the morning? Who has been driving on Mainside during the lunch hour? Do we understand that traffic laws and regulations were designed for all people on the road not just those who elect to follow them? Do we really want to be known as the society who lost our courteous manners, defined by Merriam-Webster's Dictionary as "marked by respect for and consideration of others"? I thought we were Marines. Just the very meaning of that indicates we are above what the "average" society does or expects. Our civilian employees, most of whom have served in the military, and other military service personnel aboard the base expect more from us. Which brings to question, why don't we act like it?

So what is the courteous thing to do when driving? We all know what it is; we all have been through driver education at some point in our lives. Base Order P5560.2M says, "Posted regulations are minimum statutes that reflect the intent of the law; therefore, motorists should drive sensibly within the 'spirit of the law.'" But for those of us who need some reminders, here we go:

- Turn signals are wonderful things put on vehicles to indicate which direction the driver intends

to turn. The courteous thing is to use them, particularly before the intended turn. Each violation, three points IAW BO P5560.2M.

- Listening to music is quite entertaining and relaxing for most people, but not when the music is coming from another vehicle. Violations are three points IAW BO P5560.2M.

- Driving should be the most important thing you are doing when you are driving, not changing the radio station, reading, eating or drinking. Again three points IAW BO P5560.2M.

- We all know by now that we cannot use a cell phone without a hands-free device while driving, but for heavens sake, people, the speaker on the phone (known as speakerphone) is not hands-free if you still have the phone in your hand! Violations are four points IAW BO P5560.2M.

- If you impede the normal flow of traffic in the left lane by going too slow, (that's why the left lane is known as the passing lane) you are now part of the problem and are not being courteous. Base Traffic Court will award you two points

IAW BO P5560.2M.

- Changing lanes frequently known as weaving in or of traffic, involves speed disrespectfully driving. 4 points IAW BO P5560.2M.

Of course we saved the last, the most discourteous out there, the "Aggressive We all know that driver; low too close, make unsafe changes, unsafe passing, swerving and of course and oops, can't forget some helpful gestures they show. And yes, BO P5560.2M has advice for these people: points and revoked privilege six months if caught again 13 months of the first time sounds like fun, huh?

All drivers, its time to responsibility for your own it is not the other person and it isn't because the DOT made the roadways big you are the only person ling your vehicle so use the wisely. Be courteous to all drivers on the road, have (even if you get 10 minutes sleep so you don't have to and your actions will be rewarded by having less stress and in your life. We are Marines be proud of that title and with our actions. Drive courteous drive respectfully and be safe.



### Too late to fasten your seat-belt

Wearing a seat-belt reduces the risk of being ejected from a vehicle and suffering serious or fatal injury by between 40% - 65%. Be part of the solution: wear a seat-belt.

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## Alarming rise on motorcycle related crashes, deaths

Press release  
Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Safety Division

According to a Gannett News Service analysis of federal accident reports, death rates from motorcycle crashes have risen steadily since states began weakening helmet laws about a decade ago. Gannett Inc. is a leading international news and information company that publishes more than 85 U.S. newspapers including "USA Today."

As motorcycle related deaths have increased, so has the proportion of older riders killed. Analysis shows dying on a motorcycle could soon become a predominantly middle-aged phenomenon.

Additionally, federal statistics show in states that weaken or repeal helmet laws, helmet use drops. In 1994, when the U.S. government still penalized states without helmet laws, 63 percent of riders wore helmets. However, in 1995 the federal government stopped withholding highway maintenance money from states without helmet laws and by 2006, the percentage of those

who wore helmets dropped to 51 percent. Subsequently fatality rates increased.

- Two decades ago, 47 states required helmets for all riders. Today, only 20 states maintain this requirement, 27 states require helmets for only young riders. 3 states — Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire don't require helmets at all.

- Southeastern states had some of the highest fatality rates in 2006. Some of these states require all riders to wear helmets; however they also have long riding seasons that expose bikers to more risk over time.

Last year, 25 states considered laws to increase motorcycle safety, including laws mandating helmet use, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

- The National Transportation Safety Board unanimously recommended last year that states require all riders to wear helmets — this is the first time in its 40-year history that the independent panel weighed in on motorcycle safety.

The analysis of data from the government's Fatality Analysis Reporting System



Picture above is Cpl. David Shirley, a heavy-machine gunner with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, riding through a circuit course June 11, 2005 at Coastal Carolina Community College. Shirley, who survived a motorcycle crash in 2004, took the course to improve his abilities and learn the proper way to ride a motorcycle. Official U.S. Marine Corps Photo

of motorcycle deaths between 2002 and 2006 also found:

- About 42 percent of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets or proper preventative equipment.
- Half of those killed lost control and crashed without colliding with another vehicle.

Nearly half of motorcyclists killed in 2006 were age 40 or older, and nearly a quarter were 50 or older.

The average age of those killed was 38.

Motorcyclists account for about 2 percent of vehicles on the road, but 10 percent of all traffic fatalities, according to federal statistics.

**Editor's note: MARAD-MIN 014/08, additional private motor vehicle and motorcycle safety requirements, have been signed into effect as of April 25. A story detailing the changes will run in next week's issue of The Globe.**

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# 2nd AAB Marines

## Assault Range 26, build unit cohesion



Marines hike on a trail at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., as they begin a squad live-fire maneuver course.

and photos  
by Bryce C.K. Muhlenberg  
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PORT A.P. HILL, Va. - Cpl. T. DeWeed bellowed commands to Marines of his fire team as they assaulted the main objective at Range 26, located on Fort Hill, Va. The bunker, which is one of many enemy positions in the range, was finally overrun by Marines of Second Squad, Main Force Platoon, Headquarters and Support Company, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, during the battalion's week-long training exercise, in preparation for deployment.

DeWeed, a 23-year-old Luding-

ton, Mich., native, said the time was well spent, "This helps us develop our squad tactics and movement and this does, surprisingly, apply to Iraq. Especially right now, because its all squad patrols out there and Range 26 is all about learning how to move and work together under fire as a squad."

The Marines rose early on an overcast Friday so they could go over dry-runs, and brief on the objectives and how they would progress from each one accordingly, said the 2002 Ludington High School graduate.

"In the morning, we were given some guidance from the range safety officers," said the young Marine, who had just recently changed mili-



Marines with Headquarters and Support Company, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, fire on plastic figures hidden among the natural cover and man-made bunkers here at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., during a squad live-fire maneuver course during the battalion's 14-day training evolution.



A Marine engages a target hidden in an enemy bunker during a squad live-fire maneuver course during the battalion's 14-day training evolution.

tary occupational specialties from supply to become an amphibious assaultman. "But when we got out here with our M-16A2 service rifles, full personal protective equipment and actually ran it live-fire, we weren't getting as much input and had to rely more on ourselves. That pressure for self-reliance is helpful for me, especially since I am a lat-mover," explained DeWeed, saying, "A lot of the other corporals have done this type of training before, so I have to pick this knowledge up a lot faster."

According to DeWeed, about half of the guys in the platoon have been deployed, but the other half are Marines who have only been in the platoon for a couple of months or even weeks. For this reason, DeWeed said the training is absolutely essential.

"The younger Marines learn stuff they hadn't learned before," he said. "Most of the classes we have back in the rear are hip-pocket classes given by non-commissioned officers with real-life experience. Of course, we do good training in the rear, but out here we actually got to do

everything we were learning while we attack targets. Out here we've got multiple objectives, which kind of ups the ante on us, because it's much more realistic due to the advanced targets on these ranges."

Interspersed throughout the trenches and bunkers, were green pop-up targets controlled by motors that sense how many shots have been accurately fired and hit the target. After a certain number of hits to each target, they retract into the ground.

There were also moving versions of these targets during the squad assault course, which made the training that more realistic and fun, said Pfc. Chris A. Brock, a 19-year-old rifleman and heavy equipment operator with the company.

"This type of training is good for us new guys, because it develops our combat mindset and it also teaches me, personally, what I want to learn, because eventually I want to laterally move to the infantry and go to Iraq," said the Orange, Calif., native.

"I want to go to Iraq and being with this unit and doing this training gives me a head start. Plus, we

love being out here because it makes us a lot closer as a unit, which is important because you have to rely on one another. You need to know everyone's ups and downs, because if one guy can't carry all the weight and you already know that, then you can pick up the extra slack for him and he can do the same for you in other areas."

This mantra of 'brotherhood through challenges' was not only held by Brock, who had only been with the platoon for three weeks, it was also held by DeWeed, who said, "I've got to say I'm glad I did choose to lat-move, because I never got to do this kind of training before. The other thing about this unit, that I have realized, is we are all really close and that means we get the job done really well."

By evening, the range had finally been completed and been declared cold. It had been a long and physically stressful day for the Marines, but they had all learned a little more about combat operations and a lot more about each other, which will prove to be a valuable asset whether the Marines are deployed to a combat zone or training in the United States.

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Pfc. Nolanray C. Perlas, a light armored vehicle crewman with Task Force Mustang, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, slides a box containing a field shower mechanism during a re-supply operation of western Anbar Province, Iraq, April 18. Cpl. Ryan Tomlinson



# Task Force Mustang doing its part

**Cpl. Ryan Tomlinson**  
Regimental Combat Team 5

**ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq** — Living out in the midst of the desert, resources are numbered. The Marines with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, don't have that problem thanks to Task

Force Mustang. Every week Marines of TFM, 2nd LAR, stationed out of Combat Outpost 70K, Iraq, support the rest of the battalion by re-supplying those Marines with food, water and other services.

Task Force Mustang is a new unit with 2nd LAR, comprised of one platoon

from each company in the battalion. The group was formed to produce another strong unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We bring supplies to the other combat outposts to keep the operation going," said Pfc. Nolanray C. Perlas, 19, a light armored vehicle crewman with TFM from Jersey City, N.J.

During the re-supply missions, the Marines go from post to post delivering items ordered from that respective platoon. Anything from washers and dryers to food and drinks, the Marines from Task Force Mustang bring it.

"It's great for 70K to keep the log rolling and bring us the materials we need to

operate," said Lance Cpl. Thomas M. Sanford, 21, a mechanic with TFM from Rockingham, N.C. "It gets us good food even though we are in the middle of the desert."

The Marines at COP 70K will continue their efforts of re-supplying fellow service members and conduct vehicle patrols on Iraqi road-

ways until their deployment ends in fall 2008.

"I love seeing Marines have stuff to sustain themselves and morale up," said Ron C. Torgeson, commander of 3rd TFM, from Colgate. "It's the things that life out here just much better."

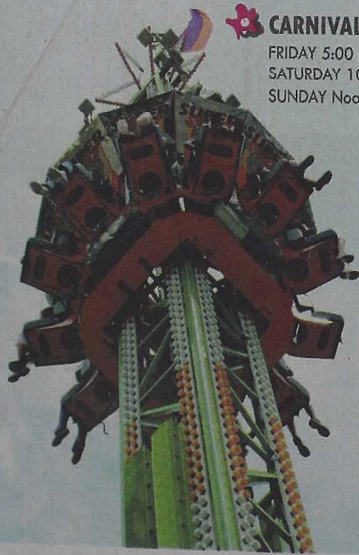
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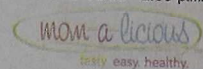


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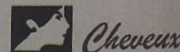
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# Marines master land navigation techniques

By C.K. Muhlenberg

T A.P. HILL, Va. ge expanse of wilder- provided a serene back- 1st Sgt. James F. as he spoke about his s, the land navigation they were completing vigation technology s experiences with during 2nd Assault nian Battalion, 2nd s Division's 14-day g evolution at Fort ll, Va.

Headquarters and t Company first ser- was deployed years to the vast desert of a, Iraq. Now he sat hilled air of Virginia explained his experi- with various systems deployment.

ning from my back- as an infantrymen, l say once we got to d the initial Opera- aqi Freedom push, bial Positioning Sys- was relied upon, and I was in Haditha around the middle desert where there terrain features, you use it to guide you where you needed to ich was great. The d Blue Force Track- good but they break course, like any sys- malfunction, so you o be able to go back to eading skills and ter- sociation if the situa- ills."

Marines of the com- awoke early in the ag, donned their al protective gear, acks, rifles and navi-

gation gear before they set off into the woods of A.P. Hill. They completed a long march down dirt paths before they reached their final bivouac site, which would position them to begin an approximately 25-mile land navigation course.

"Old fashion map and compass land navigation is a skill we really need to have in order to back up all of the great technology we utilize now and that's why these Marines are here today," said Culley, an Athens, Ill., native. "The Marines out here are all motor transportation and head-quarters and support types who haven't really gotten much of a chance to do stuff like this. Of course, we had numerous classes about all of these skills and now they can apply their skills to real life challenges. I know that if these Marines ever get outside of their military occupational specialties or actually put boots on the ground, this training will definitely increase their survivability in a combat situation."

By afternoon, the course was well underway and some of the groups had even completed their objectives by reaching all five checkpoints. One of the Marines who had experienced this success was Lance Cpl. David R. Grady, an amphibious assault vehicle crewman.

"I know groups are still out there trying to complete the course, but I thought it was easy, because we found all of the checkpoints," said the 22-year-old Pied-

mont, W. Va., native. "It was very long and we definitely got a good workout from it, which was great, but for me, using a map and compass is a natural skill."

Grady explained the course was comprised of five checkpoints each fire team was required to reach in order to finish the exercise. He and his team used their maps and protractors to plot courses and, using their compasses, shoot magnetic headings that would take them through swamps, up and down hills, through thorn bushes and thick foliage in order to reach their checkpoints.

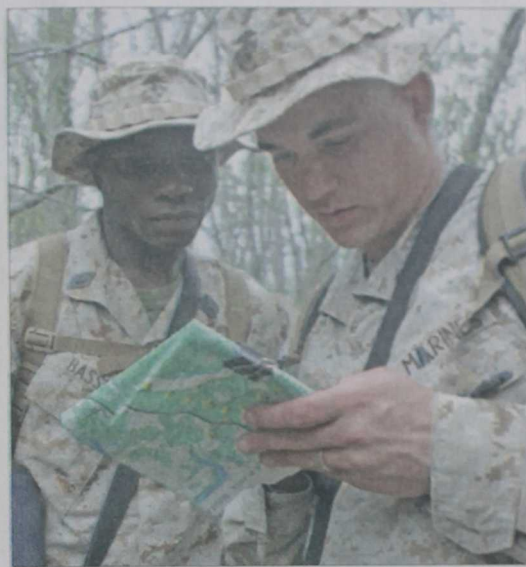
"In most situations I would rather have a GPS, because it's so much easier and faster, but I also think some units and Marines

have become too reliant on the electronics and have ended up losing their navigation skills and that's not a good thing," said Grady, a 2004 Keyser High School graduate. "Land navigation is needed, because if you get detached from your unit, or something else bad happens, you need to know how to find your way around. If you know how to correctly use the map and compass, that's all you really need."

Being comfortable in the wilderness isn't something new for Grady, he said. It was no surprise the land navigation course came easily to a Marine who said he had been raised hunting and fishing.

"I'm from West Virginia

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Seaman Alexandre G. Basseme, a corpsman with Headquarters and Support Company, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, checks a Marine's course during a land navigation course as part of the battalion's 14-day field operation. Cpl. Bryce C.K. Muhlenberg

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# Hit gets an A+: New institute to train teachers

Lance Cpl. Paul Torres  
Regimental Combat Team 5

**HIT, Iraq** — The future of any society lies in the development of its children.

To encourage the further development of the education system within the Hit district, Marines with the Regimental Combat Team 5 Civil Affairs Group are funding a project to renovate the Hit Teachers Institute.

"Right now, there is a shortage of teachers," said Lt. Timothy J. Rajceovich, 25, from Waukegan Ill., civil affairs team leader, Detachment 1, Civil Affairs Team 3, 2nd Bat-

talion, 11th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5. "Most of the teachers have to go to Rawah, [Iraq], to be trained and a lot of the time they will not come back to Hit to teach."

The four-story building that will be the home for the institute had previously been used as a military outpost by Coalition forces within the city of Hit.

"When the building was demilitarized, we set up a project to fix it up so that it could be used as a place to educate teachers," said Cpl. Brendan A. Ryan, 26, from Hammond, Ind., who is the security chief with

the Detachment 1, CAT 3. "There was a lot of damage, and they have pretty much had to strip everything out from the roof down."

A local contractor was hired to renovate the building, and CAT 3 has overseen the work.

"The building's structure was fine. Much of the renovation consisted of repairing the windows, rewiring the electricity, restoring the plumbing and the erection of a wall around the building," said Rajceovich. "When it is finished, the building will be able to train 300 teachers at any given time."

The building is expected

to be finished in June, and the construction has been progressing along quickly.

"We hired a contractor who knows what he is doing and takes pride in his work," said Rajceovich.

The institute will train teachers for grade school levels of education. Upon completion of the school, the teachers will be spread throughout the Hit district to meet the demand.

"There are plenty of schools and children who are in need of a [teacher]," said Rajceovich. "The refurbishment of the Hit Teachers Institute will secure the development of the Iraqi students."



Lt. Timothy J. Rajceovich, civil affairs team leader, and Sgt. Richard A. Gonzales, civil affairs team chief, both of Detachment 1, Civil Affairs Team 3, 2nd Battalion Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, survey progress made on the new teachers institute in Hit April 13. Lance Cpl. Paul Torres

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A. White, 23, and Lance Cpl. Dustin D. Sauder, 22, both with Company A, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Team 5, place four of the 265 Bangalore Torpedoes into pre-drilled holes outside of the Tahadi power plant with the help of two Iraqi contractors. Cpl. Shawn Coolman

# Portraits from the Horn of Africa

Sgt. Alec Kleinsmith  
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

CAMP LEMONIER, Djibouti — While Marines from around the globe continue their fight in the streets of Iraq and harsh terrain of Afghanistan, a different kind of mission carries on in the Horn of Africa. Considered by some experts to be the next front in the Global War on Terrorism, the region is rife with political instability, excessive drug use and an unemployment rate that consistently hovers around 50 percent.

Enter Camp Lemonier, an anti-terrorism base located in Djibouti, Africa. Due to its strategic position near the world's busiest shipping lanes and close to Arabian oilfields, Djibouti could essentially be prime real estate for Islamic terrorist groups. The presence of Camp Lemonier acts as a deterrent, preventing said groups from establishing a safe haven to spread their agenda.

As a combat correspondent for the Marine Corps, I was deployed to Djibouti, Africa with 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, a Camp Pendleton-based unit that served as the primary quick reaction force for the camp. In addition, the battalion played an instrumental role in the camp's civil affairs program, aimed at winning the hearts and minds of the Djiboutian populace.

A large part of my deployment was documenting the Marines efforts in the local community, which was multi-faceted in every respect. From handing out food and bottles of water to playing soccer in makeshift fields filled with jagged rocks and trash, their mission was a success, with evident proof seen in the smiles and hugs that were given by the locals.

Another vital mission of 3rd LAAD was the training of the local Djiboutian military and police academy. With little resources and funding, these organizations are often deprived of the crucial training that is necessary to promote peace and stability in a nation that lacks both.

Fortunately, the Marines of 3rd LAAD provided expert marksmanship training for the troops on numerous occasions, providing them with the knowledge and ammunition to increase their proficiency and, in turn, increase the local safety of the region.

I witnessed the results of what happens when you place a professional battalion of Marines in a country desperate for assistance. Though the prospect of peace and stability is still years away in this volatile region, the Marines continue to push forward, one bottle of water and smile at a time.

## Continual friendship one explosion at a time

Shawn Coolman  
Combat Team 5

IR PROVINCE, Iraq — March 15, 2008. With Company A, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Team 5, made easy work out of setting up a limestone quarry April 15, 2008. Enabled Iraqi contractors to work on the Tahadi power plant project.

The Tahadi power plant has been due to the lack of equipment through a bed of limestone," said Sgt. Marco E. Flores, 33, a gunnery sergeant, Company A, who is going to break through the bed of limestone to provide water, [cooling] the power plant."

There they are going to be doing the rest of the work on their pull water to the generator," said Sgt. Marco E. Flores, 33, who is from Lincolnshire, Illinois.

The newly re-activated battalion,

who began their seven-month deployment in April, started making friends early on this successful mission.

"This is one of our biggest missions after being re-activated," said Flores. "I was an instructor at engineer school seven months ago and most of these guys I taught. We're doing a great job so far for being such a young company."

The Iraqi contractors were extremely thankful for the young company of engineers, and the engineers responded with 265 highly explosive bangalore torpedoes to break through the limestone.

The bangalore torpedoes were placed in approximately 70 pre-drilled holes in the bed of limestone that were created prior to the Marines arrival at the power plant.

In a quick sequence of explosive events, the bed of limestone that was impeding the Iraqi contractors' way was turned into a mound of broken debris that the contractors could eas-

ily manage.

"Approximately half the area of the Al-Anbar province will be sufficiently supplied with power once this project is done," said Haitham Al Hadithy, an Iraqi contractor in English.

The power plant project has been an ongoing project by Iraqi contractors and Coalition forces, and has forged strong friendships between the two. Before the Marines could part ways, the Iraqi contractors expressed their appreciation with a large feast for a job well done by the Marines. "Thank you for all your work," said Hadithy, to the Marines. "We will continue working on the generators to supply power to everyone."

Although this particular mission was accomplished, many more missions lay ahead for the Marines of Company A, 3rd CEB.

"We accomplished our mission, and now we can move on to the next one to help the Iraqis," said Flores.

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# Docs keep Marines in fight

Cpl. Erik Villagran  
Regimental Combat Team 5

**HIT, Iraq** — Corpsmen know they are responsible for keeping Marines in the fight. The corpsmen in 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, relish the idea of being depended on.

The battalion corpsmen are spread throughout the area of operations in Hit and Haditha, Iraq. Having such a large area to cover has increased the responsibility of each corpsman and added pressure to provide the same level of service to the Marines with a decreased staff.

"It's a big billet to fill," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher J. Cook, 23, from Oakland, Calif., a corpsman with 3rd Bn., 4th Marines "It's a lot to ask of from a small group of people, but the training we got prepared us."

The battalion aid station handles on average 12 patients a day. This high level of service requires everyone to do more than their part.

"The experienced corpsmen really take the young guys under their wing," said Navy Lt. j.g. David M. Viayra, 36, physician assistant, 3rd Bn., 4th Marines, from Norwalk, Calif.

The junior sailors have really benefited from the experience of the senior, more knowledgeable corpsmen.

"We have two objectives," Viayra said. "One, we're a force in readiness. We're open (all the time) for the Marines. Our second is to support the command; however they see fit to use us as an asset."

Corpsmen have treated civilian contractors, Iraqi Army and Police, Marines and in some situations Iraqi civilians. They have worked on everything from sprained ankles to a gunshot wound, Cook said.

"IPs and some Marines have had (staphylococcus) infections," Viayra said. "For those, you have to cut them open, dig (the infection) out and start them on antibiotics. That seems to be the biggest problem out here right now."

Despite having to see some nasty infections and bad symptoms, these corpsmen don't mind. It's all in a day's work.

"I love what I do," Cook said. "I changed jobs to become a corpsman."

With the battalion's corpsmen dedicated to their work and ready for anything Marines are reassured that they will be taken care of if anything goes wrong.

"We take care of Marines and they take care of us," Cook said. "That way everyone's happy and we all make it home."



Marines with Satellite Platoon, 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, work with communication systems during a training exercise here April 18. The exercise simulates Exercise Combined Endeavor, an operation in Germany the battalion is scheduled to take part from April 25 to May 19. Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil

# Marines deploy to Germany

Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil  
II MEF

U.S. military forces are noted for working side-by-side with foreign forces across the globe. Eighth Communications Battalion will have the chance to experience world-wide camaraderie as they deploy to Lager Aulenbach, Germany, April 25 to May 19, in support of Exercise Combined Endeavor 2008.

Combined Endeavor is the world's largest communications exercise. Forty-three nations will bring more than 1,250 participants to Germany to test and document the countries' communications equipment capabilities and interoperability.

Approximately 25 Marines with Satellite Platoon will add to Combined Endeavor's multi-national mix.

"We're excited about getting to know hundreds of people from other nations," said Staff Sgt. Dwane Johnson, a radio chief with Satellite Platoon, 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine

Expeditionary Force. "I'm interested to see the differences between our communicational assets and what various other countries possess."

The Marines prepared for Combined Endeavor by simulating the exercise aboard Camp Lejeune April 14-18.

"We had a mock set-up of what we will encounter in Germany," said Johnson.

While deployed, the battalion will work with multiple countries, including Afghanistan. The main objective is to learn how to properly link U.S. communications systems with foreign systems. This will allow the United States, its allies and potential coalition partner nations to operate smoothly if the need arises.

"We plan to demonstrate information sharing and test interoperability," said 2nd Lt. Michael Haken, the Combined Endeavor detachment officer-in-charge. "We'll learn how to bring the nations into a coalition net-

work. Then, we will collect the activity information from each to use for future reference."

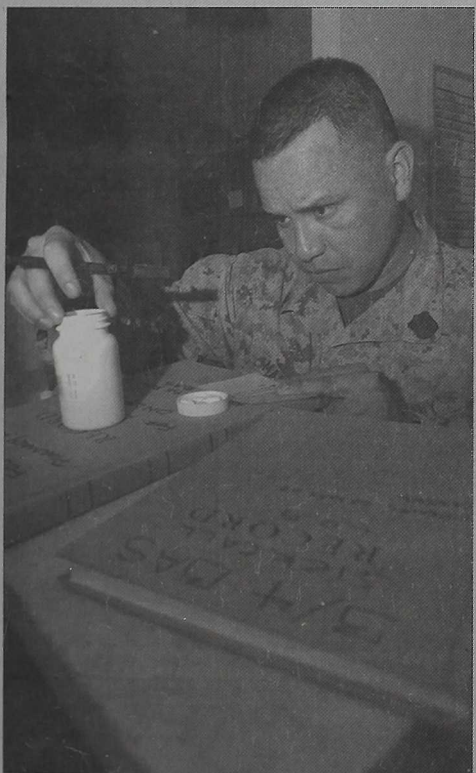
The exercise also gives them a chance to train in a new environment.

"Every opportunity we get up our gear is training," Haken said. "This time we really get a step out of the box and train in a familiar place."

Haken has no doubt they will go above and beyond what is expected of them in Germany.

"The Marines are going the same standing," Haken said. "Some Marines that have been in the communications field a long time and some that have just gives them a chance to come together to learn and work as a team."

The Marines in the detachment aren't the only team joined by Combined Endeavor. The exercise continues to unite nations, and work at a time.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Douglas H. Mancía, hospital corpsman, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, from Southgate, Calif., fills a prescription for a patient at the Battalion Aid Station at Camp Hit, Iraq, April 22. Corpsmen with 3rd Bn., 4th Marine Regiment, have had an increase in responsibility because they are spread throughout the area of operations Hit and Haditha, Iraq. The Battalion Aid Station aboard Camp Hit alone sees about 12 people on a daily basis. Cpl. Erik Villagran

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 improvements are anticipated post FY10.  
 "There are plans to add an additional main gate to help with traffic congestion," said Flatau. The access road would begin in the vicinity of the unutilized gate at Bell Fork Road, transit through Tarawa Terrace, across Wallace Creek into the Hadnot Point  
 Also, 60 new BEQs are anticipated on base, allowing sergeants and corporals to have their own rooms and lance corporals and below to share a room with one other person, he said.  
 Flatau said because of fund programming and the EIS process, none of the major work can begin

until FY10.  
 Another significant change to the base is the realignment of the 8th Marine Regiment to South Wallace Creek, by the exchange.  
 The proposed regimental complex is anticipated to consist of three new barracks, a new chow hall, armory, battalion headquarters building and an individual marksmanship small arms trainer.  
 "Many dynamics are at work potentially clouding the overall projection of upcoming projects," said Flatau.  
 Flatau concluded by saying he will continue to share whatever information he can, however it's important not to get ahead of Congressional approval.

people to strap bombs on themselves and kill innocent people, the president said.  
 "Is it in our interest to confront these people now, whether it be in Afghanistan or Iraq or Europe or anywhere else? And the answer is absolutely it's in our interests," he said. "The notion that somehow we can let these people just kind of have their way or, you know, 'Let's don't stir them up,' is naive or disingenuous. And it's not in our nation's interest. We're in a global struggle against thugs and killers, and the United States of America has got to continue to take the lead."

**AFGHANISTAN, from IA**

in the fight against extremism. At the bottom line, he said, is that the United States and its allies must up to an enemy that encourages

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work up outside playing in the woods my whole life," said Grady. "I hunted with a lot of my family, who have been outdoorsmen for their lives and I was brought up around it, I guess it has really stuck with me."  
 The course wasn't just fun for Grady, it was also a good experience for Tyrone T. Cook, also an amphibious assault vehicle crewman who builds leadership traits in every one of us and builds on other skills like compass reading, which is a challenge. It's also fun for a lot of us, this type of operating is totally different from our everyday work, but very useful.  
 A 24-year-old Jacksonville, N.C., native noted the Marines all had

**AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT VEHICLES, from 5A**

jobs relating to the amphibious assault vehicles, which meant they didn't spend too much time on the ground hiking or patrolling. He added this type of training was beneficial for them, due to the battalion's upcoming deployment to Iraq and the uncertain future of the AAV's use during the deployment.  
 As the sun began to fall behind the thick treeline of the land navigation course, almost all of the teams had made it back to the staging point. As Marines began breaking out their meals-ready-to-eat and began warming themselves up, Culley explained the changes he had noticed during the exercise.  
 "The biggest thing I have noticed is the progression they have made since they have been here," said Culley. "We built up 11, 13-man squads from different sections in H&S Company and my hat is off to them for making this a success, and especially for the small unit leaders who have been taken out of their comfort zones, they have really stepped up."

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The third annual Run the Warriors 10K, a one-mile fun run, has been scheduled for May 17. The event, sponsored by Hope for the Warriors, is a leg on the 2008 Marine Corps 101 Prix Series. For more information, call Koury at 910-938-1111 or check out [www.runthewarriors.org](http://www.runthewarriors.org).

## Pre, chip & putt

Onslow County Parks and recreation department has scheduled a kids' golf tournament May 18 at Sonville Country Club. Children up to 12 years old can compete in four age divisions for boys and girls. A unique handicap system allows kids to compete against one another in national and worldwide competition. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the free tournament starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call 347-222-2222 or visit online at [onslowcountync.gov/parks](http://onslowcountync.gov/parks).

## Amateur skeet

Shooters are invited to participate in the Amateur Team Skeet Competition May 22 at Camp Lejeune Rifle Range. Teams will consist of five primary shooters and one alternate. At least four members must be active duty. Federal employees, Marine Corps Community Services employees and contractors assigned to the unit may participate. Each team can only fill two positions on a team. A list of Intent forms will be picked up at the Amateur Sports Office, Koettge Memorial Club House. The forms must be turned in by May 12. For more information, call 252-2061.

## Military appreciation

The Kinston Minor League Kinston Indians will show their appreciation for military personnel this season by extending the admission to active duty, retired service members and their families at every home Wednesday game. At other home games throughout the season, military members will enjoy reserved seating for \$4. The Kinston Indians begin their 2008 Carolina League campaign Friday. For more information, call 252-527-9111 or go to their Web site at [www.kinstonindians.com](http://www.kinstonindians.com).

## Baseball players sought

The Coastal Carolina Baseball Federation is open to players 19 years and older. 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 [onehuntin@ec.rr.com](mailto:onehuntin@ec.rr.com).

# DENTAL BATTALION gets first win



Reserve Support Unit/Deployment Processing Command's Stan Carver (in green) slides safely into third base as Dental Battalion third baseman Scott Reid keeps his foot on the bag.

Story and photos  
**Jamie Cameron**  
Assistant managing editor

Dental Battalion's intramural softball team broke into the win column with an exciting 8-6 victory over Reserve Support Unit/Deployment Processing Command April 24.

The result improved Dental Battalion's season record to 1-2, but left RSU/DPC still searching for its first win.

David Yeingst, RSU/DPC's lead-off hitter got things rolling in the top of the first inning when he stretched out a double and eventually scored when Angel Prado, Dental Battalion's starting pitcher, walked him home with the bases loaded. After allowing two more RSU/DPC runs, shortstop William Cipolla put an end to the inning with a 5-4 double play.

Down by three runs, the Dental Battalion offense went to work in their half of the first — starting with Tyrell Bishop's two-out single. Richard Bowman followed up with a base hit of his own and the two runners scored on Prado's single and subsequent throwing error.

With the battle lines now drawn and the promise of a competitive game, RSU/DPC tacked on two runs in the top of the second — thanks in large part to an outfield error. Dental Battalion's defense continued to flash the leather; this time when first baseman Christopher Smalley made a sweet grab to end the inning on a line drive scorched his way.

In the bottom of the second, it was RSU/DPC's turn to show off their defensive prowess. Pitcher Stan Carver rang up his first strikeout of the night and the Dental Battalion batters went down without plating a run.

Determined not to fall any further behind, the Dental Battalion defense came up big in the top of the third — sending RSU/DPC back to the dugout for their gloves with a three-up, three-down effort. In the bottom of the frame, Bowman got things started for Dental Battalion with his lead-off double that eventually led to two runs scoring and closing the gap to a 5-4 lead for RSU/DPC.

Dental Battalion's defining moment came in the top of the fourth when they managed to shut out the RSU/DPC offense after loading the bases with no outs. Buoyed by their tremendous effort in the field, the Dental Battalion bats complimented the defense with a three-run inning to take the lead for the first time of the night. Richard Dalrymple led off with a single, followed by a base hit from Bishop. Another base hit from Bowman scored two runs and Smalley added to the total with a run-scoring single of his own.

Neither team could generate any offense in the sixth inning and RSU/DPC came to the plate with everything to lose in the top of the seventh. Things were looking good when Gary Swartzenberger led off with a blast into the deepest part of the park and landed on third base. Jon Chinchilla hit a one-out single to bring him home, but that was all the RSU/DPC bats could muster.



In the photo above, Reserve Support Unit/Deployment Processing Command centerfielder David Yeingst shares a laugh with the home-plate umpire before stepping into the batter's box. At left, Richard Dalrymple, Dental Battalion's left centerfielder, seems a bit worried about letting a deep fly ball drop in front of him. Dalrymple made the catch, however, and Dental Battalion won its first game of the Camp Lejeune intramural softball season by beating RSU/DPC 8-6 April 24.

# Big bluefish hit the beaches with attitude



Lejeune Outdoors  
By Jamie Cameron

If you haven't made it to one of the coastal fishing piers within the past week, you're missing out on some great spring action.

According to my best source for saltwater information, Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, the surf temperatures are up and so is the fishing.

First and foremost is the influx of big bluefish up and down the coastline. These big breeders are migrating north and offer just a short window of opportunity in the spring. Many of us are quite accustomed to catching small, pan-sized bluefish throughout the season. Often, these "snapper" blues are the area's most-abundant and easily-caught fish. This month, however, marks the passage of their big and burly brothers and sisters. "Hatteras" blues, as they are called locally,

typically weigh between six and 15 pounds. Anyone who has caught a bluefish knows that, pound-for-pound, they are among the ocean's best brawlers. Now imagine the fight a big 15-pounder will put up — it's awesome.

The Hatteras blues are swimming north to the bait-rich waters of New England. Along the way, they'll attack anything that looks or smells edible and that is where you and I come in. All of the area piers and small boat fishermen are reporting bluefish, from right off the beaches to miles offshore over reefs and rocky bottoms and especially around the inlets. Baits can be natural or artificial; fished on the bottom, under a cork or on the surface — just be sure to have equipment that's up to the task.

A bluefish of any size has an incredible array of formidable teeth that can easily part monofilament and fluorocarbon lines. Dedicated bluefish anglers deal with this by adding a shock leader of single strand or braided wire to with they attach their hook or lure. Blues are bold, so heavy terminal tackle won't keep them from taking the bait, but be forewarned — if you are hoping to catch one of the

first Spanish mackerel to make it back to local waters, a wire leader will all but assure you will not succeed.

Spanish mackerel are sight predators and quite wary of anything that looks out of the ordinary. A fluorocarbon leader of 24-30 inches is best for them.

When I'm casting for bluefish and Spanish mackerel, I'll typically employ a length of 30-pound fluorocarbon as my shock leader. I'm willing to gamble a few lures away to the marauding bluefish in the hope of boating a few mackerel. Of course, if I lose more than a couple of \$3 Gotcha plugs without any Spanish to show for it, I'll switch to something more appropriate for the blues and have at them.

Nearshore bottom fishing is starting to pick up with good catches of sea mullet and pompano coming over the pier railings. The bite for these has been sporadic and unpredictable, however, but the best bait has undoubtedly been freshly-dug sand fleas. There are also some gray trout and flounder in the mix, along with the usual throw-backs; small sharks, skates and rays.

With the winds finally coming down for at least a little while, offshore anglers were able to go out to the deep and do some damage on the spring yellowfin and blackfin tuna, along with some nice wahoo and the first big dolphin (mahimahi) of the year. Give the weather a chance to calm down a little more and the Gulf Stream fishing will surely get better.

If you've been sitting around the house on weekends, waiting for news that the fish are back, wait no further; they're back.

# Ortiz out with knee bruise

News report  
The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Red Sox designate David Ortiz was out of the starting lineup for the consecutive game Sunday with a bruised right knee. Ortiz was hurt while diving into first base attempting to beat out a double-play grounder in the final inning of Friday's 5-4, 11-inning loss to Tampa Bay.

"He's sore," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. Ortiz is undergoing treatment for the injury, which is not considered serious.

Also, right-hander Daisuke Matsuzaka, who has his last start with flu-like symptoms, is scheduled Wednesday. Dice-K threw a 50-pitch bullpen session at Fenway Park on Saturday.

"Try to give him an extra day toward recovery," Francona said.

# Tide tables for New River Inlet

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

	Today	
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Low tide	10:44 a.m.	11:18 p.m.
	Friday	
High tide	5:19 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Low tide	11:29 a.m.	
	Saturday	
High tide	6:11 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
Low tide	12:16 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
	Sunday	
High tide	7:02 a.m.	7:33 p.m.
Low tide	1:10 a.m.	1:01 p.m.
	Monday	
High tide	7:53 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Low tide	2:04 a.m.	1:49 p.m.
	Tuesday	
High tide	8:44 a.m.	9:15 p.m.
Low tide	2:57 a.m.	2:39 p.m.
	Wednesday	
High tide	9:36 a.m.	10:08 p.m.
Low tide	3:50 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

# Panthers reach terms with Darwin Walker

Mike Cranston  
AP sports writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers addressed their lack of depth on the defensive line by agreeing Monday with veteran free-agent Darwin Walker on the terms of a one-year deal.

The 6-foot-3, 294-pound defensive tackle was let go by Chicago in February when the Bears declined to pick up a \$5.2 million contract option. Agent Al Irby said the Panthers and Atlanta Falcons had shown interest,

but Walker wanted to play close to his boyhood home of Walterboro, S.C.

"He had an injury-riddled year last year with Chicago, which he was very disappointed in because it cost him millions of dollars not having his option picked up," Irby said. "Darwin didn't want to go out like that. So he's been down in Miami, working very, very hard. He's bound and determined to redeem himself after last year."

Walker, who turns 31 in June, played in 11 games with seven starts in 2007 and finished with 17 tackles and one sack. Before that, Walker was

a five-year starter in Philadelphia. He had a career-best 7-1/2 sacks with the Eagles in 2002.

The Panthers have little depth at defensive tackle after trading Kris Jenkins in the offseason and deciding not to re-sign Kindal Moorehead. Sixth-round pick Nick Hayden of Louisville was the only defensive lineman the Panthers took in last weekend's draft.

Maake Kemoeatu and Damione Lewis are expected to start training camp as the starting defensive tackles, but Walker will challenge them.



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**Monday**  
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department is offering beginning tennis lessons for youth ages 7-15 and adults. Lessons are scheduled to start Monday at Coastal Carolina Community College and continue Mondays and Wednesdays. Tuesday and Thursday classes are also scheduled at Onslow Pines Park. Pre-register online at [www.onslowcountync.gov/parks](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/parks) or call 347-5332.

## Annual Military Team Bass Fishing Tournament

**May 4-9**  
The Military Team Bass Fishing Tournament is open to all active-duty service members, their dependents over 16 years of age, National Guard, Reservists, DoD civilians and contractors and retired military. This year, the three-day event is scheduled to take place on Dale Hollow Lake in Byrdstown, Tenn. For more information or to register, call 888-203-6222.

## Boating safety classes offered

**May 20-29**  
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, Onslow County Public Library and New River Sail and Power Squadron have scheduled a boating safety course, to be held Tues-

day and Thursday evenings, from May 20-29 at the Swansboro Public Library. Classes will run from 6-9 p.m. and focus on instruction in boat operation, navigation, engine troubleshooting, personal watercraft and much more. Pre-register at the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department Web site at [www.onslowcountync.gov/parks](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/parks) or call 347-5332.

## Lejeune Scholarship Foundation golf tournament

**May 23**  
The Lejeune Scholarship Foundation golf tournament is scheduled to take place May 23. The cost to register is \$65 per player and \$260 per four-player team. Register by May 16 at [www.lejeunescholarship.com/golf](http://www.lejeunescholarship.com/golf) or call Lisa Beavers at 451-2451, ext. 221.

## Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame induction

**May 24**  
The Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission and Hall of Fame Voting Committee are scheduled to host the sixth induction class into the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame. Included in this year's class is Thomas McGhee, who taught and coached at Lejeune High School from 1956-1988. The event will take place starting at 6 p.m. at the Jacksonville Country Club. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner. For more information, call 347-3141.

## Cherry Point Sprint

**May 31**  
The seventh leg of the 2008 Marine Corps Grand Prix Series is scheduled to take place May 31 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The Cherry Point Sprint is open to service members and civilians alike. Throughout the year, points are awarded to Grand Prix participants at each event. For more information, call 451-0092.

## Running Club

**Ongoing**  
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 Goette Memorial Field House. To learn more, call 451-7002 or e-mail [craissn@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:craissn@usmc-mccs.org).

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## Mixed martial arts and combat fitness classes

**Ongoing**  
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit presents World Extreme Cagefighting champion 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 252-354-3422 for information.

## Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes

**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. For more information, call 581-0077 or visit [www.clubjiujitsu.com](http://www.clubjiujitsu.com).

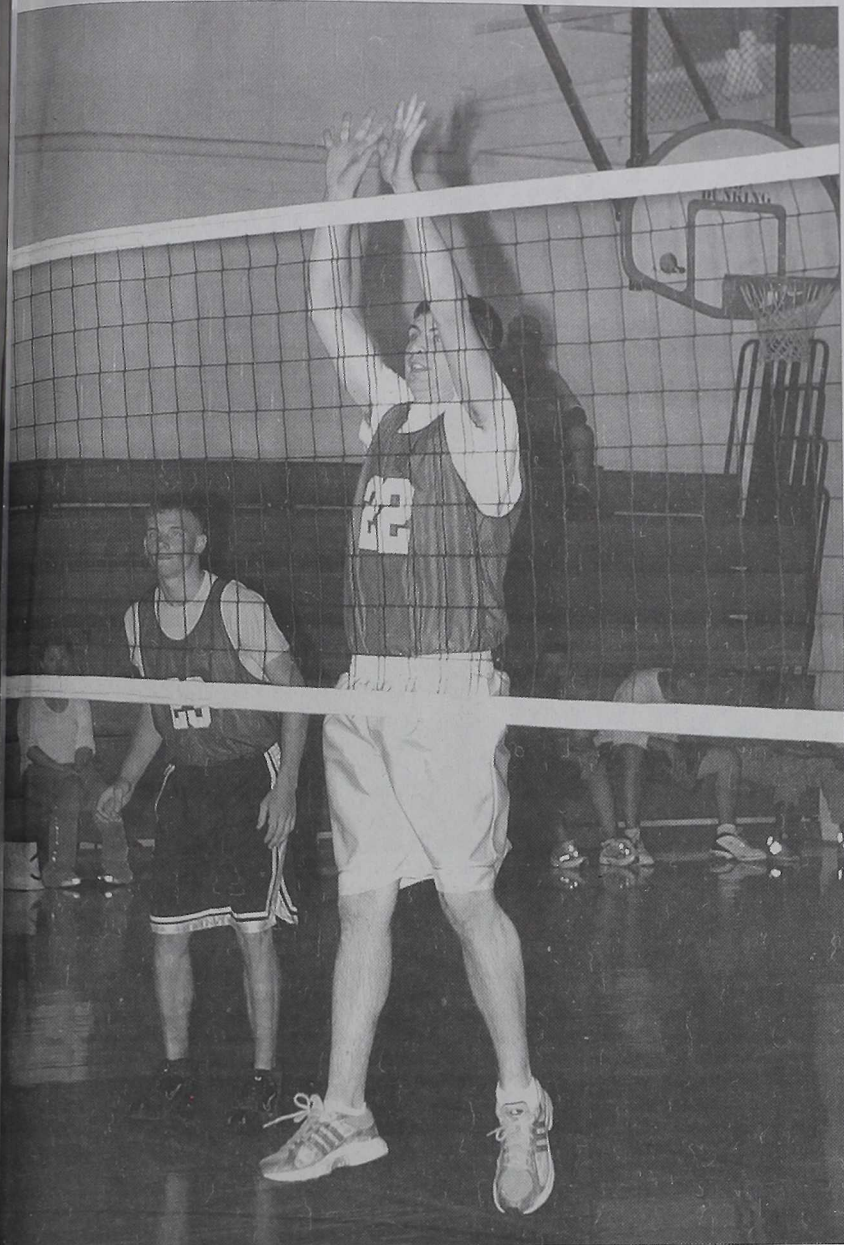
## Intramural lacrosse league

**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.

## Roller-hockey spring league

**Ongoing**  
Hockey players and hockey player wannabes from Camp Lejeune are being sought to form an inline roller-hockey team to play in the Marine Corps Air Station New River spring league. Experience is not required. The season is expected to start sometime in May. For more information and a practice schedule, call Brandon Kjartansson at 910-545-8070.

# G-Mo pounds Jammers in intramural volleyball



The 2008 intramural volleyball season is in full swing, with teams competing weekly aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River. In Monday's opening match-up, Team G-Mo beat the Jammers in a best-of-three game series by scores of 25-14 and 24-23. After handling the Jammers with relative ease in the first game, G-Mo lost its focus through much of the second. At times, they were down by as many as seven points, but managed to storm back to tie the game at 21. With timely serving and solid net play, G-Mo went on to take the second game and the victory. "We've got people here with a range of heights, but we all mesh well," said G-Mo player Chris Arriola. "Everyone on this team is here to have fun and win, and that's what we did tonight." In the photo above, Kelli Pennington serves for the Jammers. At right, Jordan Wise goes up for a big block at the net. The next round of intramural volleyball games is scheduled for Monday in the New River Air Station gymnasium. *Jamie Cameron*

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# Marine Corps Security Force Battalion shoots for the gold

Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Every Marine a rifleman: this doctrine has been ingrained into each generation of Marines from the time they stepped on the yellow footprints at recruit training.

Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Battalion have taken this creed one step further. Not only do they pride themselves in being exceptional riflemen, but they also participate in the Competition in Arms Program, a shooting tradition that has been a part of the Marine Corps since 1901.

Marines with the MCSFBN Shooting Team competed in the 2008 Marine Corps Eastern Division Rifle and Pistol Championship Matches, held at Quantico, Va., March 7 to April 4.

The Marines with the battalion trained intensely for the competition.

"Marines on our team were selected from different commands within Marine Corps Security Force Battalion," said Chief Warrant Officer William J. Bush Jr., Dam Neck Range Detachment officer in charge, MCSF Training Company, MCSFBN, II Marine Expeditionary Force and shooting team captain. "The team received an intense four-week training package in advanced fundamental marksmanship and combat marksmanship to prepare them for participation in the Eastern Division Rifle and Pistol Matches."

The event includes individual and team competitions with both the rifle and the pistol.

"Not only do we get to compete individually and as a team, but we also compete in both a precision course and combat course," Bush said.

Each team consists of a team captain, team coach, and four shooters. Of the four shooters, one must have the rank of staff sergeant or higher and one must be a first-time competitor, or "Tyro" shooter.

The final team score is a combination of the team's precision and combat scores.

The MCSFBN Shooting Team shot against six base or station teams from Marine units around the East Coast.

In addition to the individual and team events, a separate competition is held for members of the Marine Corps Rifle Team and the British Royal Marine Rifle Team for the Inter Corps Cup.

The Marine Corps Rifle Team and the British Royal Marine Rifle Team have been competing in this venue since 1992. During this year's competition, the British Royal Marine Rifle Team defeated the Marine Corps Rifle Team, a feat that



Marines with the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Shooting Team practice at Dam Neck Range for the 2008 Marine Corps Eastern Division Rifle and Pistol Championship Matches. The team trained intensely for an entire month before competing. Cpl. David Durkin

has not been accomplished by the British Royal Marines in almost 14 years.

The MCSFBN received second place in the team rifle match against other East Coast teams. They were only three points behind the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island Shooting Team.

The top 10 percent of shooters in the individual matches receive medals. Each medal represents a certain amount of points the Marine earns toward becoming a distinguished shooter. A gold medal is 10 points, a silver medal is eight points and a bronze medal is six points. To be called a distinguished shooter, a Marine must earn 30 points. Once a shooter becomes distinguished, he can no longer receive medals.

In the individual pistol match, three members of the MCSFBN Shooting Team placed within the top 10 percent.

Cpl. Benjamin Footer with Headquarters

and Service Company, placed first but didn't receive a medal because he is already distinguished. Bush placed fifth and received a silver medal and Cpl. David Durkin with 1st Fleet Antiterrorist Security Team, placed 11th and received a Bronze medal.

"It's a great experience because the Marines get an opportunity to discuss marksmanship techniques and learn from some of the best shooters in the Marine Corps," Bush said.

While at the event, all competitors qualified to become Combat Marksmanship Coaches and fulfilled part of their annual requirements by qualifying with the rifle and pistol.

"Not all of the Marines may win medals, but the training and experience they receive will give them the tools to assist Marines in preparing for annual qualification and help their peers to succeed on the rifle range," Bush said.

The Eastern Division Match is just one of four division competitions throughout the Marine Corps. There is also an East Division Match in Okinawa, Japan, a Pacific Division Match in Hawaii and a Western Division Match at Pendleton, Calif.

The top 10 percent of competitors in each of the four division matches, shooting medals, earn points toward becoming a distinguished shooter and receive an invitation to compete in the Marine Corps Match held at Quantico, Va.

Marines with the MCSFBN Shooting Team will continue to aim for the gold in each competition they attend. The competition is positive in every aspect, Bush said. The matches allow Marines to display their extraordinary skills, become combat marksmanship coaches, and pass on that knowledge to future generations.

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From left, Maj. Andrew Christian, officer in charge, 1st Special Missions Branch, Marine Special Operations School, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, Lt. Col. Francis Donovan, special projects officer, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and former executive officer for Marine Corps Special Operations Command Detachment 1 and Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Kingdon, operations chief, 1st SMB, proudly display their trophies for winning first place in their age group and second place overall at the 30th Annual Superfrog Triathlon at Silver Strand State Beach, Coronado Calif., April 6. Lance Cpl. Stephen C. Benson

## MARSOC's Superfrog Triathlon team shows its grit, good will

Lance Cpl. Stephen C. Benson  
MARSOC Public Affairs

It was a cool morning, April 6, at Silver Strand State Beach, Coronado, Calif., when a team of three Marines representing U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command arrived at the starting area of the 30th Annual Superfrog Triathlon and gazed upon the hundreds of other competitors, most of whom were Navy SEALs. The MARSOC athletes felt ready for the race and, by the time they crossed the finish line, they made their presence felt.

Lt. Col. Francis Donovan, special projects officer, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and former executive officer for Marine Corps Special Operations Command Detachment 1, Maj. Andrew Christian, officer in charge, 1st Special Missions Branch, Marine Special Operations School, MARSOC, and Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Kingdon, operations chief, 1st SMB, were not overwhelmed by the large Navy SEAL presence at the event but felt an eagerness to

compete and show their special operations forces brothers what they were made of.

The Superfrog Triathlon is comprised of a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run, and each of the three portions is run by a separate competitor. The triathlon is held each year to help raise money for the Naval Special Warfare Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps NSW service members and their families.

According to Christian, the competitors were divided into categories by their ages. Teams had to add the age of each member and were placed in categories based on the sum of their ages. The MARSOC team's combined age of its three members put it in the 100-119 year-old category.

The three Marines had all worked closely with each other at different points in their careers. They made close connections with each other while serving previously in force reconnaissance companies.

"I think its great that three Marines

See SUPERFROG, 8B

## And the pitch ...



Lejeune High School's Bri Carter unleashes a pitch toward a Topsail High School pitcher during a home game Friday. The Lady Devilpups were defeated by their division I A Plains Conference foes and will play their final game of the season tonight against Ellettsville High School. The away game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman

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## Devilpup bats go quiet against Topsail High

Cameron  
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A calamitous sixth inning led to Lejeune High School's downfall on the baseball diamond Friday. The Devilpups lost Division 1A Coastal Plains conference foes Topsail High School by a score of 7-1.

The Devilpups' starting pitcher Mike Tancru cruised through much of his first game effort. After allowing a lead-off home run in the top of the first inning, the Devilpups came right back to the game. Lead-off hitter Sam Galbreath drew a walk, followed by Drew Galbreath on a single. A Lejeune base-running error on Mikey Elkins' infield play allowed the runner to score. Tagliabue tried to help his own cause with a double, but the Pirates made a play out before Lejeune could do any damage.

The starting pitchers settled down in the middle innings of the game. The Devilpups did not allow a runner to score

in either the second or third innings. Meanwhile, Lejeune's offensive threats were quashed by Topsail's solid defense.

Catcher Angel Aranda led off the Lejeune second with a single, but was gunned down at second base when he attempted to steal. Cody Allen drew a two-out walk and advanced on Gallagher's subsequent infield hit, but the inning died there.

In the bottom of the fifth inning and trailing 3-1, Lejeune's talented shortstop, Quinton Mason crushed a triple to left centerfield. Unfortunately, the Devilpup lineup could not capitalize on Mason's big hit and the team failed to close the gap.

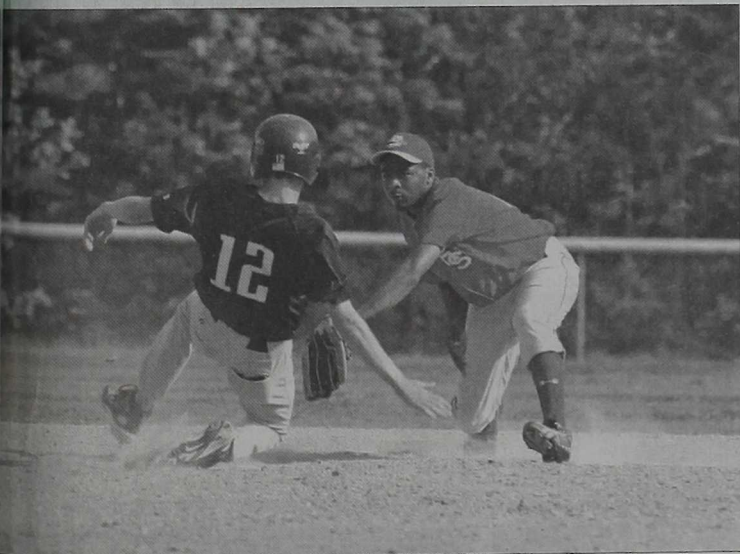
With Tagliabue tiring and the Lejeune defense wavering, Topsail padded the lead with four runs in the top of the sixth inning. Lejeune's line-up could not match the late-game production and went down one-two-three in the sixth and stranded two base-runners in the bottom of the seventh to end the game.

The Devilpups play their last game of the season today at East Carteret High School, where they will throw out their first pitch at 6 p.m.

Lejeune High School catcher Angel Aranda has a Topsail base-runner right where he wants him. Aranda made the play and tagged the runner out. Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman



Above, head coach Chad Fonville, (left) leads a conference on the mound during his team's home game Friday. At left, Devilpup shortstop Quinton Mason has plenty of time to tag out an aggressive Pirate base-runner at second. The Devilpups lost the game by a score of 7-1. Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman



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## Fort Worth community honors a local hero



**RIVER OAKS, Texas** — Castleberry High School graduate and former baseball player Zachary Briseno was honored April 19 at the Castleberry ISD Baseball Complex in a ceremony that recognized his sacrifice to our nation. In November 2007, Briseno was a Marine corporal serving his second tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom when his convoy was hit by an explosive. His injuries from the blast resulted in the amputation of both legs below the knees. Briseno, who graduated high school in 2004, played baseball on Castleberry's 2003 championship team. According to event coordinator Carla Wright, this year's team decided to honor Briseno during a special pre-game ceremony. Players presented Briseno with a framed jersey and a signed baseball. Texas Congresswoman Kay Granger, a spokesperson for Texas State Representative Charlie Geren, and River Oaks Mayor Herman Earwood each thanked Briseno for his service. Briseno's teammates from 2003 also attended the event. The highlight of the ceremony was when Briseno took the mound and threw the first pitch of the game. With over a dozen members of his family present, a Marine Corps color guard, and several retired military members of the community, the event was a distinctive way to show appreciation for Briseno's service and sacrifice. Sgt. Joel A. Chaverri

### SUPERFROG, from 6B

who have families and very busy schedules can come back together and compete in an event like this," said Donovan.

Christian is an accomplished triathlete who attempts to compete in as many races as possible. He thought MARSOC's involvement in this event could make an impression on the rest of the participants.

"I've been in events like this before, but (Kingdon) and I thought it was important to get a MARSOC team together," explained Christian. "I thought we could be competitive because most of the guys from the force reconnaissance community, and now MARSOC, have that competitive, type-A personality where they just want to be the best."

The swimming portion of the event was first and it was Kingdon's special-

ty. Even as the choppy waters were a challenge, Kingdon exited the water in eighth place overall and handed the second part of the race off to Christian.

Christian took the reigns and set off on the 56 mile bike ride. The bike route was flat but incorporated many turns. Despite the distance and the seven other competitors who started ahead of him, Christian made up the ground and left the final portion of the race to Donovan.

Donovan said he ran the 13.1 miles across a shoreline of soft sand which was a frustrating and challenging endeavor. The MARSOC team finished second overall among nearly 200 other teams and first place within their age category. More importantly, they showed their Navy SEAL brothers the determination and spirit the Marines are bringing to the special operations community.

Donovan, Christian and Kingdon all

brought their families to the race and were happy to help a worthy cause. Donovan, whose brother is a Navy SEAL, noted that the feeling of family extended beyond their wives and children to their fellow servicemembers.

"I think the SEALs were glad to see MARSOC come and get involved," said Christian. "I was really proud that we got to be there with our families."

"I think it was a great event because we're all in the fight together," said Donovan. "The SEALs are our SOF brothers."

All three Marines plan to continue racing and Christian believes there will be an even greater Marine presence at next year's Superfrog Triathlon. Marines who want to compete in these events all around the country and raise money for injured Marines can visit [www.semperffund.org](http://www.semperffund.org) for more information.

## Gruenwald wrestles for national title

News report  
The Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** — Jim Gruenwald took a big step making his third straight Olympics by beating Betterman 5-0, 6-3 for the U.S. Greco-Roman champion at 132 pounds Friday night.

It might have helped that Gruenwald is also Betterman's coach.

"Whether you are an athlete or a coach, you can learn," Gruenwald said. "You don't have to be an Olympic athlete to learn in life. If you stop learning, you won't get better."

The 38-year-old Gruenwald will have to go through the pupil again at the Olympic trials, also in Las Vegas June 13-15. He said he won't hesitate to give Betterman some pointers anyway.

"I take being a coach very seriously and will do so," Gruenwald said. "We'll work on getting better."

Gruenwald has debated retiring multiple times in the years, but after several months of contemplation to give it another chance.

"I tell my guys, 'If you want me to retire, then beat me consistently,'" Gruenwald said. "Even if I talked to told me I still had the fire to do this."

The final round at nationals featured six of the members of the Greco-Roman world team that won the title last summer in Baku, Azerbaijan. T.C. Lott, Justin Ruiz and Dremiel Byers claimed national titles.

Because they each finished in the top five at nationals at least once in the last three years, they earned best-of-three trials.

Dantzer beat Andrew Bisek 2-2, 3-2 at 163 pounds for his third straight national title and a place in the world team. The 37-year-old Dantzer knows this could be his last chance to reach the Olympics.

"I know there are young guys knocking on the door," he said. "But I'm not looking at this being my last chance."

Ruiz beat R.C. Johnson 4-1, 1-1 at 211.5 pounds. Byers was victorious 2-1, 4-0 against Russ Davie at 132 pounds.

The biggest upset of the championship round came in the first match when Spenser Mango beat veteran world team member Lindsey Durlacher 1-3, 3-0, 7-1.

Moments after the United States' world team was honored for its historic team title, Mango proved he was intimidated and rallied for the win. He was named the event's Most Outstanding Wrestler for Greco-Roman.

Not bad for someone who took fifth last year.

"My coach tells me to never give up on the mat," he said. "Anybody can beat anybody on any given day."

Mark Rial captured the 145.5-pound title with a 1-1 victory against 17-year-old high school senior Deitchler and Brad Ahern took the 185-pound title with a 2-1, 1-1 win against Brad Vering. Vering, a world team member, was part of the 2004 Olympic team.

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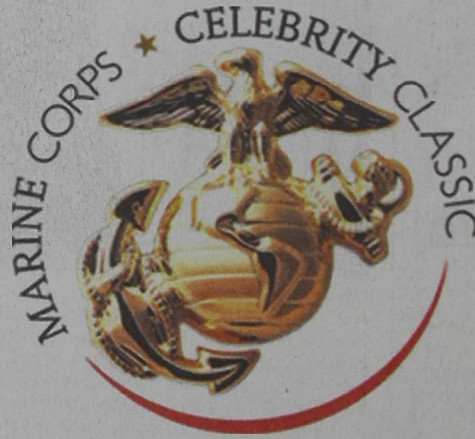
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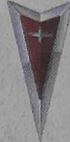


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Ramsey's Finance class for military families is held today in Room 318 at building 318 of Marine Corps Station New River. The class starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Maj. Eric Elton at 910-548-4127.

## Speech development group

The Naval Hospital's Lejeune and Developmental Intervention Services Program is offering play group sessions in the age-based developmental play group program. Parents with 3-5 year-olds with good speech skills are asked to bring their toddlers to participate in these play groups. Their participation will assist in the speech development of children who have a speech delay. The one-hour group sessions take place on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Berkeley Manor Medical Annex. Parents are required to pre-register their children for a developmental screening. For more information, call Susan DelGrande at 451-4127.

## Driver improvement

Service members, ages 18 and younger, are invited to participate in the National Safety Council Driver Improvement Course on base. For more information, call 451-5903/2776.

## COA convention

The Noncommissioned Officers Association has scheduled its annual convention and business meeting for July 15-18 at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas. Complete information is available at [www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org).

## Base Command photos

The Combat Camera conducts command photo shoots on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on a walk-in basis. Appointments receive head-of-line privileges, but personnel are advised to be prompt, so as not to receive their appointments scheduled.

## Support Marines take Combat Hunter course

Staff Sgt. Bryce Piper  
26th MEU Public Affairs

"What really appealed to me was the observation tactics," said Lt. Col. John Giltz. "Patience is a big thing. This training teaches Marines to make the right decision at the right time."

Giltz is the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Battalion-26, the Combat Logistics Element of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He made his comments while observing his Marines — the first support Marines here to take this class outside of recruit and Marine Combat Training — at the final day of their Combat Hunter course April 25.

Fifteen CLB Marines teamed up with 15 2nd Marine Logistics Group Marines to take the modified course, taught by Marines from the School of Infantry East. Up to this point, it had been completed almost exclusively by infantry Marines here, not because of segregation, but simply because the training is so new. The Training and Education Command approved implementation of the Combat Hunter course in August 2007.

"Many of our country's great explorers were hunters," said Capt. Michael Murray, officer in charge of the Combat Hunter course with the SOI East. The observation and pattern analysis skills inherent to hunting help Marines better identify friend from foe, reduce risk to non-combatant casualties, and contribute to the success and survivability of Marines in combat, according to Murray.

"Now we offer elements of tracking similar to recon and sniper training to the average Marine," Murray said. "Our current generation has lost the skills as hunters previous generations took for granted. This training instills those skills and fosters that mindset again. It puts these skills back into

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Lance Cpl. Gary Babb, a machine gunner with Mobile Anti-Armor Platoon, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, takes cover behind an abandoned vehicle here Jan. 23. Babb provided security for his fellow Marines during the first day of their battalion field exercise at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility. Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray

## 2/2 deploys in support of OIF

Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray  
2nd Marine Regiment

When an individual joins a team, he may find that adjusting to new surroundings and people can take time. Joining the Marine Corps is no different except for the fact that few other teams have their members' lives at stake. A Marine's ability to adapt and become an integrated member of a unit takes on a higher degree of importance.

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, returned from a deployment with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2007. New Marines replaced nearly half of the battalion upon returning and began training to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Marines had around six months to prepare, and now the time has come to put their training to use in Iraq.

"We were a very young battalion when this all be-

gan," said Sgt. Maj. Howard Long, the battalion sergeant major. "Forty percent of the battalion was made up of new Marines and at first, some things just weren't right, which is to be expected. The training we went through at Fort Pickett really brought the battalion together."

The training at Fort Pickett, Va., encompassed small-unit and company-level training until the final few days of the two-week exercise, which consisted of a battalion-level attack on a simulated enemy force.

"The men put forth a great effort during their training and really know what they're doing out there," said Staff Sgt. Jason Triplett, the assistant operations chief with the battalion. "I would have no problem, as a staff sergeant, with falling under the command of a corporal with the battalion and not questioning his decisions."

Their exercise at Fort Pickett initiated the start

of two main training exercises. After completing the Fort Pickett event, the Marines returned to Camp Lejeune and continued training with their battalion field exercise.

"During the battalion exercise we worked on aspects of training we needed to follow up on," Triplett said.

The battalion exercise lasted one week in January, and was made up of lane training at the military assault in urban terrain course, which every company completed. Nearly one month later, the battalion set out for Mojave Viper training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., their final and most in-depth training exercise.

"The training we received at Mojave Viper was the best training we've ever received," Long said. "It was a building block approach, but we definitely

See SUPPORT, 2C

## Home sweet home



More than 200 service members with 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment returned from a seven-month deployment to Haditha, Iraq, here, April 17. The reserve battalion, largely from Alabama and Louisiana performed security operations and helped stabilize the government in order to speed the transition to provincial Iraqi control. Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day

## Lejeune takes step toward green

Lance Cpl. Randy Little  
Marine Corps Base

What would you do to help change the environment for a better tomorrow?

In order to help save energy, money and the environment, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune participated in Operation Change Out, the first military campaign challenging service members to replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star-qualified bulbs in base housing.

"Changing just one light bulb in every military housing unit in the United States would save more than 62 million kWh during the life of the bulbs and prevent the emissions of more than 95 million pounds of carbon dioxide," said Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman. "That's like taking nearly 1,500 cars off the road."

During Operation Change Out, Camp Lejeune successfully changed out 17,509 light bulbs on the base. The final bulb was changed by Bodman during his visit to the base April 23.

Bodman said energy savings could not come at a better time because of the energy demand.

"[The] energy demand is increasing rapidly here in the U.S. and around the world as are energy prices," said Bodman. "These demand pressures will only increase with time."

Bodman said the goal is to develop and commercialize cleaner sources of energy to power our vehicles, homes and workplaces more efficiently and in an environmentally responsible way.

Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., commanding officer for Marine

See GREEN, 2C

# Sommerset Marine receives Bronze Star

Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day  
2nd Marine Division

2nd Marine Division recently returned home to Camp Lejeune, N.C., from a 13-month deployment to Al Anbar province, Iraq. While forward, the division worked diligently to train Iraqi security forces to become self-reliant. One gunnery sergeant went above and beyond what was asked of him, aiding the province in its progress toward provincial Iraqi control.

Gunnery Sgt. Dallas W. Miller received a Bronze Star Medal for his hard work as staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge and operations chief of Multi National Forces West Advanced Infantry Training Center.

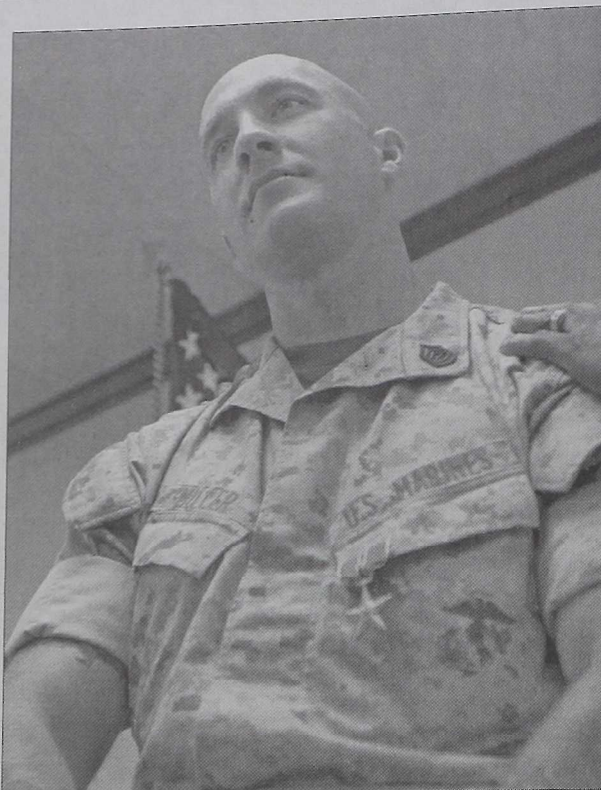
Throughout the deployment, the Somerset, Penn., native directed 21 Iraqi small arms weapons instructor courses, four Iraqi highway patrol convoy operations security and survival courses and six cycles of basic combat training.

"This award was an accumulation of two deployments to Iraq with the division," said Miller.

He continued, explaining how hard his men worked to make sure the Iraqi security forces would be able to perform their duties and keep Iraq moving in the right direction.

Miller also helped develop the Iraqi officers' small unit leaders course and multiple small unit tactics courses. He trained more than 12,000 Iraqi soldiers and policemen. As part of the training, he conducted over 325 live-fire ranges.

"It was an honor and privilege to serve my country," said the Somerset High School graduate. "I just did what was asked of me by the Marine Corps."



Gunnery Sgt. Dallas W. Miller received a Bronze Star Medal for directing 21 Iraqi small arms weapons instructor courses, four Iraqi highway patrol convoy operations security and survival courses and six cycles of basic combat training during the division's 13-month deployment. Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day

## COMBAT HUNTER, from IC

people to reiterate situational awareness to make legal, moral and ethical decisions," he said.

"When I heard about it, I immediately started pursuing this training for my Marines," Giltz said. "The CLB provides tactical security, which requires an understanding of geometry of fires and so many other concepts taught here. Everything causes an exponential increase in lethality and capability. Tactical patience empowers Marines to make good decisions and increases their confidence."

"This course develops critical thinking," said Murray. "That is a byproduct that will benefit the Corps as a whole."

Combat Hunter teaches Marines to analyze highly complex environments and act decisively, said Murray. Marines study specific, universal implications of how people act both by themselves and toward each other to profile behavior. They learn to recognize geographic and ambient signals that indicate something out of place. It teaches them to proceed using a simple formula: baseline + anomaly = decision.

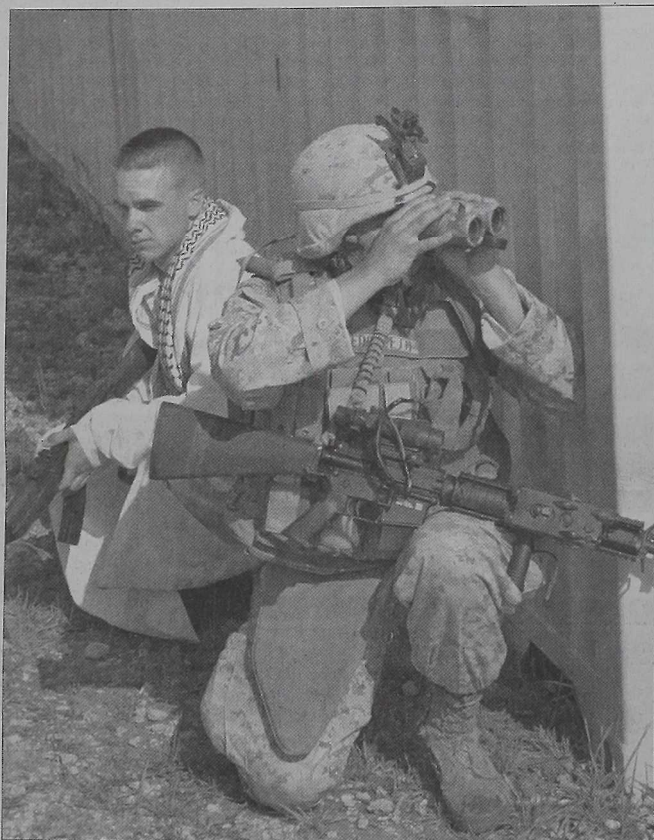
"This training takes the best components of law enforcement and the military," Murray said. "It draws on expertise of law enforcement and applies it in a way not done in the past," he said.

"The way people walk and act gives hints that something is wrong," said Pfc. Sean Cowick of CLB-26. "They stick out and I'll see it faster. The training provides an ID guide to who is a threat before they can cause damage."

They also learn to use their gear like never before.

"Without the training I wouldn't have thought about using the equipment this way," Cowick said. "It was very helpful. I increased my proficiency. In addition to profiling and identifying, we learned more about using [night vision goggles], [thermal sight systems], and bins, how to focus on windows, how to zoom in. It helped a lot doing [Military Operations Urban Terrain]. It gave clarity," Cowick said. "It will really be useful when we deploy." The 26th MEU deploys this fall in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

"This Combat Hunter course," said Giltz, "the Escalation of



Sgt. Eddie Hedgepeth of the Battle Skills Training School gets a better look at things during the final exercise of the Combat Hunter course. Lance Cpl. Matthew Robers role-plays an interpreter with Hedgepeth. Marines from CLB-26 were the first support Marines to take the Combat Hunter course here, which taught them to analyze highly complex environments and act decisively. As the Combat Logistics Element for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, CLB-26 will deploy with the MEU this fall in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Staff Sgt. Bryce Piper

Force training many of these same Marines just took - this all gives Marines tools to do this effectively, makes them free to act with confidence vice encumbering them to inaction."

"I think this training is advanced because we're not dealing with tactical movement; that wasn't the biggest issue," said Cpl. Josue Velney, also of CLB-26. "It was seeing past that, what's really out there, how to find IEDs with bins, how to use our optics better. As Marines, we run the night ... We have the upper hand."

In combination with the equipment, the biometrics training truly allows Marines to win both tacti-

cally and humanely, Velney said.

"Reading people's body language," said Velney, "the area around you, the atmosphere, in order to see what's really there, you need those things to identify a threat. It's also easier to articulate at the debrief and say why you did things you did."

"We'll talk to people," continued Velney. "When we approach people, we want to see how they feel, their posture toward us, if they're hostile, if they like us. We can be sure of ourselves. We don't want to escalate the situation, we want to deescalate the situation. This was a good course," Velney said. "It really set us up for success."

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Corps Base Camp Lejeune, said in addition to Operation Change Out, the base has more plans to be energy efficient.

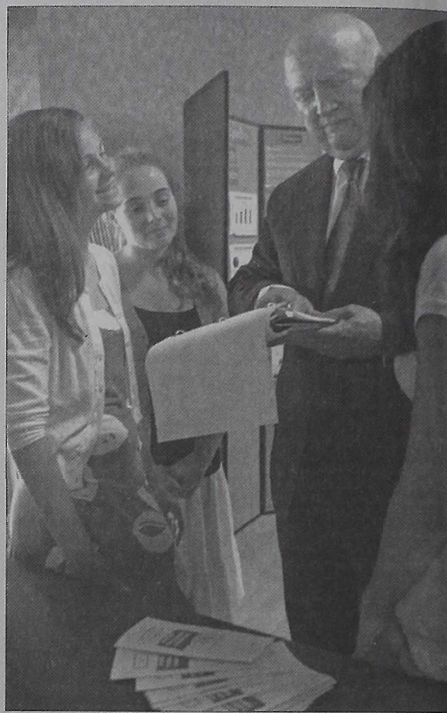
"Camp Lejeune has initiatives to bring solar water to some of our facilities and plans for a mass facility to use renewable energy sources. Flatau. "Essentially whatever we use would bring energy for the base."

Flatau also said it is important to be good to the environment.

"If we are more energy efficient, particularly electricity, we would be lowering the demand, causes more electricity to be produced," said I. "By being energy efficient we would be helping to be less dependant on foreign energy sources."

Bodman congratulated Camp Lejeune on effort during Operation Change Out and extended a challenge to Americas to become more energy efficient.

"The men and women of Camp Lejeune are certainly leading the way in this effort," said Bodman. "I encourage all Americans to follow the example by Camp Lejeune by replacing their bulbs as v



U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman speaks to Brewster Middle School students, Sarah Witzig, left, Hough and Natasha Sheaffer about their floor light bulb booth during Camp Lejeune's Earth Day Energy Conservation Fair April 22. Throughout the fair, Bodman spoke to attendees about Operation Change Out, an ongoing venture that started at Camp Lejeune. During the change out, 17,500 incandescent light bulbs were replaced with Energy Star-qualified compact fluorescent bulbs in homes on base. "The men and women of Camp Lejeune are certainly leading the way in this effort," said Bodman. "I encourage all Americans to follow the example set by Camp Lejeune by replacing their bulbs as well." Lance Cpl. Randy Little

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## Courts Martial

Lance Cpl. Chad D. Hemphill, of Headquarters Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for 10 months, forfeitures of \$825 per month for 10 months, reduction to E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Cpl. Gary L. Miles, of 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of the following violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 111 (drunken operation of a vehicle) and violation of Article 112a (wrongful possession of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days, reduction to pay-grade E-2 and forfeiture of \$1,000 for a period of two months.

Pfc. Ivan Rodriguez, of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and violation of Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for five months, reduction to pay-grade E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Pfc. Corey D. Baker, of 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for six months, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$825 a month for six months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

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took our training to the next level."

After completing Mojave Viper, which lasted around one month, the battalion returned once again to Camp Lejeune and prepared for their final step: deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We are prepared for our mission," said Long. "We have the right attitude and the right tools to move into country and do our job."

The battalion sergeant major has a few hopes for the outcome of the deployment.

"First and foremost we want everyone to come back in one piece," he said. "I really hope we make a difference to the Iraqi people by giving them assistance toward rebuilding the infrastructure of the cities and giving Iraq back to its people."

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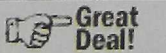
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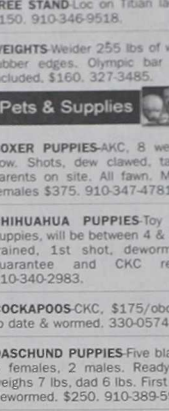
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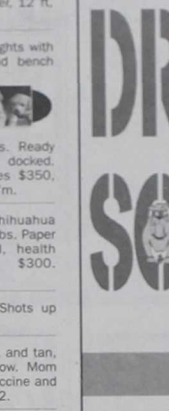


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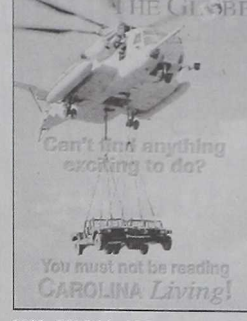
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# Salute to Our Troops

## Military converges on Raleigh for a festival in its honor

Story and photos  
**Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage**  
Marine Corps Base

North Carolina residents call themselves the most military-friendly state in the union. More than 50,000 people crowded the streets of downtown Raleigh, N.C., for the largest military parade in the state's history and proved it, Saturday.

Service members from the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard, as well as reserve units from each branch, participated in the parade.

"I got goose bumps from seeing and hearing all the people supporting us today. It gave me even more pride in myself and our military," said Pfc. Kenneth Hunt, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

A fly-over by F-15E Strike Eagle jets from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro,

N.C., roared over Fayetteville Street to initiate the start of the parade, with "Uncle Sam" leading the march.

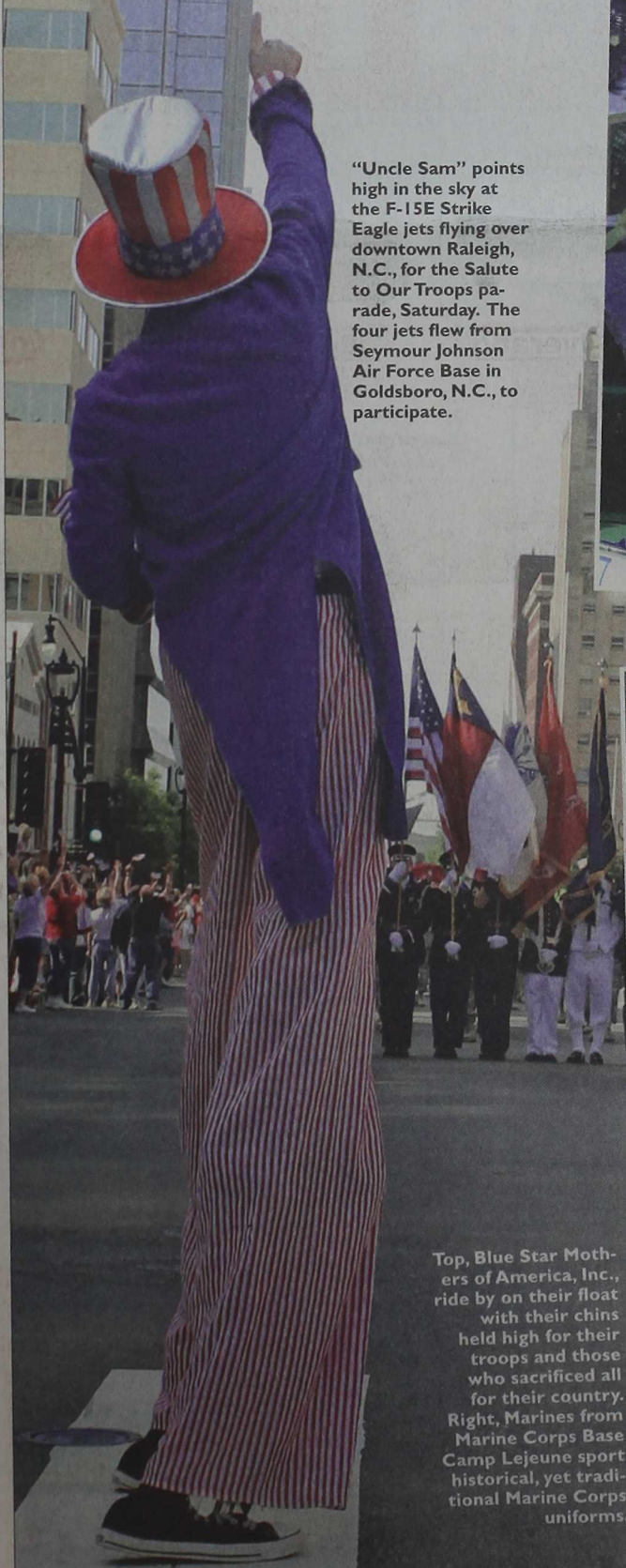
"I am extremely proud of the acknowledgment our military is receiving today," said Matthew Kelly, 28, a Raleigh resident. "Today has inspired me to be a better American."

An echo of cheers could be heard for miles as approximately 10,000 troops, along with military academies and marching bands from local high schools, paraded toward the state capitol building to pay their respects to those who are sacrificing and those who have sacrificed their lives.

"Being a retired senior chief in the United States Coast Guard, I have a special pride for our troops," said James Brown, 48, a

Raleigh resident. "I'm extremely honored the general public can show their appreciation for the troops in such a large event as this."

Following the parade, a day-long festival was held with games, rides, military equipment and five NASCAR Sprint Cup cars on display. The North Carolina Bankers Association headed the support for the parade, as well as nearly 40 businesses throughout the state.



"Uncle Sam" points high in the sky at the F-15E Strike Eagle jets flying over downtown Raleigh, N.C., for the Salute to Our Troops parade, Saturday. The four jets flew from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C., to participate.



Top, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., ride by on their float with their chins held high for their troops and those who sacrificed all for their country. Right, Marines from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune sport historical, yet traditional Marine Corps uniforms.

# 'Shutter:' Frightening adventures in photography



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"SHUTTER" (PG-13)

"Shutter" is a suspense, horror thriller about a couple who discover disturbing and ghostly images in photographs they develop after a tragic accident.

From the front row

With Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt

Joshua Jackson ("Ocean's Eleven," "Apt Pupil," "Bobby") and Rachel Taylor ("Transformers," "See No Evil") star as the newly-married couple, Benjamin and Jane Shaw, who move to Japan to take a promising job opportunity in fashion photography.

During their trip, they experience a tragic accident, involving the death of a young girl. However, there is no trace of a body.

Beginning their new life in Tokyo, the distraught couple is constantly reminded of that day.

Ben begins to notice strange white shadows, resembling a human form, on many of his photo shoots.

Jane thinks that these shadows could be so called spirit photos, showing the dead girl who now seeks revenge.

Fearing the manifestations may be somehow connected, they investigate and learn that some mysteries are better left unsolved.

Costarring are David Denman ("The Nines") as Bruno and James Kyson Lee ("Big Dreams," "Little Tokyo") as Ritsuo. Director Masayuki Ochiai ("Infection," "The Hypnotist") took this idea from an existing Asian horror film.

"Shutter" is a rather predictable but decent suspense thriller.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

"SEMI-PRO" (R)

"Semi-Pro" is a sports-related comedy set in 1976 against the backdrop of the maverick American Basketball Association.

Will Ferrell ("Blades of Glory," "Talladega Nights," "Bewitched") stars as Jackie Moon, the owner, coach and player of the American Basketball Association's Flint Michigan Tropics, who rallies his teammates to make their NBA dreams come true.

Moon is known as a one-hit wonder, using the profits from his one hit song to achieve



'Shutter' stars Joshua Jackson as Ben Shaw, a photographer who notices strange shadows in his photos after experiencing a tragic accident, involving the death of a young girl. [movies.com](http://movies.com)

his dream of owning a basketball team.

But Moon's franchise is the worst team in the league and in danger of folding when the American Basketball Association announces its plans to merge with the NBA.

If they want to survive, Moon and the Tropics must now do the impossible and win.

Costarring is Andre '3000' Benjamin ("Charlotte's Web") as Clarence Coffee Black.

Will Arnett ("Blades of Glory") plays Lou Redwood and Andrew Daly ("School for Scoundrels") is Dick Pepperfield, a pair of sportscasters.

Woody Harrelson ("No Country for Old Men") appears as Monix, a former NBA benchwarmer and Maura Tierney ("Insomnia") plays Lynn, his love interest. Rob Corddry ("Blades of Glory") is her strange boyfriend.

Also appearing are Andy Richter ("Blades of Glory") as Bobby Dee; Jackie Earle Haley ("Little Children") as Dukes; Rob Corddry ("Blades of Glory") as Kyle; David Koechner ("Snakes on a Plane") as Commish and Patti LaBelle ("Idlewild") as Eliza Black.

Producer Kent Alterman ("A History of Violence," "Little Children," "Mr. Woodcock") tries out his directing chops with

this funky comedy.

The movie was shot around Los Angeles near the Dodger Stadium and in Detroit and Flint, Michigan.

"Semi-Pro" is another goof-ball sports comedy with the same old formula. Ferrell is only semi-funny in this one and is wearing out a good thing by continuously repeating the same type of yarn. This one is strictly for all the loyal Ferrell fans.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM" (PG-13)

"The Forbidden Kingdom" is a martial arts adventure fantasy film. The story is based on the Chinese legend of the Monkey King.

When an American teen of the 21st century discovers the Monkey King's leg-

endary stick weapon in a pawn shop, he is transported back in time to ancient China, where he joins a crew of warriors fighting to free the imprisoned king.

Michael Angarano ("Seal Team 6") plays teenager Jason Tripitaka, who is obsessed with kung fu class. He is searching for bootleg kung fu scrolls in a Chinatown pawnshop. He makes an extraordinary discovery, an ancient Chinese scroll, which sends him back in time to ancient China.

While on this journey, Jason is with a huge deed. He must slay the fabled warrior, the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the emperor.

Assisting in this quest is the kung fu master Lu Yan, played by Jet Li ("The Warlords," "Hero"). He is a band of misfit warriors that include the skillful Silent Monk.

Jet Li ("The Warlords," "Hero") is the leashed stars as the Monkey King, the Silent Monk.

However, Jason can only succeed in learning the true meaning of kung fu and eventually find a way to go home.

Also appearing are Collin Choo ("The Matrix" series) as the evil Jade Warrior, Li Bing Bing as Ni Chang and in the role of Liu Yifei as Golden Sparrow.

Director Rob Minkoff ("The Hunt for Red October," "The Lion King," "Stuart Little") put together, for the first time, two of the most well-known and talented stars of martial arts films.

Writer John Fusco ("Hildago," "Babe," "Young Guns") tells the story inspired by the Chinese legend and the legend behind the camera are Oscar-winning cinematographer Peter Pau ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon") and Yue Wping ("Matrix") and "Kill Bill" series who choreographed the incredible action scenes.

"The Forbidden Kingdom" is an exciting adventure tale, especially if you are a fan of kung fu movies.

Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

## Coming to terms with autism diagnosis



Operation Homefront

By Jacey Eckhart

I found out my son was autistic in a pumpkin patch. This is the usual way. I know that you've probably read that teams of developmental pediatricians and child psychologists gather to diagnose a child on the autism spectrum. That's true enough.

But the first diagnosis is usually delivered with the deadly calm of a stranger in a pumpkin patch. Or at the Thomas the Tank Engine table at the bookstore. Or in the popside section at the commissary.

That day I had taken 2-year-old Peter to the local pumpkin patch in a wagon to pick out a pumpkin. He was throwing a ginormous fit because we couldn't get the pumpkin he wanted into the wagon.

"Oh, your son is autistic," the worker at the pumpkin patch told me as if she were delivering good news. "My son is autistic, too. See how he doesn't make eye contact? And he doesn't talk? Do you have him in a school? Has he been diagnosed? You really should be taking care of that before it is too late."

I pulled Pete out of the pumpkin patch without a pumpkin. He cried. I cried. I cried all the way home. I cried into the night. And that was the first time I ever suspected my son was autistic. It was months before I could really do anything about it.

This surprises most people. They think that if you have an autistic child that you should just know. Like the parents of a deaf child are the first to notice that their child cannot hear. Or the parents of a developmentally-disabled child are the first to worry that their child isn't sitting up or walking. You should instinctively know and you should get help that day.

That isn't the way autism works. Or at least that isn't the way autism worked in our family. I often thumb through my memories of Peter like I am looking for a lost bill in a four-foot high stack of papers. When did I know something was wrong? I don't know. Because it wasn't really just a day. It was a lot of days over a long period of time.

There wasn't anything about Peter that didn't seem perfectly normal. He nursed like babies nurse. He slept through the night when he was five months old. He kicked his feet with joy whenever he saw me. We loved him, body and soul, just like his brother and sister. What was different?

Nothing. I mean that. There was nothing different. When I really think about it, I think I remember one day after Brad

had gone to the ship and the kids went to school. It was spring and the windows were open. I suddenly thought there was something ... I don't know ... "off" about the baby. Even now I can see him in his yellow stretchie on our denim couch. A fission of fear shot through me. I told myself it was nothing. But now I wonder maybe I realized in some deep part of my mothering self that Peter didn't love me as much as the other kids looked at me. He wasn't quite as engaged.

After that, I didn't see any signs for years. I go through pictures and divide them into the period Peter did not have autism and then the period when he did. There were years when Pete would run his head when you called his name. Years that he looked into a camera. Years when he pointed to flowers and dogs and mice and toys and Christmas tree lights.

And then we lost him. He disappeared like the writings on an etch-a-sketch when you shake it just a little at a time.

I often think that is why it took me so long to accept that Peter was on the autism spectrum. Because it isn't a black and white situation. It is so many fragmentary pieces of graying evidence that you can barely see. There may be something that seems autistic and a hundred things that do not seem autistic.

Even then, once you do see — once you make yourself see — that is only the beginning of the hard part. Denial seems so much easier than saying goodbye to the child you thought you were raising. Acceptance means that you take on a child you don't even know. This screaming stranger. This faraway island of a boy.

That was hard for us at first. So, possibly, painfully hard. So hard that when I see the signs of autism in another woman's child at the commissary or bookstore or the pumpkin patch I can't say anything. Maybe I should. Maybe I should point out the signs of autism and hand them a brochure. Maybe I should tell them all about my 6-year-old who has had the help of developmental pediatricians and child psychologists and social workers and special ed teachers and teams of aides and speech therapists and applied behavior analysis therapists and occupational therapists — all provided by TRICARE and/or the state of California.

Maybe I should tell them how Peter talks about "Star Wars" and rides his bike like any other kindergartner and reads and tells us he loves us.

Maybe I should. But I don't. Even if I know the other mom well, I just tell her to talk to her doctor about it. I tell them to get speech therapy. I leave the diagnosis to someone else. Because I'm not qualified to make another woman cry that hard. I don't ever want to be.

A military spouse of 20 years, Jacey Eckhart is a nationally syndicated columnist with CinCHouse.com.

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# Digital generation REMEMBERS BEIRUT



Local students, Reggi Dooley, Kaila Gentry and Katelynn Howell, shown here after a recent assembly honoring their achievements, created a podcast about the Beirut Memorial which is featured on the Chamber of Commerce Web site. Heather Owens

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## Podcast features speech by Beirut survivor's niece

Heather Owens  
Carolina Living editor

**"M**y mom said that if people aren't careful, history can repeat itself," said Kaila Gentry, an eighth grader at Jacksonville Commons Middle School.

In the case of the Oct. 23, 1983, terrorist bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Gentry especially hopes history will not repeat itself.

So, when her language arts class received an assignment to write a speech about a great American landmark, Gentry selected the Bradford pear trees, which surround the Beirut Memorial in Jacksonville, N.C.

She selected the trees and the memorial in honor of her uncle, Mike Weber, who had been a young Marine leader in Beirut that fateful day.

In her speech, Gentry said that her uncle rated a room in the barracks, but chose to stay with his men in a structure behind the barracks, an act which saved his life.

"I was happy [to write the speech] because I thought he would like it," said Gentry. "Basically, I was writing it for him."

Gentry's mother, Tawnja, and her father, Terry, a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, had raised her with a sense of respect for military members and their sacrifices.

The mother, a teen at the time of the Beirut bombing, remembered the aftermath on the hometown of the Marines deployed to Beirut. "The thing that always stuck in my mind about the morning we found out about Beirut is how quickly Jacksonville became a ghost town,"

she said.

Fast forward a quarter of a century: Gentry's teen daughter was selected to recite her Beirut Memorial speech at a school oration contest. Though she did not win the contest, something much more powerful happened. Her speech touched hearts.

Enter Mona Padrick, president of the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce.

"At the oration contest, the lady from the Chamber of Commerce [Padrick] came up and asked my dad if they could record [my speech]," explained Gentry.

"When I heard the speech on the Beirut Memorial trees, I had tears in my eyes," said Padrick. Remembering the effect of the Beirut bombing on the Jacksonville community, she said. "That was an event which galvanized this community. It brought the community together as never before."

Padrick, who admittedly is not very technologically savvy, had been looking for someone to produce podcasts to feature on the chamber's Web page. She knew when she heard Gentry's oration that the first podcast would feature her speech.

Next, she called upon Vikki Childress, assistant principal of Northside High School and director of the school's 21st Century Academy.

Childress had just the students for the job. She called on Reggi Dooley and her friend Katelynn Howell both freshman and first year students in the academy.

"Pretty much it's throwing out the pen and the paper in the classroom and bringing in computers and technology," said Howell of the academy. That's

to say, these students know about technology.

Dooley and Howell went to the middle school to record Gentry's speech and then, by their own initiative, went to the Beirut Memorial to film extra footage to enhance the podcast.

When it came time to put the podcast together, the students ran into a little technological snafu. They had forgotten to initialize the disc on which they had filmed Gentry's speech.

"We freaked out when we had the technical difficulties, we were worried because it was such a good speech and such an emotional issue for Kaila and her family that it wasn't going to be the podcast they deserved," said Howell.

With little time left prior to the podcast's debut at a special assembly April 23 at the school, they improvised. With one camcorder, they played Gentry's speech on a wall while re-recording the images and sounds with another camera.

The students finished the podcast in time and it was presented in the school auditorium in front of community leaders including members of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee, parents and other students. Gentry's family, including her uncle, were there. Understandably, it was an emotional day for them.

"If people are inspired by it, that touches my heart," said Gentry of her speech.

Visit the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce's Web site at [www.jacksonvilleonline.org](http://www.jacksonvilleonline.org) to listen to the podcast.

# Marine spouse, writer Gwen Rollings is a real Hero at Home

Heather Owens  
Carolina Living editor

The seed for Gwen C. Rollings' life as a Marine spouse was planted at Parris Island, S.C.

"I was still in high school and we lived in Massachusetts when my brother graduated boot camp. He was getting the Leatherneck Award and was the honor graduate, so my mother and I went to Parris Island," she recalls.

They ran into her brother's drill instructor, a corporal at the time, Wayne Rollings, in front of the Old Depot Restaurant. The mother and sister invited him in to sit with them.

After she finished high school, the pair reconnected and started dating. They have now been married 42 years, have lived in 27 homes and have four grown children.

For these reasons and for her upbeat spirit and encouragement of military spouses, Rollings has been selected to be the guest speaker at the May 15 luncheon to honor military spouses who have been nominated for the 2008 Hero at Home Military Spouse Awards.

"I think that you really have to get out of something and look back at it. When you're in it and you're going through the deployment and you're moving, you can't see it as an adventure," says Rollings.

Since her husband, who retired as a major general in 1999, has been out of the Marine Corps, Rollings has had the opportunity to do just that: To reflect. To find meaning. To look back at it with pride.

"It's not just the service members who

are involved in this noble work," she says, "it is the family as well."

On the subject of raising children in a military family, Rollings is a wealth of knowledge because she lived it. Their four children are grown now: a doctor of philosophy candidate, a son in the Marine Corps Reserves, a daughter who is married to a recruiting station commander and a daughter in college.



Rollings

"Each child is different and some children just adapt to the Marine Corps life, the moving and making new friends and others have a more difficult time," she says. "You have to take each child individually and help them make that journey with you."

One way Rollings helped her children adapt and thrive was by keeping busy with fun activities. She took them to the movies, to the base pool, bowling. "They knew that when [their father] was gone, they were going to be able to do fun things with mom," she says. "Even when they were younger, if it was a nice day, I did not stay in."

Yet she believes that all of the traveling and moving paid off for her children. "My children were able to see different places so that when they were in high school and college, they were a lot more well-rounded," she says.

Rollings also has thoughts for thriving as a military spouse. For her, one was to always find something for herself.

At first, that something was working on her degree. It took a little longer than usual due to the moving, but she steadily worked on her degree and graduated magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina. Later, she earned a de-

gree in communications from George Mason University in Virginia.

Another "something" was her writing. At first she didn't have time to write in long bursts, so Rollings focused on poetry. Her poetry collection, "Seasons of a Woman," was published in "Chicken Soup for the Military Wives' Soul: Stories to touch the heart and rekindle the spirit" in 2005. Most recently, she published a book about the resilience of the military spouse, "We Band of Sisters."

Rollings had an opportunity to reflect on her Marine Corps experience after her husband retired. She says that she and other women who have been through it have an obligation to help bring up the next generation of spouses.

"More and more women come up to me and say, 'This is my life.' Some of the details are different, but this is a fairly accurate example of what people go through," she says. "If you don't draw on other women of strength to help get through it, then it is a very lonely road

... I don't think I would be as successful if I didn't have role models to show how to do it."

"The Heroes at Home nominee military spouses who have excelled in their communities, their families and their communities. For this year, I know that they will enjoy wit, humor and strength when they speak at the recognition luncheon said Heather Miller, sales manager of *The Globe* and *The RotoVue* and the coordinator of the Heroes at Home Military Spouse Awards.

*Editor's note: Nominations for Heroes at Home Military Spouse Awards were closed as of March 30. The nominees and their spouses will be invited to a luncheon May 15 aboard Camp Lejeune where the 2008 Military Spouse Year will be revealed. The spouse year, who could be a military wife or band, will receive a 42-inch flat television courtesy of USA Discount. Additionally, more than \$5,000 in prizes will be divided among the finalists.*

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# Attention all Maynia Mayniacs ... prepare to be 'aMayzed'

**Steven King**  
*Community Services*

You know the maximum air velocity of a sub-Saharan African goose traveling northwest on an anabatic wind? If you don't, that's okay because we at Marine Corps Community Services don't either. However, we do know Maynia is back in town and set for the most constructive use of your time between May 9 and 11.

Maynia will be different this year due to admission fees. You'll have to pay the small amount for all the carnival rides, fun games and music you can handle. In other words, it's free. Don't worry, we're not having eyesight problems, you're experiencing challenges reading abilities. You read it and saw it right ... Maynia is this year.

What all that our military does for decided that an excellent way to thank you was to host Maynia charge this year," said Patsy Der, MCCS recreation division.

Maybe you're asking yourself, "What's the catch?" That's a valid question.

You will find the catch at the bottom of the last paragraph of this article.

This year's Maynia events will include a free carnival with rides for every age live entertainment, the famous Maynia Market and a whole lot more.

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May 11 is Mother's Day and Maynia has got you covered. In celebration of Mother's day, Maynia will host Spa Maynia on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. so that you can celebrate this special day with style.

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The Vocal Show Down, hosted by comedian Dave Martin, will give individuals a chance to win \$1,000. This competition of talent will take place May 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 340-4254 for details.

The Softball Tournament will be

held from Friday to Sunday. For information and pre-registration, call 451-2061.

The sponsors for Maynia include the MCCS Semper Fit Division, *The Daily News*, United Service Organizations of North Carolina, Coca-Cola, AT&T, Bob 93.3 and Cheveux. As was stated before, admission to Maynia is a free as well as the carnival, rides and activities (with the exception of the catch). This event is open to the public; all non-military identification holders will have to stop at the front gate for a pass. For more Maynia event and registration information, call 451-2106 or visit [www.mccslejeune.com/maynia](http://www.mccslejeune.com/maynia).

**The catch:** All rides and activities will only be free for patrons who bring with them an intense and unreasonable desire for fun. All others will be charged a gazillion dollars per ride. MCCS will not be held legally responsible for any of the following: stomach cramps due to excessive and uncontrollable laughing, sore throats due to shouts of joy and excitement during carnival rides or overeating of tasty carnival treats such as popcorn, hotdogs and funnel cake. Individuals who love boredom are advised not to attend.



Maynia, with all of its excitement and carnival rides, comes to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune May 9 - 11. Courtesy photo

**Correction**

Information provided in last week's "Preparation is key" article was incorrect. The code of consent under the Uniform Code of Military Justice is 16, not 18 as stated in the article. The Globe regrets any confusion the original article may have caused.

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**Book Club**  
**May 2, 2 p.m.**  
 Explore the U.S. Marine Corps' abundant Reading List. This week's book is "First to Fight: An in-depth history of the U.S. Marine Corps" by H. Krulak. The event is scheduled to take place at the Camp Johnson Library. To register, call 450-0844.

**Community yard sale**  
**May 10, 6:30 - noon**  
 The Point Child Care Center is scheduled to have a yard sale fund-raiser, with all proceeds to benefit the center. It is scheduled to be held on the circular driveway in front of the Russell Family Service Center. The sale will offer great visibility, lots of rain or shine. To help, you can participate as a yard sale seller or donate items sold at the event. To sign up to be a seller, register at the PPCCC front desk. Sellers will receive a spot and a table. Sellers may bring extra tables and chairs. The registration fee goes to PPCCC and any money a seller makes at the sale goes to them. To participate as an item donor, bring in baby/child-related items to the PPCCC front desk through tomorrow and volunteers will sell your donated items at the PPCCC sale table. All proceeds will benefit the center. Set up starts at 6:30 a.m. and the sale starts at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Bryndis Rubin 577-1578.

**Movie night**  
**May 10, 6 p.m.**  
 Camp Johnson Library is scheduled to show Casino Royale (PG-13) at 6 p.m. May 10. For more information, call 451-3026.

**Music**  
**Classes starting May 9, 10 a.m.**  
 To see how music and creative activities can help your child's development, instructor Melissa Russell is scheduled to offer four free classes this spring for children ages seven and under at the Harriette B. Smith Library May 9, May 30, June 6 and June 13. Class space is limited. To register, call 451-3026.

**Ride for the Pink**  
**May 10, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Angels' Voices Speak Up, a local non-profit organization, has planned its annual Ride for the Pink breast cancer awareness motor cycle ride for May 10. Pre-registration is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Food will be provided after the ride. For more information, visit the organization's Web page at [www.angelsvoices.org](http://www.angelsvoices.org).

**Mother's Day social**  
**May 10, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
 Children 12 and younger will enjoy making crafts for Mother's Day, while Mom is treated to light refreshments and social time with other mothers at Tarawa Terrace Community Center May 10 at from 10 to 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register, call 451-3026.

**Military Appreciation Day**  
**May 10, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
 The Swansboro Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and Hammocks Beach State Park will host Military Appreciation Day. The event is scheduled to take place at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. All active-duty and dependents are welcome. The event will include games, storytellers, park exhibits, free ferry rides and free drinks and hotdogs with all the fixings. For more information, contact the Swansboro Chamber of Commerce at 326-1174.

**Natasha Perez concert**  
**May 10, 6 p.m.**  
 Jacksonville Seventh-day Adventist Church invites all to attend their Mother's Day weekend concert with Natasha Perez. This free event will be held at the church in Jacksonville. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information on Perez, visit the Web site at [jacksonville22.adventistchurchconnect.org](http://jacksonville22.adventistchurchconnect.org). For more information on the concert, call 330-3141.

**Stroke prevention seminar**  
**May 14, 12:30 p.m.**  
 Sena Preziosi, health service coordinator for Life Line Screening, is scheduled to present a stroke prevention and awareness program at the Onslow County Department of Social Services Training Center located in the New River Shopping Center. Tickets for the lunch and learn, hosted by Onslow County Community Health Improvement Process, Inc., are \$10 and include registration and box lunch. Seating is limited and a reservation is requested to the Onslow CHIP office at 577-2238 or at e-mail [onslowchip@yahoo.com](mailto:onslowchip@yahoo.com) by May 9. Tickets at the door will be \$5 and do not include lunch. The event is open to the public. The mission of Onslow CHIP is to bring together concerned citizens to form partnerships to improve the quality of life in Onslow County. For more information about Onslow CHIP or the lunch and learn, log on to [www.onslowchip.org](http://www.onslowchip.org).

**PCS Overseas workshop**  
**May 15, 9 a.m. - noon**  
 The Marine Corps Base has scheduled a Permanent Change of Station Overseas workshop in the classroom of Bldg. 40, the Russell Marine and Family Services Center. The class is free to all identification card holders. The topics covered will include: PCS pay and entitlements, financial planning, moving personal property, passports, traveling with pets, housing information, loan locker and cultural aspects of an overseas move. To register, call 449-9704 or 451-1055.

**Dinner cabaret**  
**May 16-17, 6 p.m.**  
 The United Service Organizations of North Carolina have scheduled a dinner cabaret at the Jacksonville facility located at 9 Tallman St. The doors will open at 6 p.m. nightly and tickets will be available to all. This year's cabaret theme is "A Night On Broadway" performed by Jacksonville's local talent.

Tickets are \$40 and will be sold at the USO. Ticket price includes a four course meal and the show. All proceeds will go toward USO programs which support our local troops. For more information, contact Harold Rowland or Judy Robinson at 455-3411.

**Dinner n' Books**  
**May 21, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Bring a bag dinner and join us for a lively discussion of Erik Larson's Isaac's "Storm: A man, a time and the deadliest hurricane in history" at Camp Johnson Library May 21 at 6:30 p.m. To register, call 450-0844.

**Free movie night**  
**May 30, 6:30 p.m.**  
 The Tarawa Terrace Community Center is scheduled to show Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) May 30 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-3026.



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# Voters participate in political process

## ★★★ Hillary Clinton visits Jacksonville ★★★

Heather Owens  
*Carolina Living editor*

North Carolina voters are finding themselves in a unique situation these days; that of potential decision-makers in the 2008 presidential race.

Though the North Carolina primaries, held Tuesday, are considered "late" in comparison to those of such storied states as Iowa, New Hampshire and even Florida, which held their primaries back in January, state voters may have the opportunity to help select the Democratic presidential nominee.

Thus Democratic presidential candidates Senators Barack Obama (D-IL) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY) have been making multiple campaign stops in the state. Clinton campaigned in Jacksonville Friday during a visit to Jacksonville Fire Station 4 in the Jacksonville Commons area.

Though the crowd was sparse when the gates opened at 6:30 a.m., it blossomed out to approximately 1,000 people as Clinton walked out on the stage with seven retired general officers and admirals approximately two hours and 45 minutes later.

Marine Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Lejeune High School presented the colors at the start of the event. Cadet Maj. Phil Berger, a senior, carried the U.S. flag. Cadet Capt. Mark Moeller, a junior, carried the right rifle. Cadet Staff Sgt. Alex Thoele, a freshman, carried the Marine Corps JROTC colors. Cadet Staff Sgt. Jeff Berger, also a freshman, carried the left rifle.

The cadets, under the instruction of retired Gunner Al Nevglowski, JROTC instructor and drill/color guard advisor, performed their duties so well that some members of the crowd speculated they were active-duty Marines.

Thoele said the students received the request to present the colors at 1 p.m. the day before. They immediately made sure their uniforms were squared away. "I was honored that they asked our school and our program to [present the colors]," he said later of the opportunity. "It's an outstanding program. We've had a good color guard and drill team all year. We were honored to do it."

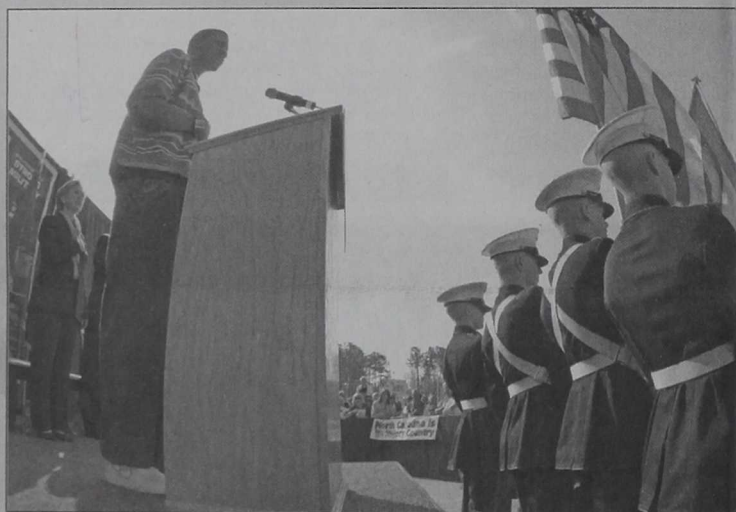
In front of a backdrop which read "Solutions for a Strong Military," the retired officers and Clinton spoke mostly about military issues and the economy.

Before her remarks, Clinton introduced Amy Koury, marketing director of Hope For the Warriors, a national non-profit organization which aids service members and families who have been adversely affected by the War on Terrorism.

Koury brought a local wounded warrior and his spouse to meet Clinton before the event.

"Gen. [Henry Hugh] Shelton and Bill White helped us meet her, and I thought that this could be an important opportunity for us," she said.

Later, Koury remembered that, upon shaking Clinton's hand backstage, "A friend said



At top, approximately 1,000 people turned out to Sen. Hillary Clinton's rally at Jacksonville Fire Station 4 Friday morning. Attendees carried colorful handmade signs with slogans such as "The best man is a woman" and "Hillary — Hope for America." Cpl. Patrick Fleischman. At left, Clinton touched mostly on the military and the economy during her comments. Seven retired general officers and admirals, including North Carolinian Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, spoke prior to Clinton's speech. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman. Above, students from the Lejeune High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors during the event. The students are Cadet Staff Sgt. Jeff Berger, Cadet Staff Sgt. Alex Thoele, Cadet Maj. Phil Berger and Cadet Capt. Mark Moeller. Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage.

that I started talking and didn't shut up."

Her tenacity earned Koury a rare opportunity. At Clinton's request, she was invited to speak in front of the crowd, including the national media, about the Hope and Care Center which Hope For the Warriors is currently planning. The center will be built near Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune and will provide medical care for wounded warriors.

Many in attendance felt the rally was a unique opportunity to see a presidential candidate up close.

"I thought it would be very

exciting and historic to see a presidential candidate. Of course, I am supporting the Democratic party. I haven't made up my mind yet but I just wanted to get a glimpse and hear her speak," said Carla Cottman Reed of Jacksonville.

Jonathan Bynum, a senior at White Oak High School, attended the rally as part of his school's chorus, which performed there. "I think it's a great experience. It really helps me understand how the political process works. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for me," he said.

Another student, Chad Hillard, a senior at Northside

High School, said, "It's kind of an honor because they go everywhere in the country, and [Clinton] is actually coming here instead of anywhere else. It means that North Carolina gets to talk about their opinions about who should become president and who shouldn't."

Gary Jones, an Onslow County school teacher, brought two students to the rally. The students had been studying the political process and Jones felt the political rally would be an excellent capstone event for their studies. "I think it could be a once in a lifetime thing for them. They may not get to see

anything like this again to get out of the school and see something real," he said.

Attendees also had a message about the opportunity for voters to finally have an impact in the nomination of the presidential candidate from at least one of the political parties.

Charles Wolfe, who lives from Wilmington with his wife to attend the rally, said the possibility of deciding the Democratic parties' nominee is a good thing. "I think it might energize people since normally it's already decided. I don't think it's going to be an experience I thought this year."

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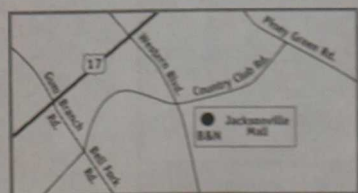
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Nominee	Nominator	Nominee	Nominator
Balacy, Gay Therese Leilani Muniz	Rivera, Eric Muniz	McCaleb, Sandra E.	McCaleb, Robert E. III
Bartels, Joyce R	Bartells, EE	McCarroll, Sarah	McCarroll, Mark
Beck, Melissa	Beck, Kyle	Migliori, LeAnne	Light, Carmen
Betancourt, Esther	Betancourt, Gary	Miller, Brooke	Minton, Jennifer
Bibona, LeighAnn	Bibona, Andrew J	Miller, LaTish	Smalls, Natasha
Boyd, Tammy	Boyd, Scott J	Miller, LaTisha	Miller, LaTisha
Brady, Michelle	Brady	Mitchell, Shanna	Miller, Kaur
Bristow, Andrew Warren, JR.	Bristow, Robin	Monette, Cheryl	Cline, Matt
Brown, Kathleen	Bown, Zachary	Moore, Dabanae	Thompson, Ana
Butts, Crysta	Butts, Matthew	Moore, Susan	Davis, LaShell
Cano, Leigh Ann	Van Trump, Pamela	Mouton, Robin	Mouton, Kennet
Chartier, Rebecca M.	Chartier, Jim	Neff, Suzanne	Jahr, Bettina
Clendenning, Ruby B.	Clendenning, Carl	Nelson, Lauren	Nelson, Thomas M.
Corry, Nichole	Corry, Michael	Nichols, Shannon	Crossley, Carolyn
Craft, Lisa	Dollar, Nikkia	Notine, Patricia	Notine, James
Crossley, Carolyn	Baker, Peggy	Parker, Joan	Parker, T.M.
Dunaway, Amy	Dunaway, Anthony	Perreault-Ornoski, Ashley L.	Ornoski, Thomas
Eddleman, Samantha	Eddleman, James	Popp, Katrina	Donahue, Sherri
English, Amanda Ruth	English, Daniel T.	Rawlings, Angela M.	Rawlins III, Glendon H.
Ford, Matilda C.	McCaleb, Robert E. III	Rhoads, Lorrie	Allen, Amy
Gossin, Anne	Gossin, Andrew T	Robinson, Janice	Robinson, Byron
Gutierrez, Joe	Roland, Cassady	Roland, Cassad	Gutierrez, Joe
Hammond-Wilonsky, Holly	Wilonsky, Mike	Rollins, Bonny Betsy Ross	Rollins, Nathan
Harris, Jerusha	Silvester, Michelle	Sangster, Colleen	Green, Brandie
Hesson, Stacy	Hesson, Scott	Secoy, Heather	Chestnut, Pam
Howard, Laurie Lee	Howard, Scott M.	Seybert, Emily Kathleen	Seybert, Christopher Michael
Lattimore, Star	Hargrove, Chastity / Kelsey, Elizabeth	Sokoloski, Jane	Collins, Adele
Leandre, Michel J. JR.	Leandre, Stacey L.	Stanton, Manda	Stanton, Christopher
Leifer, Jodie	Trent, Bethanie	Strommer, Shamanee	Campbell, Rebekah
Logan, Alexis	Dunlap, Rhonda	Suggs, Julia Jolly	Suggs, James R. Jr.
Lucas, Sara Dawn	Lucas, Anthony	Thacker, Vicki	Haga, Geri
Luna, Rebecca	Luna, Louis	Todd, Jada	Todd, David L.
Lusk, Michelle	Green, Linda M.	Valdez, Alisha	Osborne, Dora
Magner, Jocelyn	Magner, Stephen	Wiley, Anne-Marie	Wiley, Patrick
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