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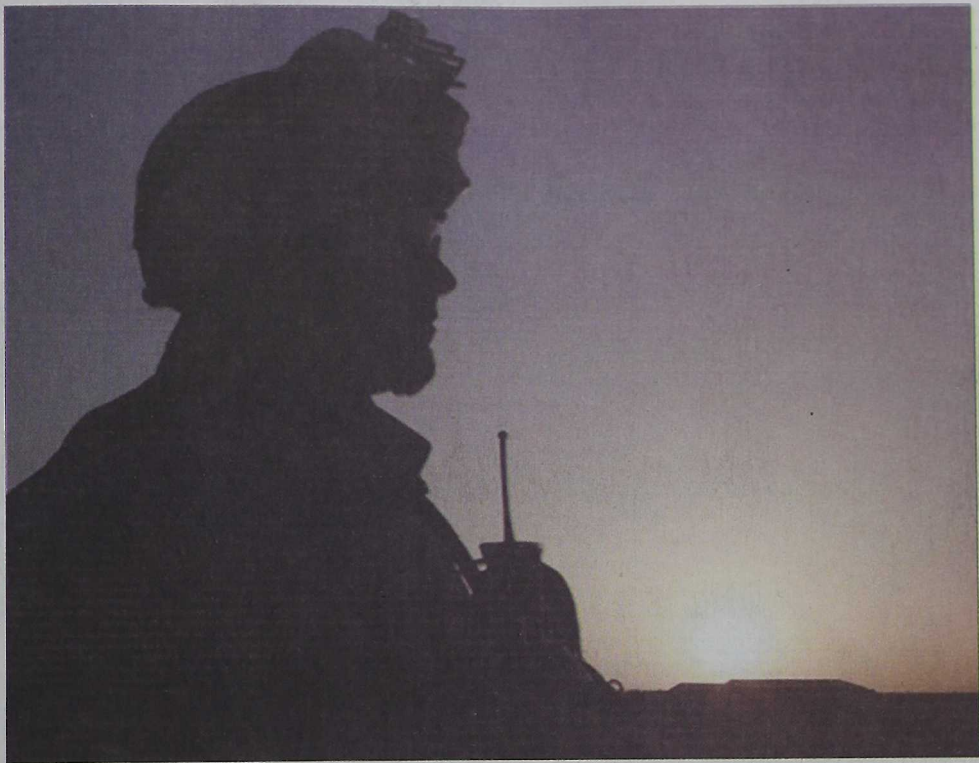
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A Marine with A Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, stands watch as other Marines call for fire support. The 24th MEU conducted operations in the Helmand province of Afghanistan to enhance security for the citizens of the Garmsir district. Staff Sgt. Robert Piper



Cpl. Alex C. Guerra

24th MEU exploits success in Garmsir

Staff Sgt. Robert Piper
24th MEU

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Marines with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and the British forces of Task Force Helmand launched an operation to enhance security for the citizens of the Garmsir District in Southern Helmand province April 28.

By engaging with

the leaders of Garmsir to determine what is required to bring stability to their district — a district which has seen little International Security Assistance Force presence in the recent past, these forces will help facilitate long-term change and improvement.

Garmsir has long been used as a planning, staging and logistics hub by the neo-Taliban. Through capturing identified enemy strong points and defensive positions south of Task Force Helmand forward operating bases, Marines opened previously denied routes through the Garmsir District to the economically vital Helmand green zone, while simultaneously disrupting insurgent activities in the area.

The Marines gain ground every day and secure more of the routes through the district. The support we have received from our allied partners has contributed to our many successes thus far," said Col. Peter Petronzio, commanding officer, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, International Security Assistance Force.

In contrast to recent tactics, insurgents have demonstrated a persistent and concerted effort to resist the advancement of troops and hold ground. Marines consistently encounter disorganized resistance in the form of small arms, indirect fire and rocket propelled grenades. Despite stouter than expected resistance, Marines have succeeded in a region that was previously unsecured.

"The number of fighters that stood and fought is kind of surprising to me, but obviously they're fighting for something," Maj. Tom Clinton, executive officer, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th MEU, said. "They're flowing in; guys are going south and picking up arms. We have an opportunity to really clear them out, cripple them, so I think we're exploiting the success

See **SUCCESS, 10A**

Service members overcome obstacles, get job done

Cpl. Tyler B. Barstow
1st Marine Logistics Group

HABBANIYAH, Iraq — The roaring of engines and the snarling of Rhinos disrupted the still of the Iraqi night as Marines worked on reconstructing an area outside of Habbaniyah during the early morning, May 17.

Working under cover of the night, the raucous Rhinos of Heavy Equipment Platoon, Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, worked from dusk until dawn to reinforce an area outside of the city.

"We're reconstructing the security positions and helping clean up the area," said Staff Sgt. Robert L. Leatherman, the operations chief for H.E. Platoon. The Rhinos charged through the project, uprooting the old barriers and beefing up protection by placing concrete barriers around the base of the bridge.

Iraqi police now monitor the area with security checkpoints set up close to the bridge. The main objective was to improve the security and help the Iraqi police by keeping everyone safe, explained Leather-



Cpl. Jeremy D. Fuka, a logistics vehicle operator with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, prepares to chain up a concrete barrier. Cpl. Tyler B. Barstow

man, a Phoenix native. The lights from their vehicles and flashlights danced across the roadways before dissolving into the night.

Working in the darkness increased their safety by cutting down on traffic but brought with it the obstacle of limited visibility. The Marines worked through it, relying on teamwork and their knowledge of

See **JOB, 10A**

II MEF releases Drive Safe Order

Lance Cpl. Brian Lewis
II Marine Expeditionary Force

The II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general has taken action to reduce vehicle mishaps by signing II MEF 5100.19 April 29.

Lt. Gen. Keith Stalder has made it a mission of all Marines within II MEF to practice safe vehicle operation by providing a document that outlines the Marine Corps' current personal motor vehicle operation regulations as well as the actions that can be taken for violating those regulations.

The Drive Safe Order details the proper conduct for Marines and sailors within II MEF while operating vehicles both on or off base and provides commanders and leaders at all levels with tools to assist in managing their drive safe program.

"From October 2007 to January 2008, more II MEF personnel were killed in motor vehicle accidents than killed in combat," said Stalder, commanding general of II MEF. "This statistic, standing alone, is wholly unacceptable by any measure."

The biggest motor vehicle issue within II MEF is motorcycle safety. There has been a significant

See **SAFE, 10A**

Hope for the Warriors' Run



More than 2,200 runners, and walkers, participated in Hope for the Warrior's 3rd Annual Run for the Warriors. Read about this worthy event on page 1B.

Dutch Marines

Marines with 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, did their part by recently supporting and hosting Dutch Marines while training aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Learn more on 1C.



Ghost Doctors

A group of sailors and a Navy spouse organized to attempt to "explain the unexplainable" vis-à-vis paranormal activity. Find out more about their story on page 1D.



MAN on the street

What sporting event would you like to see come to Camp Lejeune?



"I would really like to see more Mixed Martial Arts come to base."

Cpl. Chris Pickersell
Speedway Int.
2nd Marine Logistics Group

"I would definitely like to see more MMA here."



Cpl. Adam McDonald
Fresburg III
2nd Marine Logistics Group



"We need ice hockey at Camp Lejeune."

Pfc. Rory Hamill
Brick, N.J.
2nd Marine Division

"I would like to see some pro-football on base."



Lance Cpl. Travis Ward
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2nd Marine Division



"I would have to say the Boston Red Sox vs. the New York Yankees."

Lance Cpl. Brennan MacArthur
Marlboro, Va.
2nd Marine Division

Media: How close is good enough?

Dave Mazzarella
"Stars and Stripes" ombudsman

Something happened among the hallowed graves at Arlington National Cemetery on April 22 that could serve as a Rorschach test for people's feelings about the Iraq war, government bureaucracy, the right to privacy and the media.

What happened was the burial of a war hero, Lt. Col. William G. "Billy" Hall, a Marine killed by an improvised explosive device in Iraq on March 29. It seems that Hall's family was asked, as all families are in these circumstances, whether the media could be present. They said yes.

Reporters and cameramen were indeed present, but were only allowed to observe the pre-burial procession. They were held far away from the graveside service and the family, so far away that they could not hear the chaplain's words or take close-up photographs.

Dana Milbank, a popular and clever journalist from the Washington Post, was indignant. In a column headlined "What the Family Would Let You See, the Pentagon Obstructs," he said it seemed the Pentagon didn't even want people to know the officer was being laid to rest. "It had the feel of a throwback to Donald Rumsfeld's Pentagon, when the military cracked down on photographs of flag-draped caskets returning home from the war," Milbank wrote. He reported that even the public affairs director at Arlington, Gina Gray, sought to have the media moved closer, but was overruled.

In a subsequent blog discussion hosted by Milbank and in another by a *washingtonpost.com* blogger, Doug Feaver, readers let loose with some biting opinions. There were plenty of denunciations of

what one reader called "this illegal war." Americans were "being sent to their deaths ... by a cowardly president," said another. One reader blasted any effort to keep the press at bay: "It's despicable to expect someone to sacrifice his life and then demand the public cannot see the funeral or read a decently reported story about it."

But the press came in for a licking, too. "You guys just don't get it," a reader wrote. "You've managed to twist everything military into something bad ... so you are no longer welcome. People don't trust you anymore." Another reader told Milbank, "You are a ghoul," for wanting to press closely to the interment.

I wondered, just what's going on here? Half a dozen layers down from the top of the Army bureaucracy, I found the man in the know: Thurman Higginbotham, deputy superintendent of the cemetery. He made no apologies for keeping the press at a distance. "We ask the family first," he told me, "and less than 50 percent want [the media] ... When they do come, we try to keep them out of view." That means about 30 yards back from the burial itself, he said. [Milbank said reporters were kept 50 yards back; for perspective, the distance of a really hard-to-make field goal compared to an easy one.]

This week, at a meeting of reporters and officials to discuss cemetery rules, Higginbotham said, "Invited" doesn't mean you attend the funeral. It means you can cover it from a distance that is a respectable distance, and not be obtrusive to the mourners."

The upshot of that meeting, reported by Stars and Stripes, was a pledge by the Army to confer with members of the media to come up with new ground rules for coverage of Arlington Cem-

etry funerals. What the is anybody's guess. Milbank what seemed like a resolution — a pool arrangement whereby a single press representative would be close to the and report back to others.

That seemed like a good Gray, who, incidentally, "absolutely" Milbank's ation that the "de facto" media at the cemetery "fin with an effort by the adm tion to sanitize the war Gray, a courageous public office if ever there was or that "sheer speculation" chalked up the entire iss reaucratic zeal.

I asked Higginbotham the possibility of a pool: said firmly, "That would elating the family."

Finally, I wanted to know what Lt. Col. Hall's family about how the service would I reached his sister, Deless Perry, in Seattle. She said speaking also for the widow, Xiomara, at Camp leton. "It was beautiful," said. "It wasn't about th ... Mrs. Hall was satisf did not want the media that they would disrupt the vice ... We needed time selves. It wasn't for show

As to having only a pool at the site, Perry said the be acceptable, so long as it was an overly obvious presence, fact that the Hall burial has rise to some kind of accommodation among the cemetery ath ties, the media and grieving families means "my brother, even if the grave, is making things get for these events, she said.

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Marine Corps Reserve leadership positions

4th Marine Logistics Group is presently accepting applications for Marine Corps Reserve leadership positions - officer and enlisted. 4th MLG has 70 sites across the United States. For more information, contact Col. Ray Johnson at 678-243-9646, ray.johnson@usmc.mil, or GySgt. Whiteside at 504-678-6505, oretha.whiteside@usmc.mil

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Hand safety: How important are your hands?

Have you ever heard of hand safety? It's true, the hand is one of the most complex parts of the body. The movement of the tendons, bones, tissues and nerves allows you to grip and do a wide variety of complex jobs. Without your hands, it would be extremely difficult to do routine simple tasks, such as opening doors, using a fork, or tying your shoes. Your hands make you a skilled, valuable worker.

The improper use or misuse of hand tools cause minor to serious hand injuries. Hand injuries are likely when the wrong tool is used or the right tool is used improperly.

Mishaps lead to downtime that incurs hurts productivity — whether it's caused when equipment is damaged by an operator or when an equipment operator is injured. According to the

Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were nearly 250,000 injuries and illnesses to the wrists/hands/fingers that were filed across the nation in 2006. Also, these mishaps can result in personnel lost duty time and in civilian lost time cases, making for a hefty pay-out for worker compensation for injuries.

Applying the following tips will help avoid such incidents:

- Know the hazards and dangers in the job to be done.
- Be aware of pinch points on equipment
- Be aware of hot areas
- Be aware of rotating or moving surfaces
- Automated machinery may be controlled by remote control, or delayed timing devices that cause the machine to start automatically

- Never remove machine safeguards or operate machinery with safeguards removed
- Use caution when moving debris piles for snakes, spiders and sharp objects
- Conduct Job Hazard Analysis on all tasks involving the hands
- Know the hazards of the chemicals you are handling, consult Material Safety Data Sheet.

Leaders and Supervisors: It is your responsibility to make certain that your personnel receive hand safety training. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative. A "Leaders Guide" is available at the Camp Lejeune, Safety Division Web site at: <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>



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26th MEU

mounts tough school

Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit climb cliffs during the assault climber's course, May 12, at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Pickle Meadow, Calif. The training will prepare the 26th MEU to tackle any terrain it may encounter during its upcoming deployment in fall 2008.



Story and photos
Cpl. Aaron Rock
26th MEU Public Affairs

MOUNTAIN MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER, Calif. – At 7,000 feet above sea level, the enemy doesn't always carry a weapon. For the Marines and sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit taking on the assault climber's course training at the Mountain Warfare Training Center, some of the biggest obstacles were the lack of oxygen in the thin mountain air, extreme temperatures, and the rocky ground waiting for them if they fell.

The students were persevering through the taxing course as part of the six-month predeployment training period the 26th MEU must undertake before its scheduled deployment in early Autumn.

Twenty-one Marines, representing most of the companies from the 26th MEU's Ground Combat Element, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, traveled from the East Coast to take the course, which lasts roughly 3 weeks, and were instructed by Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group.

The training prepares Marines for work in mountainous terrains, said Staff Sgt. Robert A. Ballance, lead instructor for the Assault Climber's Course.

Ballance said the Marines will learn lead-climbing on rock faces, casualty evacuation methods and moving gear and equipment up a vertical obstacle. They'll also learn to cross streams to get personnel over fordable rivers in a timely manner, he said.

A MEU must be able to operate anywhere on the earth unsupported for weeks at a time. The ability to execute missions in any climate and place is essential for MEUs, said Ballance.

"You never know what might happen out there," he said. "You might go to a mountainous area, or you might be called to a humanitarian assistance mission where these skills may come in handy."

Adding to the difficulty of working in a mountainous environment is the elevation, which leads to lower oxygen content and lower temperatures.

The training gives the MEU students an appreciation for the differences between working at higher elevations as opposed to those at sea-level.

"The assault climbers will push forward of the battalion carrying their extra gear, set it up, push the battalion through the obstacle, get their gear and then push forward again," Ballard said.

To better prepare the students for the sheer physical exertion, physical training is a major part of the course, with students running arduous courses up and down the mountains in preparation for even more challenging climbs up sheer cliff faces.

Despite the difficulty, the Marines in the class enjoyed it.

"It's something new, something we've never done before," said Cpl. Jay D. Manuel, a Tube launched Optically tracked Wire guided antitank missile gunner with Combined Anti-Armor Team 1, Weapons Co., BLT 2/6. "Hopefully it will apply to our upcoming deployment, I would like the chance to use it."



Lance Cpl. William C. Ray, a mortarman with the 81mm mortar platoon, Weapons Co., BLT 2/6, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, lead-climbs up a cliff.



Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Battalion Landing Team 2/6 prepare an A-Frame in order to lower a simulated casualty down a cliff.

Iraqi children in need, RCT-5 Marines answer the call

Cpl. Shawn Coolman
Regimental Combat Team 5

COMBAT OUTPOST TIMBERWOLF, Iraq — It is better to give than to receive; a common phrase said by many Americans takes on new meaning for many children in Iraq who don't have much to offer.

Select Marines with Headquarters Company, Regimental Combat Team 5, are acting as a provisional rifle platoon, which takes non-infantry Marines and trains them to perform a basic rifleman's job. These Marines man Combat Outpost Timberwolf near Baghdad, Iraq, and have taken a special interest in the welfare of the local children.

"One of the things we do out here is to take care of the locals by providing them with the basic needs they may not have," said Lance Cpl. Rodolfo Ceja, 22, a supply warehouse clerk, who is from Chicago. "Especially the little kids, we try to give them food and school supplies they need."

"Every time we go on convoys, we try to take whatever we have and pass it out to the little kids," said Ceja, who is a vehicle turret gunner for PRP. "And whenever the people are complaining of [an illness], we send our corpsman down to them so he can give them medication to make them feel better."

An arrangement was made between one Marine of PRP and his hometown school district to get the local children additional school supplies they need.

"The kids over here go [crazy] over school supplies," said Sgt. Charles B. Lock, 22, a radio technician and 1st squad leader whose hometown school district, Fremont County



An Iraqi boy happily holds up a sign near Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, which an older Iraqi boy wrote in English for him on paper that was donated by the Fremont County School District Number One in Wyoming. Select Marines with Headquarters Company, Regimental Combat Team 5 are conducting operations at Combat Outpost Timberwolf as a provisional rifle platoon. The PRP is made up of non-infantry Marines trained to do a basic rifleman's job. Cpl. Shawn Coolman

School District Number One, Lander, Wyo., sent over 300 pounds of school supplies to the Marines of COP Timber Wolf.

Through the donations, the Marines here are able to supply the children with much needed supplies that they may not be able to obtain otherwise.

"We focus a lot on the little kids because they are the future of Iraq, and if we can win their hearts now, we don't have to worry about coming back to this country again later," said Ceja.

The efforts of the Marines at COP Timber Wolf appear to be paying dividends for the future relationship between the local Iraqis and Coalition forces.

"They help us out, and we help them out," said Lock.

"We are trying to show the Iraqis that we are not the enemy and that we

are here to help them," said Ceja. "Every single time we get to interact

with the locals, we do to show them we are here for them."

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Biological Incident Response

LEWIS, — Marines and sailors with Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, Marine Expeditionary Force, participated in Ardent Sentry 08, the annual American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command Defense Support of Civil Authorities exercise incorporated into National Level Exercise May 4-7.

Exercise 2-08 was specifically designed to unite emergency responders and encourage shoulder-to-shoulder participation among local, state and federal response organizations in mitigating a CBRNE incident in a joint effort.

"We're the premier life-saver for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and field explosive attacks," Sgt. Kevin Lundeen, leader, Decontamination Platoon, Company B, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, explained.

CBIRF has varied disciplines to mitigate a CBRNE incident. The unit has several sections including Identification and Detection, Decontamination, Medical Platoon and Technical Rescue Platoon. In a real world incident, CBIRF is equipped to sustain downrange operations for up to 72 hours.

Over three days, CBIRF provided assistance from forces. In such an environment, whether the leader is from the Army or Marine Corps doesn't matter, said Army Sgt. Kilakob, CBRNE specialist with the 4th Chemical Co., Ft. Bliss, Texas. "We need to get the mission completed as fast as possible," said Jakob.

During the course of the exercise, CBIRF Marines decontaminated a dog, released a company of Army emergency responders using Army's response equipment and decontaminated hundreds of live casualties. "I think it was good that CBIRF Marines and sailors got a chance to show what they can do and put their skills on display," said Cmdr. Pam Krahl, emergency response force senior officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force.

"It's a rare opportunity for CBIRF emergency responders to train with civilian and army emergency responders," Krahl said. They played a big role in getting casualties follow-on medical care after CBIRF Navy aviators stabilized them in and out of the contaminated area.

"We do a lot of training at Camp Lejeune, but often the training is within our own unit. It's always a valuable opportunity for us to go that next step once we get the patients out of the hot zone, to get them moved on to the next level of care at the hospital," Krahl explained. "CBIRF responders can pull them out of the contaminated environment and stabilize them, but we need help at that point to continue take care of them."

Successfully working in a joint environment is crucial for CBIRF Marines and sailors, because in a real world CBRNE incident, emergency responders from the Army, Air Force and Navy community will be working alongside CBIRF

Marines and sailors to mitigate a catastrophe.

"It's about working out what you need and how to communicate it in a way that people will respond since the lingo is different in each service," Krahl

said. "If you think it out ahead of time, it's so much easier."

One vital purpose for the exercise, Krahl said, was to facilitate thinking through the integration of these different response capabilities.



Cpl. Alexandro Gachupin, litter bearer, and Sgt. Jorge Diaz, extractor, both with Decontamination Platoon, Company B, Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, II Marine Expeditionary Force, ensure a simulated casualty who cannot walk is safely put on the decontamination line May 4 during exercise Ardent Sentry 08. The exercise is the annual North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command Defense Support of Civil Authorities exercise incorporated into NLE 2-08. Cpl. Leslie Palmer

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This may sound like a foreign language, but some Marines are becoming notably familiar with "Phoenix" lingo.

The newest satellite terminal to be integrated into the Marine Corps. The first terminals to come aboard Camp Lejeune arrived March 4.

Satellite Platoon, Support Company, 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, received four systems. Leaders with the platoon expect nothing but continued success once the terminals are fully incorporated into the battalion.

"Among many advantages, the increased mobility of the terminals will make satellite support so much simpler," said Master Gunner Sgt. William Sisco, operations chief for Satellite Platoon.

Two Humvees transport one entire Phoenix system. The first vehicle carries the actual terminal and satellite, along with two operators and their personal gear. The second vehicle is the "Mobile Power Unit." It contains the system's generator, spare terminal equipment and two operators with their gear.

"We can power the satellite using the generator, power from either of the

Humvees or house power," said Sgt. Jarvie Curtis, a satellite communications operator with Satellite Platoon.

Operators can prepare the Phoenix terminal for communication quickly.

"The Phoenix is definitely a faster set-up than our older satellite," Curtis said. "We can set up, find a satellite and pass communication within 30 minutes."

Approximately 30 Marines in the battalion will go through classes to learn how to operate the new systems.

Three civilian instructors held classes for the first group of Marines March 10 to April 11. Sixteen Marines were enrolled in the course.

The students were excited to be the first Phoenix operators at Camp Lejeune.

"This is a new system," said Cpl. Dane Richardson, satellite communications operator, Satellite Platoon. "We're the first ones on base to train on it. We'll be the ones that are able to teach our Marines about this new satellite system."

The course was fast-paced, and the Marines absorbed a plethora of information.

"We have a binder with about 1,400 pages that we've gone through in two and a half weeks," Curtis said. "We also have other reading material, but it's all stored on our laptops, and there are quick references on the actual terminals to help us teach other Marines."

Each Marine was provided a laptop, which was connected to a server with a fully operational simulator of the Phoenix terminal. Many

students appreciated how useful the simulator was when they first began learning about the new satellite system.

"You can make mistakes and mess things up, but you can't break the simulator, so it's great to learn on," Curtis said.

After learning more than 200 abbreviations, spending time on the simulator and pouring over several books, the Marines began practical applications on the actual terminals.

"For practical applications, we set up in groups of four," Curtis said. "There are three operators and one technician in each group."

At first, the groups set up the terminals and passed communications. As their skills progressed, the instructors purposefully created problems within the terminals, and the Marines fixed them.

The students' passion was evident through their work in the course.

"These are really sharp Marines," said John Eldard, an instructor for the course. "You can tell they love what they do."

Upon completing the course, each student received a Phoenix operation certification directly from the manufacturer.

The Marines then put their skills into action during the 8th Communications Battalion communications exercise May 6-16.

Amidst the typical communications systems, there was a new Phoenix terminal.

However, the Marines' leaders were more than con-

fident in their Phoenix operating abilities.

Sisco said the Marines won't have any trouble operating the new system. He added all the Marines passed the course, and two of them even aced the test, something the instructors said had never been accomplished before.

One more group of Marines is scheduled to take the Phoenix course, and all Phoenix operators and technicians will participate in further training in August.

John Eldard, an instructor, helps Sgt. Courtney Martin (left) and Cpl. Tara Goetz (right) during the course, March 10 to April 11. Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil



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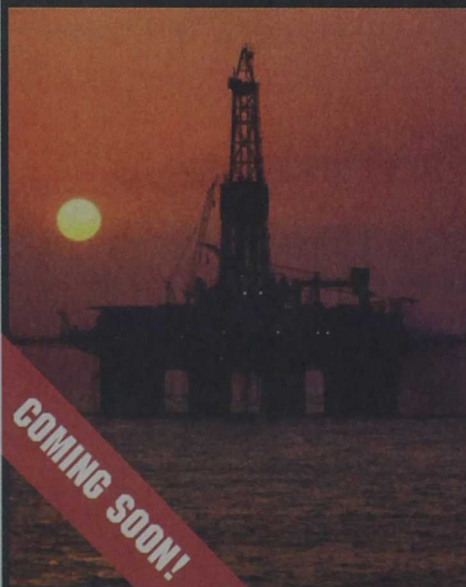
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Lance Cpl. Brad Gordon checks the accuracy of Cpl. Bryan Martinez's shots. Scout snipers and spotters with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, reinforced position as the Marine Corps' "hunters of gunmen" during an Urban Sniper Course in the Central Training Area May 11. The 15-day course is designed to tighten snipers' skills and prepare them for combat environments such as Iraq and Afghanistan. Lance Cpl. Tyler Hlavac

Hunters of gunmen: Recon Marines on Okinawa target Urban Sniper Course

Lance Cpl. Tyler J. Hlavac
Marine Corps Base Camp Butler

CENTRAL TRAINING AREA, OKINAWA, Japan — Eight scout snipers and spotters with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division reinforced their position as the Marine Corps' "hunters of gunmen" during an Urban Sniper Course May 11.

The course, run by III Marine Expeditionary Force's Special Operations Training Group, supplemented the snipers' basic skills training. The Marines practiced unconventional sniping skills, such as shooting from helicopters, disabling vehicles using the .50 caliber SASR-M107 sniper

rifle and firing at targets through glass windows.

The Marines also practiced "peephole shooting" through large pieces of cardboard with small holes cut in them.

Staff Sgt. Owen Mulder, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the course, said the biggest challenge for Marines in the course was to break out of the traditional ways they have been taught to shoot.

"Marine snipers often focus more on basic sniper skills, such as always firing from the prone position from 1,000 meters and shooting slow, precise shots at a target's center mass," he said. "During this course, we focus more on combat shooting.

All shots the Marines make in the urban course are head shots from various firing positions. Every target they shoot at is 400 meters or closer, and students are graded, not only on accuracy, but speed as they often have five seconds or less to get off a shot.

"The hardest part of the course for me was simply shooting in positions other than the prone," said Cpl. Bryan Martinez, a sniper with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. "When I received my basic sniper training, I was taught to shoot from the prone. In combat, how-

ever that isn't always practical. You'll always be moving around, going to different positions looking for a good shot."

The course, which SOTG conducts twice a year, is a requirement for snipers slated to attach to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, where they could be called on to participate in raids.

"This class has taught me new ways of shooting that I'll need for the MEU," Martinez said. "I consider this a necessity for combat environments, and I've really broken off some of the rust since sniper school."

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Data Marines keep battalion connected

Erik Villagran
Combat Team 5

THA, Iraq — Communication is one of the most critical assets in a time of

war. Data Marines with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5 are doing their best to ensure that their battalions' communication systems always up.

Data Marines aboard Combat Outpost Haditha depend on their communication systems to keep them connected with over 20 sub-unit positions, as well as adjacent units.

Data Marines are responsible for the maintenance of transmission equipment, as well as connectivity for routers and phones," said Michael D. DeFreeze, 26, a tactical network specialist with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, from Batavia, N.Y. Data Marines also provide wire communication for the Affairs Group, the Transition Team and Haditha Iraqi Police

on a daily basis, the data Marines travel from one shop to another assisting Marines with everything from software to getting an internet connection to work. Non-commissioned officers like DeFreeze and his team work every day ensuring the communication can communicate. "There's a lot of trouble every day," said Anthony M. Coate, 32, a network specialist,



Cpl. Robert Silva, 24, a wireman with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, from Los Angeles, transfers a phone call using a switchboard at Combat Outpost Haditha, Iraq, May 9. Data Marines have been doing everything they can to keep the lines of communication up and running for their battalion. Cpl. Erik Villagran

with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, from Decatur, Ill. "A lot of issues come up for data."

Data Marines make themselves available at all times.

They understand when things are running smoothly, they receive little attention. Additionally, when connections fail, Marines look to them to correct the problem immediately. For some people, that would be a tough pill to swallow, but for the data Marines of the

battalion, it's rewarding to have the enormous responsibility that is the cornerstone of command and control.

"The best part of the job is knowing that we're supporting the main fighting force of the battalion," DeFreeze said.

Although they stay humble about how hard their work is, they do acknowledge the importance of their job.

"We support the com-

mand element, so as far as [the battalion] goes, we are the most important communication element," DeFreeze said.

One thing is certain, as long as these data Marines are on the job, the battalion will be able to continue to exercise its command and control through their area of operations.

"Maintaining communication is a 24-hour a day process," DeFreeze said.



Audience members join Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band during an "America Supports You" concert performance at the Pentagon. Photo by Helene C. Stikkel

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band perform at the Pentagon

Press release
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Oscar-nominated actor and director Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band performed a concert in the Pentagon Courtyard on May 16 as part of Military Appreciation Month.

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. James Cartwright, and Department of Defense's "America Supports You" program hosted the event. Military Appreciation Month is a nationwide observance honoring current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in service of our nation.

Sinise is renowned for his role as Lt. Dan in the movie "Forrest Gump," and currently stars in the CBS television series "CSI: NY." Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band have performed at United Service Organizations concerts for men and women at American military bases across the United States, Europe and the Middle East. After visiting Iraq, Sinise started the ASY homefront group "Operation Iraqi Children" with author Laura Hillenbrand that sends school supplies to children in Iraq.

Additionally, representatives from more than 40 homefront groups from around the country joined in this celebration. These organizations help service members and their families in a variety of ways including sending letters and care packages to the troops, providing pre-paid phone cards and sponsoring wellness retreats.

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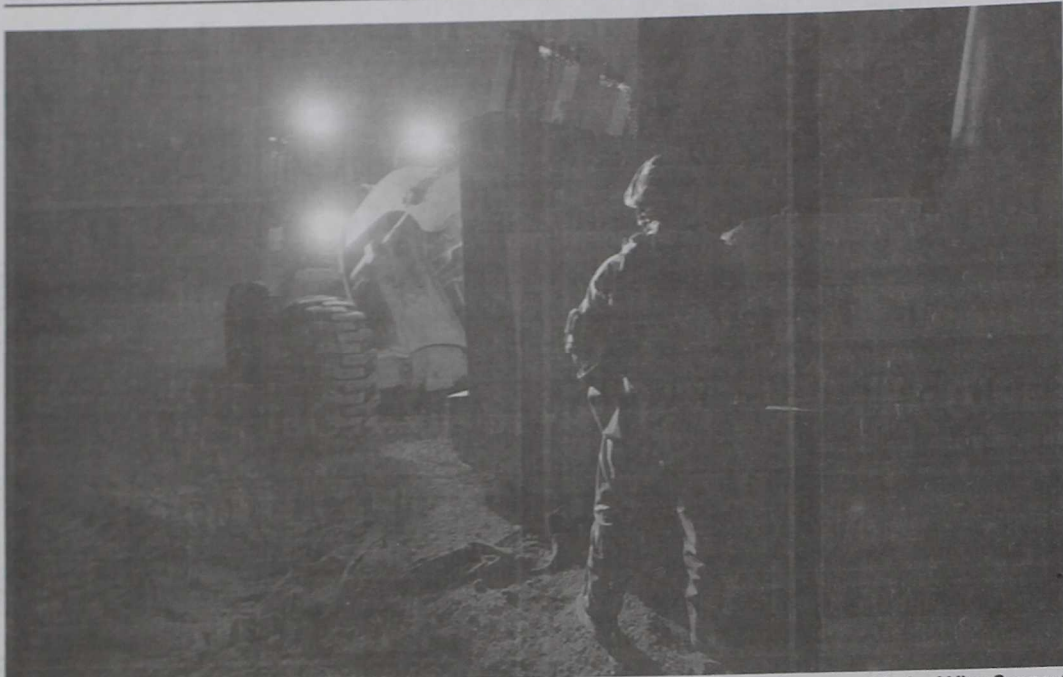
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Sgt. Kardell D. Anderson, mission commander for Heavy Equipment Platoon, Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, helps a tractor, rubber-tired, articulated steering, multi-purpose vehicle operator guide a concrete barrier to its new location underneath a bridge outside Habbaniyah. Tyler B. Barstow

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the machines.
 "You pay more attention to your surroundings because you can't see as far," explained Cpl. Jeremy D. Fuka, a Logistics Vehicle System operator with the platoon. "It doesn't pose a big problem," explained the 22-year-old from Hampshire, Ill. "Everyone's a skilled operator out here."
 Their proficiency with the machines cannot be achieved if the communication between the drivers and the ground guides doesn't work.
 "We're totally dependent on [the ground guide]," explained Cpl. Joseph W. Meccico, one of the heavy equipment operators who was moving barriers for more than eight hours, working inside the tractor, rubber-tired, articulated steering, multi-purpose vehicle.
 Meccico has been doing

his job for five years worked with a ple different hand and the ground to the ca working with the he has been impress their teamwork.
 "We've got a goo here," explained year-old from Soda Idaho. "We all perfo ty good."
 With the new ba place, the Rhinos area a safer place in changing landscape.
 "It's quiet out he Fuka said as the nig away and a new de brightening the are vealing the work th had finished to a crowd of Iraqis. "C has calmed down a we have good secu which makes us fe better."
 For now, it will quiet while the sleep.



A truck owned by a Marine is stopped after rolling several times in an accident. Lt. Gen. Keith Stalder, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, recently signed an order aimed at reducing the number of II MEF Marines and sailors involved in motor vehicle accidents. Photo courtesy of the Jacksonville Police Department

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increase of fatalities due to motorcycle related accidents.
 Since January there have been 15 motorcycle accidents; 87 percent of the accidents were fatal. Excessive speed, alcohol, loss of control and driver fatigue were found to be causes of the accidents.
 The order lists several reasons for the increase in injuries and fatalities from motor vehicle collisions.
 "Individual Marines and sailors are not being held accountable for their actions that contribute to mishaps such as reckless behavior, willful disregard of orders and regulations, and violating state and federal laws," Stalder said.
 The order also states that Marines and sailors who witness or know of unsafe acts must be held accountable

when they fail to take the appropriate action to prevent the mishap.
 The new order comes with several forms to fill out pertaining to all types of vehicles, both on- and off-road, driving experiences, accidents, insurance and other aspects. The records will be maintained by the unit safety officer.
 Every member of II MEF is personally responsible for ensuring compliance with this order prior to the purchase or operation of a motor vehicle, Stalder said.
 Any violations of the order are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and it is legally enforceable to the General Courts Martial level.
 Any further information and details are available through the unit safety officer or can be found in the order.

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we're finding."
 The effectiveness of the Marine's approach is already evident on the ground.
 "We have seen that they are starting to have trouble reinforcing and getting arms," said Lt. Col. Kent Hayes, executive officer, 24th MEU. "Because we've seen fighters coming in from other areas, the rest of Helmand, rather than from just around Garmsir, that is telling us about the success we're having, that we are affecting and disrupting them. We are defeating the enemy when they oppose us and, when they reinforce, we're defeating them as well."
 Success in the region is complex; not defined merely by defeating insurgents, but also by the manner in which you aid the people who live there.
 During lulls in the fighting, Afghan citizens began bringing children to the Marines for medical treatment, including an 11-year-old boy with abdominal wounds, which his father said was inflicted by insurgents. He, as well as one baby, have been treated and returned safely to their families.
 "I think the most telling aspect is that, an Afghan citizen of Garmsir had no qualms

about bringing his wounded child to a well established Marine position where the Marines were heavily armed," said Pro "Here is a man who has first-hand experience of life under the Taliban. He knows that with them there is no offer of hope plan and no future. He knows we to help."
 As the fighting stabilized in ar, rines also were able to find and mot village leaders. In meetings with elders, the sun-aged, bearded m that the two sides could "join toge fight the Taliban. "When you prote will be able to protect you."
 As for how long this operation ill or how far south the Marines will insurgents, it is yet to be determin "This is the start," said Hayes. "W in Garmsir. As far as ending it, I you that it's not time-driven. We w Garmsir at the time and place of ch ing."
 To date, the Marines have discove caches. The caches contained vario mines, rocket propelled grenades, and IED making materials. They a tified and control detonated six I discovered and destroyed several enemy positions.

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Camp Hansen honors life, service of 'proud' Marine

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MP HANSEN, Okla. — When Capt. Robert Secher was killed Oct. 8, in Iraq, he was where he loved, say those new him.

er the Sept. 11 terror s. "the only thing he wanted was to get into kind of action," Dr. Secher said of his n artillery officer with Marine Regiment, 3rd e Division.

regiment honored r's life and service by ounting the 12th Marines' Support Training Fa-on Camp Hansen as r Hall in a ceremony y where family and es spoke of his dedica-on the Corps and coun-ther deployed to Iraq n. 25, 2006, as part itary Training Team he 11- to 19-member was comprised mostly Marine Expeditionary s officers attached to I ne Expeditionary Force deployment to Hit, between Ramadi and ad in Anbar province. her and the other Ma- were to train Iraqi in- dependent operations, ac- to Capt. Jared Lau- me of the officers who d with Secher in Iraq.

e enlisted members of am looked up to Sech- ef Petty Officer Mat- Leonard said at the

renaming ceremony Friday. "We followed him because he was that leader," the one who went the extra mile, Leonard said.

One incident sticks in his mind about Secher.

Leonard said it was the "end of a long day and frustrations of dealing with the Iraqis" when he was directed to go on a patrol into the city to care for a young Iraqi girl who had been injured in a household accident. Secher immediately started getting ready to go, too, telling him, "I can't let you go by yourself," Leonard said.

It wasn't the only time Secher went above and beyond for the team.

There was a particularly bad September day in which a nearby U.S. unit had been involved in sustained combat and several of its leaders were injured, Leonard said.

He and others were preparing to provide additional support. Secher was asked at the last minute to come along for his expertise as an artillery officer and his prior experience as an enlisted machine gunner.

After eight hours of intense combat, Leonard said, "I joked and said, 'Bet you're sorry I came and got you.'"

Secher told him, "No, there is no place I would rather be than where I am right now," Leonard recalled.

A fateful day

Capt. Laurin recalled the day Secher was killed. Most of the training team had

convoys to Al Asad to have their Humvees up-armored, he said.

Secher and another officer remained in Hit to lead an Iraqi patrol. During the patrol, Secher was shot in the head and evacuated to a nearby hospital, Laurin said in an interview. He remembers that the team detoured to the hospital on the return to Hit to see Secher for what would be the last time.

"We got to hold his hand as he passed away," Laurin said.

By Oct. 8, 2006, Secher had participated in more than 200 convoys and 50 mounted and dismounted combat patrols in the heart of the Sunni insurgency, according to a Marine biography.

He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V device for valor for actions during his deployment.

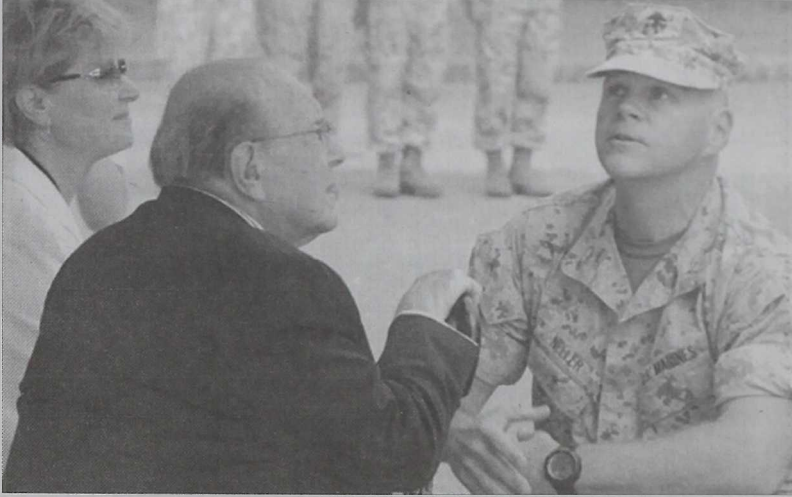
"He was a good son," said his mother, Elke Morris, who attended the renaming ceremony on Okinawa. He'd wanted to serve in the military from a very young age, she added.

Secher enlisted in the Marine Corps as a machine gunner in 1990 when he was 17.

"I never saw him more proud than when he was in dress uniform at Parris Island," said Morris.

She added, "There was nothing he desired more than to be in charge of a few good Marines."

In 1998, after completing a bachelor's degree in politi-



Maj. Gen. Robert B. Neller, commander of 3rd Marine Division, talks with Elke Morris and Dr. H. Pierre Secher before the start of a ceremony to honor their son Capt. Robert M. Secher, who was killed in Iraq in October 2006. Cindy Fisher

cal science, Secher became an artillery officer. With the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, he was one part of the first wave into Afghanistan in 2001, said his father. After that deployment, his son told him Iraq was next.

"Robert wanted to do this all his life," Pierre Secher said. "When he fell, after you got over the pain of his death, you knew that's the way he wanted to die."

Remembering Secher

Secher's death has made a lasting impression on those who knew him.

"Since Oct. 8, 2006, there has not been a day since that I haven't thought of him," Leonard said.

Laurin, who "immediately looked up to him" when he

met Secher in 2005, said he "will always miss the days [in Hit] when we would sit and smoke cigars and talk about home."

Lt. Col. Victor Bunch said Secher represented the best of the combat advisers who served in Iraq in 2006.

"I was most certainly not the better man, but I am a better Marine for having served with him," Bunch said.

Secher also had an effect on the lives of people who knew him for only a short time, said his father.

Pierre Secher recalled receiving a bouquet of roses in October 2007 that was accompanied by a note that read, "Exactly one year ago your son saved my life."

The note was from Cpl.

Ryan Gary who visited the Secher family in January. Gary had known Secher for five days in Iraq. But he said it was the training Secher provided during those five days that kept him alive when he was in a vehicle hit by roadside bomb, Pierre Secher said.

The building now named for her late son has additional meaning for Morris.

"He was just one of the 4,000 who did their duty and made the ultimate sacrifice," she said. "I am proud that it has Robert's name, but I do see it as also representative of the others who have died ... that they not be forgotten."

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Run for the Warriors finishes strong



Carlos Moleda, as well as seven other push and hand crank bikers, led Hope for the Warrior's 3rd annual Run for the Warriors, which started in front of Camp Lejeune's Goettge Memorial Field House May 17. "I came here to race for the guys and their families; this money goes to a great cause ... I hope to do it again next year," said Dan O'Connor, retired Marine and a hand crank bicycle racer. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman

Cpl. Patrick Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

More than 2,200 runners and walkers participated in Hope for the Warrior's 3rd Annual Run for the Warriors starting in front of Camp Lejeune's Goettge Memorial Field House May 17. Raising more than \$115,000, the event was "more successful emotionally and financially than we could have ever hoped for," said Toni Aurilio, race director for Hope for

the Warriors. The mission of Hope for the Warriors is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty, according to the organization's Web site. "By uniting the entire community, military and civilian alike, this event embraces Wounded Warriors and their families in the shared belief that

there is hope beyond recovery," according to Amy Koury, director of marketing for Hope for the Warriors. Distances of the race ranged from 10-kilometer, 5K and one mile. The distances were timed using a computer chip, which electronically stores the runner's number, thus producing an exact timestamp for points throughout the race for each runner. Hope for the Warriors also issued a "Unit Challenge." This was an opportunity for

units to honor their brethren wounded by entering and running either the 5K or 10K. Many units have their own wounded Marines and sailors so this challenge will serve as a personal tribute to their own, said Robin Kelleher, president of Hope for the Warriors. Bringing these Marines and sailors together has led to many success stories, explained Kelleher. "We had two wounded Marines training using

hand cycles — [due to leg injuries] Cory Willis and Chad Jackson. Starting at our event led them to race in the Marine Corps Marathon," she said. "These kind of stories are what makes this worth all of the effort." For more information on how to donate or what events Hope for the Warriors has upcoming, visit their Web site at www.hopeforthewarriors.org or call 910-938-1817.

Marine Corps Celebrity Classic in final stages

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Eastern Carolina's rite of spring is ready to tee-off with the fifth annual Marine Corps Celebrity Classic golf tournament, scheduled to run June 6-8.

With dozens of present and past celebrities from professional sports and show business registered to participate, the tournament and its array of satellite events promises a memorable weekend for military and civilian supporters.

Most importantly, the tournament will raise charitable funds to be distributed to three organizations that have dedicated themselves to the well-being of service members and their families.

This year's beneficiaries are: The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, United Services Organization of North Carolina and Hope for the Warriors.

The MCCC kicks off June 5 and 6 with pro/am rounds played aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Paradise Point Golf Course and the Jacksonville Country Club, but the real action starts June 7. After playing their first competitive round in the two-day tournament, players will be on hand in the evening to partake in the traditional Family Night with the Stars — to take place on the Parade Field at Camp Lejeune, starting at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are preparing to feed as many as 10,000 participants with a barbecue feast with all the trimmings and all of the celebrities will be there to meet and greet the fans.

Attendees will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of last year's tournament champion, Leonard "Truck" Robinson, a two-time NBA all-star who led the league in rebounding in 1978; professional baseball players like Mike Trombley, who spent 11 years in the majors and Davey Johnson, a four-time all-star with three Golden Glove awards and, perhaps most-notably, managed the New York Mets to the World Series Championship in 1986; John Ashton, a star of the Silver Screen and television, known widely for his roll in the "Beverly Hills Cop" series; Jacksonville, N.C.'s native son, Tyrone Willingham, head football coach at the University of Washington and, of course, crowd-favorite, Jim McMahon, who won the 1986 Super Bowl as



Former NFL kicker, Efrén Herrera, takes aim at a drive during last year's Marine Corps Celebrity Classic golf tournament. Staff Sgt. Michael Mink

Columnist wilts under pressure



Lejeune OUTDOORS



Lejeune Outdoors
By Jamie Cameron

I'm sorry there is no photo to go with this week's column. I'm a true-believer that a picture is worth a thousand words.

There is no photo because I didn't take one, even though I set out on a fishing expedition May 15 with the sole purpose of taking pictures of fish and fishermen to grace this page. I didn't take any pictures because we didn't catch any fish ... well, any fish I would be proud enough to take a picture of anyway. I didn't take any pictures because I got seasick — terribly seasick; the kind of seasick that sends you to the rail every 10 minutes to evacuate your stomach contents into the roiling ocean, even long after there are no more contents in your stomach to evacuate.

That's right my friends; I was stricken by the mal de mar and it was bad.

It all started with a rave report of the fishing out of Beaufort Inlet last week. A couple of friends of mine, Brian Degan and Jacqui Jenkins, who happen to be engaged, posted a banner day out there, hitting the small reefs and wrecks out to 15 miles from shore. Their daily bag included an Atlantic bonito, an amberjack and more big bluefish and legal-sized king mackerel than you could shake a stick at. Pictures from that trip showed a slick-calm ocean, beautiful blue skies and a school of hungry A.J.s that swam around just under the hull of the boat to inspect each and every fish Brian and Jacqui brought in, to see if it was small enough to devour for themselves. In his e-mailed account, Brian figured none of the smaller

fish he and Jacqui released into that famished horde survived the trip back to the bottom. Later, he showed me video of the whole scene. It was epic.

So, with visions of bonitos and mackerel swimming in my head, I made plans for a repeat trip with Brian and our pal, Warren Mitchell, to catch fish, take pictures and get a story for this very space in *The Globe* sports section.

The offshore forecast last week wasn't exactly promising, but Brian surmised the morning of May 15 as our best shot to get out and hammer the local gamefish in his 20-foot center console fishing boat. Our 'best shot' turned out to be a marginal day with a sporty 15-20 knot wind from the southwest and choppy seas.

As we waited for Warren at the dock (he had overslept our 5:30 a.m. departure time), listening to the wind slap the flags flying above us, I feigned bravery. The weather couldn't be helped; we'd set forth like sea-faring men and conquer the toothy denizens of the deep.

When sleepy-eyed Warren rolled in some 15 minutes behind schedule, we quickly stowed his gear, tossed the lines and set out for Beaufort Inlet and beyond. Within 20 minutes, I knew I was in trouble. The first flickers of nausea tickled at my throat and my stomach roiled with every swell.

Our plan was to first inspect the big channel markers that lead the big ships through the inlet on their final approach to the State Port in Morehead City. Floating structures such as these markers and buoys are attractive to the cobia that migrate up the East Coast in spring. If you are unfamiliar with the cobia, you are not alone. I have never caught one, or even seen one swimming around for that matter. Also known as ling and lemon fish, cobia grow to over 100 pounds, fight like devils and taste like the food of the gods.

We pulled up to each and every

channel marker, from one mile outside the inlet to five miles beyond — some 13 markers in all. At each, one angler would take the big spinning rod in hand and cast a heavy bucktail jig tipped with a white curly tail grub to entice a cobia bite. When my turn came up at the third marker, I was already weak-kneed and battling back the inevitable. After half-a-dozen fruitless casts, I put the rod back in its holder and retreated to the back of the boat, where I proceeded to cast my meager breakfast of cereal and coffee to Poseidon and his mermaid minions.

I tried to rally — I truly did, but the 3- to 5-foot waves would not relent. I even gave up a couple of turns at the cobia markers to Warren and Brian, who seemed to be suffering no ill affects at all from the conditions at hand, but they are saltier men than I am.

When we had exhausted all of the channel markers without a showing from a cobia, Brian turned the boat west to try a wreck in 50 feet of water for bonitos. I must be truthful in telling you Brian gave me several opportunities to call the trip short and head back to the dock to end my misery, but I refused. I told him if our roles were reversed, I wouldn't go back for either of them. If that seems harsh to you, then you don't know how true friends talk to each other — at least, that's how I talk to mine.

A couple of fruitless drifts over the wreck did not raise any bonito to our lures, or even an insatiable bluefish for that matter.

Finally, blessedly, our ongoing bad luck made it honorable to turn the boat around and head back to the relative calm of the well-protected Morehead City Turning Basin and the boat ramp we had started from some four hours before.

To their credit, the boys tried to make sure I salvaged something good from the trip. Once we got back inside the inlet and the blood had returned to my skin, Brian took us for a short stop along the pilings of the Morehead City high rise bridge, where I baited up with strips of squid and proceeded to catch undersized black sea bass and hogfish by the dozen.

With my pride fully-restored, it was time to head in and take care of the nagging hunger in the pit of my stomach — and maybe brush my teeth while I was at it.

I didn't take any pictures.

Fox expects Panthers be rough, physical team

Mike Cranston
AP Sports writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — While John Fox dresses the casual clothes for an expensive dark suit Wednesday, all the Carolina Panthers coach wants to talk about was getting down and dirty.

As Fox answered questions from fans at a Charlotte Touchdown Club luncheon, he made clear why they spent the offseason drafting a bruising running back and restocking the offensive line with five players weighing 325 pounds or more.

The Panthers took power running back Jonathan Stewart of Oregon with the 13th pick in the draft, then gambled by trading away next year's first-round pick to Philadelphia so they could take mammoth offensive tackle Jeff Otah with the 19th pick.

Otah (325 pounds) joins new acquisitions Keydrick Vincent (325), Milford Brown (330), F. Fonti (350) and Geoff Schwartz (330) on a suds-giant line they hope will open plenty of holes for Stewart.

"If we stay healthy," Fox said, "you'll be happy."

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Lejeune Scholarship Foundation golf tournament

Friday
The Lejeune Scholarship Foundation golf tournament is scheduled to take place Friday. The cost to register is \$65 per player and \$260 per four-player team. Register by Friday at www.lejeunehigh.com/golf/golfform.php. For more information, call Lisa Beavers at 451-2451, ext. 224.

Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame induction

Saturday
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.

Youth boxing program

June 2
All-Marine Boxing Team head coach Ron Simms will provide instruction to interested youths ages 8-17. The program is scheduled to take place June 2 at the Area 3 Gym — home of the All-Marine Boxing Team. Registration begins Monday, with limited availability. For more information, call 451-2629.

Marine Corps Celebrity Classic volunteers needed

June 7
The United Services Organization North Carolina Inc. Jacksonville Center is in need of volunteers to assist with the Marine Corps Celebrity Golf Classic golf tournament's Family Fun Night, scheduled June 7 at the parade field aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Volunteers will serve food to participants and celebrities and will receive a USO t-shirt for their efforts. For information, call Judy Robinson at 455-3411.

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. Track workouts will be held every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House. To learn more, call 451-7002 or e-mail crausno@usmc-mccs.org.

Semper Fit Challenge Passport

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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
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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.

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.

Base karate team

Ongoing
Camp Lejeune is starting a base karate team to compete in Amateur Athletic Union and National Karate Federation competition. All styles and karate skill levels, from white to black belt, are welcome to participate. The team will consist of a minimum of four female and six male competitors. Competition consists of individual kata, team kata, individual kumite and team kumite. Anyone interested in serious training and competition is encouraged to contact Chief James Stolarczyk at 450-9127.

Base swim team

Ongoing
The Camp Lejeune Swim Team is open to military and civilian school-aged children. To register, send an e-mail to camplejeuneswimteam@yahoo.com.

Military not enough? Try the Wilderness Challenge

by Cpl. Ryan Turnage
Marine Corps Base

Most people join the military in search of a challenge, once they meet that challenge, what's next? Registration has already begun for the Wilderness Challenge held in the Appalachian Mountains near Roanoke, Va. from Oct. 2 through 4.

With a maximum of 60 teams, the challenge is for active-duty service members only, with the exception of five retiree military teams. Each team must have at least one female for the exhausting event, which challenges participants in swimming, rafting, biking, hiking, as well as running.

Registration is \$700 per team and Morale, Welfare & Recreation Department will assist any team with registrations.

"I have put two teams together this year," said Simon Miller, who competed in the WC in 2006, taking second place for the Marines and seventh place overall. "I plan on taking first place this year."

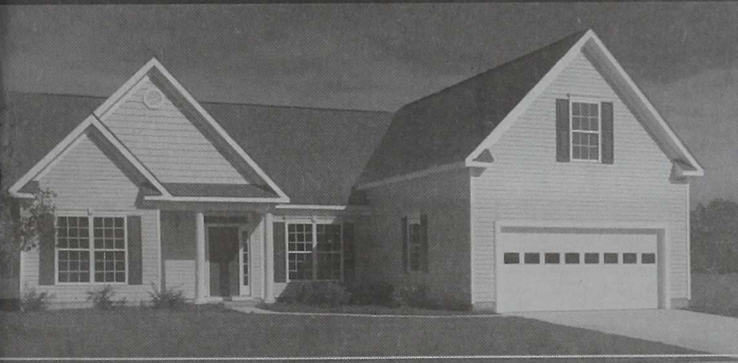
Marine Corps Community Services has paid for both teams' entrance fees, as well as provided them with a travel card for travel to and from the challenge. According to the Wilderness Challenge Web site, Marines only make up 16 percent of the 60 teams. "There is no reason why we shouldn't be crushing the other services every year," said Miller.

Miller and his teammates train Monday through Thursday for each event. "It's hard to motivate individuals to train for something that nobody has heard of," he said. "We need more Marines and sailors to get involved in the Wilderness Challenge and represent our branches the way they are portrayed." All those interested in competing must know that the Wilderness Challenge is extremely physically demanding and some may not be fit to try. For more information on the Wilderness Challenge or to obtain a registration form, visit their Web site, www.wildernesschallenge.com, or contact Mike Bond, Wilderness Challenge event coordinator, at 757-887-7256.



A duckie is a combination of a raft, canoe and kayak in which two team members will paddle through Class I to III whitewater rapids. Courtesy photo

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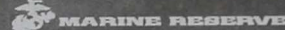
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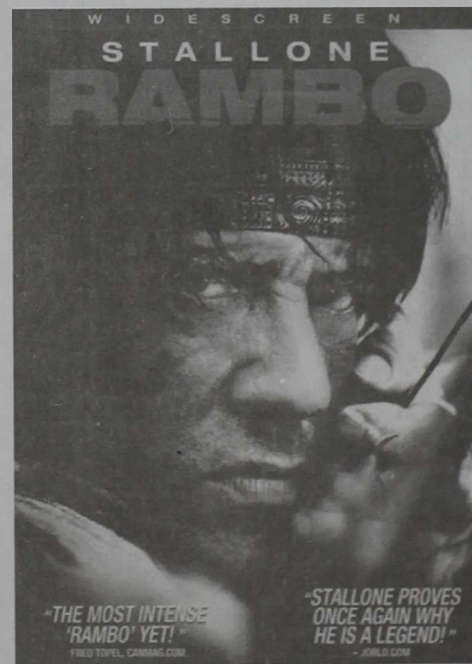
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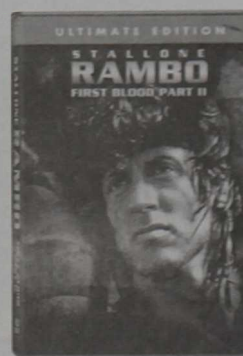
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2nd Tanks wins Unit Challenge



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Fultz, commanding officer of 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, leads his battalion to win the Unit Challenge of Hope for the Warrior's 3rd annual Run for the Warriors May 17. "We are happy to support our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed for their Corps and Country. The NCOs and SNCOs of the battalion did a great job of getting the word out about the run and encouraging the Marines and sailors of 2nd Tanks to participate, although it didn't take too much encouraging because this is such a worthy cause," said Fultz. More than 600 runners participated in the challenge. Money raised will help Hope for the Warriors to enhance quality of life for US Service Members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman

Superman competition builds morale



Joseph Bouchard with the 169th Military Police Company, Police Transition Team, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, competes in the bench-press event of the Superman Competition held at the Morale Welfare and Recreation Center in Al Qa'im, Iraq, May 8. Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray

Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray
Regimental Combat Team 5

AL QA'IM, Iraq — Marines, soldiers and sailors all lift weights for their own reasons. Some service members dedicate all their free time to grueling workout schedules.

At Camp Al Qa'im, Iraq, the staff of the Morale Welfare and Recreation center recognizes an individual once a month for his weightlifting efforts.

Military members from around the base came to the MWR here, May 8, to test their strength with fellow athletes. After registration closed down, brief rules were read before the competition began.

"Everyone chooses how much weight they can lift and gets one chance to lift it," said Robert Buck,

an MWR coordinator, who then called out the first contestant to the bench-press event.

Total scores came from adding the pounds lifted during a bench-press, squat and dead-lift. Service members techniques varied depending on which event they specialized in.

"If you know that your best event is benching, then you have to conserve energy during the squat and dead-lift to focus efforts on that one event," said Lance Cpl. Philip Swain, 21, an infantryman with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, Regimental Combat Team 5, from Louisville, Ky.

Some men struggled to lift more weight than they could handle, resulting in scores of zero during certain events. The MWR staff kept track of scores, and following the

final dead-lift of the evening, they determined the winner.

Cpl. Charles Thomas, 21, an infantryman with Company G, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marines, from Hendersonville, N.C., claimed the win with two overall top scores in squatting, 435 pounds, and dead-lifting, 515 pounds. His total combined score with the bench press was 1,225 pounds.

The staff does not hand out awards or prizes for these achievements, but in recognition, Thomas' picture will hang on the wall of the MWR with other's who joined the "1,200 club" before him.

The only words from Thomas as he left were, "I'll be here next month."

But with new competitors arriving all the time, anything could happen during the next contest.

Marines announce Athletes of the Year

Press release
Marine Corps Community Services

QUANTICO, Va. — Justine Whipple and Kenneth Young have been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Female and Male Athletes of the Year for 2007. The pair will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Ceremony at the Clubs a Quantico in Quantico, Va., on July 18, at 11 a.m.

Whipple, a native of Duxbury, Mass. and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, is currently assigned to the U.S. Olympic Training Center. During 2007, Whipple captured women's first place honors at the Lone Star Triathlon in Galveston, Tex. and won her consecutive Collegiate National Championship as a midshipman. Upon receiving her commission, Whipple dominated the women's division at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship at Point Mugu, Calif. and earned the under-23 National Title at the International Triathlon Union, Longmont Triathlon, in Colorado with a time of 2:08:14. Whipple's Armed Forces Triathlon Championship finish qualified her to compete at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Military World Games in Hyderabad, India where she won the silver medal. Whipple's other accomplishments include a 14th place finish at the U-23 World Championships in Hamburg, Germany; 10th place finish at the Los Angeles Triathlon and a fifth place finish at the Treasure Island ITU Continental Cup.

Young, a Watch Team Chief at the Marine Corps Operations Center, at Headquarters Marine Corps, Arlington Va., had more than 20 top-10 cycling finishes in 2007. Young's accomplishments include the Virginia Criterium Master's State Champion; Virginia State Points Race champion (Elite Track); Grand Prix of Silver Spring Champion; second place finish at the Mid-Atlantic Road Race Championship (30+); second place finish at the Church Creel Tim Trial (Pro/1/2); third place finish at the Chantill Criterium (Pro/1/2); second place finish at the Mid-Atlantic Elite Level Best All Around Ride Competition; fourth place finish in the U.S. National Master's Criterium Race and was named as the 2007 Cadence Cycling and Multisports Cyclist of the Year. Young was selected to the 2007/2008 Armed Force Cycling team during the fall of 2007 and continues to contribute to the team's success.

For more information about the Athlete's of the Year program or the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame please contact Steven Dinote, HQMC Semper Fit, 703-784-9542, or e-mail, steven.dinote@usmc.mil.

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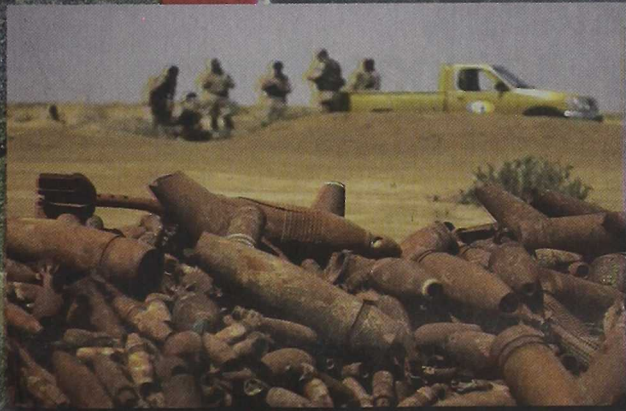
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A variety of different weapons systems are routinely fired into Brown's island to include machine guns, rockets, mortars, field artillery and naval surface fires. Additional enforcement measures are being implemented to keep people off the island and out of the impact area. Despite increased notification efforts, boaters continue to take unnecessary risks, especially during the summer season.

"Many of the boaters we witnessed seemed to think setting up their beach umbrellas in front of, but not beyond, the No-Trespassing sign meant they were still within legal limits," said Navy Chief Hank Underwood, who regularly patrols the area. "The fact is, ANYWHERE on Brown's Island is extremely dangerous and

off limits. Those who tie up to the beach can be cited."

Military Police, in concert with U.S. Coast Guard, regularly patrol the area and will issue citations to trespassers that will require an appearance before the federal magistrate in Wilmington, N.C. Violators can be imprisoned up to six months and fined a maximum of \$5,000.

Additionally, boaters traversing the Atlantic Intra-coastal Waterway in close proximity to the island may not stop, tie up or disembark their vessels to walk the island. Drift fishing is authorized only in the Waterway and through Brown's Inlet. All other creeks and tributaries in this area are off limits. This restriction applies to the entire area of Brown's Island and extends into areas outside of the immediate vicinity of Brown's Island, namely part of Saunder's Island and North Onslow Beach.

These actions are being taken to better protect the safety of recreational boaters and fishermen who frequent the area. Additionally, "Danger"/"Keep Out" signs are posted on the island and an information campaign is being conducted to inform the public about the restricted access.

Adding physical activity to your life

Jim Askins
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune

There are 1440 minutes in every day ... schedule 30 of them for physical activity.

With a little creativity and planning, even those with the busiest schedule can make room for daily physical activity. For many folks, before or after work or meals is often an available time to cycle, walk, or play.

Think about your weekly or daily schedule and look for or make opportunities to be more active. Every little bit helps: Park the car farther away from your destination or get on or off the bus several blocks away. Take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator. Keep a pair of comfortable walking or running shoes in your car and office; then you'll be ready for activity wherever you go. Make a Saturday morning walk a group habit and walk while doing errands.

Use a sensible approach by starting out slowly. Begin by choosing moderate-intensity activities you enjoy most. By choosing activities you enjoy, you'll be more likely to stick with it. Gradually build up the time spent doing the activity by adding a few minutes every few days or so until you can comfortably perform a minimum recommended amount of activity (30 minutes per day). As the minimum amount becomes easier, gradually increase either the length of time performing an activity or increase the intensity of the activity or both.

It is extremely important to stay adequately hydrated

on a daily basis especially if you are going to be physically active. You need water to replace what your body loses through normal everyday functions. Of course, you lose water when you go to the bathroom or sweat, but you even lose small amounts of water when you exhale.

To help you stay hydrated during prolonged physical activity or when it is hot outside, drink fluids while doing the activity and drink several glasses of water or other fluids after the physical activity

is completed. Also, when you are participating in vigorous physical activity, it's important to drink before you even feel thirsty. Thirst is a signal that your body is on the way to dehydration.

Now that you are ready to add physical exercise in your life, let's talk about preventing injury.

People associate physical exercise injuries with suddenly-snapped bones and ripped tendons, but in non-contact sports, the vast majority of injuries come on gradually. Stress that builds over weeks or months

can cause aching kneecaps, stress fractures, shinsplints, pulled muscles, strained hamstrings, tenderness in the Achilles tendon, or burning pain in the heel. These problems strike most people who exercise at one time or another. Doctors call them "overuse injuries," but you don't necessarily have to work out extra hard or long to get them. Worn-out shoes, uneven running surfaces, and quirks of body structure can contribute to pushing your muscles,

tendons, and bones past their limits.

Don't push through pain. Real discomfort is a signal that something's wrong or that you're asking more from a part of your body than it can provide at the moment.

Increase your workouts gradually. If you're a runner, don't bump up your mileage by more than 10 percent per week.

Run on soft, flat surfaces.

Try to alternate hard training days with easy days.

Get new running shoes every 500 miles. Worn shoes lose their ability to absorb shock.

If ankle sprains are a common problem, check with your health provider. She or he can recommend some strengthening or stabilizers.

Editor's note: Jim Askins is the Department Head of the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Promotion and is a Certified Personal Trainer.

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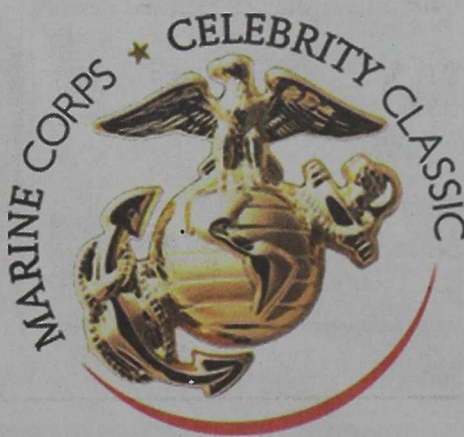
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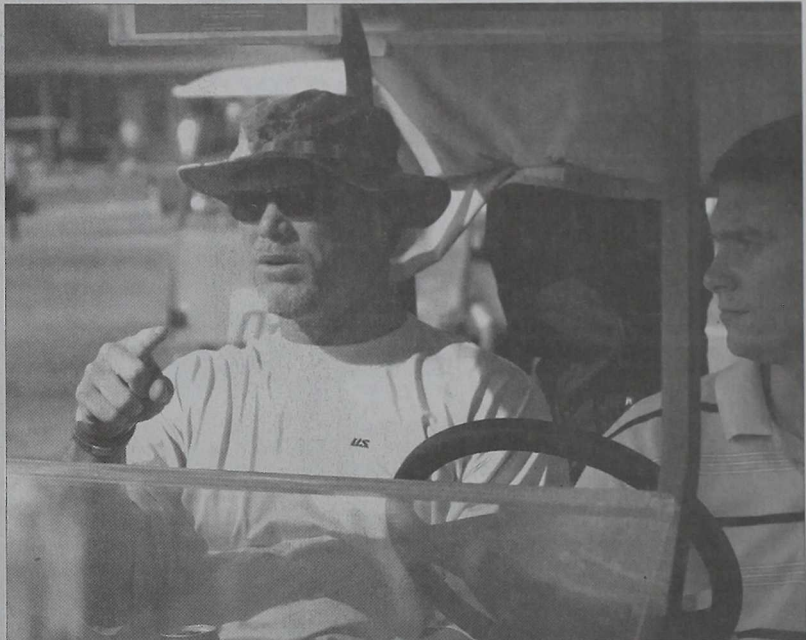
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Last year's champion, Leonard "Truck" Robinson, poses with the Marine Corps Celebrity Classic trophy and Maj. Gen. Robert Dickerson, commanding general MCI-East and Rosie Jones, event organizer. Staff Sgt. Michael Mink

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Former NFL-great Jim McMahon, left, heads out to the first tee at the start of the 2007 Marine Corps Celebrity Classic golf tournament. McMahon has been a steadfast supporter of the event since its inception in 2003. Staff Sgt. Michael Mink

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Quick Shots

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Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune is hosting an asthma education class for parents of asthmatic children in rooms B and A in the hospital, May 27, 6-10 p.m. For more information, call 451-1518.

Beach closure

Low Beach Bridge is scheduled to be closed for repairs May 27. June vehicles and RVs will be permitted on the bridge. A beach access and shuttle bus service on each side will be operating daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. for official business and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. for authorized patrons and guests.

Employment Opportunity Workshop

Supervisory Equal Employment Opportunity Workshop is scheduled for June 4-5 at the Camp Lejeune Civilian Workforce Learning Center. The program starts at 8 a.m. Participants will gain an understanding of civilian life in federal employment and the responsibilities of management. For more information, contact Tanya Quiero at 527-5272 or e-mail her at tanya.quiero@usmc.

College scholarship

Col. Richard A. Christie Memorial Fund provides scholarship assistance to Marines attending the Corps and college. Applications will be accepted through June 30. For more information, call Bob Christie at 704-451-1317.

Speech development group

The Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune and Developmental Intervention Services Program has trainings in the language-based developmental group program. Parents with 2-year-olds with good speech skills are asked to allow their children to participate in these play groups. Their participation will assist the speech development of children who have speech delay. The 90-minute group sessions take place Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Berkley Manor Medical Annex. Parents are required to pre-register their children for a developmental screening. For more information, call Susan DelGrande at 451-4127.

ID Card Center changes

Anyone needing a new or updated ID card will need to present two valid forms of identification, one of which must be a current photo ID. For more information, call 451-4224.

NCOA 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.

8th Regiment hosts Dutch Marines

Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones
2nd Marine Division

Part of the United States' success in foreign conflicts is attributed to its allied forces. Keeping allied forces strong is as important as maintaining our own and the Marines with 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, did their part by recently supporting and hosting Dutch Marines while training aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Dutch Marines with 13th Company, 1st Battalion, led by U.S. Marine Capt. Dan O'Brien, flew across the Atlantic and arrived at Camp Lejeune April 18 after receiving an invitation to train on the base's facilities. The invite was an extension of the Marine exchange program.

The main focus of their training was to take advantage of the military operations in urban terrain facility, utilizing simulated rounds during combat training scenarios. They also spent quality time on live-fire ranges, building on small unit tactics and improving individual marksmanship skills. The training consisted of gradual implementations of individual rifle drills, four-man team drills and eight-man squad rushes.

"Our goal is to make use of the excellent training facilities here at Camp Lejeune and strengthen the bond between the Dutch Marine Corps and the United States Marine Corps," said Dutch Marine Capt. Oscar Van der Veen, the Dutch exchange officer stationed on Camp Lejeune



Dutch Marines with 13th Company, 1st Battalion, make their way back from a training scenario at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's military operations in urban terrain environment May 5. The Marines traveled from Holland to the United States for training operations aboard Camp Lejeune April 18 to May 9. The Marines were invited to make use of the base's training facilities to help prepare their unit for future combat operations. Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

who helped arrange training for his fellow Marines.

For many of the Dutch Marines, it was their first trip abroad to the U.S. Many Marines stated they were quite impressed with the size of the training facilities.

The Marines are grateful to be here, taking advantage of the opportunity to train on well established facilities and enjoying their time exploring the U.S., said Dutch Marine Pfc. Arthur J. Trumpi, a rifleman

with the company.

The Amsterdam native is one of the few Dutch Marines with the company to have visited the U.S. prior to this trip, having previously visited once before on vacation.

"I think everyone is putting in a great effort," Trumpi said. "Everybody is so anxious everyday to go get started and once we get the chance everyone is on full throttle."

Some U.S. Marines with 8th Marine Regiment

volunteered their time to support their Dutch counterparts participating as role players in aggressive training scenarios.

"They're using our surroundings as a real-time environment," said 23-year-old U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Cole W. Davenport, a motor vehicle operator with 8th Marine Regiment, who volunteered to assist with the Dutch Marines' training. "Their exercising is very well thought out. They're

making a full effort at what they're trying to accomplish in Afghanistan and Iraq."

Davenport continued saying the Dutch unit was very organized, well disciplined and enthusiastic about what they were learning, while carrying on with a cool, calm and collected demeanor.

Spending down time with the Marines, Davenport got to know them on

See DUTCH, 4C

Museum of the Marine slated for 2009



A graphic artist's rendition of the entrance to the Museum of the Marine. The official site dedication took place May 1 in Jacksonville, N.C. Courtesy image

Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

"There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering," said Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States.

Remembering the Carolinas' Marines and civilians who sacrificed for their county is a responsibility that will soon fall on the shoulders of the Museum of the Marine.

Making this remembrance a reality, museum staff, service members, retirees and local residents took part in the official site dedication of the final home of the museum May 1.

"The Museum of the Marine here will ensure the selfless sacrifices and hard earned achievements of the

Carolina MAGTF and Carolinians will live on properly honored and inspiring future generations," said Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Slated to break ground in late 2009 in the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, the museum will display the history of the Marines and the surrounding communities of North and South Carolina from 1941 into the future, said Mary Heath, development project coordinator of the Museum of the Marine

The preliminary plans display a 40,000 square foot building with two floors consisting of three major exhibit galleries comprised of 8 to 10 subjects of interest and a great hall, according to Heath.

Visitors will begin their tour with an orientation movie

See MUSEUM, 4C

Civilian cops augment base law enforcement

Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage
Marine Corps Base

The first cycle of civilian police officers graduated Friday and are ready to hit the streets.

"I'm so excited to be graduating; the training was pretty intense," said newly-minted patrolman Brandi Chester.

Marine Corps Air Station New River, MCAS Cherry Point and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune now have the helping hands of 22 well-trained police officers to guard the gates and police the streets.

The graduation and arrival of the civilian officers is expected to free up Marines for combat training and deployment.

The training cycle lasted nine weeks, during which the cadets trained in clearing buildings, patrolling streets and safety procedures for every situation.

The second cycle of civilian police has already begun training and will join the ranks following their graduation.

Smyrna, Tenn., native awarded Purple Heart Medal



Cpl. David J. Guerra (left), an amphibious assault crew chief, with 2nd Amphibious Assault Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, congratulates his friend Sgt. Jared D. Gunther (right), an amphibious assault crew chief with the battalion, after Gunther received the Purple Heart Medal, May 8. The two Marines met right after boot camp in 2004 at their military occupational school and have been friends and roommates ever since. Gunther, a Smyrna, Tenn., native, was awarded the medal for wounds suffered during an improvised explosive device attack on his crew's amphibious assault vehicle on the night of Dec. 2, 2006, in Fallujah, Iraq. Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones
2nd Marine Division

On the night of Dec. 2, 2006, Smyrna, Tenn. native Sgt. Jared D. Gunther experienced the destructive power of an improvised explosive device (IED) that tore into his vehicle.

The 23-year-old amphibious assault crew chief with 2nd Amphibious Assault Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal here Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune May 8, for wounds suffered during the attack that night on his crew's amphibious assault vehicle.

While patrolling the north end of the main supply route of al Anbar province in Fallujah, Iraq, Gunther and his fellow Marines' mission was to maintain security for military and civilian transit along the route.

"We were just doing

our routine patrol," said Gunther. "I was in the turret and as we were coming up on the road I noticed some cemented squares in the ground. One of them looked suspicious and before I could say anything it detonated."

The impact of the blast left the vehicle and its crew disabled. Along with major damage immobilizing the vehicle, communication lines were rendered inoperative and Marines were wounded. After regaining situational awareness the Marines committed to immediate evacuation procedures.

Corporal David J. Guerra, an amphibious assault crew chief with the battalion, and Gunther's best friend of three years, was out patrolling with his team the same time Gunther's crew was ambushed.

"I was on [south end] and all the word was that Gunther had a concussion and we had to wait un-

til all of us got back and consolidated [to hear the news]," Guerra said.

Lance Cpl. Jesse D. Tillery, the driver of Gunther's AAV, was critically wounded by shrapnel and needed immediate medical evacuation to Fallujah Medical Center at Camp Fallujah. Gunther suffered a laceration to his right shoulder from shrapnel. Others were incapacitated by the blast.

Gunther took charge of the scene, providing his Marines immediate first aid. The life-saving efforts he administered to Tillery in the back of the AAV kept him alive while a medical evacuation helicopter was in route.

Once all the AAV Marines returned to base they were informed on the state of the injured Marines.

Despite Gunther's efforts, Tillery passed away in flight on the helicopter. Later that night, the Vesper, Wis., native was awarded a

Purple Heart Medal.

All the Marines together that night set aside their differences out of concern for brothers, said Guerra.

Gunther not only received the medal, he was also awarded the Medal of Honor on his 23rd birthday on his last day of active service. The medal awarded to him for injuries suffered during his first deployment to Iraq. After returning home he was quickly attached to another unit to deploy which resulted in the delay of the medal being awarded to him.

Gunther will move on to civilian life with the commendable qualities shown while serving in the Marine Corps. As he moves leaves behind Marine admiration of him.

"He is a commerguy," said Guerra. "I hope I could do as job as he did."

MARSOC advisors prepared to keep gear running

Lance Cpl. Stephen C. Benson
MARSOC

Marines and sailors of Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, deploy in teams of approximately 11 to 14 and often find themselves in underdeveloped areas far from the facilities and services they may require in order to stay supplied or maintain their equipment. In these environments, they need a wide range of skills and knowledge to carry out their mission. One way MSOAG personnel prepare for these challenges is through the Field Expedient Repair course, the most recent conducted here May 2-6.

"The instructors teach them the ins and outs of generators, civilian cars and all-terrain vehicles," said Cpl. Robert Sturgill, primary instructor and Motor Transport noncommissioned officer, MSOAG. "The students will become familiar with all the parts and how each part relates to the others."

According to Sturgill, when the Marines and sailors of MSOAG get to their assigned country, they will often get their vehicles through the American embassy or rent them on location

before they move to their site of operation. One of the things the course is designed to teach is specifications of civilian vehicles so the most effective transportation for the mission can be chosen.

"In this course, we will familiarize them with the vehicles they will most likely encounter when they deploy," said Sturgill.

The ultimate purpose of the course is to give future advisors the ability to make quick, temporary repairs to vehicles and generators, which can prove important in the environments MSOAG teams deploy to. It is part of a larger philosophy that MARSOC Marines and sailors have to be brilliant at the basics and experts in their assigned tasks.

According to Sturgill, SOF Marines and sailors train for worst-case scenarios, and these skills help them in situations where essential equipment is degraded or breaks. The advisor teams may not have an engineer or mechanic, so they must be able to maintain their own equipment.

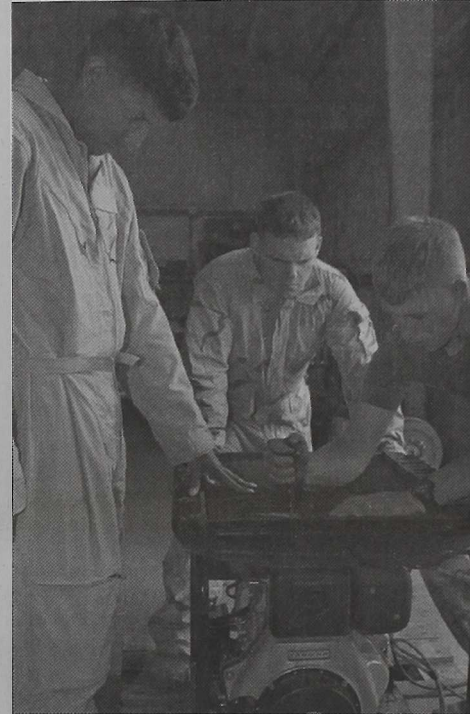
The course is uniquely tailored to meet mission requirements of the advisor teams. Each period of classroom instruction is followed by a practical application. The students take apart

and build front and rear axels, brakes and engines, as well as generator components. The instructors evaluate the students and build up their knowledge and skill until they are ready for the final exercise.

MSOAG's Standards and Training section sponsors this course because it is essential that future advisors have this capability.

"Our teams deploy to remote and austere locations like Sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia where the infrastructure of traditional units doesn't exist," said Capt. Dov Kawamoto, officer in charge, MSOAG S&T. "We give our Marines these skills to be self sufficient and operate effectively when they're in country."

Right, Cpl. Robert Sturgill, primary instructor and Motor Transport noncommissioned officer, Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, teaches MSOAG Marines how to do temporary puncture repairs on a vehicle's radiator during a Field Expedient Repair course sponsored by MSOAG's Standards and Training section here, May 6. Lance Cpl. Stephen C. Benson



Vietnam vets gather for memorial, reunion

Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser
2nd MarDiv Combat Correspondent

Vietnam veterans who served with 3rd Reconnaissance Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, from 1965 through 1970 gathered in nearby Jacksonville, N.C. May 3, for their annual reunion.

About 100 veterans, active-duty service members and their families joined for the celebration, a far cry from the six men who celebrated the first reunion nearly a decade ago. Those who served with the company and those currently in special forces were welcomed to attend and bring their families to the informal gathering.

"Any veteran enjoys these types of events," said retired Staff Sgt. Jim McKee, the executive director of the Force Reconnaissance Association. "Everyone looks forward to seeing their fellow Marines, especially ones you served in combat with."

Everyone present enjoyed a barbecue cookout, including everything from chicken and steak to fruit salad and various vegetable and pasta platters. Afterward, the chaplain with Marine Special Operations Command gave a short memorial to honor the company's fallen brothers.

"This event is like therapy," explained Cpl. James M. Dixon III, administration chief with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. "Many of them are still in Vietnam today, even if their bodies came back. They've been suffering for years, so we bring them together for support and camaraderie."

Retired Maj. Jim Capers, who served with every recon company in the battalion, began the reunion to help the men who served under him anyway he could.

"In Vietnam, he became the de facto company commander after being meritoriously promoted from staff sergeant to second lieutenant due to the high attrition and casualty rate," said Dixon. "Even today he is still their leader, in every aspect of the word. If he were to stand up and say, 'Hey gents, the commandant needs a few of Vietnam's best to head to Iraq and Afghanistan,' every single hand would go up."

Capers suffered 19 separate wounds during his deployment, and has seven pieces of shrapnel in his legs from an attack that nearly destroyed his entire team. He was medically evacuated, but not until he made sure every member of his team was on a helicopter, including their fallen.



A Vietnam veteran who served with 3rd Reconnaissance Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion during the Vietnam War celebrates company's annual reunion and memorial. Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser

Capers' actions led retired Col. Gary Wilder, commanding officer of 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, to say, "If it hadn't been for 3rd Recon (Company), the Marines would have lost Khe Sanh."

Several guest speakers addressed the crowd as the veterans ate and retold war stories. Maj. Gen. James L. Williams, 4th Marine Division commanding general, had this to say: "These men gathered here are special, just like events such as these are special. They have served in combat together and built camaraderie like warriors tend to do. Even though they have continued their separate lives, that bond remains. They are friends for life, just as surely as they are Marines for life."

As the sun went down, the men gathered around the company's wooden memorial and the 56 names written on it, which continued to stand as a testament to fallen brothers-in-arms. The veterans continued their storytelling, with an occasional laugh or tear, carrying on until next year's reunion.

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MARSOC serves community through volunteerism

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All Marines are volunteers, so when Cmdr. Dale White, U.S. Marine Corps Special Operations Command chaplain, created the opportunity for MARSOC Marines and sailors to participate in local community service projects, it was no surprise that they stepped forward. "Marines are not just warriors," said White. "They are men and women in service to our country and their volunteer efforts are a perfect example of that."

The MARSOC Chaplain's office actively seeks and coordinates volunteer programs MARSOC personnel. "Every month, we gather information about volunteer opportunities in the Onslow County/Camp Lejeune area, with the goal of providing at least one volunteer opportunity each month for the Marines and sailors of MARSOC to participate in," said Petty Officer 1st Class Susan Wright, religious programs specialist and volunteer program coordinator, MARSOC. "Since the start of the program, MARSOC personnel have truly demonstrated a heart for service by their eagerness to volunteer."

MARSOC Marines and sailors participate in numerous volunteer opportunities, ranging from working at the concession stand at Lejeune High School, to serving Thanksgiving dinner at the USO.

"These volunteer programs not only help the community, but they also help the volunteer grow as a leader as they receive the intangible rewards of helping others," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Snyder, religious programs specialist, MARSOC. "I'm truly proud to see the members of MARSOC embrace these opportunities with such enthusiasm."

According to Snyder, during the Special Olympics last November, MARSOC had the highest number of volunteers out of all the units that participated. Of the 200 military personnel who vol-

unteered for the event, 54 were from MARSOC.

There are intangible benefits of volunteering, but volunteerism isn't without its tangible rewards. After 500 community service hours, volunteers are eligible for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

"The medal is a great incentive to volunteer, however, many of the Marines and sailors that volunteer do it for the personal satisfaction that comes along with helping others," said Wright.

MARSOC personnel assisted the Salvation Army in sorting and stacking canned foods for distribution this past weekend.

"On Saturday, the U.S. Postal Service mail carriers collected canned food that was hung in plastic bags on mail boxes throughout the [local] area," said White. "The food was delivered to the Salvation Army where volunteers, including our MARSOC volunteers, sorted and stacked it in preparation for distribution to



U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command Marines and sailors and family members joined the Salvation Army to assemble gift boxes at the Salvation Army headquarters in Jacksonville, N.C., March 7. With the help of the MARSOC Chaplain's office, MARSOC personnel participate in at least three volunteer opportunities each month in the local area. Sgt. Steven King

families in need." During December 2007, Cmdr. Richmond E. Stoglin, Marine Special Operations Support Group and Marine Special Operations School chaplain, launched another community support program called Operation Thunder, a home repair initiative that helps Onslow County residents in need.

"There are families in Onslow County that cannot afford to pay for the home repairs they desperately need due to different reasons. That's where Operation Thunder comes in," said Stoglin. "We repair the homes for them and, therefore, help them achieve a safe living establishment."

Like stepping forward onto the yellow footprints, there is no formal directive that obligates Americans

to volunteer in their community. Through volunteerism, Marines and Sailors of MARSOC continue a tradition that is as old as the Marine Corps itself—a tradition of service.

For more information about MARSOC volunteer opportunities, call 450-9820 or visit the MARSOC Web site at www.marsoc.usmc.mil and select "readiness" on the menu bar.



From left to right, John Feimster and Pamela Alberti are Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's selects for the Executive Leader Program, Tanya Queiro was selected for the New Leader Program and Brian Roy was selected for the Aspiring Leader Program. Each of them works and trains on base. Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage

Civilian leadership courses for Camp Lejeune

Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage
Marine Corps Base

"Training our future civilian leaders in their leadership skills and competencies is a key focus of the Marine Corps," said Lynnette Ward, development administrator for the Civilian Workforce Development Center. "Civilian workers with the Marine Corps, from all over the world, apply for the Civilian Workforce Development Center and are chosen by Manpower, Headquarters Marine Corps, Civilian Workforce Development Department," said Ward.

"It's a tribute to Camp Lejeune as well as the Civilian Marines who were selected to participate in these leadership programs," she said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Graduate School offers training focused on developing current and future executives, leaders and managers that strengthen both individual and organizational performance.

"The courses are offered to those who show potential as a future federal executive, manager or leader," Ward said.

They focus on certain aspects each

individual may need work on, such as public speaking and supervisory experience.

"Each program is rigorous and only those [civilians] who have shown the interest and ability to sustain the work requirements are awarded this training opportunity, which will prepare them for advanced leadership roles in the future," said Ward.

These programs are much like the Marine Corps' Staff Non-commissioned Officer Academy in the sense they teach individuals how to fulfill the needs and requirements of their positions.

"The civilians selected are considered Camp Lejeune's 'cream of the crop,'" said Tanya Queiro, equal employment opportunity manager and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's selected government employee for the New Leader Program. "The knowledge and skills gained from this training will continue to provide quality leadership for Camp Lejeune."

If you are a general schedule employee and wish to get involved in the programs to further your career as a leader, visit www.grad.usda.gov for registration and course information.

Tapped for service in Iraq



(Far left) Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and (far right) Jay Sollis, director of Marine Corps Community Services pose for a photo with (center) Monica Faes, Lori Coakley and Julia Marston who received awards recognizing their service at Marine Corps Exchanges in Iraq. "Going [to Iraq] gave me a chance to give back to the Marines; it was a very rewarding experience to be there for them," said Coakley. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman

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a more personal level.

"They hate meals ready to eat (MREs), so they aren't much different from us," Davenport said jokingly. "It's been a really good experience working with these guys and I hope I get to work with them again, train with them and serve with them in other countries."

The Dutch Marines have their own training facilities back home that are very similar but smaller in size due to limited space. Training in a more spacious environment has been beneficial for their unit, said Trumpi.

"[Training] over the past week has been built up pretty easily so everyone could keep track and progress to a higher level and these facilities are excellent for us to do that," said Trumpi.

Though not officially having the chance to train with the Dutch Marines, some U.S. Marines took the opportunity to bring out their rifles in their off time and train with the Dutch allies, making runs through obstacle courses together.

The only disappointment mentioned by the



Dutch Marines with 13th Company, 1st Battalion, practiced capturing aggressors during a raid scenario May 5. United States' Marines with 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, assumed the role of enemy combatants to help the Dutch Marines through training. The Dutch Marines made full use of Camp Lejeune's military operations in urban terrain environment in preparation for future combat deployments. Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

Dutch was not having a chance to train alongside a full U.S. Marine unit in combined force exercises.

"So far there have been no joint operations and I think it is a bit of a shame after coming all this way," said Trumpi. "We should work together. We could learn from the U.S. Marines and maybe they could learn from us."

Some of Camp Lejeune's warriors took time to show

their Dutch counterparts a good time in surrounding North Carolina areas. They visited Myrtle Beach for a weekend of fun and relaxation American style. While doing so, the Dutch Marines said the time spent with U.S. Marines allowed for an exchange of military stories and training methods.

"It's been great," said Trumpi. "Everyone has been very hospitable and very nice to us. Every-



Dutch Marines practice repelling into a building during the scenario May 5. The Marines traveled from the Netherlands to the United States for training operations on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune April 18 to May 9. The Marines were invited to make use of the base's training facilities to help prepare their unit for future combat operations. Many of the Marines enjoyed what they called, "much larger facilities than what we have at home." Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

where we go we have been treated fantastic."

The Dutch unit departed Camp Lejeune May 9, to make their way to Washington D.C. for sight seeing and they also have plans to visit the National Museum of the Marine

Corps in Quantico, Va.

"They have done well," Davenport said. "They have been able to complete the objectives and get it done right, while learning from their mistakes. I think they have done very well and their training has been

very successful here."

Once they return half of the unit will begin preparing for deployment to Chad, Africa in support of Euro forces currently active suppressing conflict in surrounding region.

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showing a short history of the Corps followed by exhibits ranging from the impact on the community to campaigns of the Marines from the Carolinas, she continued.

Many exhibits will show how the Carolinas are home to many Marine Corps firsts — such as the first major training of females, the first basic training of black Marines, aviation milestones, the birthplace of Marine Corps military dogs, as well as the first large scale testing of the amphibious doctrine, said L.J. Kimball, retired Marine lieutenant colonel, historian and member of the board of directors.

Exhibits will also explore the impact of war on the surrounding families, the landowners who gave up their land for the creation of Marine Corps installa-

tions and how Marines responded to world campaigns and crises, continued Heath.

The museum will also spur economic development through the \$11 million they expected to be spent by the 110,000 visitors annually, said Bill Ayers, board chairman of the Museum of the Marine.

Raising more than \$6.3 million to date of the total \$21 million need, Heath stressed that the construction of the Museum is a reality.

The Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas is currently accepting donations, for more information, visit their Web site at www.museumofthmarine.org.

Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., commanding officer Marine Corps Base camp Lejeune, speaks to the crowd during the official site dedication for the Museum of the Marine of North Carolina. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman



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Salvation Army in Jacksonville would like to send military dependents ages 7 through 16 to summer camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Lejeune for one week. If you are interested in sending your child to camp, contact the Salvation Army at 346-8800 or visit their location at 1000 Bell Fork Rd.

Scholarships

Col. Richard A. Christie Memorial Fund provides scholarships for Marines leaving the Marine Corps to attend college. Applications for student status are due between August 2008 and July 2009 and will be accepted through September 30. Ranking criteria includes emphasis on courage, integrity and obstacles overcome. For more information or to apply, visit the organization's Web site at www.christiememorial.org.

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DEFY camp

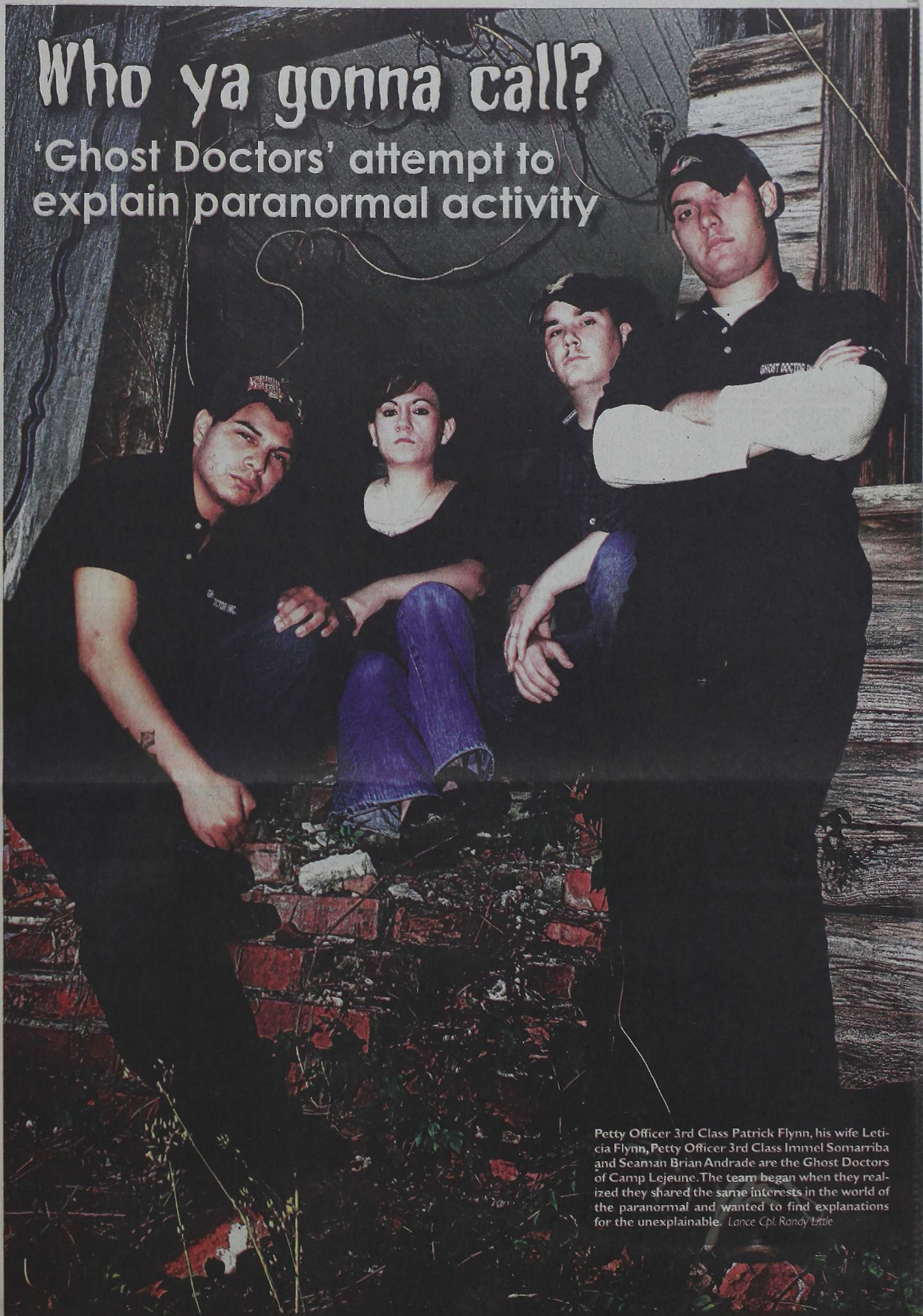
Defy Education for Youth is seeking youth ages 9 through 12 to attend its summer camp which is scheduled to take place Aug. 5 through 15. Registration is limited to military dependents. Attendance is capped at the first 40 registrants. The camp is free, but parents' support is requested to make the program successful. Applications will be available at the Summer Fit Health Promotion office, Bldg. 302 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through July 15. For more information, call 451-0822 or visit the DEFY Web site at www.defy.navy.mil/defy.

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Make plans now to enjoy the best seats in the house for North Carolina's largest air show, the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Air Show scheduled to run June 6-8. Advance seating will be available for all three shows during the weekend to include Friday evening's night show and both Saturday and Sunday day shows. Note: Admission and parking are always free and there will be large open blanket seating areas available at no charge. Preferred seating is limited and available in three tiers: bleacher seats, box seats and exclusive pavilion seating. Attendees purchasing their seats in advance will enjoy a discount. For more information or for advance tickets, call 888-695-888 or visit the air show Web site at www.cherrypointairshow.com.

Who ya gonna call?

'Ghost Doctors' attempt to explain paranormal activity



Petty Officer 3rd Class Patrick Flynn, his wife Leticia Flynn, Petty Officer 3rd Class Immel Somarrriba and Seaman Brian Andrade are the Ghost Doctors of Camp Lejeune. The team began when they realized they shared the same interests in the world of the paranormal and wanted to find explanations for the unexplainable. Lance Cpl. Randy Little

Lance Cpl. Randy Little
Marine Corps Base

Have you ever felt that you weren't alone when you knew you were? Have you ever tried to justify an abnormal experience but were unable to? Seaman Patrick Flynn, a corpsman with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, organized an off-duty paranormal investigation team called Ghost Doctors to try to explain the unexplainable.

Flynn gathered his team to investigate the paranormal in January 2007, when he realized some of his co-workers shared his interest of finding explanations for the unexplainable.

"We became a group because we all wanted to know if there were explanations for these experiences we had," said Flynn. "We also wanted to help others try to find an explanation for their experiences and if these things 'ghosts' really exist."

The team has investigated more than 20 locations where people claimed to have experienced paranormal activity.

"We have investigated homes, businesses, schools and cemeteries," Flynn explained. "We will investigate anything that has a history of unexplained activity."

The latest location Ghost Doctors investigated

was a historic plantation located in Huntersville, N.C.

"We had reports of full body apparitions, things moving on their own, shadows and voices," said Flynn. "Our team spent nine hours investigating the grounds and surrounding buildings, collecting evidence of paranormal activity and trying to disprove the reports we received."

Once the team reviews their wireless audio devices, digital video recorders, infrared thermometers and electro-magnetic field detectors, they take their findings to the client where the team will then give their evaluations of what may be going on if, in fact, there is a haunting.

Flynn spoke of an investigation where his team experienced paranormal activity.

"During one of our investigations of an old school house, everyone on the team experienced something they couldn't explain," said Flynn. "It was about 6 p.m. when we walked through the school with our audio devices to record reported activity in certain rooms. We gathered in a hallway outside a classroom and began hearing distinct foot steps as if some one was walking around in the room."

Flynn said upon trying to enter the room the door would not budge.

"We first thought the door being warped was the cause of it being stuck," Flynn explained. "Most of the

doors in the school were like that."

After two investigators forced the door open, they found the room to be empty with no signs of any physical presence, said Flynn.

"We moved on from the classroom and decided to search the area for any electronic voice phenomena," said Flynn. "One of our investigators started asking questions [into the air] to provoke anything present into revealing itself."

After asking whatever presence was allegedly there to touch or throw an object the same door which previously took two investigators to force open slammed shut so hard it flew off of its hinges, he said.

"We tried to debunk the door by investigating any wind or draft which might have been able to move the door but we were unable to," said Flynn.

Flynn said his team doesn't always come across experiences or forms of evidence at every location. A lot can be debunked, he said.

The Ghost Doctors often do not find any paranormal activity; however, they continue to investigate areas attempting to answer a question, which continues to evade them. Do ghosts exist?

For more information on the team or to request an investigation, visit their Web site at www.ghostdoctors.com.

'Forgetting Sarah Marshall:' Comedy details love, love loss



From the front row

With Benhild Moldenhauer Huneycutt

Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

'FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL' (R)

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is a raunchy comedy about a recently dumped guy who goes on vacation to forget his ex-girlfriend.

Jason Segel (TV's "How I Met Your Mother," "Knocked-Up") stars as Peter Bretter, a struggling L.A. musician, who just had a devastating break-up with his long-time girlfriend.

Kristen Bell (TV's "Hero," "Pulse," "Deep Water") stars as Sarah Marshall, a TV sitcom actress, who dumps Peter after a six year relationship.

A depressed and heartbroken Peter decides to go on a vacation to Hawaii, trying to forget his lost relationship and mend his broken heart.

However, peace is not forthcoming, because Sarah is also vacationing in the same exclusive resort as Peter, and her new musician boyfriend is accompanying her; introducing British comedian Russell Brand as Aldous Snow, in a scene-stealing performance.

To get over his heartache, Peter hooks up with Rachel Jansen, the desk receptionist at the hotel, played by Mila Kunis ("American Psycho"), who entertains Peter by showing him a good time, and the two become very close.

Such is the dilemma that faces poor Peter as he tries to get over Sarah.

Heartbreak and hilarity follow.

Costarring are Bill Hader ("Knocked-Up," "Superbad") as Brian Bretter, Peter's stepbrother; Paul Rudd ("The Ex") as Chuck, a surfing instructor; and Jonah Hill ("Superbad," "Click") as Matthew the waiter.

Nicholas Stoller is making his directorial debut with this ultimate romantic disaster comedy which comes from the comic minds of the team who brought us "Knocked-Up" and "the 40-Year-Old Virgin." Judd Apatow and Shauna Robertson, who always use their regular big film players throughout their movies.

Peter Segel, the star of this movie, wrote the screen play.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is a somewhat hilarious look at relationships and heartbreak.

'88 MINUTES' (R)

"88 Minutes" is a crime thriller about a man who has eighty-eight minutes to solve a murder.

Al Pacino ("Two for the Money," "The Recruit," "Insomnia") stars as Dr. Jack Gramm, a college professor who moonlights as a forensic psychiatrist for the



Jonah Hill and Jason Segel star in the raunchy comedy 'Forgetting Sarah Marshall.' The comedy is about a recently dumped guy who goes on vacations to forget his ex-girlfriend. movies.com

FBI in Seattle.

Dr. Gramm is supposed to be responsible for the death row sentence of serial killer Jon Forster, played by Neal McDonogh ("The Hitcher," "The Guardian"), who claims Gramm's testimony influenced the jury.

In the meantime, the Seattle Slayer Task Force is investigating killings that are exact copies of Forster's deeds which have erupted since he has been imprisoned.

On the eve of Forster's execution, Dr. Gramm receives a death threat claiming he has only 88 minutes left to live.

Now Gramm must use all his skills and training to narrow down the possible suspects.

Before his time runs out, Dr. Gramm checks out several individuals, including a disgruntled student, a jilted former lover, and a serial killer who is already on death row.

Dr. Grammm is being assisted in these investigations by his friend, Special Agent Frank Parks, played by William Forsythe ("Freedomland"); his assistant Kim Cummings, played by Alicia Witt ("Last Holiday"); and his former wife, Shelly Barnes, played by Amy Brenneman ("The Jane Austen Book Club").

Also appearing are Leelee Sobieski ("In the Name of the King") as Lauren Douglas; Benjamin McKenzie ("Junebug") as Mike Stemp; and Deborah Unger ("Silent Hill") as Carol Johnson.

Directed by Jon Avnet ("Up Close and Personal," "The Red Corner," "The War," "Fried Green Tomatoes"), the movie features the talented Pacino in a different light.

"88 Minutes" is a violent and disturbing drama with rather disappointing re-

sults. The entire film, including its star Pacino, fail to deliver.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

'DRILLBIT TAYLOR' (PG-13)

"Drillbit Taylor" is a comedy and fantasy about three dorks who hire a bodyguard to protect them from bullies at school.

Owen Wilson ("Night at the Museum," "Wedding Crashers," "Meet the Fockers") stars as a low-budget bodyguard who is hired to protect three kids from a playground bully.

Troy Gentile ("Good Luck Chuck"), Nate Hartley ("Big Bro") and David Dorfman ("The Ring") play Ryan, Wade and Emmet, three little kids on their way to attend their first day at high school.

They are excited and pumped, until they meet Filkins, played by Alex Frost, the school bully who resembles Hannibal Lecter.

Before the three become completely taking over by the terror acts, the kids place an ad in the *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, seeking protection.

Drillbit Taylor, living a rather homeless life at the beach, gives the best and cheapest response.

He immediately enrolls them in some physical and mental training, to get them ready for the bully.

To get into the school with the kids, Taylor poses as a substitute teacher and gets involved with a cute English teacher, played by Leslie Mann ("Knocked-Up").

Also appearing is Josh Peck ("Mean Creek") as Ronnie, and Matt Gallini (Mr. & Mrs. Smith) as a police officer. The movie was written by Seth Rogen and Kristofer Brown, the gang of "Superbad" and "Knocked-Up", produced by Judd Apatow ("Knocked-Up," "Superbad," "Kicking and Screaming"), and directed by Steven Brill ("Without a Paddle," "Mr. Deeds," "Little Nicky").

"Drillbit Taylor" is a huge disappointment coming from the talented team of funny men. It is humorless,

crude and poorly written.

Playing at the Jacksonville Thea

'CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN' (PG)

"Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" is an adventure tale and the second installment in the popular and timeless C.S. Lewis fantasy series, "The Chronicles of Narnia."

The characters come to life once again as the siblings are magically transported back from England to the world of Narnia, where a thrilling new adventure and an even greater test of their faith and courage awaits them.

One year after the incredible events of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," the Kings and Queens of Narnia themselves back in that faraway world only to discover that 1300 years have passed in Narnian time.

During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct, Narnia has been conquered by the Telmarines and is now under the control of the evil King Miraz who rules the land without mercy.

The four children will soon meet a intriguing new character - Narnia's rightful heir to the throne.

Newcomer Ben Barnes ("Star Trek: Enterprise") plays the young Prince Caspian who has been forced into hiding, as his father Miraz plots to kill him in order to claim his own newborn son on the throne. Now he needs to reclaim his throne and restore Narnia.

The Pevensi children, who returned to the magical world, are played again by Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, and Anna Popplewell.

Together they all embark on a remarkable journey and restore magic and life to the land.

The remarkable Peter Dinklage ("The Sandlot") plays the red dwarf, Trunk, who is saved by the siblings and helps them in their fight.

Also back in the sequel are Liam Neeson as the Voice of Aslan; and Tilda Swinton as the White Witch.

Sergio Castellitto ("The Last Days of Disco") plays King Miraz; and Alicia Borrachero ("Love in the Time of Cholera") as Queen Prunaprisma.

The one who steals the show, however, is the swashbuckling mouse, voiced by Eddie Izzard.

Writer and director Andrew Adamson ("Shrek," "Shrek 2"), who also directed the 2005 hit, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," created an even bigger and darker and grittier place.

There are seven books in The Chronicles of Narnia series and the third book, "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," is also being filmed for release in May 2010. "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" is a magnificent and exhilarating fantasy adventure epic. The film is beautifully filmed with lavish production designs, talking animals, perfectly crafted creatures, and huge, elaborate but intense fight and battle scenes.

The movie is a wonderful and wondrous experience for the entire family, however it is not suitable for the younger kids, like anyone under 8.

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

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Plan for family fun



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Cas Caserta

The summer is quickly approaching and with the warmer weather comes summer vacations.

I heard a story a while ago about vacations, and I would like to share it with you.

There is a guy down in Montgomery, Ala., who planned this great and unforgettable summer vacation for his wife and children. He was unable to go because of business, but he helped them plan every day of a camping trip in the family vehicle from Montgomery all the way to California, up the West Coast and then back to Montgomery.

He knew their exact route and the precise time they would be crossing the Great Divide. So, he arranged to fly himself out to the nearest airport and hire a car and a driver to take him to a place which every car must pass. He sat by the side of the road several hours waiting for the sight of that familiar station wagon. When it came into view, he stepped out in the road and put his thumb out to hitchhike a ride with the family who assumed that he was 3,000 miles away.

He was asked by an acquaintance, "I'm surprised they didn't drive off the road in terror or drop dead of a heart attack. What an incredible story. Why

did you go to all that trouble?"

He answered, "Well, someday I'm going to be dead and when that happens, I want my kids and my wife to say, 'You know, Dad was a lot of fun.'"

Wow, I thought. Here's a man whose whole game plan is to make fun and happiness for other people. It makes me wonder what my own family will remember about me. I'm sure they will say, "Well, Dad was a nice guy. He loved our country, deployed a lot, sure worried a lot about putting out the lights, closing the windows, picking up around the house and cutting the grass." But I'd also like them to be able to say that Dad was the guy who really loved us and made life a lot of fun.

Marines, sailors and their families sacrifice a lot, put up with a lot and make due with less than most. In most, family is priority one. This summer as you make plans for that well-deserved vacation, don't forget to have fun. Visions of fun make the memories that will last a lifetime. Camp, fish, roller coasters, play at the beach, white water raft — make the memories that will sustain you through the times of separation. And who knows how you will be remembered one day ... maybe you too will be known as the guy who really loved us and made life a lot of fun.

Caserta is the director of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Chaplain Religious Enrichment Development Operation. For more information about CREDO and the retreats it offers, call 450-1668.

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This Alaskan Malamute is two months old. She is white and tan and ready to come home with you. Pet ID#A016599

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Church group sponsors parade to honor veterans, families



Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Members of The Door Christian Church of Jacksonville want veterans and their families to know they are enthusiastically supported.

For the fifth year in a row, church members are planning a Memorial weekend parade to support military veterans and their families.

The parade is set for Saturday at Rose Brothers Furniture at 2501 Onslow Dr. with an 11 a.m. step off. The parade route will end at the New Market Square Shopping Center, where a post-parade memorial ceremony is set to take place at approximately 1 p.m. Music, speakers, displays and refreshments will be available at the ceremony. Additionally, dramatic readers will give presentations of famous speeches, such as the Gettysburg address.

"We understand that Jacksonville can be a hard place for military families, especially during war, so we try to reach out to the Marines and their families," said Wayne King, The Door's associate pastor. "Of all the places, we felt we should have this parade in Jacksonville."

Relevant patriotic and veteran's groups are invited to march in the parade. Military groups are especially encouraged to participate. Businesses are able to participate if their focus is on honoring the veterans and not on advertising.

King said that the parade floats and participants are varied. "One guy called me out of the blue and said, 'My son is over there. Can I ride my motorcycle in the parade?' And I said, 'Sure enough.'"

He was happy about that," said King.

King, a former Marine and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran, has lived the military life, so he understands it. "Being from that side, I know what it is like to go to different countries during war and how important it is to have the support of the people back home," he said.

King said there are many military and former military members in The Door's congregation. They especially want to reach out to and honor Gold Star Families; families who have lost a service member in a war. "I can't sympathize with them enough. They are unique families who need a lot of love," he said.

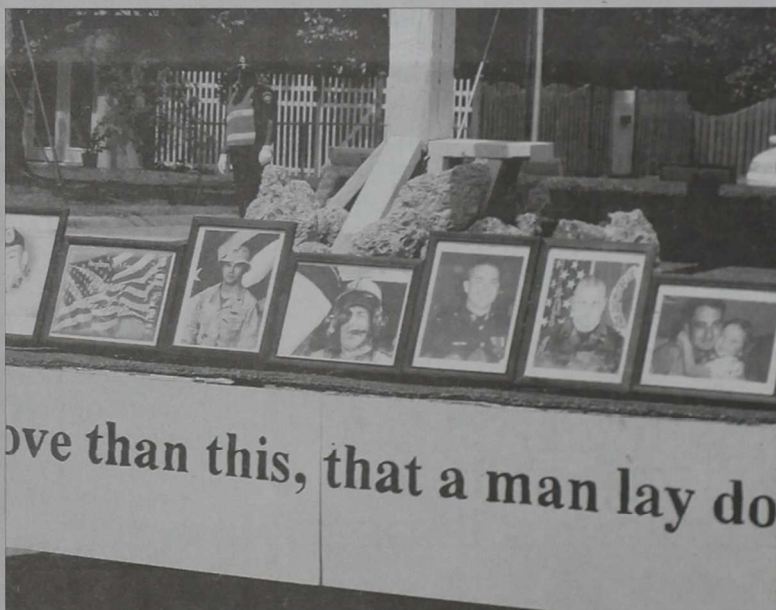
King said the church would like to honor fallen veterans by placing their photographs in a respectful, non-political manner on their parade floats. People who have lost their loved ones in war may e-mail their photographs to King at Kingbuckeye68@yahoo.com. Church members will then create large prints of the photographs to display during the parade.

After the parade is over, the family members are welcome to take the photographs home with them.

Groups who would like to participate in the parade should contact King at 382-7062 by Friday in order to reserve their spot.

Parade groups will muster at Rose Brothers Furniture at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Parade goers may park at the Piggly Wiggly near Jacksonville High School and walk to the parade area.

"Anyone and everyone is invited to come out and join us," said King of the parade.



The Door Christian Church of Jacksonville is sponsoring a Memorial Day parade this year. In its fifth year, the parade will recognize military veterans and their families. Wayne King, associate pastor of The Door, said his church started this effort to express their gratitude for the sacrifices of veterans and their families. King said the organizers especially want to recognize Gold Star families, or families who have lost a service member in a war. "I can't sympathize with them enough. They are unique families who need a lot of love," he said. In the top photograph from a past Memorial Day parade sponsored by The Door, members and friends of Victory Chapel field a float of American heroes. In the photograph directly above, photographs of veterans are displayed on a float. King said that the church would like to honor fallen veterans by placing their photographs in a respectful, non-political manner on their parade floats. People who have lost their loved ones in war may e-mail photographs of them to King at Kingbuckeye68@yahoo.com. Church members will then create large prints of the photographs to display during the parade. Anthony Ramirez

'Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul' delivers veteran pride



Four months prior to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America, the Chicken Soup for the Soul franchise published a book honoring veterans.

"Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul" comes from an era when some thought that the new millennium would usher in a period of relative peace. Or so I was told by someone I interviewed at the Library of Congress' Veteran's History Project several months ago. He told me that when the VHP was created in 2000, it was thought that veteran's stories should be preserved for many reasons with one being that no major wars were expected for the next generation.

Regardless of the world climate, I feel that, like all hard working citizens, veteran's stories must be preserved for future generations because they give such an insight into the richness of character of our nation.

"Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul" is a book that preserves veteran's stories beautifully, and I believe it is worth a

read for all Americans, not just veterans, active-duty military members and their families.

Though all of the stories are from past wars and conflicts and have nothing to do with the current Global War on Terrorism, I do believe that the study of history is imperative to creating a better future. As one young person reminded me in a recent interview, those who do not understand history are doomed to repeat it.

One advancement in our society, I feel, is a new respect and love for American war fighters. During my father's generation, military members were not supported nor eagerly or properly welcomed home from the Vietnam War. At least now, the majority of Americans do not openly disdain these American heroes and, in fact, most show genuine support for military members and their families.

Is this new attitude regarding the military a direct response to the terrorist attacks on this country, or perhaps a revision of the repugnant page from our history when veterans were treated dreadfully during the Vietnam War? Who knows for sure?

But, I do see it as a positive evolution that even Americans who disagree with the government's actions in going to war

(and who fought for that right to disagree but the Marine, soldier, sailor and airman?), at least can separate their feelings from the men and women who fight the war.

Now, I only wish politicians and other well-connected Americans would encourage their sons and daughters toward the noble profession of military service. Though, perhaps, that is from another page in our national history ...

What I do know for sure, is reading about veteran's stories, no matter how painful, is a soul-enhancing experience. It helps me know there are ordinary Americans who sacrifice and carry out extraordinary actions in order to save a friend or help someone else.

Being a writer, I enjoyed the account of Ernie Pyle, a civilian journalist, who gave his life on Okinawa during World War II while writing the stories of everyday American's fighting that war.

My favorite account in this book is "Four Chaplains" in the "Above and Beyond" section. It is a well-known story, which I have heard before. Yet, reading it again raised the same emotions of awe and gratitude; and I know there are still service members who sacrifice their lives to save others. I only hope their stories will also be preserved for future generations.

Reader's Forum

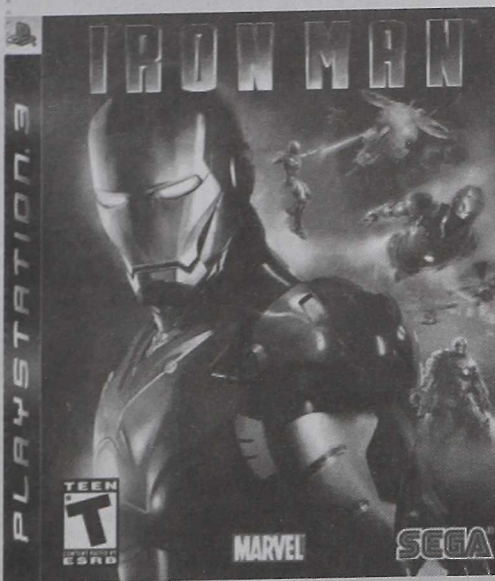
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Games: 'Iron Man' a bit rusty



Although Iron Man proved his mettle at the box office, he turns out to be something of a lightweight in gameland. Courtesy photo

Brian Bowers
Stars and Stripes

Although Iron Man proved his mettle at the box office, he turns out to be something of a lightweight in gameland.

"Iron Man" is Sega's teen-rated take on the new movie starring Robert Downey Jr., with additional action and enemies lifted from the original Marvel comics. It tells the tale of industrialist Tony Stark, who turns from arms-maker to arms-destroyer thanks to an unpleasant encounter in the Mideast. The decision to shut down his company's production puts him at odds with his business associate and some unscrupulous arms dealers.

Tony also decides to create a metal suit based

on one he used to escape from his Middle Eastern captors. It can fly and is equipped with some pretty impressive weapons — which Tony uses in his crusade to destroy other weapons and their makers.

Iron Man can attack using a variety of beams, grenades and missiles — or he can simply run over and bash something or rip it apart. Other options include dropping from the sky with an earth-rattling crunch or catching a missile and hurling it back at the enemy.

The controls are a mixed bag. The combat system is good — and very forgiving since the targeting reticle is pretty big. However, the flight system requires some practice to

use effectively.

The enemies aren't particularly brilliant, but they are very plentiful — sometimes impossibly plentiful. This means that even the early levels can be very tricky in spots.

The graphics are hit and miss. Iron Man himself and many of the settings look good. However, the video can get extremely choppy when the metal guy's running around objects on the ground. Even worse, camera angles can be very unstable when he's flying near objects. A level involving a giant flying fortress made me so queasy I had to pause it repeatedly to settle my stomach.

Iron Man also has a few problems interacting with his surroundings. For example, it's rare that he can actually climb up on anything — even a 3-inch ledge can force him to take flight with his jets. It's also surprising that there's very little environmental destruction. You'd think that all those missiles and energy beams would chew up the surroundings a bit.

In the end, "Iron Man" will probably satisfy the fanboys who've been waiting for a heavy-metal experience, but it really doesn't rise much above the standard movie-based video game.

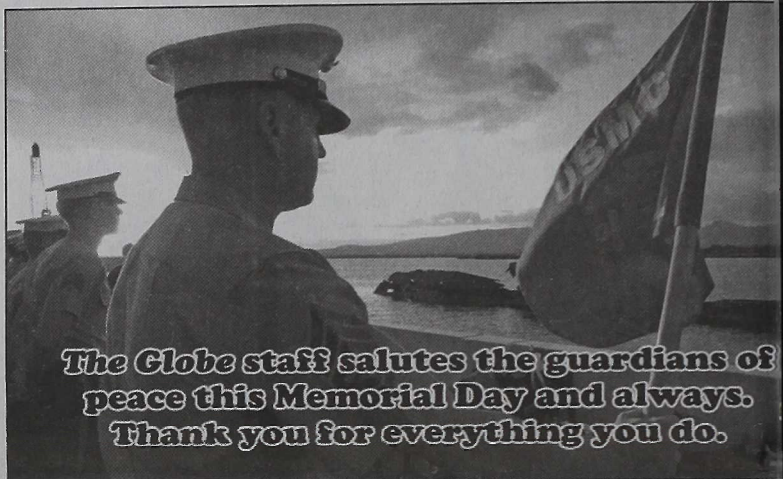
"Iron Man" platforms include: Xbox 360, Wii, Nintendo DS, PC, PlayStation 2, 3 and Portable. The game was tested on the Xbox 360. It is rated for teen gamers and above. To learn more about the game, visit ironmanthegame.marvel.com.

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OWC Scholarship recipients



The Officers' Wives' Club recently announced the spouse and high school senior recipients from their 2008 scholarship program. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$4,000. The money for the scholarships was raised by the Hidden Talents store in Hadnot Point and from the spring and fall craft fairs sponsored by the store. Leasa Walgren is the chair of the scholarship committee. Scholarship recipients, pictured in the front row from left to right, are Katherine Schulz, Ashley O'Rourke and Nicole Horne. Shown in the top row from left to right are Lind Clark, Gwen Arsenault, Stacey Spreng, Dana Grigsby, Kristian Hopper and Megan Madlena. Three scholarship recipients, Brendan Mulcahy, Heather Hitch and Nicole McLearn, are not pictured. Daisy Kiley



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Marine Corps Base outlines bridge closure procedures

Alternate transportation routes provided

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Marine Corps Base

The Onslow Beach Bridge will be closed so workers can replace bearing pads, bolts, and sandblast and coat the structure from May 27 to June 30. The estimated first use date of the new bridge is July 1.

Anyone visiting Onslow Beach will be required to park in the designated area at landing zone Falcon by the bridge and use the ferry service being provided to take visitors from the main side to the beach side.

Additionally, shuttle busses will provide transport from landing zone Falcon to the ferry launch point and pick up visitors on the beach side and take them to designated drop points along the beach.

The ferry and bus services will operate from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily; however, priority will be given to gov-

ernment vehicles and personnel conducting official duties between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Although most of the Marine Corps Community Service facilities will be open, the recreational vehicle camp sites will be closed until the bridge reopens and must be vacated by no later than May 27 at 11 a.m.

Guests not remaining overnight are required to be at the beach side ferry launch point no later than 8:45 p.m. to allow sufficient time to be transported to the main side ferry launch point.

Anyone who is not on the main side by 10 p.m. will have to remain overnight on the beach side of the inter-coastal waterway.

The ferry will not operate except for emergencies past 10 p.m. For more information regarding the bridge closure please call Debbie Greenwood, operations officer for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune at 451-0375.

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2008 Military Spouse Awards™ HEROES at HOME



Military spouses honored at Heroes at Home luncheon

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

A partner, a parent, a caretaker and sometimes counselor, the military spouse is on-duty at home, and often at work as well, when their service member is away.

To recognize all that military spouses do and sacrifice for their families and country, Landmark Military Media of North Carolina held a luncheon at the Camp Lejeune Officer's Club May 15.

More than 100 people, including senior officers and civilian dignitaries, attended the event which was the culmination of the 2008 Heroes at Home Military Spouse Awards.

Many of the 72 nominees, comprised of Marine Corps, Navy, Army and Coast Guard spouses, attended the luncheon with their service member. Each attendee received a "goody bag" filled with gifts from the event sponsors.

"We are here to recognize and say thank you to military spouses," said Jim Connors, who describes himself as the "proud civilian publisher" of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's *The Globe* newspaper and Marine Corps Air Station New River's publication *The RotoVue* in his welcoming remarks. "We honor you today for your courage, strength and steadfast support of your spouses."

Marine Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Lejeune High School presented the colors at the event. They were Cadet Maj. Phil Berger, presenting the American colors, Cadet Capt. Mark Moeller bearing the right rifle, Cadet Staff Sgt. Alex Thoele presenting the Marine colors and Staff Sgt. Jeff Berger bearing the left rifle.

Staff Sgt. A.C. Mink, public affairs chief at Marine Corps Air Station New River, sang the

national anthem.

Maj. Gen. John R. Allen, deputy commanding general of 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force and commanding general of 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, and his wife Kathy, were honored guests at the event.

Allen gave a heartfelt speech which had guests alternatively laughing and tearing up. "We should drop to our knees, those of us in uniform, and thank God every day for what you do," Allen said to the spouses at the conclusion of his speech. "You really are our heroes at home."

Gwen Rollings, poet, published author of two books and several anthologies and wife of retired Maj. Gen. Wayne Rollings, was the event's keynote speaker. She also told poignant and funny stories which piqued attendees' emotions. Rollings ended her talk with a moving poem entitled "Footsteps at the Door."

Local media personalities Jackie Barton, a Marine spouse of 23 years and marketing and sales manager for the Beaseley Broadcast Group, and Kim Kopka Ratcliff, a 1984 graduate of Lejeune High School and news anchor for WECT and WSFX's program "Carolina in the Morning," served as color commentators for the luncheon.

After a delicious lunch and inspirational speeches, the panel of nominees was whittled down to five finalists: Leigh Ann Bibona, a Marine sergeant with the Naval Aviation Technical Training Marine Unit and wife of Sgt. Andrew Bibona of the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-14; Ruby Clendenning, a Marine sergeant with the 2nd Marine Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Iraq veteran and wife of Staff Sgt. Carl Clendenning of the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; Robin Mouton, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenneth Mouton; Lauren Nel-

son, wife of U.S. Army Capt. Thomas M. Nelson of the 82nd Airborne Division and Janice Robinson, wife of Master Gunnery Sgt. Byron Robinson of the II Marine Expeditionary Force.

After the four other finalists had been called up to the podium, Mouton, a pre-school assistant at Johnson Primary School and an active volunteer of several organizations including the Special Olympics and the Key Volunteer Network, realized that she was the 2008 Military Spouse of the Year. She held her hands to her face in disbelief when her name was called.

"It's a huge honor, especially since this is the first [salute to military spouses awards program] in this area," said Mouton after the luncheon. "I hope I can live up to it."

Clearly, Mouton's husband was confident in her contributions to her family and the military family as a whole. "She is my inspiration and is the sole reason I have been successful as a Marine," Mouton's husband wrote in her nomination package.

Mouton received a 42-inch flat screen television, a scooter, jewelry, gift certificates and other prizes for being the 2008 Heroes at Home Military Spouse of the Year.

For his part, Connors said he is pleased with the positive feedback and gratitude he received from military spouses after the event. "Many of the honorees said they were overwhelmed that their spouses nominated them for this honor. It is gratifying to be a part of the recognition chain which helped them obtain that feedback from their spouses as well as the community at large," he said. "I would like to thank the five Heroes at Home judges, Brooke Burgess, Joseph Hough, Judy Robinson, Harold Rowland and Elizabeth Williamson, as well as the more than two dozen event and gift sponsors for helping make this event possible."

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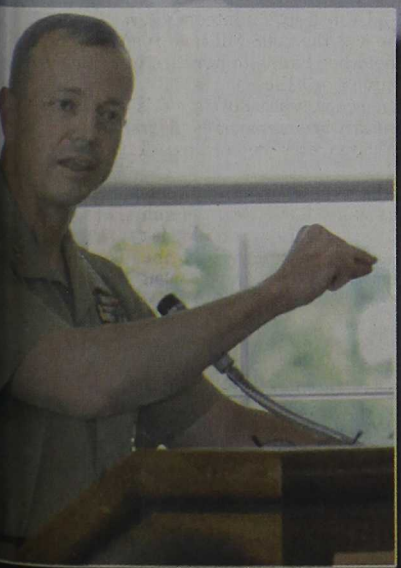
At far left, Robin Mouton reacts with shock when her name is called as Military Spouse of the year. In the middle photo, Jackie Barton of Beasley Broadcast Group presents finalist Sgt. Ruby Clendenning with her prizes. At right, members of the Lejeune High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps stand at parade rest prior to the ceremony.



At left, Kim Kopka Ratcliff, news anchor for "Carolina in the Morning" and event color commentator speaks. In the middle photo, keynote speaker Gwen Rollings gives her remarks. At right, finalist Lauren Nelson poses with her husband Capt. Thomas Nelson before the luncheon.



At left, a Navy couple poses prior to the start of the luncheon. In the middle photo, Staff Sgt. Angela Mink, public affairs chief at Marine Corps Air Station New River sings the National Anthem. At right, Sgt. Ruby Clendenning and her husband Staff Sgt. Carl Clendenning chat with Rollings after the luncheon. Photography by Jamie Cameron, Heather Owens and Ena Sellers



L. Allen, deputy commanding general of 2nd Marine Force and commanding general of 2nd Marine Brigade, and his wife Kathy were honored guests at

Mouton hugs her husband Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenneth Mouton moments after learning she was the 2008 Heroes at Home Military Spouse of the Year.

Lauren Nelson, an Army spouse from Fort Bragg, N.C., pauses after receiving her finalist prize.

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Memorial Day Merchant Ceremony. In memory of the Marines who gave their lives will be presented to a Coast Guard crew and placed on the riverfront. The event is scheduled to take place at Riverfront Park in Wilmington. For more information, call 910-343-6491 or visit ncsports.com.

Carolina Beach Film and Fireworks: Every Thursday evening the summer, Carolina

Beach stages a fireworks display at 9 p.m. For more information, visit www.pleasureislandnc.org or call 910-458-8434.

Friday Fabulous Fantail Film Festival: The Fabulous Fantail Film Festival has scheduled a viewing of "African Queen" at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each. For more information, visit www.battleshipnc.com or call 910-251-5797.

Downtown Sundown Concert Series: Spend quality time with family and friends at the Downtown Sundown Concert Series in Riverfront Park. For more information, call 910-763-7349 or visit www.wilmingtondowntown.com.

Mayfaire Music on the Town: Visit Mayfaire Town Center's "Music on the Town" event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit the Mayfaire Web site at www.mayfairetown.com.

The Piano Men: Jim Witter Sings the Songs of Billy Joel and Elton John: This fabulous show is scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. at Thalian Hall. There is an admission charge. For more information, call

800-523-2820 or visit the Web site at www.thalianhall.com.

Friday - Sunday One-Take Film Festival: Participants in the One-Take Film Festival have 24 hours to make a film. Then the top 10 films are scheduled to be screened on Sunday. The entry deadline was May 5, but the Sunday screening is open to public. The event will take place at Thalian Hall. For more information, call 910-392-0486 or visit the Web site at www.onetakefestival.com.

Wilmington Exchange Festival: More than 70 indie bands are set to perform a variety of musical genres at the Soapbox LaundroLounge. For more information, call 910-251-8500 or visit the Web site at www.wefestival.com.

Saturday Confederate History Day at the Bellamy Mansion Museum: Learn about the lives of women during the War Between the States through their letters and diaries read by period re-enactors from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today. For more information, visit www.bellamymansion.org or

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Carolina Wake Series 2008 Uprising Tour: Professional, semi-pro and local wake-boarders are set to compete in a wake skate competition. The event is scheduled to take place at Riverside Park in Castle Hayne. For more information, visit www.carolinawakeseries.com or call 910-619-6058.

Memorial Day Dinner Cruise: Winner Boats out of Carolina Beach Marina has scheduled a 2-hour dinner/dance cruise to depart at 7 p.m. The boat boards at 6:45 p.m. There is an admission charge and reservations are required. For more information, call 910-458-5356 or visit the Web site at www.winnerboats.com.

Saturday - Sunday Orange Street Arts Festival 2008: Art, jewelry, pottery, entertainment and more are scheduled for this weekend's Orange Street Arts Festival. The festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The event is

scheduled to take place at Orange and 2nd Streets in downtown Wilmington. For more information, call 910-251-1788 or visit www.thalian.org.

Sunday Carolina Beach Film and Fireworks: Every summer Sunday, Carolina Beach is scheduled to screen a free family film outdoors at 8:45 p.m. at the Carolina Beach Lake Amphitheater. For more information, visit www.pleasureislandnc.org or call 910-458-8434.

Monday 43rd Annual Memorial Day Observance: The Battleship North Carolina has scheduled its 43rd Annual Memorial Day Observance today at 5:45 p.m. The Memorial Day service includes a military guest speaker, an all-service Color Guard, a 21-gun salute, military band, taps and a memorial wreath cast onto the waters. The event is free. For more information, visit www.battleshipnc.com or call 910-251-5797.



DoD Schools announce change in eligibility birth date for preschool and kindergarten

Effective school year 2009-10, the Department of Defense Schools will change the eligibility birth date for all preschool and kindergarten children enrolling in DoD schools to Sept. 1. Per House Bill 1473, all North Carolina Public Schools will change their eligibility birth date for all preschool and kindergarten children to Aug. 31 effective School Year 2009-10.

Onslow County schools are making the change in the pre-kindergarten eligibility birth date beginning school year 2008-09 to ensure that all children served in the More at Four Program will be eligible to enter kindergarten the following year. The Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools will also make their change in the preschool eligibility date beginning SY 2008-09 to mirror Onslow County Schools.

Beginning school year 2008-09, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible to enroll in the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' Preschool program. This will mean that beginning August 2008, children will only be able to enroll in preschool if they are four years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year.

Effective school year 2009-10, children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Sept. 1. This will mean that beginning August 2009, children will only be able to enroll in kindergarten if they are 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year.

Three and four year old children with disabilities who have a Camp Lejeune Individualized Education Plan which indicates the child should receive preschool services may enter the program any time after his/her third birthday, regardless of their birth date.

Family Retreat June 6-8

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation is planning an upcoming Family Retreat designed to help couples establish a positive parenting mind-set with lots of practical ideas and tips on a broad range of parenting issues and practices. Common mistakes and key principles will be discussed along with suggestions on how to balance time between work and home. This retreat is for the whole family. For more information and registration, call 450-1668.

Vacation Bible School

Get ready! Vacation Bible School for ages four through teen, is set to land at the Tarawa Terrace Religious Education Center, June 23-26. Events are scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. Parents may pick up registration forms in Bldg. 67 or at one of the base chapels. For more information, contact Donna Milliner at 451-3210.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

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

Onslow Women's Center Thrift Store
Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Onslow Women's Center Thrift Store is open in the New River Shopping Center taking donations. The new business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The thrift store would appreciate furniture donations. All of the proceeds from the thrift store benefit the center and its programs. For more information, call Rosa at 347-4000.

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

The Joy of Painting Wildlife
May 31, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Paint and take home a wildlife scene at the Joy of Painting Wildlife workshop, scheduled to be held at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. Fee for the class and supplies is \$65. If you bring your own supplies, the class-only fee is \$50. All fees must be paid by May 29 in order to secure your seat. For more information, call 450-1687.

Scrapbooking fund-raiser
May 31, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Join the Swansboro band boosters for an all-day scrapbooking, stamping and card-making event. Proceeds will benefit the Swansboro Band Boosters to pay for school instruments and repairs, uniforms and props, band camp and music. Sign up and come with a group of friends for nine hours of uninterrupted play time and become eligible for prizes. The event is scheduled to take place at the Swansboro High School cafeteria. Admission is \$25 per person. Everyone who attends will have their own 6-foot work space. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be served throughout the day. For more information, call 910-326-6164 or e-mail Linda Phelps at rphelps@ecrr.com.

The Mane Event
May 31, 5:30 p.m.
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Christian concert
May 31, 7 p.m.
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Summer day camp registration
June 3-5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and the Board of Education are sponsoring a Summer Day Camp at six various school sites. Pre-registration is scheduled for June 3, 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Onslow Pines Park Administrative Office. Registration will take place at the campsites with a limited number of spots available June 14 from 9 a.m. through noon and June 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Camp dates are June 16 - 27 and July 7 - 18. Cost is \$55 per child per two weeks with each additional child from the same family paying only \$35 per child per session. For more information, visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks or call 347-5332.

Weekend backyard camp out
June 13 - 15, various times
What better way to enjoy family and friends than in the outdoors? The Brewster Recreation Area has planned an upcoming weekend backyard camp out. The price is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. Check in is scheduled for June 13 from 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. Check out will be June 15 from 8 a.m. through 11 a.m. The registration deadline is June 6. Outdoor activities such as hiking and kayaking are scheduled including special activities for children ages five through 10. For more information, call 451-1440.



Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department
Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, Onslow County Public Library and Pizza Hut are sponsoring a Musical Lunch Series continuing every Friday through May 30. The performances are scheduled to be held at the New River Waterfront Park in Jacksonville. If it is raining, concerts will be held in the United Services Organizations facility across the street from the Waterfront Park.
May 1 — Sandra Padilla Cervantes (Latin)
May 30 — Carolina Connection (Bluegrass)

Memorial Day parade
Saturday, 11 a.m.
The Door Christian Church is sponsoring a Memorial Day parade Saturday at Rose Brothers Furniture at 2501 Onslow Dr. The event is to step off at 11 a.m. The parade route is scheduled to end at the New Market Square Shopping Center where a post-parade memorial ceremony is set to take place at approximately 1 p.m. Relevant patriotic and veteran's groups are invited to march in the parade. Military groups are especially encouraged to participate. To sign up to participate or for more information, call Wayne King at 382-7062.

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