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News Watch

Health poll
The current economic environment, Marine Corps leadership is being assessed in the opinions of Marines regarding their financial future. Active-duty Marines are asked to complete a quick poll located at manpower.usmc.mil. Although participation is voluntary, Marines are encouraged to complete this poll. Commanding officers and sergeants are asked for dissemination and on-line access authority for the poll. Participants must provide identifying information to themselves as an active-duty Marine, but the poll will not identify Marines by name. However, the poll will be analyzed to identify trends within pay geographical areas, age categories. The poll is available from July 15 to 24.

Defense
The launch of a missile 1,000-kilometer away is a stark example of the threat of nuclear war. The chief of the Missile Defense Agency said July 15. Lt. Gen. Henry Osheroing said the United States is concerned about the threat posed by development of North Korea and Iran in their programs. The Navy is working on an extended-range version of the Aegis Ashab-3 and a new 4,500-kilometer medium-range ballistic missile, which they term the "Tomahawk." The general said at a press conference. Concern with the technology is that the current obvious administrative investments in field missile defense systems. Various systems ground-based interceptors, to airborne interceptors, to sea-based interceptors provide protection against a rogue regime to launch one or more missiles at the United States or its allies. Officials are making progress in integrating missile defense systems with NATO programs, the general said.

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HELMAND PROVINCE

Signs of economic progress



Marines lead Afghanistan National Police members on a patrol from the Civil Military Operations Center in the Garmsir city district. These integrated patrols demonstrate the transfer of responsibility in the region from the Marines to International Security Assistance Force and Afghan forces. Cpl. Alex C. Guerra



The Garmsir district bazaar recently reopened after years of oppression from insurgents in the region. Once liberated by the Marines of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, flocks of people flowed back into the area to reclaim homes and open up shop. Cpl. Randall A. Clinton

Cpl. Randall A. Clinton
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — The sound of children playing and merchants price haggling fills the bustling Garmsir district bazaar, a stark contrast from what was here two months ago. When Marines rolled through 70 days ago, the city center looked more like a ghost town than a place of commerce, but with insurgents no longer lurking in the shadows, shopkeepers returned, eager to conduct business.

As of July 11, approximately 70 stores are now open, providing goods ranging from food and convenience items to livestock auctions with cows, hundreds of sheep, goats and other animals for sale or trade, for more than 600 people daily. Prior to the more than 1,000 combat-trained Marines operating in the southern province, the town's main marketplace was an unscrupulous locale paid for and controlled by insurgents, said Master Gunnery Sgt. John Garth, civil affairs chief, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

International Security Assistance Force. "A lot of people didn't want to go to it because of the [insurgents'] presence," he said. Today the Marines of Battery A, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th MEU, ISAF toured the line of stores, and amid the normalcy of the shopping, they could put the scene in context. Sgt. Zachary Thompson, radio operator, Alpha Battery, BLT 1/6, 24th MEU, ISAF, drove through the site of the newly opened bazaar.

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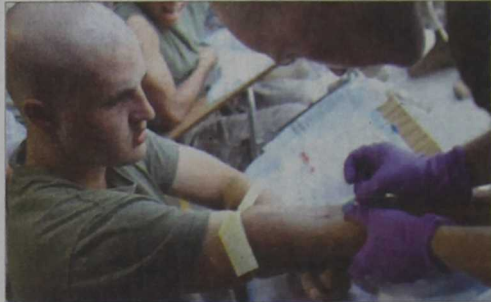
Clinics, schools and communication help rural Iraqis reconstruct

Cpl. Chris Lyttle
Multi National Force West

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Albu Hawa, a small sub-tribe south of Fallujah, resides in a farmland district that lines the Euphrates River. Only a year ago, it was a rural battlespace with daily violence that harbored al-Qaeda terrorists. Known as one of the last strongholds for al-Qaeda, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines performed operations during last year's deployment to rid Albu Hawa of terrorist activity. This year, the battalion has returned to the area and witnessed the progress of this farmland community from when it was plagued with everyday violence. Now with terrorism on the brink of defeat, Iraqi police have developed a strong presence in Albu Hawa and the area is dramatically safer for the citizens. Now that there is security in the area, Coalition forces are working with the local leaders of the administrative council to improve living conditions and attend to the needs of the local people. Civil Affairs Team 3, in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, supervised the construction of a new medical clinic, which opened July 3. 1st Lt. Michael Robison, team leader of CAG 3, said his team provided oversight for the project completion and

more importantly, helped build a relationship between Albu Hawa and the local Iraqi government. "The people of Albu Hawa have noticed that things are improving," Robison said. "We're giving this community something to be excited about. This clinic gets them excited about their future and the government of Iraq." The medical clinic serves the people of Albu Hawa five days a week and it is staffed by nurses from the local community. With the help of CAG 3, the Albu Hawa administrative council has the support of the local Iraqi government and Iraq's Ministry of Health. CAG 3 brought the first project proposal to the ministry, who helped further develop the scope of work as well as supervise and inspect the project. CAG 3 met the challenge of having the local Iraqi government recognize the needs of Albu Hawa, and the clinic's completion is a big step in the reconstruction phase. "[Albu Hawa administrative council] is currently working with the Ministry of Health to increase the staff," after the clinic opened with three nurses, Robison said. "The ministry currently supports the clinic with salaries for the staff and medical supplies. The clinic has what it needs to provide people with basic

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Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion learn how to give fluids intravenously as part of the Combat Lifesaver's Course. Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

9th ESB Marines learn combat lifesaving skills

Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera
11th Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan — Marines of 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, practiced saving lives during the Combat Lifesaver's Course on Camp Hansen, June 30 - July 2. With a limited number of corpsmen in the field, Marines often have to rely on fellow Marines to provide initial care. That's one reason why deploying units must be 100 percent combat lifesaver certified, according to Petty Officer 2nd Class Prayot Bunmeema, the instructor for this Combat Lifesavers Course as well as a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Course instructor with 3rd Medical Battalion. "Typically there is only one corpsman per squad of 15 Marines, and the corpsman can't always be where he is

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Hand-to-fin combat



Depending on where you live, it could be fishing or grilling, but in layman's terms, it's fishing, pure and simple. Read about one Globe correspondent's experience on 1B.

Pre-deployment training

Military Police Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, participated in a field training exercise to prepare them for deployment. Learn more about their experience on 1C.



Best of the Best

The Harriette B. Smith Library and its Camp Johnson branches recently achieved Department of Defense Premier Library Status after spending three years enhancing library services. Learn more on page 1D.



MAN on the street

What do you think about people riding bikes to base, and would you consider it?



"I live too far away to ride a bike, but if I lived on base I totally would."

Lance Cpl. Michael Holly
Marine Corps Base
Middletown, N.J.

"I live on base and I don't see anything wrong with riding a bike at all."



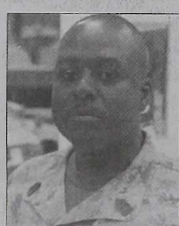
Cpl. Joseph Christian
Marine Corps Base
Brooklyn, N.Y.



"I would. Gas is way too high"

Brittany Wells
Marine Corps Community Services
Jacksonville, N.C.

"I am a motorcyclist myself, so yes, it is cheap compared to my car."



Master Sgt. Johnnie Stokes
2nd Marine Expeditionary Force
Newark, N.J.



"A bike? Yeah, absolutely, I am actually about to buy one soon."

Lance Cpl. Abraham Blocker
2nd Marines Division
Ocala, Fla.

Bicycle or moped

Safety reminders for two-wheeled commu

Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage
Marine Corps Base

Gas prices are steadily increasing throughout the country, causing driving to become a financial inconvenience. More and more motorists are using bicycles or mopeds, in order to save gas, but these methods of transportation can be more hazardous on the roadways.

"As the traffic chief for the base, I see a lot of violations for motorcyclists and bicyclists. Mainly, they aren't wearing the proper safety equipment on and off base or riding in the correct areas," said Staff Sgt. Johnny Thompson, traffic chief for the Provost Marshal's Office here.

Rules of the road are stricter on base than out in town for bicyclists and moped operators and need to be recognized. For instance, riding on Holcomb Blvd. between Sneads Ferry Rd. and Brewster Blvd, on the roadway, is prohibited for bicyclists, according to Base Order P5560.2M.

"If the moped is capable of traveling 20 miles per hour or more, then they must abide by motorcycle standards," said Richard Knight, a safety technician with Installations Security and Safety.

Also, one of the more common violations on base is not staying on the right edge of the road with the flow of traffic in a single file and not wearing the proper protective equipment. All bicyclists traveling on paved roads aboard the Base are required to wear an approved bicycle helmet. Bicycles and mopeds may be operated during between evening and morning colors if equipped with headlights, rear red reflectors and red lights, and operators must wear an international orange, bright yellow or lime green reflective vest over their outer garment.

What many bicyclists and mo-



More and more motorists are investing in bicycles or mopeds to save gas, but these methods of transportation can be more hazardous on the roadways. Many mopeds and motorcycles are ignored on the roads, leading to mishaps and injuries. Remember to always wear the proper safety gear on and off base, and be aware of traffic conditions. Courtesy photo

ped riders don't know is there is a characteristic about mopeds that can distinguish whether it is classified a bicycle or a motorcycle.

"Mopeds equipped with motors 50cc or less, with operable pedals which are incapable of traveling 20 mph or more will follow the same rules as bicycles," according to BO P5560.2M, chapter five, section 5006, paragraph one. "Mopeds with motors more than 50 cc and/or capable of exceeding 20 mph or more are required to be registered as a motorcycle and are subject to the provisions of Section 4006 of this manual."

However, even if the moped is classified as a bicycle, it is still prohibited from traveling on the bike paths due to pedestrian

safety and must stay on the edge of the roadway with the flow of traffic. Many mopeds and motorcycles are ignored on the roads, leading to mishaps and injuries. Remember to always wear the proper safety gear on and off base, and be aware of traffic conditions.

Just remember bicyclists and moped riders must stay on the right edge of the roadway with the flow of traffic. Many mopeds and motorcycles are ignored on the roads, leading to mishaps and injuries. Remember to always wear the proper safety gear on and off base, and be aware of traffic conditions.

Vehicle registration

If you have multiple vehicles that are registered aboard Camp Lejeune, save yourself some time and trouble the next time you go to update or register a vehicle. Ask the clerk to make all your due expiration dates the same. This way, you have only one trip to make and one line to stand in. Remember to bring all necessary items to register or update your vehicle registration: ID card, license, registration and proof of insurance. Vehicle Registration is located in room #160, Bldg. 60 and can be reached at 451-1793.

Semper Safe

Don't get shocked, use electricity safely

How many times have you been shocked, say by putting a 9V battery on your tongue? Here is a little story: A young sailor decides to check his "internal resistance" by the use of a multimeter powered by a 9V battery. By pushing the probes through the skin on his thumbs, the sailor figures he can eliminate the rather high skin resistance and get only his internal resistance. Then he switches on the meter. This results in his death before he could write down the number of the Ohms reading on the meter. How could that happen? Read on.

Think of electricity like a water faucet. It can only flow when it has a source, a way to transport it and enough force to make it flow. Water has its source (say a water tower), a way to transport it (water pipes) and the force to make it flow (a pump). So when you turn on the faucet, water flows. Electricity has its source (battery or generator), a way to transport it (wires) and the force (called volts) is provided by the source. Complete the circuit by using a switch (the faucet in the water's case) and electricity flows.

How much electricity flows (called amperes or amps for short) depends on how much resistance (called ohms) to the flow there is and how much power or force the source pushes, this is all tied together by Ohm's Law (Volts=Amps x Ohms).

The "1-10-100" rule of current states that 1mA (milliamp or 1/1000th of an Ampere) can be felt by the human body, 10 mA is sufficient enough to lose muscle control and actually not be able to let go of the source, and 100mA can cause ventricular fibrillation (rapid, ineffective heartbeat). Very little current is needed to cause death or injury and there are large amounts of current flowing around us every day (example: a 60 watt light bulb uses about 500 mA).

Human skin has a resistance of around 500,000+ Ohms. Blood only has a resistance of around 100 Ohms. Back to the story; using Ohm's Law and 9V and 500K Ohms, you come up with 18uA (uA is 1/1,000,000th of an Amp), below the "feel" level of 1mA. But use the 100 Ohms resistance of the blood and now you get 90 mA, enough current to disrupt

the heart and cause death if medical attention (use of a defibrillator) is not immediate.

How can you protect yourself and others? Inspect, guard and ground it. Get trained on proper work practices and report hazards to prevent accidental shock mishaps.

Check the insulation of the cords and cables before you use the device; ensure there are no cracks, breaks, or worn spots. Ensure the grounding prong is in place and not loose, don't use the device if any problems like these exist. Don't leave extension cords plugged in overnight. They are not designed for that purpose and could overheat. Do not remove guards unless you're certified (licensed) and have used proper LO/TO procedures.

Ensure GFCIs (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) are used in any possible wet environments, such as outside or by any water source. GFCIs are designed to protect people by detecting differences (between 4-6 mA) in the flow of electricity out and back into the source. It can trip and stop the electricity flow in as little as 1/40th of a second.

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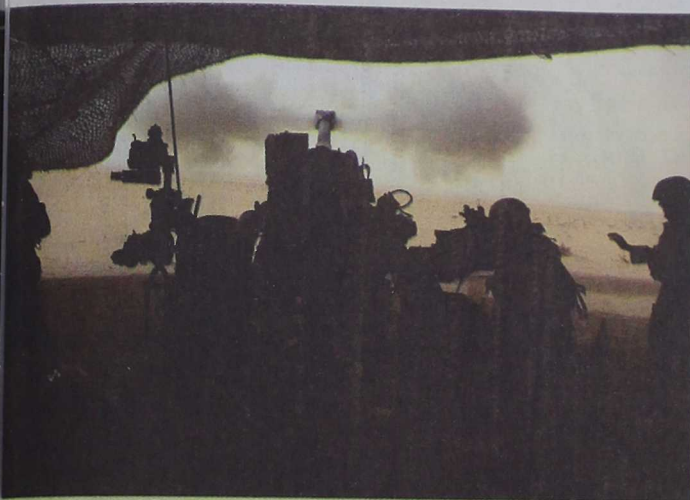
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India Battery welcomes Kuwait to the 'gun show'



Soldiers from Battery I, Battalion Landing Team 2/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fire M777 Howitzer during a training range. Throughout their two-day training evolution, Battery I practiced the fundamentals of artillery firing roughly 100 rounds per six gun battery.

and photos
Sgt. T.G. Kessler
The Expeditionary Unit

MP BUEH-
— Silence is golden, the old saying goes. It is true of course, but your job is to upset silence in a cataclysmic

silence then becomes enemy, the ear splitting of high explosive rounds piercing the hot air is sound of victory.

In this open space without a lot of restrictions it is a good environment to train artillery — we can shoot, move and communicate and have a good time doing it.

Kuwait, as it turns out, provided a perfect opportunity to keep perishable skills intact, he explained. As it happens, the extreme conditions of the Kuwaiti desert gave the battery a perfect opportunity to use some old skill sets that can get rusty over time.

"The digital side of the weapons has made it very easy to get it in place. When that system sometimes fails because of heat conditions in the desert we have to go back to our old ways of doing things. Like any skill, it's perishable with time. We have been out here doing some of that training," Regadanz explained.

Despite some of the setbacks, however, Btry. I still managed to fire off almost 200 rounds in roughly a day and a half.

Helping to reinforce these principles is the job Cpl. Nathaniel J. Chaney, the assistant chief for Gun 3, Btry. I, explained he is trying to train his own Marines for any possible scenario. Having had a long hiatus from shooting, at least since their deployment started, he explained.

Furthermore, many of the Marines on his crew are inexperienced with only a small number of field operations under their belts adding to the value of the training.

"With the mission they've been doing, they're very motivated. The 15th MEU gave us a great package of ammunition—the Marines know that and they're excited about being out here and being able to train," said Regadanz, a 26 year-old native of Fort Wayne, Ind.

"We're just trying to get the Marines trained up with artillery since it's been a while since we've shot. It's been about two or three months—before we came over here," said Chaney, a 23 year-old native of Hannibal, Missouri.

"We formed the battery in June and [the junior] Marines have been doing pretty good and learning pretty quickly."

Focusing on the fundamentals is one of the keys to success for training his gun crew, Chaney related. To do this, the crew has been performing dry-fire drills among other things to ensure they are dropping rounds on target with accuracy and efficiency.

"We'll do dry-fire missions where we don't put any rounds in the tube and getting the gunners and [assistant] gunners time behind the sights—run through basic cannoner drills [to get the Marines trained]," explained Chaney.

Chaney admitted the weather has played a small part in the training of his Marines. The constant dust storms have had an affect on both his gun and his gun crew. With dust flurries being kicked up with the slightest breeze the maintenance on the gun had to be stepped up making sure it stays clean.

Frustration with the weather began to settle in a little as well, since the Marines had to postpone training until the storms passed.

"[The blowing sand] messes with our breaches and we have to keep up on maintenance and make sure everything stays clean because as seen earlier we had problems priming the gun because of all the sand getting in there," explained Chaney.



Lance Cpl. David R. Wyble, a 25 year-old native of Tulsa, Okla., and an ammunition team chief with Battery I, Battalion Landing Team 2/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, sets a time fuse on a 155mm artillery round.

For Lance Cpl. David Wyble, ammunition team chief, just being able to train here in Kuwait is motivation enough.

Wyble is completely unfazed by the austere training conditions. Kuwait is obviously very different from mild Southern California environment that West Coast Marines are used to.

"I can't speak for anyone else, but for me I love [training here]. It's something different, something new. You don't get this kind of terrain in the United States — especially with the sandstorms — I like it," said Wyble.

For Wyble being in a field environment is less of a hassle than it is just a good time.

"You work your butt off at this job, but it all pays off when you put the rounds down range. It's better than fireworks, said Wyble, a 25-year-old native of Tulsa, Okla.



Lance Cpl. David R. Wyble, a 25 year-old native of Tulsa, Okla., and an ammunition team chief with Battery I, Battalion Landing Team 2/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, carries 155mm artillery round to his M777 Howitzer.

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Literacy program key to women's future

Lance Cpl. Casey Jones
Regimental Combat Team 1

RAMADI, Iraq — A middle-aged Iraqi woman, widowed and a mother of two young children, walks into a cream-colored concrete classroom filled with women of all ages. The woman, draped in a black abaya, sits down in a wooden desk-chair and gazes at the instructor with a look of determination and conviction. She knows, along with the other women in the classroom, she must learn to read and write if she is going to continue to support and properly care for her two children. The woman has taken the initial steps to bettering her family and herself.

Women's Literacy Program classes are held daily at four locations in the city of Ramadi, and are designed to teach illiterate women how to read and write Arabic, while also teaching more educated women the fundamentals of English.

The program is divided into three levels, said Falah Daud Suleiman, an Iraqi instructor at one of the programs. The first level is for people who don't know how to read or write. The second level is for those who know how to read and write, but require additional teaching so they can become proficient. The third level is for those who are pro-

ficient in the Arabic language but desire to learn English.

While mostly attended by older Iraqi women, the program is open to any female, regardless of age. Some of the young girls enrolled in the program have missed various amounts of school due to the violence that engulfed Ramadi for much of the last five years. The program allows them to catch up on any lost time. Nearly 400 women and young girls attend classes at the four locations in Ramadi.

While it focuses mainly on educating the women on the Arabic language, the program also has several other benefits that will boost the women's opportunities, said 1st Lt. Emily Grant, the executive officer of Civil Affairs Detachment 2, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1.

"[Instructors teach] the women how to read shop signs and how to add up prices," said Grant, a 28 year old from Brooklyn, N.Y. "Most of the women will earn their Educational Certificate, [which will help them to get jobs]."

The program allows women the opportunity to rise above their past misfortunes and allows them to take a more active role in their community and local government, while also stimulating the local economy.

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eracy rate empowers the women of Ramadi to participate in elections and the government process," Grant said.

The empowered women of Ramadi are able to attend the popular and heavily promoted programs because of the increased security and stability in the city.

"If security in the region wasn't as good as it is now, we wouldn't be able to [provide this program]," Grant said. "Without security, the people, especially the females, would be too afraid to leave their homes and come to a course like this. It is a direct reflection of the security [gains here in Ramadi]."

Grant said it is amazing to see the region enjoying security and prosperity, and she takes pleasure in personally witnessing the citizens' willingness to learn.

"It is wonderful to see such a desire for learning

throughout the community," Grant said. "As the citizens of Al Anbar University of Ramadi have always valued education, women and girls now have a great opportunity to create their education."

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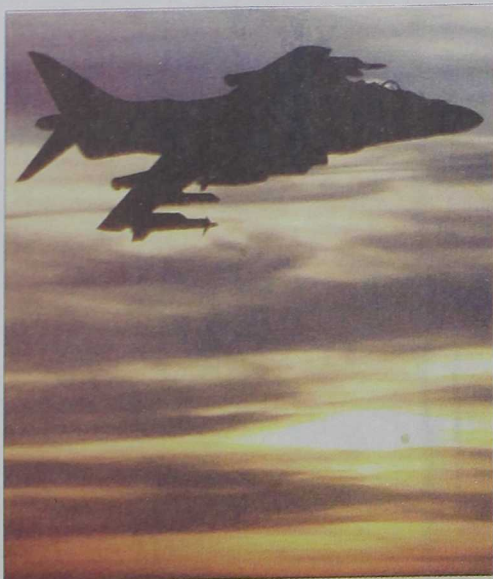
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An AV-8B Harrier with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-165 (Reinforced) flies over the skies of Kuwait during a training mission. Capt. Wesley J. Deaver

White Knights spread good will through bilateral training

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15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

AL JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait — The AV-8B Harrier detachment for Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 (Reinforced), 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, is currently conducting a series of bilateral training exercises with their Kuwaiti counterparts as part of exercise Eager Mace 2008.

The bilateral training here is expected to last until mid-July. During that time the Marine pilots and the Kuwaiti Air Force hope to increase their proficiency and expertise by sharing valuable flying experience and knowledge.

According to Capt. James Vallario, the Weapons and Tactics instructor for the detachment, the Harriers are conducting training with

three different F/A-18 Hornet squadrons of the Kuwaiti Air Force and have had the opportunity to fly against very dissimilar aircraft and experience the difference in tactics and flying skills.

"The training has been very successful when the weather is cooperating. When we are able to get out and fly with them it has been phenomenal training," explained Vallario.

"[The Kuwaitis] are very receptive to what we have to say and want to learn—they were an occupied country once [during the first Gulf War] so they take us very seriously."

Of the fundamentals being taught to the Kuwaiti Air Force pilots, the focus of the training weighs heavily on close air support, a Marine aviation specialty. Vallario, a 31 year-old native

of San Francisco, explained throughout the training evolution, the Marines are running the Kuwaitis through the ins and outs of close air support supporting training missions currently underway by the 15th MEU.

"We're trying to share our tactics, techniques and procedures for how we conduct close air support—something they're not as experienced with—so we are spending time with them showing how difficult and how challenging it can be to put ordnance in close proximity to friendly troops," explained Vallario.

"It's something that a lot of people claim to do very well, but few people actually can. The [Marine Corps] is very good at conducting close air support so we're trying to teach [the Kuwaitis] as much as we can."

For Maj. Falseri, operations Squadron 9 of the Air Force, flying Marines has been sure not only for camaraderie but the chance to fly with experienced pilots.

A pilot since flying the F/A-18 in 1994, this is the first time he has had the chance to work with his counterparts, and he has had the chance to build a really close relationship with each of them.

"I think they can standardize the way we build a really close relationship with each other. We can accomplish [together]."

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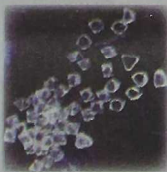
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Tribal leaders, or sheiks, with the Albu Hawa administrative council outside Fallujah celebrate the opening of a medical clinic with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Albu Hawa is a small subtribe in 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines' area of operations. Civil Affairs Team 3, supporting 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, helped coordinate the clinic project and helping Albu Hawa establish a voice with the local Iraqi government. Cpl. Chris Lyttle

AL, from IA

ical care." The Albu Hawa administrative council celebrated the clinic opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony has been open to the public since then. With the members of CAG 3 working

closely with the administration council, projects like this are being made possible throughout the Albu Hawa area. Robison described how the Marines are helping the Albu Hawa administrative council to go directly to their local government without

Coalition Forces having to act as a moderator. "Rather than having the Marines coordinate [projects], we're helping the Iraqis work with their own government," Robison said. "At some point [the Marines] are going to be gone and the local sheiks

are going to have to fix their own problems. They have to learn the system and learn how to go to the right people to make things happen." Robison said that the Albu Hawa administrative council is progressively getting the recognition

they need to during the reconstruction phase. While security is stabilizing, the tribal leaders can shift their focus on the development of the community. "We're moving in the right direction," Robison said. "We have a community that was afflicted

with violence and now they're seeing security and things are starting to pick up. They're able to focus on other basic things such as medical facilities, schools and water — and lately, the administrative council has been able to accomplish many things."

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he said. "That's where the lifesaver Marines come in." The purpose of this hands-on was to teach Marines basic techniques. The Marines techniques on how to minimize blood loss, control hemorrhage for shock, maintain an airway, treat broken bones and other casualties, according to the instructor. "Controlling blood loss can be controlled by applying tourniquets and pressure dressings, he said. Students were taught how to use a tourniquet, which is issued in

Individual First Aid Kit, and how to make an improvised tourniquet from supplies that may be available to them in the field. They were also taught how to use QuickClot, an agent used to clot blood and control bleeding. Students also practiced applying splints on each other and moving patients without stretchers or litters, a reality faced when in the field, Bunmeema said. Controlling blood loss is the most important thing to learn though, according to Bunmeema. If a victim loses too much blood, he may go into hypovolemic shock. Students learned how to assist victims who have lost too much blood by

learning inserting and managing intravenous therapy to replenish bodily fluids, which is also a treatment for shock. "The best part of the training is definitely the IVs," said Pfc. Michael Schumacker, a bulk fuel specialist with 9th ESB. "Out in the field, you will probably have to know how to use that. It seems like one of the essential things." Upon completion of the course, the students felt confident in the skills they had learned. "If I'm ever in combat, I have the basic knowledge of what to do to help save a fallen Marine," said Pfc. Paul Malatesta, a bulk fuel specialist with 9th ESB.

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in prior. "Solitary," he explained. "There were no civilians at that in mind, there is nothing ordinary about the return to normalcy. It shows that people feel safe enough in their own country to come back out," he said, a feeling that is by more than Sunday shoppers. "You see a lot more on the side of the road, more people out playing in the park." The merchant, speaking to Garth, gave one reason for the renewed confidence of the locals. "Before, everything was bad," an interpreter relayed. "Now you guys got here, the Taliban are not here." The Marines made their way through the bazaar, an Afghan National Police pick-up truck approached the patrol, but much like the shopping center, complex in the details. A gray-haired, uniformed policeman got into the vehicle and greeted the patrol; he was the police. With a confident stride he made his way to the cen-

ter of the formation, walking shoulder to shoulder with the heavily-armed Marines. The Marines don't mind such displays. They aren't here for the credit, but they do take pride in the city's success due to their provided security. The bullet-hole riddled bazaar is now one of the busiest shopping areas in southern Helmand and is the largest in the Marine controlled area, said Garth. Helping stimulate local economy, creating positive economic impact for the region, is one of many steps in the rebuilding process for the Garmsir district, which include respiration payments for damaged property, digging wells, improving irrigation and improving infrastructure. The 24th MEU will perform these tasks in conjunction with ISAF and Afghan National Army and Police forces until the end of their deployment.

TRAINING, from 6A

pilots. Fahad and his pilots share a kindred spirit with the Marines, he said. "It is a very nice exercise especially working with the Marines. Not that the U.S. Air Force or Navy are different, but the Marines are similar to us and share the same thoughts as we do," said Al Al Douseri. Ultimately, Al Al Douseri hopes the opportunity to work with the Marines standardizes tactics between the two forces, further enhancing their ability to work together; and if the need arises, ensures success if the two nations ever work together in a real world situation. "One day we might at any time perform missions together and we will be more than able to communicate, interact and really know each other," he said. "To work with the Americans, it's a really great opportunity for us to lift up our spirits. Since the Marines are really experienced we are more than happy to work with them." The Camp Pendleton, Calif., based 15th MEU is currently in Kuwait conducting sustainment training.

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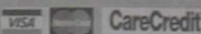
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HAND-TO-FIN COMBAT

Noodling for giant catfish in the Pee Dee River



Brent Mills has his hands full with the fruits of a day of hand-fishing on the Pee Dee River.



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Story and photos by Jamie Cameron

Depending on where you live, it is called noodling, grabbling or graveling, but in layman's terms, it's hand-fishing, pure and simple.

Perhaps you are among the millions of viewers who turned the 2001 documentary "Okie Noodling" by director Bradley Beasley into a cult-classic that remains one of the most-popular features ever aired by the Public Broadcast Service. The film put a spotlight on the mysterious world of hand-fishing for giant catfish and the colorful characters who practice it in Oklahoma.

Like many, I was fascinated by "Okie Noodling," but I had a hard time wrapping my rod-and-reel brain around the idea of sticking my hand into the muddy, underwater lair of a giant flathead catfish with the idea of wrestling it out in hand-to-fin combat.

That changed several years ago when I greeted my old friend, Lincoln Sadler, at a social gathering and noted his right hand and forearm were a sickly shade of purple and appeared as though they had been run through a cheese grater. When I asked him what had caused the wound, Sadler smiled and, with a twinkle in his eye replied, "Grabblin' man."

Now that I

knew an honest-to-goodness hand-fisherman and had listened to his tales of triumph over fish, I became obsessed with the idea of offering up my own pink flesh in the name of grabbling glory — fingers be damned.

It took a while to clear my schedule, but eventually I made the trek to Sadler's catfishing grounds, west of Fayetteville, N.C. in the slow and often muddy waters of the Great Pee Dee River. I would be more specific with the location, but I fear the physical repercussions that would follow if Sadler and his dedicated crew of hand-fishermen ever saw their honey hole identified in print. Sadly, Mother Nature conspired against us with heavy rains in the days leading up to our adventure. By the time we reached the banks of the river, the Pee Dee was near flood stage and the rocks under which the great catfish slept lay several feet under the roiling water.

The trip was a failure, but I vowed to return one day to try my hand.

It all came together this past weekend.

For years, Sadler has offered a guided noodling trip on the Pee

Dee as a prize in the North Carolina Chapter of the Wildlife Society's annual raffle fundraiser. Imagine my joy when my father, Tom Cameron, won the fishing trip this year. I shamelessly weaseled my way into joining the party and even forced my good friend Brian Degan upon them as well.

Our tutorial didn't start until we had reached the river after a two-mile bike ride on a challenging trail down the red clay bluffs that plunge to the shoreline. Wet weather in the previous week had the Pee Dee running eight-inches above normal, but still placid enough to wade and catch catfish.

When our crew of six grabblers entered the water, we did so with nothing more than a length of string and some sticks Sadler had cut from the shoreline vegetation. It was without doubt the most unprepared I have ever felt at the start of a fishing trip. When I finally got up the nerve to ask one of the experts for some last-minute advice, Rupert Medford simply shrugged and smiled impishly, "I don't know what to tell you man. You just go down there and do what you have to do."

Do what I have to do? How was that going to help me in the face (and jaws) of an angry flathead that could weigh as much as half as I do? I would soon find out.

Over the years, Sadler and his grabbling buddies have become quite intimate with the section of river they fish. Perhaps

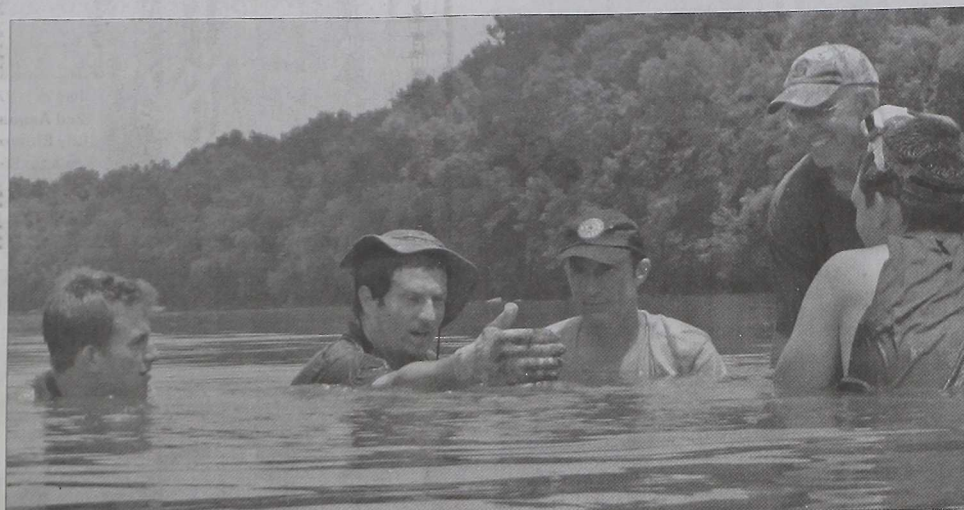
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The gaping maw of even a smallish flathead catfish is a daunting place to stick one's hand, especially on purpose.

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Brian Degan (second from the left) reports the giant catfish's position to the other grabblers. Jamie Cameron

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one in 50 of the hundreds of submerged and half-submerged rocks before us had the proper habitat to attract catfish.

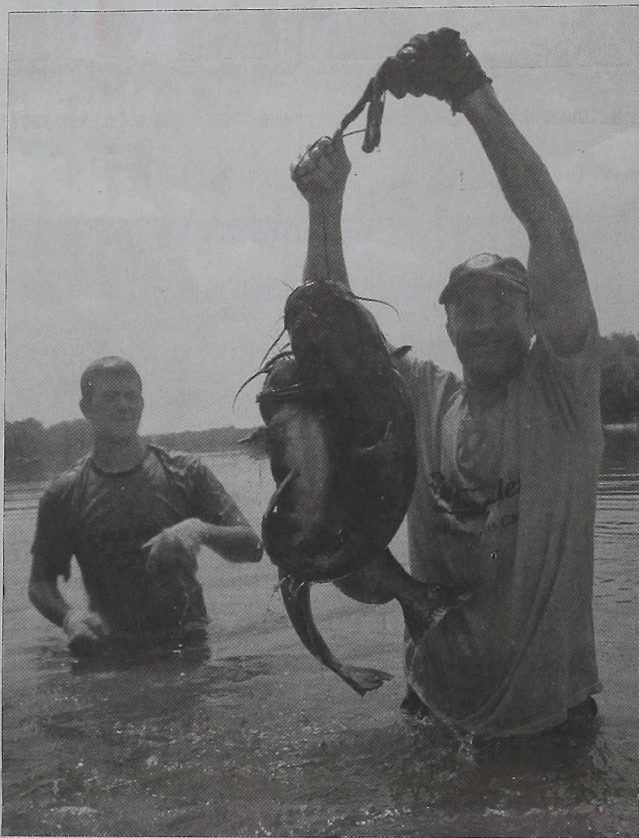
For the most part, catfish are nocturnal, cruising the river at night and using their superior sense of smell to find things like freshwater clams, crayfish and fish to eat. During the heat of the day, they lay up under large rocks where they feel protected.

Our hand-fishing adventure started at a nondescript rock the size of a Smart Car. Here, the technique was finally revealed to the newbies: While the designated diver goes down to the bottom, everyone stands around the rock and blocks all entrances to the catfish's lair with their feet but one. The grabbler sticks his hand into the hole where the fish is and tries to get it to bite him. That's right, tries to get the fish to bite him. When the fish has a hold of you, you turn the tables, grab him by the lips and haul him out to the surface.

Our first rock did indeed have a catfish and the six of us took turns going down and acting as bait. After 10 minutes and many attempts, it was Degan who finally got the catfish to strike.

He described the experience as if his hand was sucked into a vacuum and then closed in a car door. Undeterred, Degan reached in with his other hand to get a secure grip and then kicked out to the surface. Now Degan is a pretty big guy — 6-foot-1 or 2, 190 pounds and fearless — but when he broke the surface, the fish rolled violently and broke his hold as though he were a child. I remember thinking as I watched the fish roll past and swim to freedom, "That is the biggest catfish I have ever seen ... by far." If I had to guess based on pictures of weighed fish, I'd put it around 40-50 pounds. Degan hasn't slept for a week.

We waded the river and swam



Lincoln Sadler hoists a stringer of blue and flathead catfish after a day of hand-fishing on the Pee Dee River. Brian Degan

in places as we moved from rock to rock, trying our luck. Several fish were lost, but a few small ones were caught, including a 5-pound blue catfish that I noodled out of a long narrow hole that didn't offer the fish much chance for escape. Our biggest fish of the day, a 7- or 8-pound flathead, was caught by Brent Mills and deservedly so. Mills made no show of false brav-

ery before his first dive and freely admitted he was suffering from an adrenaline overdose. By the end of the day, however, he grabbed that catfish like a pro and I have no doubt he'll go back to the Pee Dee before long to try it again — as will I. Now that I've been bitten by this grabbing bug (both figuratively and literally) I may never pick up the rod and reel again.

Panthers reach terms w late-round draft picks

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The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers come to terms with sixth-round draft pick Nico and seven-rounder Mackenzy Bernadeau.

Both players agreed to four-year contracts for a minimum salary with small signing bonuses.

The moves on Friday leave the Panthers with six picks to sign before players report to training camp. General manager Marty Hurney said they expected a deal with fifth-round pick Gary Barnidge early next week.

Hayden is a defensive tackle from Wisconsin State University. He is expected to compete for a backup job behind starters Damiere Rife and Maake Kemoeatu. Bernadeau is a guard from II Bentley College and faces steep competition to make the 53-man regular-season roster.

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Low tide	5:36 a.m.	5:54 p.m.

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Mixed Martial Arts training seminar
Saturday

Meet and greet pro MMA fighters Jorge Gurgel, Jan Finney and others at this unique seminar, sponsored by Wright's Martial Art Center in Jacksonville, N.C. The class is scheduled for Saturday, from noon until 4 p.m. and will be followed by an invitation to join the instructors and participants to watch the Ultimate-Fighter main event at Lucky's Tavern. For more information, call 910-545-7083.

Paradise Point match play championship
Tuesday

Are you the Tiger Woods of Camp Lejeune? Find out by registering for the 2008 Paradise Point Match Play tournament. Anyone with a USGA handicap can enter by signing up at the pro shop. The final match is expected to take place in September. The champion will receive a cash prize based on the number of entries and a personalized parking spot among past Paradise Point champions. For more information, call 451-5445.

Group swimming lessons
Aug. 4-8

Group swimming lessons are scheduled to run Aug. 4-8 at Tarawa Terrace Outdoor Pool. Registration is open through Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the pool. For more information, call 450-1610.

Bicycle rodeo
Aug. 23

Several Onslow County clubs and government agencies have planned a bicycle rodeo for kids ages 4-14, Aug. 23 beside the Jacksonville Mall. The event will include minor bike repairs, helmet fitting, a skills course and bicycle registration. Free helmets will be given out while supplies last. The rodeo will take place between 8:30 and 10 a.m. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Team Bass Tournament
Sept. 6

The Gottschalk Marina 19th annual Team Bass September Starter tournament. Two-person teams fish for largemouth bass on the New River and its tributaries. The average prize amount is \$2,500 based on a 50-boat entry, with a guaranteed \$1,000 per event. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded for the first three places. Active duty teams may participate through usage of unit funds with permission from their unit's special services officer. Entry forms are available at the marina and online at mccslejeune.com/marinas.html. The tournament is open to the public. For more information, call 451-8307.

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 Goette Memorial Field House. To learn more, call 451-7002 or e-mail craisno@usmc-mccs.org.

Semper Fit Challenge Passport
Ongoing

Pick up your Semper Fit Challenge Passport and win up to \$300 in Marine Corps Exchange gift cards and other prizes. Pick up your passport at any Semper Fit Fitness Center. For more information, call 451-7002.

Mixed martial arts and combat fitness classes
Ongoing

Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit presents Lee Stuckey, a Marine and mixed martial arts professional cage fighter and Andrea Lucie as the new program instructors. Classes take place in the Area 3 boxing gym Fridays starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 451-0826.

Yoga and pilates classes
Ongoing

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

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu 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 Jacksonville. Sessions take place in Block 1742, adjacent to the Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. For more information, call 581-0077 or visit www.clubjiujitsu.com.

Roller-hockey league
Ongoing

Hockey players and hockey play 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 ongoing. For more information and a practice schedule, call Brandon Kjartansson at 910-545-8070.

Go-kart racing
Ongoing

Active-duty service members and their dependents get free admission to watch the best go-kart racers in the East every weekend. Saturday races are held at the Highway 2 Raceway in Richlands, N.C. A special "Freedom Race" has been scheduled for Saturday. For more information call 919-324-5918.

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. Practices take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Green room at Goette Memorial Field House, starting at 6 p.m. For more information, call Chief James Stolarczyk at 450-9127.

Base teams prepare for Blue Ridge

Cameron
managing editor

The Blue Ridge Parkway's scenic mountain scenery serves as the backdrop for the annual Blue Ridge Marathon, scheduled for Sept. 16-17.

Camp Lejeune's base teams plan to make a journey and compete in the grueling 208-mile race thanks to generous sponsorship, donate any gear they receive to the Warriors.

Team coordinator Dunlap, of Logistics Operations School aboard Camp Lejeune, said training and preparations are well-underway. "It's going out really well,"

he said. "It's a fun deal. Our teams this year are comprised of active-duty and retired Marines, from major down to corporal, and military dependents."

The base teams are sponsored by the Tier 1 Group and consist of a 12-runner squad and a six-runner "ultra" squad. "The team captain has to put his

runners in a line-up that best-suits each athlete's strengths," said Dunlap, who last participated in 2006. "There are a total of 36 legs, so each runner on the 12-person team will run three legs. We start in the morning and don't stop until the following evening.

The course begins in Galax, Va. and ends in

Asheville, N.C. As the teams continue training, information on how to support them and Hope for the Warriors will become available.

"It's a wonderful thing," said Dunlap. "Our sponsors have allowed us to support Hope for the Warriors and turn this into a really special event."

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Lejeune Mud Run enjoys clean start, filthy finish

More than 400 runners participate in Marine Corps Grand Prix favorite



Lance Cpl. Randy Little
Marine Corps Base

How many showers does it take to completely wash away mud from your eyes, nose and hair? Just ask the Marines, sailors and civilians who trekked through mud pits and obstacles during the annual 8-kilometer Lejeune Mud Run that started at the Goettge Memorial Field House, July 12.

The mud run is the eighth leg of the 2008 Marine Corps Grand Prix series, which also includes upcoming races like the Marine Corps Half Marathon, Sept. 27, aboard Camp Lejeune, the Beirut 10K run, Oct. 11, aboard Camp Johnson and the Jingle Bell Run, Dec. 7, at Marine Corps Air Station New River.

The course was negotiated through the same rugged and thickly wooded areas as last year's, with the exception of a few modifications due to construction in the area. The start and finish lines were moved to the field house this year and an additional mud pit was created for runners to trudge through.

Mother Nature cooperated with Mike Marion, Grand Prix Series coordinator and his staff this year, producing enough rainfall for mud the week of the race and partly cloudy skies with 72 degree temperatures at the start.

"As has been the case for the past few years, we got lucky with rainfall the week of the race," said Marion.

The hard-to-believe low temperatures for July brought out a lot of competitors — 416 participants ran this year; a substantially higher turnout than last year's 222.

The mud run, which has been around since 1993, brought runners from ages six to 82 years old, said Marion.

"The conditions were great to run in," said Chris Duke, a corpsman with Marine Corps Special Operations Command. "We couldn't have asked for better weather."

Aside from the additional mud pit and modified trail, participants also had to traverse over hills and low-crawl under ropes, forcing them down into pits of murky water which some competitors weren't expecting, but nonetheless took pleasure in negotiating through.

Marc and Erin Garcia, who were participating for their first time, both agreed that the low crawl was the most exciting part of the course.

"The course was challenging at times, but the low crawl was a lot of fun," said Marc, a field radio operator with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group.

The first runner to find the finish line was Jamar Davis of Richlands, N.C., crossing at 34:44. Jamie White of Snellville, Ga., followed at 40:58.

Marion said the event went on without a glitch and the only changes he might make next year would be to add more mud.

The series points have yet to be calculated but runners will be able to view the point leaders at active.com by next week, said Marion.

"We have a close race for the top positions with only a few points separating the series leaders," he concluded.

For more information on the race or upcoming races in the series contact Marion at 451-0092 or e-mail him at marionmj@usmc-mccs.org.



Runners start clean (upper left) in the annual Lejeune Mud Run, but quickly find themselves covered in slop (above). Chief Charles Bauman

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"Marines can expect to see 12 professional and eight amateur fights in a brand new 24-foot octagon," said Edward Holman, Brawl at the Beach fight promoter and match maker. "Fifteen of the toughest guys from the West Coast are going against our East Coast guys. We also have two women that are ready to show men that MMA has room for tough girls."

Fighters attending the event include Ultimate Fighting Championship former middleweight champion Rich "Ace" Franklin and UFC veteran and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black belt Jorge Gurgel, among others. Featured fighters include Justin Moore, Thomas Shultz, Cody "Ox" Wheeler and Camp Lejeune's John Weir and Robert Vasquez. TapouT will also film T.J. Cook fight American Fighter Andrew "Sprout" Varney for the Season II finale of TapouT on Verses.

"This event is as close to going to Las Vegas and being at the big show as

you are going to get in North Carolina," said Holman.

Don't let the pounding fists fool you; Brawl at the Beach has an open-handed side as well.

"I want to help build the Hope and Care Center on Camp Lejeune," Holman said. "This event will donate all of the ticket sales from all fights thrown in Jacksonville until we build the center for our wounded service members. American Fighter is going to donate money from all the t-shirt sales toward the hospital."

"We, at Hope for the Warriors, are honored TapouT chose us to be the beneficiary of this event," said Amy Koury, marketing director for Hope for the Warriors. "It's exciting to be a part of something that benefits not only the wounded but all area service members. It gets the Marines and sailors out of the barracks and gives them something new and different to do on a Friday night. For many, this is a once in a lifetime experience and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Tickets are available now at the Information, Tickets and Tours offices aboard Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, as well as Britt Motor Sports, Blue Island Tanning and Sharp Shooters in Jacksonville. For more information, call 451-2710.



East Coast will meet West Coast in the first Brawl at the Beach MMA event. Proceeds will go to benefit Hope for the Warriors. Courtesy photo

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Quincy Adams said, "Actions inspire others to become more, learn more and become more. You are a leader. Marine Corps surmounts small unit leader. Iraq, sergeants, lieutenants and lieutenants responsible for platoon, city districts and women who serve their

Williams, a leader with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division led his football team to victory during the Marine Regiment's field meet at W.P.T. Field,

Williams is perfecting his skills," Williams said. "The game ends on all fronts with the Marines all the way. The game is major." Williams said, "Marines at the 14 leader-

ship traits and 11 leadership principles. They are reinforced time and time again throughout their Marine Corps careers.

Williams' eight-man team had to defeat the other battalion's teams in order to win the event. Each game was 55-minutes long without any breaks throughout the game.

"While on the football field and when in combat, the Marines look to me to make fast decisions that could alter the turnout of the day," said Williams.

Williams' decisions during the football game brought the team to victory. In Iraq, it brought everyone home ... safely.

"In football, one mistake could lose the game," said Brad Stys, an assaultman with Company F.

Similar to the football field, one mistake in Iraq could change a successful patrol to a chaotic one. On the chaotic football field, the team's discipline kept them focused on their goal. "I believe discipline is

an important leadership trait to have," said the Jacksonville, Fla. native. "With discipline, everything else can fall into place."

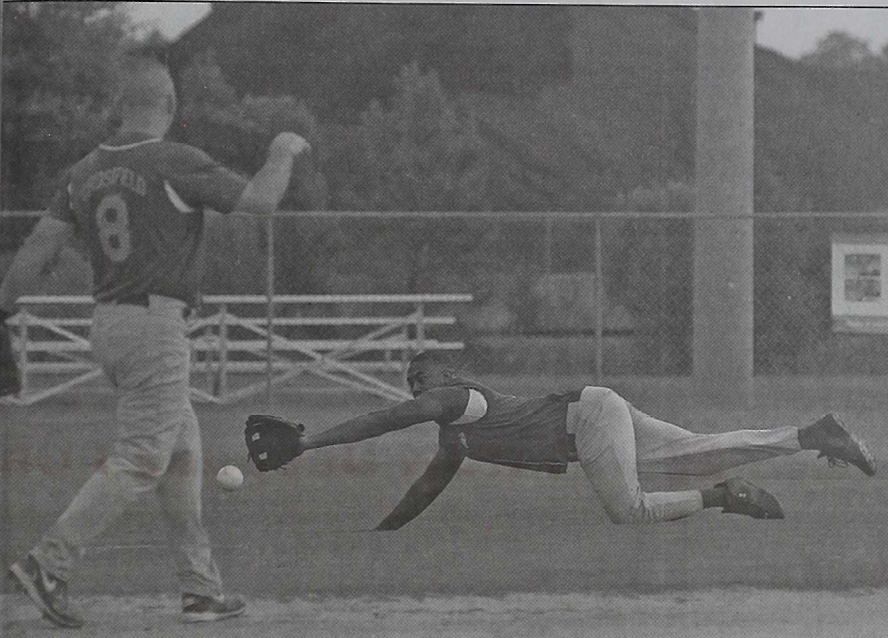
Leaders like Williams influence the beliefs and values of the Marines that follow them. Their example has guided their junior Marines and will affect them in the future when they are in a position to lead Marines themselves. The combat veteran had returned from a seven-month deployment to Ar Ramadi, Iraq, with the battalion a month prior to the game.

Williams' leadership on the field was a direct reflection of his work as a squad leader in Iraq. He was an example of the leadership traits and principles the Corps stresses within its ranks. A Marine never knows when he might have to step into a higher rank's billet, but with examples like Williams, junior Marines will be ready to take on leadership positions.



Thomas Williams, a squad leader with Company F, with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines Regiment, 2nd Marine Division falls into the end zone scoring for his team during the 8th Marine Regiment's field meet at W.P.T. Field here, July 9. Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day

Intramural softball championship tonight



Butler shows tremendous range in tracking down this grounder during Installation Personnel Administration Center's first-round game against MARSOC in the Camp Lejeune Intramural Softball Championship tournament. Despite being four runs down with two innings to play, MARSOC rallied back to win 12-10. The championship is scheduled for this evening at the Goettge Memorial Field House ballfield at 7 p.m. Jamie

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Health meeting

Capt. Mark C. commanding of Camp Lejeune Hospital, is scheduled to host the military health care town meeting today at 2 p.m. at 6:30 p.m. in rooms A and B in the hospital. The event is for military members to ask questions, express concerns about health care. A presentation given on arthritis more information, contact 450-4463.

and EWS programs

College of Continuing Education's Command Staff College is offering a two-day seminar on the last September. The seminar groups each week for a month of or CSC students and deploying, also an on-line opportunity. All or discuss particular situations. Please contact the Regional Coordinator at 451-4463 or email to campjeune@cotc.com.

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Improvement

Members ages 18 and younger are invited to participate in the National Safety Council Driver Improvement Course on Monday, July 21, 2008, for more information, call 1-5903/2776.

Command

Combat Camera units command phone on Wednesdays, Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Appointments are head-of-line, but personnel are advised to call, so as not to miss appointments scheduled.

Military police training for 'top notch' deployment

Lance Cpl. B.A. Curtis
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Military Police Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, participated in a field training exercise June 27- July 2.

The Marines practiced convoy security techniques and several other important training exercises, including firing crew-served weapons from vehicles — all designed to prepare them for their main responsibility while deployed — guarding important locations as well as convoys.

Capt. George Mordica, the company commander of MP Company, explained that firing the crew-served weapons from vehicles is "the bread and butter of field ops for MPs," and that the company's veteran Marines were doing a great job helping the newer ones with the weapons.

"We have a good blend of noncommissioned officers that just got back from deployment teaching the junior Marines straight from the schoolhouse," Mordica said. "They're looking at each burst the Marine fire ... and grading on general knowledge of the weapon system and whether or not they're hitting the target."

Mordica said that due to the operational tempo of the 2nd MLG, it is very important for the company



Lance Cpl. Johnilea Petty, from 1st Platoon, Military Police Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, fires a .50-caliber Browning machine gun, while being coached by Sgt. Brenden Colley at a field exercise. The Marines of Military Police Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, participated in the field training exercise June 27- July 2. Lance Cpl. B.A. Curtis

to train when ever they get a chance. The company is almost always sending personnel to the 2nd MLG's combat logistics battalions, which combine all the capabilities of a logistics group in a smaller-sized unit.

"In the MLG we have so many deployments," ex-

plained Mordica. "There is very limited time to train; if they don't do it now they will miss out on it."

The company's junior Marines stated that the field exercise was an essential step in their training as field MPs.

"It's top notch," said Pfc. Jonathan V. Barks, an MP

with the company's first platoon. "It's the first time anybody from the schoolhouse has got to shoot this big of a weapon."

Barks, a Morgantown, Ky. native, explained that the NCO instructing him was able to coach him on the weapon really well, improving his marksman-

ship skills.

"The first time I shot at the target it was a little high," said Barks. "They coached me and got me on target. They know what they're doing."

Sgt. Brenden Colley, the first platoon squad leader,

See POLICE, 2C

Trainer course readies Marines for IED threat

Christi Prickett
School of Engineering

You are going to be the trainers. You will need to know the purpose and how it works. We are giving you the knowledge, so you can take it with you to instill in the Marines you work with. You will use this on deployment to save lives.

This is what Marines of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment were told as their Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare Train the Trainer course began.

The CREW T3 class, taught by the Engineer Center of Excellence on Courthouse Bay, is designed to provide students with the knowledge required to operate Marine Corps CREW systems and successfully plan for the use of and employ these systems to protect unit personnel and equipment. The two-day course ensures Marines understand the operations and employment of these systems in response to the radio controlled IED threat, but more importantly ensures the students can effectively teach their Marines how to operate and employ these systems.

"We teach this course because the Marine Corps has identified a weakness in CREW operator proficiency and frankly, many Marines are not confident in these systems. That's the focus of this class, then, to raise operator proficiency and confidence," said Jeff Snear, Mobile Training Team

instructor and CREW systems expert. "The benefit gained from attending the trainer course is twofold — Marines become more proficient and confident and now have the ability to put this knowledge to work training Marines from their units during home station training events."

"The purpose of this course is to instill confidence and knowledge," said Ed Donnell, RCIED instructor and ECOEMTT member. "There was no confidence in the gear as it was being fielded [overseas]. There was no real understanding of the systems, so they didn't know how or if they worked."

Donnell, who has more than three years of experience on the CREW systems, teaches a variety of the MLF IED Defeat classes with the ECOE. His experience as a field service engineer overseas helped make this course his forte.

The basic concept for each system is simple: the larger radio waves transmitted from the CREW system overpower smaller radio waves being transmitted by devices used to control an IED. After two full days of instruction, the students are able to identify principles of the Chameleon, Hunter, and Guardian CREW systems and their parts; conduct preventive maintenance checks and services; conduct systems operations procedures and use the systems to protect personnel and equipment. They are also tested in their

See TRAINER, 2C



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment recently participated in a two-day Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare Train the Trainer course. Christi Prickett



A student at Marine Corps Combat Service Support School confers with Capt. James Bustamante, a logistics officer with Marine Forces Pacific during Mobile Provider 08. Pfc. John Sutherland

War games go mobile

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

Maneuvering units engaged in a fight can have a hard time keeping track of their beans, bullets and band aids. But thanks to the Mobile Provider 08, a logistics modernization expeditionary war game, Marines are testing innovative support concepts while employing what are known as 'Bridge Technologies' to give commanders improved control of complicated situations. These new technologies give the commanders knowledge of how to make better and timelier decisions in the heat of battle.

Sponsored by Headquarters Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics, Logistics Vision and Strategy Branch's Transition Task Force, Mobile Provider 08 was held June 23-27 at the Tactical Decision Center aboard Camp Johnson, N.C., and involved more than 100 participants from the Marine Forces, Marine Corps System Command, Marine Corps Logistics Command, HQMC, Supporting Establishment commands, and the Marine Forces Reserve.

"The goal of MP 08 was to examine, test and evaluate the integration of supply, maintenance and distribution initiatives under LogMod," said Maj. Peter Mahoney, TTF operations officer and exercise coordinator.

"The exercise helped examine innovative approaches to providing support to a Marine Air-Ground Task Force in maneuver," said Mahoney. This was possible using the simulation capabilities of the TDC and the functional logistics capabilities of certain bridge technologies.

Participants formed cells representing units from a MEF command element down to a direct support combat logistics battalion. Over the course of four simulated stages of an operation, the cells evaluated field-level logistics roles, responsibilities, and command relationships, said Mahoney.

Results and recommendations from MP 08 will directly impact ground supply chain, ground equipment

See MOBILE, 2C

Marine stops prisoner escape

Cpl. Aaron Rooks
2nd Marine Logistics Group

A Camp Lejeune-based Marine was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal July 9 for his actions in apprehending a prisoner who escaped from an Ozark County, Miss., courthouse June 10.

Cpl. Allen Orcutt of 2nd Marine Logistics

Group, captured William A. Huelsenbeck of Ozark County, after he escaped from custody just before arraignment for felony charges of possession of a controlled substance, forgery and stealing.

Ozark County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Justin Riley initially witnessed the escape attempt and began to pursue the

felon as he made his way out of the courthouse. He said Orcutt witnessed what was taking place and immediately began to chase down the convict.

Orcutt captured the prisoner one block away from the courthouse and restrained him until members of the sheriff's office caught up and took custody. Riley said

Orcutt was the only person at the courthouse who took action when he called out for help.

"That type of fast, decisive thinking is something to be proud of," Riley said. "Cpl. Orcutt is a shining example of the fine men and women of the United States Marine Corps. The help he provided was greatly appreciated."

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ability to teach a class on each piece of gear and led in operational scenarios as a group.

The CREW T3 course, along with the other IED Defeat courses offered by the ECOE, are taught to experienced and inexperienced Marines are able to walk away comfortable in their abilities.

"Basically the CREW T3 class is designed for someone who has never seen or heard of it," said Donnell. "It is also a refresher course. For example, there are new and old versions of the Chameleon, so we show both systems and the differences."

Corporal Ryan Little, 21, had never used the CREW systems before the class.

"I may not have any experience with the gear, but I have to know it because

it is being used in OIF and OEF [Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom]," said Little, a Chicago, Ill. native. "I'm excited and looking forward to teaching it. It was easy to learn."

"This class is a good baseline to teach Marines," said 2nd Lt. Daniel Yurkovich, 2nd Platoon, Company K, 3/8, and a Scenery Hill, Pa. native. "Leadership can't be in every vehicle [with a system], so by us passing the information on, we are giving everyone enough knowledge to use the gear. We now have the tools to teach, so all we have to do is coordinate getting vehicles with CREW to teach the class before we deploy."

The Marines with 3/8 will be participating in Mojave Viper in the next few months before their deployment to Iraq later this fall.

"It's interesting to learn what's

out there and the tools we have," said Sgt. Aaron Titus, a St. Maries, Idaho native. "It is no longer a rifle on rifle situation. There are now unseen threats, and by us learning these systems, we are defeating that threat."

The course is receiving great feedback from across the military and with the ECOE.

"Every class that I teach we get a bunch of thank yous" explains Donnell. "They feel more comfortable with the gear, and even ask if they take this course again before their unit deploys. We get a lot of kudos, which makes me feel like we did the job and accomplished what we are here to do."

For more information or to schedule your unit for the CREW T3 course, or any of the IED-Defeat courses provided by the ECOE, call Allen McClain at 450-7508.

MOBILE, from IC

maintenance management, and distribution policies across the Marine Corps.

Behind the scenes, a suite of three bridge technologies assisted each cell to manage and track logistics equipment, personnel, supplies and maintenance processes across the battlefield: the Transportation Capacity Planning Tool the Common Logistics Command and Control System and the Battle Command Sustainment Support System.

As systems that are 'bridging' the gap from "where we are now" to an enterprise-wide logistics information technology solution, the bridge technologies are essentially computer applications that run on laptop computers or through networked servers at supporting and supported units.

"This is the first time we've used all three of these systems together in a single scenario," said Mahoney.

Maj. Eddie Hammett, representing the program office for bridge technologies at MARCORSSCOM, attended the LogMod war game to see how the three systems could work together in a simulated real world situation.

"The role of the bridge technologies in the LogMod war game is to exercise the capabilities that we have been trying to get the fleet to use for the last few years," said Hammett. "Each one of the bridge technologies has different capabilities to bring to the table. These bridge technologies will help the fleet in supporting their efforts and war fighters."

"What I would like to gain from this is just an awareness of what we are capable of," said Hammett. "We want to be able to show a commander where his vehicles are throughout the battle field and what they are doing, as well as be able to check his supplies and have situational awareness."

The war game effectively demonstrated how the different technologies can work hand in hand with improved procedures to better support Marines engaged in the fight.

Mobile Provider 08 was the third in a series of LogMod war games being conducted to demonstrate and evaluate evolving processes and technologies. In the end, LogMod initiatives will directly affect about 35,000 logistics Marines, but its efforts will benefit the entire Marine Corps.

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explained that the NCOs instructing the Marines down the training so that anyone at any skill level can learn the weapon system.

"We started with the basics," said Colley, "through the process ... remedial actions, when they positioned, loading, clearing and getting

Later on in the training exercise, the Marines other skills such as operating entry control points, control points, and conducting foot and mount operations. These operations will also help prepare the Marines for deployments.

"This training is a stepping stone," Barfield said. "There is a lot more training ahead."

Courts Martia

Lance Cpl. Lawrence D. West of 2nd Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of the Uniform Code of Military Article 112a (wrongful use of cocaine). He sentenced to confinement for 45 days, reduction and a bad conduct discharge.

Sgt. Pedro E. Trinidad of Headquarters & Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 92 (Dereliction of Duty) 107 (False Official Statement) one charge two specifications of Article 121 (Larceny), sentenced to confinement for six months, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

Cpl. Alejandro Delacruz of 2nd Amphibious Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune was convicted of violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 112a (four specifications of distribution of a controlled substance). He sentenced to confinement for 54 months, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

Pvt. David A. Jones of 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for 90 days and forfeitures of \$890 per month for a period of three months.

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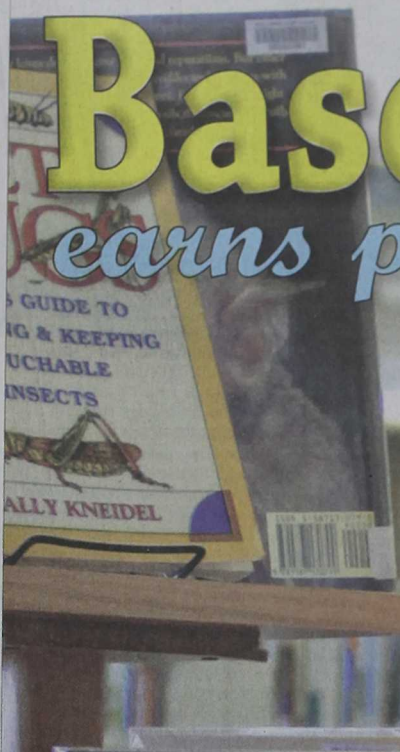
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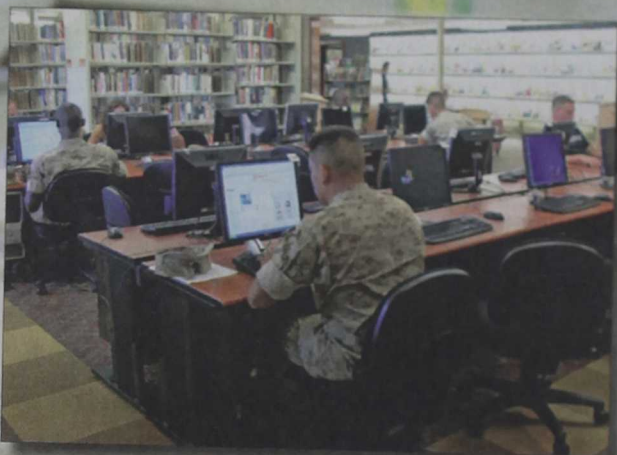
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Base Library

earns premier status



As shown at right, the Harriette B. Smith Library recently added 10 new computers to enhance patron services. All base library branches also offer Wi-Fi for laptop users.
Bobbie Allen



The main library recently held a ribbon-cutting to celebrate its renovations and reaching premier status. Ribbon cutters, from left to right, are William Jones, a renovation electrician; Grace Paul, library director; John Crites, of the Teen Advisory Group; Bob Songer, director, Lifelong Learning Branch and Base Commanding Officer Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr. Tim Hines

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Library. Here is where people, one frequently finds, lower their voices and raise their minds.
~ Richard Armour

Warriors, family members, your base library has joined you among the few, the proud.

Eschewing "business as usual," the Harriette B. Smith Library and its Camp Johnson and John A. Lejeune Education Center Research and Study Center branches recently achieved Department of Defense Premier Library Status after spending three years enhancing library services.

"We are the only DoD library in the continental United States who has premier status," says Grace Paul, library director, noting that the only other Marine Corps libraries to have achieved the honor are in Okinawa, Japan, and Iwakuni, Japan.

After a brief closure for renovations, which included providing a teen-only space, expanding the children's section and arranging resources to be more accessible, the Harriette B. Smith Library held a ribbon-cutting June 25 to reopen and celebrate reaching premier status.

The library had to meet 99 standards in order to achieve this goal, including offering Wi-Fi at all branch locations, having both teen and children-specific areas and providing an accredited reference librarian.

Paul says reaching this milestone en-

hances services for library patrons. It is all a part of fashioning the library to meet the base community's needs. "Last year's push was getting the library renovated to make it more comfortable. This year's push is enhancing our information services," says Paul.

Using the term "information literacy," Paul says, "It all comes down to helping patrons synthesize information and give them an answer in ways they can understand it. Libraries are still repositories for information, be it digital or print. The people who work in libraries are there to help keep you from becoming overwhelmed by the sheer volume of information that is available."

The library helps patrons meet both education and entertainment needs, says Paul. For example, the main library recently added 10 new computer terminals. They may be used for educational and mission goals as well as for personal needs, such as checking one's non-military e-mail account or researching a new video game.

The library also keeps DVD copies of movies and television series for folks to check out. "Nobody wants to go out and buy 10 seasons of the Simpsons. If you can check it out from the library, I think it's a lot better," says Paul.

There is also an extensive books-on-compact disc and music CD collection. Plus the library has added dozens of Playaway pre-loaded digital audio players, compact devices which come with earphones and offer one audio book, to its resources.

For information and educational purposes, authorized base library users may access the Gale database, a comprehensive tool to search information from a variety of major databases on topics ranging from academics to medicine, from the libraries' Web page on the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Community Services Web site at www.mccslejeune.com/library.html. (Authorized patrons may stop by or call the library at 451-3178/0307 to obtain the database password.)

The base library also maintains a large collection of RosettaStone language-education software which patrons may check out for three weeks at a time. Additionally, there are a children's literacy computer station and educational materials for students of all ages. The base library even has an entire section dedicated to Marine Corps and Navy professional reading program books.

Paul also points out that the library now offers self-service facsimile and photocopying. "[Marines and sailors] can come here and visit the Learning Resource Center, fax something, check out a disc for their 2 year old and maybe check out a book from the Marine Corps reading list. They can get many services in one place," she says. "We want them to be able to come in and do what they need to do because we know they have a lot on their plate."

Forged by knowledge and the freedoms secured by the military, the base library strives for excellence in order to better serve the defenders of peace and their families.

'The Incredible Hulk:' Action-packed, exciting fantasy



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"THE INCREDIBLE HULK" (PG-13)

"The Incredible Hulk" is a movie based on the Marvel Comics, 'The Incredible Hulk.' The green hero with super strength and resistance to pain is a guy nobody wants

From the front row

With Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt

to see angry because that's when he gets stronger.

Edward Norton ("The Illusionist," "Kingdom of Heaven," "25th Hour") stars as Dr. Bruce Banner, a scientist who transforms into a giant green monster.

Banner desperately seeks a cure for his unique condition; the gamma radiation that poisoned his cells and unleashes the unbridled force of rage within him.

Cut off from the life he knew and the woman he loves, he lives in obscurity in Brazil and is working on an antidote for his condition.

Liv Ullmann ("The Strangers") portrays Betty Ross, his love interest.

Bruce also struggles to avoid the obsessive pursuit of his nemesis, Gen. Thunderbolt Ross, who happens to be also Betty's father, played by William Hurt ("Vantage Point") and the military machinery that seeks to capture him in order to use his power.

All three are affected by the secrets that led to the Hulk's creation.

In addition, they are confronted with a new adversary, Emil Blonsky, better known as The Abomination, portrayed by Tim Roth ("Even Money"), a beast who is even stronger than the Hulk.

Now, a scientist must make an agonizing choice, to accept a peaceful life as Bruce Banner or find heroism in the creature he holds inside — The Incredible Hulk.

Also appearing is Christina Cabot ("Hostage") as Maj. Kathleen 'Kat' Sparr; Tim Blake Nelson ("The Astronaut Farmer") as Samuel Sterns, the mysterious Mr. Blue and Robert Downey Jr. in a cameo role as his "Iron Man" character Tony Stark.

You can also see Lou Ferrigno, the famous bodybuilder who became a successful actor and appeared in the 2003 "The Hulk" as a security guard. Ferrigno was the original Hulk of the 1970 television series.

The incarnation of the conflicted Marvel character made his big screen debut in 2003 with "The Hulk," the very dark, moody and rather disappointing film by famous director Ang Lee ("Brokeback Mountain").

This time around, director Louis Leterrier



'The Incredible Hulk' is an action fantasy movie based on the green super hero in Marvel Comics, 'The Incredible Hulk.'

("Transporter 2," "Unleashed") took a new look at the comic book hero and the previous '70s and '80s television interpretation to create this all-new and explosive film of the most popular 'super heroes' of all time.

With the help of screenwriters Zak Penn and Edward Norton, the works of the creative and legendary comic book writers, Stan Lee and Jack Kirby and the super technology of our times, the green angry monster comes alive and active again.

"The Incredible Hulk" is an action-packed and exciting fantasy epic of huge proportions. It contains violent action scenes and some frightening images not suitable for children.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater
"YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN" (PG-13)

"You Don't Mess With the Zohan" is an action comedy about an Israeli commando, who fakes his own death in order to pursue his dream.

Adam Sandler ("Reign Over Me," "Spanglish," "Anger Management") stars as Zohan Dvir, a super-human anti-terrorist agent from Israel.

He pretends he has been killed so he can fulfill his big dream of moving to New York and becoming a hairstylist.

Landing in New York, Zohan is reinventing himself as the hair dresser, Scrapy Coco. When he finally lands a job in a hair salon, he romances his customers by giving them special services.

Zohan also falls for the beautiful Dalia, the young Palestinian woman who owns the hair salon where he finds work, played by Emmanuelle Chirigui (HBO's "Entourage").

However, soon Zohan is recognized by a group of Arabs hot on his trail and risks

losing everything.

Rob Schneider ("Click," "The Longest Yard") re-teams with Sandler and plays Salim, an Arab cab driver with a grudge.

John Turturro ("The Transformers") plays the unstoppable Palestinian terrorist, Phantom, who is responsible for Zohan's 'faked' death.

Singer Lainie Kazan appears as Gail and Nick Swardson ("Blades of Glory") plays her son Michael.

Look for cameos by Dave Matthews, John McEnroe, Henry Winkler and Mariah Carey, to name a few.

Director Dennis Dugan ("I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry," "The Benchwarmers," "National Security," "Happy Gilmore") worked with a script written by Adam Sandler, Judd Apatow ("Knocked-Up," "Superbad") and Saturday Night Live writer and producer Robert Smigel.

Sandler returns to another silly and ludicrous character in this appallingly-stupid and inane farce.

"You Don't Mess With the Zohan" is another crude comedy with lots of sexual and raunchy humor.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"WANTED" (R)

"Wanted" is an action adventure and adaptation of a cult comic book miniseries about a fraternity of super-powered assassins.

It tells the tale of one apathetic nobody's transformation into an unparalleled enforcer of justice.

James McAvoy ("Atonement," "The Last King of Scotland") stars as Wesley Gibson, an accounting manager and an average young guy and slacker, who probably nev-

er would have amounted to anything in his life, until he meets a special woman.

Angie Jolie ("Beowulf," "Mr. Smith") stars as Fox, a remorseless morally-driven assassin and operative for a secret agency. She recruits Wesley, who apparently has supernatural powers, and helps train the dormant powers, to avenge the murder of one of the elite assassins who kill bad guys, which happens to be his father.

Wesley soon discovers that he lives by an ancient, unbreakable code that carries out the death orders given by his superiors.

However, as he wavers between his heroism and vengeance, Wesley will learn that he alone controls his destiny.

Morgan Freeman ("The Bucket List," "Marathon") costars as Sloan, the mantic leader of the fraternity.

Also appearing are Kristen Hagen ("Not There") as Cathy Terence Starnay, a service with can Gangster", better known as rapper, can Sense, as The Gunsmith.

Timur Bekmambetov ("Night Train") a Russian filmmaker known for his striking visuals, directs his first American film, loosely based on an explosive graphic novel by Mark Millar, originally published in issue series.

With its black humor, the comic is both gritty and gutsy and has a real edge to it.

"Wanted" is a heart-stopping, over-the-top, bloody and violent, but fantastic visual ride not to be taken too seriously.

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Chaplain's Corner
By Chaplain Mike Wietcha

When we are born into this life, we don't have much say as to who our parents are, where we live, the brothers and sisters that we have or even the pets that are around the home. We don't choose what we eat or where we sleep. All these things are provided for us by our parents during these early developmental years. But as we mature in our childhood, we begin to learn and to apply our knowledge to the world around us. Still, most of the events of our life are driven by our parents; the clothes we will wear, the food we will eat, the shows we will watch on TV and the time we will go to bed.

Eventually, at some point in our lives, we begin to realize that we can make more of our own decisions (though somewhat on a limited scale at first) and there are rewards or consequences to the choices we make; to disobey mom and dad may result in a spanking or a time out, to do well in school and to clean up your room may result in a special treat. Life still seems to be somewhat simple and the choices we make may not be as grave then (as young children) as they are later in life.

As we continue to grow and mature, we find that the bad decisions we make can have serious consequences for the present and the future. The key as we move into our pre-teen and teenage years is to learn to make wise choices and avoid making the bad ones. This may require us to reflect back on the teaching of our parents, to learn from our mistakes and to have good positive role models in our lives. If we surround ourselves with those who can give wise counsel, we can find the task of choice making to be much easier. Ev-

everyone needs some good advice in time to time.

As teenagers, we have much freedom to make our own choices within the constraints of the family set. Your parents will still hold you accountable when you make a bad choice. For example, if your grades start slipping because you are having so much fun socializing at school, then you very may end up in summer school or a tutor. If you fail to keep your room clean, then you may have less time on the Wii, Xbox or PlayStation 3. And on it goes.

Eventually, you will be able to step out on your own and then you find a big world out there that requires decisions and choices to be made on a basis that could have a major impact on your life and/or the life of others: the military, we know that in a combat environment our choices can mean either instant life or death. Still, the same principle applies when we are on our own. We need to be responsible and make wise choices that will benefit our life rather than choices that bring us down or get us in trouble with the law.

If we drink and drive, we could end up killing someone. If we do use drugs, we could end up ruining lives and spending time in prison. We lose our tempers, we can end up losing something that we will later regret. The choices that we make can mean the difference between getting a promotion and getting time in the brig.

When we think about all of this, it should motivate us to do what is good and right and to reject doing what is bad and wrong. Listen to your conscience, listen to your parents, listen to your role models and mentors, listen to your congregation and avoid negative peer pressure. Making wise choices also comes through experience, so when we do make a bad choice, we can learn from it and avoid making the same bad choice again. One thing is for sure, living a choice-free life is not an option. God Bless.

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Wilmington area makes early transition from analog to digital cable

Bobbie Allen
Reporter for The Globe

Feb. 17, 2009, the nation's television stations will convert to the new broadcasting format of digital television and will no longer broadcast in the original analog format.

Congress mandated the transition to all-digital to ensure clarity in frequencies for public safety communications such as police, fire and emergency rescue. All-digital broadcasting will also allow stations to offer improved picture and sound quality as well as additional channels.

To address the many questions and concerns that have arisen with such a monumental change, the Federal Communications Commission held a press conference at their headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Wilmington, N.C., FCC chair announced Wilmington, N.C., will transition to a new digital broadcasting format five months earlier than the rest of the country.

Commercial broadcasters in the Wilmington area will begin their analog signals on Sept. 8. The early transition of the Wilmington area to DTV will allow broadcasting companies to catch potential flaws in the implementation process of the new system, thus allowing an easier transition to the rest of the country.

This early test will help minimize potential burdens for viewers and maximize their ability to benefit from the change.

How does this change to digital affect the television audience? Those who already have a satellite or service will not be affected, but those who use antenna or "bunny ears" to receive an over-the-air television signal will need to purchase a digital-converter box.

tal tuner it will be compatible with over-the-air digital services. Television equipment should be labeled or marked to indicate whether it contains a digital tuner or not. "These labels or markings may contain the words 'integrated digital tuner' or 'digital tuner built-in.' Receiver may be substituted for 'tuner,' and 'DTV,' 'ATSC' or 'HDTV' [high definition television] may be substituted for 'digital,'" according to the FCC's Web site.

If the television equipment has any of those labels or markings, the television should be compatible with digital over-the-air programming without the need for a digital-converter box.

Consumers who do not have televisions with DTV capability will need a converter box to have access to programming.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is the federal agency in charge of administering the TV Converter Box Coupon Program. Between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2009, U.S. households may request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, while supplies last, to be used toward the purchase of up to two coupon-eligible converter boxes.

The digital-converter boxes, on average, will retail for \$60. Each coupon looks like a credit card and expires 90 days after it has been mailed. Three retailers will be selling the digital-converter boxes: Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Radio Shack. Each seller should accept the coupons issued by the government.

To request a coupon, consumers can apply online at www.dtv2009.gov. There is also a 24-hour hotline to take requests at 888-388-2009.

The Better Business Bureau has alerted the public to a scam pertaining to the digital-converter boxes. A company called Universal TechTronics is advertising "free" digital-converter boxes, up to two per fam-



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ily. The company has classified ads running in newspapers across the country which read: "Public to get free TV without government coupon." The old adage: "If it's too good to be

true, then it probably is," holds true, as the ad promises a free converter box as well as "superior quality picture, better sound and free digital network channels — all for free."

The advertisement gives the consumer a "certified free claims code" to use with the purchase, making it appear legitimate. This transaction cheats the consumers by having them

purchase a five-year warranty for \$59 and then incur additional charges for shipping and handling. By the end of the transaction, the consumer has paid nearly \$100 for the free digital-converter box.

"Unfortunately, consumers who do respond may find that not only will they not receive free products and services as implied by the ads, but they will end up paying more than they would have by taking advantage of the really good deal being offered through the DTV coupon program," said Steve Cox, BBB spokesman.

Consumers should stay alert to advertisements making claims that sound too good-to-be-true such as free equipment. To be prepared for the transition to all-digital in Wilmington Sept. 8, consumers should check their televisions and make sure they are compatible with the all-digital conversion and take appropriate measures.

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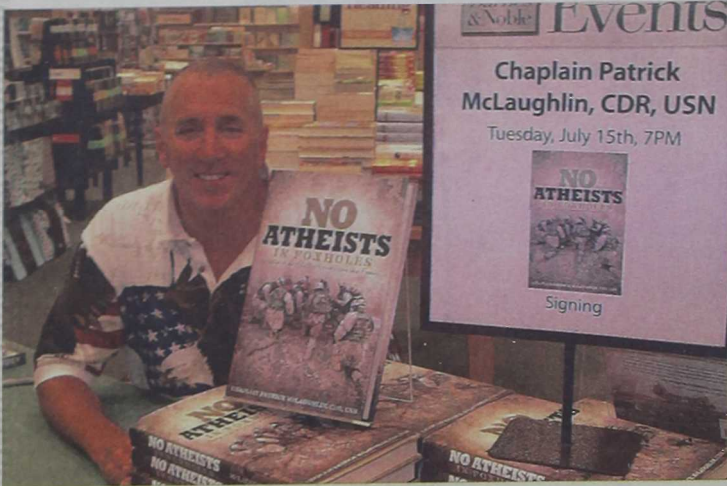
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Chaplain's e-mails from Iraq form new book



Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

"As a pastor, your ministry is not solely to the people there in uniform, obviously, that's the main thrust, but you have a larger sphere of influence you want to take care of," says Cmdr. Patrick McLaughlin, formerly stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and now command chaplain for the Precommissioning Unit George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) out of Newport News, Va.

Having served two tours as a chaplain in Iraq, starting in August 2005 and January 2007, McLaughlin knows a thing or two about helping warriors and their families get through deployment. And due to his recently-released book, "No Atheists in Foxholes: Prayers and reflections from the front," he has certainly exponentially increased his sphere of influence.

While on deployment, McLaughlin, a Navy chaplain of the Lutheran faith, says he asked himself the question, "How can I minister to the people where I am at but to their family and friends in the States as well?"

Using the medium of electronic mail, McLaughlin was able to increase his ministry to a global level. "I never set out to write a book. It was prayers

and reflections and things sent to friends and family," said McLaughlin. "That book is kind of like an e-mail in formal form."

Through the encouragement of a member of his e-mail list, author Homer Hickam, who penned "Rocket Boys" which inspired the motion picture "October Sky," McLaughlin transformed his series of e-mails, letters and devotionals into a book.

It turns out that, in addition to service members and loved ones, part of McLaughlin's ministry was to himself. "There are some things in there that are a little bit of self-therapy, because it's so hard to see young, heroic Marines and soldiers wounded and killed in action [as well as wounded] Iraqi children," says McLaughlin.

During his first deployment, McLaughlin was a spiritual leader for a surgical shock trauma platoon and a mortuary affairs unit. The Marines and sailors he lived among and ministered to labored each day to save lives, both American and Iraqi, and to prepare the "angels," or warriors killed in action, for the journey home to their families. "You meet and work with some incredible young men and women," he says of his time in country. "In Iraq, you meet some of the bravest people ever."

Cmdr. Patrick McLaughlin, currently assigned to the Precommissioning Unit George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) as command chaplain, was in town Tuesday to sign copies of his new book, "No Atheists in Foxholes: Prayers and reflections from the front." Having been previously-stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, McLaughlin's family still lives in the area. He signed books at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in the Jacksonville Mall. The book includes prayers and reflections from his two deployments to Iraq. Heather Owens

Operating under these circumstances, in a land with biblical significance, McLaughlin came to a greater spiritual understanding. "I tell people that in 20 years as an ordained minister, the closest I've been to God is in Iraq," he says.

In a chapter of the book about boots being the most valuable equipment in Iraq, McLaughlin writes, "All of this walking is a good thing, not so much for the physical workout, but rather for the spiritual exercise. It is appropriate that we spend a lot of time walking around and kicking up the sand and dust in a place where many Old Testament events took place."

Filled with stories of his experiences in Iraq and prayers for many of the situations warriors face, McLaughlin has written a book which can be both a type of devotional for those currently serving in combat or a comfort to their families back home.

"I just hope the book is a help to those who would pick it up and read it to strengthen their faith or, as I hear from extended families, to tell those stories of our men and women in uniform that they may not have heard before," he says.

'No Atheists in Foxholes' provides spiritual message



Reader's Forum
By Heather Owens

Some credit the phrase "there are no atheists in foxholes" to various military officers who served during World War II.

Others attribute it to I. F. Stone, a folksy reporter who wrote G.I.s' stories during that war. No matter the source of the phrase, it serves as part of the title of Cmdr. Patrick McLaughlin's new book, "No Atheists in Foxholes: Prayers and reflections from the front." I can already hear our lieutenant in my head saying, "Marines fighting holes, not foxholes."

Also, I hear the voice of a certain noncommissioned officer who has stopped by my office each day in the week to assure me that, indeed, there are atheists in military and, thus, in, uh, fighting holes.

When talking with McLaughlin, a Navy commander, I briefly raised the NCO's point.

McLaughlin, a Lutheran, was enthusiastic in his answer. He said he was always the first to defend any right to personal belief. A right, he noted, our military fights for around the world.

"When the bullets are flying, I don't worry so much about your faith, I worry about your character and how well you perform as a Marine or soldier," said McLaughlin.

Thus, with these two caveats about the title on the table, I will report that I greatly enjoyed McLaughlin's book.

Granted, those with a spiritual belief system or practice the Christian faith, may enjoy it most, I do believe there are nuggets in the book for warriors, military family members and the general, American public.

For example, McLaughlin begins the volume with a description of his time as chaplain and historian at the presidential retreat at Camp David from June 2002 through June 2004. It is interesting to take a small peek into life at Camp David.

On a practical note, McLaughlin lists tips on page 218 as to how he packs breakables in seabags and later distinguishes them from a mountain of similar duffels.

Yet, for me, the substance of the book are the stories of his time in Iraq.

The chapter titled "A Marine Angel," describing a lance corporal whose body was prepared by the mortuary affairs unit McLaughlin pastored during his first tour, really hits home.

Prepared from the collection of e-mails and personal notes McLaughlin wrote during his deployments, the book evolved out of the chaplain's desire to minister to both service members in Iraq and loved ones back home.

McLaughlin said he hopes the book will give the average American a chance to read stories of Iraq which may not find elsewhere.

He has already heard from deployed service members who use it as a war-time devotional.

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For details about the Cape Fear Blues Festival, call 910-350-8822 or visit www.capefearblues.org. For a free Visitors Guide for Wilmington and Cape Fear Coast, visit www.gocapefearcoast.com or call 910-341-4030 or 866-266-9690.



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Storyteller event

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Big Shaggin' Dinner and Dance

Tomorrow, 16 p.m.
Eddie's Entertainment presents the Big Shaggin' Dinner and Dance at Sywanyks Scarlet and Gold Traditions on 222 Henderson Dr. The event is scheduled to include dinner of spaghetti, salad and a dessert as well as the entertainment for tickets of \$12 each. The Carousels and Recording Beach and Variety Band are set to perform. For tickets, call 382-3840.

Rock concert

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Onslow County Public Library has scheduled a free concert by nationally acclaimed rock-n-roll band The High Strung at Northside High School in Jacksonville as part of the OCPL's summer family reading program. For more information, call 455-7350, ext. 231, your local branch library or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/library.

Recognition service

Saturday, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
A recognition service is planned for Chief Warrant Officer Jimmy Lee Watson, a helicopter pilot who went missing in action March 13, 1968, in South Vietnam. Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Walter Joseph Marm Jr., a medal of honor recipient, is scheduled to be the event guest speaker. The event is set to take place at Lucama Elementary School Auditorium, 6260 Blalock Rd., in Lucama, N.C. It is sponsored by the Lucama High School Class of 1964 of which Watson was a member. For more information, contact Chris Raper at 252-937-8198.

From Banjos to Beach Music

July 24, 5 - 9 p.m.
Bluegrass, beach music and big sharks mix it up to spotlight North Carolina culture from the mountains to the sea at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. The Aquarium will stay open late until 9 p.m. for a "From Banjos to Beach Music" family night. For more information, call 866-294-3477 or visit the Aquarium Web page at www.ncaquariums.com.

Artists and Crafters Guild

July 29, 6:30 p.m.
The Coastal Carolina Artists and Crafters Guild meets on a regular basis on the last Tuesday of every month at the Northwoods Recreation Building on 621 Henderson Dr. in Jacksonville. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. The guild offers refreshments and the opportunity to network with other artists and crafters. Visit www.ccacguild.blogspot.com to view a listing of the guild members and the variety of artistic talent located right here in Jacksonville and surrounding areas.

Beaufort Pyrate Invasion

Aug. 8 - 9, various times
Tickets for the Beaufort Pyrate Invasion are now on sale at Beaufort Trading (400 Front St.), Curves (1726 Live Oak St.), Martha's Collections (305 Turner St.), Tierra Fina (119 Turner St.) and Scuttlebutt (433 Front St.) in Beaufort, N.C. Admission to the fish fry scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Beaufort Historic Site is \$15 per person. The Buccaneer's Ball is set for Aug. 9 at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Tickets are \$25 per person. For those not in costume, tickets are \$30 per person. The ball is scheduled to run from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call Nan O'Pray at 252-728-4611 or Martha Barnes at 252-728-3917.

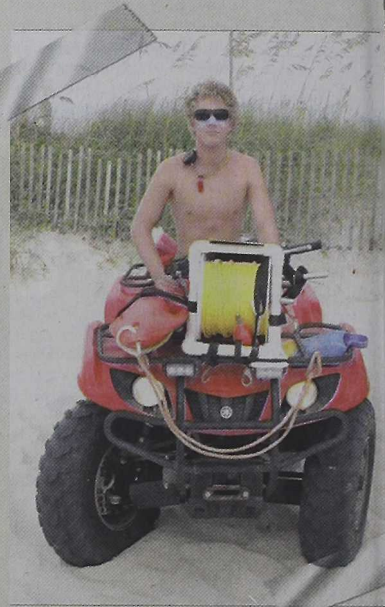
The Teen Squad

Through Aug. 22, 5 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Marine Corps Community Services has planned a summer activity for teens ages 13 to 18 called The Teen Squad. The Monday through Friday daytime event is set to take place from 5 a.m. through 6 p.m. Teens may sign up for multiple weeks or just one. Meals and two camp T-shirts will be provided. Military and Civilian Marine dependents are welcome. Single and dual working parents will be given priority placement. For more information, visit the Resources and Referral Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. at Bldg. 1966.

Fall registration

Through Aug. 28
Southern Illinois University announces its registration for Fall

2008 classes aboard Camp Lejeune to take place through Aug. 28. Bachelor's degrees are available in management, electronic systems technologies and health care management. For information, call 451-5575 or 449-6253 or visit the Marine Corps Community Services Web page at mccslejeune.com/LLL/index.html.



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Family Night: Pirates invade North Carolina Aquarium

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Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

ly buccaneers pull into the North Carolina Aquarium Knoll Shores for a pined Family Night tonight. The aquarium extends its hours to 9 p.m. for the special event. At 5 p.m., pirates invade the aquarium for an evening of treasure hunts and the high seas.

your timbers with the ardplay of the Raleigh-Idow Players Stage Com- cludes to a horde of choco- loons in an Aquarium hunt. The Aquarium's divers as ch the Living Shipwreck

for sunken pirate treasure in the "Davy Jones' Locker Dive Show." The divers will rely on the audience to help them find the hidden riches.

Meet the cousin of the crocodile that evades Captain Hook in an "Alligator Creature Feature." Practice pirate lingo and don an eye-patch in the "Life as a Pirate" discovery classroom.

Learn about the aquatic creatures that live around the wreckage of the Queen Anne's Revenge in a live animal feeding.

Family Nights are offered each Thursday night in July. Next Thursday, celebrate North Carolina's culture and nature in a "Banjos to Beach Music" evening. And, on July 31 go wild with "Glow Wild!" Family Night and learn about na-

ture's nightlights.

All Family Night activities are free with membership or admission — \$8 for adults, \$7 for ages 6-17. Children 5 and under, registered North Carolina school groups and members of the North Carolina Aquariums are admitted free. An annual family membership is \$50 and an individual membership is \$30.

Daytime visitors may return for Family Night activities the same evening at no charge by presenting their receipts. Ticket sales end at 8 p.m. The Aquarium is five miles west of Atlantic Beach, at Mile Marker 7. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com for more information.



Walk the plank and dive into pirate-filled fun at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores tonight. The Aquarium will remain open until 9 p.m. for a special family night. Courtesy photo

Hurricane season: Off-base property considerations

article is one in a series on prepar- ican season. In the first week we at we should: reduce property loss, onable steps to prevent further de- after loss, process our claim (s) and expeditiously and not attempt to government with a false claim.

we learned how to expedite our e learned that by having DD Forms 1844 completed along with accom- locuments before filing, we can cut he time that it takes to get financial ough you can get copies of these e Base Claims Office in Building aff Judge Advocate Building on- llevard you will be able to get them ed claims centers should a disaster worth noting that, pursuant to re- e base claims office can only process ost of damaged property located on refore, in order for those living off covered in the event of a hurricane estructive weather event, they must urance and keep it active.

we learn what to do if your prop- ated off the base.

ing rented premises: Landlords, ts, are responsible for repairing age and clearing debris resulting ral disasters [NC Gen Stat 42-43(6)]. ed housing is damaged, or if trees ebris has blown into your yard, on- dlor or the landlord's agent im- phone and follow up in writing. If e significantly lessened the value of ty; for example, if air conditioning ere damaged and not quickly you may ask the landlord to reduce ate rent until the repairs are made. fied rent should be equal to the rent- f the premises that are damaged. If ord agrees, get it in writing. If he does not agree, you can sue him in ms court for a court order lessening ating the rent until the repairs are

made. If you have already paid the full rent, you may sue for the difference in the value of the damaged property and the value of the property without damages. A court ordered reduction in rent might be just the wake up call to inspire your landlord to make the necessary repairs. It is worth noting that it is the tenants' obligation to continue to pay rent at full value until either the landlord consents to a reduction in writing or obtains a court ordered reduction in rent.

Lease termination: North Carolina Law (NC Gen Stat 42-12) provides that if the residential rental premises is damaged so badly that it will cost more than a year's rent to fix it, the tenant may terminate the lease without penalty. However, the tenant must pay rent up to the time of the damage and must notify the landlord of intent to terminate in writing and within 10 days of the damage. Read the lease carefully. This provision of the law only applies if the lease does not contain an agreement concerning destruction of the premises.

Consumer fraud: Homeowners, once the destructive weather abates home repair contractors will appear in the damaged area. Here are some red flags to look for:

- The door-to-door seller of home repair services fails to comply with state (NC Gen Stat 25A-39) and federal law (32 CFR 429) requiring a written notice of a three-day right to cancel the contract.

- The company headquarters is out of state and/or is impossible to contact. Or maybe there is just a post office box and no physical address.

- The contract fails to completely and accurately describe the work to be done and/or the price to be paid. Be especially wary of contracts in which the price is based on an estimate that is to be completed in the future.

- The seller tells you not to worry about the exorbitant price, because the insurance company will pay for everything.

It also pays to do your research on any home repair or contracting business. Contact the Eastern Carolina Better Business

Bureau (<http://easternnc.bbb.org>) and the North Carolina Board for General Contractors (www.ncbgc.com) to check on your builder's business reputation.

Unfortunately, even if you have insurance, all of your losses (food, clothing and other life essentials) may not be covered or reimbursed. Fortunately though, we live in an area with a bevy of relief agencies that may be contacted to help with essentials (food, clothing, a place to stay) after destructive weather hits. Both on or off base, service members can contact these organizations. Besides local churches and religious groups, you can also contact:

The Base Legal Assistance Office: They can be contacted for information concerning base

shelters where you will be able to find a safe place to stay and food during disasters. You can also contact them for advice concerning the following legal matters that are likely to occur due to storms or disasters:

- Insurance claims matters (Policy rights/Benefits and insurer responsibilities),
- Landlord/tenant matters (Landlord responsibilities and tenant rights),
- Consumer law issues (Post storm "rip off schemes and repair services), and
- Service-member Casualties (Deceased Service member Information).

Emergency Funds: If the president declares a national disaster, individuals may be eligible for loans or grants administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA offers housing assistance, unemployment assistance, low interest loans, grants, tax relief and other programs. FEMA reps will explain eligibility criteria and the specifics of filing for help and can be contacted at 800-621-FEMA (3362). Beware that application deadlines will be in effect, so call as soon as possible after you discover the loss or damage.

American Red Cross: The Onslow County Chapter (<http://onslow.redcross.org>) can be contacted at 347-3581/5191.

North Carolina Department of Social

Services. NC-DSS offers the following:

- For those needing or wanting food stamps, the Food Stamp Section of the NC-DSS can be reached at 455-4145. Emergency benefits for non-recipients may be available for eligible applicants following a storm/disaster. Regular recipients of food stamp benefits may be eligible to receive supplementary benefits to cover food losses (i.e., food loss credit stamps).

- Women and Infant Children. Service members who reside on the base and receive WIC benefits should contact the Tarawa Terrace WIC Office at 450-0080 or 353-0022 concerning disaster related supplementary assistance. Service members and civilians receiving WIC benefits may also contact the Onslow County WIC office at 347-5002. Recipients with disaster related food losses may be eligible for extra benefits through the issuance of additional vouchers.

Important numbers:

- Legal Assistance: 451-1903, www.lejeune.usmc.mil/legal/
- Base Claims Office: 451-7075
- Red Cross: 347-3581/5191, <http://onslow.redcross.org>
- Onslow DSS: 455-4145, www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/
- Onslow WIC: 347-5002, www.nutritionnc.com
- TT WIC: 353-0022 or 450-0080
- FEMA: (800) 621-FEMA (3362), www.fema.gov
- Onslow Emergency Services: www.co.onslow.nc.us/emergency/emergencyPreparedness.aspx

In conclusion, by calling the above agencies, you will be able to get the help that you need. Also remember that there is always someone ready to help you out at the Base Legal Assistance or Claims Offices.

Next week's article is on evacuation entitlements and allowances for military personnel and their family members displaced by destructive weather and disasters.

Archer is the Legal Assistance Office officer in charge. This article is one in a series of articles about practical and legal issues regarding hurricanes.



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