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Historical Heavy Lift

Osprey carries M198 howitzer for first time

Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones
2nd Marine Division

Marines with Battery S, 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, made Marine Corps history as the first Marines to demonstrate the tow capabilities of the V-22 Osprey, which vertically lifted and maneuvered a M198 towed howitzer, Aug. 7.

The demonstration was part of a field exercise helping to prepare the battery for a scheduled deployment with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

This training involved planning for raids and implementing the tow capability of the Osprey to reposition the howitzer quickly into position to support ground troops.

The exercise prepared the Marines to be self-sufficient at connecting and detaching the howitzer to and from an Osprey as it hovered overhead.

"It was pretty crazy under there," said Cpl. Gerald W. Wendel, a section chief. "It was the strongest wind I had ever felt in my life. You can barely see or move. We pretty much had to ride the wind. Sand was flying everywhere, but the Marines did it. They adapted and overcame. It went extremely well."

The Marines practiced a few dry runs through the scenario before the arrival of the aircraft for the pick up.

The Marines were highly motivated to have the opportunity to be the first gun crew to do this, said Wendel.

Once the howitzer was off the ground the pilots flew to another nearby landing zone where the gun was detached from the aircraft and placed into position for aiming in on imaginary targets.

"It was a pretty good lift with very minor damage," said Gunnery Sgt. Nicholas Manganiello, the battery gunnery sergeant. "We can still put rounds down range, move and communicate. That's our mission. As long as we can do that we are good."

See OSPREY, 8A



Marines with Battery S, 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, make Marine Corps history, demonstrating one of the tow capabilities of the MV-22 Osprey preparing to vertically lift a 15,772 pound M198 towed howitzer to another landing zone, Aug. 7. Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage

Congressional delegation visits Haditha

Cpl. Erik Villagran
Regimental Combat Team 5

HADITHA, Iraq — Members of the U.S. House of Representatives ventured from the halls of Congress to the streets of Haditha Aug. 14 to get an up-close view of progress in Iraq.

Reps. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Michael R. Turner, Ruben Hinojosa and Dave Loebsack were escorted through the city by Marines from 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5.

"We came because we wanted to see the progress Iraq has made," Turner said. "It was good to see the successes and what they have planned for the future."

The delegation landed at Combat Outpost Haditha on MV-22 Ospreys. As soon as they landed, they entered vehicles and convoyed to the Haditha City Council building.

At the city council building, the representatives met key Haditha leaders. They were greeted with open

arms by Abdul Hakim Mohammed Rashid Mohammed, the mayor of Haditha.

Mayor Hakim and the representatives discussed the way things have been going in Al Anbar and the plans the mayor has for his city. The mayor also joked with the committee about the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

Bordallo said she was pleased with the city council members' words during the meeting.

See DELEGATION, 8A



Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, D-Guam, hands candy to an Iraqi child during a tour of a Haditha marketplace. Bordallo and three congressmen visited the city Aug. 14 to see firsthand the progress Iraq has made. Cpl. Erik Villagran

Iraq's drop in violence inspires 'cautious optimism'

John J. Kruzel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — For the 11th straight week, violence in Iraq continues at the lowest levels in four years, despite ongoing threats from al-Qaida in Iraq and Iranian-backed militants, a coalition general said today.

Army Brig. Gen. David Perkins, a Multi-National Force-Iraq spokesman, attributed the nearly three-month lull in attacks to the Iraqi and coalition forces working toward establishing security, enforcing the rule of law and rebuilding Iraq.

"We have entered a phase where the progress in security is building

upon itself and is allowing for Iraqi government institutions, economic development and civil society to mature at a quicker pace," he said during a news conference in Baghdad.

Few security incidents have occurred in recent weeks in Basra, an oil-rich port city in southern Iraq with the country's second-largest

population. The success of Iraqi forces there has allowed for new public works projects to proceed, along with repairs to the electrical grid, Perkins said.

In the far-reaching Anbar province, which stretches westward

See OPTIMISM, 8A

Semper Fit



Operators Course

In combat, as in the civilian world, the methods and tools of communication are constantly changing. The Marine Network Operators Course prepares warriors for the war zone. Turn to page 1C to learn more.



Compelling Issue

Dr. Heidi S. Kraft recently visited Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune to raise awareness about combat stress and its treatment. For more information, turn to page 1D.



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News Watch

Warriors

Department of Defense announced the deaths of the Marines, who died of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adam T. McK-Cherry Valley, Ill. Stewart S. Trejo, Weafish, Mont. died were assigned to Logistics Group, I Expeditionary Force, Fleton, Calif.

Michael H. Ferschke, Maryville, Tenn., 0. He was assigned to Marine Division, III Expeditionary Force, Japan.

Michael A. C. McGuire, Mashpee, Mass., died. He was assigned to Marine Division, II Expeditionary Force, Hume, N.C.

L. Jacob J. Toves, Over Beach, Calif., 4. He was assigned to Marine Division, III Expeditionary Force, Japan.

Cpl. An-Mihalo, 23, of Natick, Mass. and Lance Cpl. Lopez-Castaneda, 23, of Phoenix, Ariz. died Aug. 14. They were assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Water

Finance Report
Annual Wastewater Performance Report is available at www.camplejeuneglobe.com for the Camp Lejeune Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Want an AWPR? As a result of the North Carolina Wastewater Treatment Act of 1999, the state requires all public water utilities to publish an annual report on their wastewater treatment and collection systems. All wastewater treatment and collection systems are subject to annual reporting requirements. All wastewater treatment and collection systems are subject to annual reporting requirements. All wastewater treatment and collection systems are subject to annual reporting requirements.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 451-7440. The report is also posted on the Web site www.lejeune.mil/emd.

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MAN on the street

If you could change one thing in the barracks what would you change?



"I didn't live in the older barracks, so I didn't have any problems, but my own separate room would have been nice."

Cpl. Ben A. Fordoski
2nd Marine Division
Dubious, Pa.

"I would make more space available, because we expect corporals and sergeants, to set themselves apart and this is hard to do when you have them living right next to their Marines."



Gunnery Sgt. William Augurson
8th Marine Regiment
Pine Bluff, Ark.



"I would like to have my own room, but cooking facilities would be nice ... or barracks like the Air Force has."

Lance Cpl. Brenda J. Graciano
2nd Marine Division
Ashburn, Va.

"I would like the barracks to be refurbished. No matter how I clean, the tiles in my shower will never look good."



Pfc. John S. Gigante
2nd Marine Division
Long Island, New York



"We should go back to Squad-bays. As a young Marine, my platoon mates and I were much tighter, there were fewer alcohol related incidents and less theft. You couldn't just disappear into your room."

Capt. Sven L. Gosnell
8th Marine Regiment
Torrence, Calif.

\$2 million humanitarian mission in Georgia to combat

John J. Kruzal
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has delivered \$2 million worth of humanitarian aid to Georgia in an ongoing effort to relieve the war torn former Soviet Republic that came under Russian attack 11 days ago.

In addition to 130 tons of airlifted cargo, U.S. European Command has granted the Georgian government in Tbilisi access to a \$1.2 million stockpile of disaster relief and medical supplies stored in Georgia.

"We are going to continue to flow in assistance," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said on Aug. 18. "We have been over the weekend, and we will continue this week."

More than 700 pallets sent by the U.S. have consisted of thousands of blankets, sheets, sleeping bags, and hundreds of cots. Another 40 pallets have contained medical supplies like sutures,

needles, syringes, catheters and gauze, Whitman said.

But despite the steady flow of supplies, there remains a shortage of food, bedding, tents and other supplies in Georgia, where an estimated 80,000 people are displaced, according to U.S. Agency for International Development figures.

"There is a real need, and we're trying to fill that need and alleviate the suffering," Whitman said.

Sustained flights by American C-17 Globemaster III aircraft departing from Charleston, S.C., will deliver food over the next several days, in addition to twice-daily deliveries by C-130 Hercules planes leaving Germany with other supplies.

Whitman said fewer than 125 U.S. military personnel are on the ground involved in the relief mission.

Deliveries from U.S. aircraft are handed off to personnel from about 6 non-governmental orga-

nizations responsible for delivering the supplies in Georgia, Whitman said. There have been no reports of significant problems with distribution, he added.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is looking at other options for sustaining the humanitarian operation, including sending naval vessels to the area, Whitman said. The State Department is working necessary agreements to achieve passage through the straits of Turkey and elsewhere, he added.

"Surface vessels give us the capability to provide larger amounts of relief supplies because they can obviously carry more, and they also give you platform to operate off of; they give you aerial assets, vertical lift, those kind of things," he said.

Fighting that began in the breakaway Georgian region of South Ossetia on Aug. 8 broadened to include Russian attacks on other parts of the country, including Abkhazia, another heavily separatist region. As

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"There is- national sup- relief efforts,

Terror suspect turns informant coalition nabs suspects, weap

News release
American Forces Press Service

A suspected member of an Iranian-backed "special group" turned into an informant for coalition forces Tuesday, and Iraqi and coalition forces detained 16 suspected terrorists and several weapons cache in operations over the past three days, military officials reported.

The special groups suspect turned into an informer Tuesday during operations in Qasarin, about 30 kilometers north of Baghdad in Diyala province. Coalition forces were pursuing a man affiliated with the "Asaib al Haq" criminal ring, a Shiite group that broke away from Muqtada al-Sadr's militia. According to information provided by suspects already in custody, the suspect was attempting to restart Asaib al Haq in the Qasarin area in Diyala province, officials said. In addition, the wanted man is suspected of being the weapons and finance facilitator for Asaib al Haq in that area.

Coalition forces entered the want-

ed man's residence, where his family identified him as the suspected criminal. In addition, forces detained two other suspects at that location. The captured man then led coalition forces to the house of a senior Asaib al Haq member in Qasarin, who was captured without incident.

In other developments, Iraqi and coalition forces targeted al-Qaida in Iraq leaders and networks, detaining 12 suspects Monday and Tuesday during operations in central and northern parts of the country.

Iraqi and coalition forces captured a regional al-Qaida in Iraq leader in Kirkuk Monday. The wanted man reportedly manages a network that provides components for homemade explosives from Basra to Mosul. In Beiji yesterday, coalition forces detained one suspect while targeting associates of senior leaders in a suicide-bombing network.

Five suspected terrorists were detained during another operation in Beiji Tuesday, when coalition forces targeted members of a bombing net-

work in the Tigris River- alition forces in Bagh- a wanted man Tuesda- sessed to be a senior- Iraq operative in the s- of the capital.

In Mosul, coalition fo- a man who reportedly- side bombs and conduct- tacks against Iraqi civili- rity forces. Three additi- were detained in the ope-

In operations Aug. Muqadiyah special v- tactics team detained tw- terrorists in Muqadiyah- SWAT unit detained thr- members of an al-Qaid- provided explosive devic- cell Aug. 17. One of the- said to be the primary- cell. In a separate opera- the team detained a su- rorist believed to be an- officer for the network. I- cate the man also served- ligence officer for the fo- under Saddam Hussein

Retraction: The Globe acknowledges an error in the "Healthier ways to boost" which ran in the Aug. 7 edition. The article should have read "One gram of guarana equates 40 milligrams of caffeine."

Semper Safe

Fighting fatigue while driving

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that approximately 100,000 police-reported crashes annually involve fatigue as a principal causal factor. A conservative estimate of related fatalities is 1,500 annually or 4 percent of all traffic-crash fatalities. At least 71,000 people are injured in fall-asleep crashes each year with monetary losses from these crashes amounting to about \$12.5 billion annually. According to the Washington-based National Sleep foundation's "Sleep in America" poll, 60 percent of U.S. drivers have driven a vehicle while feeling drowsy in the past year, and more than one-third of those have fallen asleep behind the wheel. Drowsy driving is impaired driving. Similar to a drunk driver, a sleepy driver has decreased awareness, impaired judgment and slower reaction time. According to the National Safety Council, people most at risk for drowsy driving crashes include long-distance drivers, of which a large percentage are military personnel/shift workers who have undiagnosed sleep disorders or who take medications that cause drowsiness. To avoid

becoming over fatigued when driving follow these tips:

- Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Begin trips early in the day. Have a plan that incorporates risk management and follow it.
- Drive with your head up, shoulders back and legs flexed at about a 45 degree angle.
- Keep the car interior temperature cool to help keep you awake and alert.
- Share driving responsibilities with a companion to include on-duty situations.
- Stop every 100 miles or every two hours to take a break and walk around to combat fatigue.
- Stop for light meals and snacks, avoiding alcohol/medications so not to impair your awareness.
- Consult your physician or a local sleep-disorder center for diagnosis and treatment if you suffer frequent daytime sleepiness; often have difficulty sleeping at night, or snore loudly every night.
- Stick to an approved "TRIPS" (Travel Risk Planning System) available on the USMC Safety Center Web site at <http://hqinet001.hqmc.usmc.mil/sd/index.htm>

or follow your unit's travel plan guidelines to avoid over driving fatigue problems.

If the signs of fatigue begin to show, get off the road. Take a short nap in a well lit area. Do not simply stop on the side of the road as you may get hit; use a safe rest stop area.

Fatigue and drowsy driving can be caused by lack of sleep and driving in the following conditions: slow traffic, on monotonous roads or highways, or too long a stretch, in a vehicle that is too warm and while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs or medication. Remember your smart application of personal risk management can make your travels safer on or off-duty.

Commanders and Supervisors: It is your duty and responsibility to ensure your personnel understand how important it is to be safe while operating a motor vehicle. To assist you in your duties, a "Leaders Guide" is available on the following website. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer, Base Safety Representative or visit our Web site for more details;

<https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/d/>

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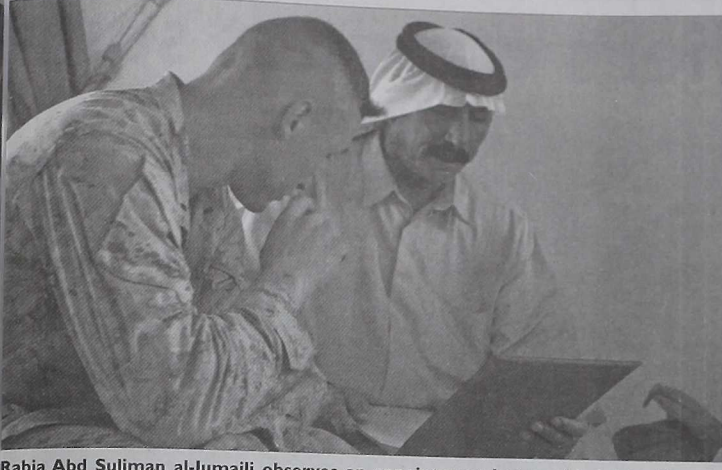
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Rabia Abd Suliman al-Jumaili observes an appointment letter with 1st Lt. Hussein Yaghnem, platoon commander, 2nd platoon, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regimental Combat Team 1, before inaugurating Amar Abdullah Husain al-Jumaili as sheik in the Sitcher, Iraq, area July 24. Cpl. Chadwick deBree



Petty Officer 2nd Class Doug A. Augustine, a corpsman with Company D, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd LAR Bn., Regimental Combat Team 5, delivers supplies to be given to more than 200 Iraqis during a cooperative medical engagement in Akashat, Iraq, July 23. Cpl. Ryan Tomlinson

Sheik takes stand against terror

Chadwick deBree
Platoon, 3rd Marine Regiment

SITCHER, Iraq — Mar-
rahi tribal and security
gathers gathered near Sitcher
Police Station to cel-
brate the inauguration of a
sheik July 24.

Amar Abdullah Husain al-
Jumaili received his official ap-
pointment as a sheik, replace-
ing his uncle, Sheik Ahmed
n, who was killed along
with other sheiks and three
others after a suicide bomb-
ing in Karma.

"But they're still pushing
through and moving forward.
That's why this event is so sig-
nificant, because it shows the
Iraqi people are determined to
push through no matter what
al-Qaida in Iraq throws at
them. Regardless of what they
do, AQI is losing their foothold
in the area."

Before being appointed as a
sheik, Amar was a captain and
assistant to the station chief at
the Sitcher IP station, putting
him in a position to already
know everyone in the area,
know what the area needs and
to provide a bridge between co-
alition forces and IP.

"Since working with Ma-
rines, a lot has been accom-
plished," Amar said. "First
the station was made, then it
was made bigger. (Marines)
started to train us on how to
stand post, how to police call,
how to search houses, how to
patrol and they supplied us
with radios. Most of all, they
taught us the basics of hu-
man rights. They taught us
that if we go into a house we
have to respect the people liv-
ing there and their property.
They taught us not to detain
anyone unless we have the evi-
dence against them and they
taught us to respect women."
"All these things are help-

ing us get along with the peo-
ple we protect," said Amar.
"Before, this area was a
stronghold for terrorists, but
with the police learning (from
the Marines), all the terrorists
are gone."

Through IP efforts, along
with the help of the Marines
with Task Force 2nd Bn., 3rd
Marines, the area is return-
ing to a stable state.

"We have our foot in the
door and we're not pull-
ing it out," Yaghnem said.
"We're going to keep giving
the Iraqi people the support
that we can, to complete our
mission and their mission,
and that mission is Iraqi
self-governance."

Amar, along with Sheik
Rabia Abd Suliman al-Ju-
maili, the head sheik of the
area, has already assisted
with projects to help better
the community, and he plans
to continue the progress.

"Things have been very
good in the area," Rabia said.
"We've fixed two schools and
mosques, cleaned the canals,
built bridges over the canals
and gave out about 500 food
bags to poor families. Now
we want to concentrate on
building a (medical) clinic
here to help the people that
are sick."

Iraqi, coalition doctors make a difference

Cpl. Ryan L. Tomlinson
Regimental Combat Team 5

AKASHAT, Iraq — Navy surgeons
and corpsmen with 2nd Light Armored
Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental
Combat Team 5 and 3rd Marine Air
Wing (Forward), worked with Iraqi
doctors to provide medical services
July 23 through 24.

"We wanted to provide these people
with medical care they aren't able to get
without traveling far away," said Petty
Officer 2nd Class Kevin Heingarten, a
corpsman with Company D, 4th LAR
Bn., 2nd LAR Bn. "It's a blessing these
people have needed for a long time, and
we wanted to provide them with that."

During the event, surgeons and
corpsmen were assisted by Iraqi doc-
tors to treat sicknesses ranging from
measles to the flu. More than 200 citi-
zens were seen during the event, and
Marines and sailors had candy and
toys to hand out to children.

"The doctors have done a great job
treating the people of Akashat," said
Jalal Muhammad Kabole, a resident
of Akashat. "When they come here and
bring medicine to serve to the people, it
brings us another step toward becom-
ing a better town. I thank them for all
of their help."

The town has also been safe-
guarded by the Iraqi police and Ma-
rines with Company D. Since arriv-
ing in theater the company has been
able to assist the police department,
keep streets safe and ensure citi-
zens are living without health defi-
ciencies. According to some service
members, the operation is another
step in making the town one of the
safest in Iraq.

"It's good for the people because
we see how they are sick and hurt,"
said Lance Cpl. Alex L. Crane a
scout with the company. "It's an op-
portunity for them to get care they
normally can't get. It was an honor
to be a part of this project."

There are plans to provide more
towns with medical care. Doctors
and corpsmen returned to their
units and hospitals knowing they
made a difference in the lives of the
people.

"I enjoy being able to come out
here and provide patients of other
towns medical care," said Dr. Dhea
Mijwal Shami Maadahidi, a surgeon
and manager of the Rutbah Gen-
eral Hospital in Rutbah, Iraq. "It's
good to see other people getting the
treatments they've needed to stay
healthy."



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Marines help soldiers conduct survey

Story and photos
Cpl. Erik Villagran
 Regimental Combat Team 5

HIT, Iraq — Ensuring people here are informed about what's happening in Iraq is one of Army Staff Sgt. Jimmy Rodriguez's missions. To accomplish it, he turns to Marines for help.

Marines with 1st platoon, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, provided security for the Army Information Operations Team, which is attached to the battalion, while the team conducted a survey of people July 22.

"Our objective is to keep the task force informed on the local (Iraqis)," said Rodriguez a team leader with the IO Team. "We were asking questions about the communications in the area and gauging the government's ability to inform people."

The Marines, who know every nook and cranny in the city because of the amount of times they've patrolled Hit, led the soldiers to the marketplace so they could accomplish the mission.

"We understood the mission and we know the city, so we were able to take them through pretty easily," said Cpl. Joshua A. Covert, a squad leader with 1st platoon.

The mission began with soldiers dropping off the Prairie newspapers, a newspaper focusing on Anbar province, at a local store. After the quick stop, the patrol made their way to the busy marketplace.



Lance Cpl. Adam J. Allen, a rifleman with 1st platoon, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, makes his way up a hill during a survey patrol in Hit, Iraq, July 22. Marines with 1st platoon escorted the Army Information Operations Team, which is attached to the battalion, through the city to gather information from the locals. The objective was to see how well the government is communicating with its people.

At the marketplace, soldiers gathered volunteers to fill out the survey. The survey was made up of questions on how well the government is keeping local populace informed on current events.

"We got a lot of people to answer the questionnaires," Rodriguez said. "We were satisfied with the information we collected."

As the crowd died down, the patrol continued to its next destination. Without warning, two gunshots rang out.

Marines dropped down, sought cover, got dispersion and began to assess the situation.

After scanning the area and seeing the people's reaction on the street, Covert decided it was safe to continue the mission.

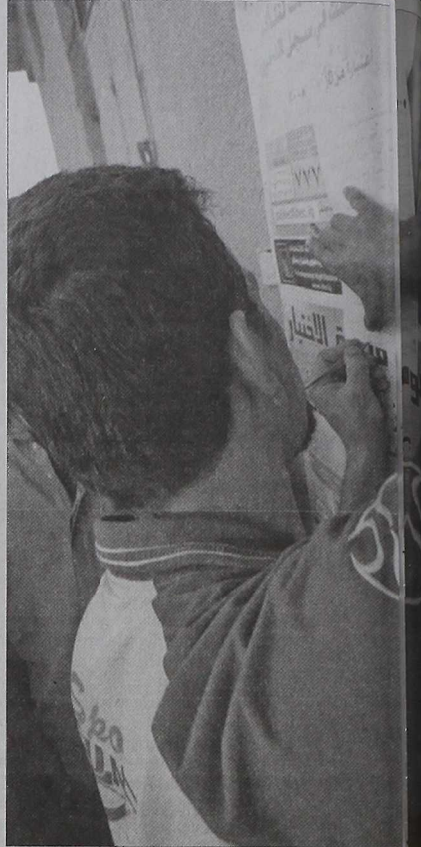
"Judging by the people's reaction, we could see if the shots were hostile or not," Covert said. "People continued what they were doing when the shots were fired. Kids were still playing in the streets, so we figured it wasn't hostile."

Despite the false alarm, Covert was impressed with how his squad performed during the situation.

"The way they reacted tells me I have good team leaders, and the junior Marines who are on their first deployment are taking it seriously," Covert said. "They have a good balance of discipline and initiative."

Covert wasn't the only one giving Marines praise.

"This is the best unit I've worked with," Rodriguez said. "They're very professional, they're good at their



An Iraqi man fills out a survey provided to him by the Army Information Operations Team, which is attached to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5. The IO Team handed out and collected surveys from locals in Hit, Iraq, July 23.

job, and they're helpful whenever we need anything."

The soldiers were able to get what they needed with assistance of Marines.

"The patrol was our objective was to get what they needed with assistance of Marines. We wanted to get

New businesses boost Iraqi economy

Cpl. Chadwick deBree
 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment

KARMA, Iraq — A large percentage of new businesses in the U.S. fail within the first year. Starting a business in Iraq is no different, if not harder, but with help of Marines with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, four Iraqi businessmen have hopes of beating the odds.

Senior leaders of the company met with the businessmen, a carpenter, a pharmacist, a car painter and a mechanic, July 7 at Gnather Iraqi Police Station and handed them each a micro-grant to help jumpstart their businesses. The grants were available as part of the Micro-grant Program, started by RCT-1 in an effort to improve the economy in its area of operations by supporting small business owners.

Approximately \$10,000 was distributed among the four businessmen, who were chosen based on an assessment by Marines and Iraqi police while on patrols.

"We had (business owners) fill out questionnaires," said 1st Lt. Aaron Brusch, the executive officer for Com-

pany F, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. "Out of the 50-plus questionnaires we received back, (leaders in) our company prioritized which of them seemed most likely to benefit from the grants."

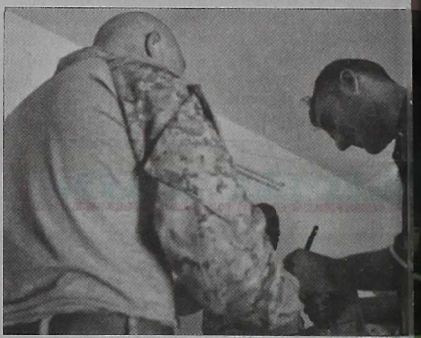
The store owners who applied for the grants were prioritized based on the type of service they provided, how much the grant could help each individual improve their business, and how their improved business could contribute to the overall economy.

Each recipient was excited to receive the funds. All said they would either hire more workers or buy supplies they previously could not afford.

"I can't explain how happy and grateful I am to the Marines for helping me and my business," said Wassan Ahmed Ali. "This will greatly help me, and I appreciate the Marines for everything that they have done to help me and other Iraqis."

Marines with the company later followed up with the business owners to see how much the grants really helped their businesses.

"All have either hired new workers, bought more supplies or expanded and improved their stores," said Brusch.



An Iraqi business owner signs a contract stating he received a Coalition forces micro-grant for approximately \$2,500 from 1st Sgt. Dylan W. Goldman the first for Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, and Gnather Iraqi police July 7, in Karma, Iraq. Cpl. Chadwick deBree

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The names of owners and grid locations of their shops were jotted down for future reference. Photographs of the owners were taken as well.

As Marines made their way through businesses, they also found time to hand out candy and water and joke around with children in the area.

"The kids like Americans," said Lance Cpl. Devon P. Sanderfield, a rifleman with Co. L. "They've grown up with Marines around most of their lives. They're comfortable with us."

The Marines were well received in the city, and their efforts allowed them to get better acquainted with the area and people who live there.

"The only setback we had were the stores that were closed," Nelson said. "Other than that, the patrol went well and we were able to get a lot of good information from the stores there."



Lance Cpl. Daniel P. Hodges a rifleman with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, provides security for Marines questioning business owners in Zuwayya, Iraq, July 20. Cpl. Erik Villagran

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Marines with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit help Garmsir citizens make bricks to rebuild their homes. The MEU has focused efforts on Garmsir's infrastructure since June. Kinetic operations have slowed. Cpl. Randall Clinton



The 24th MEU has invested almost \$20,000 to fix Garmsir's infrastructure since June. Projects there include refurbishing a hospital, fixing a decaying canal system and digging wells for drinking water. Cpl. Andrew J. Carlson



Master Gunnery Sgt. John R. Garth, civil affairs chief, 24th MEU, International Security Assistance Force, surveys work being completed at one of the nine impact project sites. Cpl. Randall Clinton



Citizens of the Garmsir city district lend a helping hand in the reconstruction effort in Helmand province. Cpl. Randall Clinton

Garmsir's resurrection

With district center secure, focus shifts to improving infrastructure

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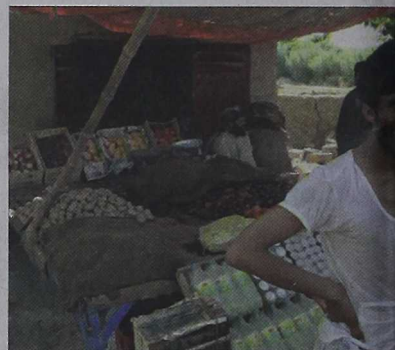
HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — With Garmsir's streets clear of insurgents the next steps in the counterinsurgency campaign, reconstruction and renovation, can begin with the district governor's priorities including repairs to the irrigation system, and refurbishment of the hospital and schools.

After years of damages caused by strife and neglect, a canal system built by United States Agency for International Development during the 1950s is in desperate need of repair. USAID engineers, finally able to evaluate the irrigation system, identified 11 problem areas, including damage from ongoing conflicts and overgrowth of vegetation.

Garmsir is a rich, agricultural area with farming as the basis of the local economy. Shortly after securing the area, the citizens and district governor Abdullah Jan came to the Marines and asked for help in repairing the canals.

"In places, bombing had damaged sluice gates and in others, the system was simply in disrepair because the government had not been able to do projects there," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rene Cote, civil affairs officer, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, NATO-International Security Assistance Force. "So we worked with USAID and sought their help in funding and providing technical assistance to repair the system. We believe the improved security and repaired canal and irrigation system will set the conditions for alternative crop programs to be introduced by the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan."

A district hospital is now providing some basic health care for the local population from refurbished premises. One doctor sees 80 to 100 patients daily and Brit-



One of the keys to Garmsir's resurgence has been the opening of the city district bazaar. Before the area, the bazaar had been mostly closed for more than two years. Cpl. Alex C. Guerra

ish forces plan to revamp the structure and decor.

"This should enable the hospital to attract more staff and to provide a more comprehensive service. People are delighted to have any healthcare in the district," said Louise Perrotta, stabilization advisor, Task Force Helmand, ISAF.

With an eye on the future, residents have expressed repeatedly the need for a school; the one in the city district was severely damaged by insurgent fighting.

The Amir Agha School is one of nine quick impact projects planned for the region. The school will receive new windows, doors, a new well, furniture, paint and undergo a thorough cleaning.

Additional impact projects include building three irrigation wells, eight replacement wells in Jugroom Fort area villages, repairing the Amir Agha Mosque and shrine, replacing another mosque's speaker system and clearing overgrowth from the canal system.

These projects are designed to provide immediate benefits, such as the wells and canal cleanup, as well as to demonstrate the Marines' respect for the populace's religious beliefs by providing funds for their cultural institutions.

In all these projects the Marines have worked with local elders to identify needs and then provide funding.

The work is planned for local Afghan workers.

"We sought to provide assistance based on community needs. In addition, there was an effort to provide drinking water and irrigation, supported by grants and contracts on those. We've responded to a couple of requests for repairs to a couple of cultural buildings. The repairs will be completed by the end of the year," said Cpl. Alex C. Guerra.

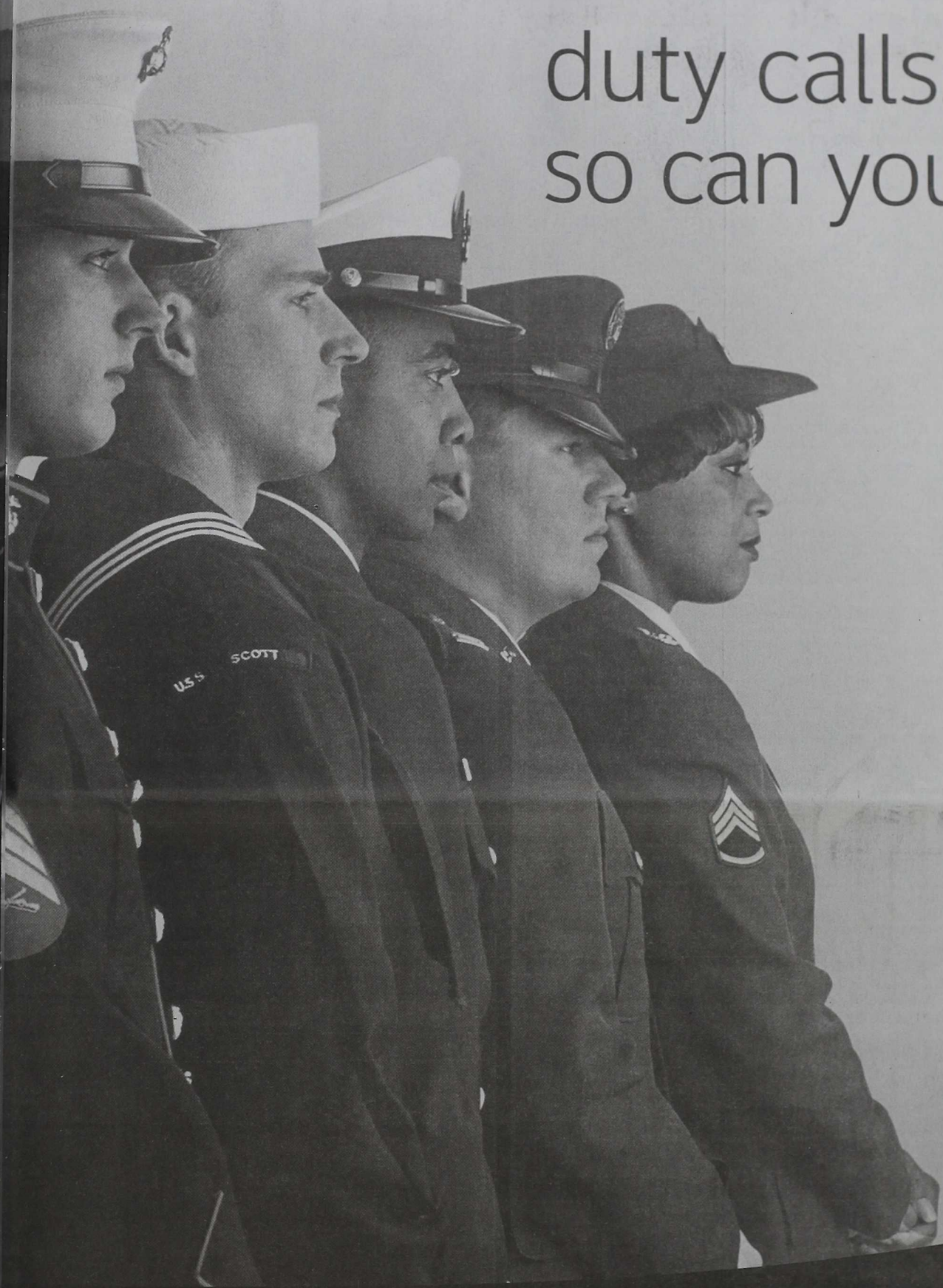
In total, \$20 million has been spent improving infrastructure in the region. The investment is expected to help the people help themselves.

Garmsir has a resilient population that regularly reply to "we need" with "just what we can do the rest," said Cpl. Alex C. Guerra.

The local Afghan community is conducting meetings, coordinating and organizing local and social events, said Cote.

"I consider it a success because it shows that the citizens are self-sufficient and taking action to reconstruct and develop within their means. Lt. Col. Anthony B. Landin, battalion commander, 6th Marine Battalion, 24th MEU

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Marine gives child the gift of mobility

Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray
Regimental Combat Team 5

ANAH, Iraq — Parents rarely expect their children to be born with a debilitating birth defect, so when the parents of Balquis Rajib Ascar discovered her inability to walk, they were a bit unprepared.

Instead of running and playing outside, Balquis, now 6, had to be carried everywhere by her family in their hometown of Anah. That situation changed recently because of the caring of one Marine who has made great improvement in Balquis' quality of life.

Cpl. Michael A. Goodman, mortar section leader with the "Warlords" of Company E, Task Force 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, discovered Balquis' disability and has since devoted his off-duty time to assisting the little girl and her family. Coordinating with his wife, a nurse in Georgetown, Ohio, Goodman arranged for the company to present Balquis with a custom-built wheelchair July 12.

"Iraq's future is dependent on its children," Goodman said. "I saw it as a good opportunity to give back to the Iraqi people, since Iraq doesn't have any kind of children's hospital set up yet. I had access to this resource, so why not help?"

Working together, Goodman and his wife coordinated with a representative from a corporation specializing in cus-



Balquis Rajib Ascar of Anah, Iraq, tries out her new custom wheelchair July 12. Cpl. Michael A. Goodman, left, a mortar section leader with Company E, Task Force 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, Regimental Combat Team 5, coordinated with his wife, a nurse in Ohio, to arrange giving the 6-year-old girl a custom-built wheelchair, something she's needed but is now getting for the first time in her life. Courtesy of Company E

tom wheelchairs. The company agreed to make one just the right size for Balquis.

"My wife talked to the head nurse at her hospital and got the number to the wheelchair company," Goodman said.

"The company needed the girl's dimensions, so we had to get in contact with the family. This enabled the best fit possible for the girl, leaving her some room to grow.

After Goodman made the arrangements, the package was delivered to Anah. When the chair arrived, Goodman and his Marines presented it as a gift from the whole mortar section to the Ascar family at the local mosque.

"I felt a sense of accomplishment," Goodman said. "They were so excited, one actually reacted to the child. All I had to do was give her a gift. I was sure we would get a lot of love from the Ascar family."

In doing this charitable act, Goodman not only brought joy to the family, but also set an example for other Marines with whom he works.

"He showed his dedication and our goal of seeing a better Iraq," said Lance Cpl. Cal. "Bringing the chair shows a lot of goodwill and that we are here to fight a war. We are the Iraqi people. He is a selfless person."

After getting used to the wheelchair, Balquis could be seen making her way around Anah. Not long ago, the town was a war zone; it is now moving toward peace and prosperity.

It is commonly said that the actions represent the entire Marine Corps. Through Goodman's family will surely remember the deeds and know Marines not only as warfighters they have seen but as generous and kind people.

OPTIMISM, from 1A

from Baghdad, the security situation is stable, as troops continue to uncover illegal weapons caches and capture al-Qaida in Iraq operatives in the province's more rural parts.

The general also highlighted an operation north of Baghdad, where coalition and Iraqi forces caught two influential operatives of al-Qaida in Iraq. The men had been involved in recruiting Iraqi boys and manipulating them to conduct suicide bombing attacks, including one that killed more than 15 local sheiks and three

U.S. Marines during June.

"Operating side by side and coordinating intelligence, Iraqi and coalition forces are increasingly denying terrorists the ability to operate or hide in Iraq," Brig. Gen. Perkins said.

But the general tempered his positive assessment, saying that members of al-Qaida in Iraq, as well as Iranian-backed "special groups" and other criminal elements are still capable of launching attacks against the combined force.

"Our optimism is real, but cautious," he said.

As coalition forces disrupt terrorist networks in north-

ern Iraqi areas, al-Qaida in Iraq operatives continue to try to incite ethno-sectarian violence, especially targeting Iraqis who dismiss the terrorists' "violent ideologies," Brig. Gen. Perkins said.

In Mosul and the Ninevah province, for instance, a "decreasing number of small groups" of al-Qaida in Iraq members are still conducting violent attacks primarily aimed at Iraqi security forces and their recruiting drives, he said.

Iranian-backed operatives continue leveling attacks in Amarah, though the number of such incidents is decreasing as Iraqi security

forces more frequently interdict the militants' money and weapons supply lines.

Brig. Gen. Perkins credited the improving capability of Iraqi security forces with strengthening the partnership of Iraqi and coalition forces.

"Our partnership is strong, and we remain committed to helping Iraqis rebuild their nation," he said. "While the security situation is steadily improving, we continue to pursue those who oppose a united and flourishing Iraq so we can continue to build on our gains and not surrender them."

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"It is very evident they love their country and want to see democracy succeed," Bordallo said. "We must show the world that Al Anbar is a showcase of democracy."

After the meeting ended, Marines guided the representatives through a marketplace so they could meet with Iraqi citizens. Marines and Iraqi Police ensured the area was safe for the tour.

The delegation took photos with Iraqi police patrolmen, children and anyone else who asked for a

snapshot. They also passed out candy to the children they encountered, and, with the help of interpreters, carried on conversations with men outside the markets. They were impressed by the security and safety of the city.

"This was one of the most dangerous areas and now it has moved on," Turner said. "You can see the progress. As you walk through the city, you see commerce and businesses."

The delegation saw first hand the progress and restored normalcy of Haditha.



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Camp Lejeune's Semper Fit Mobile Unit instructors flex their muscles while attending Onslow Beach's Sand Jam during August. The young women, from left to right: Jarah Stroh, Kellie Clements, Toshia Sundermier and Andrea Lucie, show their support to Marines and their families by attending family days, field days, safety fairs, school events and any other special outdoor program. Semper Fit Mobile Unit offers physical training coordinators courses, fitness assessments and personalized group exercises.

Story and photos

Lance Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez
Marine Corps Base

Up at the crack of dawn, it's not long before these women are ready to get down to business. As their motto states, "Too fit to quit," they offer everything from physical training coordinators courses to running personalized group exercises and fitness assessments.

"Started in 1999, the Semper Fit Mobile Unit is unique to Camp Lejeune," said Andrea Lucie, the Semper Fit Mobile Unit and group exercise coordinator. Semper Fit Mobile Unit falls under the sports, recreation and fitness section of Marine Corps Community Services.

The Semper Fit Mobile Unit will drive out in their truck to wherever Marines are to conduct a wide variety of fitness training.

For larger groups of Marines, Semper Fit Mobile Unit's personalized group exercise classes can include, but aren't limited to, a sports conditioning circuit, combat fitness training, 30 minute "circle of death" and combat cardio kick boxing.

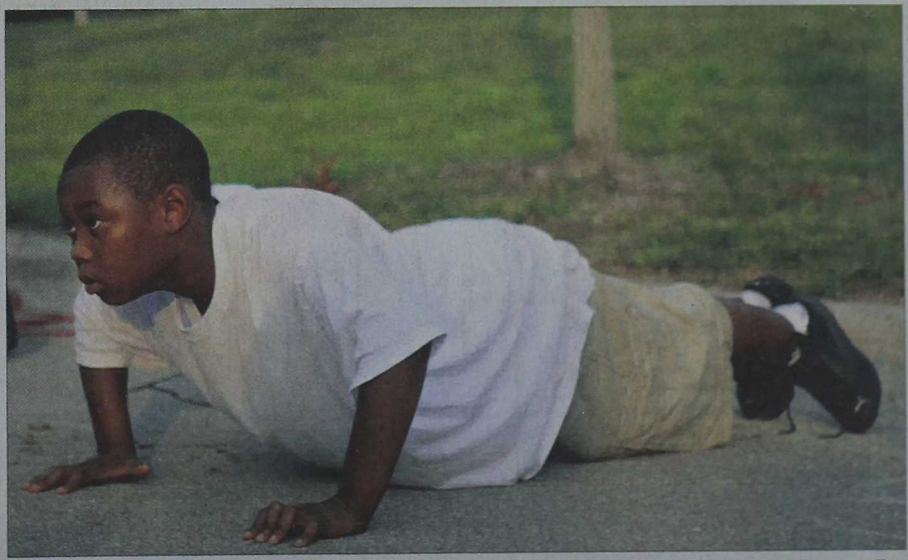
Personalized fitness assessments are available to Marines, their families and friends. They range from measurements of body weight and fat composition, to muscular strength and flexibility.

The mobile unit offers classes in physical fitness coordinators course, injury prevention, general nutrition and deployment circuit. But there's more than classes alone they can offer and do for anyone who is interested.

"We tailor our workouts to whatever the Marines need," said Lucie.

The unit is composed of six hardworking and motivated women, Andrea Lucie, Kellie Clements, Jarah Stroh, Raja Bachra, Toshia Sundermier and Kristine Wakefield.

"It's a hard job, but we are an elite group of girls," said Clements, a Semper Fit Mobile Unit and group exercising instructor. Semper Fit Mobile Unit has



Jaquez M. Revels, an 8-year-old boy from Meadowview Elementary School does pushups while attending Jacksonville's National Night Out in August. The Semper Fit Mobile Unit attended the event and held a pushup event for anyone who wanted to participate. After finishing the push ups, the participants received a prize for participation.

much to offer everyone. They are both active in the community on and off base.

"We are always busy," said Lucie. "We support any event from family days, field days, safety fairs, school events and any special outdoor programs. We are very supportive to the Marines and their families."

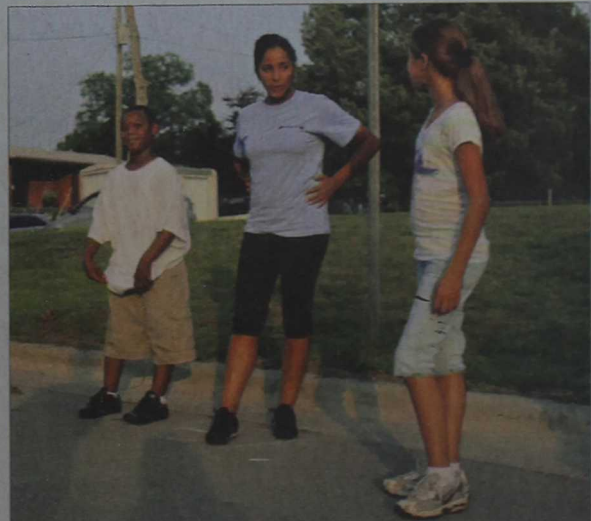
The mobile unit program has many similarities to the work out program CrossFit and is often compared to it.

"We do the same exact thing as CrossFit," said Lucie. "It's the same exercises but the Semper Fit Mobile Unit has been doing it longer."

The Semper Fit Mobile Unit and group exercise is a free program. It is the smallest among the Semper Fit programs under MCCA, but the most popular.

"We've got a great reputation," said Clements.

The unit is set apart from a gym in the sense they are able to pick up and move to where



Raja Bachra, a Semper Fit Mobile Unit instructor, explains the push up event to Jaquez M. Revels and Nicole H. Fose, both Jacksonville residents. The Semper Fit Mobile Unit attended Jacksonville's National Night Out to show their support to the community.

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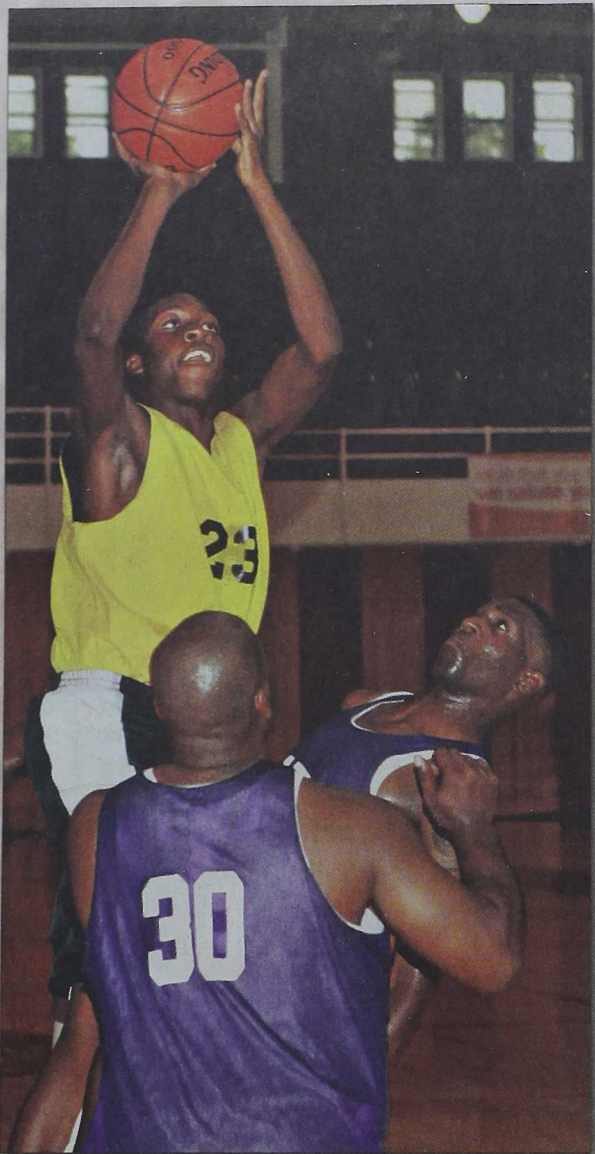
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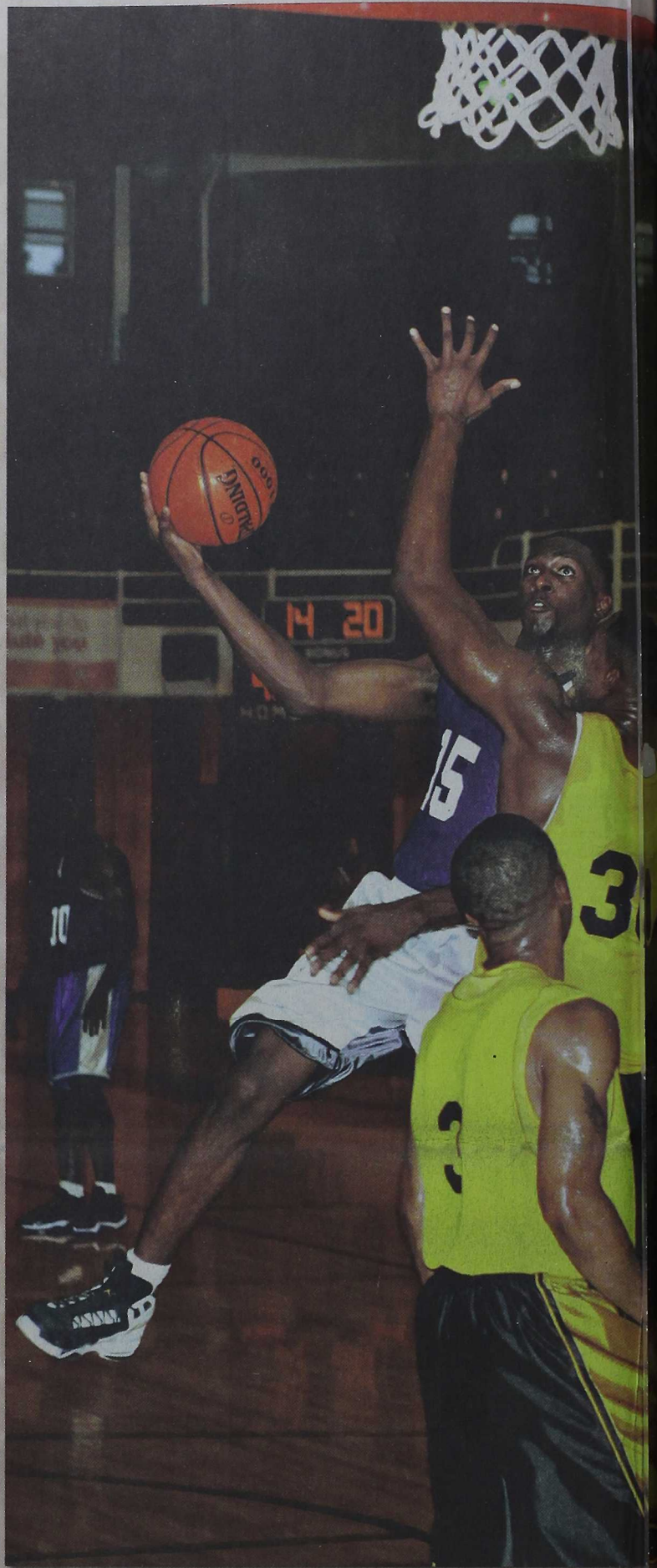
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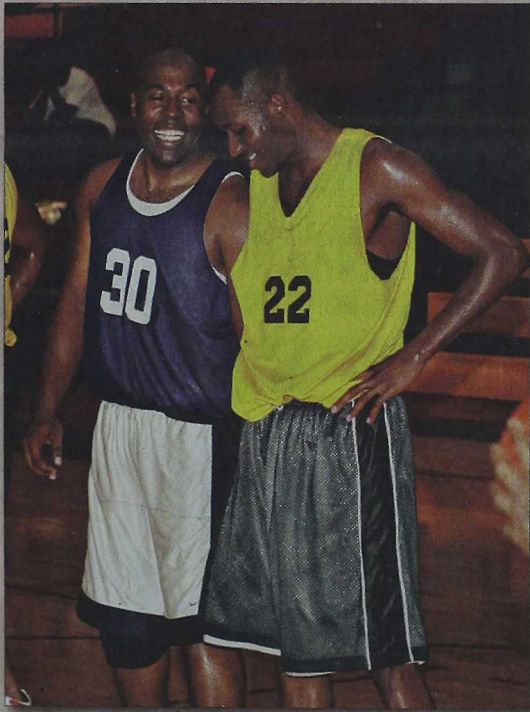
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Above, II MEF's Horton Norrell elevates above the competition on his drive to the basket in the summer league finale.



Above, Raquan Jean of the Hired Gunz has his eyes on the rim as II MEF Gold's John Tolbo Demrick Casper defend against the play.



Above, Hired Gunz big man, Phillip Moss (left) shares a laugh with II MEF's Peter Jackson. Right, members of the II MEF Gold team pose with their summer league championship trophy.





Left, the Hired Gunz offense tries to spread the floor against II MEF Gold. Below, Hired Gunz point guard Adam Clements takes an elbow to the cheek as he tries to strip the ball from a II MEF Gold player.



2ND MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE CLAIMS Summer league title



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his third summer running, a I Marine Expeditionary taken home Camp Lejeune's basketball tournament. ch Billy Holmes' II MEF went undefeated during the ournament, capping off its definitive 68-54 win Friday red Gunz: this team together at the s, but most of them are cur- ner all-Marine team players run," said Holmes. "I'm ac- ing my starting point guard,

so that should tell you that this is a pretty good team."

Hired Gunz, coached by Keith Myrick, came to the championship game through the losers' bracket. The hodge-podge team made up of players from units across Camp Lejeune dropped its second-round game, but stormed back to make the final thanks to a victory over II MEF's other tournament team, the Black. Hired Gunz was put at an obvious disadvantage by having to take the court for the final just minutes after qualifying for the game.

The match-up featured two of the top point guards on base — II MEF's Demrick Casper and Hired Gunz' Adam Clements.

Clements quickly found the hot hand in Barry Celestine, who hit back to back three pointers to give Hired Gunz a 13-10 lead five minutes into the game, but the good times would be short-lived.

As the game wore on, II MEF took advantage of Hired Gunz' heavy legs with liberal substitutions and a fast-paced, run and gun offense. Casper put an exclamation point on II MEF's first half with a three pointer at the buzzer to make the score 37-28 going into the break.

The five minute halftime did little to rejuvenate Hired Gunz' flagging offense. The second half featured numerous offensive rebounds and put-back points for II MEF. To their credit, the Hired Gunz players fought hard to stay within striking

distance, at times cutting the II MEF lead down to under 10 points. They could do little to stop II MEF from scoring, however, and finished the game 14 points down.

"If I had just one big man, Hired Gunz would have it all," Myrick warned. "And by the time we play again, I'll have him."

Celestine was direct in his assessment of the loss. "They knew we were playing on tired legs and they pushed us to the limit," he said of II MEF. "They played well, they beat us and they're champions."

For Holmes, his "last minute" team's success gave reason for keeping it together. "I think we'll take this team on the road and see how it does against a bigger talent pool."



Right, Horton Norrell of II MEF Gold controls the ball as Hired Gunz defender Michael Bonner closes in. Above, Hired Gunz forward Barry Celestine goes in for two points against a pair of II MEF defenders.

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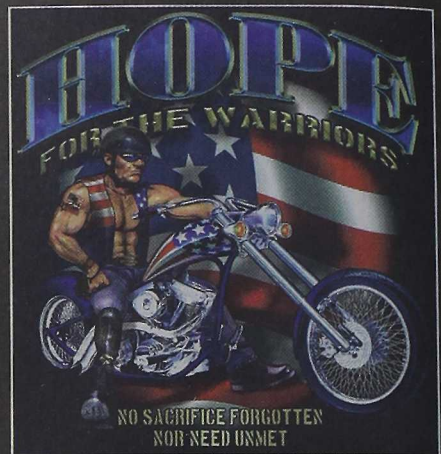


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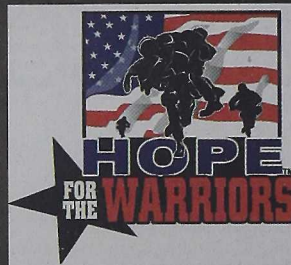
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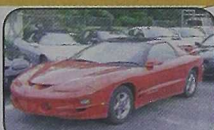


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"Soccer truly is a world sport," said Lt. Col. Brett A. Bourne, the battalion commander for 1st Bn., 9th Marines. "It doesn't cost money to play, you just need a ball and a field. All of the children in this region can come to this stadium and play a game."

Col. Hattim Hamid, the Mulaab station Iraqi Police chief, said the citizens of Ramadi were excited about the renovations and the ensuing tournament.

"Hundreds of Ramadi citizens have told me they would dream of seeing the stadium return to its past glory and to be able to play soccer there again," Hamid said. "They thought that dream would never come true. But, with the help of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, and other Coalition forces throughout the years, the stadium was rebuilt and their dreams have been fulfilled."

Extensive renovations went into rebuilding the soccer stadium after intense combat between Coalition forces and insurgents through the last five

years left it in ruins. The stadium's seats, walls and even the grass were destroyed.

The fighting in the city had also torn its citizens apart, forcing them to choose sides and do whatever it took to stay alive. Insurgents had been successful in dividing the city, but the tournament was the perfect way for everyone to reconnect and put aside their differences.

"(The insurgents) made it so that the north couldn't be with the south and so on, but now with the aid of this tournament the city has come back together," Hamid said.

Soccer is a popular sport in the city of more than 500,000 people. The Marines and city officials hope the revitalized stadium will give citizens here, especially the children, a constructive and peaceful pastime.

"This stadium will give the children an alternative to being on the streets," Bourne said. "It will give the students somewhere positive to channel their energy."

"The Iraqi Police did a great job posting security for the tournament," said 1st Lt. Patrick J. Skehan, the platoon commander for the 81mm mortars platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Bn., 9th Marines. "The Iraqi Police have learned that with every new (Marine) battalion that comes to the city, the expectations for the police will increase. I think they've met those expectations."

Thanks to increased security across the city, leaving little chance for an attack during the tournament, the IPs focused their efforts on controlling the crowd.

On the first night of the event, attendance was estimated at about 350 people. The total increased nearly two-fold each night thereafter.

"The tournament had a couple of concession stands

open and a few local vendors sold popsicles and other treats in the stands," Bourne said. "It was much like a sporting event you would go to in the United States."

The Marines at the event received a great response from the locals, who would often approach them to say thanks for helping put together the tournament and refurbish their city's iconic landmark.

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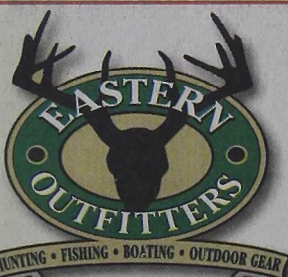
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charitable organiza-
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retired and Naval
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and Marine Corps
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ment screening team
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session will start at 1:30
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ing interviews until
3:00 p.m. All Marines in-
terested are encouraged
to attend. This process
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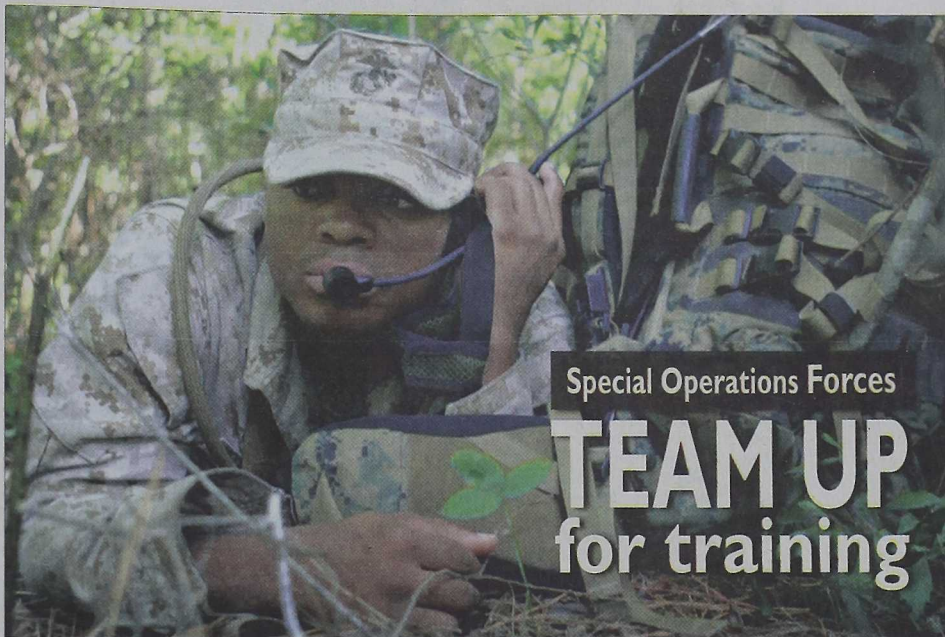
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evening from September
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students deployed or
overseas, there is also an
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Special Operations Forces TEAM UP for training

A Marine with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command calls the communications operations center to let them know the position of his team, July 30.

Marine Network Operators Course preaches planning

Story and photos
Lance Cpl. Stephen C.
Benson
MARSOC

In combat, as in the civil-
ian world, the methods and
tools of communication are
constantly changing. But
where civilian technology
becomes more accessible
and intuitive, military
communications become
increasingly secure and
specialized.

That is where the Marine
Network Operators Course
comes into play. Twenty-
four Marines, sailors and
airmen came together in a
joint environment and
graduated the U.S. Marine
Corps Forces, Special Op-
erations Command's com-
munications course here,
July 31. This is the second
course this year, but the
first to include students
from Naval Special Warfare
Command and Air Force
Special Operations Command.



A Marine with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command sends information to the communications operations center, July 30. As a student in the Marine Network Operators Course, he is taught to be a subject matter expert in communications.

"The big thing we tried to
focus on this time around was
communications planning,"
said Master Sgt. Ronald W.
Holmes, staff noncommis-
sioned officer in charge of
the course. "We wanted to
make the students capable of
leading a communications op-
erations center."
The course instructors
train students across sev-

eral military occupa-
tional specialties to become
subject matter experts in
communications.
"This course should be
taught throughout the
Marine Corps," said
Lance Cpl. Nicholas R.
Hess, field radio opera-
tor, Support Company,
Marine Special Opera-
tions Support Group, and

MNOC student. "I am not
only learning advanced
skills within my MOS,
but basic and advanced
skills from other com-
munications fields."
Holmes said the Navy
and Air Force students
provided valuable perspec-
tives that enhanced the quality

See **COMMUNICATION**, 2C



Marines with Company B, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division take a F-470 Zodiac boat into Courthouse Bay for small boat training here, Aug. 14. Lance Cpl. David A. Weikle

Recon Marines practice amphibious assault

Lance Cpl. David A. Weikle
2nd Marine Division Combat Correspondent

Before the amphibious assault vehicles, before the tanks and the trucks bearing the military might of the Marine Corps descend upon a beachhead in an amphibious landing, there is a small group of highly skilled Marines responsible for providing information about the battlefield ahead of time. That means going in first, undetected, and conducting the reconnaissance missions upon which the Marine Corps depends.

To develop that skill set, Marines from Company B, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, took part in small boat training at Courthouse Bay, Aug. 14. The training allowed junior reconnaissance men to literally get their feet wet and use some of the basic skills that will provide commanders with valuable intelligence.

"We provide commanders with eyes and ears on the

See **RECON**, 2C

ANGLICO testing for war

Cpl. Triah Pendracki
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Approximately 30 Marines with 2nd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted military occupational specialty training Aug. 4 to help determine team assignments for their upcoming deployment.

The training and evaluation consisted of land navigation to numerous checkpoints and stations where evaluators tested the Marines on the skills taught in their basic MOS schools. Although the Marines were working in teams, they were graded individually.

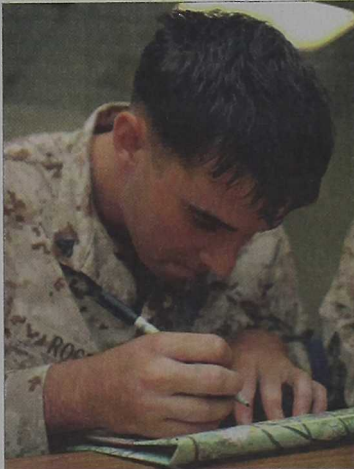
ANGLICO is not an MOS Marines can select upon enlisting. The Marines in ANGLICO are pulled from two different occupational fields, field radio operator and fire support man.

Once with ANGLICO, the Marines cross-train with both occupational fields to complete the mission.

"This training and evaluation really gave me the chance to practice my own MOS," said Pfc. Alan Schornak, a fire support man with 2nd ANGLICO.

ANGLICO Marines vie for spots on a firepower control team for deployments. Each FCT has four Marines, and these teams assist U.S. armed forces, special operations units and allied forces during their deployment.

"These Marines need to be able to assist our allied forces by planning, coordinating and controlling the calls for fire," said Maj. John Tomczyk, 2nd Brigade platoon commander. "They have a great reputation and an important mission on their shoulders."



Cpl. Andrew Rogers, a fire support man with 2nd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, plots information on his map at one of the land navigation stations during a training and evaluation course. The ANGLICO Marines conducted the training and evaluation to help select teams for their deployment. Cpl. Triah Pendracki

While deployed, ANGLICO Marines serve in various types of units, but the main goal for these Marines is to be placed on a FCT.

"The Marines studied hard for this evaluation," said Capt. Christopher Boyle, an

See **ANGLICO**, 3C

Petty officers band together as comrades II MEF starts new organization

Lance Cpl. Katie Mathison
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Second class petty officers in II Marine Expeditionary Force now have an organization to bring them together. The II MEF Second Class Petty Officers' Association held its first official meeting here Aug. 6.

The organization began about four months ago, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Antonio Iglesia, assistant lead petty officer and president of the association.

"Second Marine Division already had an association and asked if they could expand their association to include MEF commands," said Master Chief Petty Officer James Piner, II MEF command master chief and association mentor.

The association hopes to improve the community and individuals in the association.

"The purposes of the association are to better utilize skills of second classes and to reach out to the community and enhance relations between civilians and the military," Piner said. "It also allows them to network with other second classes and broaden their scope and responsibilities."

Iglesia said the association is also a good way to keep their identities as sailors. Working so closely with Marines, sailors frequently have to know Marines' jobs, and sometimes it takes away from knowing what sailors need to know.

Although this type of organization is common

See **OFFICERS**, 2C

22nd MEU completes third command post exercise

Lance Cpl. Justin M. Martinez
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

The Marines of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Command Element conducted a command post exercise recently, completing a series of complex scenarios to test their mental and physical readiness for deployment.

The Marines used the four-day exercise, which ran from July 29 to Aug. 1, to set up the combat operation center and command post and to simulate the overall command and control of a MEU.

"The primary purpose behind this (exercise) is to make sure the Command Element can achieve the effect of properly supporting our major subordinate elements," said Lt. Col. David Owen, 22nd MEU operations officer.

Owen said the successful outcome was due to the participation of each Marine.

The COC is the brain of the MEU. The tent's olive-drab walls house the commanding officer and operations officer, as well as representatives from the communications, intelligence and logistics sections of the Command Element.

It's crucial all the components making up the Command Element function effectively to sustain the Marines through the fight, said Owen.

"The key leaders can monitor everything that happens on the battlefield from one central location," said Gunnery Sgt. Eddie R. Powers, the MEU's headquarters commandant.

It allows the commander to better support those units engaged in the fight.

Owen said the COC provides full communication services, like data and voice communications, just like the unit would have aboard Camp Lejeune or in a well-established combat theater such as Afghanistan or Iraq. Communications is what facilitates the rest of the unit and specifically the command post, for doing their job," said Maj. David Becker, the 22nd MEU communications officer.

"That's one of the reasons why the communications section normally will have an advanced party go forward to establish those communications links."

The core of the communications advanced party for the exercise consisted of a section known as the Joint Task Force Enabler.

The JTFE, with its satellite systems, serves as a link between the Marines in the field and the rest of the world.

Becker said the JTFE won't officially attach to the Command Element until the change of operational control in September.

"That was the most valuable piece from our perspective being able to integrate the JTFE into the unit even before the chop," Becker said. "We're way ahead of where we would have been if we had not done pre-chop operations with JTFE ... light-years ahead."

Even though the MEU is working to get ahead of the power curve with coordination and communication, the Marines paced themselves and paid close attention to the details of the exercise as they conducted their training.

"I think it's important we take a crawl, walk, run approach to ensure we have combat readiness before we go into our predeployment training plan," Owen said.



Marines with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Command Element set up the unit post aboard Camp Lejeune July 29. The Marines used the four-day exercise to set up Operation Center and simulate the overall command and control of a MEU to ensure Command Element can properly support its major subordinate elements. Lance Cpl. Justin M.

Powers and his Marines in the headquarters commandant section are primarily responsible for the overall setup and conduct of the physical aspects of the camp.

Powers serves in much the same capacity as a company gunnery sergeant would for an infantry battalion.

This capacity includes responsibility for everything from erecting the tents, to stringing the concertina surrounding them, to providing the food the Marines eat while in the field.

To get everything ac-

complished with the few Marines within his section, Powers draws on the Marines in the other sections for working parties.

Even though it was just practice, everyone acted and worked as one — the troops, the noncommissioned officers and the officers — to complete a small piece of the overall picture.

During September, the 22nd MEU will composite, adding Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, as its Ground Combat Element; Combat Logistics Battalion 22 as its Logistics Combat

Element; and 1st Marine Division Tiltrot, 263 as the unit Combat Element.

Once complete, the 22nd MEU will begin their pretraining plan a series of more complex exercises designed to test the MEU's ability to operate as a cohesive fighting force.

For more information, visit the 22nd MEU Web site at www.usmc.mil.

2008 Combined Federal Campaign gets underway

Sanders Hall
Base Public Affairs

The Combined Federal Campaign is the largest and most successful annual workplace charity effort, with hundreds of CFC drives throughout the country helping to raise millions of dollars each year for thousands of charities.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, convenient and effective in providing federal employees the opportunity to improve quality of life for all.

Last year, the Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and Onslow County CFC drive raised more than \$850,000, with approximately 9,700 of the more than 40,000 eligible federal employees choosing to participate.

From money donated last year, many local charities, including the Wounded Warrior Project and Hope for the Warriors, benefited tremendously, with donations in excess of \$60,000 each.

The Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River and Onslow County 2008 CFC kicked off Aug. 13 with a Senior Leader's Breakfast at the Officer's Club.

The event consisted of introductions of this year's CFC staff and participants, a speech from Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., encouraging greater participation and an inspirational personal story from Dawn Cash, a Marine Corps widow, about her uplifting experience with CFC charities.

After the breakfast, a training session with this year's 2008 CFC command coordinators and treasurers took place, preparing them to continue the success achieved with last year's campaign.

"I am very pleased with the response from the senior leaders of Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River and Onslow County towards the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign," said Kristi Halstead, executive director of the local CFC. "Col. Flatau and the other senior leaders were enthusiastic about the participation of their commands in the 2007 charity campaign. Working together, it is highly likely that we will all succeed in reaching

our \$1 million goal this year." To reach their goal, the CFC staff did the math. With only a modest donation of \$2.50 per month from each eligible federal employee in the Onslow County area, this year's campaign will succeed in reaching and surpassing \$1 million.

"That breaks down to giving up a cup of your favorite coffee or espresso beverage a month," said Halstead. "With that small donation, you can help so many people. Everyone benefits from a charity at some point in their life."

This year's campaign officially begins Sept. 5 with a kick-off party and field meet adjacent to the Goettge Memorial Field House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be events such as the human sphere race, a giant obstacle course, humvee pulls and more where participants can compete as a unit or individually. The event is open to all and lunch will be provided to all who participate, with prizes being awarded at the end.

For more information about the Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River and Onslow County CFC, call 449-9703 or visit www.cfcoslow.org.

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the quality of the instruction. The skills and procedures used by the branches allowed for students to experience of a joint environment command forward deployed.

"The AFSOC and NAVSPECWOP guys were great at jumping right the Marines," said Hess. "They know us when it came to certain sub-equipment in the course, and we were able to teach them some skills specific to the Corps."

The course, which lasted 11 weeks, featured nearly two dozen students, featured instructors who covered a wide array of subjects, ranging from advanced radio-satellite communications.

"The course may have been under but you wouldn't have guessed the way the instructors had control course," explained Hess. "They showed outstanding leadership and gave freedom to grow within our teams of individual communicators."

Holmes said the MARSOC communication staff who created MNOC and saw it to what it is today has personal pride when it sees the SOF operators graduate and go back to the prepared for their role in the fight.

"I feel like if I were deployed or in and I encountered a (communication) problem, I could break the issue down and said Hess. "My confidence and expectation to the point where I know I can gain a distinct advantage to the service member fight alongside me."

Wounded warriors appreciated



George F. Meyer, Sgt. Maj. (Ret.), presented each of the Marines of the Wounded Warriors Battalion-East with a \$50 gift card thanking them for their service to Corps and country Friday. The Houston Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association raised \$6,800 dollars in honor of all of the Marines and sailors who are wounded, ill and injured and are recovering at the Wounded Warriors Battalion-East facility aboard Camp Lejeune. Sanders Hall

Courts Marine

Lance Cpl. Kevin L. Merriweather, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Group, was convicted of violation of the Code of Military Justice: Article 112a (Use of controlled substance). He was sentenced to confinement for 50 days, reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of \$600 per month for two months.

Lance Cpl. John M. Cybula, of Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, II Marine Expeditionary Force, was convicted of violation of the Code of Military Justice: Article 107 (Official Statement), Article 89 (Disrespect) and Article 92 (Violation of Lawful Order), Article 112a (Adultery). He was sentenced to 64 days confinement, forfeitures of \$800 for three months and reduction to E-1.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Harold B. Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Group, was convicted of violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 121 (three counts of larceny) and Article 121 (Adultery). He was sentenced to 11 months confinement, forfeitures of \$850 per month and a bad conduct discharge.

Arrive Alive Program



Cab Driver-Please deliver this Marine/Sailor to Bldg 8, MCB Camp Lejeune for a fare. Please provide a receipt upon p

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beach," said Sgt. Brian Mohr, a special equipment noncommissioned officer with 2nd platoon. "We pump as much information as possible back to higher so they can execute missions with confidence."

The morning started with Marines unloading three F-470 Zodiac boats onto a concrete boat ramp. The small, black watercraft floated out into the murky water and the Marines started to quickly climb inside.

After a quick survey of the bay, some of the Marines began to climb on top of the large, inflated gunwales. The men secured themselves with handles and rope and rode like remoras on a shark, holding on for life. They stacked their bodies one behind the other, covering both gunwales for each boat with one to three Marines.

The coxswain, or pilot, for each boat prepared for high speed insertion into the water and after a few moments, the small salt water inlet was filled with practiced shouts.

"Ones out — twos out — threes out!"

In teams of two, the men flew off the boats on cue, abandoning the gunwales. The swimmers kept close to one another and prepare for extraction. The coxswain idled the boat's engine and offered a helping hand to each Marine as the boat neared the swimmers.

The Marines headed toward the Atlantic after the men had climbed back into the watercraft, moving through the saltwater at high speed and passing civilian crafts intermittently. The men inevitably reached ocean surf and the coxswain for each boat approached each wave with caution.

"The key to taking the waves is to face it head on, or you'll flip the boat," explained Lance Cpl. Brian Tuley, a reconnaissance man. "You might still flip but this is still the best way to get through the surf safely and efficiently."

Once on the open ocean, the Marines donned diving masks and flippers and began to insert into the water, making their way toward the shore in pairs. Once on the shore the men regrouped to discuss the importance of buddy pairs.

"We could see the coast today, we

were pretty close to the shore," said Mohr, who has spent his 10-year career as a reconnaissance man.

Mohr reminded the Marines that in combat operations, the men will be expected to swim from a much further distance to maintain operational security.

The Marines broke down into their teams and began a surf survey from the shore. The men took notes on several factors including wave frequency, wave size and the angles waves had hit the shore.

"Providing this information lets whoever's coming in know exactly what the conditions are like here," said Lance Cpl. Chris Nelsen. "They can adjust their approach before they even get here and account for how the surf will affect their landing."

As the training wrapped up for the day, the men pushed out to sea again and practiced various maneuvers, giving each Marine the chance to act as the coxswain and bring the boats in to shore.

"We just applied basic reconnaissance skills and brushed up on them," said Mohr. "You want to be a capable asset and unless you use these skills, you can lose them."

From trash to treasures: Donations make school possible

Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez
Cpl. Base

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Right here at Camp Lejeune, a simple hidden treasure trove is being discovered by the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Wives' Club.



Household items, including glassware, are available at the thrift store. Lance Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez

the thrift shop, said Stenberg. All the money the shop makes from sales is used for the Staff NCO Wives' Club annual scholarship program.

The scholarship program is offered to military family members, spouses and retirees. A simple scholarship form can be picked up at the thrift shop each year, around the first of May. Forms must be filled out completely and returned back to the thrift shop. Scholarships are handed out in June.

"If the application is filled out correctly, we try to make sure everyone gets something," said Stenberg. "The scholarships can be used for any type of schooling anywhere."

The Staff NCO Wives' Club and thrift shop contributed \$52,000 to their annual scholarship program this year. A total of 40 scholarships were handed out in June.

Besides scholarships, the Staff NCO Wives' Club also donates money to charities.

"The Staff NCO Wives' Club just recently gave \$6,000 to the Disabled American Veterans and donates \$2,000 to the chaplain's Thanksgiving and Christmas fund," said Stenberg. "We try to contribute money to people who really need it."

The Staff NCO Wives' Club continues to help out Camp Lejeune Marines as well as their families.

Before throwing something out, used or new, consider taking it to the thrift shop, because trash or treasure, it's all in the eye of the beholder. There are treasures to be found at the Camp Lejeune Thrift Shop.

anything when they walk into the thrift shop. It is categorized throughout the store, making it easy to find that gem in the treasure chest of goods.

"I heard about the thrift shop from another military wife," said Brittany N. Jimenez, a military spouse from Sanford, N.C. "So, I stopped by and bought some items for my house. The stuff was nice and really helpful."

The Staff NCO Wives' Club receives all of its donations through

projects, people will see benefits and want to join.

The association hopes to start doing community projects both on and off base.

"We are open to volunteer for any organization on or off base," Iglesia said. "We are currently looking for service projects. If any organization needs volunteers for an event, they can contact us."

The association meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month. For more information, contact Petty Officer Second Class Antonio Iglesia at 450-8155.

man's trash is another man's treasure. Right here at Camp Lejeune, a simple hidden treasure trove is being discovered by the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Wives' Club.

Camp Lejeune Thrift Shop, behind the base library, has to offer Marines and their families. The shop is run by members of the Staff NCO Wives' Club, anyone who wants to volunteer can help out.

"We are always looking for volunteers," said Donna Stenberg, president of the Staff NCO Wives' Club. "The shop is open to anyone, civilian, spouse, retiree or active personnel are welcome to visit the shop. Childcare is provided for those who wish to volunteer. Volunteers are unpaid and the shop is a dependent organization without funding," said Stenberg. "The only money the shop receives is the money it makes from the items it sells."

"People donate their time when they can and as long as they can," Stenberg said. "We take what we can get, and you don't have to be a member of the Staff NCO Wives' Club to help out at the thrift shop."

The limited amount of volunteers, the shop's hours of operation are limited.

The shop accepts any type of donation, from clothing and household items to furniture, uniforms and electronics, said Stenberg.

"There's something for everyone and our customers can find just about anything they need."

Throughout the Navy, it is much rarer at the second class level.

They did not have any association like this when I was in the second class," Piner said. "It would have been nice. The Navy has always had a first class petty officers association and chiefs association. Now, we are pushing those tools out and it enables more people to be prepared to lead."

The association is optional, Piner said. He added that as the organization gets involved in community

Marines' Hymn 117 years old this month

Cpl. Melissa L. McCoy
Cpl. Base

Marines for soldiers from Montezuma upon hearing the Marines belt out their hymn as they passed.

During August 1891, copyright ownership of the Marines' Hymn was vested in the United States Marine Corps. Since then, it has found its way into the hearts of Marines everywhere.

The writer who penned the lyrics of this sacred song remains unknown. Even the tune has mysterious origins. The melody can be traced back to both a comic French opera and a Spanish folk song.

Although both the author and the melody have left Marines guessing, there is no room for doubt in the meaning of the words.

The hymn begins with the infamous words that adorn the Corps' colors, "From the Halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli." These words caused a bit of confusion during August 1918. A wounded French soldier mistook a contingent of

In 1928, the commandant of the Marine Corps authorized the first three verses. The original first stanza read, "... we fight our country's battles on the land as on the sea."

During 1942, with the Corps' increasing participation in aviation, the commandant of the Marine Corps authorized the line to read "... in the air, on land and sea." The remainder of the hymn has carried on pristine thus far through unchanged time.

The mystery of the hymn makes the tune all the more haunting and memorable. Marines stand silently at attention to demonstrate their respect for the men and women who have fought and died, "to keep our honor clean."

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FCT leader with 2nd ANGLICO. "Their goal is that there is no doubt in anyone's mind that they want to be on this team, and they're qualified to be here."

After the training, the Marines were given their results and were told what areas needed improvement.

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This training and evaluation is the first step to developing teams since ANGLICO's return from their 2007 deployment. It will give FCT leaders an idea of where their Marines stand.

"We're returning to a standards-based training program," Tomczyk said. "Although there is not a formal selection of the final FCT teams yet, this training and other exercises allows us to evaluate individual skills and adjust our training plans if necessary."

Second ANGLICO's next deployment may be as early as early 2009.

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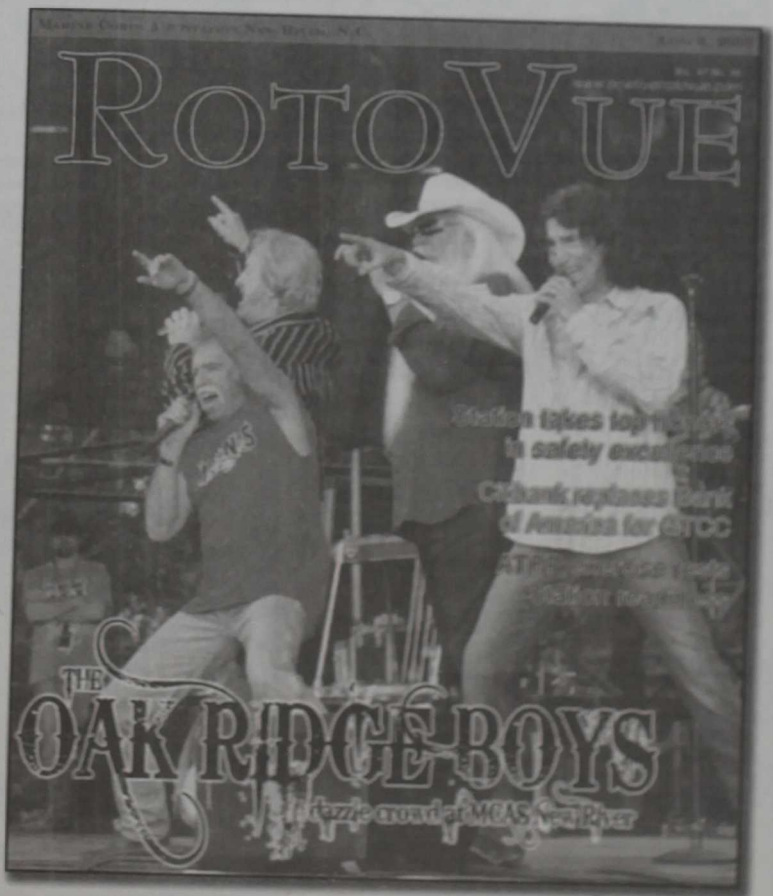
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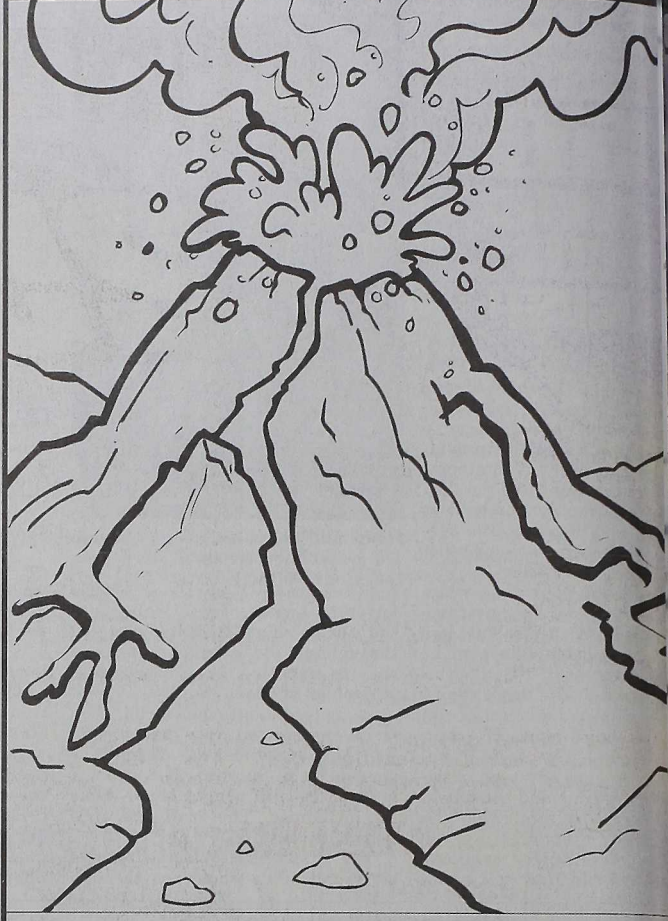
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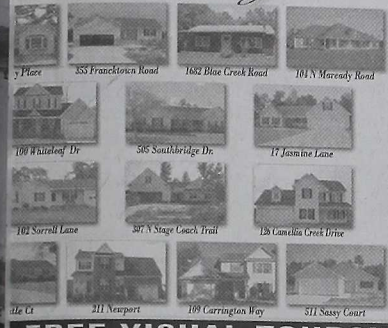
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COMBAT STRESS: An injury worth treating

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

When a Marine injures an ankle, he will likely go to the doctor where he may receive crutches, pain medication and authorization for light duty.

What happens when a Marine's psyche sustains a combat stress injury? Current Marine policy is to treat that condition as an injury as well.

Dr. Heidi Squier Kraft, a former Navy lieutenant commander and current deputy program coordinator for U.S. Navy Combat Operational Stress Control, has been traveling around the country raising awareness about combat stress and its treatment.

During July, Kraft was aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune talking with Navy caregivers at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune and signing copies of her new book "Rule Number Two: Lessons I learned in a combat hospital," at the Marine Corps Association Book Store.

A clinical psychologist who served a seven-month deployment with a Marine Corps surgical company in Iraq before leaving active duty, Kraft said that treating any injury, such as a stress fracture to the ankle, is important to avoid the possibility of the further deterioration.

"Your ankle may never be the same, but it can be better," she said.

It is the same with treating combat stress, and there is no shame in that.

"The way we think of (combat stress) now is as a physical injury. This doesn't have anything to do with a choice, it means you were injured," said Kraft.

The daughter of a Navy submariner, Kraft had her own stressful deployment to Al Asad during 2004, and thus speaks from personal experience. Leaving her twins, a boy and girl who were 15 months old

at the time, in the care of her husband and retired parents, Kraft developed her own plan for maintaining mental health while helping Marines and sailors cope with the stress and loss of life in a combat zone.

Though Kraft said she knows she is lucky to have had her parents help care for her children stateside, she decided that putting the photos of her children away during her deployment was the best way to stay focused on the job at hand.

"It's the idea of compartmentalization that military people are famous for," she said.

One way Kraft and her colleagues decided to deal with stress during their deployment was to stretch the viewing of the "Sopranos" series on DVD out during their time in the desert.

"We also worked out like fiends," she added.

Kraft encourages service members to keep working out and find the things that soothe them.

"We are all that we have," said Kraft. "We have to provide our own inner soothing through a stressful deployment."

By using pastimes such as reading or listening to music or whatever is comforting, a service member can better maintain their health during a stressful deployment.

"Find the things that help you get your physical balances as well as mental balance and make them a priority," said Kraft. "Of course your job is a priority, but this has to be one, too."

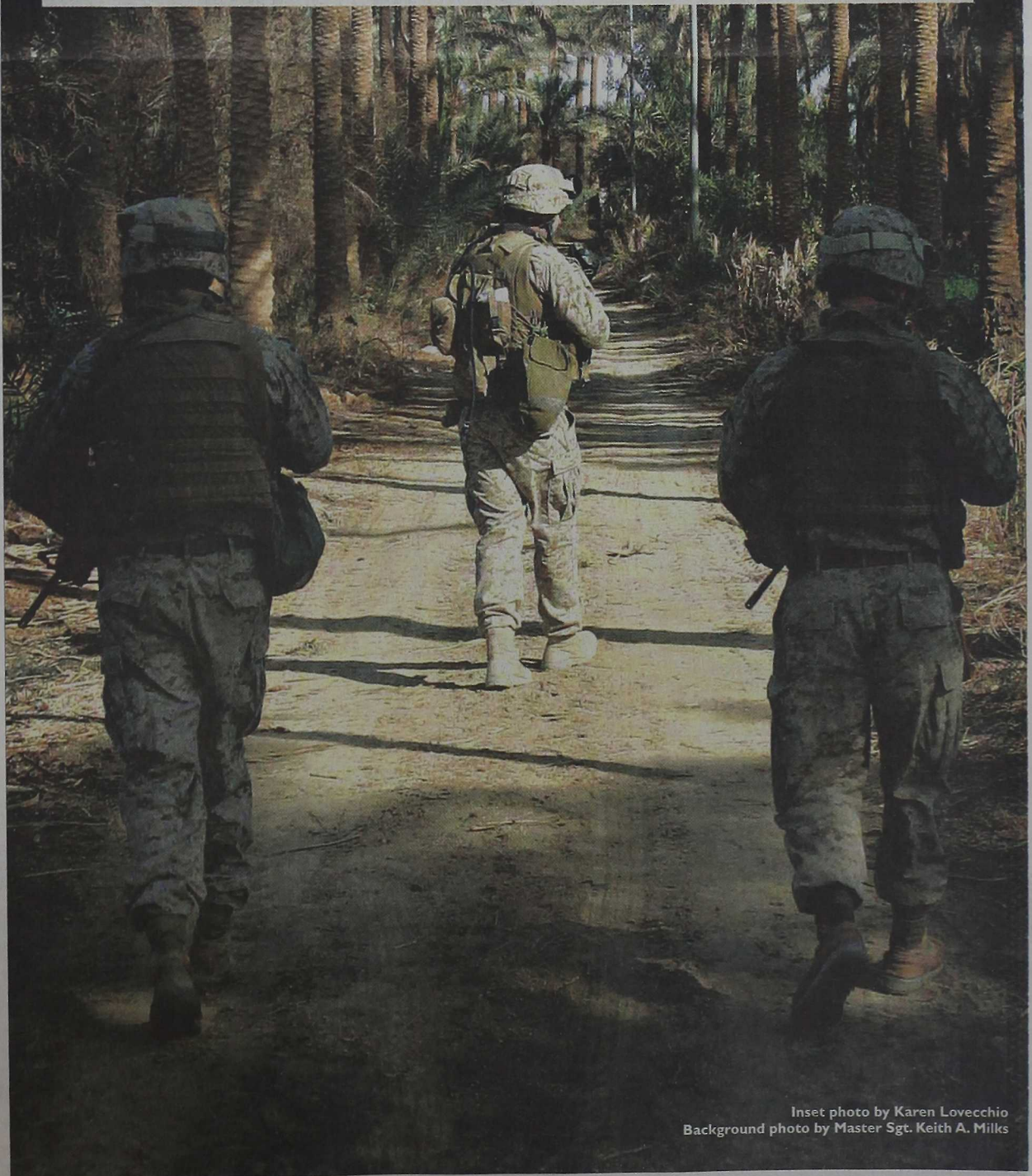
Kraft said it is important to give service members permission to seek treatment and to heal on their own timetable.

"Tell the person you love or your comrades that it is okay if you are not okay. It's the only thing we have to do," she said.

(Editor's note: For more information regarding Kraft's book, turn to page 3D.)



Kraft



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Entertainment

'Mamma Mia!' Entertaining musical features music of ABBA



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"MAMMA MIA!" (PG-13)

"Mamma Mia!" is a musical based on the popular Broadway show featuring the music of the pop group ABBA.

From the front row

With Reinhold Mildenhauser Honeycutt

Raised on a Greek island by a formerly rebellious mom who never disclosed the identity of her father, a bride-to-be locates three old flames of her mother, one who might be her father, and invites them to the wedding.

Amanda Seyfried ("American Gun," "Alpha Dog") stars as Sophie, a young woman about to be married.

As her wedding day rapidly approaches, she still doesn't know who her father is and who will walk her down the aisle.

Meryl Streep ("The Devil Wears Prada," "The Manchurian Candidate") stars as Donna Sheridan, Sophie's free-spirited mother, a former dancing queen and member of a band who now runs a hotel on a beautiful and picturesque Greek isle.

However, Donna, who had a rather tumultuous youth, cannot tell her daughter who the father is. She had several past suitors and it could be any one of the previous three guys she dated.

Sophie decides the only way to really solve the problem is to stage a reunion between her disco-loving mother and three of her former lovers.

She invites the three men back to the Greek island they visited more than two decades ago and leaves it up to luck that she finds the father to walk her down the aisle.

Pierce Brosnan ("After Sunset," "Die Another Day") plays Sam Carmichael, a former hippie, now an American architect; Colin Firth ("Bridget Jones," "Nanny McPhee") plays Harry Bright, a former punk rocker, now a British banker; Stellan Skarsgard ("Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End") plays Bill Austin, a former free-spirited Swedish adventurer, now an Australian novelist.

Also appearing are Julie Walters ("Becoming Jane") as the fun-loving Rosie and Christine Baranski ("Chicago") as Tanya, Donna's old and dear friends and former bandmates. Dominic Cooper ("The History Boys") plays Sky, Sophie's fiancée.

Phyllida Lloyd is making her directing debut with this film adaptation of the wonderful musical that premiered in London in 1999 and has been a huge hit on Broadway for the past six years.

The movie was filmed on location in Greece and all the actors do their own singing.

Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson, huge fans of the musical, produced the light-hearted film fare.

"Mamma Mia!" is a frothy, very corny,



'Mamma Mia' stars Julie Walters as Rosie Rice, Meryl Streep as Donna Sheridan, and Christine Baranski as Tanya Chesham-Leig

but delightful and entertaining musical adventure that will make you feel alive. You will cheer, laugh and render applause and get the urge to dance in the aisle. If you like the music of ABBA you will absolutely love this movie.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

"KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL" (G)

"Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" is a simple family movie based on one of the historical American Girl dolls and the accompanying popular American Girl book series.

The American Girl series of dolls dates back to the 1986 with each doll having its own historical tale. Since then, several more dolls have been added to the line, including the 2000 Kit Kittredge doll, representing the depression-era.

Three of the dolls — Felicity, Samantha and Molly have made it to movies made for television.

Abigail Breslin ("Nim's Island," "Little Miss Sunshine") stars as Kit, a young, passionate and inquisitive girl who grows up in Cincinnati in the early years of the Great Depression.

Kit is an aspiring newspaper reporter tackling the serious issues of her time through the eyes of a child — prejudice, poverty and homelessness — and dreams of having some of her writings printed in the local paper.

Kit is also involved in solving a crime spree that is spreading throughout Cincinnati.

Costarring as Kit's parents are Chris O'Donnell ("Batman and Robin") and Julia Ormond ("First Knight").

After her father loses his business, Kit maps out a plan to keep the family home.

As her father leaves home to look for a job elsewhere and to make ends meet, Kit's mother takes in boarders, portrayed by Joan Cusack ("Martian Child") as Miss Bond, an eccentric librarian; Stanley Tucci ("The Devil Wears Prada") as Mr. Berk, a magician; and Jane Krakowski ("Open Season") as Miss Dooley, a dance instructor.

Also appearing is Glenna Headly ("The Namesake") as Mrs. Howard and Max Thieriot ("The Astronaut Farmer") as Will Shepherd.

Patricia Rozema ("Mansfield Park") directed this wholesome action and adventure film which has no special effects, only a wonderful and heartwarming story.

"Kit Kittredge" is a charming and light family movie despite a sometimes serious story line.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2" (PG-13)

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2" continues the tale of four friends who share a particular hand-me-down that began with the 2005 original.

Three years have passed since the first movie became a sleeper hit.

The four pals have embarked on separate paths for their first year of college and the summer beyond. They have drifted apart, but kept in touch by sharing their experiences with each other as they have done before and remain the best of friends.

The girls plan to reunite for another adventurous summer, wear the traveling pants again and continue the journey toward adulthood, experiencing the freedom, love, choices and challenging life lessons.

At this time in their lives, it will take more than a quick note or even a treasured and magical pair of jeans passed back and forth among them to stay connected.

The sisterhood members reprising their roles in this sequel are: America Ferrera (TV's "Ugly Betty") as Carmen, taking theater courses at Yale; Amber Tamblyn ("The Grudge") as Tibby, studying to be a director at New York University; Alexis Bledel ("Bride and Prejudice") as Lena, choosing between two different love interests; and Blake Lively ("Gossip Girls") as Bridget, who is reconnecting with her grandmother, played by Blythe Danner ("Meet the Parents").

Also appearing are Shohreh Aghdashloo as Bridgett's mentor on the archaeological dig, Rachel Nichols ("Charlie Wilson's War") as Julia; Jesse Williams as Leo; Michael Rady as Kostas; and Kyle MacLachlan.

Director Sanaa Hamri ("Som New," "Dreams of Dying Heart") this sequel, the continuing saga of traveling pants, which was partially filmed in Greece.

Elizabeth Chandler wrote the play, based upon the bestselling of three novels by Ann Brashar this case, the novel named The Summer of the Sisterhood.

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2" continues to explore the choir make and the immeasurable bond of friendship.

"PINEAPPLE EXPRESS" (R)

"Pineapple Express" is another comedy from the people who brought us "Knocked Up" and "Super Bad."

The film shows us a few days in the lives of a couple of dudes where everything goes wrong.

Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up," "Bad") stars as Dale Denton, a loser who passes his days smoking pot.

The only bright light in his life is the visit to his equally lazy dead-end friend Silver, played by James Franco ("Flyboys"), to purchase marijuana, especially the rare new strain of Pineapple Express.

However, when Dale witnesses a murder by a crooked cop and the most dangerous drug lord, he dumps his roach of Pineapple Express on the scene.

Gary Cole ("Breathless") can be Ted Jones, the drug lord; and Ed Harris ("Human Nature") as Carol, the cop.

Now, Dale has a new reason to run — finding out if the weed is back to him.

They soon find that it is and are running for their lives, as the best of friends.

Come aboard the Pineapple Express. Costarring are Danny R. McBreary ("Tropic of Thunder") as Red; Amy Poehler ("Alpha Dog") as Angie; and Bill Hader ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall") as Pvt. Miller; and James Remar ("2 Furious") as Gen. Bratt.

David Gordon Green ("Under the Skin") directed this pot comedy based on the screenplay by Rogen and Evan Goldberg which developed from a story by Judd Apatow and Seth Rogen.

The theme song for the film was written and performed by Huey Lewis and the News. "Pineapple Express," named after the rare strain of weed, is another of those mindless, F-word dropping comedies that offend and appeal to a certain audience, only this time it throws in more action.

Be warned, if you didn't like "Knocked Up" and "Super Bad," you certainly not want to view this one. However, if you really enjoyed the aforementioned you will be in for a fun time.

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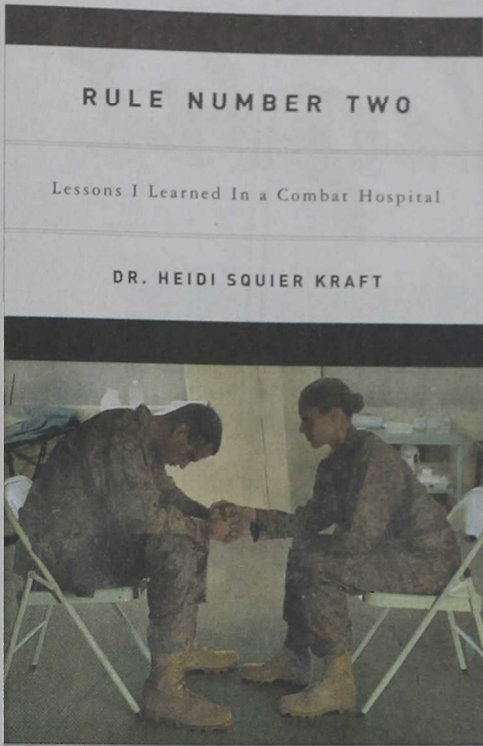
Navy veteran documents life at combat hospital

Heidi Owens
Staff Writer

During April 2004, Dr. Heidi Squier Kraft, then a lieutenant commander, found herself in the hand of an American hero as he lay on the operating table for his life. "It was the best experience and the worst experience of my life all rolled into one," said Kraft, who is currently a program coordinator for J.S. Navy Combat Operational Stress Control in San Diego.

Stationed with Surgical Company A at Al Asad, Iraq, Kraft, a clinical psychologist, was assisting the mass casualty situation of all medical personnel no matter their specialty, when the young hero was brought in. Kraft was serving as rifle platoon leader with 1st Marine Division. Cpl. Jason Dunham was gravely injured when he placed his body over a grenade. His actions saved two fellow Marines.

Carried by helicopter to a hospital, Dunham was in his head and show any meaningful movement. He was the expectant recipient of end-of-life care. It was one of the most difficult moments of her career. At one point while holding his hand, Kraft felt Dunham squeeze her hand. Asked



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Lessons I Learned In a Combat Hospital

DR. HEIDI SQUIER KRAFT

to do it again, Dunham squeezed her hand again. With hopes for his prognosis elevated, medical personnel loaded Dunham on another Black Hawk to be sent to receive a higher echelon of care. Those who follow history will know that Cpl. Jason Dunham was — posthumously — awarded the Medal of Honor Jan. 11, 2007.

Since that time, Kraft has formed a relationship with his family. "They're really a gift in my life as was he," said Kraft. "It was a special moment in my life. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I am very, very proud to have been part of his care." As a clinical psychologist, Kraft's specialty is caring for patients' mental health, and the majority of

her time in Iraq was spent helping service members cope with combat stress.

Kraft wrote of her deployment experiences, including her care of Dunham, in her recent book, "Rule Number Two: Lessons I learned in a combat hospital."

The book's title was drawn from lines from an episode of the Korean War television drama, M*A*S*H in which a character said, "There are two rules of war. Rule number one is that young men die. Rule number two is that doctors can't change rule number one."

"This book was therapy, I make no bones about it," said Kraft, acknowledging the healing power of writing about traumatic experiences. "The book was such an accident for me. None of it was really planned. I was encouraged to turn the poem, I wrote about my deployment, into a book by a Vietnam-era Marine officer," said Kraft, adding that Dunham's mother, Debra, also encouraged her to seek publication for the book.

In addition to self therapy, the book has been a boon to the issue of treating combat stress. Since its publication, Kraft has been traveling the country raising awareness about the condition. She has spoken for medical and lay communities including a July talk to medical personnel at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune.

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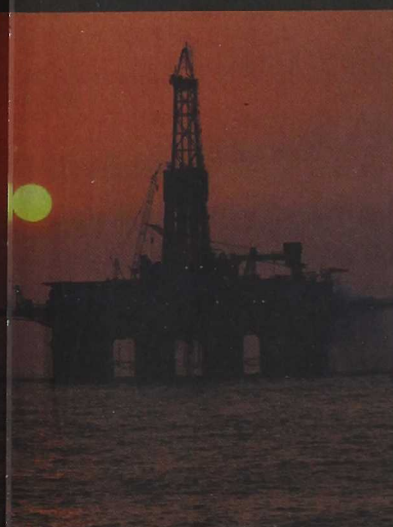


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For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes going on up and down the Carolina coast, check out What's Happenin' each week. To add your event, e-mail heather.owens@militarynews.com. Space is limited to availability.

Mark Kent concert

is scheduled to perform a concert music at the Jacksonville Seventh-day Church on 453 College St. He has been singing the talents God has given him for 25 years and has been nicknamed "the golden voice." Invite your family, neighbors, co-workers and know that use sign language to this concert. A love offering will be collected. Tickets will be provided immediately after the concert and everyone is welcome. For information, visit the church's Web site www.jacksonville22.adventistchurch.com or call 330-3141.

School Concert Series

8:30 p.m.
Onslow County Parks and Recreation and Onslow County Public Library are sponsoring a "Back To School" music series. Concerts are scheduled outdoors at Onslow County Public Library Thursday. The library is located at 58 Doris

Concerts are free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for a variety of music and fun. In the future, the concerts will be held indoors at the library. For more information, call 347-

more information, call 451-5575 or 449-6250. For information regarding educational opportunities aboard base, visit the Marine Corps Community Services Web page at www.mccslejeune.com/LLL/index.html.

End of the summer party

Sept. 2, 5 - 8 p.m.
Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an End of the Summer Party, Sept. 2 at Chuck E. Cheese's from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All children are invited to participate. An adult must accompany all children. Each participant pays \$5.99 for 16 tokens, two slices of pizza, soda with free refills and tons of fun. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Fall weekday walking

Sept. 6, 4-7 p.m.
Fall weekday walking hosted by Onslow County Parks and Recreation, the City of Jacksonville and Onslow Community Health Improvement Process will step off Sept. 5 at 12:15 p.m. and will run every Friday during September and October. Participants walking seven out of nine Fridays will be eligible for door prizes. In case of rain, the walk will be held the following Monday. Lunch courtesy of Pizza Hut will be served on the final day, Oct. 31. Online registration is available at www.onslowcountync.gov/parks, click on Parks and Recreation then Walking Program. Participants may also contact Onslow County Parks and Recreation at 347-5332.

Chaplain's Spouse Association

Sept. 6, 4-7 p.m.
The Chaplains Spouse Association is a unique group that meets on a monthly basis for social and fellowship purposes. We gather for a variety of events, primarily on the second Tuesday of the month. We welcome each and every Chaplain's spouse to join us. If you would like more information, please contact Judy at 275-8025. Member-

ship is open to spouses of active duty, reserve, retired or deceased chaplains in the area. Dues are \$20 for the year. Our first event is our Annual Family Picnic, Sept. 6, 4-7 p.m. at Hubert Bypass Park. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Map and directions are on the Web site www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks/HubertBypass.aspx. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 275-8025.

Big Shaggin' Dinner and Dance

Sept. 19, 6 p.m.
Eddie's Entertainment Presents the Big Shaggin' Dinner and Dance featuring The Carousels and Memories of ELVIS, Jay Barnes. The event is set to take place at Sywanys Scarlet and Gold Traditions on 222 Henderson Dr. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Dinner and a pineapple dessert will be served. For tickets, call 382-3840.

City to the Sea bike ride

Sept. 19, 6 p.m.
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, The Bicycle Shop, Food Lion, Pizza Hut and Hammocks Beach State Park will be sponsoring a leisure bike ride Sept. 21. Registration for the free ride will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the ride will begin at 2 p.m. The ride will originate at the Food Lion parking lot on the corner of Piney Green and Halltown Roads and the ride will finish at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. An adult must accompany riders under the age of 18 years, and all riders

are encouraged to wear a helmet during the ride. For more information, please call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Job fair workshop

Sept. 25, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
A job fair workshop is planned for Sept. 25 at the Russell Marine and Family Services Center in Bldg. 40, Room 106. Sharpen your interviewing skills and learn to build your resume so that you get hired for the job you desire. Advanced registration is required; call 451-3212 to register.

Dog Day in the Park

Sept. 25, 9 a.m. - noon
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department Dog Day in the Park is scheduled to be held Sept. 27 at Onslow Pines Park 9 a.m. to noon. The event will offer microchips, a dog wash, a photo contest (bring photo) and obedience, protection and K-9 good citizen evaluations. We are now accepting registration for the dog jog (one mile fun run/walk). The cost is \$8 and includes a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded. To register call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.



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School Board Election

Camp Lejeune School will hold its election to fill upcoming vacancies on the school board. Camp Lejeune schools will have an election site from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A candidate may be any active-duty service member or spouse residing in the permanent base housing at Camp Lejeune or Marine Air Station, New River. Those desiring to be a candidate must file for office with the Assistant Superintendent, Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools. A candidate must be nominated by a registered eligible voter. The filing will be available to one of the seven schools, the Office of the Superintendent, Building 88, Stone Street or can

be found at www.am.dodea.edu/lejeune. Candidates will be allowed to file required documents until close of business (4:30 p.m.) Sept. 4. The term of office will be for a three-year term. Eligible voters are parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools at the time of the election. Each parent or guardian is entitled to one vote and must do so in person at the time of the election. Individuals will be required to show proof of identification at the voting site.

Further details concerning rules for candidates or the election may be obtained by calling the superintendent's office at 451-2461/2615 x217.

Hours of instruction

Johnson Primary School: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Bitz Intermediate School: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Delalio Elementary School: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Tarawa Terrace I Primary School: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Brewster Middle School: 7:50 a.m. to 2:27 p.m.
Lejeune High School: 7:50 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

School calendar

Aug. 21: First day for K-12 students
 Sept. 1: Labor Day
 Sept. 2: Prekindergarten orientation
 Sept. 4: Prekindergarten begins
 Sept. 10: No school for students
 Sept. 25: Mid-term/interim reports
 Oct. 13: Columbus Day
 Oct. 24: Grading period/quarter ends
 Oct. 27: No school for students
 Oct. 28: No school for students
 Nov. 3-5: Parent conferences
 Nov. 4-5: Report card conferences for grades 9-12
 Nov. 10: No school for students
 Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
 Nov. 26: No school for students
 Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day
 Nov. 28: No school for students
 Dec. 8: Mid-term/interim reports
 Dec. 22-Jan. 2: Winter Break
 Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Day
 Jan. 22: Grading period/quarter ends
 Jan. 23: No school for students
 Jan. 30: Report cards
 Feb. 16: President's Day
 Feb. 26: Mid-term/interim reports
 Feb. 26-27: K-8 conferences
 March 4: No school for students
 March 27: Grading period/quarter ends
 March 30: No school for students
 April 1-2: Parent conferences
 LHS
 April 8: Report cards
 April 13-17: Spring break
 May 8: Mid-term/interim reports
 May 14: Accelerated withdrawal date
 May 25: Memorial Day
 June 11: Last day for students
 June 16: Report cards



Camp Lejeune Bus schedule

TT-I ELEMENTARY / TT-II PRIMARY SCHOOL	Brewster Middle School	7:30 a.m.
Bus # 10	Bus # 3	7:05 a.m.
Butler Dr. & Stranz Ct. 7:40 a.m.	Winston & Wavell Sts. 7:05 a.m.	
Butler Dr. & Bahring Ct. 7:41 a.m.	2513 St. Mary's Dr. 7:14 a.m.	
Butler Dr. & McCracken Ct. 7:42 a.m.	2514 St. Mary's Dr. 7:16 a.m.	
Butler Dr. & Lijia Ct. 7:43 a.m.	Cecil & St. Mary's Intersection 7:18 a.m.	
750 Butler Dr. 7:45 a.m.	2814 St. Mary's Dr. 7:20 a.m.	
764 Butler Dr. 7:46 a.m.	2222 St. Mary's Dr. 7:22 a.m.	
901 Butler Dr. 7:47 a.m.	2118 St. Mary's Dr. 7:24 a.m.	
911 Butler Dr. 7:48 a.m.	Brewster Middle School 7:30 a.m.	
1143 Butler Dr. 7:49 a.m.	Bus # 4	7:10 a.m.
1234 Butler Dr. 7:50 a.m.	3435 Stone St. 7:10 a.m.	
Butler Dr. & Butler Circle 7:52 a.m.	3378 Pender St. 7:13 a.m.	
1720 Butler Dr. 7:53 a.m.	3324 Onslow Dr. 7:14 a.m.	
1701 Butler Dr. 7:54 a.m.	3016 Eden St. 7:18 a.m.	
1419 Butler Dr. 7:55 a.m.	2991 Cukela St. 7:21 a.m.	
1410 Butler Dr. 7:57 a.m.	3069 Cukela St. 7:22 a.m.	
1531 Butler Dr. 7:58 a.m.	3060 Cukela St. 7:24 a.m.	
1614 Butler Dr. 7:59 a.m.	Brewster Middle School 7:30 a.m.	
1500 Butler Dr. 8:00 a.m.	Bus # 3A	6:40 a.m.
1320 Butler Dr. 8:01 a.m.	2101 Nordell St. 6:40 a.m.	
1329 Butler Dr. 8:02 a.m.	2103 Nordell St. 6:41 a.m.	
1059 Butler Dr. 8:04 a.m.	2187 Nordell St. 6:42 a.m.	
Butler Dr. & Fourth St. 8:05 a.m.	2077 Longstaff St. 6:43 a.m.	
TT II Elem School 8:15 a.m.	2064 Longstaff St. 6:44 a.m.	
TT I Primary School 8:20 a.m.	Longstaff & Patrick Sts. 6:45 a.m.	
Bus # 18	2047 Longstaff St. 6:46 a.m.	
Knox Cove 8:00 a.m.	2037 Longstaff St. 6:47 a.m.	
TT II Elementary School 8:20 a.m.	2025 Longstaff St. 6:48 a.m.	
TT I Primary School 8:25 a.m.	1091 Langtry St. 6:52 a.m.	
DEBALIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Brewster Middle School 7:30 a.m.	
Bus # 2A	Bus # 4A	6:40 a.m.
2113 Nordell St. 8:00 a.m.	McAvoy & Grier Sts. 6:40 a.m.	
2087 Nordell St. 8:02 a.m.	McAvoy & Sumner Sts. 6:43 a.m.	
2077 Longstaff St. 8:04 a.m.	McAvoy & Newell Sts. 6:45 a.m.	
2065 Longstaff St. 8:06 a.m.	McAvoy & Monteith Sts. 6:50 a.m.	
Patrick & Longstaff Sts. 8:08 a.m.	Grier & Hardin Sts. 6:52 a.m.	
2045 Longstaff St. 8:10 a.m.	Baxter & Jones Sts. 6:54 a.m.	
Trotter & Longstaff Sts. 8:12 a.m.	Baxter & Langtry Sts. 6:56 a.m.	
2037 Longstaff St. 8:14 a.m.	Brewster Middle 7:30 a.m.	
Trotter & Longstaff Sts. 8:16 a.m.	Bus # 6	7:00 a.m.
Delalio Elementary School 8:25 a.m.	TT II Blvd. & Bougainville Dr. 7:00 a.m.	
BITZ INTERMEDIATE AND JOHNSON PRIMARY	TT II Blvd. & Saipan Dr. 7:05 a.m.	
Bus # 2	TT II Blvd. & Hagaru Dr. 7:08 a.m.	
5016 Michigan Ave. 7:43 a.m.	TT II Blvd. & Bougainville Dr. 7:10 a.m.	
5028 Michigan Ave. 7:44 a.m.	Brewster Middle School 7:30 a.m.	
5308 Michigan Ave. 7:46 a.m.	Bus # 7	7:00 a.m.
5320 Michigan Ave. 7:48 a.m.	TT-I Blvd. & West Peleliu Dr. 7:00 a.m.	
5374 Washington St. 7:50 a.m.	TT-I Blvd. Paredes Ct. 7:05 a.m.	
5384 Washington St. 7:52 a.m.	TT-I Blvd. & W. Peleliu Dr. 7:08 a.m.	
5063 Washington St. 7:54 a.m.	Brewster Middle School 7:30 a.m.	
5053 Washington St. 7:56 a.m.	Bus # 18	7:00 a.m.
Bitz Intermediate School 8:15 a.m.	Brewster Middle School 7:30 a.m.	
Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	LEJEUNE HIGH SCHOOL	
Bus # 3	Bus # 2	6:40 a.m.
Brewster CDC 7:50 a.m.	18 Harvey St. 6:40 a.m.	
2105 St. Mary's Dr. 7:55 a.m.	19 Harvey St. 6:40 a.m.	
2205 St. Mary's Dr. 7:57 a.m.	1241 Butler Drive 7:10 a.m.	
2305 St. Mary's Dr. 7:59 a.m.	1712 A Butler Circle 7:12 a.m.	
2405 St. Mary's Dr. 8:01 a.m.	Lejeune High School 7:25 a.m.	
2503 St. Mary's Dr. 8:03 a.m.	Bus # 2A	6:37 a.m.
2513 St. Mary's Dr. 8:05 a.m.	McAvoy & Grier Sts. 6:37 a.m.	
Bitz Intermediate School 8:15 a.m.	McAvoy & Sumner Sts. 6:39 a.m.	
Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	McAvoy & Newell Sts. 6:41 a.m.	
Bus # 4	McAvoy & Monteith Sts. 6:43 a.m.	
Vermont Ct. 8:00 a.m.	Grier & Hardin Sts. 6:45 a.m.	
Alabama & Arkansas Sts. 8:02 a.m.	Baxter & Jones Sts. 6:47 a.m.	
Alabama & Arizona Sts. 8:04 a.m.	Baxter & Langtry Sts. 6:49 a.m.	
5240 Alabama Ave. 8:06 a.m.	Lejeune High School 7:25 a.m.	
Alabama & Arkansas Sts. 8:08 a.m.	Bus # 3A	6:40 a.m.
Bitz Intermediate School 8:15 a.m.	2101 Nordell St. 6:40 a.m.	
Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	2103 Nordell St. 6:41 a.m.	
Bus # 5	2187 Nordell St. 6:42 a.m.	
Maryland & Virginia Ave. 8:00 a.m.	2077 Longstaff St. 6:43 a.m.	
Maryland & Georgia St. 8:02 a.m.	2064 Longstaff St. 6:44 a.m.	
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Maryland & Florida Ave. 8:06 a.m.	2047 Longstaff St. 6:46 a.m.	
Maryland & Illinois St. 8:07 a.m.	2037 Longstaff St. 6:47 a.m.	
Bitz Intermediate School 8:15 a.m.	2025 Longstaff St. 6:48 a.m.	
Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	1091 Langtry St. 6:52 a.m.	
Bus # 7	Lejeune High School 7:25 a.m.	
Michigan Ct. 7:58 a.m.	Bus # 5	7:05 a.m.
5045 Alabama Ave. 8:00 a.m.	Winston & Wavell Sts. 7:05 a.m.	
5072 Connecticut St. 8:02 a.m.	2521 St. Mary's Dr. 7:08 a.m.	
5080 Connecticut St. 8:04 a.m.	2408 St. Mary's Dr. 7:10 a.m.	
5350 Connecticut St. 8:06 a.m.	2319 St. Mary's Dr. 7:12 a.m.	
5360 Connecticut St. 8:08 a.m.	2231 St. Mary's Dr. 7:14 a.m.	
5386 Florida Ave. 8:10 a.m.	2222 St. Mary's Dr. 7:16 a.m.	
Bitz Intermediate School 8:15 a.m.	2120 St. Mary's Dr. 7:18 a.m.	
Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	2006 Kent Road 7:20 a.m.	
Bus # 8	Lejeune High School 7:25 a.m.	
Surgeons Row 7:50 a.m.	Bus # 9	7:00 a.m.
Hospital Point 7:53 a.m.	Cooper Onslow 7:03 a.m.	
2729 Winston St. 8:01 a.m.	Timmerman & Timm. Place 7:05 a.m.	
2724 Winston St. 8:03 a.m.	Timm. & Stone 7:06 a.m.	
2719 Wavell St. 8:05 a.m.	3167 Hill Street 7:08 a.m.	
Bitz Intermediate School 8:15 a.m.	Hill and Dewey 7:09 a.m.	
Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	Eden and Sumpter 7:11 a.m.	
Bus # 9	2992 Cukela 7:12 a.m.	
Maine Ct. 7:55 a.m.	3060 Cukela 7:13 a.m.	
5689 Maryland Ave. 7:58 a.m.	3069 Cukela 7:14 a.m.	
5672 Maryland Ave. 8:01 a.m.	Lejeune High School 7:30 a.m.	
5662 Maryland St. 8:03 a.m.	Bus # 10	7:00 a.m.
5635 Delaware Ave. 8:05 a.m.	TT II Blvd. & Bougainville Dr. 7:00 a.m.	
Delaware & Colorado Aves. 8:07 a.m.	TT II Blvd. & Saipan Dr. 7:02 a.m.	
5177 Colorado Ave. 8:09 a.m.	TT II Blvd. & Hagaru Dr. 7:04 a.m.	
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Johnson Primary School 8:15 a.m.	TT I Blvd. Paredes Dr. 7:09 a.m.	
BREWSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	TT I Blvd. & E. Peleliu Dr. 7:10 a.m.	
Bus # 2	Lejeune High School 7:25 a.m.	
18 Harvey St. 6:40 a.m.	Bus # 18	7:00 a.m.
19 Harvey St. 6:41 a.m.	Knox Cove 7:00 a.m.	
1241 Butler Dr. 7:10 a.m.	Lejeune High School 7:25 a.m.	
1712 A Butler Circle 7:15 a.m.		



Camp Lejeune school's directory

Administrative Offices	451-2461
35 Stone St., Camp Lejeune 28547	
Elizabeth Thomas, assistant superintendent, NC-DDESS	
Student Services Office (Special Education) x241	
Lejeune High School (Grades 9-12)	451-2451
35 Stone St., Camp Lejeune 28547	
Yonia Chevis, principal	
Brewster Middle School (Grades 6-8)	451-2561
290 Stone St., Camp Lejeune 28547	
Wendy Sholar, principal	
Bitz Intermediate School (Grades 3-5)	451-2575
128 Bevin St., Camp Lejeune 28547	
Tr. Dan Osgood, principal	
Delalio Elementary School (Grades PreK-5)	449-0601
500 Curtis Rd., MCAS, Jacksonville 28540	
Sassandra White, principal	
Johnson Primary School (Grades PreK-5)	451-2431
127 Stone St., Camp Lejeune 28547	
Carol Perry, principal	
Tarawa Terrace I Primary School (Grades K-5)	450-1658
10 Tarawa Blvd., Tarawa Terrace 28543	
Linda Hawes, principal	
Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School (Grades K-5)	450-1635
4 Iwo Jima Blvd, Tarawa Terrace 28543	
Eric Steimel, interim principal	
Website: www.am.dodea.edu/lejeune or www.dodea.edu	
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Preschool program available

Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools has a preschool program for children who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1 and live in base housing or whose sponsor holds a 90-day preschool letter. The preschool program is located at Johnson Primary School, Tarawa Terrace I, and Delalio Elementary. The only exceptions to the age requirement are for children 3 or 4 years old that have developmental delays and are in an Individualized Education Program by the Camp Lejeune Dependents

Schools specifying preschool education as a service. Preschool is a half-day program Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There is a morning and afternoon session each of these days. Wednesdays are set aside for parent workshops, home visits, parent-teacher conferences, team planning and for staff development activities. There is no fee for attending this program. Transportation is provided for children who live 1 and a half or more miles from the school, who attend a Base Child

Development Center or have transportation listed as a needed service on an IEP. If your child meets the housing and age requirements for the preschool program and you would like to enroll him/her, registration is now taking place at all of the elementary schools. If your child is 3 or 4 years old and you have concerns about any area of his/her development and would like a free screening, you may contact student services at the Superintendent's Office at 451-2461 ext. 220 or 241

Change in eligibility birthdate for preschool and kindergarten

Effective School Year 2009-2010, the Department of Defense Schools will change the eligibility birthdate for all preschool and kindergarten children enrolling in DoD schools to Sept. 1. Per House Bill 1473, all North Carolina Public Schools will change the eligibility birthdate for all preschool and kindergarten children to Aug. 31 effective 2009-2010. For 2008-2009, this change only affects students enrolling in preschool. Onslow County schools are making the change in the prekindergarten eligibility date beginning 2008-2009 to ensure that all children served in the More at Four program will be eligible to enter kindergarten the following year. The Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools will also make their change in the preschool eligibility date beginning SY 2008-2009 to mirror Onslow County Schools.

Beginning 2008-2009, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible to enroll in the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' Preschool program. This will mean that beginning this month, children will only be able to enroll in preschool if they are 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year. Effective 2009-2010, children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Sept. 1. This will mean that beginning August 2009, children will only be able to enroll in kindergarten if they are 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year. Three and 4 year old children with disabilities who have a Camp Lejeune Individualized Education Plan indicating the child should receive preschool services may enter the program any time after his/her third birthday, regardless of their birthdate.

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