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Playoffs
Members of 8th Communications Battalion's samurai tackle football team made sure no one doubted their third-seed status going into next week's playoffs. Read about the game on 1B.

Base pass
Friends and families of service members stayed at here stand in lines at the front gate every weekend in order to obtain a base driving pass. Learn more on page 1B.

Festival of Trees
Onslow County family tradition, the Festival of Trees is set to take place at the fairgrounds in Kinstonville this weekend. For more information, turn to page 1D.

News Watch

Manpower brief
Lt. Maj. Daniel Burs, sergeant major of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Lt. Maj. Joseph Davenport, sergeant major of Reserve Affairs will give a manpower brief to all E8s and E9s at the Base Theater here Dec. 4 at 9 a.m.

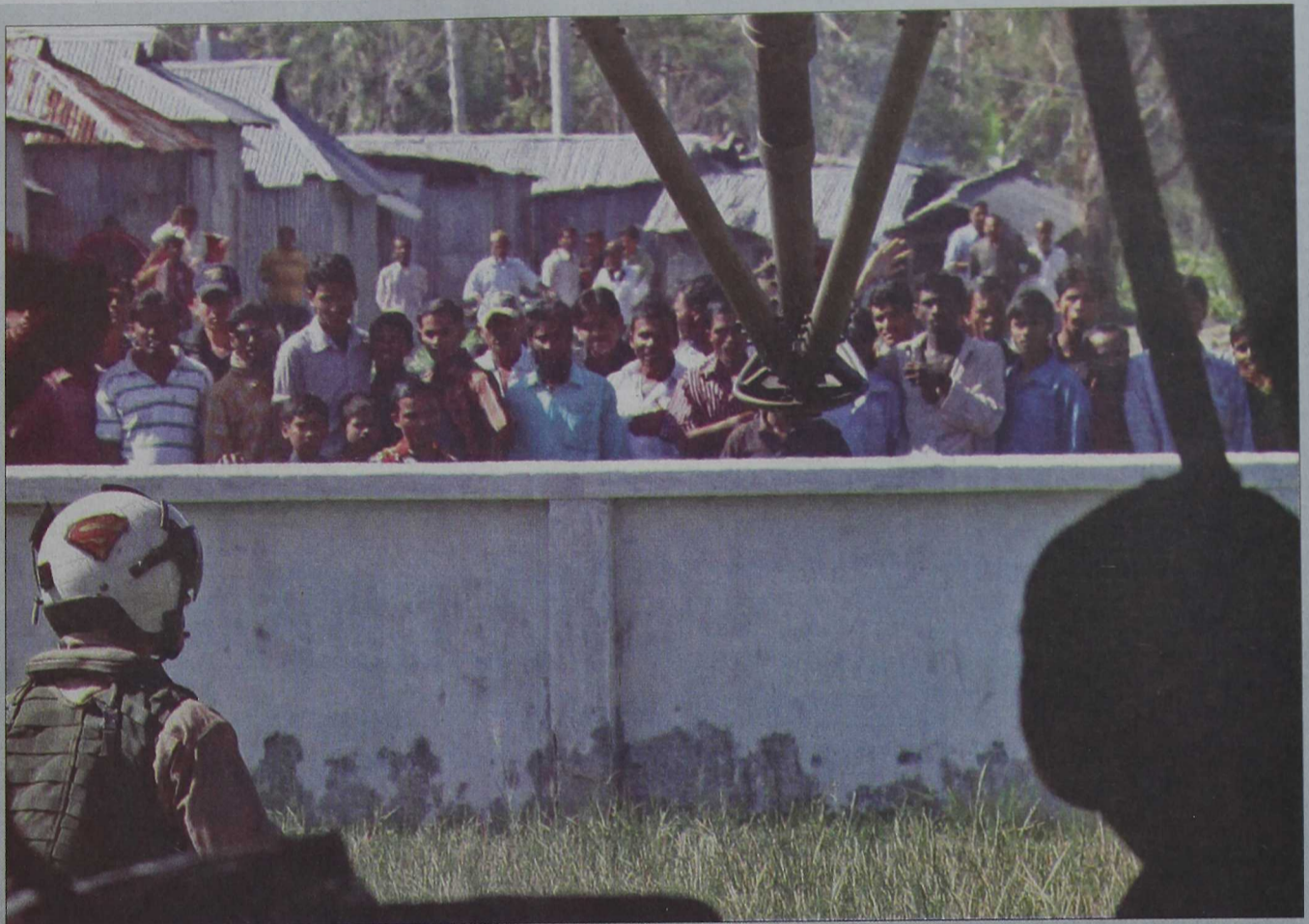
Security improvements
The improved security environment in Iraq is creating conditions that promote the large-scale infrastructure projects under way to support Iraq's security forces, a defense official in Iraq told online journalists and "bloggers."

Avy Cmdr. Patrick Mack, deputy engineer for Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq, noted marked security improvements, particularly since August.

He noted that when he arrived in Iraq in March, security problems hindered MNSTCI's efforts to develop or renovate facilities for Iraq's police, national police, army and border patrol forces. Now, with better security conditions, MNSTCI's work is moving full team ahead, and the Iraqis are beginning to take control of paying for their own construction, he said. Mack reported about 170 active projects under way throughout Iraq, and delivery of \$5.4 billion in infrastructure projects since the effort began in 2004. The drop in violence is giving the ministries and the Iraqi people overall the ability to look beyond immediate concerns to what's ahead.

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Cpl. Peter R. Miller

Humanitarian effort: A helicopter from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced), the aviation element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) touches down in Bangladesh to provide humanitarian assistance to hundreds of local civilians affected by the Tropical Cyclone Sidr.

MEU kicks off Bangladesh humanitarian relief efforts

Cpl. Peter R. Miller
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS KEARSARGE — On Nov. 15, Tropical Cyclone Sidr ripped across the coast of Bangladesh, killed more than 3,000 people, left several hundred thousand people homeless, and ravaged the local crops and infrastructure. In response to the government of Bangladesh's request for assistance, elements of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) embarked aboard USS Kearsarge traveled approximately 3,500 statute miles from the Sea of Bengal and is now providing disaster relief to the region. Friday, the MEU's relief effort began with

the delivery of 700 gallons of bottled water to the hands of Bengali soldiers aboard a small airfield in Barisal, Bangladesh.

"Today's mission was essentially a humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, mission to start providing the necessary materials needed for the Bengali people," said Capt. Andrew M. Traynor, a CH-46E Sea Knight pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (reinforced), who flew in the day's mission.

As the helicopters hovered over the airfield, Bengali children clad in colorful clothing watched and waved from a nearby roadside. Bengali soldiers lined the tarmac until Nix greeted them and led them back to the aircraft. "We got out there and said, 'hey, this

is what we need,'" said Nix. "I think they were just hesitant to jump right in because they didn't want to offend us."

The wary stares of Bengali soldiers quickly evolved into friendly embraces as they crowded around the rear of the aircraft to shake hands and chat with their visitors. They were soon working with the Marines to unload the water.

"We worked together, and the language barrier wasn't a problem," said Traynor. "We all got in a daisy chain and the offload went very smoothly and quickly. It's all about the team because that's how we work."

The crew chiefs did an excellent job by taking

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Sgt. Wayne Edmiston

Logistics: Lance Cpl. Augustino E. Pena adjusts a pump at the fuel point. The Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 4 provide life-supporting logistics to the service members operating in the Haditha area.

Marines provide pivotal logistics at outpost

Sgt. Wayne Edmiston
2nd Marine Logistics Group

HADITHA DAM, Iraq — Nestled in the desert landscape of Anbar Province, a large wall of steel and concrete sits at the throat of Lake Qadisiyah regulating the crucial flow of water into the Euphrates River Valley below.

The Haditha Dam is a pivotal part of Iraq's infrastructure and its security is as important a factor today as it was during the outset of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

A battalion of infantry Marines from Regimental Combat Team 2 protects the dam and outlying area supported by a small detachment of Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward).

The detachment provides the Marines who operate in the region with what they need to function daily through sections that handle postal, exchange, disbursing, bulk fuel, mechanical, heavy equipment, water purification, and food services. These sections, led by noncommissioned officers, provide

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HQMC Road Show set to explain CMC decision to invest in Family Readiness Programs

Lt. Col Annita Best
Marine Corps Base Public Affairs

In October 2006, the 34th Commandant's Planning Guidance affirmed the Corps commitment to taking care of Marines and their families. To ensure the Corps fulfills promises made, the commandants directed assessments of current family readiness programs and a plan of action to transition family and single Marine programs to a war time footing.

Beginning in July 2007 and continuing through August 2007, a series of assessments, surveys, and focus groups were conducted to obtain feedback from Marines and their families, program managers, installation and Marine Expeditionary Forces commanders, and Marine Corps forces representatives. Information was additionally gathered from benchmarking partners such as Sister Services and private organizations (Red Cross, Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society). During May 2007, command representatives from Headquarters Marine Corps along with field and program volunteers met to review the feedback and develop recommendations for the commandants decision. The Commandant heard the voices raised through the assessments and surveys and authorized a \$30M investment into Family Readiness Programs.

Personnel from HQMC, U. S. Marine Corps, will be at Camp Lejeune on

Command Team Meetings

Russell Family Services Center
Monday 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9 - 11:30 a.m.
1 - 3 p.m. 1 - 3 p.m.

Town Hall Meetings

Base Theater
Monday 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday the 3rd & 4th of December to brief the Commandant's new Family Readiness Program concept of operations, investment plans, and to gather feedback from Marines and their family members.

All Marines and their family members are highly encouraged to attend these briefings. Command Team briefings will be held at Russell Marine and Family Services Center on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. These briefings are open to commanding officers, sergeant majors, chaplains, key volunteer coordinators, key volunteer advisors, and family readiness officers. A town hall meeting will be held at the Base Theater each evening at 6:30 p.m. for all interested parties. Child care will be provided at Brewster Annex Child Development Center, but reservations must be made in advance by calling 449-9567.

For more information on the briefings contact Capt. Linda Philipp at 451-8943. ■

MAN on the street

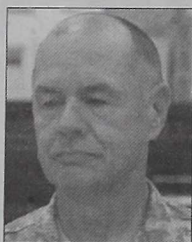
Will the high gas prices affect your holiday travel plans?



"No, I am not going too far, so I will go, regardless."

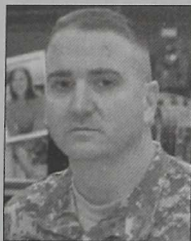
Cpl. Ricardo Luzano
2nd MLG
Garden City, Kan.

"I am going, regardless"



Army Lt. Col. John A. Maurer
Uniform Service University
St. Paul, Minn.

"I wouldn't change my plans at all."



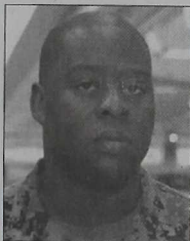
Army Sergeant First Class
William Vernon
Uniform Service University
O'Fallon, Ill.

"My family is coming to me, so I don't have to use any gas."



Capt. Roy Nicka
2nd Marine Division
Geneva, Ohio

"I am staying in the area, so I am not worried about it."



Staff Sgt. Korican Farris
2nd Marine Division
Kinston, N.C.

Lifelines

services network

VA, DoD to share electronic health records

The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are building a system to allow the inter-department sharing of service members' electronic health information.

The departments, which in 2001 began efforts to combine their data resources, are the world's leaders in crafting a system to streamline electronic health information on such a large scale, Dr. Stephen L. Jones, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said in an interview.

"Traditionally we've had this sort of long-standing relationship," he said. "As a result of the wounded warrior issues that came about in February, ... we've really enhanced and increased our efforts between VA and DoD."

In response to reports that troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center were receiving sub-par treatment, President Bush created a nine-member panel in March, citing a "moral obligation" to provide the best possible care to men and women in uniform. Co-chairing the bipartisan commission are former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole and Donna Shalala, former secretary of health and human services.

As of last month, the joint DoD-VA effort already is improving wounded warrior care at Walter Reed, where health care practitioners can access information about the care a service member has received since leaving the battlefield, Jones said.

"I've seen that demonstrated where an individual can pull that data up right by the bedside," he said. "The Dole-Shalala commission said we should have all categories of health care data viewable by next

year, so that's our goal."

Smith said the departments have hired a business to examine the requirements for building a single inpatient record for VA and DoD. Result that study are expected early next year, he said.

"If that comes to fruition, we would be using an inpatient system so that all those providers and all those providers in DoD would be utilizing same information technology," he added.

Building a streamlined electronic health information system is a difficult undertaking, given the mented composition of a health care system made of thousands of small health-care providers scattered across the country, Jones said. But such challenges are not discouraging the departments from a long success.

"We're trying to assist in those business processes and make sure that when that physician need information - what treatment has been provided that individual or what tests have been run - that information is available," he said. "So when individual is treating or diagnosing, they can draw current information that's right at their fingertips. That's the goal."

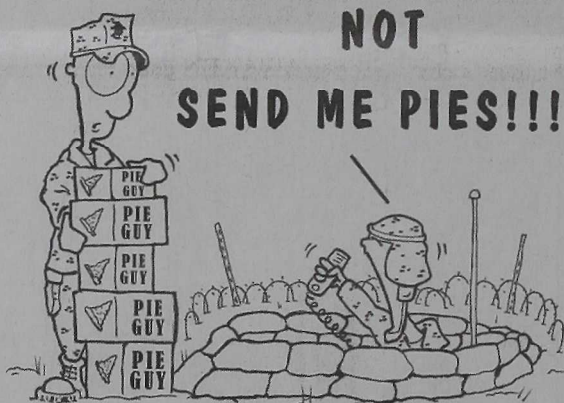
Jones said he is impressed by the joint DoD-VA effort to integrate their health care tracking systems.

"This has been the some of the greatest cooperation that I've seen between two agencies, between two groups of individuals - not only the leadership of VA and DoD," he said, "but also those individuals who are working the (information technology) connections between both agencies." ■

Sempertoons

by Gunny Wolf

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SEND ME PIES!!!"



HOW TO TELL
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Surviving the holidays safely

Ahhhhh...The Holiday Season is here; a time to relax and be with friends and families. Usually a time to be joyous, historical data tells us the Marine Corps will likely suffer injuries and some may die as a result of inadequate risk management. Simple activities like hanging holiday lights, walking on snow/ice covered surfaces or at home on leave chopping fire wood present special risks to our well-being, but none presents as many serious as operating a motor vehicle. Sadly, last year between Thanksgiving and the New Year holidays, 20 Marines and sailors lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents. The basic causes haven't changed much over the years; however, the most common cause is lack of personal responsibility. The good news is you have the power to avoid a deadly or life-changing mishap. See below.

Seatbelts: Seatbelts are designed to restrain you so your vehicle absorbs most of the damage. Seatbelt non-use was a considerable factor in last year's fatalities. Coping with the additional holiday traffic at home or on leave is a challenge; even a quick trip to the corner store could pose a major risk. Remember don't move the vehicle until all passengers are buckled up. Ensure your shoulder belt fits snugly across the middle of the chest and shoulder. Ensure lap belts are low and fit snug across the

Semper Safe

hips, not stomach. Never tuck the shoulder belt under your arm. Don't recline seat backs to the point where the shoulder belt is loose. And lastly if you are involved in an accident and not wearing a seatbelt, you are FIVE times more likely to die. Bottom Line: Seatbelts work. Use them!

Cell phones: Operators of privately owned vehicles on Marine Corps installations shall not use cellular phones while the vehicle is in operation, unless they are using a hands-free device. A hands-free device is not using the cell phone speaker option while holding your phone or while its on your lap, but truly hands-free like Bluetooth wireless technology allowing you to safely operate your vehicle without distraction. Bottom Line: Cell Phones Distract!

Speed: Exceeding the posted speed limit or driving at an unsafe speed for road conditions or visibility is the most common driver error in fatal accidents. I know you're eager to get home or to your destination, but being patient and the professional Marine that you are will get you there safely. See the following DoN website for more tips; www.safetycenter.navy.mil.

Alcohol (and other drugs): Al-

cohol dulls reaction time, impairs attention and slows information processing of visual cues, perception, and psychomotor skills. Keep in mind the legal blood alcohol concentration limits in most states is .08. A "Designated Driver" and the "Arrive Alive" programs are proven tools to staying alive and out of the courtroom. Bottom Line: If you drink, don't drive!

Fatigue: Like an intoxicated driver, a fatigued driver performs poorly, too. If you're planning a trip this holiday season, plan for the worst weather and allow adequate time to reach and return from your holiday location. Pushing yourself is inviting a disaster. Stay focused on the road. Bottom Line: Get plenty of rest before starting trips and make frequent stops.

Motorcycles: The Marine Corps experienced its worst year on record in FY07 with 19 fatalities for the year. There have been 5 Class A motorcycle mishaps, including 4 fatalities, already in FY08! Get trained, wear the proper PPE and observe the rules of the road. And look out for the other guy. If you're new to motorcycling, join a club and seek a mentor. Bottom Line: When operating a motorcycle, know your limitations and the many hazards.

For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative. ■

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Why we serve: Marine staff sergeant helps awaken Anbar

John J. Kruzel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — When Marine Staff Sgt. John Costa arrived in Ramadi, Iraq, in August 2006, U.S. troops walked city streets in daylight at their peril. The place was one of the worst cities in Iraq, if not the worst. You could not conduct foot-borne operations during the day," said Costa, who served as a chief scout with the Scout Sniper Platoon, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines.

"It would be like a group of insurgents trying to walk down the main street in Camp Lejeune at 8 in the morning," he said, referring to the Marine Corps base in North Carolina. "They're not going to get it."

The staff sergeant, a native of Somerville, Mass., is one of 10 service members who served in Iraq, Afghanistan or the Horn of Africa who have been selected to tell the military's story to the American people at community and business events, veterans organizations and other gatherings as part of the Defense Department's "Why We Serve" public outreach program. He tells audiences how the rebirth he witnessed in Anbar province fulfilled his dream to wear the U.S. military in uniform and help the greater good.

Costa described Ramadi, a city in Iraq's Anbar province — then one of the country's most contentious regions — as a society that had collapsed under the weight of an endemic insurgency. With infrastructure dilapidated by years of fighting and neglect, Costa said, most of Ramadi was in ruin when he arrived.

"I had never seen anything like that before, and that was my second deployment to Iraq," said the staff sergeant, whose first deployment was from January to August 2005 in Kharma, a city

east of Fallujah in Anbar province. "From my experience in my first deployment, the Iraqis will live, work, play — they'll continue their normal lives — while this war is going on around them," he said. "They'll stay in their neighborhoods, and they won't move."

"But in Ramadi," he said, "they were moving."

Costa had heard from members of the unit he was replacing that Ramadi's citizens were moving out in droves — in "mass exodus" fashion, as he put it. When he arrived in August 2006 in Ramadi, which in 2003 boasted a population nearly the size of Sacramento, Calif., the number of residents living in the city along the Euphrates River was reduced to a mere trickle, more akin to that of a small town, he recalled.

"There were multiple buildings that are like five-, six-, seven-, eight-story apartment buildings — huge, and totally empty," he said.

"You'd walk into a house and everything's there: There's food in the fridge; there's clothes in the dresser. The people just moved."

The staff sergeant soon realized why residents had abandoned their homes. Insurgents in Ramadi, a majority Sunni Muslim city, were violently attacking local citizens. In the midst of intense fighting, they extorted shop owners' profits. They hiked prices at gas stations and skimmed sales revenues.

"The insurgents definitely made it a bad place to live for the civilians there," the staff sergeant, a 10-year Marine veteran, said.

For Costa, who decided as a boy to join the U.S. military to help the "greater good," the bleak situation in besieged Ramadi presented an opportunity to uphold the principles of selfless duty.



Costa

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Dispelling the misconceptions of the MV-22 Osprey

Col. Glenn Walters
Headquarters Marine Corps Aviation

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS — Unlike most of the V-22 critics, I have actually flown the MV-22 Osprey.

I flew hundreds of hours in this remarkable aircraft when I commanded the Marine Corps' test and evaluation squadron 2003-2006, and I am obliged to tell the truth.

The truth is the Osprey is the most thoroughly tested aircraft in the history of aviation for one fundamental reason: the safety of its passengers. Our Nation expects that the military will use the best engineered, maintained, and operated equipment available. Our troops deserve it. The Osprey we are flying today is just that.

Some critics say we haven't flown the Osprey in the desert. Not true. My squadron flew in desert environments on multiple occasions totaling months of tests. The squadron now in Iraq completed several desert training periods prior to deploying. In fact, we just had another squadron of MV-22s in California and Arizona doing more of the same. Not only can the Ospreys fly in the desert, the aircraft's advanced technology makes it easier than in any other rotorcraft to land in brownout conditions.

Other critics point out the MV-22 does not have a forward-firing weapon, but none puts this in context: no medium or heavy lift aircraft in the U.S. inventory has a forward-firing weapon. MV-22s flying in Iraq have ramp-mounted machine guns which have become the standard on our aircraft in operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, based on the threat. That, and the inherent capabilities of the aircraft (range, speed and altitude), give the MV-22 the ability to reduce susceptibility and vulnerability to many threats.

The MV-22 has limited visibility through the cabin windows, much like the CH-46 and the CH-53E, but what most critics do not know is the troop

commander, who rides in the back of the Osprey, has unparalleled situational awareness from the on-board precision navigation system with moving maps and a significant communications capability. These capabilities are not an option in existing Marine Corps aircraft.

The MV-22 is the most maneuverable medium lift assault support platform in the world. Conventional helicopters are limited to standard rotary wing tactics and airspeeds, while the MV-22 has the ability to fly like a turboprop airplane as well as a conventional helicopter. As an airplane, it can climb or descend at a significantly higher rate than any helicopter and transit at much higher speeds. The MV-22 can also get in and out of landing zones faster than any other medium lift helicopter.

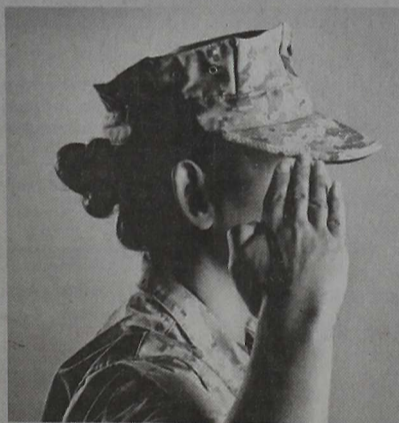
Vortex Ring State is a phenomenon experienced by all rotorcraft — not just the Osprey. While the MV-22 is the only aircraft with a warning system that alerts pilots to VRS conditions, it is the least susceptible to this phenomenon. Additionally, because of the inherent flight characteristics of a tilt-rotor, and with the execution of a routine procedure, the MV-22 can fly out of VRS almost instantaneously by simply tilting the nacelles forward and flying out of the condition. In a helicopter the procedure is much more involved.

Perhaps we should judge the MV-22 on its current performance, not on its past.

To argue whether the aircraft is worth the money spent is an unending debate. To the injured Marine or soldier whose life is saved due to the unparalleled capabilities of the MV-22, I would posit the aircraft is worth every penny.

Editor's note: Walters heads the Marine Corps' aviation plans section in the Pentagon and previously commanded Marine Tiltrotor Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron 22. This commentary first appeared in the North County Times (Calif.) Nov. 15. ■

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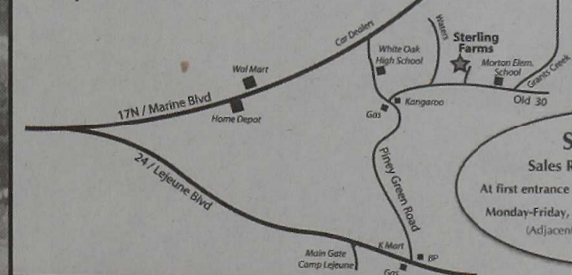


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Civil service employees to convert to pay for performance system

This is the eight of a series of articles about the National Security Personnel System that will help Marine Corps supervisors and employees successfully transition to this new human resources system. NSPS is scheduled for implementation among non-bargaining unit general schedule employees at Marine Corps Base on Feb. 3, 2008. NSPS is on an event driven schedule so these dates may change if events dictate.

General

As part of the NSPS performance management system, employees are encouraged to conduct self assessments of their performance and contributions during the rating cycle. These are opportunities for employees to provide input concerning their performance and contributions as part of the interim and annual review process.

What is a Self Assessment?

A self assessment is an employee's narrative description of accomplishments related to the job objectives and associated contributing factors identified on the employee's performance plan. While writing an effective self assessment takes some effort, it does not have to be lengthy; however, the self assessment should provide the supervisor with a clear picture of the employee's perception of his or her own

performance and contributions.

The self assessment is not an exercise in good writing. Rather, it is an opportunity for an employee to describe major contributions and how the work meets or exceeds the supervisor's performance expectations.

Documenting everything an employee accomplishes during the appraisal period is not expected. Employees are encouraged to keep a journal throughout the appraisal period to record significant activities as they occur. The journal makes the self assessment activity easier to complete and keeps the self assessment specific and relevant to job objectives.

Employee guidelines for writing a self assessment

When writing a self assessment, the following guidelines may help:

- **Restate objectives.** Paraphrasing job objectives and contributing factors gives managers/supervisors a clear picture of how well the employee understood performance expectations.
- **Highlight most significant achievements for the rating cycle.** The self assessment does not need to be lengthy. The employee should highlight what mattered most during the rating cycle.
- **Make the connection be-**

tween what was done and why it matters to the organization. Highlight how the organization is better off because of the achievement or contribution by describing the tangible benefit (i.e., a cost savings to the organization or a solution that enabled employees to better perform their jobs).

- **Cite instances where employee actions or conduct exemplified Contributing Factors.** Employee conduct relative to contributing factors can influence the performance rating. Be sure to highlight specific instances where employee behavior made a positive difference in the outcome of a job objective.

- **Note challenges faced and how employee fared.** Overcoming challenges is an important part of the overall performance rating. Challenges may be technical or interpersonal in nature. They may also involve the ability to succeed despite limited resources or difficult circumstances.

- **Automated tool for the self assessment**

To support supervisors and employees during the performance management phase of NSPS, the Department of Defense developed a set of online tools. The first of these tools

is the Performance Appraisal Application. Employees who have not yet converted to NSPS may not access and utilize the Performance Appraisal Application at this time. However, everyone may stay up-to-date with the most current information by visiting www.cpmis.osd.mil. The Performance Appraisal Application facilitates the NSPS performance management and appraisal process for managers, supervisors, and employees from establishing performance plans to assigning the recommended rating. It supports the NSPS mission by providing an online venue for regular communication, where supervisors and employees can exchange ideas about work performance, document areas of growth, and share ideas before job objectives and work plans are finalized.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Are employees required to complete a self assessment?

Answer: While the self assessment is entirely voluntary, it is recommended that the employee complete the self assessment narrative. The employee's perspective will better inform the rater of performance and contribution that may impact the recommended rat-

ing and payout

Question: What is the purpose of the self assessment?

Answer: Employees use the self assessment to describe accomplishments related to expectations, objectives, contributing factors, organizational mission and goals, and other factors. The self assessment also provides the manager/supervisor with a clear picture of how the employee perceives his or her own performance and contributions.

Question: How can an employee be sure that he/she has captured major achievements when completing a self assessment?

Answer: Employees are encouraged to maintain an ongoing record, or journal, of major achievements throughout the appraisal cycle. By documenting major achievements as they occur, employees will have ready access to the information needed to complete the self assessment.

The NSPS Implementing Guidance for Performance Management (SC 1940) is available at www.lejeune.usmc.mil. This Web site also contains links to other official NSPS Web sites.

Web-based training, NSPS 101, is also available at the local NSPS web site listed above.

For more information on NSPS, call the NSPS Program Manager, John Armour, at 451-2385, or the NSPS Program Coordinator, Josephine Futrell, at 451-2748.



Marines meet unexpected man of the house

Pfc. Brian Jones
Regimental Combat Team 6

FALLUJAH, Iraq—Marines stopped and knocked at a courtyard gate. A little girl answered the door with an anxious look on her face.

"Is the man of the house in?" asked Sgt. Ysac M. Perez, a squad leader with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6.

As if on cue, a little seven-year-old boy appeared and opened up to him. The Marines greeted him with smiles and laughter. This scenario is not unusual, said Perez.

"This is actually pretty common while the father is gone," said Perez, a Whittier, Calif., native. "He was considered the man of the house since his dad was gone, which trips me out because back in the States, a seven year old wouldn't even be allowed to answer the door, and here he is, the one in charge."

The days of kicking in doors and forcibly searching buildings and homes are long over for the Marines in the city of Fallujah as it transitions back to a peaceful community.

Instead, Marines knock at the doors and greet the people with a professional and sociable demeanor with cultural courtesies in mind. It is a job many of these Marines never imagined they would be tasked with in a city known for its history as a violent epicenter of Anbar Province.

Perez and his Marines with 4th platoon, Co. K, patrolled their neighborhood and gathered census information to develop a clearer insight into the area, its people and their concerns.

Along the way, during the patrol, Perez chose the upscale home to stop and visit. He wanted to speak with the residents to check on how things were going, as a friendly neighbor would do.

The boy said his father was away at prayer and the mother was out tending to daily errands. For Perez, this was a sign the family felt secure enough to attend local mosques and shop in a now-bustling market place.

Perez asked the boy for permission for his Marines to go to the rooftop to overlook the area from above. The boy took a look around at the Marines and their weapons, and with a smile,

decided to allow them in.

As the Marines slowly walked through, they subtly scanned the rooms as an informal search while they made their way to the rooftop. Perez ensured his Marines were careful not to encroach on the family's privacy.

"My Marines know what rooms not to go into and stay out of, like the prayer rooms with mats and the rooms the females are in," Perez said.

Having children of his own, Perez wondered what the Iraqi children hope for in the future.

"Personally, I like to

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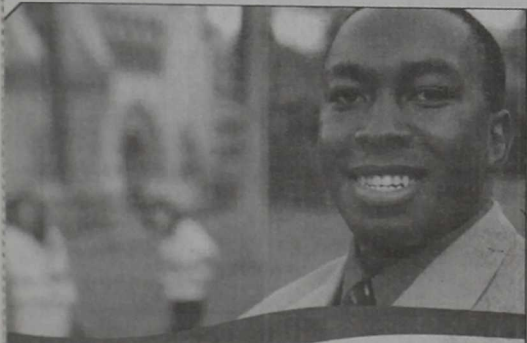


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Patrol: Marines with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6 stopped at a Fallujah home while on patrol through their neighborhood to speak with the residents to collect census information from the area Nov. 15. Visiting resident's homes is a way for the Marines to get to know the Fallujah citizens more and better understand their concerns.

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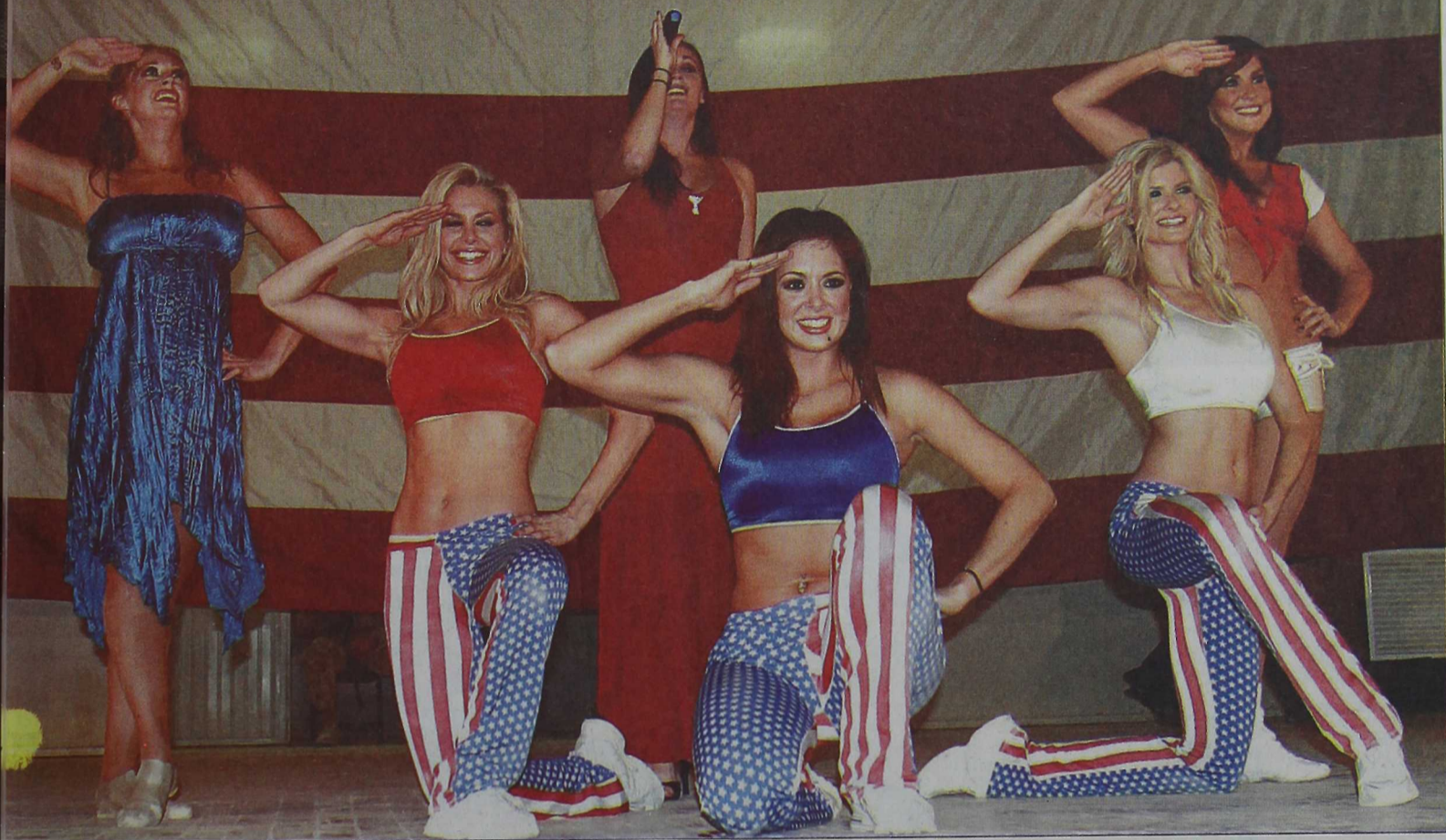
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Thanks to service members: The 'Purrfect Angelz' pose after a performance here. Six of the Angelz' 46 members traveled around the base from unit to unit greeting and thanking service members for their sacrifice to our nation.

Story and photos
Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser
2nd Marine Division

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq — For decades Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen have been entertained in combat zones by traveling comedians, singers, actors, dancers and various other entertainers. Organizations like the Morale, Welfare and Recreation center, and the Base Command Group here keep this tradition going by organizing performances across the Iraqi desert.

The 'Purrfect Angelz,' a performance entertainment group from Los Angeles, met with and performed for service members here Nov. 18.

Members of the performance group come from various backgrounds such as professional cheerleading, competitive dance, modeling, singing and aerial acrobatics.

"I started the group about six years ago as an outlet for beautiful, talented girls who still had the desire to perform but may not have had the same opportunities in such a competitive market," explained Lisa Ligon, the founder and director of the Los Angeles-based team.

Six of the group's 46 members traveled around the base from unit to unit greeting and thanking service members for their sacrifice to our nation. Following the troop visits, the Angelz performed at the base theater for the service members.

Many of the service members said they found the performance both entertaining and rewarding.

"I think it's awesome the group wanted to come and perform for us," said Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mary L. Paz, a religious program specialist with Marine Expeditionary Force Religious 713, in support of Regimental Combat Team 2. "The whole point of these performances is awesome, like little treats for us. We take care of the country, and in turn they take care of us."

For some service members, the thought behind the performance was worth just as much as the entertainment value.

"My father still remembers a show from World War II, Lena Horne. To this day, he remembers it and how much it meant to him. And he is still grateful for it," said Navy Cmdr. Harry Griffith, RCT-2 chaplain. "I personally didn't go, but it isn't about that. These ladies



Angelz: The 'Purrfect Angelz' pose with Marines of 2nd Marine Air Wing (Fwd) in front of a military vehicle.

came because they wanted to support their troops, and their performance was the only way they knew how to do that. They gave what they felt they had to give."

"It's important to us to do stuff like this because when you can take your talent and use it to thank someone who gives and gives day in and day out, it's the best use you could put it to," said Ligon, a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader and swimsuit calendar cover girl.

For other members of the group, showing their talent to the service members was personally rewarding.

"Most of us have been here several times, and we all agree military audiences are the best audiences to perform for. Just to see the gratitude on their face, it's extremely rewarding and it means a lot to us to be able to do this," said Dani Armstrong, a third generation military performer. "My mom performed in Korea, and my grandma in Vietnam, it truly is an honor to carry on this type of tradition."

This was the Angelz' fifth military tour, they have performed several times in Iraq and once in Afghanistan. During their two-week visit, the girls say they plan on making 19 stops throughout the Thanksgiving Holiday, and hope to bring a piece of home to every service member they meet.

"We consider this an honor, and hope we can make everyone who sees our show forget where they are, even if it's just for an hour. We are here to lift people's spirits and morale, and if I can put a smile on one [service member's] face, then

a high performance, high energy show designed to entertain everyone. We make sure to keep it conservative and patriotic, and we think it's very important to support the women heroes just as much as the men."

Many of the service members who attended the show said they greatly appreciated the girls' effort, and were pleasantly surprised by some of the performances.

"The range of entertainment was nice," said Paz, a Chicago native. "I didn't expect the singing and stuff, it was very nice. We were able to relax, be entertained, and have the focus on the stage instead of ourselves."

In addition to singing and dancing, the troupe also features aerial artists, fire twirlers and acrobats, and has performed at various venues such as: the X-games, Country Music Television Awards, casinos, car shows, bike rallies and numerous country music videos.

The girls said they love performing, but the highlight is usually their biannual military tours.

"I'm a wannabe Laura Croft, kick-butt, kinda girl, but you all, especially the women, are truly the real thing," said Brooks during the show. "You will never know how much you mean to the people back home, but hopefully we can show you!"

For more information on MWR performances, contact your base MWR officer. For more information on the Purrfect Angelz, go to www.purrfectangelz.com. ■

I'm happy," said Tanea Brooks, a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader and swimsuit calendar cover girl.

"It was a morale booster," said Air Force 1st Lt. Jamila M. Branch, the MWR officer for the BCG. "There is a different culture out here and sometimes it is easy to forget things are still going on back home and this is not the norm. Having the Purrfect Angelz out here, I think was a reminder for everyone that things will not always be as they are now."

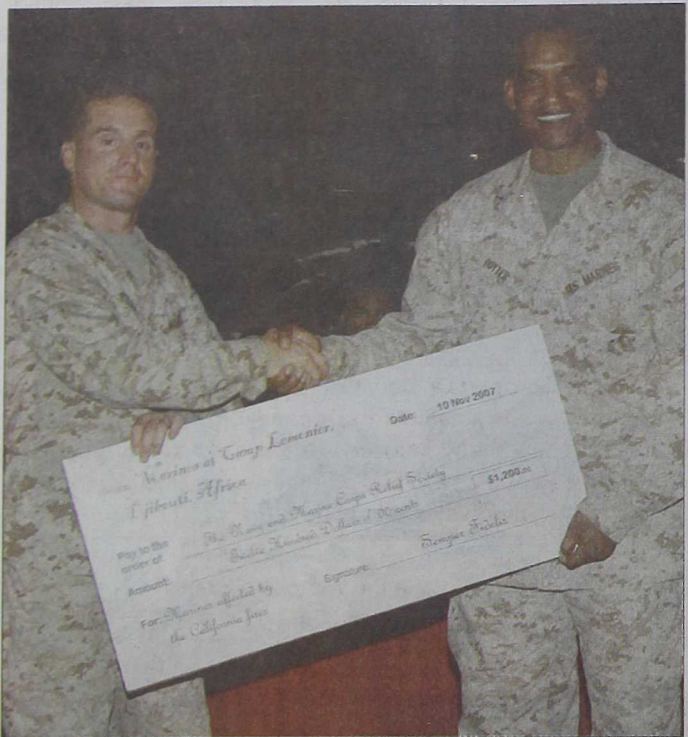
The girls' said their biggest fear is people will think their show is for male-only audiences, something they constantly strive to correct.

"People tend to think it's a much sexier show than it really is," explained Ligon, "But in reality, it's fit for both men and women. It's



Hospital: The 'Purrfect Angelz' pose with a Marine at the base hospital. The hospital was one of the Angelz' stops on their base tour here. Following the troop visits, the Angelz performed at the base theater for service members.

Semper Fi Society donates to relief organization



Air Force Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
CJTF-HOA Public Affairs

CAMP LEMONIER, Djibouti - Marines from the Semper Fi Society at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, donated a \$1,200 check to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., during their birthday ball Nov. 10 celebrating the Marine Corps' 232nd birthday.

While deployed, Marines celebrated their birthday and with the help of the Semper Fi Society, helped stateside Marines and their families, who were forced to leave their homes in southern California during the recent wildfire evacuation in late October.

"The money was originally supposed to go to memorabilia that Marines could take as keepsakes from the birthday ball," said Marine Maj. Aaron T. Frazier, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa Comptroller deputy and Semper Fi Society president. "The idea came shortly after Marines and their families were evacuated from Camp Pendleton."

The Marines may not be blood related, but the mantra, "The Few, The Proud," holds true with this small Marine Corps family as they helped one another out by contributing the money to help Marines back home.

"We were having a birthday celebration meeting when the suggestion came up to instead of spending the extra money on the birthday, the money would benefit more Marines if it was donated to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund of Camp Pendleton, Calif., to help the Marines and their families affected by the fires in Southern California," said Marine Col. Richard W. Britton, CJTF-HOA Marine Corps Coordination Element senior Marine.

Frazier presented the check to Marine Corps Lt. Col. Aaron F. Potter, 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion commander. Potter's unit is deployed from Camp Pendleton.

"When tragedy strikes anyone in our community, we all take action," said Potter. Together, the Semper Fi Society and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, can reach a few places that insurance will not be able to.

"If Marines could have, sure all of them would have poured into the streets to help their neighbors during the fire," said Potter. "That wasn't possible, so they assisted in a way they could. This is what community is all about. Unsolicited acts, like this, make me more proud to be a Marine."

The money was raised through various fund-raisers held by Semper Fi Society, selling various objects to service members signed to CJTF-HOA and Camp Lemonier who are deployed together to prevent conflict, promote regional stability and protect national interest in order to prevent against extremism.

The Semper Fi Society is a new organization, which just started earlier this year.

"We hope to keep it going as long as there are Marines in Djibouti," said Marine Gunn Sgt. Rongalett D. Green, administrative chief and coordinator for the Horn of Africa Marine Corps Coordination Element and Semper Fi Society member. "We want to keep our bank account supplied with money when the emergency or crisis arises to help Marines." ■

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Check presentation: Semper Fi Society Marines donated a \$1,200 check to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Nov. 10 during their birthday ball celebration.

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the MEU's Force Recon platoon are tasked with conducting rapid reaction missions that require insertion into locations where a landing is not possible due to the terrain or a hostile combat environment. Inside the helo and hovering 20-40 feet in the air, the Marines rechecked their gear and received final instructions from their trainers. The pilots maneuvered the aircraft to stay above and in unison with the still-moving amphibious ship below before dropping a rope onto the deck.

The Marines had little room for error and with a mile-deep ocean surrounding them, one-by-one the Marines slid down quickly onto the deck and established security.

This week's fast rope exercise not only helped the infantry and recon Marines stay sharp, they also allowed Marine pilots to gain experience deploying combat troops rapidly in missions where the el-

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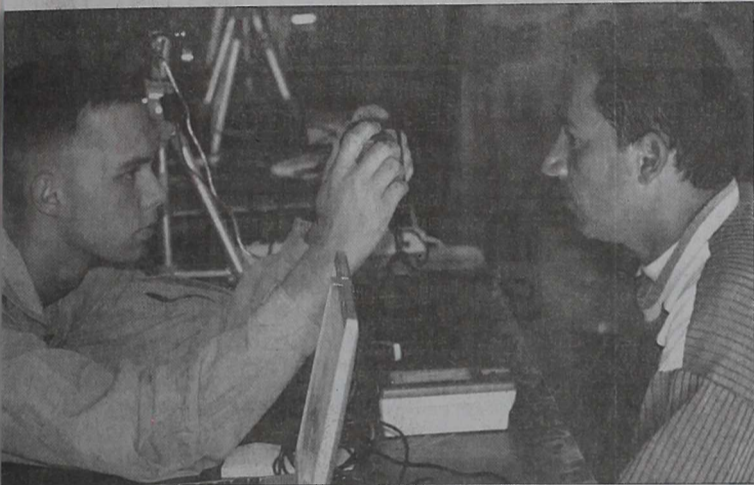
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The exercise is one of many the Marines and Sailors of the MEU will do during a deployment that will take them throughout the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf region. ■



Sgt. Bryson K. Jones

Training: Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) take advantage of picture-perfect weather in the Pacific Ocean to practice what they do best, get into the fight quickly.



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Cpl. Billy Hall
2nd Marine Division

QA'IM, Iraq. — Doves of Iraqi origin lined the streets of Ubadyi. The morning call of roosters could be heard in the murmur of a crowd nearing 400. A group of Marines, soldiers, sailors, interpreters and Iraqi police readied nearby at a local police station to kickoff a two-day Iraqi police recruiting drive with the goal of identifying 75 qualified recruits. The 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 2, is working with the Iraqi Police to quell the need for additional local forces in the region. "We are looking at hiring more policemen in the eastern part of Al Qa'im, in order to establish a police station north of the Euphrate," said Capt. Gerardo D. Gaje Jr., 2nd Marine Division Police Transition Team leader. In addition to providing sufficient security for the event, the elements of the recruiting team conducted a thorough screening of each applicant that included physical testing, medical evaluations, administrative processing, security questionnaires and a physical fitness test. "A lot of the (recruiting team) are on their first experience with recruiting," said Gaje. "If they did not know it wasn't to this extent." The Police Transition Team separated

the massive crowd into groups and began to systematically arrive at the literacy testing station. Interpreters circled the classroom-like setting to help the staff administer the test designed to gauge reading and writing abilities.

When the applicant successfully passed the test, they moved on to be processed with the Biometrics Automated Toolset system, which is the database used in Iraq that identifies individuals through personal information, fingerprints, photographs from various angles and iris scans. A security questionnaire was also required to ensure they have no ties to criminal activity.

The magnitude of the turnout and the unpredictable environment proved to be a daunting challenge for coalition forces.

"A couple of times the power went out, so we had to reconnect our computers," said Cpl. John Michael Markle, an intelligence analyst with Task Force 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines, who assisted with the BAT system. "Really, the hardest part was the language barrier. We had only one interpreter between three BAT stations."

Applicants still eligible after the initial stations were then ushered on to a comprehensive medical evaluation. Navy corpsmen took vital signs, height and weight measurements and tested range of motion to determine if they were fit for duty.

"A majority of them that were in the best physical condition were the farmers

See RECRUITMENT page 10A

Security patrols aid Al Anbar efforts



Lance Cpl. Robert S. Morgan

Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Dewar of Security Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) provides security while Marines perform a vehicle search during a security patrol outside of Fallujah Nov. 5. The 2nd MLG (Fwd) is currently deployed to Iraq's Al Anbar province. The unit provides logistical support to regimental combat teams throughout the entire province and is also in charge of providing medical care, maintenance and engineering capabilities.

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try to see what their outlook is toward us and what their dreams are compared to the children in America, who dream of being crazy things like rock stars and all," Perez said. "From what I have got so far, they aim pretty high. A lot of them want to be doctors, physicians and engineers. Some of them may get the chance."

When Perez asked the child how big the family was, and all the children's ages, he came to the realization the family had been growing at a rate of roughly one child every year. As the Marines started to descend the three-story house to leave, the father returned home from prayer.

When asked if he minded the Marines being there, he responded by saying they were more than welcome to be in his house. He thanked the Marines for being there and commented on how well the Iraqi police are coming along.

To the Marines' cultural interest, the father kept up two families. At the household the Marines were currently visiting, he had a wife and seven children. In his other household in a neighborhood not far away, he had his second wife, four children, mother and mother-in-law. He supported the family by selling fish in the market.

"He seemed like a real upkept guy," Perez said. "He was a very family-oriented man. He didn't care about what was going on in the outside world. All he worried about was his own family."

What was unique about this man to Perez was the man was wealthy by Fallujah standards, yet remained more fo-

cused on the smaller issues within his family than trying to have any influence on the developing world around him.

"Fallujah is very good. I don't worry about the poverty. I don't care about the war and insurgents. I care about providing food and shelter for my family," the man told Perez.

During the fighting for the city, the man said he had left the city, but had not traveled far to live in a small town outside of Fallujah. He returned home and found his property had been damaged. Two of his bedrooms had been completely burned.

He didn't know who was responsible, and did not seem interested in finding out. Since his return, the highways had become safe enough for commercial trucks to travel from Baghdad to deliver his fish to the market. The man made enough money from his business to go on with his life and make the necessary repairs to his homes with his own money.

For the man it was a normal visit. He said he speaks with the Marines frequently and continually understands more about what is going on. His only complaint was about the unreliable power sources in the city. He said he rather see money be spent on correcting the power failure problems than anything else. The Marines reassured him the problem was being worked on.

It was a brief visit for the Marines with a family they will now know a little better. The Marines will continue communicating with the locals, getting to know them better and, ultimately, ensuring the people's safety and their own through the means of pleasant, everyday interactions. ■

AWAKEN

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Costa said roughly 90 percent of the missions he and his men carried out involved protecting roads, called main supply routes, travelled by coalition convoys. Primarily, the unit prevented insurgents from placing improvised explosive devices along the roadside or thwarted attempts by enemy fighters to ambush passing vehicles.

But Costa also dedicated a portion of his time to cracking the insurgents' methods of communication.

"Generally there was a guy putting up gang signs, which could either send a rocket-propelled grenade through your window or some other attack your way," said Costa, who began to realize the significance of unarmed people on Ramadi's streets providing information via visual cues.

"You're watching something on the street like that happening, and you're like, 'What the hell is that guy doing?'" he re-

called. "And then the next thing you know, insurgents start coming out of the woodwork."

"Signalers" — the eyes and ears of insurgent leaders — informed the insurgent strategists who commanded armed fighters by using hand and arm gestures. "You could see the signaler commanding troops," Costa recalled. "He just doesn't have a weapon."

To curb insurgents' ability to communicate, Costa decided on a revolutionary move: He and his unit would dismantle the enemy's communication lines by neutralizing the threat from signalers. Sparing no time, he set a tone in Ramadi that signalers would be dealt with no differently from their weapon-wielding insurgent comrades.

"We called it in that we heard guys were signaling, and the battalion would advise from there," he said, recalling the first day of the new strategy. "We locked that road down pretty well that day."

In ensuing weeks, coalition forces coordinated efforts to dismember the insurgent signal patterns entrenched in Ramadi.

This helped tamp down violence and create political breathing room, which in turn allowed the forging of key alliances between local tribal sheiks and coalition operators. The subsequent progress was later dubbed the "bar Awakening," a societal purging of extremism by Anbaris that ushered in a level of stability unprecedented since U.S. operations in Iraq began.

"In the end, it turned out that Ramadi did a complete 180," Costa said. "I got pictures in September from the unit that relieved us, and I just couldn't believe it. I didn't think I was looking at the same city."

Ironically, in Ramadi — the city formerly paralyzed by insurgents, where Costa was unable to set foot in public during daylight hours upon arrival — citizens participated in a 5K Fun Run in September.

Before departing Ramadi, Costa himself could safely patrol the city's streets on foot. "In my last mission there, I was out running around during the day," he said. "That really blew my hair back." ■

OUTPOST

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around-the-clock service to Marines in a demanding area of operations. Put simply, without the detachment the dam would have no power, no fuel, no mail, no food and no clean drinking water.

Cpl. Matthew J. Dodson is one of two Marine disbursers in the detachment who provides the dam with another necessity: money.

All the Marines at Haditha Dam can use cash from an ex-

change maintained by the CLB-4 detachment. Dodson explained he is happy to add his small element to the logistical team on the dam.

"I actually reenlisted to come out here," the Birmingham, Ala., native said. "I wanted to get out of the Marine Corps and say I actually did something with my time."

Lance Cpl. Robert G. Johnson, a Marine who works with the Haditha Dam exchange believes he helps personnel at the dam by boosting morale.

He sells countless numbers of 'smokes', candy bars and

other items. Marines who visit Johnson's store need to climb up more than thirty flights of stairs, but the trip is worthwhile.

"Our store improves life for these Marines at the dam, which is awesome," Johnson said.

Johnson and every Marine in the detachment have one mission to support the warfighter and help him get through the day. With support they provide, the Marines with the Haditha Dam detachment fulfill that mission at the pace of one meal, one dollar and one gas tank at a time. ■

RECRUITMENT

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and fishermen," said Hospitalman Anthony Eromosece, a Navy corpsman with 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines, and Bronx, N.Y., native. "You can tell they're hard working men with their bodies intact. I think a lot of [the applicants] should make it."

The final stage of the screening, overseen by Marines and soldiers, included a physical fitness test that involved push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups and a 100-meter dash. Men, of ages ranging from 18 to their late 40s, took on a competitive mindset to prove their physical prowess. Failure to perform to a specific standard rendered an applicant ineligible for duty.

"There was frustration amongst some of the people that couldn't pass a test, but that's expected," Gaje said. "It's just the fact that everyone wants a job, and right now, being a policeman is one of the better paying jobs."

At the conclusion of the recruiting drive, 75 qualified recruits were identified and will attend the Habbaniyah Police Training Center for an 8 to 9-week course before reporting for duty.

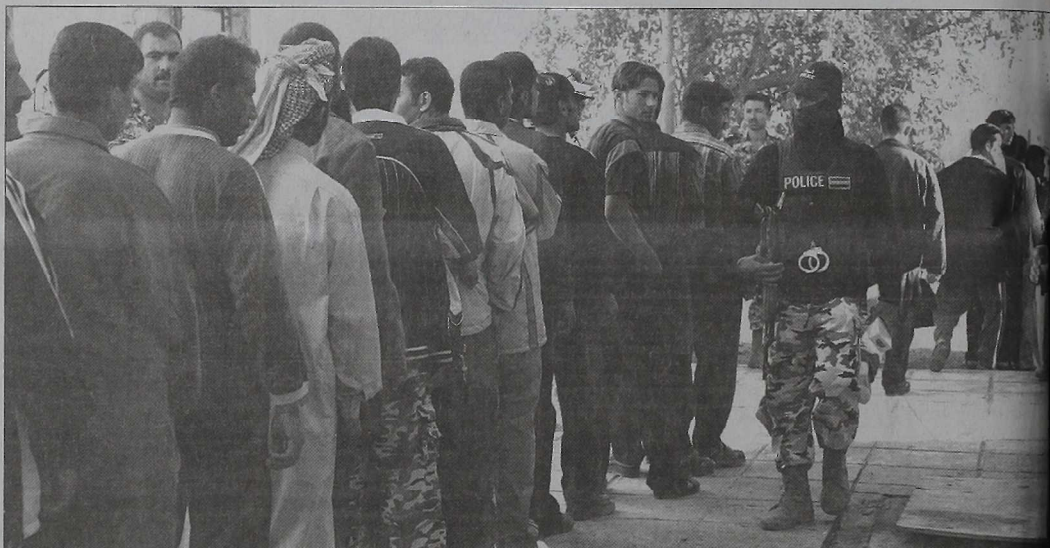
At a time when Iraqi police face considerable challenges, the willingness of the local populace to take on the rigors of the job proves their determination to make a better tomorrow for Iraq. ■

HUMANITARIAN

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the lead and getting the water out of the aircraft, said Traynor.

"It was pretty cool," said Sgt. Mickael S. Clemann, a CH-46 crew chief, and Brandon, Fla., native. "A lot of the Bengali soldiers smiled and showed what I'm



Sgt. Stephen M. D...

School: Children mass in the doorway of their Zaidon, Iraq, classroom recently after receiving school supplies from Iraqi police and Marines from Company I, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6.

guessing is their gesture of thank you, where they put their hand on their chest and bring it toward you."

The sight of two militaries, unfamiliar with each other, coming together was one of the most impressive things Nix said he had ever seen, he said.

"It was good to see those guys with smiles on their faces, even though they've lost some of their countrymen," said Nix. "It's good to be able to help them out." ■

Retired Military Breakfast

A breakfast for retired and active-duty military is schedule to take place at the Ball Center on Camp Lejeune, Dec. 15. Social Hour begins at 7 a.m. with breakfast at 8 a.m. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, commanding general of MARSOC. For more information, call retired Sgt. Maj. George Meyer at 938-1610.

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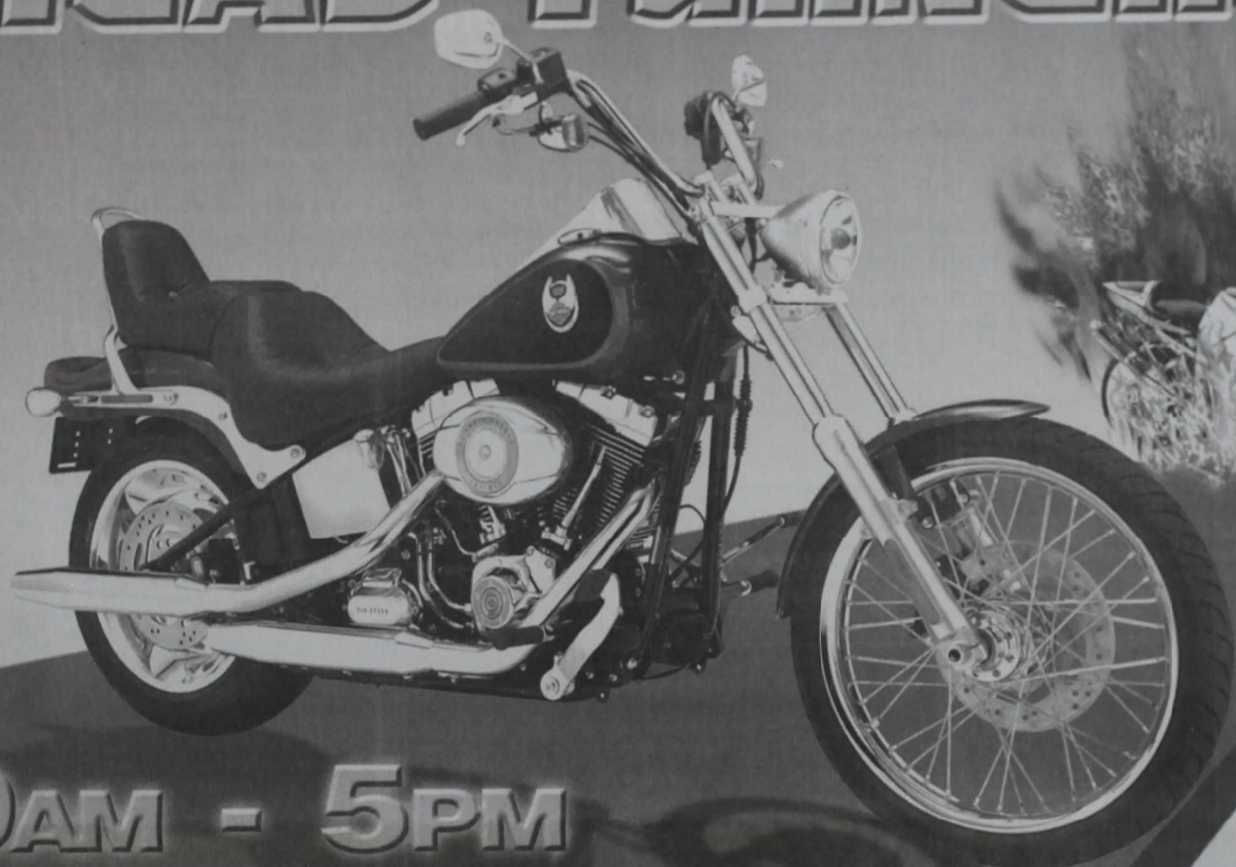
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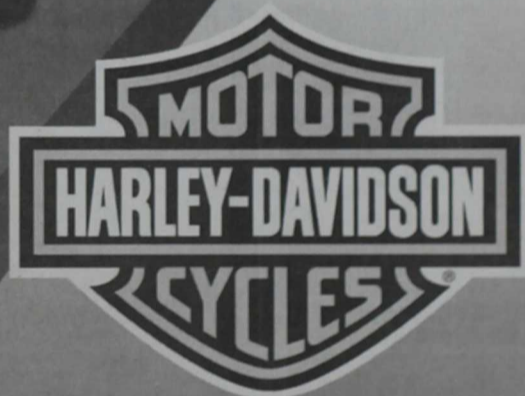
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Camp Lejeune Misfits Rugby Football
The Misfits Rugby Football Club is preparing for the upcoming North Carolina Rugby Union spring season. The Misfits are a Division III men's team who participates in NCRU, competing against teams from Ft. Leovigandus, Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune, Raleigh and Greensboro. There is a meeting scheduled for anyone interested in playing, coaching, assisting, supporting or just plain hanging out with the team Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at Heroz. No experience is necessary and all are welcomed. Any questions can be directed to 451-339-1038.

Women's Intramural Programs
The Intramural/Varsity Sports Office aboard Camp Lejeune is interested in rejuvenating the women's sports program. Sports available for the intramural and varsity level include basketball, golf, rugby, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Active-duty Marines and Navy members and personnel are encouraged to participate in these sports leagues to promote team-building skills, physical fitness, morale and camaraderie. With Camp Lejeune's large male Marine and sailor population, a robust women's sports program could be attainable. For more information, call 451-2710 or e-mail annis.rautmann@usmc-mccs.g.

8th Comm. Bn. storms into playoffs



Touchdown: Outlaw running back Mark Schaffer drags a defender into the end zone for the score.

Story and photos by
Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Members of 8th Communications Battalion's intramural tackle football team made sure no one doubted their third-seed status going into next week's playoffs. The Outlaws scored 30 points in the first half while blanking their opponents, 2nd Tank Battalion, Nov. 20.

The game was ended after 2nd Tanks' first possession in the second half did not result in a score, in accordance with the Mercy Rule under which the intramural program operates.

"I think we are peaking at the right time," said Outlaw player/coach, Cory Jeffers. "Our defense has been solid all season and our offense is coming around."

It was the Outlaw defense that ignited most of the points, thanks to turnovers and winning the battle of field position. On 2nd Tanks' second play of the game, Joshua Cogburn picked off an errant pass and returned it all the way down to the 6-yard line. The Outlaw offense took full advantage of the gift, handing the ball off to big Leo Corbitt for the touchdown.

The 8th Comm. Bn. pass rush continued its relentless pursuit of the ball with numerous blitz packages. The effectiveness of the defense was compounded by 2nd Tanks' need to put offensive players out of position in an attempt to fill in holes caused by duty requirements. In its second possession of the game, 2nd Tanks gave up the ball on its own 35-yard line after going for it on fourth down.

Once again, the Outlaw offense, led by quarterback Vernon Johnson, marched the ball down inside the 5-yard line, where Mark Schaffer took the handoff and several defenders in for the score. The 2-point conversion went to Schaffer as well, making the score 14-0.

2nd Tanks picked up its first first down of the game on the ensuing drive, thanks to an encroachment call on fourth down, but the 8th Comm. Bn. secondary quickly erased any good feelings it brought, thanks to another interception that led to a touchdown.

After forcing a three-and-out punt, 8th Comm. Bn. took over on the 2nd Tanks' 40-yard line, the worst starting field position it would have all night. The offense made up for it with one play; a play-action pass to a wide open receiver in the end zone. The 2-point conversion was good and the Outlaws had all the points they would need.

2nd Tanks head coach "Doc" Smith didn't have any options to start the second half. If his team gave up a score on the Outlaws' opening drive and failed to score on their own first possession, the game would be over.

The 2nd Tanks kicking team did its part with a rare and successful onside kick. Unfortunately for football fans hoping to prolong the action, the 2nd Tanks offense couldn't do anything against the overwhelming Outlaw defense. 8th Comm. Bn. allowed four yards on the first play, then sent everyone after the quarterback, forcing an incomplete pass and two sacks to end the game.

"We've been very, very good on defense," said Jeffers. "Hopefully, we can keep it going into the playoffs." ■



Positive gain: A 2nd Tank Battalion receiver turns upfield after gathering in a kick-off. The final regular-season game for both teams was won 30-0 by 8th Communications Battalion.



Big fish: It took Jason Edwards almost 20 minutes to land this 71-pound black drum from the surf at Onslow Beach. The fish is the New River Air Station Marine's largest catch ever.

New River Marine hauls in lunker from Onslow Beach

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Jason Edwards has heard the mantra every fisherman intones before ending a trip — "just one last cast and then we'll go home." Once in a blue moon, the last cast turns out to be the best cast of the day.

After watching his fishing partner out-catch him all day long during a surf fishing expedition on Onslow Beach Nov. 17, Edwards muttered those very words. It was 3 p.m.; time to go home.

"The line hit the water and the bait went to the bottom," he said. "I felt a nibble right away, but I didn't think anything of it. Then something picked up the bait and started swimming towards the beach and I knew something was happening."

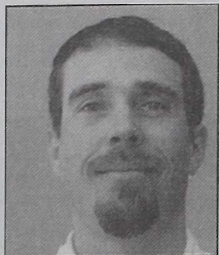
Something was happening all right. Edwards, a Marine stationed aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River for the last 3-1/2 years, had thrown his baited hook into the path of a giant black drum. The fish sucked up the shrimp and made for the shoreline. When Edwards finally reeled in the slack and came tight with his adversary he knew this was no ordinary fish.

"I fought it for 17 minutes," he said — a period that can seem like an hour in fishing time. "I had him almost all the way in and then he took the line all the way back out around 100 yards. A woman fishing beside me saw what was happening and cleared all the other lines that were in my way."

When Edwards finally muscled the drum up on the sand, he was shocked at its size. So were fisheries biologists with the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries who came out to measure and weigh the fish as a potential state record. Though Edwards' fish fell short of the 100-pound, 1-ounce mark, caught in the lower Cape Fear River in 1998, it wasn't by much. On official scales, Edwards' black drum weighed a remarkable 71-pounds, 1-ounce.

It was the Louisiana native's biggest catch of his life. "I'm a freshwater guy, so this is bigger than anything I've caught before," he said. The fish will have to hold him over for some time — Edwards recently underwent knee surgery and won't be able to go fishing for about a month. "I knew it was going to be my last trip for awhile," he said. "So I had to make it count." ■

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Jamie Cameron

Red drum continue through winter

For those of you who are new to the area, it may be hard to believe the fishing is actually getting better as we approach the start of December. Coastal North Carolina stays warm enough to support several species of gamefish throughout the winter, so the action never really stops — an excellent state of affairs for those of us with saltwater running through our veins and fish slime in our dreams.

Jason Edwards isn't the only one catching big black drum these days (see story on page 1B). Yet another 70-pounder was landed last week from the beach in Pine Knoll Shores, according to Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus. There have been plenty of smaller black drum in the surf as well — more than most anyone can remember around these parts.

It's not just the black drum snapping; their close cousins, the red drum, are also still running strongly along the coast. This year has been an

exceptional one for North Carolina's state fish and it looks like the fun is going to continue into next month — at least until the water temperature drops too low. For now, surf fishermen who put their time in on the beaches and piers are continuing to report sporadic redfish "blitzes;" where schools of hungry drum explode on shoals of baitfish in a feeding frenzy that can last second or minutes. For those lucky enough to be on-scene for a blitz, the action is fast and furious, with red drum slamming every bait and lure in sight.

Dr. Bogus also reports a nice sea mullet bite, especially at night out on the piers. Sea mullets are considered panfish, rarely weighing more than a couple of pounds, but they fight hard and taste great. You'll catch most of them on pieces of fresh shrimp, but they are opportunistic feeders and will hit other natural baits, as well as small jigs.

Don't be surprised if a gray trout grabs your sea mullet offering. The two species share very similar diets and habits.

The red drum may be keeping the surf fishermen entertained and the sea mullet may be keeping the meat fishermen satisfied, but when it comes to wintertime fishing around these parts, the speckled trout reigns supreme.

Speckled trout are most-often pursued in the deep channels and creeks that criss-cross soundside marshes and brackish rivers. A small boat improves your chances tremendously, but there are plenty of savvy anglers catching their share from the sand and fishing piers.

There are lots of different techniques to catch speckled trout. Some use soft plastic imitation grubs and shrimp fished under popping corks, others cast topwater and diving plugs like MirrOLures and still others swear by live shrimp (when they can find or buy them) this time of year.

Remember, as the weather cools, the chances to get yourself into trouble out on the water increase. Make sure you let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

If it gets too cold to fish, you might as well plan on checking out the Saltwater Sportsman 2008 National Seminar Series, scheduled to make a stop in New Bern, N.C., Jan. 5, 2008. To register, call 1-800-448-7360 or go online to www.nationalseminarseries.com. ■

Redskins' Sean Taylor die a result of gunshot wound

Matt Sedensky
AP writer

MIAMI — Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor died early Tuesday, a day after he was shot at what police say was an intruder. He was 24.

Family friend Richard Sharpstein said Taylor's told him the news around 5:30 a.m.

"His father called and said he was with Christ and thanked me," said Sharpstein, Taylor's former coach. "It's a tremendously sad and unnecessary event. He was wonderful, humble, talented young man, and had a heart in front of him. Obviously God had other plans."

He said Taylor died early Tuesday at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where he had been airlifted after shooting early Monday.

Police allowed several people into Taylor's house in a Miami suburb of Palmetto Bay on Tuesday, including his father and a man who identified himself as a cousin, but all declined to make additional comments.

Doctors had been encouraged late Monday when they squeezed a nurse's hand, according to Vinny C. Sharpstein, the Redskins' vice president of football operations. Sharpstein said he was told Taylor never regained consciousness after being transported to the hospital and that he wasn't sure how he had squeezed the hand.

"Maybe he was trying to say goodbye or some other words," Sharpstein said.

Taylor was shot early Monday in the upper leg, damaging an artery and causing significant blood loss. ■

Ames' strategy pays off again in Skins Game

Ken Peters
AP sports writer

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Stephen Ames has won the Skins Game the past two years, so his strategy obviously works.

"You kind of let the other guys beat themselves up and then you sneak in there when you need to," Ames said with a grin after winning \$650,000 on the final hole Sunday.

He finished with nine skins, eight by winning the 18th hole, and \$675,000 of the \$1 million purse. Last year, he earned \$590,000 to take the title.

This time, Ames won just two holes, No. 1 on the first day and No. 18 on the second.

"That's the nature of the Skins Game," he said.

Five-time winner Fred Couples, making his 14th appearance in the 25-year-old tournament, finished second behind Ames for the second year in a row. He added nine skins and \$325,000 to push his career earnings in the made-for-TV event to more than

\$4.2 million.

After Couples won the 10th hole to pocket \$250,000, all the holes were tied until No. 18, with the stakes building to \$650,000. Ames watched the other three players miss relatively long birdie tries, then knocked his 7-footer into the center of the cup to win the hole and the championship.

"Somebody's going to birdie the 18th hole, probably and Stephen did it to win a big, big, big skin," Couples said. "If you win the right holes, you win money."

Skins Game rookies Zach Johnson, the Masters champion, and Brett Wetterich were shut out.

"I certainly enjoyed the experience and playing with these three guys," Johnson said. "It's a very unique event. It's nothing like I've ever been familiar with."

"But when all is said and done, I'm very disappointed. I came here to win some skins and I didn't."

Said Wetterich: "I just feel bad for the charity I was trying to play for. I feel worse about that than anything else."

Each player donates 20 percent of his winnings to a charity of his choice, and Wetterich had picked Big Oak Ranch. Ames' donation will go to the Stephen Ames Foundation, and Couples' to California wildfires victims.

Ames, whose birdie on the opening hole of the tournament was worth \$25,000, finally came up with another for the big money 17 holes later. He hit his 9-iron from 142 yards close to the pin on No. 18.

Wetterich was closest to the hole of the other three, but his 10-footer slid past the left edge.

The first six holes were worth \$25,000 each, and Nos. 7-12 \$50,000. The 13th through 17th carried a prize of \$70,000 and No. 18 was worth \$200,000. A player takes a skin by winning a hole. If the hole is tied by any of the players, the money carries over and all four remain in the hunt.

Ames won last year with a 3-footer for birdie worth \$270,000 on the third playoff hole. ■

Tide tables for New River Inlet

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

	Today	
High tide	11:12 a.m.	11:45 p.m.
Low tide	4:38 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
	Friday	
High tide		12:10 p.m.
Low tide	5:42 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
	Saturday	
High tide	12:50 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
Low tide	6:51 p.m.	7:38 p.m.
	Sunday	
High tide	1:54 a.m.	2:08 p.m.
Low tide	8:01 a.m.	8:29 p.m.
	Monday	
High tide	2:53 a.m.	3:03 p.m.
Low tide	9:07 a.m.	9:15 p.m.
	Tuesday	
High tide	3:44 a.m.	3:54 p.m.
Low tide	10:05 a.m.	9:56 p.m.
	Wednesday	
High tide	4:29 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Low tide	10:56 a.m.	10:35 p.m.

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Women's varsity basketball tryouts

Through Feb. 26

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

Surf fishing contest

Through Monday

The 5th Annual Gordie McAdams Speckled Trout Surf Fishing Contest will continue through Monday. All trout must be caught by fishing on foot from the beach or pier from Fort Macon to Bogue Inlet. Registration is free. For more information, call 252-354-6350.

Wrestling pay-per-view

Tuesday and Dec. 16

The Single Marine Program and Marine Corps Community Services are planning to present World Wrestling Entertainment special pay-per-view events at Camp Lejeune's Central Area Recreation Center. "December to Dismember" will be televised free of charge Sunday starting at 7:30 p.m.

"Armageddon" will take place Dec. 16 at the same place and time. These events are open to all military ID cardholders and their guests 18 years and older. For more information, call 451-1942.

Jingle Bell 5K/Fun Run

Tuesday

Marine Corps Air Station New River has scheduled the Jingle Bell 5-kilometer Race and Fun Run Sunday. This event, which starts at MCAS New River Marina, is open to everyone. For more information, call 449-6714.

Tennis clinics

Starting Wednesday

The Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring winter tennis clinics Mondays and Fridays with Tony Pereira. For information, call 252-354-6350.

Toys for Tots Archery Shoot

Dec. 8

The Camp Lejeune archery range is scheduled to host a special competition to benefit Toys for Tots. The shoot will take place Dec. 8 at 9 a.m. Entry fee will be a new, unwrapped toy, valued

at \$5 or more, per participant. Competing division will be: Men's Open, Men's Senior Open, Unlimited, Women's Open, Women's Bow-hunter, Young Adult, Bow-hunter, Traditional, Outlaw, Youth, Cub and Pee Wee. Food and drinks will be available. For more information, call Chris Brissette at 451-0775 or Mike Figgins at 265-1965.

Mixed martial arts/ Combat Fitness classes

Ongoing

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

Yoga and Pilates classes

Ongoing

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

Heroz football season

Ongoing

Heroz Sports Bar has announced its football season hours of operation. They are scheduled to be Monday - Thursday 5 p.m. - midnight, Friday 5

p.m. - 2:30 a.m., Saturday 12:45 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. and Sundays 12:45 p.m. - midnight. For more information, call 450-6463.

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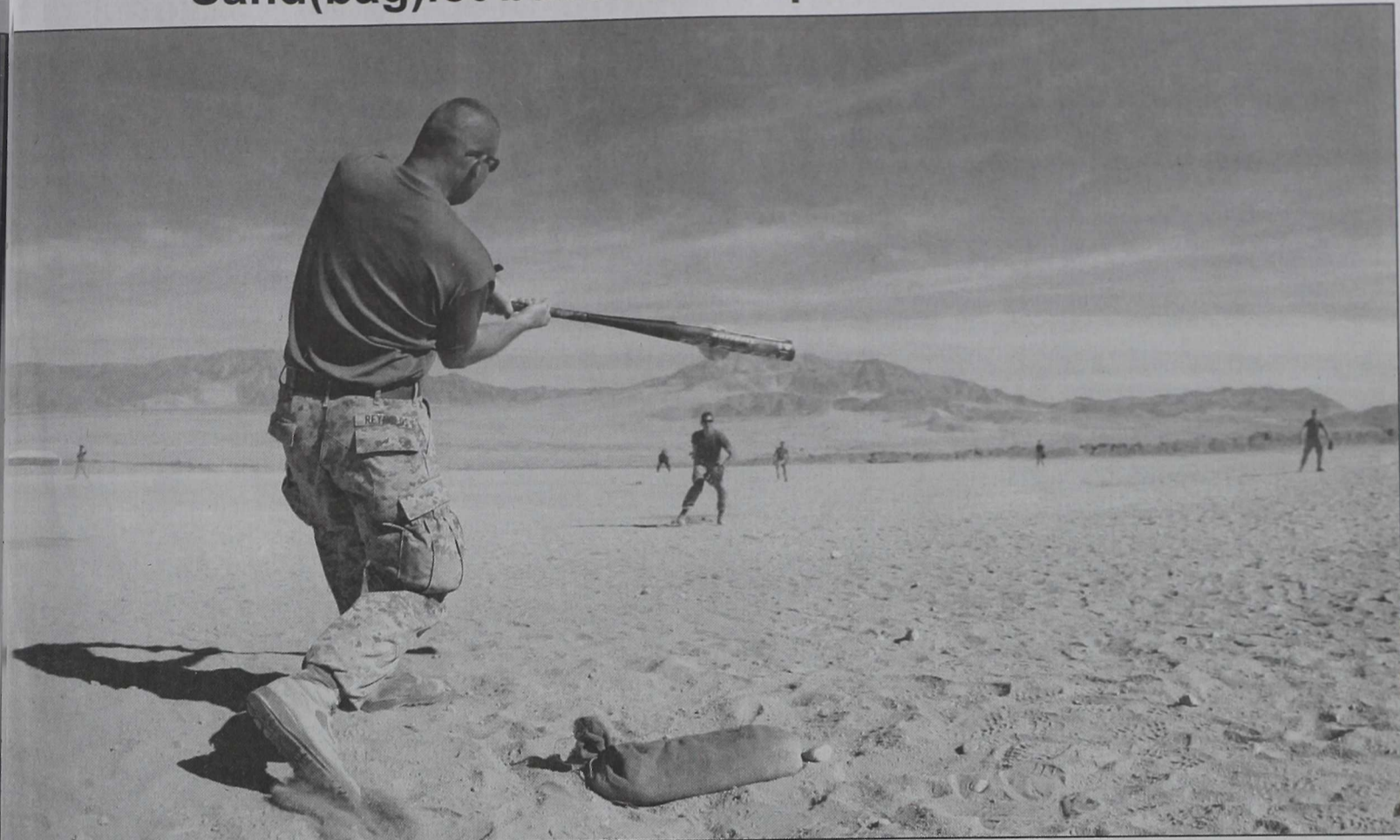
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Sports presents Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instruction, Tuesdays and Thursdays nights, from 7:30 p.m. Classes are provided by Chu Jiu-Jitsu of Jacksonville. Sessions take place in Bldg. 1742, adjacent to the Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. Each training session includes 15 minutes warm-ups and drills, 15 minutes of technique work and one hour sparring. For more information, call 581-0077 or go online to www.clubjiujitsu.com.

Crystal Coast Canoe and Kayak Club

Ongoing

The Crystal Coast Canoe and Kayak Club welcomes new members interested in pursuing the "quiet" watersports. The club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Emerald Isle Community Center. The goal of the organization is to bring people together in the common interest of canoeing and kayaking and promoting increased safety, skills and enjoyment of paddling sports in coastal North Carolina. For more information, go online to www.cccok.org.

Sand(bag)lot baseball keeps Marines loose



Cpl. Mark Fayloga

g hitter: Twentynine Palms, Calif. — Staff Sgt. Jason L. Reynolds, battery gunnery sergeant, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, puts aluminum to leather during a pick-up baseball game at Camp Wilson here Nov. 2. According to Reynolds, the Marines assigned to Battery K have been playing America's pastime since finishing supporting the final exercise of Exercise Mojave Viper as a means to pass the time as well as build camaraderie and unit cohesion.

Osborne: Next coach must understand Nebraska football culture

Eric Olson

Associated Press sports writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — The next Nebraska coach doesn't necessarily have to have ties to the school, but Tom Osborne says the Cornhuskers' next leader must have an understanding of the program's unique culture and history.

LSU defensive coordinator Bo Pelini, who held the same job with the Huskers in 2003, and Buffalo coach Turner Gill, a former star quarterback at Nebraska, would qualify.

Pelini was interviewed by Osborne in Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday, according to the Lincoln Journal Star, citing unidentified sources.

Buffalo athletic director Warde Manuel gave permission to Osborne, Nebraska's interim athletic director, to speak with Gill, Buffalo sports information director Paul Vecchio told The Associated Press. He said an interview had not yet been scheduled.

Gill and Pelini didn't return messages left by the Associated Press.

Wisconsin athletic director Barry Alvarez's name has been bandied, but he said Sunday he has no interest in a return to coaching. Alvarez, who stepped down as Badgers' coach in 2005, played linebacker at Nebraska in 1965-67.

"I've got the job I want right now," Alvarez said.

One of the criticisms of Bill Callahan, who was fired Saturday, was that he didn't understand or appreciate the fans' passion and high expectations. Both were inflated during Osborne's coaching career, a 25-year period that saw the Huskers average 10 wins a season and win three national championships.

"I think it's pretty important that they have a good grasp of it," Osborne said of prospective candidates. "I think most people in football have a kind of peripheral sense of what it is like."

Gill and Pelini top the list of names mentioned most often as possible successors to Callahan.

Gill quarterbacked the Huskers in the early 1980s and was an assistant under Osborne and Frank Solich. He left in 2004, after Callahan's first season.

Pelini was the Huskers' defensive coordinator under Solich in 2003 after working eight years as an NFL assistant.

Osborne said it would be "nice" if the next coach already had experience at Nebraska.

"But that's not going to be exclusive," Osborne said. "I'm not going to make that a prerequisite. So I'll just try to find the best candidate. And it takes two people to agree. I may talk to some people that have Nebraska ties that want no part of it."

Among other names to surface in media reports are Rutgers' Greg Schiano, Cincinnati's Brian Kelly, Boise State's Chris Petersen, Navy's Paul Johnson and South Florida's Jim Leavitt.

Schiano said he had not been contacted by Nebraska and declined further comment. Kelly also declined to comment.

Petersen, Johnson and Leavitt did not return messages left at their offices and through their schools' sports information departments.

Whoever the coach is, Osborne envisions a return to the days when Nebraska teams played a bruising brand of football and cultivated many of their best players from within the state.

Callahan junked Osborne and Solich's triple-option for the West Coast offense, and the Huskers seemed to lose their hard edge. Under Osborne and Solich, some of the most ferocious hitting occurred on the practice field. Under Callahan, practices in full pads were uncommon.

Osborne said he also wants the new coach to embrace the atmosphere, which means showing respect for the program's past, being visible and building the trust of fans and players.

"You want somebody whose word is good," Osborne said. "It's very important in recruiting that the players trust you. That what you tell them is going to happen."

"You want somebody that knows football and has a good work ethic. You want somebody that can motivate. Some people know football, but they really don't get people to play hard for them. Again, I'm not saying that's the case (with the previous staff). But you've got to get players to play hard."

Osborne said he won't mandate a particular style of offense, but he said some facets of the old triple-option remain effective.

"I think it's really hard in college football if you don't have some mobility in your quarterback, to be successful," he said. "You need to have the ability to run the football once in a while and scramble for a first down. The rest of it, I don't know. The new coach will have to decide." ■

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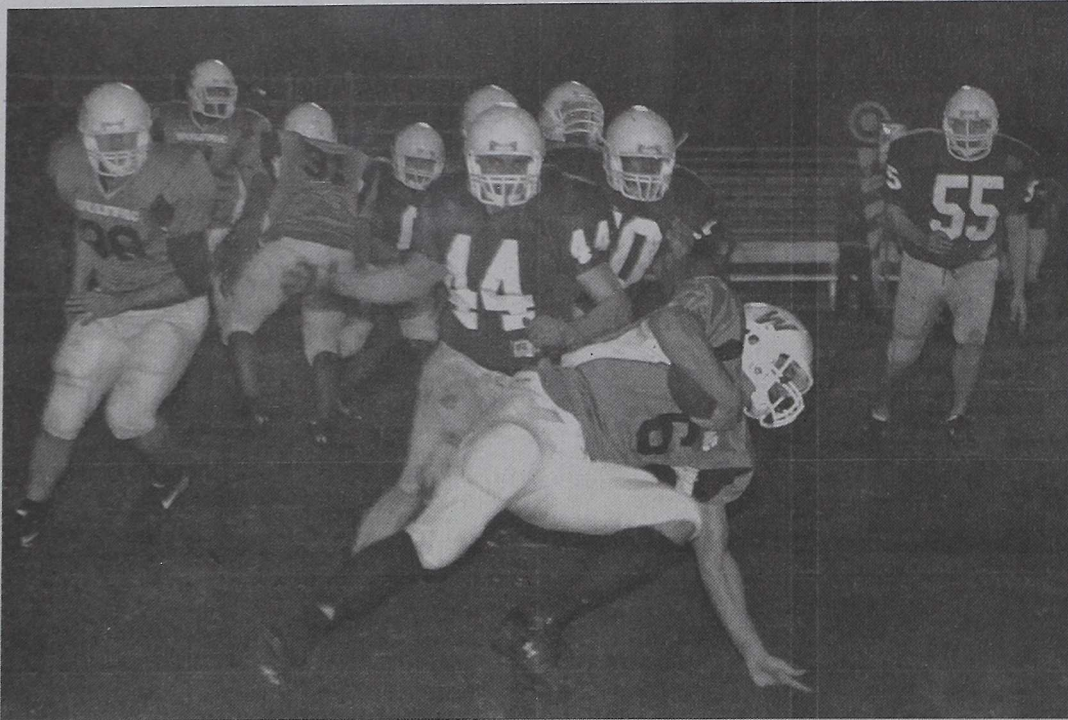
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Intramural tackle football teams prepare for playoffs



Final countdown: In the photo above, ball-carrier Robin Brown of Headquarters Battalion Division Personnel Administration Center, slips on the muddy turf of Liversedge Field Monday night. Closest to the play is 10th Marine Regiment's No. 44, Nathan Roberts. At right, Hqs. Bn. DPAC quarterback Kenny Butler heads for the sideline with a defender in hot pursuit. The team from 10th Marines won the game 26-0, but both sides have made the play-offs, which start Monday. Hqs. Bn. DPAC head coach Todd Hudson said his team needs more time on the practice field if they hope to have success in the post-season. 10th Marine Regiment plays their final, regular season game Friday at 6 p.m.

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Stevenson Motorsports welcomes veteran Randy Pobst

Press release
Stevenson Motorsports

The 2007 season of the Grand-Am Rolex Series presented by Crown Royal Reserves, Stevenson Motorsports proudly wore the colors of the American flag on their twin Chevrolet Corvettes. The team from Jacksonville, North Carolina, home of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Air Station New River. Team owner Johnny Stevenson used the surface markings of his race as a moving salute to America's fighting men, of this great nation. For 2008, the team will gain compete in the GT class with an updated version of that salute.

The 2008 season Stevenson Motorsports will sign a brand new, Pratt & Miller constructed, GXP-R adorned in a striking red, white and ivory, featuring a dynamic representation of American Bald Eagle on each side. The patriotic was prepared by the famed ESBG Designs many, famous for having created some of auto's most attractive and cutting-edge designs in different racing series.

The announcement of the teams switch to the GXP-R, held during the November test days at Daytona International Speedway, Johnny Stevenson said, "We believe the combination of Pontiac Sports, Pratt & Miller, and KATECH offer a package that is reliable, fast, and a true contender in the GT class."

Team Manager Mike Johnson also expressed a sense of optimism about the season ahead with the new car. "The GXP-R showed

last year that it is a winning car. It offers a lot of adjustability, which is what is required with the very different types of tracks that we run in the Grand-Am Series. Pontiac has the largest manufacturer presence at the track and keeps developing the car throughout the season."

The entire Stevenson Motorsports team will be working to achieve positive results with the proven capabilities of the GXP-R now working for them on the track. Piloting the No. 57 Pontiac for the season will be two extremely capable drivers in Andrew Davis and Robin Liddell. For the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, they will be joined by Randy Pobst, a former Porsche factory driver and a champion in several racing series including SPEED World Challenge, North American Touring Car and the SCCA Runoffs. Pobst has also won the Rolex 24 twice before and his experience and talent will give the team's chances a significant boost in this most challenging event.

Liddell has an extensive racing resume that includes driving in a number of different racing series in Europe and in North America. His name is well known to race fans around the world. Andrew Davis is thrilled about working with this group of established racing professionals. "I am very excited about joining the Stevenson Motorsports organization for the 2008 season. John is really putting the pieces together to make a strong run at the championship."

In 2008, Liddell, Davis, Johnson and the rest of the Stevenson Motorsports team expect to make everyone take notice of their presence on the race track. This team plans to have its eagle soaring to the heights of the top of podium. ■

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- Jan. 26-27: Daytona International Speedway - Daytona Beach, Fla. - 24 hours
- March 29: Homestead-Miami Speedway - Homestead, Fla. - 250 miles
- April 19: Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez - Mexico City, Mexico - 250 miles
- April 27: Virginia International Raceway - Alton, Va. - 250 miles
- May 17: Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca - Monterey, Calif. - 250 miles
- May 26: Lime Rock Park - Lakeville, Conn. - 250 miles
- June 7: Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, N.Y. - 6 hours
- June 21: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course - Lexington, Ohio - 250 miles
- July 3: Daytona International Speedway - Daytona Beach, Fla. - 250 miles
- July 20: Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, Ala. - 250 miles
- Aug. 1: Circuit Gilles Villeneuve - Montreal, Quebec, Canada - 200 miles
- Aug. 8: Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, N.Y. - 200 miles
- Aug. 23: Infineon Raceway - Sonoma, Calif. - 200 miles
- Sept. 20: Miller Motorsports Park - Tooele, Utah - 1,000 km
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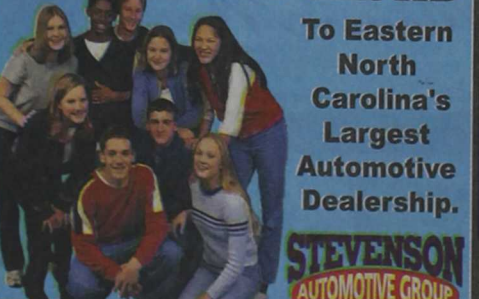
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to be afraid; the Patriots are beatable — you just have to play flawless foot- ball against them. Last week's carnage left my re- cord at 3-2 and 32-19 over- all. I don't think I'll miss another pick this season — wanna bet?

Cadillac Man

Jacksonville (8-3) at In- dianapolis (9-2). The Dal- las/Green Bay match-up gets top-billing this week, but this game isn't far be- hind. The Colts have been decimated by injuries but refuse to go down without a fight. They're struggling to put up points against the likes of the Kansas City Chief, so they'll be in trouble again here. The Jaguars offense, especially quarterback David Gar- rard, is shaky, but features a strong running game with Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew. India- napolis will have its hands full trying to contain those two and I just can't see the Colts offense being able to put up enough points. Ex- pect a low scoring game and Jacksonville to win.

Igby Goes Down

San Francisco (3-8) at Carolina (4-7). I've been using the 49ers as my weekly whipping post, but not this week. I heard it said, if your team is strug- gling, then San Francisco is good for what ails you. That insult now belongs to the Panthers. The 49ers did enough good things to eke out an upset over the Arizona Cardinals last week and it looks like running back Frank Gore might be back to form. San Francisco's quarterback Trent Dilfer's best days are behind him, but he's still a far sight better than Carolina's options in David Carr or Vinny Testaverde. This game isn't going to be pretty, but 49ers fans will be happy with the outcome. Pick San Francisco.

Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties

New York Jets (2-9) at Mi- ami (0-11). Another dog of a game that, nevertheless, pro-

vides prognosticators some- thing to mull over. These two teams are so bad, it would be hard to image either one of them winning for the rest of the regular season — but, lo and behold, they get to play each other. As AFC East foes, the Jets and Dolphins have already played one an- other, resulting in a Jets vic- tory. This time around, Mi- ami will rise to the occasion and the power of pride will carry them through. Pick the Dolphins to end their streak of horrors.

Kelly's Heroes

Seattle (7-4) at Philadel- phia (5-6). I have a tendency to overestimate teams after a good performance to put up points against the week prior and I'm tempted to do it here with the Eagles. Philadelphia gave the New England Patriots all they could handle. The defense was solid in pressuring Tom Brady and eliminating Randy Moss and substitute quarterback A.J. Feely was two ill-advised throws away from pulling off the upset; other than that, he was ter- rific. The Seahawks, on the other hand, have been quietly going about their busi- ness, winning the games they should to make it to the playoffs and lose in the first round. I'm fighting this pick, but go with Seattle, figuring a letdown by the Eagles is probably a good bet.

Edward Scissorhands

New York Giants (7-4) at Chicago (5-6). As a fan of highlight-reel plays, De- von Hester, I beg you, stop running kicks back into the opposing end zone at such a furious rate. Kick- ing teams are going to stop sending the ball your way and we'll never have the joy of watching you do your thing ever again. Boy, did the Giants look bad last week against Min- nesota. Eli Manning was absolutely terrible and I don't think he's going to get much better this week, or ever. Giants fans should start getting their hearts prepared to draft another quarterback in the off-sea- son. Pick Chicago in spite of Rex Grossman. ■

PB's Torii Hunter will give Los Angeles Angels new options

Ken Peters
Associated Press sports writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Vladimir Guerrero finally will have some protec- tion in the batting order.

The Los Angeles Angels, who have been trying to land another strong hit- ter for several years, agreed to a five- year, \$90 million deal Nov. 21 with free agent Torii Hunter, the Pine Bluff, Ark., native who hit .297 with 28 hom- ers and drove in 107 runs for Minnesota this year.

The deal is subject to Hunter's passing a physical.

A seven-time Gold Glove winner, the 32-year-old Hunter will be the everyday center fielder and hit in the middle of the lineup, mak- ing it tougher for opposing pitchers to pitch around Guerrero.



Hunter

Hunter started his career in the Twins' organization in 1993 and joined the big league club as a full-time player six years later. He left Minnesota in the franchise's top 10 in seven offensive categories.

Although Hunter's arrival seems to make last season's center fielder, Gary Matthews Jr. odd man out in an out- field with Guerrero in right and Ander- son in left, Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said it would give him more options.

He plans to rotate players at DH and use Matthews to spell Guerrero and Anderson.

"Torii is going to be in center field virtually every day. Gary will be in the outfield almost every day, so the other two guys will split up the DH," Scioscia said in a conference call.

"We want all four of those bats in the lineup."

Matthews was in New York this month to meet with baseball officials and discuss allegations that he re- ceived human growth hormone. He was sent HGH in 2004 from a pharmacy be- ing investigated for illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, The Times Union of Albany, N.Y., reported last winter. Matthews has denied us- ing HGH, which was not banned by baseball for players with major league contracts until 2005.

New general manager Tony Reagins said he has no indications that Mat- thews might be suspended.

Acquiring Hunter could lead to trad- ing Matthews — perhaps to the Balti- more Orioles for shortstop Miguel Tejada.

Two days earlier, the Angels traded Gold Glove shortstop Orlando Cabrera

to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Jon Garland.

Reagins, busy so far this winter, like- ly will stay that way this winter since the Angels currently have six starting pitchers, plus Matthews, among others who might go in a trade.

Reagins, who took over for Bill Stoneman after the season, said sign- ing Hunter has no bearing on other moves, adding that he remains open to anything he believes will strengthen the team.

He added, "But I like our club today. We have a pro- ductive offense and defense and think we're going to pitch well. If it started to- day, I'd be ready to go."

The Angels had agreed to a \$50 million, five-year deal with Matthews last November, so Hunter was surprised they were even interested in him.

"They shocked me. I didn't think they needed a center fielder," Hunter said. "They shocked the world."

Reagins first contacted Hunter's agent, Larry Reynolds, this week.

"They came in trying to get some- thing done in a hurry and it worked out," Reynolds said.

Said Reagins: "In the past, we said we're going to pursue every opportunity to make our club better. This was an opportunity. I had the support of some peo- ple around me, then I got aggressive."

Hunter recalled when the Angels elim- inated his Twins in the 2002 AL playoffs en route to the World Series title.

"I watched the Angels go to work on us. They play the game the right way," he said. "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Hunter said he also had negotiated seriously with the Texas Rangers, but he thought they were a year or two from contending. The Chicago White Sox and Kansas City Royals also were interested.

He said he had no talks with the Twins.

"That's the team I grew up with. I just thought they were going in an- other direction. Sometimes it's time to move on. Sometimes your welcome is gone," Hunter said. "But now that doesn't matter. I'm an Angel."

"Maybe I can do some damage and get about three rings out of this."

With Hunter gone, the low-budget Twins' attention turns to two-time Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana. His contract expires after the 2008 sea- son, and other teams think Minnesota will make him available if he doesn't agree to an extension. ■



Naval Academy accepts bid to Poinsettia Bowl

News report

Naval Academy Public Affairs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk an- nounced the Naval Academy has accepted invitation to play in the third annual Diego County Credit Union Poinset- tia Bowl, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. (Pacific Stan- dard Time) at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, against a Mountain West oppo- nent. The game will be televised nation- ally by ESPN.

A beautiful setting in a Navy city one of the finest football venues in the country has everyone excited," said Gladchuk. "Five bowl games in a row is historic for the Academy and our con- sultations to Coach Johnson, his staff,

our players and the Brigade of Midship- men for reaffirming that Navy is one of the finest football programs in the na- tion," USNA EDU reported.

"I'm excited the team has achieved one of its goals, to have a chance to go to a bowl game, and I'm excited to be going to San Diego," said Navy coach Paul Johnson. "San Diego is a great city and I'm sure our players will have a great time. We still have two very important games remaining against Northern Illinois and Army, so we are going to put the bowl game on the back burner until the regular season is over. There's no question where our focus needs to be and will be."

"The Naval Academy kicked this bowl game off in grand style when they ap- peared in the inaugural game two years

ago," said Poinsettia Bowl President Rudy Castruita. "We're so excited the rich tradition of Navy football is coming back to San Diego."

The bowl bid is a landmark achieve- ment for the football program as it marks the first time in school history that Navy has gone to five-straight bowl games. Navy can achieve another first by win- ning the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy for a school-record fifth-consecutive year Saturday when the Mids play Army.

Tickets for the Poinsettia Bowl are on sale now at www.navyisports.com.

Tickets can also be purchased Tues- day morning starting at 9 a.m. by call- ing 1-800-US4-NAVY or at the Ricketts Hall Box Office. Tickets are \$45 for club seats and \$35 for field seats. Fans not

able to attend the game can purchase tickets to sponsor a midshipman or enlisted personnel and their families for \$35.

"We strongly encourage Navy fans to buy their bowl tickets from the Na- val Academy Athletic Association," said Gladchuk. "Our goal is to bring more than 2,000 Midshipmen and sell more than 20,000 tickets. It is very important for this game and for future bowl games for our fans to purchase tickets through the NAAA."

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Combined General Campaign
 The CFC has been extended until tomorrow. The last turn-in will be on Nov. 29.

Cross seeks volunteers
 The American Red Cross is currently seeking volunteers for opportunities at the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. Orientation meetings are scheduled for the Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Cross Main Office in Building 1108. The orientation is around 1-1/2 hours and is the first step toward applying for volunteering at the hospital, Veterinary Clinic and the Red Cross Office. The Red Cross is seeking volunteers for dental assistant positions. Sessions begin March 1. For more information or to register, call 451-2173.

Power and Reserve Brief
 Briefs for all E8s and E9s will take place today, 9 a.m., at Base Centre. Sgt. Maj. Daniel M. Davenport, Sergeant Major of Power and Reserve, and Sgt. Maj. Joseph M. Davenport, Sergeant Major of Reserve, are scheduled to speak at the brief.

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26th MEU prepares for deployment



Gunnery Sgt. Clark Schindler

Landing: An MV-22 Osprey from VMM-266 prepares to land in LZ-2, Nov. 6, near the II MEF Headquarters building to pick up Command Element Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The purpose of the flight was to take the Marines to Norfolk, Va. to visit their future flagship, USS Iwo Jima, for the MEU's next scheduled deployment.

1st Lt. Timothy Patrick
 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines from the command element of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit flew from here to Norfolk, Va. on an MV-22 Osprey, Nov. 6.

The purpose of the flight was to visit their future flagship, USS Iwo Jima, for the MEU's next scheduled deployment.

According to the MEU's adjutant, Capt. Ricardo A. Medal, the visit was designed to familiarize the command element staff with the ship's spaces they will be using and to give them a chance to configure work spaces, identify where they can put their equipment, and where each of the sections within the command element will go.

The visit to the ship, however, was just one step in a multi-faceted planning process to which the command element has subjected itself to better prepare for the upcoming deployment with the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group.

Prior to touring the ship's spaces, the command element took advantage of numerous opportunities to begin preparing for the next training cycle and deployment before they are augmented with the ground, air, and logistic elements that make up the bulk of the MEU.

Preparation began shortly af-

ter the MEU returned from its last deployment with the Bataan Strike Group, July 1.

During a staff planning conference in September, the command element focused mainly on how they could best enable the subordinate ground, air and logistic elements to complete their missions within the MEU commander's intent.

Over the course of five days, the staff considered issues across the spectrum from embarkation and logistics to communication and operations.

The MEU operations officer, Lt. Col. Walter C. Sopp explained they never planned on leaving the conference with all the answers, but they were able to draft a basic outline about how they wanted to conduct business with the subordinate elements that will soon join the MEU.

After the conference, the MEU staff traveled to Norfolk, Va. in October to visit with the Iwo Jima Amphibious Squadron staff aboard the USS San Antonio.

"This visit was a crucial step for us to begin communicating with our naval counterparts," said Capt. Jonathan J. Pfuntner, the MEU's assistant communications officer. "We get to know what they need and they get to know what sorts of things we need. All in all, it makes for better communication between the Navy-Marine team, implicit

understanding, and a faster decision-making process that helps us build tempo during expeditionary operations."

At the invitation of the 24th MEU, the command element of the 26th MEU leapt at the opportunity to witness some of the 24th MEU's Realistic Urban Training in Fort Pickett, Va. in November.

"We can see what they are doing now during their RUT to better anticipate what we may be up against and get ideas about how we can improve our own [standard operating procedures]," stated Lt. Col. John W. Capdepon, the 26th MEU executive officer.

These efforts are nothing new for a MEU command element in garrison.

All the work and preparation in garrison is designed to identify possible points of friction during the upcoming training cycle and deployment.

"There is no rest for the MEU," explained Capdepon, "We will have successful missions when we deploy and we will be a vital asset to any area commander."

The best way to ensure this happens in the future is to prepare for it now.

The fight doesn't begin when a Marine steps onto the beach, but here and now before we even put

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Prior planning can shorten wait at Lejeune's Front Gate

Lance Cpl. Ryan E. Turnage
 Marine Corps Base

Friends and families of service members stationed at here stand in lines at the front gate every weekend in order to obtain a base driving pass. It may seem simple enough, but when lines grow, people's patience shrinks.

"Proper prior planning will give people the opportunity to spend more time with their loved ones rather than with strangers in line," explained 1st Lt. Gabriela Swanson, the service officer Provost Marshal Office here.

Visitors are encouraged to carpool or Department of Defense card holders can park their vehicles in a public parking lot and travel by means of the new Jacksonville Transit System.

The period between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is the busiest of the day. Anytime before or after that period is best to obtain a pass, explained Swanson.

"The easiest way to avoid long lines is to show up earlier with every item needed for a pass," she said.

For a 30-day temporary pass, an individual needs a military sponsor, driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance, explained Swanson, these items are easily obtainable and should be in the individual's hands while they are in line.

For more information or to better plan ahead, call the Visitors Center at 451-2197. ■



Lance Cpl. Ryan C. Turnage

Long wait: Service members and visitors often wait hours for base passes.

2nd Battalion, 10th Marines fire new howitzers

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray
 2nd Marine Division

In 1982, the Marine Corps adopted the M198 155mm Medium Howitzer into its arsenal. The Corps employed the M198s for nearly 26 years. Now the M777A2 Lightweight 155mm howitzers, aka "triple sevens," are replacing

them. For the first time, Marines from Battery L, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, used the M777A2 during a field training exercise here Nov. 7-8.

"As far as mission capabilities, the weapon is a lot faster," said Sgt. Ryan Harshman, sec-

tion chief, gun three, Battery L. "We're able to emplace and shoot a lot quicker than we could with the M198."

Made mostly of titanium, the M777A2 weighs nearly 7,000 pounds less than the aluminum and steel M198s, allowing for more diverse transportation.

"Now that [the howitzer] is under 10,000 pounds, it can be lifted a lot easier with all the aircraft," Harshman said. "It being lighter is also a lot easier on the Marines."

The reduced weight is only one advancement on the artillery gun line. The Fire Direction Center can send command messages to the gun line through a VHF radio linked to a digital display called the Chief of Section Display. The gunner and assistant gunner also have displays that allow them to aim the gun before the quadrant (aiming up and down) and deflection (aiming left and right) are called out.

"Once I acknowledge a fire mission, they already have the deflection and quadrant," Harshman said. "They're moving the tube before I even say it. Receiving messages through the displays saves about seven seconds,

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Targeting: Sgt. Ryan Harshman, section chief on gun three, Battery L, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, receives a fire mission on the chief of section display here Nov. 15. The display is one of the new features of the M777A2 Lightweight 155mm Howitzer.



Loading: A Marine places a high-explosive round on the new hydraulic loading tray of the M777A2 Lightweight 155mm howitzer here Nov. 15. This was the first opportunity to fire the "triple sevens" for Marines from Battery L, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

HEAT Training facility helps Marines stay focused during rollover

Lance Cpl. Scott Schmidt
2nd Marine Division

Marines with Company C, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, experienced how it feels to be flipped in a humvee Nov. 16 as part of required predeployment training.

The Marines were introduced to the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer to better develop their reactions in an accident involving a rolled over humvee.

The HEAT trainer is a shell of an up-armored humvee ran by an electric engine. The engine rotates the trainer on a pulley system allowing instructors to flip the humvee left to right to give Marines the realistic feel of a spinning vehicle, if it were hit by an improvised explosive device.

Sgt. Nicholas Brackett, certified HEAT instructor with the battalion, said the HEAT trainer is important because it gives Marines the chance to experience what it really feels like to be upside down. He said its one thing to tell Marines they've been flipped and have them set up security, but completely different to show them.

"[Marines] need to know how to get out of that vehicle when it's upside down so they can get that 360 degree security," said Brackett.

Just being upside down is not where the training stopped. Marines practice multiple scenarios. After numerous rotations of the trainer, it would stop upside down. Using teamwork, a four man team evacuated the trainer

and set up a perimeter around the disabled vehicle.

If there were casualties involved in the scenario, it just added to the confusion of the Marines who were already upside down. Now not only do the Marines have to get out of the humvee themselves, they need to evacuate the casualties.

Master Sgt. James Aurilio, tank leader with Co. C, has been on two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said getting out of the humvee is not as easy as it looks. He said one of the most difficult things to deal with is disorientation.

"Learning to deal with the disorientation when you're upside down is key because your first thought is to get right side up," Aurilio said.

Aurilio said Marines have to slow down and think about what they have to do before they even release themselves from the harness. Getting out of a humvee is a step by step process to get out of the vehicle.

"You have to figure out how to get out of the vehicle first, and then come up with a plan before you worry about your comfort," said Aurilio.

The instructors only unlock one door in the trainer to add to the confusion. Depending on which door is unlocked, the Marines in the humvee must decide on an order of who gets out first. Aurilio said if there was a mad dash for the doors, the mission would not get accomplished. He said you have to think, especially if there are casualties.

Brackett said instructors try to make the training as real as possi-

ble for the Marines. If proper training is done here, Marines will deal with an actual incident better.

"Once you experience it, you know what it's going to be like in real life and what you need to do," Brackett said.

Sgt. Brandon Higgins, a certified HEAT instructor with 2nd Marine Division, said the Marine Corps does not sacrifice safety for realism. Training can only be as real as it is safe because the Corps can't afford Marines dying in training.

A big issue in Iraq is Marines not wearing their seatbelts while in a humvee. Higgins said one of the goals of the HEAT trainer is to instill confidence in the Marines that they can wear their seatbelts and still do their job effectively.

"Marines usually don't wear seatbelts in combat," Higgins said. "When you realize how much they really hold you in then you understand the importance of the seatbelt."

Aurilio agreed with Higgins, "I'm guilty of not wearing my seat belt in Iraq. This training has taught me there's no reason not to."

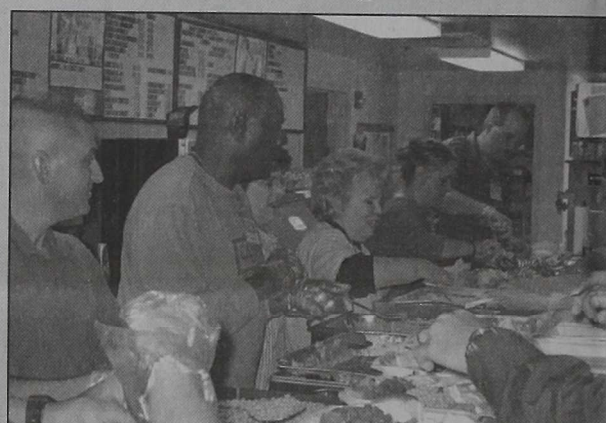
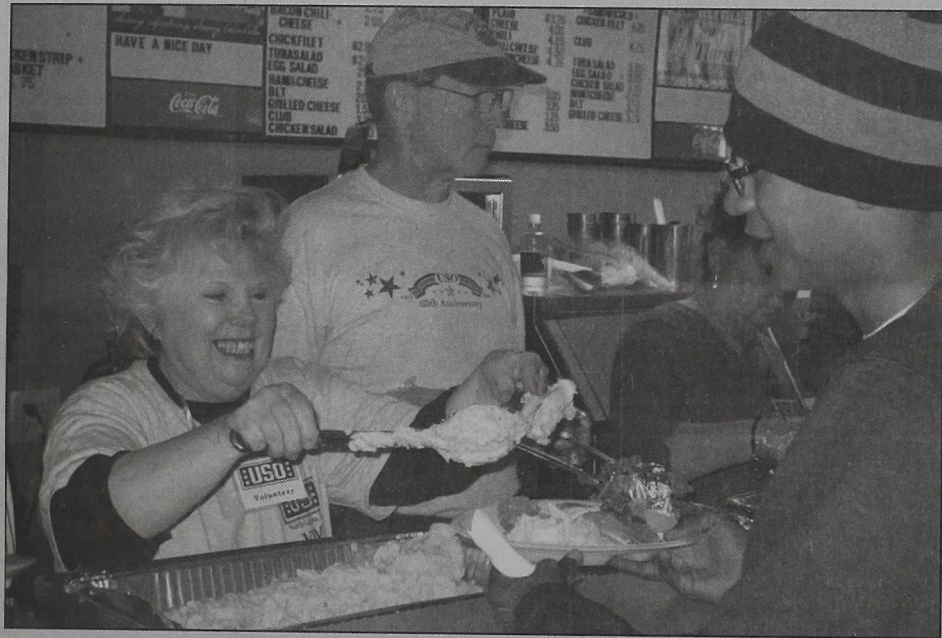
Aurilio said he thinks the HEAT training was successful. He said his goal was to squash any fear Marines of Co. C had about being flipped over in a humvee. His Marines will be better prepared for what is to come, because if they train hard here they will perform harder in Iraq, he said.

"During a combat event your mind will take over," Aurilio said. "You're going to do whatever you've been trained to do." ■



Helping hand: Master Sgt. James Aurilio, tank leader, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, evacuates a casualty from the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer here Nov. 16. The trainer is a shell of an up-armored humvee that simulates the spinning of if hit by an improvised explosive device. HEAT training prepares Marine effects of being rolled over in a combat environment.

USO hosts service members for Thanksgiving feast



Season of giving: Volunteers at the United Services Organization, Jacksonville, hosted service members for the Thanksgiving holiday. The spread included 1,100 pounds of turkey, plenty of all the traditional favorites and dessert. More than 100 USO volunteers worked to make sure Thanksgiving was as close to being home as possible for the 2,000 or so military personnel who came. In addition to the meal, the USO provided free phone and computer services. Marines and sailors could wish their families back home a happy Thanksgiving.

Photos by Sgt. Nick DiOrio

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which is a lot when sending rounds down range." The voice fire commands were sent to the gunline via wire communications were accurate when transmitted to the gun, but could be heard or written down incorrectly by the Marines on the gun line. The digital link removes the chance of human error, said Sgt. Daniel Barron, assistant operations chief for the FDC, Battery L.

The new computers and a new hydraulic breech make it a smooth operating machine, Harshman said.

The loading tray and breech are now hydraulically powered. Crew members still ram rounds into the barrel, but with the M198, loading the howitzer was a completely manual process.

"The breech was opened and closed by hand," Harshman said. "the loading tray would sit on the deck and two Marines would pick it up to seat the round and then ram it. From what I've seen, the new hydraulic loading tray is saving time between rounds."

Harshman and his gun crew have only worked together with the weapons system for about three weeks, but he has faith his crew is capable of deploying and using the M777A2 right now. ■

MCCS Marine Corps Family Team building brief

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- Tuesday: Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- Wednesday: Travel
- Dec. 6: Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- Dec. 7: Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- Dec. 8: Travel to Okinawa, Japan
- Dec. 9: Arrive in Okinawa, Japan
- Dec. 10: Okinawa, Japan
- Dec. 11: Okinawa, Japan
- Dec. 12: Okinawa, Japan
- Dec. 13: Travel to Headquarters Marine Corps

Court Martials

Pvt. Keenan L. Rice, a member of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of two counts of possession of a controlled substance, one count of use of a controlled substance, two counts of violation of a lawful general order and one count of failure to go to appointed place of duty. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of six months, forfeiture of \$867 per month for a period of six months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Cpl. Christopher, G. Bridges, a member of 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of Original Charge of Violation of Article 112a (cocaine) and Additional Charge of Violation of Article 112a (cocaine). He was sentenced to confinement for 20 days, reduction to pay grade E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.



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2nd Marine Logistics Group hosts family day

by I. Mikaela M. Bravo-Cullen
2nd Marine Logistics Group

On a cool, crisp fall day, family members of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group milled about Sciffert Field at the 2nd MLG Family Day, Nov. 17.

Gunnery Sgt. Malcolm V. Tarver, the 2nd MLG Family Day staff noncommissioned officer planned the event. Family day is for all forward and rear families. It helps to introduce everyone to each other and helps to build friendships. Family members can meet others, who also loved ones deployed.

"Friendships established (family day) are really important to have when Marines are away because you know you can call anyone if you have a problem," said Tarver. "You can usually meet someone who's been through the same situation that can help

you out."

According to Tarver, family day occurs several times a year. Some of the events at family day this year included two clowns, who did face paintings and balloon creations, a disc jockey, sumo wrestling, food and several static displays of military equipment.

"We have an Emergency Room tent and a humvee for the families to check out," said Tarver. "It's important for the families to see the equipment we use forward so they can understand what we do. They really appreciate being able to see the equipment."

According to Renee L. Taylor, wife of Sgt. Wayne R. Taylor, Substance Abuse Counseling Officer for Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd MLG, family day is a great time for wives whose husbands are deployed.

"It's a good chance to get away from your home and meet other wives in the same situation," said Taylor. "It's also great for

the kids because they normally stay inside all day and they need to get out and play."

Col. Steven J. Thompson, Commander of 2nd MLG, said it was a great day for a lot of families to come together. Single Marines, married Marines, family members and even their pets came and enjoyed the day.

"Family day is a great opportunity to get together, it's one that bonds us together," said Thompson. "We're out here together and we have a lot of family members in Iraq so we are showing them life goes on back here and we look forward to them coming home."

"The most important thing about family day is we're all here together and we're taking care of each other," said Thompson. "We work hard and we want the families to understand we appreciate everything they do. A lot of the people I've met here today are having a great time and look forward to the next one." ■



Cpl. Mikaela M. Bravo-Cullen

Steppers: Family members of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group enjoyed dancing at the 2nd MLG Family Day on Sciffert Field, here, Nov. 17. Families enjoyed several interactive activities, hot food and an overall sense of camaraderie. The event allowed 2nd MLG families to meet one another and learn more about their fellow military families.

MARSOC looks back on history and tradition



Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Stahlman

Lessons from the past: Petty Officer 3rd Class, James Juneau, a man with Marine Special Operations Support Group's battle aid station, studies the Medal of Honor Wall at the Naval Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico Va., Nov. 18. Four Marines and sailors from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command visited the museum to gain insight into the proud heritage and traditions of the Corps.

Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Stahlman
MARSOC Public Affairs

Forty-four Marines and sailors with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command visited the Naval Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico Va., Nov. 18, to gain insight into the proud heritage and traditions of the Corps.

Visiting the museum gives these Marines a wider appreciation of what it is to be a Marine," said Capt. Bert E. Spalla, Marine Special Operations Support Group's assistant operations officer. "It also gives us a chance to learn more about the Marines who came before them."

The Marines and sailors made the six-hour drive to Camp Lejeune, N.C., Nov. 16, as part of a two-day trip to Annapolis, Md., and the Marine Corps Museum. While in Annapolis, the Marines and sailors toured the Naval Academy and attended the Navy ball game versus Northern Illinois University, Nov. 17. The next morning, the MARSOC Marines and sailors traveled to Quantico — the Crossroads of the Marine Corps — on a journey into the past.

This trip was definitely a motivational experience," explained Gunnery Sgt. Sherman L. Jilton, MARSOC's engineer chief. "These young Marines and sailors got to see a piece of history."

While at the museum, the group toured through exhibits ranging from the Corps' earliest years, to World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and on to today's Global War on Terrorism.

Lance Cpl. Kevin T. Sleeth, a motor transportation operator with MSOSG, said the GWOT exhibit meant the most to him.

"I enjoyed it because it's a war the Marines and sailors here are fighting today," explained Sleeth. "Years from now, I can come back here and show my kids what part of history I was a part of."

Although MARSOC's short history dates back only to Feb. 24, 2006, Sleeth said being around the Corps' history made him reflect on a part of MARSOC's heritage, the original Marine special operators, the Marine Raiders who fought bravely and used guerrilla tactics behind enemy lines at Guadalcanal and numerous other WWII battlefields.

"Being here reminds me of the Raiders," said Sleeth. "It reminds me of the first special operations Marines and the history and tradition that we now carry on today."

Sleeth also believes MARSOC will one day have its own exhibit in the museum.

"In MARSOC, we are making history every day," explained Sleeth. "This was a great experience and I think every Marine should visit the museum at least once."

After a weekend of combining Naval tradition with Marine Corps history, Jilton believes these Marines and sailors will return to work with a better appreciation of those who came before and motivated to carry on the traditions of their Corps.

"These Marines and sailors work hard," explained Jilton. "This weekend had three purposes: to enjoy the camaraderie amongst the Marines and sailors of MARSOC, to build morale, and also to remind ourselves of the history and tradition of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy." ■

2nd MLG Marines practice motorcycle safety

Pfc. Bobbie A. Curtis
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Marine motorcycle riders from Combat Logistics Regiment 2, and Combat Logistics Regiment 27 participated in a motorcycle ride Nov. 16, from here to the Battleship North Carolina Memorial in Wilmington, N.C.

The ride promoted motorcycle safety, helped create camaraderie, and educated Marines on the history of the Battleship North Carolina.

"There has been an alarming number of motorcycle related fatalities nationwide," said Col. Thomas N. Collins, commanding officer of CLR-2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. "The common casualty factors associated with these fatalities are riders operating motorcycles beyond their capabilities as well as complacency."

According to Cpl. Earl L. Eubanks of Headquarters Company, CLR-27, 2nd MLG, the ride encouraged safety and proper motorcycle riding by having the riders travel in a highly organized staggered column formation.

"In the staggered formation we're close enough together that we're grouped so cars can see us better," said Eubanks. "At the same time we're far enough away from each other so we don't run into each other."

Many factors were taken into account while planning the event to make the ride as safe as possible for

the Marines participating including the length of the ride, the weather conditions, the ability of the riders and the use of proper safety equipment.

"We have to consider how far we are going to ride," said Eubanks. "Not everybody has the endurance to ride very far."

Military service members are required to use certain safety equipment, while riding motorcycles, including: shatter proof eye wear, a Department of Transportation approved protective helmet, a reflective vest or jacket, full fingered gloves and hard sole shoes or boots.

All the participating Marines were required to do final vehicle inspections and essential paperwork reviews the morning of the ride. Riders were required to have proper documentation for operating the motorcycle on and off base, and had to ensure their motorcycles were in proper working order.

The ride also provided Marines with an opportunity to see how other Marines ride their motorcycles, allowing Marines to make sure their counterparts were riding correctly.

"There was one instance where a Marine pulled in front of a car and went to slow," said Eubanks. "When he pulled out, he should have sped up with the car. Once we got to our destination, I told him his mistake."

Once the riders arrived



Pfc. Bobbie A. Curtis

Easy rider: A rider from Combat Logistics Regiment 2 and Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, poses for the camera while participating in a motorcycle ride to the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C. Nov. 16. The motorcycle ride was a day for the Marines of 2nd MLG to promote motorcycle safety and allowed less experienced riders to practice proper safety procedures.

at the Battleship North Carolina they toured the ship, learning the rich history of the famed battleship that served during World War II.

"Everything on the ship was about business," said Eubanks. "Everything tied-in together, and that's what had me amazed."

Once the riders finished their tour of the battleship, they spent time together enjoying a lunch in Wilmington, which encouraged camaraderie amongst the Marines.

"I had a new staff sergeant who rode with us on the ride," said Eubanks. "We have more of a relationship after the ride."

The ride was successful in promoting motorcycle safety and camaraderie

among Marine riders, and will hopefully help to lower the alarming amount of casualties caused by inexperienced riders.

"I thought the ride went well," said Staff Sgt. Mark E. Book the S-6 chief, Headquarters Company, CLR-27, 2nd MLG. "It was a good tool for the less experienced riders. It allowed everyone to stay informed on safety issues."

"I challenge all of us to focus our attention on establishing and maintaining a spirit of camaraderie and esprit de corps that will enhance the prestige of all motorcycle riders, encourage on-going rider education and skill development, and reduce the potential of motorcycle mishaps," said Collins. ■

Marines volunteer at Military Widows Association luncheon

Pfc. Bobbie A. Curtis
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Twenty-five Marines from the 2nd Marine Logistics Group and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, volunteered at a Military Widows Association annual luncheon Nov. 18, at the Jacksonville United Service Organization.

This was the third year Marines have volunteered at the luncheon, which was organized by the Camp Lejeune Staff Non Commissioned Officers' Wives Club, and the Jacksonville USO.

The Marines spent the day interacting with the widows, engaging them in conversation and fellowship. Marines served the widows their lunch, and escorted them through the day's activities.

"I have been in the Marine Corps for two years," said Lance Cpl. John A. Rivera, Engineers Maintenance Company, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Ma-

rine Logistics Group, and a volunteer at the event. "I want to give back; the least I could do is come support this function."

The Marines wore their dress blues with pride, as they gave back to the widows of their fallen brothers in arms.

"It's especially important for us to volunteer with these ladies," said Sgt. James J. Gallagher, 2nd Maintenance Battalion; 2nd MLG. "They have earned it, their husbands made the ultimate sacrifice."

Martha Jacobs, the liaison between the Military Widows Association and Camp Lejeune, explained how it was rewarding to look back and see the growth of the Marine Corps, and how great it was to have contact with the services that had such a strong effect on the widow's lives.

"It gives us a sense of belonging," said Jacobs. "Our husbands were Marines and sailors and it just means a lot to us to have contact with the Marine Corps." ■



Pfc. Bobbie A. Curtis

Serving: A Marine from 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, serves lunch to a widow at the annual Military Widows Association Luncheon.

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a round into the chamber."

Though the MEU will not take on major subordinate elements until early March, the command element shows no signs of slowing down.

With more than three months until the MEU is composite with ground, air and logistics combat elements, the command element has ample opportunity to further prepare and hone its command and control skills.

The months preceding the pre-deployment training program will be productive.

According to Col. Gregg A. Sturdevant, the 26th MEU Commanding Officer, "We work hard before we chop to set the [major subordinate elements] up for success, we work hard during PTP to set the MEU up for success and we work hard during our deployment to set the area commanders up for success." ■

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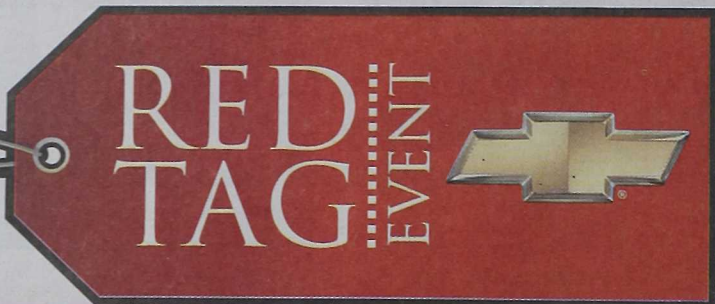
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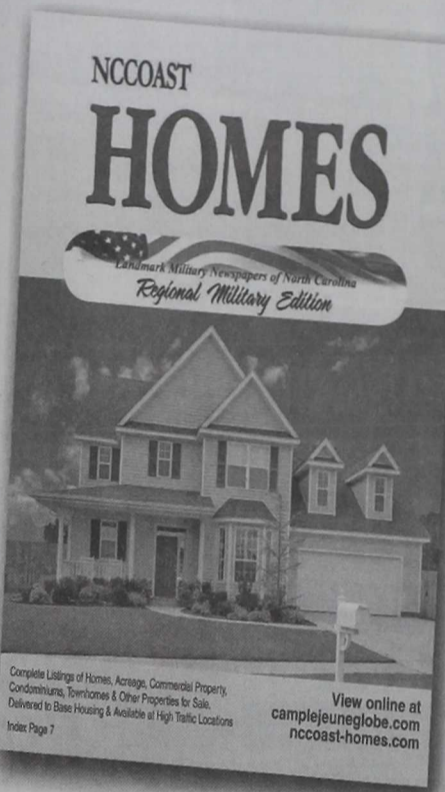
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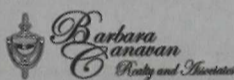
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Lejeune happenings

Day family

Day family fun day celebration is planned Saturday from 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Complex. Activities will include carnival games with prizes, hay rides, inflatable moon walk, arts and crafts, pony rides, and other entertainment. Santa will arrive at 11:45 a.m. The celebration complex is located off the Western Gateway extension. Go to Gateway or Gateway South Recreation Loop and turn onto Recreation Lane. For more information, call 938-

Winter theater

Men and ladies of all ages will be thoroughly entertained by Croatan School's dinner production of "The Knight of the Shagreened Shield." The play is scheduled to be performed at the Swansboro Rotary Civic Center, Saturday and Sunday from 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for preferred seating, pending availability. Tickets for the dress rehearsal performance (\$5 without dinner) can be obtained at the Center at the door. Tickets may be purchased by calling the High School at 938-7022.

Saturday with Santa

Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Carmike Cinemas bring you Saturday with Santa, this Saturday at Carmike Cinema 16 and the Jacksonville Santa will be arriving in a fire truck at 9 a.m. Visit with Santa and watch a movie at 10 a.m. The program is open to children 12 and under. Parents must attend. The program is two hours long. Two goods per person. Donations go to Christ-Cheer. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Christmas card design contest

Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Jacksonville will host the Christmas Card Design Contest for kindergartners through 6th graders. All entries must be received by 5 p.m., Dec. 7 at the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department Offices at 1244 Onslow Parkway Rd. Child's name, grade and school name must appear on the back of the card. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

City Christmas tree lighting ceremony

Jacksonville's Beautification and Appearance Commission has scheduled the annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center for Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will be present to give out candy to the children. For more information, call 938-5328.

Festival of Trees brings Christmas joy to town for a good cause

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Christmas is a time of tradition and family. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than a trip to the fifth annual Onslow County Festival of Trees?

Set to kick off Saturday at 10 a.m., the Festival of Trees will be open to the public Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The event, presented by the Onslow Caregivers, Inc., will be held at the American Legion Building at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds. The price of admission is only \$1 per person. The Onslow Caregivers, Inc., is a non-profit charity helping patients in Onslow County in home health care and hospice programs with donations for medical services, medicine, food and everyday life needs.

Now an Onslow County family tradition, the Festival of Trees offers something for everyone. Civic groups, organizations, businesses, churches, schools, families and individuals will decorate more than 60 live, themed Christmas trees.

"We have more than 100,000 twinkling lights in the building, and when you walk into the room, you can smell the fresh evergreen," said Jean Cole, one of the event's organizers.

Returning this year with even more fun activities for the children, the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association will be at the festival offering stories, crafts and other fun activities. "Every year, we've had the opportunity to come out and support the cause. It gets bigger and better each year. For new people to the area, coming to the Festival of Trees is a great way to start new traditions," said Angela Rodriguez, executive director of the ASYMCA.

Rodriguez and her small staff began rolling out clay earlier this year to make ceramic ornaments for children to paint at the festival and take home with them. "Who knows, from a child coming to paint their first piece at the Festival of Trees, you might come up with your next Picasso," said Rodriguez.

The ASYMCA will also distribute donated books to children at the festival while supplies last.

Other festival events include a special salute to fallen warriors, a model train display and raffles. Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the Sweet Shoppe, which will feature fresh baked goods. The Onslow County Homemakers will also be on hand

Colorful work: At right, ASYMCA Executive Director Angela Rodriguez shows off a Christmas tree created at the ASYMCA ceramics shop. Rodriguez said that the ceramics shop has many holiday ceramics available for painting. Customers may either mold their own ceramic piece or have the staff do it for them for a small fee. The ASYMCA is participating in the Festival of Trees again this year. The organization will have plenty of ceramic ornaments on hand for children to paint. The ASYMCA will also distribute donated books to children while supplies last.



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Art of creation: Above, Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association staffers Kasandra Shifflett, left, and Michelle Dorsey, right, paint Christmas items at the ASYMCA's ceramics shop aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Shifflett and Dorsey are using a technique called "dry brushing," which uses various colors painted over a black base coat to create depth in a ceramics piece.

offering complimentary cookies and punch.

Nancy St. Charles, local entertainer and entertainment producer, will provide a continuous variety of groups performing various musical and dance programs throughout each festival day. Cole said that visitors will also want to check out the Country Store and silent auction items to help round out their holiday shopping. The Country Store features new and antique items for purchase.

Cole said that it takes dozens of volunteers to make the festival a success — both during and after the event. Each year, service members help scrub down the building to get it ready again for American Legion business. "We have a good representation from the military and the community. It's everybody in the community working together," said Cole.

For more information on the ASYMCA, visit the organization's Web page at www.lejeuneasymca.org. To volunteer at the Festival of Trees or for more information, contact Cole at 324-1650. To find the Jacksonville Fair Grounds, take Highway 17 south and turn left on Georgetown Road. Follow Georgetown Road to 146 Broadhurst Road. ■

Silent Auction Items

Visitors will have the opportunity to bid on more than 150 items in a silent auction at the Festival of Trees. According to organizer Jean Cole, there "will be something for everyone," and participants need not be present at the end of the event to win. Some of the items in the auction include: toys, collectibles, jewelry, gift certificates, theme gift baskets, quilts, antiques, furniture and crystal. Additionally, the Marine Corps Association has donated a basket of Marine Corps memorabilia. Cole said that attendees will want to complete some of their holiday shopping through the silent auction and the items for sale in the Country Store.

Some of the other items include:

- Week's stay at Myrtle Beach
- Beirut Memorial print by Onslow County artist Sherry Thurston
- Bird house by Rick Bryan
- "A Nation Remembers" artwork by Raymond Simon
- Harley-Davidson jacket
- 2007 Duke basketball and football signed by coaches and teams
- Appalachian State University footballs, one signed by the coach and one signed by team members
- ASU basketball signed by team members
- 2007 University of North Carolina basketball and football signed by coaches and teams
- Football signed by Barry Sanders, line coach for the Green Bay Packers
- New Green Bay Packers helmet for children ages 4 to 7 years old
- UNC game tickets and parking pass
- Football signed by Naval Academy coach
- Louisiana State University football signed by coach
- Carolina Panthers mini-helmet signed by starting running back DeShaun Foster.



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Christmas spirit: At left, two trees from last year's Festival of Trees highlight the beauty of the trees at the event. Above, ASYMCA employees Casey Parker and Jennifer Epright cut clay ornaments which will be given to children to paint at the festival.

Entertainment

'Dan in Real Life:' a romantic comedy about I



From the front row with

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'Dan in Real Life:' In this romantic comedy, Steve Carell plays Dan, Juliet Binoche plays Maire and Dane Cook plays Mitch.

Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"DAN IN REAL LIFE"

"Dan in Real Life" is a little romantic comedy about life, love and its many disappointments.

The movie is named after the character's advice column.

Steve Carell ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Little Miss Sunshine," "Bruce Almighty") stars as Dan Burns, a newspaper advice columnist, a male version of 'Dear Abby,' and a supposed expert on relationships.

Dan is a widower and father who, in his private life, struggles to succeed as a father, a son and a brother.

He is also coping with his three rebellious young daughters who all have their own problems with their daily lives and romances.

While on a family vacation, Dan falls for Marie, a fabulous, lovely and endearing woman, played by Juliet Binoche ("Breaking and Entering," "The English Patient," "Chocolat") who he meets in a bookstore. Dan's experiences real sparks and the two seem to hit it off.

Unbeknownst to him however, as he soon finds out at the family picnic, she is already dating his brother Mitch, played by comedian Dane Cook ("Good Luck Chuck," "Employee of the Month").

As the family weekend gets underway, Dan and Marie find themselves in an awkward position. Yet, no matter how hard they try to avoid each other, they can't help but fall in love.

Dan finally realizes that when it comes to real life, he is going to have to break all the rules.

The supporting cast includes John Mahoney ("The Groomsmen") as Poppy Burns; Dianne Wiest ("I am Sam") as Nana and Emily Blunt ("The Devil Wears Prada") as Ruthie Draper.

Writer and director Peter Hedges ("About a Boy," "Pieces of April") strikes a comedic tone with this complex story. He mixes playfulness with pain to create family scenes that are disarmingly true to life.

"Dan in Real Life" is a pleasant family-friendly movie with a talented cast that does not quite, however, measure up to its potential.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

"THE HEARTBREAK KID" (R)

"The Heartbreak Kid" is a comedy about a newlywed man who believes he is just married the perfect woman when he encounters

another lady on his honeymoon and regrets marrying his wife.

Ben Stiller ("Night at the Museum," "Along Came Polly," "Meet the Fockers") stars as Eddie Cantrow, a confirmed bachelor.

With pressure building from his father and his best friend, Eddie starts to wonder if he is being too picky about the women he meets.

When a chance encounter with an alluring blonde named Lila, played by Malin Akerman ("Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"), leads to a new romance, Eddie impulsively proposes.

Eddie marries Lila after barely knowing her, thinking she is the girl of his dreams, only to discover on their honeymoon that she is a complete basket case.

Soon Eddie realizes he made a terrible mistake, especially when he meets Miranda, played by Michelle Monaghan ("North Country," "Mission Impossible III"), a down-to-earth woman who has no idea that Eddie is on his honeymoon.

Now Eddie has to find a way to dissolve his day-old marriage without losing the real girl of his dreams.

Costarring as Eddie's father Doc is Jerry Stiller ("Zoolander," "Hairspray"), who just happens to be Stiller's real Dad; and Robert Corddry plays his best friend, Mac.

The directing team of Peter Farrelly and Bobby Farrelly ("Fever Pitch," "Stuck On You," "Shallow Hal," "There's Something About Mary") has done it again.

Adapted from a story by Bruce Jay Friedman called 'A Change of Pace,' the film is your typical Farrelly fare — raunchy, crude,

dumb but as always hilarious. The brothers updated this remake of a very clever 1972 Neil Simon-Elaine May movie.

"The Heartbreak Kid" will surely appeal to all the young movie goers who want to be easily entertained.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"BEOWULF" (PG-13)

Based on the Old English epic poem, "Beowulf" is a fantasy tale of a legendary time of heroes, where the mighty warrior Beowulf battles the demon Grendel and incurs the hellish wrath of the beast's ruthlessly seductive mother.

Ray Winstone ("The Departed," "King Arthur") stars as Beowulf, the legendary Scandinavian warrior who must fight and defeat the monster Grendel and Grendel's mother, who begins killing out of revenge.

Anthony Hopkins ("Hannibal," "The Silence of the Lambs") stars as King Hrothgar, the king of the village being terrorized by Grendel and whose people are saved by Beowulf from the marauding monster.

Grendel is played by Crispin Glover ("Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"); and Angelina Jolie ("Laura Croft: Tomb Raider") can be seen as Beowulf's vile foe, Grendel's fierce and sexy mother.

Included in the stellar cast are Brendan Gleeson ("Harry Potter" series) as Wiglaf; Robin Wright Penn as Queen Wealhtheow; Alison Lohman ("Flicka") as Ursula and John Malkovich ("Eragon") as Unferth, the adviser to the king.

Director Robert Zemeckis ("For-

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The screenplay was written by Avery ("Pulp Fiction") and Neil ("Stardust") who have given the epic poem a face-lift for today's au... with the state-of-the-art technolog...

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"Beowulf" is a high-tech and packed epic adventure with lots of and gore. The 3-D movie utilizes capture technology to transform tion into digital animation; a tec Peter Jackson used with the evil in "Lord of the Rings."

The audiences who enjoyed the movie "300," will no doubt also app... "Beowulf." The 3-D version is a wo and unique movie experience that the viewer right into the action.

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People crave 'belonging'



Chaplain's Corner with Chaplain Cas Caserta

If you are like me, there is something inside that craves "belonging" or being "accepted," especially during the holidays. How fast we forget what it feels like to be on the outside looking in. It amazes me that the very thing we desire, we often withhold from others. One of my favorite books is called "Stories of the Heart" and in that book, Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey share the story about a leprosy patient, John Karmegan.

When John came to the New Life Center, in Vellore, India, his leprosy was in an advanced state. His hands and feet had already been damaged irreparably. Because of one-side facial paralysis, John could not smile normally. When he tried, the uneven distortion of his features would draw attention to his paralysis. People often responded with a gasp or a gesture of fear, so he learned not to smile. Perhaps in reaction to his appearance, he caused terrible problems socially and became the troubled "ringleader" in the home.

Through the grace of God, John was led into the Christian faith. Conversion, however, did not temper his hatred of the world. He gained some friends among fellow patients, but a lifetime of rejection and mistreatment had seemingly embittered him against the world.

One day, while on a special outing

to worship at a local church, his life changed. During the singing of the hymn, an Indian man toward the back of the building, half-turned and seeing John put down his hymnal, smiled broadly, patted the chair next to him, inviting John to join him. John could not have been startled. Haltingly, he made shuffling steps to the row and took his seat.

That one incident proved to be a turning point of John's life. Years later while visiting a factory set up to employ disabled people, Brand once again saw John. While touring the plant, manager wanted to introduce his new employee, a man who just won parent corporation's all-India prize for the highest quality work. As they rived at his workstation, the employee turned to greet them, and it was unmistakable crooked face of John Karmegan. He wiped the grease off his stumpy hand and grinned with the liest, the loveliest, most radiant smile and hugged him warmly.

A simple gesture of acceptance did not seem like much, but for John Karmegan it proved decisive. After a lifetime of being judged on his physical image, he had finally been welcomed on the basis of another image. At that moment, John knew he "belonged." And you know the rest of the story.

It is with great pleasure that I begin these series of articles in *The Globe*. The Navy and Marine Corps team is a family where we all belong. Don't forget to extend the invitation of "belonging" to others. You could be the difference in someone else's life.

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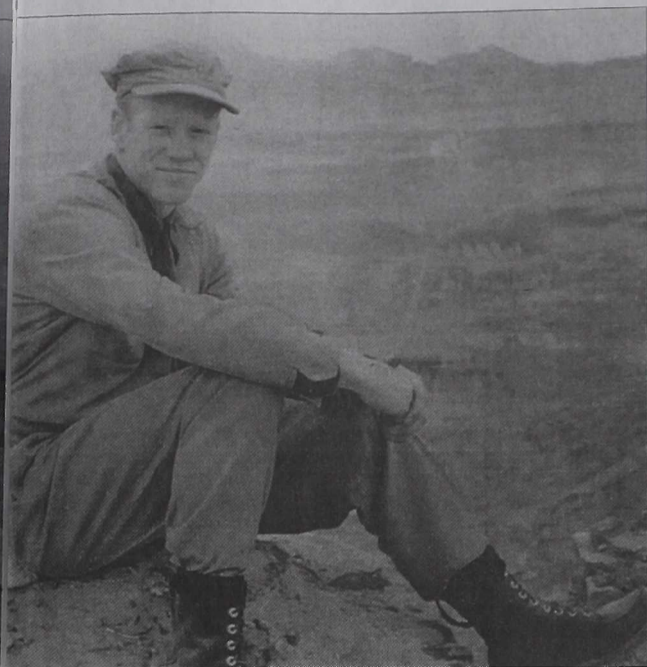
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Don't be late. Have your ID ready at the gate.

Retired Master Gunnery Sergeant served in 1950s Afghanistan

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor



Courtesy photo

Like many of his generation, Harry G. Lock was motivated to serve his country after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"I tried to join the Navy when I was 17 and they wouldn't take me because I had a heart murmur," he said.

Yet after he graduated high school in June 1943 and his brother Robert had already joined the Marine Corps a month before, Lock tried again. This time he selected the Marine Corps.

He went to a heart surgeon and had his murmur assessed. "Ah, son, that's not enough to keep you out of the service," said the physician.

Lock was sent to Chicago for in-processing the same month. "When you graduated then," he said, "they gave you a diploma in one hand and a draft notice in the other."

Thus, on Oct. 28, 1943, Lock found himself on a ship headed for Noumea, New Caledonia, then to Guadalcanal and, finally, to Banika in the Russell Islands, located approximately 35 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

The young Marine was shipped to war via the U.S.S. Texas. "When I came off the Texas, I met a young Salvation Army girl and she gave me a donut and a hot cup of cocoa. That was the best thing. I've never forgot the Salvation Army since then," he said.

Banika had a B-25 bomber air strip. Larger air craft, such as the B-24, could not land on the island. "We saw B-24s coming by our island, but they were coming from Australia. They would fly at low level and wave at us," he remembered.

Other World War II memories include a day spent belting ammunition for delivery to the front lines. At one point, a warrant officer happened by and saw a young Marine incorrectly rolling the ammunition up and putting it in the ammo can. The officer asked the Marine how long he had been working, and the young man replied that he had been on the task for some nine hours.

Thus, Cook and his compatriots had to work even harder, opening all of the previously-packed ammo cans to correct the error. "I can imagine a machine gunner reaching for that ammunition and it wouldn't pull," he said of the event and the importance of employing the correct packing protocol.

Another memory regards the tastes of the war. It is about the camp cook. "He used to take the big spam cans, three of them, and put cloves in it and cut it like a ham. He put it out with a sign that said it was Virginia Ham," he reminisced. "It didn't taste like Virginia Ham."

Lock later went through a series of other locations, such as New Hebrides, Pearl Harbor, San Diego and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, before he reached Naval Training Center Great Lakes and was discharged on Feb. 3, 1946.

After several years in civilian life, Lock reenlisted

in August 1950. In June 1951, he found himself assigned to special foreign duty with the Department of State at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. He became a security guard, ensuring that embassy workers returned classified materials to the vault after the work day was complete. Though members of other services stationed at the embassy wore their uniforms while on duty, the Marines did not. Lock has several photographs of himself in smart-looking suits he wore during his duty there.

He remembered the Afghan people as very friendly. High school girls in burqas would come up behind the Marines and whisper, "Hi, American."

"Of course, we couldn't answer back," he said.

The local food held much allure for Lock, who said he loved the taste of naan, a round flatbread made with white flour, and shish kebabs.

Once Lock negotiated a local merchant down to a fair price on a pair of antique pistols. Then the vendor invited the young Marine to join him for tea and cookies. After the refreshment, the price went up. "They love for you to go down and bargain with them," Lock said of Afghan traders.

After Afghanistan, Lock served in nine additional duty stations before receiving orders for a billet in operations as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the 1st Marine Division's combat operations center. While serving in that capacity, said Lock, "the names of those Marines that got killed came across my desk."

It was a defining moment for Lock, and years later he compiled more than a half a dozen immaculately-arranged, thick binders of information about the 14,815 Marines who died during the Vietnam War. Working with a Brother word processor, Lock listed the name of each Marine, the date of casualty, home state and age at death. He even made separate binders listing the heaviest periods of combat casualties.

"It took four years of my life to put all this together," said Lock recently while showing his binders to a visitor. "I knew if the information available was placed in order, it would tell its own story."

Indeed, it did. Lock discovered three Marines born on the exact same day were killed on the same day in Vietnam. "If you do research," said Lock, "you can find out amazing things."

Lock transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve Forces Aug. 23, 1975, after 27 years, 7 months and 18 days of service. On Feb. 1, 1978, he retired from the Marine Corps.

He still keeps the memories of his service alive by looking at the mementos and photographs placed around his home, including a large wall map marked with each duty station around the world where he was stationed, and by retelling old yarns to those he meets. At 83 years old, Lock still fits into his Marine dress blue uniform. ■

Veteran profile



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Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Citizens of the United States of America have a rich tradition of honoring the fallen warriors of past wars and conflicts. Especially during the holidays, when the pull of a lost loved one is most dear, one man found a way to honor our nation's heroes.

In December 1992, the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, had a large overstock of Christmas wreaths. With no time left to sell the wreaths, Morrill Worcester, the company's founder and president, contacted Arlington National Cemetery to gain permission to place the wreaths on the grave sites of fallen service members.

To date, more than 60,000 wreaths have been laid at Arlington in this annual tradition, and a new remembrance has been added. Wreaths Across America began in 2006 as a way to honor fallen warriors at national cemeteries across the country.

The Civil Air Patrol, a nonprofit, auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, stepped forward to conduct wreath laying ceremonies. With the help of veterans' organizations, service members and others, CAP units honor the nation's veterans with concurrent wreath laying ceremonies at noon on Dec. 15 at more than 240 veterans' cemeteries across the country.

The CAP Cunningham Field Unit aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point will conduct a wreath laying ceremony once again this year at the Coastal State Veterans' Cemetery across from the Beirut Memorial in Jacksonville.

"It's not a very long ceremony, it's not very elaborate, but it is very moving," said CAP Maj. Mary Anne Fleagle, the event organizer and a CAP adult staff member.

The ceremony will include the presentation of seven wreaths — one each for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and one to recognize warriors who were prisoners of war, missing in action or killed in action.

CAP cadets, young people ages 12 to 21, join with a member of each service or, in the case of the POW/MIA/KIA wreath, a relative of fallen service member, to lay the wreaths.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to "Remember the fallen; honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom." As for the cadets who participated in last year's ceremony, Fleagle said, "I think it changed their lives. Interacting with the widows and seeing their sorrow, it helped them to mature a little bit. It helped them to see that military service is honorable, and though it has its risks, it has to be done."

Members of the public are encouraged to come and participate in the ceremony. Additionally, Fleagle said she is still in need of an active or retired Merchant Marine to assist in the wreath laying for that service. Fleagle may be reached at 326-6176 for inquiries.

As for the value of the wreath laying ceremony, Fleagle said that it is in teaching young people about the importance of the military and the sacrifice of service members. "We need to remember, to honor and to teach. My dad was a disabled American veteran and he served in World War II. He was a real hero and a hero to me," said Fleagle, adding, "I think we need to be intentional about teaching, we need to show our children why we remember."

For more information about Wreaths Across America, go to the Web site at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org. To learn more about CAP, visit the organization's Web site at www.cap.gov.



Honoring heroes: Civil Air Patrol Cadet Tech. Sgt. Sophie Rynas, Maj. Mary Anne Fleagle, Cadet Tech. Sgt. Brennan Fifer, Chaplain Maj. Ed Fleagle and Cadet Capt. Zach Kier honor the fallen at the 2006 event. Courtesy photo

Operation Care Package comes to Jacksonville, Camp Lejeune

Staff Sgt. Michael Mink
Marine Corps Base

The smell of fuel, leather and motorcycle fumes could not overshadow the perfect weather in Jacksonville the morning of Nov. 18 — perfect weather for a ride, that is.

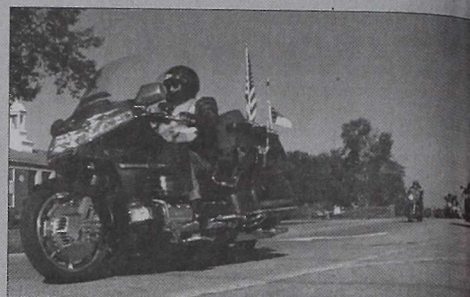
Ride they did and for a good cause, said Scott Britt, owner of Britt's Motorsports and a sponsor of Operation Care Package, an organization that sends free packages to deployed service members. More than 250 motorcyclists gathered to participate in the run, and they donated more than \$2,500, all of which will be used to purchase much needed supplies for troops deployed all over the Middle East.

The run included a ride onto Camp Lejeune, where they traveled Holcomb Boulevard, around the Gen. John A. Lejeune loop and back off base.

"We came out to just ride with some friends," said T.J. Banks, of Trenton, N.C. He and wife, Pam, participate in many area charity rides.

Formed in March 2003, Operation Care Package was created through a meeting between Pat Curran, Debbie Smothers and Debbie Durawa, while waiting for Curran's son, Joe, to deploy to Iraq. The grassroots project began with a posting of three packages, has grown — now seeing 140 to 150 packages sent overseas each week.

Following in his father's footsteps, Britt has been riding or working on motorcycles his whole life. He spoke candidly of his respect for the mili-



On the road: Motorcyclists pass Building 1 on Holcomb Boulevard during the Operation Care Package run.

tary serving overseas, and how that prompted his involvement in Operation Care Package.

"It all started with one of the guys just back from the desert visiting the store," he said. When the service member deployed again, Britt and he kept in contact via E-mail.

"I asked him if there was anything he needed. The answer was humbling and took us by surprise," said Britt. "He replied, 'black socks, lip balm and Texas Pete hot sauce.'"

Britt said that he feels the motorcycle community is really blessed.

"The motorcycle community is really diverse and comes from all walks of life and the biker community itself is a really giving community," Britt said. "It's always amazing how these guys come together when someone is in need. Doesn't matter if they are family or not."

T.J. and Pam Banks, who were to participate in another charity ride in Kinston the next weekend, agreed. "We see a lot of the same faces at events like this one."

Riders in Britt's-sponsored event were as diverse as their bikes, a support wasn't just for the civilian community.

"[My husband and I] came out to support the troops that are in Iraq," said Sgt. Marie Voegel, aviation ordnance technician Marine Corps Air Station New River. "I know, I was there and it wasn't a fun, we came and dropped some stuff off for Operation Care Package."

Voegel, who has been riding for five years, added, "They're out there, busting their butts and you're sitting home with your family. It does take much to run to Walmart and pick up some candy canes or something to drop in the box."

Skip Crone of Wilmington, N.C., has been riding since 1976. He summed up the event in its simplest form, "I'm out here to support our troops, appreciate what they're doing to ensure our freedom and I feel it's important for them to know we are behind them 100 percent."

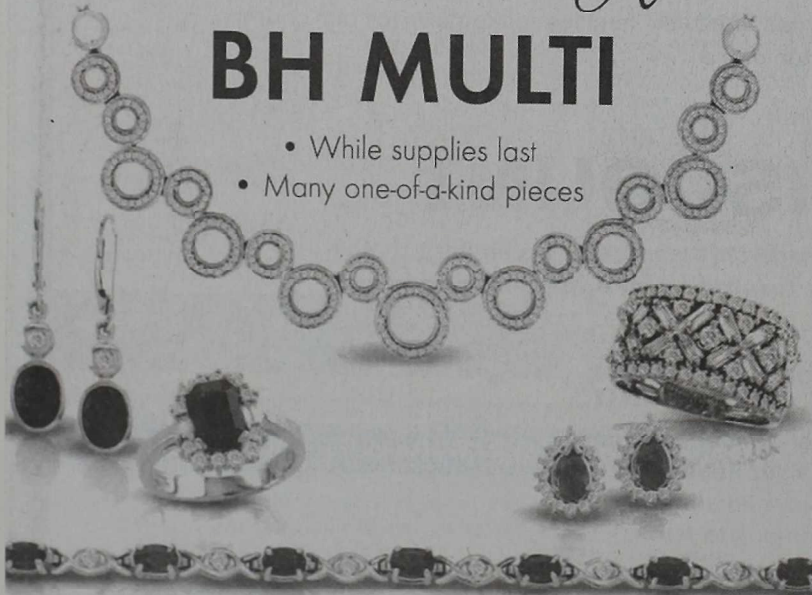
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Brewster Middle School teachers go wild for a good cause



Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

Parents, students and injured service members from the Wounded Warrior Barracks here, were invited to the Brewster Middle School Penny Drive Celebration Nov. 21, to mark the end of their Penny Drive in support of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Students raised more than \$5,000 for the Warriors foundation, a charity that supports injured service members, through the CFC.

To inspire contributions for the fund-raiser, the principal of the school along with a few teachers, agreed to do things that are out of the ordinary as an incentive for the students.

For each goal reached by the students, a teacher agreed to a

challenge.

If the children raised \$1,000, Mr. Doug Erny, one of the school's physical education teachers and coach, agreed jump from a plane in a sky-diving trip.

"A year ago he told me he would never jump out of a plane," said Jackie Wagner, a physical education teacher at Brewster Middle school.

If the students could raise \$2,000, Wagner agreed to shave her entire head.

Gene Flanagan, Assistant Principal, agreed to shave his mustache if \$3,000 was earned. According to Flanagan, This would be the first time someone would see him without a mustache since 1972.

The school principal, Dewanda Sholar, agreed to sport a weird hairdo when \$5,000 was raised.

At the celebration Erny showed

footage of his sky-dive trip. Then to follow, the other teachers came through on their pledges.

Principal Sholar unveiled her crazy hairdo, which was dyed blue and purple and thrown up into what she called a "sprout." She then seated Flanagan and shaved his mustache in front of the crowd.

Then came the moment the students had all been waiting for. Wagner sat in a chair placed in the middle of the gymnasium and several teachers, students and visitors proceeded to buzzing her hair off with clippers. Students, who packed the bleachers, chanted "shave her head, shave her head!"

Although faculty members made some interesting contributions, they, according to them, were small sacrifices but totally worth it to help out our wounded warriors. ■

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Lied: Brewster Middle School Principal Dewanda Sholar, head of physical education teacher Jackie Wagner. Students gathered for a Penny Drive to raise funds for the Hope for the Warrior, a nonprofit organization that assists wounded warriors and their families. When their goal was achieved, a few of the school's teachers agreed to do something crazy as incentive for the students.

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots toy drive will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at the upcoming Festival of Trees. The event is to be held at the American Legion Building at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. There are more than 125 Toys for Tots drop-off locations in Onslow, Jones, Lenoir and Duplin Counties. Local drop-off sites include the Marine Corps Exchange and the K Annex aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Wal-Mart, Geoffrey's, Mart on NC-24 and Henderson Store, Dollar General stores, Marine Credit Union and the Navy Credit Union. **Dec. 14 is the last day that toys will be accepted.** For more information, call 1st Sgt. Dwight D. [Name] at 450-6698.



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Real Warriors read The Globe



A grand view: The scene was festive as seen from the balcony above the Marine Corps Base Officers and Senior Non-commissioned Officers Ball held at Goettge Memorial Field House Nov. 10. Maj. Nat G. Fahy

Happy 232nd birthday, Marine Corps



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All smiles: At left, Retired Sgts. Maj. Jim Butler, Doug Berry and Bill I... were honored by the "Regiment of Retired Marines" at the Retiree B... 17 at Goettge Field House. Looking on are Linda Hatcher and Reinhold... Huneycutt. Above, Ratishma Petrie and Heather Mosley smile for the camera at the Deployed Spouses' Ball at Tarawa Terrace Community Center Nov. 10. Courtesy photo



Maj. Nat G. Fahy

Celebrating: Below, Capt. Chris Neal and 1st Lt. Monica Moon pose for a photograph taken at the Marine Corps Base Officers and Senior Non-commissioned Officers Ball at Goettge Memorial Field House Nov. 10.



Lance Cpl. Fernando...

Marines and spouses: Above, Lance Cpl. Mark Huffman and wife Kelli, Lance Cpl. Dale Henke and wife Amy and Lance Cpl. James Parsons and wife Krissy of the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26, Work Center aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, pose for the camera at their ball held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Nov. 10. Courtesy photo



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Amy...

All dressed up: At left, from left to right, Maj. Pete Lang, Col. Doug Thomas, Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Dr. Sam Tate, his son, Maj. Andy Tate, and (left to right) Select) Maj. Bill Stauffacher took time out for a group photo at their ball held at the New Bern Convention Center. Above, Sherrie Moder and Capt. James Moder pose for a photo at the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines Ball held Nov. 10 at the Greenville Convention Center. Courtesy photo

Inside holiday dining formality, manners

Kimberly A. Blakeley
Guest columnist

es, hands should stay in your lap. You may rest your wrists on the table between courses, but not your elbows.

Whether you're invited to a public establishment or to someone's home for a formal meal, there are guidelines to follow. Before you arrive at the table, you should not have gum in your mouth and hands should be cleaned. When attending a ball, you will wait for the person in charge to give the okay to begin eating. When invited to an in-home dinner, your indication to begin eating is when your host picks up his or her utensil and begins to eat. Ladies should place their purse on their lap and not on the table regardless how pretty it is. If the chair next

to you happens to be empty, you may place it there. You can expect to use fine linen at a formal dinner therefore, ladies should not wear heavy lipstick as the oil from lipstick stains and many times doesn't come out when linen is dry cleaned. As soon as everyone is seated, your napkin is placed on your lap. Blot your lips with a napkin, do not wipe. If you have to get up during the course, place your napkin folded on your seat and push your chair in. There are other options for napkin placement, but I personally feel this works best.

A service plate serves as an underplate for the plate holding the first course, which will be brought to you. When you have more than one fork placed to the

left of your setting, you always start from the outside and work your way in. Larger fork or dinner fork is for the main course. The dinner fork is to the right of the plate, cutting edge facing inward. Spoons are to the right of plate and right of the knife, farthest spoon (soup spoon) is used first. All glasses are placed to the top right of the dinner plate. The salad plate is to the left of forks or it may be placed on top of dinner plate. A bread plate goes above the forks, with butter knife resting on edge. A dessert spoon or fork can be placed horizontally above the dinner plate, spoon on top with handle to right and fork below it with handle to left. If there is a fish course, a small fork is

placed farthest to the left since this would be the first course. If shellfish is being served, the oyster fork will be to the right of spoons and will be the only fork ever placed on the right.

Cut your food into bite-sized pieces one at a time. Never cut the entire meal up then consume it. Always taste your food before seasoning (especially at an in-home dinner.)

When eating bread, use your fingers to break it into pieces as you go along and butter one piece at a time.

Kimberly A. Blakeley is a college educator and guest speaker on social etiquette and business protocol. Please feel free to forward any questions and comments to her at etiquetteforu@yahoo.com.

Brewster Middle School gets involved with Toys for Tots



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involved: The 7th Grade Fox Team at Brewster Middle School has taken on Toys for Tots as their service learning project. Sgt. Jarod Peer, communications chief, Fox Company, 4th Tank Battalion (shown above with students), visited Brewster's Fox Team and spoke to students about the mission and purpose of Toys for Tots. Peer brought with him boxes that will be used to place the donated toys in. Along with the boxes, pens, pencils and other prizes were given to the teachers to be distributed among those donating toys. The team is planning a dance Dec. 7 at Brewster Middle School to benefit the program. A new unwrapped toy will be the cost of admission. Those who would rather donate money to be admitted can feel good that their dollars will be donated to Toys for Tots. Peer's presentation has motivated the Fox Team to host the school-wide campaign to collect toys for Toys for Tots through Dec. 14. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters which will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. The 7th Grade Fox Team is proud to assist in this goal. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer or contribute new toys, please contact a teacher or student on the Brewster Middle School 7th Grade Fox Team. The school number is 451-2461.

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Nov. 23-Jan. 1—Island of Lights Festival. Events in Carolina/Kure beaches. 910-458-0211; carolinabeachgetaway.com.

Friday through Sunday, Dec. 7-9—"Santaland Diaries" City Stage presents this David Sedaris 'anti-holiday' cult classic. 7:30 p.m. City Stage Theatre, Wilmington. There is an admission charge. 910-342-0272, www.citystageatlevel5.com.

Through 25th Annual Festival of Trees. "What a Wonderful Life" theme. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Coast Line Convention Center. Admission charge. 800-773-1476; 910-772-5444, www.hospicefestivaloftrees.org.

Saturday — Moravian Candle Tea. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Covenant Moravian, College Road, Wilmington. Free. 910-799-9256.

Saturday — Island of Lights Holiday Flotilla. Boats and pleasure craft decorated with thousands of lights in a spectacular parade at 6 p.m. along the intracoastal Waterway, Carolina Beach. Admission is free. 910-458-9023; www.carolinabeachgetaway.com.

Saturday — Battleship Alive. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Come see what Christmas 1943 was like aboard the *Battleship North Carolina*. Living history interpreters bring the ship to life by enacting daily duties and drills. In the snack bar from noon - 4 p.m., visitors can make holiday cards for veterans at the Veterans Administration hospital in Fayetteville. Admission charge. *Battleship North Carolina*, Eagles Island, 910-251-5797, www.battleshipnc.com.

Saturday and Sunday — Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour. Downtown candlelight tour of historic homes/sites. Saturday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, 2-6 p.m. starting at the Latimer House (126 South 3rd St.), Wilmington. There is an admission charge. 910-762-0492, latimerhouse.org.

Saturday and Sunday — Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet. Wilmington Symphony Orchestra and Wilmington Ballet Company join for our first Nutcracker Ballet with a live orchestra. There is an admission charge. University of North Carolina at Wilmington Kenan Auditorium, 910-962-3500, www.uncw.edu/kenan.

Sunday — Black River Mistletoe Kayak Tour. Learn about mistletoe on a kayak day tour from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. City of Wilmington/Adventure Pathways. There is an admission charge. Must pre-register. 910-341-0836;

www.adventurepathways.com.

Sunday — Poplar Grove Plantation Christmas Open House. Victorian décor, craft demo, handmade gifts and refreshments from noon - 5 p.m. Free. Poplar Grove Plantation, Highway 17 North. 910-686-9518, www.poplargrove.com.

Dec. 6 — World's Largest Living Christmas tree. Lighting ceremony at 5:45 p.m. with entertainment and a Santa visit. Tree lit nightly through Dec. 31. Visit with Santa and elves Dec. 6 - 9; Dec. 14 - 16, Dec. 21 - 23 (6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). Hilton Park, Castle Hayne Road, Wilmington. Admission is free. 910-341-4602, www.wilmingtonrecreation.com.

Dec. 6-9—"A Christmas Story" the play. Thursday - Saturday, 8 p.m., Saturday/Sunday, 3 p.m. There is an admission charge. Thalian Hall, 910-343-3664, 800-523-2820, www.thalian.org.

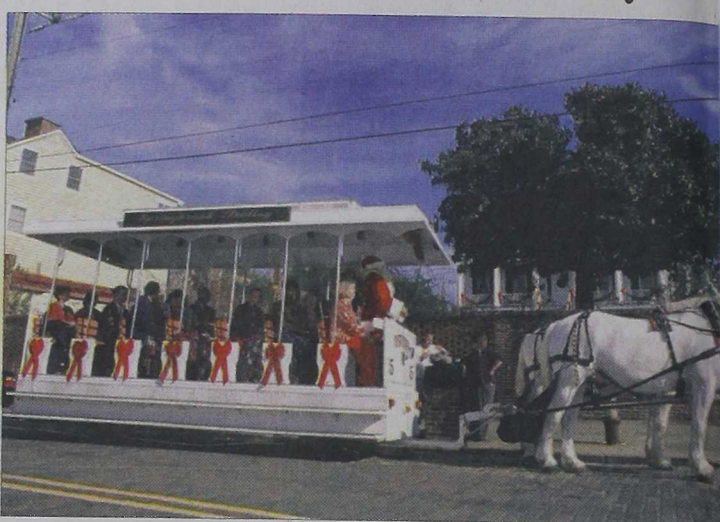
Dec. 6-9; 13-16; 20-23 —

Trolley Tour of Holiday Lights. 45-minute tours of Wilmington's decorated neighborhoods. Departs downtown at Dock and Water Streets. (6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.). Admission charge. 910-763-4483; wilmingtontrolley.com.

Dec. 7-Jan. 6 — Holiday Lighting of the Battleship North Carolina. Battleship is lit from the bow to the masts and stern. Nightly from dusk to midnight. The best view will be from Downtown. 910-251-5797, www.battleshipnc.com.

Dec. 7 — Homemade Holiday Shorts. 6 p.m. Seasonal readings and music with an all-star Wilmington cast. Reception. WHQR Gallery, 254 N. Front St., Wilmington. Admission charge. 910-343-1640; www.whqr.org.

Dec. 7-9 — "Christmas Pudding" Put on by Stage-works Youth Theatre. Elf Sugarplum reveals the inner workings of the North Pole



On, on Old Ned and Jim: Above, the Wilmington Trolley Company features a Trolley Tour of lights for the holiday season. The 45-minute tours take visitors through Wilmington's decorated neighborhoods. The trolley tour departs from downtown Wilmington at Dock and Water Street

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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.

Family fun day
Saturday, 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department is scheduled to host the holiday family fun day at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center. Santa will arrive at 11:45 a.m. Enjoy a family event. All games and activities are free. For more information, call 938-305 or e-mail baptist@ci.jacksonville. The deaf may call 455-8852.

Make a movie' workshop
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dec. 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Children ages 7-12 are invited to participate in "Let's Make a Movie" workshop Saturday Dec. 8 (both Saturdays are required). Parents will help create the storyline and acting roles in the short film. The short will be shown at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Emerald Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7500 Emerald Drive. The fee is \$50 per participant and a bag lunch is required. Deadline to register is Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Laura Lee Davis at 252-550-150 or ldavis@emeraldisle-nc.org.

Financial control of finances workshop
Saturday, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
 Marine Corps Community Services has planned an interactive training session which will cover the basics of starting a personal financial plan. The event will take place at Bldg. 302 on Holcomb Boulevard. Participants focus on developmental and measurable personal financial goals. Maintaining a workable budget to include rent, understanding military pay and managing credit/checkbook are further explored. For more information, call 451-2865.

Ronald Isle Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 8, 10 a.m.
 Children of all ages join Santa, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. for a holiday story, a craft and breakfast provided by McDonald's and Hardee's of Cape

Carteret. There is no fee for this program; however, you must pre-register by Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. Pre-register by calling 252-354-6350. The event takes place at 7500 Emerald Dr.

Holiday Craft Festival
Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 The Coastal Carolina Artists and Crafters Guild is scheduled to host a Holiday Craft Festival Dec. 8 at Jacksonville High School (1021 Henderson Dr.) cafeteria 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wonderful handmade crafts and gifts will be available just in time for Christmas. Vendor space is available as well. For more information, call 938-7077 or 938-4478 or e-mail ccacguild@yahoo.com.

Christmas tree delivery
Dec. 10, 10 a.m.
 The Trees for Troops program is scheduled to be making a stop at Camp Lejeune to deliver approximately 800 real Christmas trees to troops and military families. The distribution will take place between the commissary and Marine Corps Exchange. Please bring a valid identification card and do not line up prior to 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 451-5173.

Car buying — getting a fair deal
Dec. 12, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
 Marine Corps Community Services has planned an interactive training session designed to help individuals develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve financial goals. The event is scheduled to take place at Bldg. 302 on Holcomb Boulevard. Explore your legal rights as a consumer, analyze advertising techniques and sales practices and discuss appropriate steps to protect yourself against scams and fraud. For more information, call 451-2865.

Carolina Christmas Show
Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
 The Salvation Army First Carolina Christmas Show is scheduled to take place at the

United Service Organization in downtown Jacksonville (at 9 Tallman St.) Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling Eddie at 382-3840 or the Salvation Army Office at 346-8800. The cost of the show is \$8 per person or two tickets for \$15.

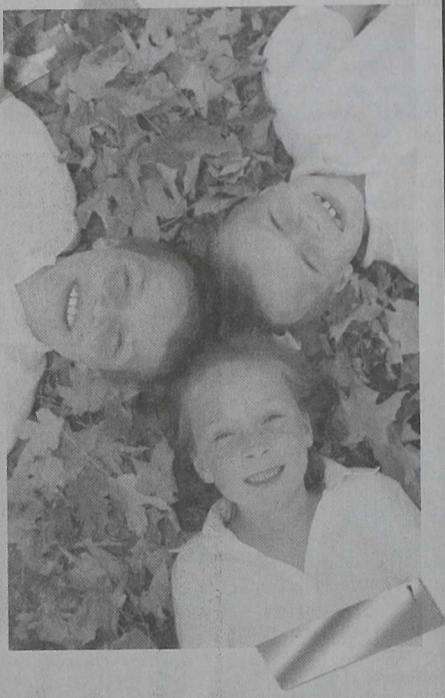
Networking potluck
Dec. 18, 7 p.m.
 The Coastal Carolina Artists and Crafters invite you to their networking potluck with artists and crafters. The event is scheduled to take place at Northwoods Recreation Bldg 261 on Henderson Drive. Bring a sample of your creative talent, business cards and a guest. For more information, call 938-7077.

Investment basics
Dec. 19, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
 Marine Corps Community Services has planned an interactive workshop designed to help individuals understand the process involved in savings and investment planning. The event is scheduled to take place at Bldg. 302 on Holcomb Boulevard. Participants will explore how to develop and maintain realistic saving and investment goals. For more information, call 451-2865.

Christmas skate
Dec. 21, 1 - 5 p.m.
 The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Station are sponsoring a "Christmas Skate" Dec. 21. The event is open to the public. The cost is \$4 per person (includes skate rental). Free laser tag game to first 300 children. Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.conslowcountync.gov/parks.

New Year's Eve party
Dec. 31, 7 p.m.
 Eddies Entertainment proudly presents its

first New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the United Service Organization Club at 9 Tallman St. on the waterfront in downtown Jacksonville. Featured Elvis Impersonator Jay Barnes will highlight the show along with other entertainers and a dance show by Suzzane Barnes. This, along with dinner and dancing, will be included in the \$10 price of admission. Bring your own soft drinks, water and ice or get them at the USO snack bar. Call Eddie for tickets or more information at 382-3840.



Medieval Times offers free children's tickets

Press release
 Medieval Times

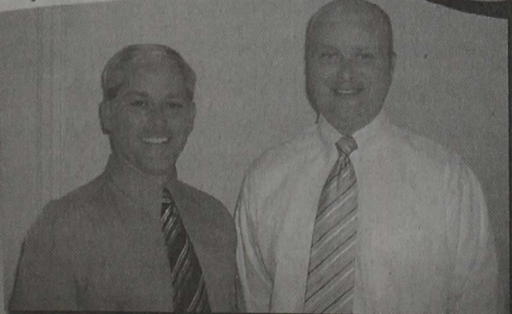
Children 12 and under can get free admission to Medieval Times performances on Dec. 25 with the purchase of an adult ticket at on-base tickets and tours offices. Medieval Times offers meals in a dining room setting, with shows featuring jousting, elaborate costumes, sword fights with lances and other hand-to-hand combat stunts, and duels with swords, maces, battle axes and other medieval weapons used by warriors of the Middle Ages.

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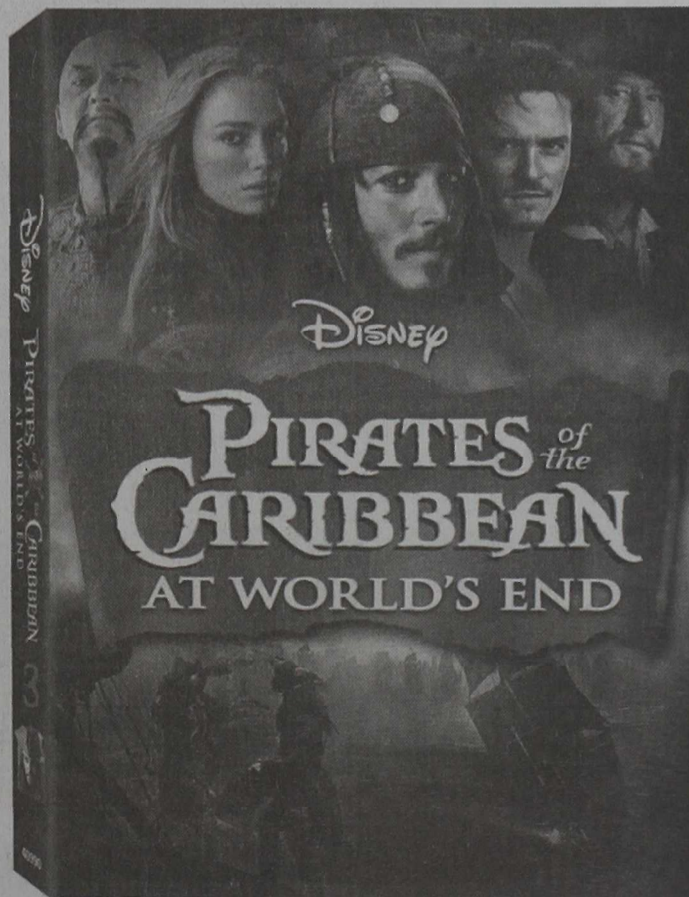
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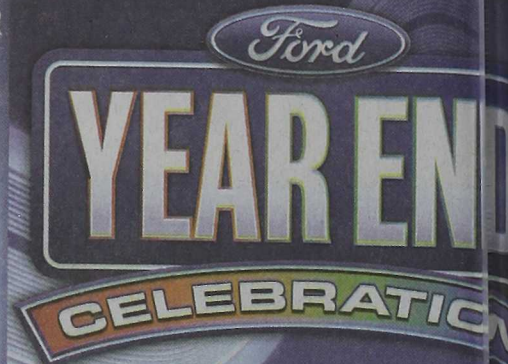


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