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Mainside This Week

Rural Football
A Marine survived his first off action in the intramural tackle league. Now, MCAS Joint, MCAS New Riverhead Battalion and the Corps Combat Support Schools will play the two conference games. See page 1B.

Recognition Day
Marines along with the staff NCOs held a surprise Recognition Day for their Marines to recognize their work and initiative shown over the months. Read more on page 1B.

Day of love
A day is coming to page 1D for its history and the history of the day.

News Watch

Warriors
Cpl. Hugo R. Perez, 20, of La Grange, Calif., died Jan. 27 at Camp Lejeune, San Antonio, from a self-inflicted wound sustained from an unexploded explosive device during combat operations against enemy forces in Rawah, Iraq; Cpl. J. Barbosa, 21, of Fort Bragg, N.C., died Jan. 27 in a non-hostile vehicle accident in Fallujah, Iraq. The accident is currently under investigation; Pfc. Cardelli, 20, of Camp Lejeune, Ill., died from an enemy small arms fire while conducting operations near Camp Lejeune, Iraq.

Operation Winning
A rise in attacks in Iraq, the coalition is the war there, said the coalition commander in Iraq. Army Lt. Gen. Pennington said, while the war is winning, "we have not won the war yet." The general spoke on "Late Edition" yesterday.

The United States is its way to accomplish two crucial missions in Afghanistan. "The way to defeat the al Qaeda network and to topple the Taliban from their Afghanisthan," he said. The second was to create conditions so that the ban and international trade could not come back.

Iran and its al Qaeda are not in control of Iraq, and in fact are increasing their presence. The coalition is making great progress in conditions where they cannot move back in.

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Information
The continuing transformation of the alliance's operations, particularly in Iraq, are among the agenda items for the defense ministers meeting Feb. 9 and 10 in Rome, Sicily, a Defense Department spokesman said today.

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Cpl. Joseph DiGirolamo

Twentynine Palms, Calif. — Lt. Michael J. Donaldson, assistant team leader for Border Transition Team 13 faces a target and gets prepared to engage, Donaldson is one of many Marines participating in the Enhanced Marksmanship Program.

3/8 sets sights on deployment

Mojave viper becomes home for the 3/8 Marines

Cpl. Joseph L. DiGirolamo
1st Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — With another deployment right around the corner, Cpl. Joshua B. Johnson, is turning up the volume when it comes to training his Marines.

Johnson, a squad leader for Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and approximately 1,000 others from his battalion based in North Carolina are halfway through their month long pre-deployment capstone training exercise. The exercise, known as Mojave Viper, consists of conventional combined

arms training and Security and Stability Operations training.

"We're going to take away from this training as much as possible... everything we learn here is going to be used on the streets over there," said Johnson, a 20-year-old from Caddo, La. "The training is very important especially because a lot of the junior Marines have never done this stuff before."

"It also gives the battalion the opportunity to deploy over 1,000 men across the United States, deploy them in realistic combat training and then redeploy back to Camp Lejeune, hence maintaining our expeditionary warfare," said Lt. Col. Stephen M. Neary, battalion commander,



Cpl. Joseph DiGirolamo

Convoy Operations Course — Marines from 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment closely pay attention to a class on Enhanced Marksmanship Training.

3rd Bn., 8th Marines.

This is the battalion's second deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than half of the battalion deployed last year from January 2005 to August 2005, and now they are headed back after six and a half months home.

"With the short duration between deployments coupled with the fact that over 60 percent of the battalion is returning, including the majority of the primary staff, this battalion is eager, confident and extremely prepared," said 1st

Lt. Donnie L. Hotchkiss, the battalion's logistics officer.

Mojave Viper covers a multitude of aspects in preparing the battalion for war. Early on, the Marines and sailors receive classes including desert survival, high-risk capture procedures, and how to identify and avoid improvised explosive devices.

Johnson, who's a veteran of operations in Iraq, knows how important these classes are for his Marines.

"Our biggest concern is

See VIPER page 11A

Amtracks just got faster stronger and meaner

Lance Cpl. Brandon Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

The Marine Corps is conducting operational assessments on a new vehicle, which will replace the current amphibious assault vehicles used today.

The Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle, or Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle, has been undergoing assessments of its firing system since early January and will continue till the end of February as part of its first phase of evaluation.

The vehicle is being created to address weaknesses found in the current AAV, according to Col. Michael Brogan, the direct reporting program manager of the Advanced Amphibious

Assault Vehicle.

The program has turned the new vehicle into a faster, more accurate and stronger vehicle than the old AAVs.

"I'm convinced that the war fighting capabilities this will provide will be superior in all ways," said Brogan.

The vehicle has the same fire control system as the Army's M-1A1 Main Battle Tank for its 30 mm cannon, according to Brogan. This allows the vehicle to shoot accurately while moving, standing still and shooting at moving targets. The old AAV had to be standing still to fire its main gun accurately, and it had trouble with moving targets.

"That 30 mm is going to put a lot more steel on target than the 40 mm grenade launcher or the .50

cal," said Brogan.

The program also focused heavily on the speed of the vehicle, which can attain a speed of 20-25 knots in the water compared to the old vehicle's five to six knots, according to Brogan.

The speed is achieved by cutting down on as much drag as possible, according to David M. Branham, the public affairs officer for the program. When in water mode, the vehicle transforms from a standard type tracked vehicle to a flat bottom boat. The tracks are pulled into the bottom and flaps are placed over them and locked in place automatically to reduce the resistance on the water. There is also a transitional mode, which helps it get over tough terrain such as reefs while in the water.

The vehicle can hold a reinforced rifle squad of 17 Marines plus the three crewmembers. Another difference in the vehicles is the EFV must be correctly balanced and has more weight limits. Gone are the days of there is always room for one more, according to Brogan.

The inside of the vehicle has protection against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks, according to Brogan. The inside is also air-conditioned to protect the electrical equipment and make it more comfortable for the Marines.

The armor is similar to current armor kits installed on AAVs now, which have separate armor plates that can be replaced quickly

See FASTER page 11A



Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Camp Lejeune, N.C. — The second generation prototype of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle will replace the old amphibious assault vehicle in the future. The new vehicle is currently undergoing operational assessments.

Art project gets local students involved

Staff Report
II MEF Public Affairs

The "Run for the Warriors" T-shirt design contest sets the pace for the United Service Organization's 10K, 5K and 1-mile fun run sharing the name this spring.

The contest is open to children grades 4-12 and the first place artwork will be featured on race T-shirts, posters and other promotional material.

"The theme for the race this year is 'Hope Beyond Recovery' and it's an expression of your feelings about the wounded heroes," said Robin Kelleher, race director.

Children get to pick their own interpretation of that theme, according to Kelleher. Original art should be submitted on a flat, medium paper no larger than 8 x 10.

The winning design will be placed on the race day shirt, the future Web site for the race and other promotional products.

According to Kelleher, the race may be fun, but serves another purpose as well.

"We hope to take the race money and set up a scholarship fund for the families and spouses of wounded warriors," Kelleher said. "The funds might also be able to help out spouses who have to take on the role of being the main provider."

Deadline for art entries is Feb. 24. Registration forms can be dropped off at Hidden Talents or the Paradise Point Child Care Center. For more information about the art contest or race, contact Kelleher at 938-0596 or visit www.lejeune.usmc.mil for the entry form.



Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker

Camp Lejeune, N.C. — A Helicopter Support Team with Beach and Terminal Operations Company stands back after attaching a piece of debris to the cables underneath a CH-53 helicopter during a training exercise at Training Landing Zone Phoenix Jan. 27.

BTO Company trains to recover downed aircraft

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Marines with Landing Support Platoon, Beach and Terminal Operations Company, 2nd Transportation Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, recently conducted a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel exercise at Training Landing Zone Phoenix Jan. 27.

A TRAP mission is specifically designed to recover a downed aircraft's debris, cargo, passengers or pilots who may be in a hostile environment.

During the operation, a security team posts on the ground around the downed aircraft so a CH-53 helicopter may land.

Once it lands, a helicopter support team exits and moves to the downed aircraft, under the security of Marines on the ground.

The HST then attaches hooked cables, which suspend from the bird above, to the piece of debris or cargo they want to move. Before doing this however, they must ground out the cables by attaching another cable that is stuck into the ground. The reason for this is there are 250,000 volts gained from the static electricity created by the speed of the propellers.

After attaching the cargo to the helicopter, the team backs

See AIRCRAFT page 11A

Man on the street

What was your favorite super bowl commercial?



"Hands down, the best commercial was the one where the older Clydesdales helped the young colt to pull the wagon."

Capt. Mike F. Hand
Intelligence Officer
II MEF Headquarters Group
II MEF
Manchester, N.H.

"The commercial where the caveman tries to mail something, but it gets intercepted by a t-rex and doesn't make it."

Cpl. Bobby K. Hudson
Warehouse Clerk
2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment
2nd MarDiv
Rosedale, Miss.

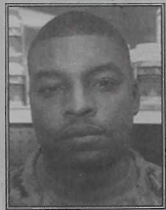


"The commercial where guys were punching through walls at an office party to find hidden beers."

Lance Cpl. Christopher J. Hahn
Field Artillery Fire Control Man
HQ Co., 10th Marine Regiment
2nd MarDiv
Little Valley, N.Y.

"The revolving refrigerator commercial."

Master Sgt. Tony L. Hoover
Combat Service Support School Instructor
MCCSSS
Marine Corps Base
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"The one where the dinosaur smashes the caveman."

Sgt. David L. Dixon
Finance technician
Headquarters and Support Bn.
II MEF
Brookhaven, Miss.

"The beer commercial with the revolving refrigerator."

Pfc. Elijah C. Rollins
Motor Technician Operator
3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment
2nd MarDiv
Atlanta, Ga.



Marines play Russian roulette with barber

Guest Commentary
Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

How many times have you walked into the barber shop on base and had to cross your fingers hoping that you will get a barber who can actually cut hair and spend some time doing.

When is the last time a barber took their time while cutting your hair even if there was a line. As Marines we have to have a fresh hair cut every week, but a fresh hair cut doesn't go that far if it looks bad.

Marines and sailors stationed here shouldn't have to play Russian roulette with their hair every time they walk into barbershop on base.

I have heard many of the barbers working for the barber shops on base

do not have their barber's license. Service members shouldn't have to pay for a hair cut by someone who isn't even licensed to cut hair. They could just as well get a hair cut from their buddy in the barracks. Their buddy will probably do just as good or a better job.

In the Marine Corps Community Services' requirements for being a barber on base a license is required.

It reveals nothing about being able to get trained to be a barber or apprentice. It states that a license is required.

There is also the question of what kind of standards the barbers and the barbershop is held to. Marines don't know what requirements they need to meet or if they need their barber's license posted.

Barbers out in town are held to the state requirements for a barber shop and are inspected. They are also

required to have picture on them and have their license for people to see. Not a picture requirement to fill. On January early afternoon I walked into a barbershop to get a haircut. I noticed that I only saw the barbers there with a license. From what I could see also only one or two people named.

Most Marines would get a better haircut because they are doing it already in town to get their haircut. I have also heard that barbers will discriminate because they believe if you ranking then you won't get a tip so they cut your hair get you out of the door so someone else's hair.

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Mrs. Puller passes on at age of 97

Staff Reports
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Virginia Montague Evans Puller, the widow of U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller, died Feb. 4 at her home in Saluda. She was 97.

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday at Christ Church in Middlesex County, where her husband was buried 35 years ago.

Virginia Montague Evans was 29 years old when she married then-Capt. Lewis Burwell Puller in Saluda. The new Mrs. Puller followed her husband while he served in China, Hawaii and across the United States. During World War II and the Korean War, she returned to Saluda and raised their children - Virginia and twins, Martha and Lewis Jr. - while "Chesty" Puller polished his reputation as a Marine. During his military career, he earned the Navy Cross a record five times. The Navy Cross is the Corps' second-

highest decoration behind the Medal of Honor.

After Puller's retirement from the Marine Corps in 1955, the couple settled in a house in Saluda near where Mrs. Puller grew up.

Lewis Burwell Puller died in 1971. The couple's son, Lewis Burwell Puller Jr., the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Fortunate Son," died in 1994.

Mrs. Puller is survived by her two daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. ■

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Iraqi Battalion takes responsibility for sector

Iraqi Army soldiers show skills, assume control east of Fallujah

Christopher J. Ohmen
2nd Marine Division

the Marines dispersed throughout the formation, the patrol left friendly lines to keep the city of Karmah safe from insurgents.

"The patrol went smooth with no incidents," said Bennett. "The Iraqi Army soldiers get better every day they go out on a patrol."

On that same evening, in the cover of darkness, the Iraqi Army with support from Company G Marines conducted a raid in the town of Karmah and searched for suspected insurgents.

Staging in separate areas for the two simultaneous raids, the IA soldiers and Marines moved through the city to their assigned houses. At 2 a.m., the word was given for the two groups to hit their first house.

Hitting two different target areas with separate groups, they searched the houses for suspicious items and weapons. Each group searched their assigned houses. They talked to the residents and thoroughly searched the premises for suspected insurgents and weapons caches. They then patrolled back through the city to friendly lines. It was another success for the Marines and IA in Karmah.

"The Iraqi Army soldiers keep getting better and better each week that goes by," Schmidt stated. "They get more used to and familiar with the city each time they do an operation. When they take over this area as well, they will be ready." ■



Pfc. Christopher J. Ohmen

Al Karmah, Iraq: Marines and Iraqi Army soldiers patrol the streets around Al Karmah, Iraq, in preparation for a night raid on an insurgent's house recently.

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Marines, Iraqi Army soldiers conduct operation to disrupt insurgency effort

Pfc. Christopher J. Ohmen
2nd Marine Division

KARMAH, Iraq — The Dec. 15 elections were fast approaching for the Iraqi people and the Marines of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment conducted operations to disrupt insurgents that might try to hinder the election process.

Cpl. Peter D. Foster, 1st Squad leader for 1st Platoon, Company F, and his Marines helped conduct an Iraqi Army cordon and knock operation in a town north of Karmah to disrupt insurgent activity.

"We helped the Iraqi Army in the search for insurgents north of the city of Karmah," the Southold, N.Y., native said. "They conducted cordon and knocks on various target houses in the area."

To cordon the search area, Marines from Company F were inserted by helicopters. Once the air elements had loaded the Marines, ground forces left for the objectives to arrive shortly following the

landing of the air elements.

Taking different routes to reach the objectives, Marines from Company F, Company G, and the battalion commander's Personal Security Detachment linked up with two platoons of Iraqi Army to search the village.

Foster and his squad were given the task of providing security for the IA as they searched each of the houses.

"They have progressed a great deal since we have been training with them."

Cpl. Peter D. Foster
Southold, N.Y.

last deployment," Foster said. "They have progressed a great deal since we have been training with them."

Iraqi Army soldiers and Marines searched more than 100 houses in the area north of Karmah. They talked to numerous residents and conducted thorough searches of the houses, which was the main effort of the operation.

"The Marines in my squad and the IA did a great job on this operation and completed the assigned mission with great success," said Foster. ■



North of Karmah: Cpl. Peter D. Foster, 1st Squad leader for 1st Platoon, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, talks to a local Iraqi during an Iraqi Army cordon and knock operation recently.

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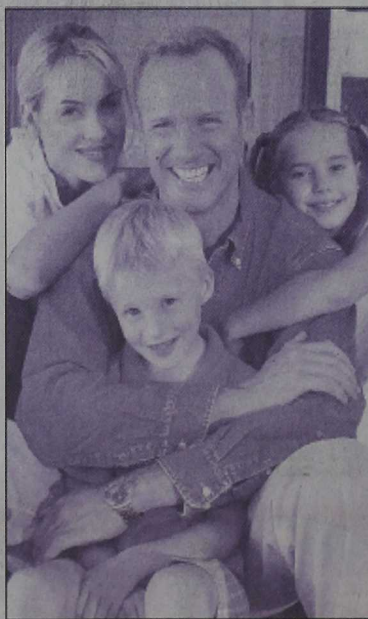
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Convoy Operations Course – Cpl. Anthony W. Oliva provides security with Cpl. Lance H. Kraft, both are motor transportation operators for Truck Company attached to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment.



Cpl. J...
Convoy Operations Course – Pfc. Davis T. Aguila, motor transport operator, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, provides security away from his vehicle during Operations Course Jan. 30. The exercise is designed to enhance the skills of Marines and sailors.

3/8 takes a realistic ride on the convoy course

Cpl. Joseph DiGirolamo
1 Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – A simple road trip is not so simple in the Marine Corps.

Instead of worrying about gas prices, Marines encounter an array of Improvised Explosive Devices, Rocket-Propelled Grenades, land mines, and showers of small arms fire.

That's why 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment's "Combat Train" took part in the Convoy Operations Course Jan. 30. The pre-deployment exercise is designed to enhance the skills of Marines and sailors in convoy maneuvers and readiness, making hazardous treks from one point to another safer.

"Combat Train" is a mixture of motor transportation Marines and Truck Company Marines currently supporting the battalion's Revised Combined Arms Exercise called Mojave Viper.

"It's a realistic course, it's as close to combat as you can get when it comes to this type of training," said Lance Cpl. Michael A. Romano, motor transport operator, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Bn, 8th Marines.

The 20-kilometer course allows convoys to use live-fire tactics to tackle multiple electronic pop-up targets, roll through mock urban environments using heavy machine guns and avoid simulated road hazards through miles of dusty trails using communication and coordination.

"This live-fire convoy course allows us to utilize our assets with Blue Force Tracker [a satellite based tracking and communications system] ... convoy planning and casualty evacuations," said 1st Lt. John L. Wintz, truck platoon commander, 1st Platoon, Truck Company,

Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. "It's the only long-distance live-fire convoy training that Combat Train will be able to do as a unit before Iraq."

Truck Company is currently attached to 3rd Bn., 8th Marines. The majority of the platoon was with battalion from January 2005 to August 2005 during their last deployment to Iraq.

Romano, whose vehicle was nearly hit with three RPGs last year in Iraq, believes taking this course was good preparation for his next deployment.

"It kept me alert at all times and reminded me that we can be attacked from any direction," said Romano, a 20-year-old from Long Island N.Y. "It showed me that I always have to be on alert because anything could happen."

Before the course, the team prepared with immediate action drills and chalk talks, coupled with a full dress rehearsal, said Wintz, the convoy commander.

During the three-hour course, the convoy encountered a land mine, two RPG attacks, an IED along with an ambush, and small arms fire.

In one scenario, the convoy approached an abandoned vehicle along the roadside and the Marines in the convoy provided security as engineers attempted to disable what appeared to be a vehicle borne improvised explosive device. They eventually used high explosive rounds to detonate the device.

"It was an adrenaline rush, but I had to control myself in order to push forward," said Cpl. Jonathan W. Fulton, a vehicle commander for Truck Company.

Fulton, who is coming back from his third deployment, knows that using live ammunition and being part of a simulated IED attack will help give the Marines

and new guys a good grasp of what they could see in Iraq.

It's an intense course because the Marines were able to provide security by sending real rounds towards actual targets, according to Lance Cpl. Willmer O. Canas, a motor transport Marine and machine gunner for the lead vehicle, H&S Company, 3rd Bn., 8th Marines.

Canas, a 25-year-old from Tampa Bay, Fla., said the training was on point with experiences he dealt with in Iraq.

Rotary-Wing Close Air Support was also incorporated into the course.

"The most unique part of the training was the ability to use air support just like what we used in [the] country," said Cpl. Alberto Sanchez, a radio operator for Truck Company. "I used the air support to attack enemy locations, medical evacuations, reconnaissance and to provide security."

Sanchez, a 20-year-old from Waltham, Mass., was in charge of the communication aspects of the training.

The course allowed Wintz to evaluate the training and to target areas to improve on, but more importantly, the course allowed two units to merge into one team.

"This was a good chance to work together and to get to know one another ... and put everyone on the same sheet of music," said Fulton, a 22-year-old from Parkland, Fla.

Wintz knows the Marines will take home a lot from this exercise.

"This was a great opportunity to build on our experiences from our last deployment, and it allowed us to work as a team," said Wintz, a 25-year-old from Statesville.

Ultimately it built the confidence of these Marines before they deploy next month, he said. ■



Cpl. J...
Convoy Operations Course – Cpl. Anthony W. Oliva provides security while Cpl. Lance H. Kraft drives during Convoy Operations Course Jan. 30.



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Convoy Operations Course – 1st Lt. John L. Wintz, platoon commander, 1st platoon, Truck Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, observes and directs movements from his vehicle during the Convoy Operations Course Jan. 30.

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Al Anbar province: Maj. Tom A. Shoemake, of Cincinnati, greets a young girl while on patrol in the city of Hit, Iraq, Jan. 26. He is with the 6th Civil Affairs Group supporting the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), while its counterinsurgency operations with an Iraqi Army battalion under the tactical control of the 2nd Marine Division in Iraq's Al Anbar province.

Civil affairs Marines assist Iraqis in Hit

Sgt. Richard D. Stephens
2nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

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Hit, Iraq — As Iraqi soldiers and U.S. Marines patrol the streets of Hit, Iraq, a lot of Marines are with them. It is not their sole focus. Their mission is to assist the municipal government to ensure the insurgency is defeated. They are civil affairs

Marines. An Al Anbar province native, Maj. Tom A. Shoemake, leads his six-man team of Marines daily in Al Anbar province. His mission is to assist the municipal government to ensure the insurgency is defeated. They are civil affairs

Marines are reservists, activated and deployed to Iraq with the 6th Civil Affairs Group from Camp Lejeune. The detachment's supporters are the 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), works daily with the civil affairs team.

They are an important element to the mission," said Smith. "They are going to the local city's leadership." He emphasized that the Iraqi people are key to defeating the insurgency and every patrol conducted by his team and the Iraqi Army is important. He continually emphasizes the dialogue with the civilian population.

Sgt. Michael Obermeyer, a Kansas native and civil affairs Marine, said his Marines deal with the Iraqis as other Marines and Iraqi do. The threat of improvised explosive devices and enemy contact are real, but the job must be done.

They met with thousands of residents to better understand their needs and Obermeyer and the CA Marines are forming a trusting partnership where they feel safe with Marines and the Iraqi Army.

Plans designed to put Hit citizens to work are gaining momentum, and the increasing understanding that the insurgency is waning. Recently, Iraqis came to receive their municipal utilities, each explained their gratitude for the opportunity to earn a living, something the insurgency cannot offer.



Al Anbar province: Gunnery Sgt. Michael R. Obermeyer, from Wichita, Kan., keeps a keen eye on houses and down alleyways on a recent patrol in the city of Hit, Iraq, Jan. 26. The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) is conducting counterinsurgency operations with an Iraqi Army battalion under the tactical control of the 2nd Marine Division in Iraq's Al Anbar province.

"Progress is steadily moving in a positive direction," remarked Shoemake.

"Rebuilding a city takes 10 percent time, 10 percent patience and 80 percent love. In our line of work you have to want to help people who can't necessarily help themselves," said Philadelphia native Cpl. Robert M. Ouellette.

Obermeyer describes Ouellette as popular with the younger crowd in Hit as he is usually armed with bags of candy during his patrols. The children swarm around the smiling Marine, glad to see him but likely happier to receive the sugary treats he willingly puts in their tiny hands. Building friendly relationships

with the children are believed to pay dividends in the future explained one Marine.

With the assistance of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division, the civil affairs team has raised the degree of doubt the people of Hit have in the insurgency.

In addition to Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, the 22nd MEU (SOC) consists of its Command Element, MSSG-22, and HMM-261 (Reinforced), and is conducting counterinsurgency operations with an Iraqi Army battalion under the tactical control of the 2nd Marine Division. ■



Al Asad, Iraq: Cpl. Skylar A. Colwell, an airframes mechanic with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced), holds up a panel on an AV-8B Harrier as Pfc. Kevin J. Lindsey, also an airframes mechanic with '261, screws it in. The Marines were finishing a routine inspection to ensure the aircraft was in flying condition.

Iraq deployment brings squadron back together

Cpl. James D. Hamel
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq — During July 2005, a small group of service members from Marine Attack Squadron 223 detached to join Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced), the air combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

They didn't expect to see their parent squadron again until the end of their deployment, but they were wrong. When the 22nd MEU deployed to northwestern Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, the AV-8B Harriers in the unit relocated to Al Asad, Iraq, the same base their parent squadron deployed to months before.

"Before we left, there was talk we might see them out here," said Sgt. Leandro S. Crooms, an aviation ordnance technician with HMM-261 and North River, N.C., native. "We're part of the MEU, so we could have gone anywhere. I never thought we would end up in Al Asad with our old squadron."

At Al Asad, the detachment doesn't just share a flightline with their old unit, they share the same working space, the same living quarters and sometimes even the same equipment.

"It's been easier because we've had extra support and another opinion when something happens," said Cpl. Michael J. Mathison, a Seattle native and plane captain with HMM-261. "If we don't have a tool we need, we can always just go to them to check it out."

Though the members of the detachment agreed it's nice to work every day with their old squadron, they're proud to serve with a MEU.

Marine Expeditionary Units are divided into aviation, logistics and ground combat elements. The 22nd MEU (SOC)'s aviation combat element is three times larger than normal. It is spaced across Iraq, with detachments in Al Asad and Forward Operating Base Hit, Iraq. During January, the unit flew 1,600 hours, a total the Harrier detachment contributed to significantly.

"We're flying at levels way above our average," said Maj. Charles Dezafrá, the assistant officer-in-charge of HMM-261(Rein.)'s Harrier detachment. "That's all possible because of the maintenance guys. Because of the operational tempo, these maintainers are working around the clock. They're very reliable, and they've enabled us to accomplish our [assigned missions]."

That tasking has been considerable, said Dezafrá. Traditionally, the air combat element of the MEU might be expected to support only MEU assets. But, the large workload of Operation Iraqi Freedom means that HMM-261 has had to support operations all across Iraq.

"We're supporting the whole effort out here," he said. "That's just the nature of this area of operations. Everyone is doing what they can."

While the Harrier detachment of HMM-261 has been operating separately from their parent squadron, they have been the same unit in terms of their shared experiences. After the 22nd MEU (SOC)'s return to the United States, the detachment will return to VMA-223. Many of the detachment's members expressed concern that the reunion with their parent squadron would have been awkward had they not spent time together at Al Asad.

"I think not seeing them for eight months would have made it difficult for the transition back into the squadron," said Crooms. "When a unit is separated for that long, Marines can get out of touch because they have different experiences."

Now, Crooms said, the transition back into VMA-223 will be easier. But, right now, he and his fellow Marines are looking forward to completing the rest of their tour with the 22nd MEU (SOC).

"HMM-261 is a very good unit to be a part of," said Dezafrá. "It's kind of weird that we've been out here with (VMA-223), but it's been extremely beneficial. We have our separate missions, but we support each other and get them accomplished." ■

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Analyzing payday loans, predatory lending

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How would you like to borrow money at a rate of 390 percent, over 10 times the highest credit card rate? Sound crazy? Your local check-casher/payday lender may be charging rates this high, or even higher. Typically, the payday lender takes your \$300 check, promises not to present it to your bank until your next payday and charges you 15 percent of the face value of the check, or \$45. You get back \$255. That two-week loan of 15 percent works out to an annual percentage of a whopping 390 percent!

Under current North Carolina law, the highest authorized interest rate for any loan is 36 percent, and even then, only if certain conditions are met.

Anything higher is a crime. Nonetheless, payday lenders continue to charge interest rates far exceeding the state maximum. Payday lenders have made various claims in order to avoid the state cap on interest rates. The most prevalent and important payday lender claim is that their out of state bank charters other business arrangements. With an out of state bank, they are exempt from North Carolina's law. The North Carolina Commissioner of Banks recently rejected such claims by Advance America, one such payday lender, and directed it to cease and desist its operations.

Payday lenders tend to wallow around military installations, like bears at a trout stream, ready to pounce on gullible, young service members with a

regular paycheck, plenty of debt and no financial experience. Historically, some have combined their exorbitant interest charges with illegal debt collection practices such as harassing calls, threats to garnish wages or to notify military authorities of an outstanding debt. Some even have contracts where the consumer supposedly gives the payday lender permission to make such calls.

Regardless of their legality, consumers should avoid the payday loan. Let's face it; borrowing money at a rate at least 10 times more than what MasterCard charges you isn't smart or helpful. People desperate enough to consider a payday loan should consult the command financial specialist, the legal assistance office, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, or other service

organizations. Detailed information concerning payday loans can be found at the legal assistance Web site, www.lejeune.usmc.mil/legal/ (Click the icon near "Consumer law" then "Information" then "Payday loans.")

Predatory, abusive lending practices and payday lending have become a hot topic; the media, legislators, and higher military headquarters have all inquired. Have you gotten a payday loan? Has any payday lender threatened to contact your chain of command, or actually done so? Or perhaps you have obtained some other high interest loan to buy a computer, a car, or some other item or service. Or maybe you have obtained a high interest personal loan requiring you to sign acres of fine print. Maybe you have been required to provide banking information and the

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Marines to train Hampton Roads for urban combat

Public Affairs
4th Marine Expeditionary Unit

2,100 Marines and sailors of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Unit will conduct intensive training in Hampton Roads, Va. for the unit's upcoming deployment.

Marines will operate out of several installations — including Fort Belvoir, Norfolk, Fort Eustis and Station Oceana — and conduct urban combat training from Feb. 27 to March 10.

During the roughly half-year deployment, the 4th MEU will conduct six pre-deployment workups, the Urban Environment Exercise, and the 24th MEU's premier training exercise, TRUEX.

The MEU commander, Col. Ronald J. Johnson, said the training is critical to the unit's readiness.

Johnson, a Duxbury, Mass. commander, said the training is critical to the unit's readiness.

"Time is our enemy. We have a long deployment ahead of us, and we need to be ready for anything," Johnson said.

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missions they're likely to face during deployment. In much the same way they would while deployed, the Marines will plan the missions in detail, then execute them in designated locations in the Hampton Roads area.

Residents of Norfolk, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and surrounding communities can expect to see Marines periodically throughout the exercise. Additionally, citizens are likely to notice more military helicopters and ground vehicles than usual operating in the area.

Johnson called the area ideally suited to the MEU's needs.

"Hampton Roads provides us plenty of maneuver room and tremendous training opportunities," he said. "The area leadership couldn't be more supportive. And with the ships nearby, we'll be able to work in some additional drills with the Navy."

The 24th MEU is slated to be the landing force for the Norfolk-based Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group, a seven-vessel armada that includes the amphibious assault ships Iwo Jima, Nashville and Whidbey Island.

Since 1985, the three Camp Lejeune-based MEUs have used numerous cities throughout the southeastern United States to simulate, as realistically as possible, the kinds of hotspots to which MEUs are often called in a crisis. In May 2004, the 24th MEU conducted its TRUEX in and around Morgantown, W.V.

The TRUEX in Hampton Roads will be the 48th training exercise conducted on the East Coast.

The 24th MEU is composed of its command element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365 (Reinforced), and MEU Service Support Group 24.

The Marines kicked off their pre-deployment training program Nov. 30. Before the TRUEX, they will have completed a host of specialized combat courses, field training exercises and at-sea drills aboard the ships of the Iwo Jima Strike Group.

The 24th MEU is scheduled to deploy this spring to the European and Central Command theaters of operations.

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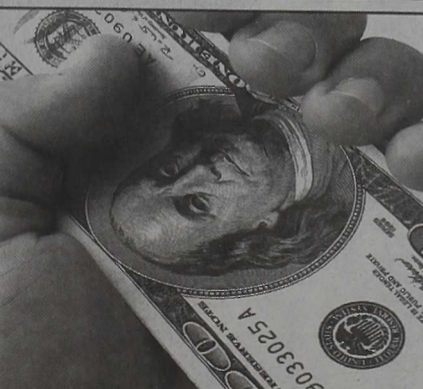
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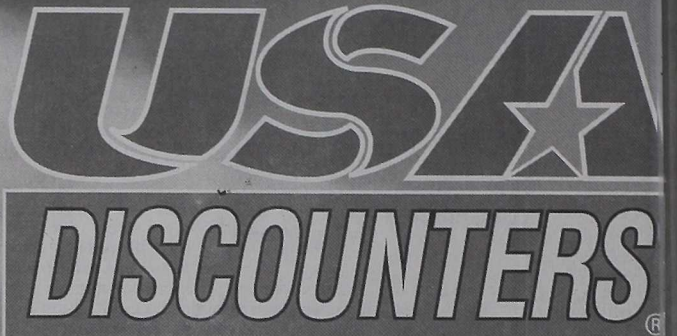
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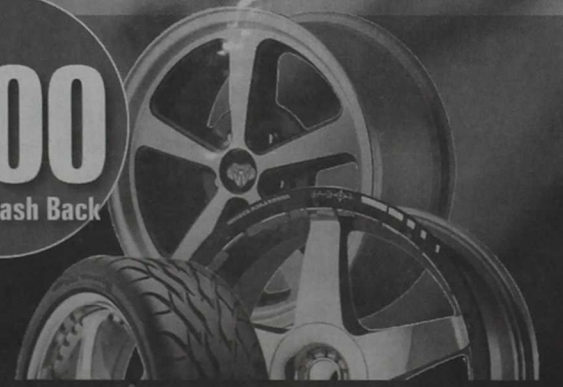
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benefit of training in an urban environment against an opposing force whose methods are based on current enemy tactics, techniques and procedures.

The new town adds to the realism of the battalion's SASO training.

"There are more Middle Eastern role players that bring the training to life. Last year at March Air Force Reserve Base [in California], the neighborhood was small and most of the role players were our Marines," said Cpl. Jeffery S. Stockton, machinegun squad leader for 2nd Platoon,

Company I, 3rd Bn., 8th Marines. "It didn't feel too realistic when I would take down someone that was in my same company."

In preparing for its mission in Iraq, the unit believes Mojave Viper is a great opportunity to really test the "new team" of 3rd Bn., 8th Marine's, Truck and Engineer Platoons, and the transition teams.

The battalion fell under Regimental Combat Team Eight the last time it was at Twenty-nine Palms, this year it has become the senior unit for the exercise.

"Our focus was strictly battalion level training and operations,"

said Hotchkiss, a 28-year-old from Huntsville, Ala. "This year ... the battalion is acting as a Regimental Command Element and is responsible, not only for ourselves, but also for all other units participating in the exercise during this period."

The implementation of the Military Transition Teams and Border Transition Teams is one of the newest elements to the training.

"The MTTs and BTTs are collectively, the next step in the military's role in Iraq," said Hotchkiss. "These teams are pieced together with experts in a myriad of military occupational specialties with the

intent to train and guide the Iraqi military."

Capt. Mark R. Liston, company commander for Weapons Co, 3rd Bn., 8th Marines, believes this training is very relevant for the unit.

"It gives us the opportunity to conduct a well-structured training package that focuses on realities of Iraq today," said Liston the 34-year-old from Warwick R.I. "It's proven to be an excellent reinforcement for Marines returning from Iraq and provides a realistic environment for the new Marines."

Yet the training is not all about firing weapons and learning the

newest tactics, the young unit leaders are paying special attention to another important aspect as well.

Stockton, a squad leader in charge of 12 men in his platoon says, "It allows the Marines to get comfortable with the new fire teams."

Mojave viper will assist the battalion in bringing well trained Marines and Sailors to the fight.

"Every unit who takes advantage of the training opportunities provided during Mojave Viper will be better trained, more prepared and ultimately successful in combat," said Hotchkiss. ■

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f Cormier's fellow Marines agree with his state- onducting a TRAP mission is scary and can be but those who have been to Iraq state it's much ng the real thing.

cting a TRAP mission in Iraq, in a hostile envi- an be very dangerous," said Sgt. James M. Jr., of Mobile, Ala., a landing support specialist atoon. "Because most times an aircraft is shot n a hostile environment, the possibility you're shot at during the operation is very high. Plus, all ends dust flying everywhere, and you can't see f at all."

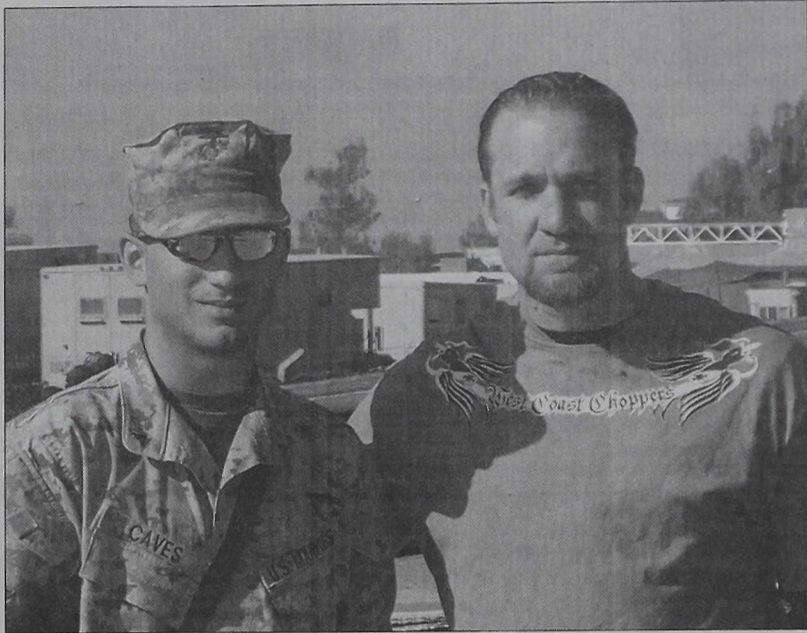
re Marines in the right mindset to take the train- y, their platoon commander, Staff Sgt. Nathaniel of Wichita, Kan., tells them to prepare for the ct of the operation.

ental aspect plays a big role in making these oper- c," said Lawless. "They need to try to make their dity, so they can practice like it's a true combat

per mindset is very important during an actual sion in a hostile environment, because the human atically kicks into survival mode when it is being the harsh winds, dust and gunfire, according to is important for a Marine to learn how to control ng, before they deploy, so they do not panic. ing. "Never leave a man behind," is the motiva- successful TRAP mission. Although it may be dan- training Marines receive and knowledge they m those who have been to Iraq, give them the w-how and mindset to complete their mission and Marine Corps.

a TRAP mission you really can't know what to id Sgt. Larry S. Greeley of Mesa, Ariz., the plant. "Even though you're trained to complete the ou can't train for every single scenario out there, w scenarios present themselves all the time. You prepare for the worst and hope for the best." ■

Jesse James visits Camp Ashra



Courtesy Photo

Camp Ashra – Lance Cpl. Scott E. Caves, infantry marksman and member of the Anti-Terrorist battalion, 49th Military Police, Company B (Reinforced) stationed at Camp Ashra poses for a photo with Jesse James of Monster Garage, Discovery Channel, and West Coast Choppers. James visited the Marines at Camp Ashra recently and worked with them on a Hummer. Caves is a 20-year-old Bedford, Ohio native.

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and easily when damaged. The armor also cuts down on the amount of shrapnel that enters the vehicle if it is penetrated, according to Staff Sgt. Jason Accord, a developmental test Marine with the program.

The computer systems and optics on the vehicle allow it to be an all weather, day and night vehicle, according to Branham.

The computer systems can also tell commanders how far they are from the line of departure, the target, where friendly forces are and where enemy combatants are located.

The vehicle also has extensive communications including satellite and radio, and it can communicate with other EFVs all around the world, according to Brogan.

"I've spoken to an [EFV] in Hawaii from an [EFV] in California," Brogan said.

There will be two types of EFVs. The first is a personnel variant, which will have the 30 mm automatic cannon and the 7.62 M-240G Medium Machine Gun, and there will be the command variant, which can be employed as a tactical command post for maneuver unit commanders at the battalion and regimental level.

The \$10.1 million vehicle will not be fielded totally until the year 2020.

Along with the Marine Corps

getting a new amphibious vehicle, it will also get two new Military Occupational

Specialties. The EFV crewman, which will be 1834, and an EFV mechanic, which will be 2148.

The Marines currently manning the vehicle are staff non-commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers from various assault amphibian units and pipeline students from the Assault Amphibian School Battalion, who have been training to crew the vehicle. ■



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Sports

Youth lacrosse clinic
 Youth Lacrosse is a youth lacrosse tournament that will be held on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Williamsburg High School. The organization seeks adult and youth lacrosse players to join a pickup league, and registrations for the lacrosse spring league are available at slowyouth.org. Interested parties may also e-mail youthlacrosse@slowyouth.org for additional information.

Basketball
 The Lejeune Community Center and Parks Department will offer a basketball tournament for ages 19 to 34, and older at the Commons Recreation Complex from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants must register at the Athletic Office in the Commons Recreation Complex. Registration fee is \$20. Residents will be required to pay an additional \$20 non-resident fee. For more information, call 843-5303 or 938-2822 weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Senior
 The Lejeune Senior Center is conducting the Arts, Heritage Arts Festival. The festival features portions of the Silver Arts Festival. Any person 55 or older as of August 1 is eligible to compete. Registrations can be made up at the Onslow County Senior Center or the Lejeune Recreation Center. For more information, call 843-5303 or visit www.slow.nc.us/parks.

Special Olympics
 The Lejeune Special Olympics North Carolina seeks volunteers for the 2006 Basketball Tournament and Leadership Training in Onslow County Feb. 24-25. Athletes from 74 Special Olympics states have been invited to compete at the tournament and more than 100 athletes are expected to participate. For more information, call the SONC Volunteer Hotline at 843-6276, option 4.

Armed Forces
 The 2006 Armed Forces Bowling Tournament is going to Camp Lejeune from Feb. 21 through 26. For more information, read *THE GLOBE* for dates and event details.

Kayak clinic
 A variety of kayak clinics will be held Feb. 18 at the Lejeune pool. The clinic is open to all authorized personnel and no experience is necessary. Water polo is a sport of strategy and teamwork that will help improve your overall fitness by developing strength, stamina and



Camp Lejeune: Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools quarterback Ian Gronewold surveys the 8th Engineer Support Bn. defense.

Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools defeats 8th Engineer Support Battalion to advance in playoffs

Story and photos
Brian Berger
Lejeune Sports Editor

The intramural tackle football season had come down to eight teams. These were the teams that survived the regular season and earned the right to compete for the league championship in the playoffs. Two of them, Scarlet Conference No. 2 seed Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools and No. 3 seed 8th Engineer Support Bn., locked horns Feb. 1 at Lejeune's Liversedge Field. Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, or "Triple S," entered the game as a slight favorite in the eyes of league observers, but 8th Engineers appeared to be headed in the right direc-

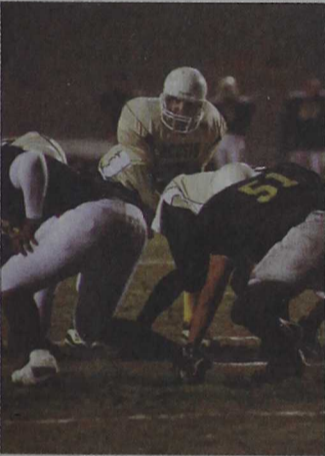
MCAS New River, MCAS Cherry Point and Headquarters Battalion also advance to conference championships

tion with enough playmakers to pull out a victory. As is often the case in postseason football, the team that capitalizes on turnovers and runs the ball successfully usually prevails. That certainly factored into Triple S' performance in the playoff showdown with 8th ESB. After fumbling the ball deep in their own end on their first possession, Triple S managed to recover the loose ball and punted it away.

That set the 8th ESB offense up at their own 40-yard line for their first shot on offense. However, unlike Triple S, who recovered their own fumble, 8th ESB put the ball on the ground and Triple S corralled it. Suddenly, the Triple S offense was in business at the 8th ESB 35-yard line. A handoff to Willie Simmons resulted in a touchdown scamper after he broke loose from a potential tackle at the fifteen and turned on the burners to go

untouched the rest of the way. Simmons tacked on two more, with a successful two-point conversion run on a sweep, to give Triple S an early 8-0 lead. On the following possession, another 8th ESB turnover cost them dearly. An interception by Sgt. Ray on 8th ESB's first play from scrimmage gave Triple S offense the ball again, with full momentum. Again, Triple S turned to Simmons, who powered his way across the plane of the goal line on an 8-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion was stymied by 8th ESB. At halftime, Triple S held a 14-0 lead. "We played a good first quarter but

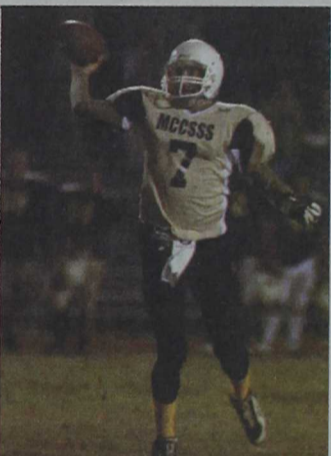
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Camp Lejeune: Ian Gronewold lines up behind center in Triple S's playoff victory.



Camp Lejeune: The Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools coaching staff discusses adjustments with the team while holding a 14-0 halftime lead.



Camp Lejeune: Ian Gronewold launches a pass downfield against 8th ESB.

Halagarda explores accuracy of tape measuring method in estimating body fat

Chris Halagarda
 Food for Thought

The tape-measure method of measuring body fat seems to be a frustrating issue for many Marines in body composition improvement programs. The tape-measure method is not as accurate as measuring body fat as an experienced health professional using body fat calipers, bio-impedance, handheld bio-impedance, infrared light or the gold standard, hydrostatic weighing. The equipment to perform these superior methods is expensive, and time consuming to train individuals on proper test protocol. Waist and neck circumference measuring, the method used by the Marine Corps, was developed from research to develop an accurate, simple technique for estimating total body fat and lean body weight from anthropometric [human body] measurements, which in turn could be used to predict ideal body weight. The original data were gathered from 297 male Marines randomly selected from the total population of Marines at Marine Corps Development and Education Command Quantico Va.



Halagarda

This research, done in 1973, was then reviewed in 1981 for accuracy. The research concluded the best equation for measurement of percent body fat of men in a field situation is one utilizing abdomen and neck circumference. The researcher's conclusion said, "It should be realized that considerable error can be expected if one uses a lean body mass equation to predict through a transformation procedure." Translation: It's fast, easy and cheap, and yes, there is a potential for error with this method. For those leaders who would like to "brush-up" on their tape measuring technique, visit the Marine Corps Order at www.usmc.mil. In defense of the tape-measure method of estimating body fat, it is a consistent testing method backed by scientific research and is field friendly and simple to administer anywhere. It also is inexpensive. What are inconsistent are humans. Human error is usually the cause of almost all errors in any measuring process. A tape measure also provides accurate information on your risk for disease. Through waist circumference [belly size], you can measure health

risk. There is a plethora of evidence which says women with a waist measurement of more than 35 inches or men with a waist measurement of more than 40 inches may have a higher disease risk than people with smaller waist measurements because of where their fat lies. To measure your waist circumference, place a tape measure around your bare abdomen, just above your hip bone. Be sure that the tape is snug but does not compress your skin and is parallel to the floor. Relax, exhale and measure your waist. This is usually at the thinnest part of the belly area. Another excellent measurement to detect health risk is waist-to-hip ratio [belly size compared to hip size]. To measure this, first measure your waist the same way as described above, then measure your hips. To measure your hips, place the tape horizontally at the widest point of your hips and buttocks. Do not pull the tape too tightly. Write down the value to the nearest 1/4 inch. Now, divide your hip measurement into your waist measurement. Men want to be below 1.0 and women want to be below 0.8. Example: Male: 40 inch waist and 38 inch hip. Divide 38 into 40, which equals a waist to hip ratio of 1.05. 1.05 is considered a high risk for several different obesity related diseases. To use an Internet calculator to

compute these numbers, go to www.healthstatus.com/calculate/whr or use a chart at <http://faxmed.com/articles/nutrition/bct.htm>. For those who feel the tape measure method used by the Marine Corps is "no good," you're wrong. It's not perfect, but it's a good guideline to follow. Now, there are Marines and sailors who do seem to "tape high." This is unfortunate, and it's important for these individuals to try to achieve a first class PFT/A and to check their measurements via waist and waist-to-hip ratio. These guides will help create a clearer picture of your health risk. Maybe there is a need to decrease belly size. For a more accurate measurement of your health status, feel free to stop by the French Creek Fitness Center or the Tarawa Terrace Fitness Center to have your body fat checked via body fat calipers and a skilled personal trainer. Also, Semper Fit will begin a four-week weight loss program. Emphasis will be placed on nutrition and exercise. The program will employ behavior-change strategies and the idea is to jump-start the weight-loss process, give the participants tools to continue

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Georgetown hoops could be headed for NCAA tourney

Joseph White
Associated Press

INGTON (AP) — Stories over two top is in 15 days, wn has positioned e a serious player in a tournament. the only person not publicly agree with nent is Hoyas coach npson III. down," Thompson lay after the 17th-oyas' 61-58 victory 9 Pittsburgh. "How es left? We'll see at f the year. I'm not about the grand ist yet. I'm thinking John's." and scheme includes ne winning streak reach seven with a over St. John's not to mention a c from a 15-point deficit against 1. The grand scheme udes the upset of 1 Duke Jan. 21. more thing: The 6-4, 7-2 Big East] sole possession of ace in the Big East, o, 11 West Virginia, illanova and No. 1 cut. The top four the Big East receive the quarterfinals of rence tournament. on, however, was ncerned about the t his team nearly 0-point lead in the seconds against the , surviving only ttsburgh's Ronald nised a long, but n 3-pointer at the at could have sent

the game to overtime. "I told the players it's hard for me to get excited about that victory," Thompson said, "thinking about those last couple of minutes." In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 10 George Washington 80, Richmond 55; No. 18 North Carolina State 62, Maryland 58; and Kansas 59, No. 19 Oklahoma 58. Jeff Green matched his career high with 22 points on 9-for-14 shooting, and Brandon Bowman scored 15 points for the Hoyas, who ended a four-game home losing streak to the Panthers. Georgetown won despite being outrebounded 35-23 and getting only two points from the bench — Darrel Owens' two free throws with 3.6 seconds remaining. The game turned on the Hoyas' ability to shut down 7-foot Aaron Gray after halftime. Gray scored all of his 15 points in the first half, but he was neutralized in the second half by a matchup zone. Gray went 0-for-4 with three turnovers in the second half. Carl Krauser and Ramon each finished with 11 points for the Panthers [17-3, 6-3], who led 33-18 in the first half and 35-28 at halftime. "It's been a strength of ours, executing against the zone," Panthers coach Jamie Dixon said. "We didn't do as good a job today. The key was that we didn't finish off the first half. We should have been up by more." Pittsburgh lost at Connecticut last week and has dropped three of five with all the losses on the road. West

Virginia is next on Thursday. "I'm just glad we have this opportunity to learn from this now and not down the road," Krauser said. "It's not a good time to get a loss, but it's a reasonable time." The game pitted two of the Big East's top centers against each other: Gray and 7-2 Roy Hibbert of the Hoyas. Hibbert had the early upper hand, scoring the first six points of the game, but he was shut out the rest of the half and finished with seven points. Gray had seven points and two assists in a 15-0 run that gave the Panthers the 15-point lead late in the first half, but Bowman scored five points in a 10-2 run that pulled the Hoyas within seven at halftime. Bowman also tied the game at 45 on a fastbreak layup and gave Georgetown the lead for good with a 3-pointer that made it 48-47 with 9:38 to play. Pittsburgh scored only one field goal over the next nine minutes before mounting its comeback in the final 30 seconds. Krauser and Ramon hit 3-pointers to cut the lead to three, and LeVance Fields made a layup to trim it to one with six seconds to play instead of setting up a 3-pointer that could have tied the game. Dixon defended Fields' decision to go for two instead of a three. He noted that the Panthers got the ball back after Owens' free throws, and Ramon had an open look for a potential game-tying buzzer-beater. "You're not going to get a better shot," Dixon said. ■

Youth basketball standings

	Overall	Conference
Minor Girls		
Liberty	0-2	
Sting	1-1	
S.O.L.	2-0	
Minor Boys-East		
Blazers	3-1	2-0
Hornets	0-2	0-1
Jazz	1-2	1-1
Magic	0-3	0-2
Warriors	1-2	1-0
Minor Boys-Central		
Bucks	3-0	2-0
Hawks	1-2	0-2
Lakers	0-3	0-2
Pistons	2-0	1-0
Suns	3-0	2-0
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Celtics	2-1	1-1
Knicks	1-2	0-2
Raptors	3-0	2-0
Rockets	0-2	0-1
Sonics	2-1	1-0
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Celtics	1-2	1-1
Hawks	2-1	1-1
Magic	1-2	1-1
Rockets	0-3	0-2
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Bulls	2-1	1-1
Jazz	0-1	0-1
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we got big-headed once the score was 14 to nothing," Triple S coach Joseph Kavanaugh said.

"If we did not have a great linebacker like in Sgt. Michael Fejka, our defense would be hurting. We played 8th ESB in regular season and ended the game before the first half was over. Eighth ESB came out this time with a lot of heart and a good game plan for us."

In the second half, 8th ESB regained their poise and made several diligent efforts to mount a scoring drive, but each time 8th ESB found success moving down the field, the Triple S defense made plays when they had to in order to prevent points from the board. Triple S also had some success moving the ball, but failed to put points on the board in the second half while protecting their lead.

Ultimately, the game would end as it had at halftime, with Triple S up 14-0. The second half reflected both teams giving some ground on defense, but keeping the opposing team out of the end zone.

The victory, along with Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's 2-0 win over 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn., set up a Scarlet Conference Championship Game between Triple S and MCAS Cherry Point.

Last season, Triple S defeated MCAS

Cherry Point to win the league championship. During the regular season, Cherry Point defeated Triple S 16-14.

Cherry Point's sole loss this season came at the hands of 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn., who had won their regular season contest, 23-14.

"Cherry Point is a good team," Kavanaugh said. "It should be a good game. I believe we can beat them. It will be a battle for who has the ball last."

"We feel fortunate to have made it this far," Cherry Point coach Daniel Buchino said. "2d LAR is an absolutely outstanding football team, well coached in all aspects of the game. MCCSSS, our Conference Championship opponent, is also a great team with an outstanding running game and defense. We look forward to the challenge and hope to be playing in the League Championship game."

Marine Corps Air Station New River, the No. 1 seed in the Gold Conference, defeated Brig. Co., the No. 4 seed, 28-21, to earn the right to host the Gold Conference Championship Game.

They will take on Headquarters Bn., who defeated 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade to advance to the Conference Championship game.

New River won their regular season contest with Headquarters Bn. 26-0. New River's only blemish this season was a 2-0 loss to 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. ■



Camp Lejeune: 8th Engineer Support Bn. quarterback Landon Genard gets the ball off cleanly but spent much of the second half on the run from Triple S' aggressive defense and frequent backfield

Steelers credit oft-maligned coach with Super Bowl win

Franchise's long-awaited fifth win moved Cowher to tears

Alan Robinson
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers not only won One for the Thumb, they won one for the Jaw.

Bill Cowher, the Steelers' jut-jawed and oft-intense coach had made a career of losing championship games, five in all, four in AFC championship games in Pittsburgh since January 1995.

But given the hardest road possible to an NFL championship after so many losses at home, his Steelers became the first team to win three road playoff games and then the Super Bowl by beating Seattle 21-10 Sunday.

"It's surreal right now," said Cowher, who replaced four-time Super Bowl champion coach Chuck Noll in 1992. "That's what I was brought here for. It really does complete a void that's been there. But I was one small part of this, trust me."

No one with the Steelers agrees. It was the franchise's fifth Super Bowl title, the long elusive One for the Thumb they had sought since the days of Terry Bradshaw, Franco Harris and Jack Lambert in January 1980.

After the Steelers won it, Cowher started to cry on the sideline. Turns out one of the NFL's toughest coaches can be a softie, too.

Cowher's relief was apparent, too, and not only by his tears of joy. As he stood on the victory podium at mid-field, he slapped hands, pumped his fists and raised them in triumph, a coach exonerated.

Then he raised up the Lombardi Trophy high with one hand, but only after first handing it to Dan Rooney, the team owner. Cowher has long said his career-long goal has been to give that trophy to Rooney.

"It starts at the top, and I couldn't be happier for Mr. Rooney," Cowher said.

Rooney said he was just as happy that Cowher won.

"Bill's been great for us, and we've always had a great relationship. I feel honored he thinks that way," Rooney said of the coach who has taken the Steelers to six AFC championship games since the 1994 season, and, the

owner said, will someday be in the Hall of Fame. "It's just great that he could continue the legacy."

But while the Steelers won a fifth title, Rooney said the team plans to display the Lombardi Trophy apart from the other four to recognize the separation between the eras, the coaches and the teams.

"This one stands alone," he said.

Kaye Cowher, the coach's wife, wasn't in tears as she waited outside the locker room for her husband, but the joy and relief on her face were evident. And she thinks she knows what made the difference.

"He's got a franchise quarterback now," she said of Ben Roethlisberger. "When he got a quarterback like that, he believed he could get it done. But that's why Bill has this job. They knew he could win a championship."

Wearing their lucky white road uniforms even though they were designated as the home team, the Steelers finished off their unprecedented sweep of the top three seeded teams in the AFC and the top-seeded team in the NFC.

And the coach who got so much grief for being outcoached twice in AFC title games by the Patriots' Bill Belichick, for not having his teams prepared or inspired for title games, clearly did the best coaching job of his career under the toughest circumstances.

Cowher did so by invoking such diverse figures as Christopher Columbus and Jerome Bettis, and by putting the ball squarely in the hands of his inexperienced second-year quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger.

That move clearly went against the Steelers' long-standing philosophy of winning by the run.

Two months ago, when the Steelers were 7-5 and needed to win their final four regular-season games merely to get into the playoffs, Cowher stood up at a team meeting and told them the journey looked hard and tough but could be done.

He then cited Columbus' unknown journey to a new world in 1492, and how his players could chart a path never accomplished by an NFL team, a unique pep-talk blend of American his-

tory and NFL history.

Intrigued, some players read up on Columbus, and some talked about "Winning one for Chris."

"Guys kind of liked that," Cowher said. "There's a lot of people telling you that you can't do it, but that doesn't mean you don't go try. I told our guys that history is not going to determine our fate, but we could determine history."

Later, after the Steelers won those four and started their AFC playoff sweep of Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Denver, Cowher talked of how badly he wanted Bettis, one of the greatest running backs in NFL history, to get back to his hometown of Detroit and win the Super Bowl.

Bettis, as expected, announced his retirement during the Lombardi trophy presentation.

Last month, Cowher's players began talking openly of winning a championship, not just for The Bus, but for a coach who is No. 14 in NFL career victories but one of the few on the list without a Super Bowl.

Not now, he isn't. "This one will always be remembered," Joey Porter said. "It's never been done before what we did. We kept being told we couldn't do this, and that's what we needed."

Cowher changed his personality in these playoffs, too, reflecting the Steelers' take-all-chances approach.

The Steelers beat the Colts and Broncos by jumping into big early leads created by Roethlisberger's passing, a switch in tactics by a team that has run the ball more than any other in the NFL the last two seasons.

"We're going to go as far as he takes us," Cowher said of what now, at age 23, is the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl.

By letting Big Ben take him to a Super Bowl, Cowher no longer faces unenviable comparisons to Chuck Noll, his predecessor, who won those four Super Bowls — the first one in the 1974 season by putting the ball in the hands of a young quarterback named Bradshaw.

Just as Cowher told his players to learn from history, apparently he did, too. ■

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Hedican replaces Miller on U.S. men's hockey team

Ira Podell
Associated Press

Hurricanes defenseman Bret Hedican has a chance to match the gold medal he captured 14 years ago. Hedican, a St. Paul, Minn., native who is an Olympic champion skater, was selected Monday to replace injured Los Angeles defenseman Aaron Miller.

"Bret is a guy we talked about before putting the team together and he's very comfortable with. He's one of our top defensemen here in the world," said U.S. coach Scotty Morrison, who also coaches the U.S. national team.

Hedican also announced the three-percentage, whose members will be named in Turin, Italy, only if he is locked out of the tournament by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Conditions were Carolina forward Steve Reinprecht, New Jersey defenseman Paul Iginla, Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller. Hedican is also from Minnesota and played for Virginia and Martin in the U.S. national team.

Hedican's goaltender has been one of the best in the NHL lately and was not surprised by how the situation unfolded. Hedican said it worked out this way, "I was at a conference call. They were a great honor, and I'm sorry I'm missing out on it. I'm just moving with my career, and I think I'm on the right now."

The original 23-man roster was chosen in December, Ryan Miller was left off because he was recovering from a thumb injury.

Hedican has been in peak form since his last season with the team members Rick DiPietro of the New York Islanders, Robert Esche of the Philadelphia Flyers and John Grahame of the Tampa Bay Lightning have struggled in inconsistent play.

Monday, Ryan Miller was picked as the offensive Player of the Week after leading the team with a 1.63 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage.

He is 18-7 with a 2.18 goals-against average and .925 save percentage in 25 games.

He has won each of his past five starts and is 12-3 since returning Dec. 19.

"We made a decision back in December. We all wish we could make this decision today on your whole team, because maybe some other positions would change also," said general manager Don Waddell of the Atlanta Thrashers.

"Ryan has come back from his injury and has performed very well, but we're very comfortable with the three guys we've named and we're going to roll with them."

Ryan Miller will stay back on standby since there are already three goaltenders on the team. Cullen and Martin will make the trip and will practice with the team in Italy.

Hedican will be making his second Olympic appearance. He had no points in eight games during the 1992 Albertville Games — the same Olympics that Yamaguchi won the women's figure skating gold medal, and where they met.

"Just to have the opportunity to go back to the Olympics and have another shot at a medal is a dream come true," Hedican said.

Yamaguchi, a two-time world champion, was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in December — one month after giving birth to the couple's second daughter.

Hedican has five goals and 13 assists in 51 games with Carolina this season, while averaging more than 20 minutes played per game.

With the additions of Hedican and Cullen, Carolina now has four players on the U.S. squad.

"I can guarantee that's not why they're on the team," Laviolette said. "They're on the team because they've earned it. Bret Hedican is on his way to one of his best years in the league."

Hurricanes right wing Eric Cole was an original pick as was Doug Weight, who was traded by St. Louis to Carolina last week.

Aaron Miller, a member of the silver medalist American team at the 2002 Olympics, missed 16 games this season because of a back injury.

He was out of the Los Angeles lineup from Dec. 23 to Jan. 24 and has played four games since returning. ■

Roethlisberger has an off day, but he's still a Super Bowl champion

Larry Lage
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger set two Super Bowl records.

He should be proud of one. The other he can forget.

The 23-year-old Roethlisberger became the youngest starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl in Pittsburgh's 21-10 victory over Seattle on Sunday.

"It feels amazing," he said.

In the process, his 22.6 passer rating was the worst for a winning QB in Super Bowl history.

"His stats might not have been great, but he's a champion and that's all that matters," said tight end Heath Miller.

Roethlisberger was overcome by emotion after conducting interviews and hugging family and friends from his hometown of Findlay, Ohio.

He plopped down in front of his locker and put his fingers on the bill of a Super Bowl cap.

He took off his left wristband, filled with plays, held it, rubbed it and smiled. He removed his right wristband and caressed it.

Then, he sobbed.

Teammate Larry Foote interrupted Roethlisberger's moment.

"You're a champion, baby," Foote told him as they embraced in front of his locker. "You made this happen. Without you, we wouldn't be here."

The Steelers won their fifth title with a true team, but they were quick to point to their quarterback for helping them win eight straight after starting 7-5.

Roethlisberger played the biggest game of his career at Ford Field, where he made his professional debut in an exhibition game against the Detroit Lions on Aug. 14, 2004.

Just 45 miles away in Michigan Stadium, he played his first college game for Miami of Ohio.

While Roethlisberger helped the Steelers knock off Denver, Indianapolis and Cincinnati in the AFC playoffs with strong performances, they beat the Seahawks

despite his lackluster game.

He was picked off on an up-for-grabs heave and a short-armed lob, throwing twice as many interceptions as he did the rest of the playoffs.

He finished 9-of-21 for 123 yards and ran for a touchdown.

Steelers coach Bill Cowher said at half-time he needed Roethlisberger to calm down, and he did for the most part.

Roethlisberger just might've been too cool as he tried to float a touch pass to Cedrick Wilson.

His attempt was picked off by Kelly Herndon and returned a Super Bowl-record 76 yards in the third quarter.

"That was one where my mind was telling me to throw it over the top and my arm didn't," he said. "I read it right. I just didn't throw it good."

That miscue set up Seattle's lone touchdown, which cut its deficit to 14-10.

Early in the second quarter, his ill-advised pass was intercepted by Michael Boulware.

But Roethlisberger made enough plays to help his team win, he just wasn't as spectacular as he was in postseason victories at Indianapolis and Denver, when he was 40-of-53 for 472 yards with four TDs and only one interception.

He didn't throw an interception against Cincinnati in an efficient outing.

With quick feet for a 6-foot-5, 241-pound quarterback, Roethlisberger turned sacks into short gains and made one of the key plays of the game in the first quarter against Seattle.

He dropped back, stepped up in the pocket, rolled left and waited just long enough for Hines Ward to get open for a cross-field, 37-yard pass on a third-and-28.

"We practice that," Ward said. "He gave me a chance to make a play."

Three snaps later, Roethlisberger scored on a play-action run behind Jerome Bettis as he tucked the ball tightly under his right arm and just got it to the goal line on a play that was reviewed.

"I told him to just follow me," Bettis said. ■

Alexander hopes to return to Seattle

NFL MVP says he wants to stay with Seahawks

Andrea Adelson
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Shaun Alexander has a feeling he will be back in Seattle.

So let the negotiations begin. After the Seahawks lost the Super Bowl 21-10 to Pittsburgh Sunday, the NFL MVP and rushing champion said he wants to return to the Seahawks.

This was the last game under his current contract, so Seattle must decide what to do.

Alexander could command a signing bonus of up to \$20 million, and that might be too much for the Seahawks to pay.

"I believe that Seattle is really, really close to being a dominant football team. We can have a great tradition for a long time," Alexander said.

"I want to be a part of that. But fair is fair. My gut tells me Seattle is going to be fair."

Last year, the Seahawks desig-

nated the running back their franchise player and paid him \$6.32 million.

If they don't want to franchise him again or give him a long-term deal, Alexander would become a free agent March 3.

Seattle owner Paul Allen said he also wants Alexander back.

"As I said before, I am optimistic about that," Allen said. "Obviously, there will be discussions with his agent over the coming weeks."

But of course nothing is certain. Even Alexander knows that.

Though he said he "definitely" wants to come back, he added, "Who knows what's going to happen? No one's sure of anything."

Against Pittsburgh, Alexander had 95 yards on 20 carries, but

there was one thing missing: touchdowns.

In the end, that ended up hurting the Seahawks.

Though Alexander set an NFL record with 28 touchdowns during the regular season and piled up 1,880 yards rushing, it was tough going against the Steelers.

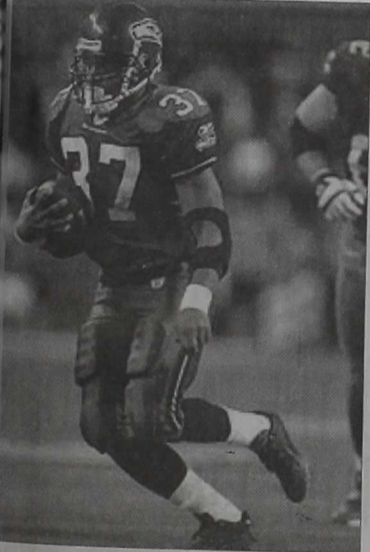
Two yards here. Four yards there.

Alexander had one big play, a nice 21-yard run in the third quarter that helped get the Seahawks into field-goal range.

But Josh Brown missed a 50-yard field goal wide left, and Alexander did little else the rest of the game.

"You're trying to find things that could work," Pro Bowl left tackle Walter Jones said.

"We had some openings, but they played us tough." ■



Seattle Seahawks record-setting running back Shaun Alexander hopes to be back in Seattle next season.

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II Marine Expeditionary Force

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"But, in each case the sacrifice of the Marine was freely given, an outward sign of his or her faithful sense of duty to a cause larger than themselves, committed the day they proudly held up their hand and took their oath." - Shannon Maxwell, wife of Lt. Col. Tim Maxwell, who was wounded in Kalsu, Iraq. Maxwell sustained a traumatic brain injury from mortar fire shrapnel.

Returning from combat, labeled a "wounded warrior," without question can be the beginning of a painful, difficult, sometimes confusing and perhaps frightening path. That path can be more easily navigated with help and Marines

take care of their own.

More than a motto to II Marine Expeditionary Force, "Semper Fidelis" is a way of life as we work with and continue to support individuals throughout their redeployment (do you mean rehabilitation) and healing process.

"These are our Marines and sailors and we will continue to see that they are taken care of," said Lt. Gen. James F. Amos in a recent interview.

During the healing process, the focus is on recovery and support for those individuals. However, they are not the only ones who face new challenges, and family members say that they can begin to feel totally alone.

"None of your neighbors, none of your families - no one unless they've gone through what you are going through - will understand," said Becky Klepper, wife of Sgt. Karl Klepper, who was injured in an IED explosion, when his vehicle flipped over, crushing his ankle and breaking the bone on the opposite side through the skin.

Shannon Maxwell, Becky Klepper and Alison Sturla,

wives of wounded warriors here at Camp Lejeune, recognized that other spouses like themselves, might need the support of their own, as they assist their family members to cope with physical and mental challenges caused by wounds of war.

"Our Marines and their families hold their heads up high and continue to find hope in life beyond recovery," said Maxwell.

Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Key Volunteer Center, in Bldg. H14 aboard Camp Lejeune, the Wounded Warrior Spouses' Support Group offers that assistance. In an open forum, spouses, significant others and friends affected by a wounded Marine can find knowledge and strength in shared experiences with those who have walked a mile in their shoes.

"We realized in helping our husbands through their recovery that there were challenges, uncertainties and stressors we were experiencing that were hard for others to understand," said Maxwell.

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Corps gives new base CO chance to do many things

Jennifer Moore

Carolina Living Staff Writer

To honor Black History Month, The Globe will feature black Marines leaders who are making their own impact on history. This is the first of those profiles.

Colonel Adele Hodges did not plan to join the Marine Corps.

After she graduated from Southern Connecticut State College, Hodges started graduate school, then left graduate school and began looking for her dream job. When she couldn't find what she was looking for, she visited the Air Force and Navy recruiters.



Hodges

Those recruiters told her they could not take her for six months or a year, so she turned to leave.

The Marine Corps recruiter started his spiel, but she didn't want to hear it - the only reason she stayed inside the office was her mother hadn't returned to pick her up and it was too cold to stand outside.

When her mother did arrive, Hodges' sister came in to find her and wound up joining the Corps.

Hodges kept thinking about it - she wanted to protect her little sister, and she wanted to do something for her family and her country. When she received a letter from boot camp saying it was "not that bad," she decided to join.

"I wanted to kill her after I got there," Hodges said with a laugh.

Her younger sister served eight years. Hodges found a career.

"The Marine Corps has given me the opportunity to do so many different things," Hodges said recently. "No way would I have imagined I would do half the things I've done."

Hodges started her Marine Corps career at 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group and was soon accepted for the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

She has been stationed all over the world - Okinawa, Japan; Hawaii; Quantico, Va. and Camp Pendleton, Calif., to name a few - and attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and the U.S. Naval War College at Naval Station Newport in Rhode Island. She served in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Natural Fire 2000 in Kenya.

Before coming to Camp Lejeune to serve as commanding officer of the base, she was stationed at the NATO Joint Warfare Center in Stavanger, Norway.

"My Marine Corps career has been one that through every door has been another challenge," she said. "The Marine Corps has been good for me... and I hope I have given back."

Hodges said she enjoyed serving as a supply officer. "If it could be found anywhere in the world, I tried to find it," she said. "I don't think I could have picked a better job or a better service."

Still, Hodges has had her share of challenges.

At one duty station, Hodges said she felt like all the cards were stacked against her - from her rank and job to her race and sex. But she dealt with it.

"Somebody dealt me lemons, I made lemonade," she said.

In her earliest years in the Marine Corps, "sexual harassment was the norm," she said, but she just ignored it.

"The Marine Corps has come a long way as far as women," she said. "We're more equal now than when I came in."

Hodges' family asks when she will retire, but she said she doesn't see the logic in giving up a job she loves to find another job.

"The Marine Corps has completely changed me," she said. "I've grown a lot. It has made me a different and hopefully better person."

4th MEB (AT) NCOs surprise, thank junior Marines

Cpl. Ken Melton

4th MEB (AT)

As junior Marines with 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), Headquarters Company, left for chow they were told that they were to go to the Main Side Recreation Center.

Most thought it was another working party and were prepared to miss part of their lunch for whatever task they had to complete. Little did they know their assignment would be a most enjoyable one.

The NCOs along with the support of their Staff NCOs and officers held a surprise Appreciation Day for their junior Marines to recognize the hard work and initiative that they've shown over the past few months.

"These guys have been doing a great job in and outside of the office," said Sgt. Juan S. Vargas, the 4th MEB (AT) embark chief and Single Marine Program camp president. "In the past few months they have truly shown how selfless a Marine can be no matter what rank they are."

The non-NCOs began holding weekly meetings last fall have come together to help charitable organizations like the Angel Tree and Dollar and a Can.

"We saw an opportunity to help those less fortunate than us and we just took the initiative to do it," said Lance Cpl. R. Tolson, a 21-year-old Germantown, Md., native, who is the outgoing director of Non-NCO meetings.

"We were able to feed three families large meals for Thanksgiving and gave more than 60 children presents for Christmas.

"This was very motivating and shocking that they would do this even though we were just doing what Marines are supposed to do," said Pfc. Randi L. Steele, the 19-year-old incoming Non-NCO meeting director, who is a Daytona Beach, Fla., native.

NCOs and section heads treated the junior Marines to pizza, sandwiches and sodas. The company commanding officer, Maj. Anita W. Carroll, company first sergeant, Lisa K. Nilsson, and company gunnery sergeant, David J. Vani formally congratulated them after their meal.

As they finished their food, Steele, a personnel clerk with 4th MEB (AT) and Lance Cpl. Benjamin B. Clayton, a legal clerk with the unit and outgoing assistant meeting director, were called up to receive an plaque on behalf of all the Marines for their hard work.

Tolson who helped lead the way for the events received a certificate of commendation.

"These Marines were just happy just doing something we set out to do and to receive an award especially when they take time out of their busy schedule is great," Tolson, a personnel clerk, said with a big grin. "I'm glad to have received my personal award, but I'm proud of all of the Non-NCOs getting an award."

The junior Marines secured for liberty for the rest of the day and excused from field day that night, as the NCOs would be responsible for it. NCOs also announced that they could play football as an option to running for unit PT.

The junior Marines have no plans on stopping their efforts to help others and themselves.



Cpl. Ken Melton

Junior Marine Appreciation Day: Lance corporals and below with 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) were surprised by their leadership with a Junior Marine Appreciation Day. After being treated to lunch, they received a plaque to commemorate the event and knocked-off for the rest of the day.

EOD Marine earns Bronze Star

Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston
Marine Corps Base

A Fairmount, Ill. native and officer in charge of the Explosive Ordnance Team with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base was awarded one of the nation's most prestigious medals in a ceremony Wednesday in Building 1.

Capt. Walter D. Romine Jr., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for heroic achievement during combat operations against anti-coalition forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

While deployed from March to September 2004, he served as the EOD platoon commander for Combat Service Support Battalion-1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

"Romine's personal actions served as the driving force in reducing the threat to coalition forces, as he led the Marines in the execution of 2,000 explosive ordnance disposal missions," according to an official citation.

One such example of his courage under fire came during the recovery of an AH-1W Super Cobra Helicopter, which had been shot down by insurgent rocket propelled grenade fire on the eastern edge of Al Fallujah, Iraq.

According to the official citation,

Romine and his two-man explosive ordnance disposal response team were under a hail of small arms, medium machine gun and periodic mortar fire.

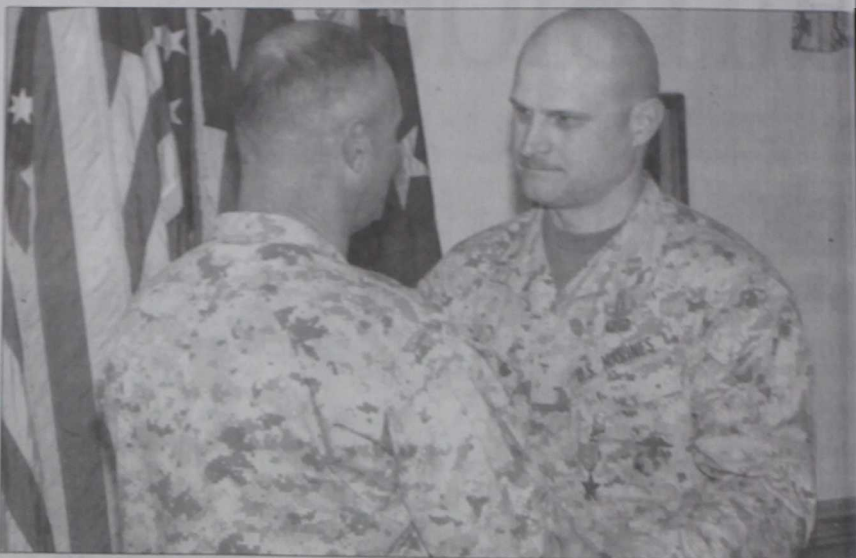
"This was definitely a priority mission, since the missiles and rockets were still onboard the aircraft," said Romine. "If any of the ordnance had exploded, it would've been a bad weekend for everyone."

Not only were the Marines fighting the enemy, they were also fighting the heat as well. According to Romine, that particular day the temperature had skyrocketed to about 127 degrees.

"I've been stationed at [Marine Corps Air Station] Yuma and [Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center] Twentynine Palms, but this heat was a real kicker," said Romine. "Nevertheless, we still had a job to do, so we sucked it up until the mission was complete."

It took the team about 30 minutes to remove the ordnance and about two hours to evacuate the Cobra safely back to Camp Fallujah, according to Romine. And even though he was overwhelmed to receive one of the military's highest honors, he could by no means, take all the credit himself.

"The Marines I worked with are a great bunch of guys," said Romine. "To see them in action is nothing less than awe inspiring. I couldn't have done it without them." ■



Camp Lejeune, N.C. — Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations East, presents Capt. Walter D. Romine Jr., with a Bronze Star Wednesday in Bldg. 1. While serving as the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon Commander for Combat Service Support Battalion-1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from March to September 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Romine was instrumental in disposing of more than 156,000 pounds of explosives, nearly 50,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and more than 100 missiles.

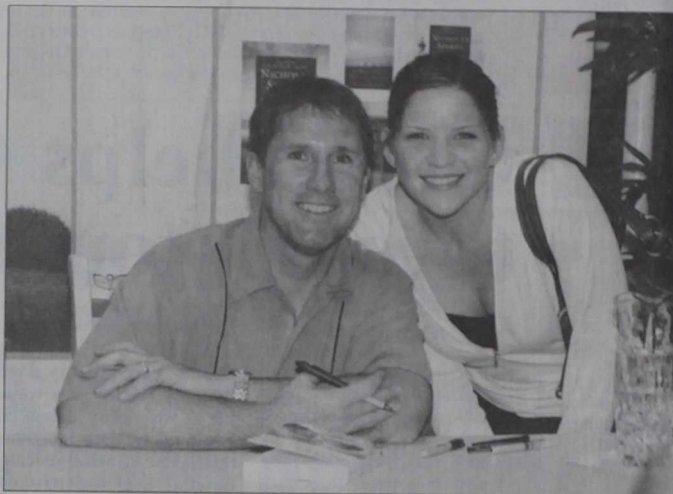
C.A. Mack McKinney awards ...



Lance Cpl. Drew Barker

Sywanys Scarlet and Gold: Retired Sgt. Maj. Bob Jones, general manager of a local furniture and electronics store, and Itchy Popkin, owner and chief executive officer of a local furniture and electronics store, received the 14th Annual C.A. Mack McKinney awards from members of the Downeast Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association at Sywanys Scarlet and Gold night club Feb 3. The NCOA recognized Jones and Popkin for their outstanding leadership and continued dedication and service to the military community. "This is a very special honor for me," said Jones during his acceptance speech. "This is much more than a trophy of metal and wood. It means people are still out there doing good and making a difference. If I can just do my part, I will." Pictured from left to right are: retired Sgts. Maj. Paul Siverson and Bob Jones, Itchy Popkin, and retired Sgts. Maj. Michael Rooney and Joe Houle.

Best selling author visits ...



Lance Cpl. Drew Barker

Marine Corps Exchange: Rachel Ballantine, an avid Nicholas Sparks reader, poses for a picture with the New York Times best-selling author during his visit to the Marine Corps Exchange Feb. 4. Sparks signed autographs, posed for photographs and visited with a thousand fans for more than three hours during the promotional appearance. "It is an honor to be here," said Sparks about his visit to the base. "Military exchanges are great, they're one of the only places I'll consider coming to when I'm not actually home."

SUPPORT

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"Our roles changed for a time as we became the caregiver at home."

Guest speakers offer assistance and clarification on issues such as Veterans Affairs benefits, financial assistance, combat stress and post traumatic stress disorder and rehabilitation resources. Following a 30-minute presentation, and question and answer opportunity, there will be a closed-door session where the spouses alone

will be invited and can feel comfortable sharing their experiences and concerns in a safe, non-threatening environment, "free of rank and judgment."

"Being able to share these things with someone and realizing that we were not alone in what we were going through was an enormous comfort - one that we hope to extend to others," said Maxwell.

More than a support group, the WWSSG provides Marine commanders feedback that will assist them in their mission to improve quality of life for

wounded service members and their families and will work to expedite the fulfillment of those needs.

"So they understand the difficulties and challenges involved for family members during this process," said Klepper, whose family is from Wiley, Texas. "that it's not just about the Marine or sailor."

The next Wounded Warrior Spouses' Support Group meeting will be February 15. For more information about the group e-mail wwssg@hotmail.com.

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Retired Military Breakfast

There will be a breakfast at Ball Center (old Staff NCO Club)

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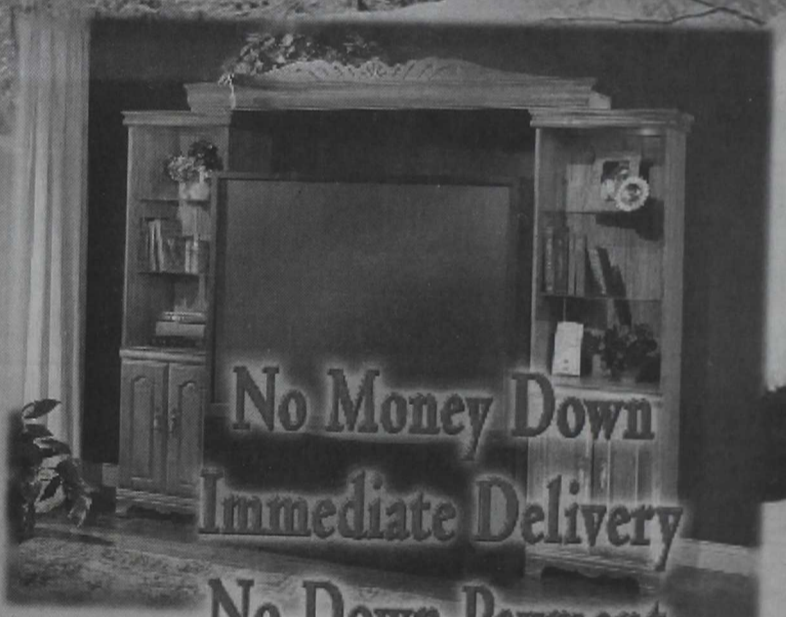


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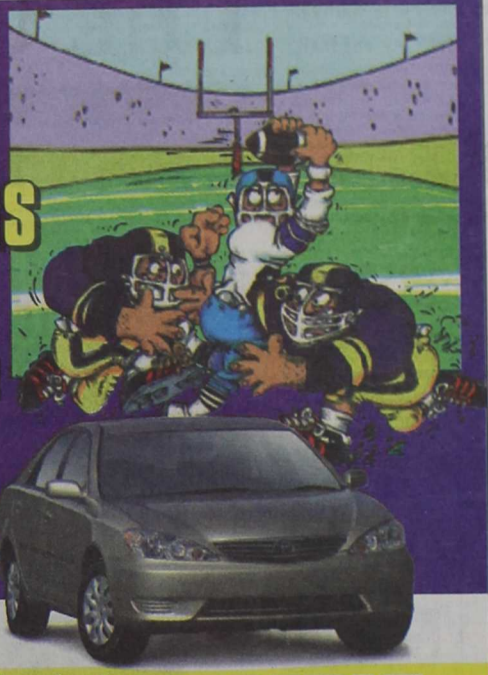
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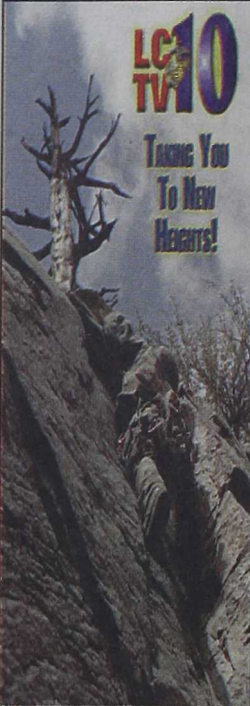
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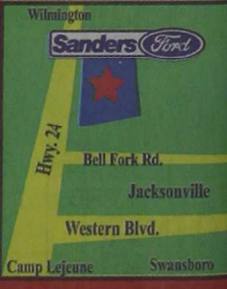


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Valentine's Day

Celebrating romance, love ...

Jennifer Moore
Carolina Living staff writer

Tuesday, children will exchange tiny envelopes filled with cartoon Valentines and conversation hearts, men will rush to cook dinner or make last-minute reservations, and thousands of boxes of chocolates, flowers, stuffed animals and other gifts will be exchanged in the name of love.

But, while it is certain that Valentine's Day means mountains of candy, cards and flowers, it is less certain how, exactly, this holiday began.

Legends and rumors abound about the history of Valentine's Day. Though most legends cite a martyred Catholic saint who died in approximately 270 A.D., the reasons for his death vary.

Part of the confusion is due to the fact that the Catholic Church recognizes three martyred saints named Valentine or Valentinus.

One story suggests Valentine was a priest who lived in third-century Rome. The emperor outlawed marriage for young men, in order to create better soldiers, but Valentine resisted the order and performed secret marriages for young couples. The emperor learned of Valentine's actions and had him killed.

Other legends say Valentine was killed for helping Christians escape from the hostile hand of Rome.

Another story suggests the holiday stems from an imprisoned man who fell in love with a girl — possibly his jailer's daughter — and sent her a love letter signed "From your Valentine."

According to www.catholic.org, the St. Valentine who is the patron saint of love and lovers was a holy priest in Rome who was

beaten and beheaded for assisting the martyrs persecuted under Claudius II.

The reason behind the date of Valentine's Day is also unclear.

While it is possible the date was chosen to coincide with the day St. Valentine was killed or buried, many experts say the day was an effort by the church to Christianize a pagan holiday — the Lupercalia festival, a fertility feast and purification ceremony.

As part of the festival, women would place their names in a large urn and men would choose a name. The couple would be paired together for a year and often married.

Pope Gelasius named Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day in approximately 498 AD, in celebration of Valentine's martyrdom.

From those murky beginnings, Valentine's Day emerged as a day of love.

The British began celebrating the holiday in roughly the 17th century, and Americans began exchanging valentines in the early 18th century.

The oldest known valentine — written by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife in 1415 while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London — is on display at the British Museum.

Information for this article was compiled from www.historychannel.com, www.theholidayspot.com, www.wikipedia.org and www.greetingcard.org.

Area events offer romance, fun

Jennifer Moore
Carolina Living staff writer

Looking for a special Valentine activity to impress your honey? There are a variety of events around the Jacksonville and Wilmington area designed for all types of couples.

Tonight, enjoy a three-concert classical music performance by the North Carolina Symphony at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. For more information, call (252) 638-9050 or visit www.ncsymphony.com.

Friday, groove to the sounds of Julie Rehder and Jack Krupicka as part of the winter series of Jazz at the Cape Fear Museum. Tickets are \$5. Call (910) 341-4350.

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If your sweetie is into old-fashioned romance, try a horse-drawn carriage ride in downtown Wilmington. The private ride includes a red rose and a box of chocolates. Rides are available Friday through Tuesday by reservation and cost \$75 per couple. Call (910) 251-8889 for information.

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Photos courtesy Cape Fear Coast CVB
If the weather is not nice enough for the beach, a horse-drawn carriage can provide a romantic Valentine's Day setting.

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Aniston explores family secret in *Rumor Has It...*

Kevin Costner, Shirley MacLaine also star in flawed romantic comedy

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From the Front Row

RUMOR HAS IT... (PG-13)

Rumor Has It... is a romantic comedy about a woman who heads West to attend her sister's wedding, only to discover the family has a secret: Her grandmother may have inspired the Mrs. Robinson character in *The Graduate*.

Jennifer Aniston (TV's *Friends*, *Devised*, *Along Came Polly*, *Bruce Almighty*) stars as Sarah Huttinger, who is pursuing a journalism career and is currently an obit writer for *The New York Times*. Sarah is preparing to wed Jeff, her fiancé, but is having second thoughts, frightened of being sucked into her family's middle-class way of life.

Jeff Daly, played by Mark Ruffalo (*Just Like Heaven*, *Collateral*, *In the Cut*, *You Can Count on Me*) and Sarah are going to California to attend her sister's wedding. This also means that Sarah has to spend a lot of time with her tennis-obsessed Pasadena family.

The only thing that will make the trip worthwhile is the company of her eccentric grandmother, Katharine, played by the brilliant Shirley MacLaine (*Bewitched*, *In Her Shoes*, *Terms of Endearment*).

Talking with Katharine, Sarah stumbles upon a well-kept family secret, a claim that her family may have been the inspiration for the 1967 film *The Graduate*.

Upon learning this news, her whole life is thrown into chaos.

While Sarah starts to question her roots, she sends Jeff back to New York and sets off in search of the man who may have all the answers.

Much to her surprise, Sarah's quest leads her to San Francisco and Beau Burroughs, played by Kevin Costner (*The Upside of Anger*, *Open Range*, *Tin Cup*, *Dances With Wolves*, *Bull Durham*), an Internet millionaire and an old classmate of her mother who apparently bedded both her grandmother and her mother.

What Sarah finds, surprisingly, is someone even she could fall in love with. She soon finds herself embroiled in an affair with an older man as history repeats itself.

Costarring are Mena Suvari (*American*

Beauty, *American Pie*) as Annie, Sarah's sister, and Richard Jenkins (*Fun with Dick and Jane*, *North Country*) as Earl Huttinger, the quiet anchor of the family.

Director Rob Reiner (*When Harry Met Sally*, *A Few Good Men*, *Misery*, *Stand By Me*, *The American President*, *Ghosts of Mississippi*), with the help of screenwriter Ted Griffin, brings us this tale set in 1997 contemporary Pasadena, Calif.

Rumor Has It... has many flaws. It tries too hard to be too many things and winds up lame and uninteresting.

Now playing at Camp Lejeune.

THE NEW WORLD (PG-13)

The New World is a historical epic adventure about 17th-century colonial leader John Smith, his romance with Indian princess Pocahontas and the roots of Indian exploitation by white settlers.

The adventure is set in a critical time when Native Americans first encountered Europeans, and explores the clashing of both cultures during the founding of the Jamestown settlement.

The 1607 Jamestown settlement in Virginia brought together Capt. John Smith and the famous Native-American icon, Pocahontas. Her connection to Smith helped create a temporary peace between the Powhatan tribe and the British settlers of Virginia's Jamestown colony.

Colin Farrell (*Alexander*, *Daredevil*, *Phone Booth*, *S.W.A.T.*) stars as John Smith, an adventurer and soldier of fortune. The leader of the early colonists arrived in Virginia with 102 other Englishmen, ready to settle the colony of Jamestown. His alliance with Pocahontas saves the first permanent English settlement in America.

Fifteen-year-old newcomer Q'orianka Kilcher plays the Powhatan princess named Pocahontas, who saves Smith's life. He swoons over her, but in the end rejects Pocahontas, as the two lovers are swept up in the 17th-century culture clash between the Jamestown settlers and the Algonquian tribe.

The New World also shows us Pocahontas later. Her father, the chief of the Powhatan, disowns her, and she marries John Rolfe, the English tobacco farmer and widower, played



Rumor Has It... Jennifer Aniston, right, learns that her grandmother, played by Shirley MacLaine, left, may have been the real-life Mrs. Robinson.

by Christian Bale (*Batman Begins*, *Reign of Fire*) and has his child, Rolfe courted her after the departure of her first love, John Smith.

Pocahontas carves her own fate in a white man's world and spends the last years of her life in England as Rebecca. She died shortly after an audience with King James I in London at the age of 22.

Other principal characters are Christopher Plummer (*Syriana*, *Alexander*, *The Sound of Music*) as Capt. Christopher Newport, Wes Studi (*Last of the Mohicans*, *Dancing with Wolves*) as Opechancanough, August Schellenberg (*Free Willy*) as Powhatan, Raoul Trujillo (*Highlander III*) as Tomocomo, Michael Greyeyes (*Skinwalkers*) as Rupew/Wobblehead, David Thewlis (*Kingdom of Heaven*) as Capt. Wingfield, Noah Taylor (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) as Selway, Ben Chaplin (*The Truth About Cats & Dogs*) as Jehu Robinson and Jonathan Pryce (*Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Brothers Grimm*) as King James I.

Masterful writer and director Terrence Malick (*The Thin Red Line*, *Days of Heaven*, *Badlands*) was inspired by the legend of John Smith and Pocahontas and transforms this classic story into a sweeping exploration of love, loss and discovery.

Malick reconstructed an entire Powhatan village and the James Fort, borrowed replicas

of sailing ships from the Settlement museum and hired artisans to craft weapons, head-dresses, complete wardrobes.

The film's most exquisite shot is a view of undeveloped Tidewater in Virginia along the Chickahominy river.

Kilcher studied the Algonquian and met descendants of Pocahontas preparing for this role. She gives an impressive performance with a quiet and one can sense the deep developments between her and Smith.

The movie is a work of breath-taking nation, masterful and magnificent in an impressionistic, poetic and lyrical that takes a long time to capture. So be patient!

Enjoy the beautiful serene scenery accompanying soundtrack of Wagner's *Rheingold* theme and Mozart's *Concerto No. 23*, and the movie is like an amazing painting.

The New World is a love story about how intimacy between two people is the course of nations. It is also a masterpiece about the birth of a new nation.

Now playing in Jacksonville.

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

LCTV-10 | Guide

8:30 a.m.	Rice University
9 a.m.	The Morning Report
9:30 a.m.	Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War
11:30 a.m.	USMC in the 21st Century
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12:30 p.m.	USDA Forest Service Natural Resource Agenda
1 p.m.	A Place Called Fairfield Harbour
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Fairfield Harbour offers unique living experience

Cpl. Patrick McHugh
LCTV-10

It's time for another week of programming on Lejeune Cable Television-10.

Before we get into this week's shows I want to update you on the housecleaning we are doing here at LCTV-10. We have undergone some major changes and have adjusted our programming to bring you a bigger and better LCTV-10.

The Morning Report will now air live at 9 a.m. every day, but the regularly scheduled afternoon and evening times will remain the same.

Also, in order to bring you more local programming and news, we have stopped airing shows from the Pentagon Channel.

You can tune in at any time to keep up on area happenings with our message screens and tickers. We keep you on top of sports, national, international, business and entertainment news.

On the banks of North Carolina's Neuse River sits a community so complete, it sets a standard of living offered by very few places in America.

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Join us as we get to know the Fairfield community in *A Place Called Fairfield Harbour*.

If the outdoors are your calling, we have what you're looking for. Join Chief Mike Bombeck as he outlines the Forest Service's *Natural Resource Agenda*.

The agenda focuses on water, sustainable forests and grasslands, roads and recreation. He describes the key area of the agenda before setting out on a canoe trip with his daughter Mary.

Also this week, LCTV-10 brings you an in-depth look at *Rice University*.

The beautiful campus in the heart of Houston plays host to a variety of rigorous and prestigious academic programs.

From traditional majors like economics or history to more unique programs like ancient Mediterranean civilizations or chemical physics, Rice has something for every student.

With a surprisingly affordable price tag and a world-class faculty, Rice could be exactly what you're looking for.

Tune in to learn more about *Rice University*.

That concludes our program this week, but now I'd like to hear from you.

Do you ever feel bored? Maybe you just think you're ready for new experience? LCTV-10 has the place for you!

Our friendly, motivated crew is always looking for you all you need to know about television broadcasting and video production.

Have you ever dreamed of being a super star, or maybe operating the art studio cameras and lighting?

Working at the television station is a great opportunity for anyone looking to get into the TV business, for a resume booster or simply to have a good time and meet new friends.

LCTV-10 welcomes anyone interested in volunteering.

If you'd like to join the LCTV-10 team, call or e-mail Cpl. Patrick McHugh.

You just might be the one we're looking for.

And remember, if you need information on how to get involved, please contact us at LCTV-10 to www.lejeune.lmccsl.com

Editors Note: On Wednesday, February 8, 2006, following *The Morning Report*, LCTV-10 will air a *Logistics Modernization* program.



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Movie gossip, rumors & more

Phoenix joins the mob

Walk the Line Oscar nominee Joaquin Phoenix is down the microphone and picking up a gun for his next project. *We Own the Night* will reteam Phoenix with Mark Wahlberg and director James Gray — who previously worked with the star on the 2000 New York City drama *The Yards* — for a flick that returns them to the crime scene. The fact-based movie follows the fierce 1980s battle between the NYPD and Russian mobsters, who targeted the cops and their families in an all-out crime war.

Coming soon: Marvin Gaye

The musical biopics continue. Now *Rent* and who-he-could-sing-and-dance *Law & Order* actor Jesse L. Martin will star as R&B legend Marvin Gaye in *Sexual Healing*. The film will follow Gaye's final years, which saw him with years of drug abuse, tax dramas and a battle with the label by embarking on a self-imposed exile to Europe.

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the Marine Corps Air River Officers' Club will dine dinner show, open to civilian guests. The event a reading of *Love Letters* odes and Lynn Moore and all 449-6409 by Friday for

scary movies more than edies, you and your loved y the "Hold Your Honey Night Massacre" ghost downtown Wilmington. will feature special stories e and each guest or couple something special. Ghost p.m. or pub crawl at 7:30 are available online at wilmington.com or by 794-1866.

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Friday, children 7 to 10 years cipate in Aqua Camp at the ina Aquarium at Fort Fisher to 3 p.m. This "Valentine's

Day in the Ocean" event includes games, activities and live animal demonstrations.

Participants bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration is required for admission. For more information about the event, call (910) 458-8257. ■

Valentine facts and figures

♥ With approximately 180 million cards exchanged industry-wide (not including packaged kids' valentines for classroom exchanges), Valentine's Day is the second largest holiday for giving greeting cards.

♥ Research reveals that more than half of the U.S. population celebrates Valentine's Day by purchasing a greeting card.

♥ The top recipients of valentines are: husband, wife, son, daughter, grandchild, friends and parents. Women receive half of all valentines.

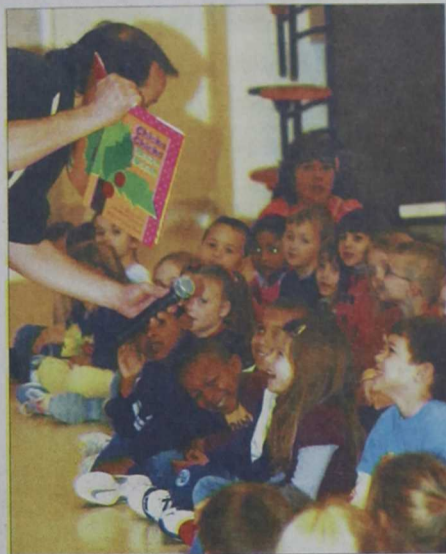
♥ Last-minute shopping is the norm for this holiday with nearly 50 percent of all Valentine's Day cards purchased in the six days prior to Valentine's Day.

♥ About 46 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are hand-delivered, often with gifts.

♥ Parents account for approximately 40 percent of all Valentine card purchases.

Source: www.hallmark.com

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom ...



Johnson Primary School: Children's book author John Archambault visited Monday to share his books and stories with the children and teach them about the writing process. Archambault wrote *Chicka Chicka Rock* and co-wrote *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Chicka Chicka ABC* and *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3*. The author visit is one of many literacy initiatives at the school, including a Writer's Café, where students can create their own books.

Photos by Jennifer Moore

Women's Center hosts evening black-tie event

Press Release
Onslow Women's Center

Onslow Women's Center will host Romance Charity Black Tie March 3 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Jacksonville Country

Club. The event will include a silent auction and heavy hors d'oeuvre.

The event will be hosted by the Onslow Women's Center. The center aids victims of domestic violence and sexual

assault. For the Spring Romance

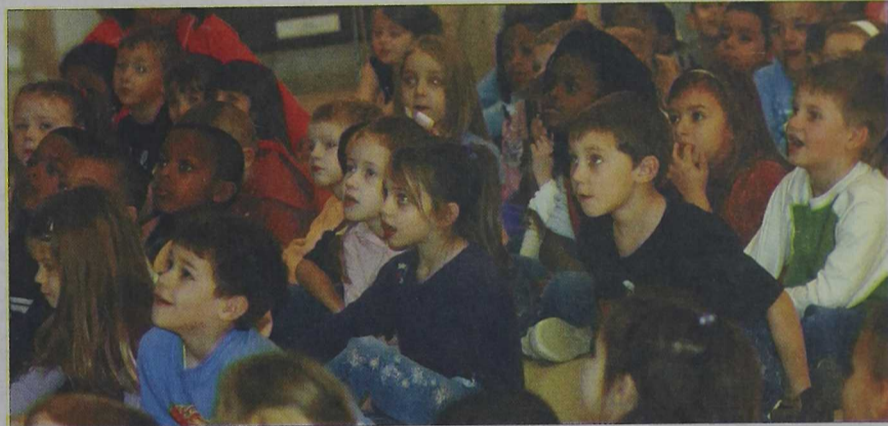
Charity Black Tie are \$75 per couple or \$40 per person.

Tickets are available at the Onslow Women's Center, 226 New Bridge Street, or at the door.

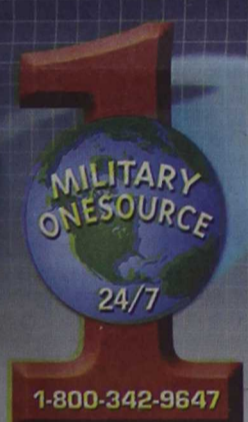
All proceeds benefit the women's center, which hopes to purchase a van for the shelter.

Sponsors for the event include the Band of OZ, Jacksonville Jaycees, Best Buy, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Jones-Onslow EMC, Marine Federal Credit Union, First Citizen Bank, Sanders Ford and Barbara and Theodore Marshburn.

For more information about the event or the Onslow Women's Center, call 347-4000 or e-mail womenctr@onslowonline.net. ■



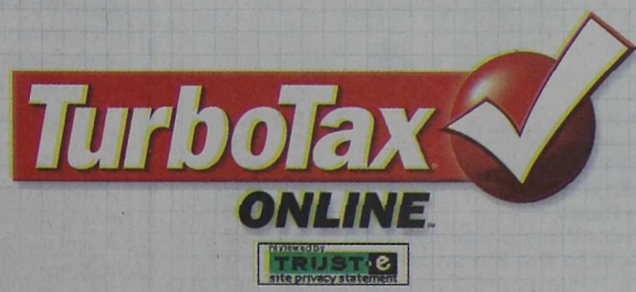
Johnson Primary School: Wide-eyed pupils listen with rapt attention to author John Archambault's stories and songs.



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 Jan. 1 Mackenzie Irene born to Lance Cpls. Stephanie and Thomas Jones Jr.
 Jan. 1 Zachary Matthew born to Jessica and Sgt. Michael Perez
 Jan. 2 Hannah Christine born to Danielle and Cpl. Charles Williams Jr.
 Jan. 3 Kolton Laine born to Felicia and Cpl. Ronnie Lovelady
 Jan. 4 Gabriel Roman born to Kimiko and Gunnery Sgt. Albert Wilson
 Jan. 4 Nichelle Michae born to Staff Sgts. Nichole and Michael Perry
 Jan. 4 Daniel Gilbert born to Katherine and Sgt. Emmanuel Sable
 Jan. 5 Jade Maki born to Mayumi and Lance Cpl. Michael Elias
 Jan. 5 Devin James born to Heather and Petty Officer Third Class Thomas Bush IV
 Jan. 6 Andrew Jacob born to Amber and Sgt. Jacob DeFord
 Jan. 6 Joseph Thomas born to Stephanie and Capt. Michael Meyers
 Jan. 7 Nathaniel Ashton born to Meghan and Lance Cpl. Nathan Beger
 Jan. 9 Benjamin William born to Melanie and Sgt. Nicholas Cooper
 Jan. 10 Tyler Joseph born to Sarah and Sgt. Michael Batton
 Jan. 10 Deven Scott born to Sgt. Holly and Scott Buffalo
 Jan. 10 Autumn-Marie Fisher born to

Priscilla and Lance Cpl. Barry Lewis II
 Jan. 11 Diego Antonio born to Cpl. Omi and Jeffrey Garcia
 Jan. 11 Caleb Joshua born to Heather and Staff Sgt. Timothy Spence
 Jan. 12 Elyann born to Annalye and Lance Cpl. Gustavo Alonso
 Jan. 12 Autumn Skye born to Crystal and Cpl. Jason Hammock
 Jan. 12 James Richard born to Karen and retired Sgt. Alexander Johnston
 Jan. 13 Austyn Sadie born to Teri and Petty Officer Third Class Carl Bailes Jr.
 Jan. 13 Evelyn Elizabeth born to Alessandra and Cpl. Gregory Donovan
 Jan. 13 Ryder James born to Sgts. Tiffany and James Roberts
 Jan. 14 Sydney Ree born to Sharie and Sgt. Kenneth Ellis III
 Jan. 14 Oakley Taylor born to April and Lance Cpl. Stephen Esping
 Jan. 15 Nora Kate born to Jill and Maj. William Collins Jr.
 Jan. 15 Taylor Marena born to Chantel and Cpl. Eric Kirk
 Jan. 15 Avery-Dean Richard born to Vanessa and Cpl. Mark Miller
 Jan. 16 Joshua Michael born to Rebecca and Sgt. Michael Ellis Jr.
 Jan. 16 Andrew Dylan born to Cpl. Nina Pearl
 Jan. 17 Katherine Grace Elizabeth born to Sara and Maj. Geoffrey Brooks
 Jan. 17 Erika Nicole born to Stacy and Staff

Sgt. Alan Duhon
 Jan. 17 Nicholas Alexander born to Christina and Cpl. Jacob Parks
 Jan. 18 Makayla Marie born to Rachel and Cpl. Christopher Betts
 Jan. 18 Isaac Dwayne born to CH2 Andrea J. Boughter
 Jan. 18 Que'Anna Claryce born to Staff Sgt. Dominique and Gunnery Sgt. Quentin Giles Sr.
 Jan. 18 Aubrey Marie born to Ashley and Cpl. Akers Oglesby
 Jan. 18 Mackenzie Margaret born to Jessica and Sgt. Robert Phillips Jr.
 Jan. 18 Kayla Mae born to Staff Sgt. Dacia and Bobby Terry
 Jan. 19 Izaak Maximus born to Cpl. Monica and Sgt. Jose Mireles
 Jan. 20 Ann Marie Steele born to Shelley and 2nd Lt. Nathaniel Flores
 Jan. 21 Caleb Roman born to Andrea and Cpl. David Hernandez
 Jan. 21 William Leonard II born to Misty and Capt. William Lombardo
 Jan. 21 Zowie Alexandria born to Vicky and Lance Cpl. Patrick Lydon
 Jan. 24 Skylar Saleen born to Pamela and Sgt. Carlos Bustillo
 Jan. 24 Logan Tanner born to Amber and Sgt. Luke Hussey
 Jan. 24 Kylee Beth born to Lindsey and 2nd Lt. Nathan Knowles
 Jan. 24 Alexander Michael born to Penelope and Cpl. Samuel Snyder

Jan. 25 Isabel Maria born to St. Nicholas Sanchez
 Jan. 25 Alexander Ian born to Cpl. Brian Momerak
 Jan. 25 Maia Diana born to Sgt. Cpl. Malik Reed
 Jan. 25 Alyssa Nicole born to and Kevin Sonnenfeld
 Jan. 26 Curtis James born to Cpl. Aaron Warner
 Jan. 26 Azalynn Elaine born to and Lance Cpl. Joshua Belile
 Jan. 26 Christopher John, Jr. born to and Sgt. Christopher Nalley
 Jan. 27 Emily Renee born to At. James Lambert
 Jan. 27 Chyler Luisa-Fuifui born to and Sgt. Arona Teo
 Jan. 28 Kayla Ann born to Man. James Brown
 Jan. 28 Shaun William born to Staff Sgt. William Knapp
 Jan. 28 Arianna Christine born to Sgt. Manuel Rodriguez III
 Jan. 28 Gavin Michael born to K. Staff Sgt. Eric Steiner
 Jan. 29 Triniti J'Nae born to J. Cpl. Tyvon Petway
 Jan. 29 Nolan Christopher born to and Staff Sgt. Allie Potter Jr.
 Jan. 31 Ja'Cari Maleek Bland born to Tequonia Hollins
 Jan. 31 Serenity Jade born to Tra. Christopher Pearson

January Service Member of the Month ...



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Roland J. Austin III: Austin, a native of Maryland, studied graphic design at Villa Julie College in Reisterstown, Md. for two years before joining the Marine Corps. After Austin graduated from Parris Island in June 2001, he served as a corrections specialist and counselor at Lackland Air Force Base. He is a military police corrections specialist attached to Brig Company, Headquarters and Support Battalion. Austin also is a brown belt marshall arts instructor and a defensive tactics instructor. He hopes to eventually earn the rank of master gunnery sergeant and earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Austin was the January Military Affairs Committee Service Member of the Month.

November Service Member of the Month

Press Release

Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce

Corporal David Andrew Carlson was the November 2005 Military Affairs Service Member of the Month.

Carlson was born in Skippack, Pa. and joined the Marine Corps in 2001. Though his two grandfathers served in the Army, Carlson thought the Marine was sharper.

He graduated from boot camp as a meritorious private first class and a meritorious Combat Training at Camp Geiger and Air Traffic Control School in Pensacola, Fla. He was the honor graduate.

Carlson is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station New River and deployed to Iraq with MATC-2.

He already has earned four of the six possible ATC ratings available at MATC-2. He hopes to earn the other two to become facility rated.

He enjoys surfing and hopes to be promoted to sergeant soon. ■

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Call Wendy McGill at 910.355.5606 or via email at wmcgill@marinefederal.org



U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Encourages Public Participation in its Environmental Clean-up Decisions

The U. S. Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina is soliciting volunteers to become members of its Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). Any Onslow County or local citizen able to meet the requirements listed below is encouraged to submit a membership application. In 2006, the community members selected will be appointed to ensure that they represent the diverse interests of the Camp Lejeune community.

As part of its Installation Restoration Program (IRP), the Base has relied on a group of technical experts from local, state, and federal agencies to restore its environmental clean-up sites. Department of Defense and Environmental Protection Agency policy, however, requires that the process of advising the Base on its cleanup activities be broadened to ensure that the public stakeholders concerns are addressed. The RAB has been performing its duties for Camp Lejeune since 1996, and currently has active community members.

The RAB members serve a dual role: to review and comment on clean-up documents and act as liaisons between the RAB and the Camp Lejeune community. You do not need to have a technical background or any special knowledge to become a RAB community member. You do need to be a resident and be willing to actively participate in the review of material that will affect the timing and direction of Base environmental clean-up activities.

RAB community members will join representatives from the Navy, Marine Corps, Environmental Protection Agency, and the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

RAB community member requirements:

- Members will serve a term of two years and attend all RAB meetings,
- Members must be able to attend quarterly meetings and agree to have their names, addresses, and home telephone numbers provided to the community,
- Members who miss two or more consecutive meetings will be asked to resign, and
- Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with the environmental restoration of MCB Camp Lejeune.

Membership applications can be obtained by either requesting an application from the Installation Restoration program manager, Mr. Bob Lowder, at the telephone number listed below, or an electronic application can be down-loaded from the Environmental Management Division web site at <http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/emd/communities.htm> and selecting 'Restoration Advisory Board'. The application can be accessed by clicking on the link labeled 'RAB Application'.

FILL OUT AND MAIL/FAX NO LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2006 TO: Commanding General, I&E EMD EQB, PSC Box 20004, Camp Lejeune NC 28542 Telephone: 451-9607 Fax: 451-5881

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~ Love Aimes & Mommy

To Puddin,
Luv Ya Mean It #7
Happy Valentine's Day!
~ From Snookums



Snyanne & Jonathan,
You Both Bring Us Tremendous JOY!
WE LOVE YOU!
Hugs & Kisses,
~ Mommy & Daddy

SANDY,
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
WE LOVE YOU!
~ Paul, Melissa & Joshua

Kyle,
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
YOU ARE MY HERO!
MUCH! ~ Theresa

Happy Valentine's Day Mommy
Love ~ Belle

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
WE MISS YOU!
~ Avery & Regan
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Germany,
I Thank God For Bringing Us Together. You Are Very Special To Me And I Love You!
~ Nicole

Necy,
I Love You! Without You I Can't Find My Way! You Keep Me Focused And On The Right Track.
~ I Love You Honey

Tony,
The time that we have spent together has been filled with experiences and a love that I wouldn't ever trade. Until the last breath leaves my body I will always love you.
~ Amanda

Stephanie
A True My Princess,
I Love You More Today Than The Day I Married You. God Has Truly Blessed Me With My Soul-Mate. I Look Forward To Growing Old And Gray With You!
~ Scott Your Prince

Harlie & B,
You Can't Have Any Chocolate, But You Have My Heart.
~ Love You Both Me

Bill

Frank,
At Last I Know "True Love."
I Look To The Future Anew And Am So Very Grateful That You Came Into My Life. With Your Love All Things Are Possible. Love Always
~ Your Baby Girl

Shawn,
Happy Anniversary! Four years ago today, you made me the luckiest woman in the world. Thank you for being my best friend, my rock, my soul mate and most of all for giving me the greatest gift of all. I love you always and forever.
~ Love Sarah

Kevin,
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Looking Forward To A Blessed Year With You!
~ Forever I Will Love You Kimmy

Mills, Kindall, Macky, Chel,
Look, Your Name Is In The Paper!
Happy Valentine's Day!
~ Love Dad

Donny,
You Are Exactly Everything I Wanted To Make My Life Complete! Thank You For Making Me So Happy. Happy Anniversary. Happy Valentine's Day! I Love You So Much!
~ Jaimee

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No Matter what we do, you are in my heart. I love you much more every day. I'm so happy to spend Valentine's Day with you together!
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