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Marines ad for mountains

J. Grdovich
Correspondent

has become the essential backbone for modern-
weeks such as the warriors of 2d Battalion, 8th
their upcoming deployment to Bridgeport, Calif.
claim, "every clime and place," Marines and
2/8 have taken to the frosty slopes for 28 days of
old weather training that began Jan. 18.
ise will consist of the entire battalion, which
f, Echo, Weapons and Headquarters and Service
according to LCpl Jose J. Velez. Training
sioned Officer and a Fort Lauderdale, Fla. native.
essential gear every Marine or Sailor must have
e harsh winter climate at Bridgeport. One must
with long johns, gloves, socks and arctic weather

lion has been preparing by doing bivouac set-up
exercises at W.P.T.
Field, and gear
checks by the
NCOs, according to
Velez.
Socks are ess-
ential for proper care
of your feet and
everyone going to
Bridgeport should
have plenty
keep their feet dry, according to Velez.
e good training for Marines since it will be an
t most (Marines) have not been to. It should be
lez.
es Marines must endure periods of discomfort.
idgeport there may be some discomfort. Being
the best way to cope.
prepared and ready to learn; our goal is to be ready
," said Velez.

LCpl Jose J. Velez
Training NCO

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aan choir proves music international language

don Haught
Public Affairs Chief

BAY, CRETE, Greece—Crammed
among drums, guitars and speak-
S Bataan gospel choir went on
spread joy and promote positive
between the United States military
l residents recently. A mix of 25

Marines and Sailors from Bataan and the 22d
Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations
Capable) took time out from their busy main-
tenance stand-down to perform for apprecia-
tive audiences at the Hania branch of the Na-
tional Institute for People with Special Needs
and the Hania Senior Citizens' Home.

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Combat engineer is chip off old block

2ndLt Daniel McSweeney
Community Relations Officer

Cpl David L. Cunningham, Bridge
Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion,
knows how to make connections. The 22-
year-old Detroit native is a second-
generation Marine. As a combat engineer
with more than three years in the Corps, he
understands the role he plays in Bridge Co
and the importance of his unit in real-world
operations.

The connections he refers to are
eminently physical: conducting bridging

and rafting operations across
both waterways and dry land gaps
in support of maneuvering units.
This is Bridge Co's "bread and
butter."

"We can put up a bridge to
support equipment and troop
movements across significant
obstacles in about two and a half
hours," he says. "We can also raft
troops, tanks or anything a
commander needs to accomplish
the mission across almost any body of water."
Cunningham also refers proudly to less



Cpl Cunningham

concrete connections. In 1998
and '99, Cunningham was
deployed on humanitarian
operations in Honduras and Puerto
Rico, to help the local populations
recover from flooding and
hurricane damage.

"The time we spent in Honduras
is my most memorable experience
in the Corps so far," he says. "We
felt bad for the people there. They
welcomed us and appreciated what

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Quick Shots

ID Center

Central Identification
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Let it snow'

ly's northeaster brought
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Sgt Houston F. White Jr.

The Marines of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines receive an early morning
intelligence brief from Maj J.D. Warren, Assistant Infantry Officer, Tactical Training Exercise
Control Group, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

6th Marines battle elements at CAX 3-4

Sgt Houston F. White Jr.
CAX Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP WILSON— As the darkness of
early morning began to fade and the sun
slowly peeked over the mountains of the
Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center,
Twentynine Palms, Calif., Jan. 16, the devildogs
of Alpha Co, 1st Bn, 6th Marines were prepar-
ing for war.
Not just any type of war, mind you.
These warriors were getting ready for a

clash with the elements, which would test the
limits of their physical and mental endurance
in the process.

Before daybreak, weapons were being
locked and loaded with ammunition, and gran-
ite faces were being painted, in preparation
for the attack on the Mohave Desert, waiting
moments away.

After receiving a brief near the Range 410A
Hasty Assault and Maneuver Course at the

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The Millennial Interviews

What is in store for 2d FSSG for new
year, beyond?

BGen Robert C. Dickerson Jr., Com-
manding General, 2d Force Service Sup-
port Group, is featured here as the fourth
interview in a five part
series with the com-
manding generals of
Camp Lejeune and II Ma-
rine Expeditionary
Force. BGen Dickerson
covers his guidance, from
past influences to the
outlook for the first few
months of the new year.

General, what is pri-
ority number one for
your plan of operations?

Care of the Marines
and Sailors assigned to
2d FSSG and be ready to respond to any
type of contingency in support of II MEF
forces.

What have you learned in your 27 years
as a Marine to help guide the FSSG into
the 21st century?

It is a very responsive and flexible orga-
nization that is called upon frequently to
deploy forces. With highly flexible skills,
FSSG deploys units to support operations
that range from operations other than war

to full deployments such as Operation
Desert Shield / Storm. FSSG has assisted
in a variety of situations to help people
recover from natural dis-
asters such as Hurri-
cane Floyd, Andrew,
and Hugo in the United
States; Hurricane George
in Puerto Rico, and Hurri-
cane Mitch in Central
America.

Engineers have helped
rebuild and fix damaged
homes, schools, hospi-
tals, roads, bridges, and
produced electricity to
potable water. The unit
has also provided health
services care including
dental and full medical help; heavy motor
transport lift to distribute needed supplies,
repair parts and repaired the myriad of
equipment the MEF has assigned.

Did growing up in Newport, Rhode Is-
land, affect the choices which brought you
here?

Actually, I was born in Virginia. My

See GEN/4A

Force Protection means buckle up!

Squash rumors before they spread

In the Marine Corps, we have a saying that nothing is ever as bad as the first reports would have you believe. LtGen Frank Libutti, says this to me time and time again and, in each case, he has been absolutely right. Nothing has ever been as bad as it was first portrayed. It is that concept of not jumping to conclusions from the first reports that you receive nor taking part in spreading false or misleading rumors that I would like to talk to you about this week.

One of the best examples I can give you about things not turning out as bad as they were first portrayed is the recent flap about Y2K we just went through. I don't know about you, but I was sick and tired of hearing about all the disasters Y2K was going to wreak upon civilization. For the last year or more all of us have been hearing and seeing people running around with their hair on fire telling anyone and everyone who would listen to them how the world was going to go up in smoke on Jan. 1, 2000, and what happened? Absolutely nothing. The clock struck midnight, people hugged each other, had a drink, and life went on just like it always has, didn't it?

Yeah, yeah, I know some of you will say there were some minor glitches which were attributed to Y2K across the globe, and that's true. But even those small problems were nothing like the end of the world that many so-called "experts" were predicting would happen. Even now, believe it or not, those same people are trying to cover their tracks by saying that nothing happened yet, but wait till February 29. Something may happen then, or wait until we are 100 days into 2000... that's when the real trouble will start. Hell, I can make predictions like that too. They're called blanket statements. If I didn't know better, I would swear some people in this country need some type of impending doom or disaster to make their otherwise mundane existence seem worthwhile.

As ridiculous as this whole Y2K scam was, you know what the real scary thing was? The real tragedy of the Y2K boondoggle was that

some people actually believed all this bull passed around by rumor and were scared to death the world was going to end on New Year's Eve. That, to me, is criminal.

The point I am trying to make here is that rumors and half-truths about Y2K were mixed with facts until it was hard to separate the truth from fiction. People who really should have known

better got caught up in the frenzy until the ball was rolling so fast it could not be stopped.

And just as crazy as the Y2K rumors started to get, the same thing happens when you take part in ugly rumors about a fellow Marine, a unit or a companion.

When you hear something that just does not seem right to you, or someone is running around telling your Marines the world is going to end or whatever, you should step up and squash these types of falsehoods and half-truths on the spot. It is here where you as leaders reassure your Marines that things are never as bad as they may first seem. When you hear rumors or reports of something that just does not sound right, you have a moral and ethical obligation to get the true facts about what is being said and set the matter straight. You have an obligation to your Marines not to be part of any rumor mill, whether that report be about anthrax shots, Y2K or someone's professional reputation.

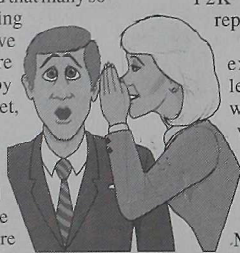
Why? Because you are paid to exercise common sense and leadership, not to run around working everyone up to the point where they don't know what is fact or fiction.

Remember, nothing is ever as bad as first reported. Y2K has proven that. Take care of your Marines and get the facts before you shoot your mouth off and never allow yourself to take part in rumors. It is un-Marinelike to do so. Real Marines just don't do things like that. Take care of our Corps and each other.

Semper Fi!
SgtMaj Holub is the Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major.

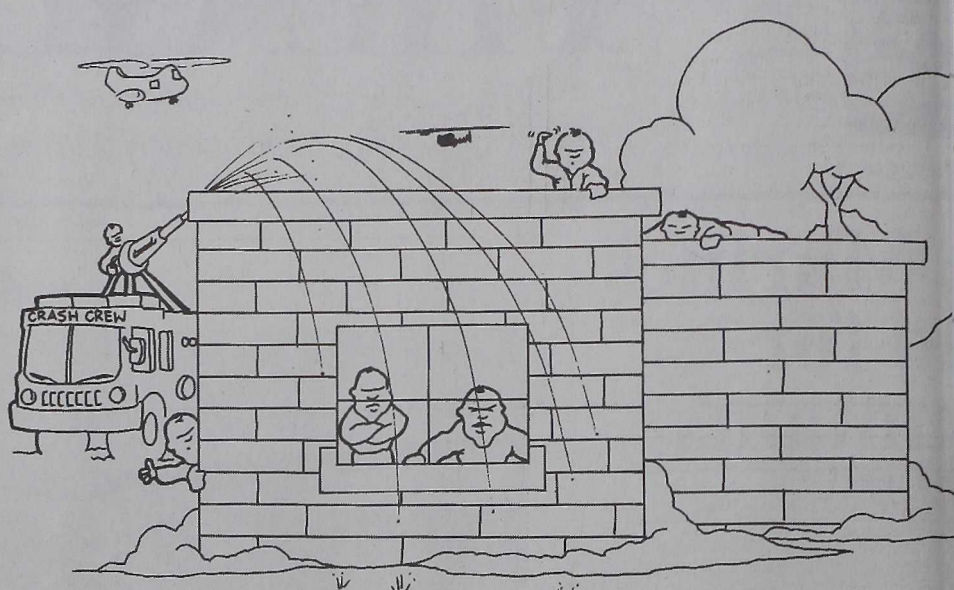
Guest Commentary

SgtMaj Robert W. Holub



Sempertoons

by SSgt Wolf



I DON'T GET IT 1ST SET... EVERYTIME WE SCHEDULE PT., IT RAINS!!!!

Nineteen weeks and growing ... and growing

In the past eight months I have reenlisted, changed from being a heavy equipment mechanic to a combat correspondent, moved to North Carolina from California, checked into my new unit, and become an editor.

Guest Commentary

Sgt Bobbie J. Bryant

Each day we run into challenges. For me facing them head on and one at a time works best.

Now I am faced with the challenge of becoming a single mom. It's bad enough that I have gained an extra 10 pounds, I'm now forced to sleep only on my left side and numerous parts of my body are swelling to sizes way out of my control.

Being pregnant has enough challenges, but this morning Mother Nature decided to throw in a little twist which had me slipping and sliding

all the way across the parking lot. North Carolina is in the weather footsteps of its Northern counterparts inches of snow.

In order to maneuver through the many obstacles it is important to stay physically fit. Anyway, all breathing, and screaming is going to take a lot out better start training.

Once I received permission from my Health Care command, the only thing left for me to do is pack my gear over to the gym to begin training in the Pregnancy W program. The program is Monday and Friday from 2:30-3:30 at the Creek Fitness Center, and on Wednesday from 3-4 at the Lejeune Community Center.

Follow along with me each week as I update you on in my pregnancy and how the military effects it

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"...for the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."

Rudyard Kipling, as cited in the 32nd Commandant's Guidance

WWII Marine: '2d MarDiv tugs at my heart'

Robert E. "Johnny" Johnson of Green Valley, Ariz., wrote last week after seeing our Jan. 7 reprint of the *Follow Me* article, "Tarawa Today."

"Seeing the neglect and vandalism of the British Vickers gun almost brought tears to my eyes," he said. "I landed at Tarawa on the adjacent Green Beach. The Singapore-captured eight-inch was our right flank boundary as we waded ashore on D-3."

"Other things came to mind, like stepping on the stomach of someone in about three feet of the clouded water and not knowing if it was one of ours or one of theirs; eating my first-ever K-ration; the multitude of large crabs that roamed at night; the use of corrugated tin sheets to drag friendly and enemy bodies to burial areas; the total absence of tree cover after the action; and that recognizable smell that enmeshed itself in everything."

"The 4/10 was given the easy assignment at Tarawa. I think we fired seven rounds in anger. But that changed at Saipan where we hit Green Beach on D-Day."

On this week before 2d MarDiv's 59th Anniversary, it might be noted that Johnny is one of those Marine veterans who is still serving. Besides his involvement in the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association and other groups, he last year initiated the "Books in Motion" program, providing quality reading material to deployed Leathernecks and Sailors.

"I've been a member of the First, Second and Third Marine Divisions," he said. "But only the Second tugs at my heart because it was the first."

SAVED ROUNDS. Thanks to GySgt Carmen Cordoba, Public Affairs Chief at MCAS Beaufort, S.C., for spending two weeks with the Lejeune Cable cast and crew. The guns is former anchor of "Navy-Marine Corps News This Week;" many of the improvements seen on our own Channel 10 have been a direct result of her coaching and expertise.

Public Affairs Notes

LtCol Keith Oliver

Many calendars for many children: a patriarch's thoughts

My dear children,
Ah, the many ways you keep time. My Christian descendants and those under their cultural influence, count this as the year 2000. Now another 1,000 years await.

For my Jewish and Muslim children, there are other equally valid and accurate calendars. Beyond them, I've offspring who count in ways others cannot appreciate, understand, or worse, respect.

This leads me to my topic. I am Abraham, your shared Patriarch.

Allow a father his right to instruct!

My great pain as I watch you across the eons is that history is all you share.

As a most bloody century closes, many faiths present their annual pageants of spirit; hope comes in so many colors, as do you, yet so many willingly choose blindness, cruelty bitterness.

Stop mouthing prayers and hear me now! Let kindness be your offering!

Holiness is Unique! Yet, the source of all life blesses us with free will since life began.

You decide dates, fix festivals, and sanctify seasons, as you respond to the eternal.

As well, you comprehend my legacy diversely and beautifully.

Remember, hadn't the Eternal wanted you to create and think, why have our minds and hearts? Use them well!

But as a new era begins, what shall you make of

it? You are human, not final arbiters of life!

None has the right to hurt and hate others for reasons of religions, color, or gender!

How has the study of my legacy given you such permission, carte blanche, to dismiss and belittle those who count, look, or pray differently?

My heritage has been twisted into binding ropes of ethnic savagery in the eternal's name, especially these last 100 years. Now you children

wish for a season of hope, when all the promises of scripture are there for the asking but for your own lack of faith and commitment to the revealed way you should and must choose!

Count in any fashion you choose, Truth remains eternal as its source!

My children, you were not given this wonderful life to divide into warring factions!

Find The One as you each do and each shall find blessing; tear and rip at one another and you make the case for a world without hope, light, or good, whatever your religions and practices!

Two eyes were given to bring one world into focus; two ears were given to harmonize all the songs of creations, hear others and their stories.

You are more, so very much more, than your theologies, cultures and colory. Your new century may

reveal a shared destiny.

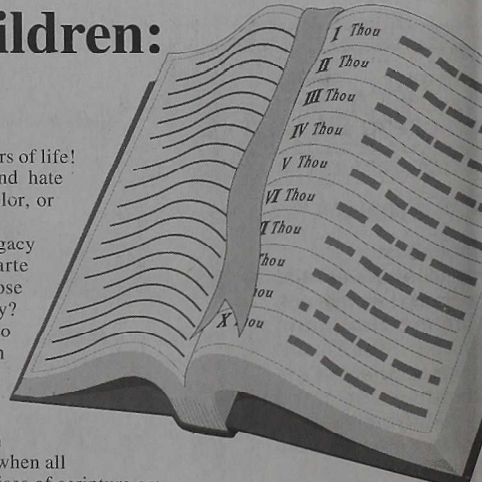
It's yours for the taking! If not now, then when? Must there be a century of hurt and harm?

Many of my children celebrate Holy season. But what will it matter if I well, if your won actions curse one another?

It's not up to me, nor is it The Holy for you to be separated by arrogance bitterness.

Feelings of superiority are idols. I necessarily a Happy Season, but a time a call to what might and could be! Be yourselves, the Children of Abraham

Patriarchally Yours,
Abraham



FSSG (Forward) charges on with new commander

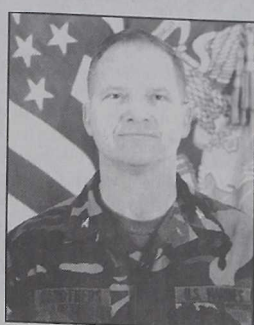
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command ceremony.
a La Jolla, Calif., native,
marine Corps Reserve
and was commissioned
tenant in June 1974.

Carothers, formerly stationed at Quantico, Va., has held both operational and staff assignments in every element of the Marine Air Ground Task Force. That includes command of five separate companies, two Combat-Service Support Detachments and a Marine Wing Support Squadron.

Carothers is a veteran of counter insurgent operations in Central America and combat operations during the Gulf War.



Col Carothers

Carothers has been operationally deployed to Japan, Philippines, Korea, Honduras, Cuba, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

The incoming commander's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal third award, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Joint Service Achievement Medal.

As Carothers prepares to step in, Kirkwood, a Rock Island, Ill., native,

winds down his career that began when he enlisted in the Air Force for four years prior to joining the Marine Corps in 1974. He was commissioned a second lieutenant after graduating from California State University located in Sacramento.

Following his training at The Basic School and Ground Officers Supply School, Kirkwood reported to the 2d Marine Division where he remained until 1977. In June, he was transferred to Okinawa, Japan.



Col Kirkwood

From 1982 until 1985, Kirkwood was stationed with various commands including: a recruiting station in Omaha, Neb., where he was awarded the Commandant's Superior Achiever Award twice, Program Manager for the Maritime Prepositioning Ships program, and OIC of the first MPS Biennial Maintenance Cycle.

In 1990, Kirkwood was assigned as Commanding Officer of 2d Landing Support Battalion where he was deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield

and Desert Storm.

Following these assignments, Kirkwood was assigned to the Joint Staff, J-34 for three years. In 1996, Kirkwood reported to duty at Headquarters, Standing Joint Task Force, Marine Forces Atlantic.

He was promoted to colonel in February 1997 and in June of 1998, he reported to his present post as Commanding Officer of 2d FSSG (Fwd).

Kirkwood's awards include the The Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster.



Sgt Houston F. White

ads of Alpha Co, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, work together to overcome dangerous obstacles Assault and Maneuver Course. The Marines received this training as part of Combined se 3-4 at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

n, the Marines headed downrange to per- rehearsals at the subterranean Live Frag- enade portion of the course.

supervision of Odessa, Texas, "Coyote" Michael Tarango, an Assistant Engineer e with the Tactical Training Exercise Con- marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, alms, Calif., a squad of 1/6 Marines ran the course, while fellow platoon members ob- amed from the demonstration.

ie only range in the Marine Corps where ally have the opportunity to train on a fire ive fragmentation grenades," said Tarango. CT (Marine Combat Training) or SOI (School

of Infantry), they won't have an instructor with them doing it by the numbers.

"Here, they get a chance to think on their own with rounds going downrange, while they're hot, sweaty and tired," he said.

After one final strategy session, Greené, Maine, native 2nd Lt John C. Gianopoulos, 2d Platoon Commander, Alpha Co, 1/6, led his leathernecks into realistic simulated combat with full confidence they were ready to "rock and roll".

"We've gone over the plan for this probably two or three times since last evening until today. We've seen the ground before us and the squad leaders know their jobs, so I believe 100 percent we will get the job done," he said.

After every Marine and safety official was in position, both on the ground and in nearby foothills, Range 410A erupted into action.

Every sound, from the steady, rhythmic blasts of the M-16A2 service rifles, to the sharp, rapid howls of the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon and M-240G medium machine gun filled the air, as scores of merciless riflemen beat a path across the range's dangerous terrain with reckless abandon.

Meanwhile, accurate suppressing fire was laid down by platoon members located in elevated hillside positions, as well as rock-laden trenches.

Their "wall of lead" allowed ground forces to advance ever closer to the enemy, in this case, an unlucky assortment of green, pop-up silhouette targets.

"One thing that we really stress to the Marines is that it doesn't matter if they're putting rounds downrange if they're not hitting anything," explained Leeds, Ala., native Capt Clint E. Pardue, Commanding Officer, Alpha Co, 1/6, who stood witness to the carnage inflicted by his leathernecks.

"Today they took that advice and put some really well-aimed shots down range."

Along the way, Alpha Co encountered a few rough spots. Concertina mine wire obstacles and unforgiving jagged rocks, prevented the entire platoon from reaching its goal—before finally overrunning entrenched enemy positions.

However, spurred on by the passionate leadership of Gianopoulos, whose voice radiated above the deafening explosions and gunfire around him, and the numerous team leaders, pushing their squads to the limit and beyond, the young men of the "Fightin' 6th Marines emerged from the yellow, green and gray smoke-hazed

battlefield victorious, but more importantly, wiser.

"There were a lot of brand new Marines that I know were nervous," said New York City's SSgt Daniel Rivera, 2d Platoon Sergeant, Alpha Co, 1/6. "This was their first time coming out here and getting some real good action at full speed."

The severe conditions of the evolution only increased the company's desire to train in such an environment.

"It was an outstanding course," said Poplarville, Miss., native LCpl Christopher J. Sherman, Team Leader, Alpha Co, 1/6.

"To have people maneuvering this close to live rounds and shooting is the closest you're going to get to real combat. It's tough,

but the Marines love it and there's nothing more pleasing to me than seeing the looks on their faces after completing a successful attack," said Gianopoulos. "These Marines are most definitely ready to go [in case of war]."

CAX veteran LCpl John M. Burchett, an Alpha Co, 1/6 Team Leader from Delaware, Ohio, added, "When the enemy sees us advancing on them, they should be scared, because they know we're gonna' take them down."

From the mincemeat that remained of the many bullet-riddled enemy targets on the course, such a bold statement seems more a promise than a threat.

Get full coverage of MAGTF-6 at the Combined Arms Exercise 3/4. Pages 4-5B

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Your final Marine Corps physical: get it done

Cpl Edward S. Harcher
Camp Lejeune correspondent

When a Marine reaches the end of his or her contract with the Marine Corps and prepares for enlistment in the civilian workforce, many steps must be taken to ensure a smooth transition. Of these steps, the final physical is an important one.

According to the Manual of the Medical Department, change 110, which serves as the guide for medical procedures in the Department of the Navy, final physical examinations are conducted to ensure separating members are physically qualified for continued service.

The exam, which includes complete hearing, eye and dental checks as well as an examination of medical history and shot records, helps to determine the whole picture of a servicemember's health.

The manual goes on to explain that members found to be disqualified for active duty will be the subject of a medical board.

For this reason, it is important to have the final physical portion of each Marine's outprocessing completed with ample time before each servicemember's end of current contract date, or actual date of separation from active duty.

Paragraph 3 of Article 15-29 in the manual sets the time of completion for final physicals as about six months before the actual date of separation, except in the case of



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An eye exam, along with a hearing test, a review of shot records and a dental exam, makes the physical a complete picture of each servicemember's health.

retirement, transfer to the Fleet Reserve or high year tenure.

Marines qualifying under these exceptions are set to have the final physical completed one year prior to his

or her separation.

Once the physical is conducted, the manual states "within 45 days of actual separation, members must have their examinations reviewed and any significant interim history documented in block 73 of the SF-88."

Standard Form 88 is the report of medical examination, and includes a questionnaire and eye exam form.

The benefits of having the physical completed as directed become evident after reading the statement servicemembers are required to sign at the time of examination, which reads as follows:

"You are being examined because of your separation from active duty.

If you feel you have a serious defect or condition that interferes, or has interfered, with the performance of your military duties, advise the examiner.

If you are considered by the examiner to be not physically

qualified for separation, you will be referred to a medical board.

If, however, you are found physically qualified for separation, any defects will be recorded in SF-88 or on a SF-600.

Such defects, while not considered disqualifying for military service, may entitle you to certain benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). If you further information in this regard, contact the nearest your home after your separation."

Under the provisions of Article 15-29, members are cleared for separation under the same conditions required for retention, with two additions. "Communicable diseases, e.g. tuberculosis, disease, will not be separated until notified."

Members found to have a condition that disqualifies for continued active duty. In such a case, a medical board will be convened."

There is another reason for the physical besides the availability of medical benefits: enlistment; personal well-being.

If you are nearing the final six months of your contract, contact your unit's aid station to schedule your physical.

Do not let time slip away. Do the physical for your future health.

Camp Lejeune plays host to Credit Card Holder Trade Show

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Globe staff

A first-ever Credit Card Holder Trade Show will be held here Feb. 10 at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The extravaganza will allow card holders and approving officials at Camp Lejeune the opportunity to talk with local and nationwide merchants who accept the government's MasterCard.

The event, which will be held annually, is sponsored by the contracting divisions for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Community Services, and the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce.

The Small Business Center of Coastal Carolina Community College and Small Business and Technology Development Center/PTAC of University of North Carolina at Wilmington will also sponsor the trade show.

Vendors will have booths set up and provide displays of merchandise as well as brochures and catalogs.

Additionally, representatives of the sponsoring activities will be present to answer questions and discuss purchase card issues.

All are encouraged to attend to find out information regarding this credit card program. For more information contact Kim Vallone at 451-3011, ext. 103.

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we were doing to help them."

As a member of Bridge Co., Cunningham is in the right place, given his enthusiasm for deployments.

"We've got one of the highest operational tempos in Eighth ESB," he said. "We like to get out there and do our job. We get along great with the home units we help out in other countries."

Bridge Co. is about 80 Marines strong. Based at French Creek, the company was recently prepared to send 15 Marines to Venezuela to assist in the repair of a road washed out in a flood.

"There were more volunteers for that deployment than there were billets to fill."

Our Marines demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm as only Marines can," said Capt Dwayne Whiteside, Bridge Company's Commanding Officer.

"This is the tightest unit I've been with," added Cunningham. "I've not seen a company with this sense of closeness before."

Cunningham's father was a Marine from 1972 to '76, so he considers the Corps a family rite of passage.

"My brother's 17 now and considering joining the Marines, too," he said.

Of course, there's more to

combat engineer than building "We're trained in heavy explosives, landmines, booby traps, concrete work and a lot of other things."

"There's just something satisfying about blowing stuff up."

Although Bridge Co. has an training schedule in both en operations and Marine combat, Cunningham would like to see

"I think we should get more training," he said. "A month in engineer school isn't enough."

Maybe so, but Cunningham definitely making up for it in the the-job training and deployments. These are opportunities to make even more connections between theory and practice.

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father, who worked for a major oil company, transferred to Rhode Island when I was a sophomore in high school. I subsequently met my wife (we were high school sweethearts) in Rhode Island and attended college there. Spending six years in Rhode Island makes me thankful the Marine Corps does not have any major installations in a cold weather climate. Although I have seven years of cold weather training compiled over the last 27-plus years on continual active duty, I prefer to work in a more temperate or warm environment.

Will FSSG's standing operating procedures change?

We are constantly reviewing how we conduct operations in 2d FSSG by increasing productivity, being good stewards of scarce resources, with an ultimate focus on being able to provide reliable combat service support to II MEF forces while engaged in combat.

Is there any new gear expected?

New engineer and motor transport equipment and weapons systems are expected to be fielded to the operating forces over the next 10 years. Modernization of existing equipment over the next 10 years will increase our readiness dramatically, while improving the quality of life for our Marines and Sailors. Currently, although our equipment readiness is the best it has been for years, our young Marines are spending more time and scarce resources maintaining this gear. In addition to modernizing our equipment, we are continually looking at process improvements that can be accomplished to do operations smarter, maintaining readiness while reducing the cost to do business. We have made great strides in this direction and more changes are in the works.

What is the biggest problem facing the Marine Corps in the next year?

High operational tempo, funding for modernization and infrastructure support to our bases and stations. When coupled together, this all equates to quality of life for our Marines and Sailors.

How do you see the operational tempo of your command and the Corps changing in the next year?

I don't see our operational tempo changing. We are still the force of choice by being ready to execute all missions.

What challenges are associated with your recent change of command?

I was well prepared for my present position, previously serving as Chief of Staff (third tour with 2d FSSG). Working with smart people changes challenges from obstacles to process improvements.

What do you expect of the Group?

My main goal for 2d FSSG is to provide a safe working environment that enables each FSSG member to maximize individual chances for advancement and career opportunities. To accomplish this, the 2d FSSG vision is to be the Marine Corps' logistics center of excellence. As the combat service support force of choice, we will aggressively sustain expeditionary operations, both sea-based and ashore. Our Marines, Sailors and civilians are empowered innovators working in an environment that fosters pride and professionalism.

Please tell us about being a logistics officer in Korea.



BGen Robert C. Dickerson Jr.
Commanding General
2d FSSG

Being a logistics officer in Korea was both rewarding and extremely challenging. Americans like to get things done in a matter of days and weeks; the Korean culture works on years. It takes them two to three years of thinking about a concept before they make a decision whether they are going to do it or not. I would say the most frustrating part is trying to understand different cultures when you are working with them. They are not as quick to respond to missions as Americans are.

On the rewarding side, Korea is a very unique peninsula that is always on a "war footing." Working with 41 separate divisions, three separate field armies and two corps, the magnitude on which you work in Korea is far larger than what we experience on a day-to-day basis in the Marine Corps. It absolutely helped broaden my scope. When you look at the breadth and depth of what needs to be moved on the Korean peninsula to support units that will be engaged, it is tremendous. It requires the entire infrastructure in Korea to be able to move the logistics necessary to support that amount of forces. When you have an aggressor poised on the other side of the 38th parallel, everything you do on a day-to-day basis is for real.

What are some of your experiences from college in Rhode Island?

I went to two colleges in Rhode Island: Rhode Island Junior College for two years to get my associate's degree and from there I went to Bryant College to get my business administration degree.

Bryant College was a donation by a rich alumni who donated 200 acres at the top of a mountain to the state of

Rhode Island for them to build Bryant College. It is also the summer training camp for the New England Patriots, so it not uncommon to walk around the campus and run into the Patriots, as they would spend about a month in the training camp up there getting ready for the NFL season.

I can remember when I went to the PLC program between my junior and senior years, every fall when we kicked off the fall semester, everyone (about 3,000 students) would meet in what we called the rotunda. Looking across the rotunda, I noticed another individual who had the same type haircut as I did; a very short cropped Marine-style haircut. We looked eyes on each other and converged upon each other and started chatting.

We found out we had both joined the Marine Corps PLC program. We became instant friends. He was Mark Robins, now a retired lieutenant colonel who is out in the civilian world flying for one of the express airlines.

At a small college, you don't get lost in the crowd and you get to know the professors better.

You also get to know the student population better, vice going to an institution like my son at [East Carolina University] where there are almost 18,000 students. You might not know everybody's name, but you recognize them because you are exposed to them on a daily basis.

It's a lot like the Marine Corps. Every time you go to a new duty station, I guarantee you know somebody at the new place and you will just renew old acquaintances.

What stands out from your experience in Operation Sea Signal in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba?

I was the initial J-4 for Operation Sea Signal, the largest emigrant operation contiguous to U.S. shores ever.

We ended up with about 54,000 Haitians and Cubans, even some Chinese, emigrants. It was a very, very unique challenge in that very little time was allowed for preparation before we had the masses at the front door.

On a daily basis we had to provide shelter, basic sanitation requirements, food and health services to a group of people who, for the most part, did not have anything

back in their home countries.

We had to do it immediately, which meant time to "ramp up" any logistics. We had to do it by-day basis.

There were some days where we had less than 100 supplies left, with the air bridge flying in more and more camps. Probably the biggest challenge was when we MOGGED out (military ground) at Gitmo on a daily basis.

If it was required, you had to fly in. A new shelter for the new emigrants we were going to be food, rice or water. To put this in perspective, we cooked 18 and a half tons of rice every day. We distributed that rice spoonful by spoonful.

Also, Haitians and Cubans do not like to be crowded. We had to keep the 17,000 Haitians at one end and the 37,000 Cubans on the other side. In the family members that were in Gitmo had a hard time, because we ended up taking over the camp as a dining facility.

We put emigrants on the golf course at the time. We even had to bulldoze some ranges to make more space. We got to the point where we were able to put 2,500, with tents, cots, electricity and water. There were a quarter million gallons of human waste being evacuated every day. We only had 10 sanitation workers. They were the real heroes of the operation.

The operation was a plan on the shelf. 2,500 U.S. personnel to handle 12,500 emigrants in two weeks we quickly blew past 12,500 and ended up with about 54,000 sustained operations. We had to increase the U.S. forces on the ground to 8,000. We ended up integrating the emigrants into the daily running of the camp.

The Cubans had a lot of professional people. They had doctors, dentists, lawyers; so when we established mayors in provinces of the camps, we would be structure they could report to.

grounds, baseball fields and other things. We had something to do, which was some of the issues we had. Canseco came down to play baseball with the emigrants. Immediate balls from him hitting the lantic, 400 feet away. He hit out bats, which we had to get out soon as he left, since there were emigrants in the camps.

Where were you at on New Year's Eve?

We were out at the beach with the kids together. We were playing games. After we watched the Times Square drop and the fireworks go out and there were no events, we went to bed. I came back to the house at 11 p.m.

What message do you have for the personnel for the first millennium?

We have a lot of challenges. We have to be prepared for the challenges. The world is changing. The new millennium is a better, safer, more stable world. We have got field equipment in the next five to 10 years. Our quality of life better.

It is an individual decision whether you decide to stay or make the transition. We will give them the tools to take care of themselves.



Cpl Chet Decker

BGen Dickerson, who assumed duties as 2d FSSG Commander in August of '99, said the operational tempo of the Marine Corps is optimum, continuing the Corps' reputation as the force of choice, ready to execute all missions.

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24th MEU (SOC) sets sights on deployment

SSgt Chris W. Cox

24th MEU (SOC) Public Affairs Chief

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) finished their Certification Exercise (CERTX) Jan. 18. The exercise challenged the MEU and evaluated its capability to respond and effectively carry out the missions that

make it one of the United States' most versatile response units while deployed overseas.

During the MEU's final pre-deployment evolution, the trainers who have been teaching the specific way to plan for and perform their missions for the last six months became the test controllers. The II Marine Expeditionary Force, Operations and Training administered the exercise.

SOTG Marines watched from outside the action during each evolution wearing white tape around their covers to designate them as exercise controllers.

Their goal was to provide training that would be as real as possible to prepare the Marines for possible contingencies when they deploy in February.

Third Platoon, Fox Co., Battalion Landing Team 2/6 began preparation with the rest of the MEU in August, but the knowledge they used to deal with civilian protesters as the embassy reinforcement team came mostly from their time at SOTG's Non-Lethal Weapons Course in September. It was the knowledge they

gained there that gave them their non-lethal skills. During the course, they learned full-scale riot control and chemical crowd control agent techniques to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations.

"At first I thought, 'Why would I want to get sprayed with pepper spray? There's so many things that came out of [being sprayed] because now the Marines know how it can affect different people,'" explained 2ndLt Paul C. Teachey, from Clayton, N.C. Teachey is the Platoon Commander for the MEU's primary embassy reinforcement team, 3rd Platoon, Fox Co.

"Before [training], they might have had a preconceived notion, 'I'll spray some guy and he's just going to go down' and that's not true," Teachey said. "[The experience] also gave them an appreciation of how it feels so they're not randomly spraying the crowd - women and children, somebody that's not really hostile."

While at the non-lethal course, the Marines also gained an understanding of the concept of escalation of force.

Escalation of force is described as having four different levels ranging from one, the least lethal, to four, according to Teachey. "If your enemy is on level one and you're up on level two, that's probably fine," he said. "But if you step it up to level four and they're still at one - throwing rocks at you while you've got an M-16 pointed at them, that to me is going to provoke them."

"That one individual with a 9mm in the crowd that wasn't planning on using it now sees an M-16 pointed at him," Teachey said. "His human

reaction to that is to defend himself, so he starts shooting."

With their knowledge of crowd control and non-lethal tactics, these Marines now have the skills to avoid dangerous situations.

"I think you absolutely need that skill because if you don't have it, all you have is lethal and that won't suffice," he said.

One group of people particularly interested in this exercise were the U.S. Foreign Service personnel playing the roles of embassy employees. Douglas Kinney was the acting ambassador to the imaginary country of Balkania during the exercise.

"This training is vital," he said. "It's vital to practice interacting with an embassy because so many of these contingencies along the littorals of the world, so many MEU missions, are embassy focused."

Kinney is a retired Political Advisor for the U.S. State Department and currently works as Crisis Management Team Leader for the National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, Va. He travels to embassies around the world testing and improving emergency response plans. He and a team of State Department employees were enlisted to play the roles of embassy personnel during CERTX.

"The MEU provides a set of resources that you're never going to



Col Rick Tryon, 24th MEU (SOC) Commanding Officer, greets Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, as he boards USS CERTX, a pre-deployment exercise, earlier this month.



Sgt Kevin Dolloson

LCpl Brandon Petersen, Golf Battery, BLT 2/6, field artillery cannoneer, from Ventura, Calif., ensures the area is secure from a rooftop within Camp Lejeune's Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) facility.



SSgt Brandon Haight

Marines from BLT 3/6, 22d MEU (SOC) spent a day at the Hania Boys' Home painting the walls of a classroom. These Marines took advantage of a little bit of free time in their otherwise busy schedule during the MEU's maintenance stand-down and washdown to volunteer for this project.

22d MEU leathernecks paint 'smile' in boys' home

SSgt Brandon Haight

22d MEU (SOC) Public Affairs Chief

HANIA, Greece — Armed with paint, brushes, dropcloths, and hotdogs, Marines volunteered their time here to give a classroom at the Hania Boys' Home a needed makeover and to spend some time with the young men living there Jan. 15.

1stLt Read Omohundro, Executive Officer of Headquarters and Service Company, Battalion Landing Team 3/6 (BLT 3/6), organized the event.

He said that LtCol Ronald Johnson, BLT 3/6 Commanding Officer, had wanted to do a community relations project while his Marines had some time available to them during a break in the deployment's maintenance stand-down.

Omohundro coordinated with the Souda Bay Naval Support Activity Public Affairs Officer, Paul Farley, and found out about the Boys' Home needing a large room painted and fixed up.

The call for volunteers went out days in advance and 14 BLT Marines responded. More Marines from USS Whidbey Island had wanted to join, but the ship was anchored at sea, and stormy weather prevented the Marines from coming ashore.

The Marines loaded their supplies into rental vans on Saturday morning and carefully made their way through the narrow, steep, winding streets to the home. Upon arriving, they shook off the rainwater, changed over into working clothes, and began clearing out the classroom. They then tackled the tough job of mixing paint into the needed colors.

With no home improvement store around, the job was done with guesswork and patience until the right shade was achieved.

The home's residents stayed in a separate

be time to socialize later when the work was done.

The room being painted had a high ceiling, which required the use of paint roller extensions and ladders to reach the upper portion of the walls.

The constant rain made the work even more difficult because water leaked through the windows and ran down the walls. The Marines overcame the difficulties and managed to temporarily stop the leaking so they could get the painting done.

Finally, the first coat of paint was done and it was time for a well-deserved lunch of hotdogs, hamburgers, beans and french fries.

The Marines and home residents sat down at a long table together to enjoy a family-style feast. The Marines had brought most of the food with them to share with the boys.

"The food was part of the BLT's picnic fund which we are giving to the kids here," said Omohundro, a native of Ft. Worth, Texas. "The unit was supposed to have a picnic a while back, but it fell through due to transportation problems, so we used a portion of the food meant for the picnic here."

Johnson and SgtMaj Thomas Shank, BLT 3/6 sergeant major, along with a few others, had braved the flooded roads to have lunch with their Marines and the kids. They brought unit patches with them to hand out to the kids.

The kids loved the chow, especially the hot dogs. 14-year-old Kostas Jiannakakis had several hot dogs. When asked if he has had hot dogs very often during his five years at the home, he said with a frown, "No. We have all the time beans."

Johnson, a native of Plymouth, Mass., sat next to another boy who had plenty to eat as well. "He packed away five hot dogs and two hamburgers, I think," he said. In between bites, though, Johnson was able to talk to the

boy, and he was impressed with how cultured the boy was. "He spoke English, German, and Greek. We talked about things like school and sports."

After everyone's stomachs were full, the kids challenged the Marines to a few games of Foosball. Johnson, Shank, and 1stSgt James McKay, Headquarters and Service Company, BLT 3/6 first sergeant from Bellair, Texas, took turns getting beaten by the boys until they were finally shooed away by Jiannakakis as he said, "You are out of here!"

"Guess we don't give them much of a challenge," said Shank, a native of Gainesville, Fla., with a grin.

As the Marines got back to work, they applied a second coat of paint and mixed up a darker color to use as an accent on the support pillars and around the windows.

By 3 p.m. the desks were all returned to their spots in a colorful, clean room. The Marines loaded their supplies into the vans satisfied with their good deed.

SSgt James Hagle, mortar section leader in Weapons Platoon, Lima Company, BLT 3/6, had a more personal reason for volunteering. "My wife was originally from Cyprus, so I figured, why not help," said the Erie, Pa., native.

Hagle had even tried out some of the Greek language his wife had taught him, but he discovered that the local dialect was completely different from what he knew.

"I tried asking one man what his name was, but he thought I was asking the name of the paint," he said laughingly.

Cpl Jaime Clabaugh, point man for BLT 3/6's Reconnaissance Platoon and Riverside, Calif., native, was matter of fact about his involvement in the project and spoke for the rest of the volunteer's when he said simply, "Doing this just makes me feel good. I want

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Lieutenant Commander Anne Krekelberg, Bataan's Command Chaplain, and Paul Farley, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Public Affairs, expertly handled the sometimes-complicated coordination and logistics.

Transportation took patience and planning, and a last minute need for a transformer due to the different voltage used locally were just a few of the problems that were solved so that the show could go on.

The Special Needs Institute was the choir's first stop. About 70 children and adults anxiously waited in a large enclosed gazebo while the choir set up their instruments and warmed up their voices. Once everything was ready, Krekelberg made a few opening remarks while Farley translated to the audience. "We realize you may not understand the words," said Krekelberg in closing. "But we believe that music speaks to the heart. I hope you enjoy our performance."

The audience obviously enjoyed the performance. Many people found whatever clear floor was available to dance and sing along as best they could, despite not understanding the words. The crowded gazebo resembled a full-fledged concert performance, just on a smaller scale.

"We've worked with this home before," said Farley. "They had mentioned they would like singers to perform for them; the young adults enjoy that kind of entertainment a lot. So I coordinated with the Bataan's chaplain and asked if they had anyone who could help out." The institute's director, Despina Garofali, thanked the choir over and over again for their performance.

The appreciation was really driven home, though, when she mentioned a personal connection with the choir's community relations efforts.

"When my son was in the military, he did similar things," she said. "We really enjoyed your singing and would love for

you to do it again." Petty Officer Class C.J. Jones, Bataan aviation administration clerk and Charlotte, N.C., had as good a time performing as the audience did listening.

He laughed about the people to their music saying, "That home before. We perform old style songs and contemporary ones and some of the older ones and even dance. We bring us all together."

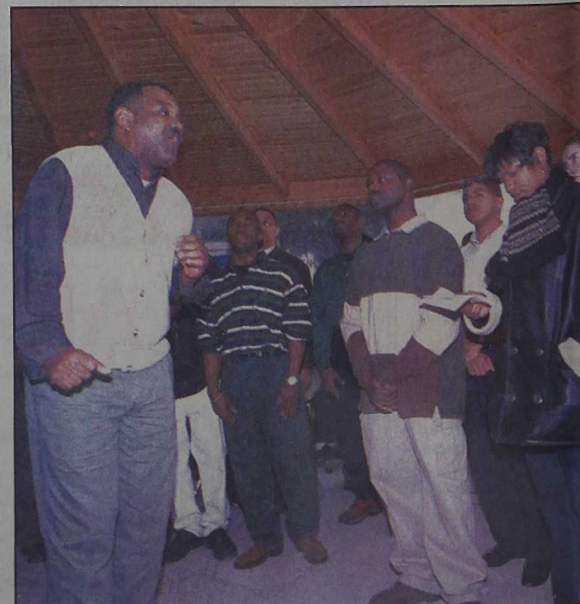
LCpl Eden Corwin, motor pool driver with Headquarters and Service Company, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, MEU(SOC), also loved singing to the kids. "It was good to see people react," said the Springfield, Va., native. "They don't understand the words but they get the rhythm and they sing along. It was a great experience for them and their families. The Senior Citizens Home. The Sailors set up in a corner of the cafeteria and serenaded the children as they ate lunch."

There was no dancing here as the applause after each song showed the audience's appreciation. The director, Georgos Zografakis, said the choir understood what the performance meant to the residents. "It was something special to the residents a visit like this," he said. "What you enough."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Greenfield, of the Bataan's finance department and native of Bataan, loved being able to visit with the choir. "I just like the opportunity to spread the word of God," he said.

"It makes me happy to give a message to others. It felt great to be in their eyes," said SSgt Ka. M. 22d MEU(SOC) supply and maintenance.

These kinds of things help the individuals. It's wonderful. Marines and Sailors collaborate. We are always encouraging. We've definitely become a family.



The USS Bataan choir performed for the residents of the Hania National Institute for People with Special Needs recently. The choir of Sailors and Marines from the Bataan and the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit sang gospel songs as part of a spread joy and promote positive relations between the United States and the people of Greece.

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Beightol, Department Head of the new Education Center, and CAPT Cullison, Commanding Officer, Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, cut the ribbon for the new building 4 at Camp Lejeune.

Health promotion center opens on Camp Lejeune

r Stone

ne correspondent

Health Promotion Education Center opened Jan. 14 and has the potential to drastically improve the health of Marines and Sailors.

APT Thomas R. Cullison, Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new facility and the cake cutting. The center opened for business in October 1999 for the new millennium for the grand ceremony.

Naval Hospital originally created the Health Department in 1994 to improve the health of Marines and their families through awareness and programs, according to Jackson, Miss., native, Beightol, Department Head, Health Promotion Center. The department will now be more due to the new central location.

The center, which is geared toward teaching good health, will offer various educational programs to include nutrition, weight management, physical fitness, health risk appointments, diabetes, and education. MCCS also offers monthly stress management classes for military members and their families at the center.

The center has a lending library in the center with computer resources for people wanting to learn more about health, and diet analysis software is available. With the new software, a person can type in what they eat and the computer will calculate a dietary health risk Assessment appointments are also available upon request.

"The priority is to keep our customers healthy and

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graduates who consider joining the Marine Corps usually on their way to Officer Candidates School. The next progression in their budding careers. This path does not apply to all.

Marine who joined the Corps has only one goal, Reconnaissance Marine.

First Class Christopher B. Shay, a student at the B. Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry, Nantucket, Mass., is a recent Citadel graduate in history. Shay has chosen a career path in Reconnaissance Marine. He is currently in his commissioning on hold while he chases his dream of becoming a Reconnaissance Marine.

"I believe it represents one of the elite forces, not to mention the diving and the qualifications really appeal to me," said Shay. "Another chance to earn yet another prestigious

favor a new recruiting initiative known as 'Recon' puts prospective recruits on the road to

the new initiative prospective recruits now have of signing up for a recon MOS upon their arrival at Camp Lejeune," according to SSgt Kevin Helms, recruiter, Station Raleigh, NC.

Currently offers individuals contracts that give them the opportunity to be a SEAL. This is at upon the enlistee's ability to meet all the demands of the community.

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26th MEU Marines master ropes



Cpl Jimmie W. Perkins

Marines from the 26th MEU "learn the ropes" during the 11-day Helicopter Rope Suspension Training (HRST) Masters Course. Students are taught rappelling, fastroping, and specialized patrol insertion and extraction (SPIE) rigging and how it is used with the different aircraft the 26th MEU uses. Currently they train on the CH-46 Sea Knight, UH-1N Huey and CH-53E Sea Stallion. Here, Marines fastrope from a UH-1N Huey Helicopter.

Cpl Jimmie W. Perkins
26th MEU correspondent

A pilot is shot down over a dense forest and a rescue mission is launched. Marines are called in to reinforce an embassy in a crowded urban sprawl. A hostile ship is believed to be transporting weapons of mass destruction to a hostile nation and the Marines are called on to board and search the vessel. In situations such as these the Marine Corps routinely utilizes a specialized type of helicopter assault.

Personnel from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) are attending the Special Operations Training Group (SOTG), Helicopter Rope System Training (HRST) Masters Course, at Stone Bay, in order to safely conduct day and night rope assisted

assaults during pre-deployment training and the deployment.

"The types of missions where ropes will need to be used are those where landing a helicopter is not possible, such as in urban terrain or a ship at sea," said SSgt Bill F. Starzynski, the Chief Instructor of the HRST Masters Course.

The students are training to conduct HRST for the primary and alternate helicopter companies and certain specialties, such as medical personnel.

According to the Franktown, Colo. native, the training these Marines receive will be passed to their parent companies. They will in fact become fastrope instructors, for their individual units. What this means is that should

See 26MEU/6B

Venezuela MSG Det stands tall

Spc Adam Thornton

14th Public Affairs Detachment

Trading beach assaults or "taking the hill" to guard American embassies around the world are the Marines Corps' Marine Security Guards, sacrificing many personal freedoms to be the sentinels of U.S. soil.

"Our mission is to provide security for the embassy personnel and to safeguard classified information," said Sgt Daniel Fedder, Assistant Detachment Commander, Marine security guard at the United States embassy, Caracas, Venezuela.

Sgt Daniel Fedder
Marine security guard
Caracas, Venezuela.

Fedder is one of nine MSGs assigned to the embassy where he's on call, along with his cohorts, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Being an MSG is a duty of choice in which you have to be physically and mentally prepared. It's very demanding, yet very rewarding at the same time," said Fedder.

See VENEZUELA/6B

Roby the Robot goes to work for Naval Hospital

Chief Petty Officer Eleanor J. Grossman

Naval Hospital Public Affairs Office

Staff at the Naval Hospital, Pharmacy are very happy about their new robotic employee. It works for free. It never gets tired and never asks for a break. Better than that, it works nights, weekends and holidays.

The OptiFill-II, nicknamed Roby the Robot, can pump out 250 refill prescriptions an hour. From the time the patient phones in a prescription refill into the computer to the time the pills are automatically counted into the bottle, no human hand is required.

The new robotics system has improved service by freeing up technicians and pharmacists to work at the patient windows. Pharmacists and technicians are able to spend more quality time at the patient window, filling new prescriptions, reviewing medication profiles and providing counseling to patients regarding their new prescriptions.

Presently, the robot handles about 60 percent of the refills and eventually will handle 75 percent of the refills. The other 25 percent - rare prescriptions, ointments, inhalers, and the like will continue to be filled by technicians and pharmacists.

Naval Hospital Pharmacy handles about 12,000 refills a month. In the past, technicians ended up working overtime to get the refill work finished on time. "Roby has made us much more efficient with the resources we have," said LCDR William Blanche, Pharmacy Department Head.

The OptiFill-II was installed in November 1999 at a cost

See ROBOT/6B

Stone Bay Rifle Ranges get facelift for Y2K



Cpl Brannen Parrish

New pipes were placed in a pit at a rifle range in Stone Bay.



Cpl Brannen Parrish

The restrooms at the rifle ranges at Stone Bay have been completely outfitted and refurbished.

Cpl Brannen Parrish

Stone Bay Public Affairs Detachment

The rifle ranges at Stone Bay have a new look for the new year.

The same ranges that qualify more than 20,000 Marines from Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River every year have been undergoing their greatest overhaul since they were created in 1943.

New berms have been built to increase the safety of shooters on adjacent ranges and water fountains have been added. Refurbished restrooms in the target operation area, new septic tanks and a new public address system are some of the improvements made since mid-December 1999.

"The restrooms in the butts didn't have heat or electricity, which caused some problems during night fires," said LtCol John J. Jackson, Commanding Officer, Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base and a native of Cheyenne, Wyo. "The



Cpl Brannen Parrish

Out with the old and in with the new for Stone Bay as the ranges receive renovations.

heads will now have heaters and lights which will increase safety and comfort."

The need for the improvements was realized more than a year ago when leaky, broken pipes were constantly resulting in repair calls to Base Maintenance, according to Jackson. "It was getting to the point that they [Base Maintenance] couldn't keep up with all the repairs that were needed," said Jackson.

Despite inclement weather, most of the construction was completed in time for the first range detail Monday.

The Marines of Weapons Training Battalion hope the new and improved public address system and telephone system at Stone Bay will help safely speed up the range details and eliminate dusk to dawn days at the range. By spending the money to replace the old water lines and refurbish the restrooms, the Marine Corps should also save money on repair costs.

"These improvements should make training for the 20,000 plus Marines more expedient and more economical," said Jackson. "That's what this is all about."

Panama: one Marine's impression

When Manuel Noriega came to power, the ex-patriots got nervous, construction stopped, and that brings us back to the present history lesson.

Increasingly, Noriega made it more difficult on ex-patriots like Anna Shaulk.

Over lunch and sandwiches spread thick with spicy hummus and a side plate of fresh vegetables and fruit, Shaulk said all but a few of her fellow American neighbors had left Rio Hato for the States under pressure from the Noriega regime.

"If they went stateside to visit family at Christmas, Noriega simply denied them access back into Panama at the airport," she said.

What kept Shaulk in Panama, after her husband had died, I asked. Her reply was both stoic and sentimental. As ex-patriots, she and her husband loved the beauty of the country and its people. They weren't about to let Noriega push them out, though she hinted that because of her age, this might be her last year in Rio Hato. That Christmas she returned permanently to Texas.

Panama is an easy country to fall in love with. For this gringo yankee from a northern clime, it is an infectious paradise. But even for the fortunate few, paradise found is lost



Marine Force Chaplain, LCDR Bill Weimer, right, and Sgt Jan Miller worked with Panamanian volunteers to replace a bridge at Vera Cruz. One of many "nation-building" projects, which sparked a friendship between the Marines and the people of Panama.

just as quickly.

And then one afternoon it happened. My time in paradise too had come to a close.

Lima Company's CO told me I was being forcibly removed from the unit. He couldn't keep me any longer. "Forcibly" perhaps was the wrong word of choice. "High drama" might have been more appropriate. In a scene straight out of a clichéd John Wayne flick, a detachment from 2d LAI Bn., roared into the compound. They circled in the driveway as their heavy diesel engines huffed and puffed. A captain hopped off the lead vehicle and walked into the radio room where I was. He stopped in the doorway. The outside light dramatically backlit his dark silhouette.

"I'm looking for Corporal Charles," he said. "I'm to take him back to the Naval Station."

The small group of Marines around me said nothing. Their eyes said good-bye. Knowing I was outgunned and outranked, I grabbed my gear and headed for the LAVs.

Before we made our road march back to the naval station, the LAI captain informed me that we had a mission to complete. It had everything to do with the curious tactical markings on a water bull pulled by one of the LAVs. It was white-washed and illustrated

with clown faces and balloons, compliments of the company's resident artist.

The water bull had been found by a few Marines in disrepair and abandoned in a field. No one really took credit for the idea to clean it up, paint it and deliver it to a rural school outside of Rio Hato. But within the hour and about 10 dusty kilometers later, we arrived at our destination.

Children dressed in white shirts and navy blue pants and skirts overran us in the school yard. We were all immediately subdued by

their smiles, shy looks, curiosity, nervous giggles and natural affection. This remote rural school never had running water or indoor plumbing. On this

day, Marines from 2d LAI Bn, delivered a token of friendship to the children of Panama.

Fresh water was critical to the people of Panama. Corruption in government kept some communities without the very resource Americans take so easily for granted.

After returning to the Naval Station and setting in motion the media and public affairs plan for the departure of MarFor Panama in late June, I got one more chance to get into the field again.

We headed west on the famous Pan-American Highway in another humanitarian mission. Our convoy came to a staggered halt

perhaps 20 miles from the Canal Zone. This was not our destination. I went forward to where the commander of MarFor was positioned. To my astonishment a line of elementary-aged school children formed a skirmish line across the highway-stopping traffic in both directions.

Our mission had ceremoniously been changed in transit.

The children sat quietly; some holding signs. An interpreter told me their school and community had been without water for quite some time. I rushed forward to behind the line of children and took photos of this grassroots sit down protest. After an impromptu conference, the MarFor commander turned our convoy around and headed back to the Naval Station.

We could not solve their long term needs for fresh water, but we could help their immediate ones. In a few hours, a convoy from 2d Combat Engineers Battalion returned with water bladders and water purification equipment.

Other projects like the "El Puente" or "the friendship" bridge in Vera Cruz, built by 2d CEB Marines, helped define the Marines role in Panama as "goodwill ambassadors".

In historically framing the U.S. with respect to goodwill, the Marines served in Panama can feel just what they accomplished there. It perhaps ushered the military's dual role of fighter and aid worker.

But in a much broader context, intervention and ouster of a regime is worth the effort?

It makes a good case study in especially since we knew the case under Panamanian control a day.

After I left Panama via Howard Air Base, I continued to correspond with a journalist at "La Prensa," Panama's daily paper. Two years later, to my question, Angela Rodriguez said, "Despite the corruption of the country was stable then. I have in many cases gotten very corrupt," she said.

In 1990, 11,000 U.S. military personnel were stationed in the Canal Zone. They pumped \$350 million into the economy each year. The U.S. employed 2,800 local civilians.



1stLt Jeffery Jewell, Executive Officer, Kilo Co, Marine Forces Panama, directs his Marines during the take-down of the PDF station in Vera Cruz.

Sgt Robert C. Jenkins

Guest Commentary

Fred Charles

Winter months pose challenge for travel

Story and photos by Sgt Arthur Stone
Camp Lejeune correspondent

With no let up in the cold weather between two storms, the snow had barely melted Tuesday before the next storm hit. What began as rain quickly turned to a sleet and snow mix that closed schools, colleges and many businesses for the second time in the past two weeks.

Because February is typically the coldest month for winter weather in the Carolinas, Camp Lejeune is not in the clear yet. The tendency is to overlook the necessity for caution when traveling the highways due to the need to get to work, school, etc. The thing to keep in mind is that the 1-ton heap of rubber, glass, and steel you drive to work every day takes a lot more distance to stop when driving on snow and ice. This situation was quite evident by the number of vehicle accidents coming on base Jan. 18, according to Sgt

Edwin Miller, an Orlando, Fla., native with Base Safety Office, Marine Corps Base.

Travelers heading into the Northeastern and Midwestern states would do well to be cautious when planning extended trips due to the foul weather conditions dominating those areas. Airports closed during the most recent winter storm, preventing many connecting flights into the area or from the northern states, according to Miller.

Plan ahead if coming back off leave or liberty in such conditions. Notify commands as soon as possible if a flight is canceled or the weather has made travel unsafe.

Freezing rain, snow and ice create driving conditions that are not commonly found in coastal North Carolina and pose a challenge to the inexperienced or weary driver. Drivers from states that do not typically have such nasty weather will have a quick lesson to learn when driving in these conditions according to

the sergeant.

Experienced drivers should take into consideration the other factor of winter driving that they have no control over — the driver of the other car. The other driver may not have the foggiest idea what they are doing behind the wheel in inclement weather. The answer to the situation is to allow extra time for driving, do not take unnecessary risks, and slow down.

"Match (your) speed to the road surface, you can't steer or brake a vehicle unless you have traction," said Miller. "Traction is friction between the tires and the road. There are some road conditions that call for lower speeds and more of a space cushion to the front of your path of travel if a vehicle is in front of you."

"It will take longer to stop and it will be harder to turn without skidding when the road is slippery," Miller said. "You must drive slower to be able to stop in the same distance as on a dry road. Wet roads can double stopping-distance, so reduce speed by about one-third on a wet road. On packed snow reduce speed by half or more. If the surface is icy, reduce speed to a crawl and stop driving as soon as you can safely do so."

Identifying slippery surfaces is sometimes hard to know if the road is slippery. Miller offered the following tips for various driving surfaces and conditions:

Shaded areas: Shady parts of the road will remain icy and slippery long after the open areas have melted.

Bridges: When the temperature drops, bridges will freeze before the road will. Be especially careful when the temperature is close to 32.

Melting ice: Slight melting will make ice wet. Wet ice is much more slippery.

Black ice: Black ice is a thin layer of ice clear enough that you can see the road underneath it. It makes the road look wet. Anytime the temperature is below freezing and the road looks wet, watch out for black ice.

Vehicle icing: An easy way to check for ice is to open the window and feel the front mirror, mirror support, or antenna. If there's ice on any of these, the road is probably starting to ice up.

Miller's final suggestion is the same one echoed by every unit commander on base, when the holidays roll around. "Buckle-up," said Miller, "and remember ... be safe."



MCB Camp Lejeune shut down Jan. 23 to all nonessential personnel. Snow and ice from the storm made driving conditions unsafe.

Sgt Arthur Stone



Capt John Hurt, forward air controller with Marine Forces Panama, takes aerial observation during Operation Just Cause.



Driving on Lejeune was treacherous Tuesday due to snow from the early storm.



LCpl Roland Brinkley, of New Orleans, MP Co, MCB, works at during the unexpected snowstorm.

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LCpl Timothy J. Vehnekamp, 1st Platoon, Alpha Co, 2d Recon Bn, and native of Mulberry, Fla., sights in with his CAR-15 during an immediate action drill.

CAX 3-4

Twenty-nine
Palms, Calif.

2d MAW soars above Mojave's High Desert skies

LCpl Thomas M. Corcoran
CAX Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP WILSON—Pilots and aircrew at Camp Wilson's Expeditionary Airfield shake off the anxiety of flying in a new area with a low-level flight through the rugged terrain and valleys of the Mojave's High Desert.

For "air-wingers" preparing for operations during Combined Arms Exercise-3, getting to know a new area takes place during a pre-operational exercise called "area familiarization."

Area familiarizations hold a very high importance for 2d Marine Aircraft Wing squadrons participating in CAX. The safety of the pilots, aircrew and ground units during live-fire operations depend on their previous knowledge of the terrain.

When conducting an area familiarization flight the pilots and crew visually identify landmarks such as mountain peaks, rivers, riverbeds and man-made marks such as buildings, roadways and large antennas, said Sgt Steven W. Tipton, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 crew chief.

That knowledge and familiarization is also used for tactical mission planning. Easily identifiable landmarks are labeled as "control points" and are used to pinpoint locations, according to Maj Steve P. Brodfuehrer, HMLA-167 pilot. Pinpointing locations can sometimes become a difficult task in the Twentynine Palms training area, an area of approximately 993 square miles.

To help navigate, the pilots also use Global Positioning Systems integrated with air-

craft displays. The GPS gives the pilot his grid coordinate position as determined by satellite.

However, other challenges in area familiarization during CAX come from new targets and new target areas used, different from those of past CAXs. "As far as comparison, around Jacksonville you have trees, here you have mountains. When you get into the mountains there's a lot more to watch for," said Sgt Adam Barley, HMLA-167 Crew Chief explaining potential dangers of flying/training at Twentypalms including winds that create updrafts and downdrafts.

Wind and drafts can be extremely hazardous. They can force a helicopter, which is flying low level at high speeds climbing and contouring through mountainous terrain, to become dangerously close to canyon walls and even crash. There is also a difference between the terrain flight or Terf flown around the Marine Corps Air Station New River area and Twentynine Palms.

Terf, the altitude heli-ops fly at, can become more difficult in desert terrain, especially "nap of the earth" turf between zero and 50 feet. Much of the danger of low-level flight in this terrain comes from the rugged obstacles that might obstruct the flight path.

"If you're too low you'll give up a dust signature. The bad guys will be able to find you that way," said Barley.

"There's all kinds of things happening on the ground and in the air out here," said Brodfuehrer. "If your spending all your time trying to figure out where you are it's hard to keep yourself out of trouble."



SSgt Christopher M. Collins looks over a grid map as Cpl Jason H. Meier visually locates "control points" or land marks used to pinpoint locations between air and ground forces.

Story and photos by
Corcoran
CAX Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP WILSON—Force Recon are perhaps physically and mentally the Marine Corps.

These Marines have already demanding schedules in Combined Arms Exercise.

The 28 Marines from Force Recon Co, are taking area's training opportunities as they can.

Aside from conducting the Marine Air/Ground Task action drills, long range (approximately 3,000 miles) calling in supporting a Marines will be taking Twentynine Palms' Joshua for its renowned rappelling facilities.

Force Recon Marines are able to participate in CAX have taken the opportunity



Sgt I. Korda, 1st Platoon, Bravo team during an immediate action drill.

LCpl Thomas M. Corcoran
CAX Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP WILSON—Combined Arms Exercise is almost as a judgment of capabilities by the Tactical Control Group, permanent by the Commandant to oversee the program.

Today, units find a good relationship between TTECG know as the 'Coyotes' Melvin G. Spiese, TTECG director.

The role of the "Coyotes" is to control and coordinate the operations of CAX and to assess and evaluate each unit and give recommendations in areas that can be improved.

To deal with these different element and aspects of CAX the "Coyotes" have formed specialized shops.

There is an air shop, the Aviation Element, a surface that oversees ground fire, that handles intelligence fare, and a logistic shop TTECG.

The first days of training room instruction, which is par with the quality of school's.

The "Coyotes" then train instruction and apply it with extensive live-fire exercises.

"We interact in the role flat form and as coaches application," said Spiese.

Tracks CAX

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Recon Co., 2d Platoon
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platoons to use the full

training experience. The vast open area of
the desert compensates for the lack of
cover. Bates explained that it is difficult to
find cover and concealment in an
environment of micro terrain, especially
when each Marine carries an average of 60
lbs of gear.

"We get as low as we can. There's not
a lot of cover but
we've got to take
advantage of what
little bit there is," said
LCpl Justin A.
Bastiani, a native of
Bozeman, Mo.

Another difficulty
for a foot-mobile
recon team is
covering a mech-
anized-battle area.
The team cannot
move half as fast as a
mechanized unit, said
Bates.

*"It's an all volunteer force so
you don't have to worry about
morale, its not like anybody
doesn't want to be here. We've
got the best Marines in the
Marine Corps out here."*

LCpl Timothy J. Vehnekamp
1st Platoon, Alpha Co
2d Recon Battalion

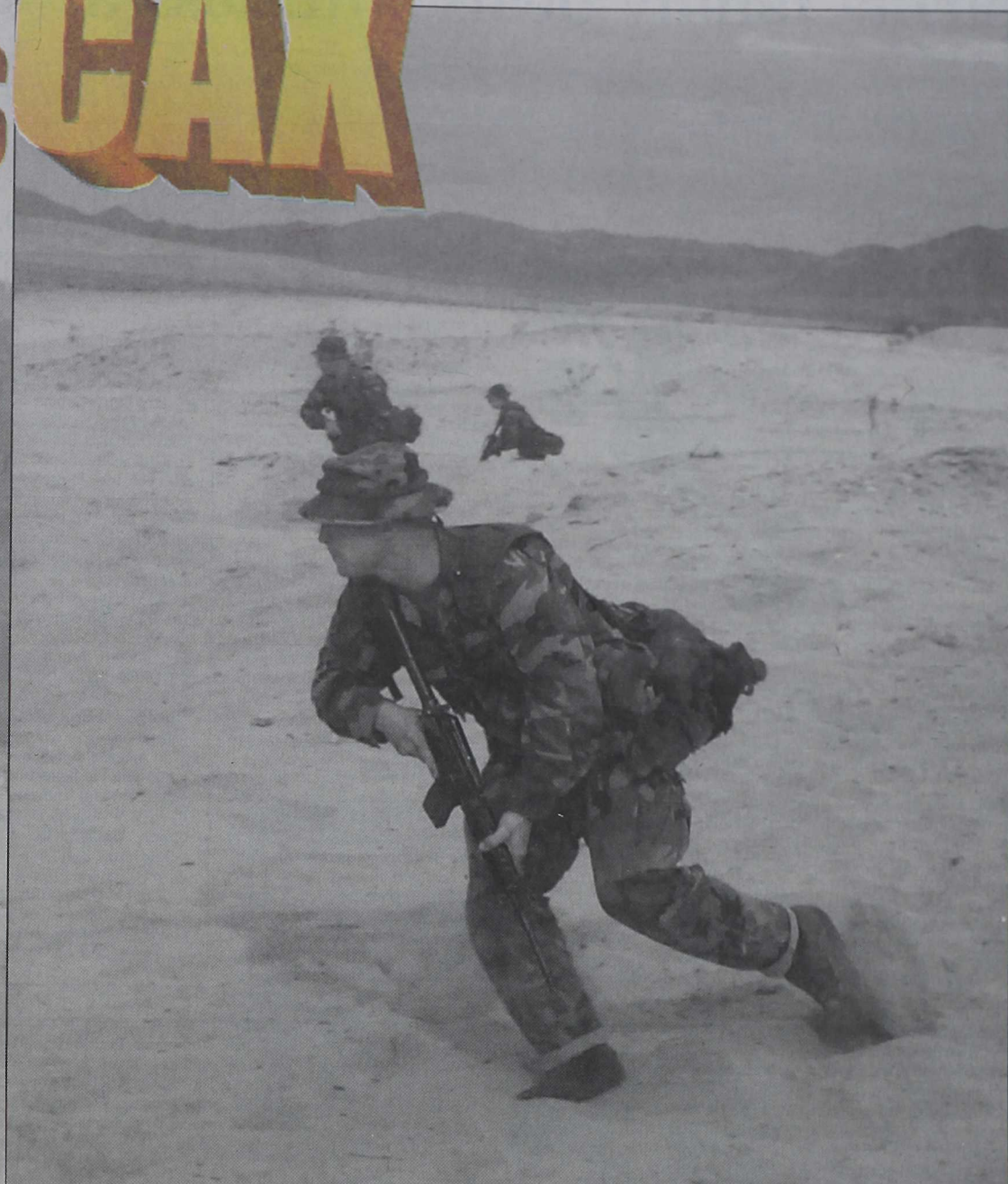
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"However," said Bates, "we can be very
useful for the eyes of the commander. We
can go way out, by helicopter insertion or
we can parachute in." But, he explained,
conducting patrols are almost impossible
because it is far too easy to be seen in the
open terrain.

Mulberry, Fla., native, LCpl Timothy J.
Vehnekamp, recognizes CAX as an
excellent training opportunity. He believes
most of the actual missions he will pull will
be in terrain very similar to that of the
Mojave's High Desert.

"The cool thing about the job is that the
patrols are always different. You're always
inserting somewhere differently. There are
always little intrinsic problems that come
with [a patrol] that make it a different job
everyday," said Bates.

"It's an all volunteer force so you don't
have to worry about morale, its not like
anybody doesn't want to be here. We've
got the best Marines in the Marine Corps
out here."



Sgt I. Korda, 1st Platoon, Alpha Co, 2d Recon Bn, and native of Budapest, Hungary, bounds back during an immediate action drill.

Trails lead the way

Thomas M. Corcoran

Public Affairs Detachment

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LCpl Thomas M. Corcoran

Marines from 2d Radio Battalion preform preoperational exercises with their Mobile Electronic Warfare Support System Light Armored Vehicle. These Marines are training in what Col Melvin G. Spiese describes as "an ideal training environment."

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is because other installations are blocked by
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nents of the MAGTF to participate effectively
with live-fire maneuvers.

"There is a degree of understanding and

confidence that is built in training under the
conditions that we do here in CAX
at Twentynine Palms that cannot be replicated
by any other means," said Spiese.

"What we train for here," Spiese added,
"are those skills that are absolutely essential
for success."

**Visit the Marine Air Ground
Task Force-6 (MAGTF-6)
webpage at:
www.29palms.usmc.mil/CAX**

Marine family deals with loss at hands of silent ki

Cpl Edward S. Harcher
Camp Lejeune correspondent

Marines and their families deal with the possibility of death on a constant basis. As protectors of their country, the men and women of the Corps are called on repeatedly to go into harm's way.

Though a Marine's death in combat is difficult to understand, losing a fellow "devil dog" during peace time is almost incomprehensible.

The feelings of disbelief and grief associated with such a loss, however, are no mystery to SSgt Tracy Downing, of II Marine Expeditionary Force, and her three young children. They know exactly how it feels to lose a friend, and father, without a shot being fired.

In 1994, Tracy was assigned to 2d Special Security Communications Team in California, where she met a young Marine named Keith Downing. The couple were married in June 1994, and looked forward to a promising future in the Corps together.

The joy they shared as a young family was short-lived, however, as a mortal enemy had silently infiltrated the world the Downings were building.

"In September '97, Keith was diagnosed with stomach cancer," Tracy, from Lititz, Pa., explained. "It had already progressed to a late stage by the time the doctors found it."

With a demanding series of chemotherapy and operations ahead, and no guarantee of success, the future looked grim.

Tracy found the strength to go on from an unexpected source: Keith himself.

"It was pretty bad," she admitted. "I worry alone enough, but, through it all, he always said, 'everything will work out.' Even up to the end, he thought we would beat this."

The cancer, though, refused to be beaten. One year after he was first diagnosed with cancer, Keith had not recovered. An operation to remove the cancer in his stomach had failed, and he was prescribed with another, stronger series of chemotherapy.

"We had to drive to Bethesda, Maryland, for his treatments," Tracy recalled. "It was extremely hard, especially with three children, but Keith was always optimistic, and the command was wonderful in letting me go with him."

The Corps continued its support of the struggling fam-

ily right through the end. Keith was released from active duty, and medically retired in September 1999. The cancer had spread into every part of his body.

With hope fading, the Downings tried one last course to defeat the cancer: the Oasis of Hope hospice in Tijuana, Mexico.

"The Oasis of Hope is an alternative treatment facility where they try to boost your immune system and naturally fight off the cancer," Tracy explained.

"He was really excited when he found out we were going. It was amazing how he handled the entire ordeal, while it seemed I was the one falling apart."

Keith did not finish the 14-day course of treatment, however. He succumbed to the cancer 10 days into his visit to the hospice.

Then the second part of the Downings family's struggles began.

"I just wanted to stay home and not be around anyone," Tracy said. "It seemed my whole life was over."

Yet again, strength was close at hand. "I looked at the kids," she continued. "They loved him very much, and needed me to go on."

Tracy credits her ability to go on to counseling and continued support from Keith's unit, 2d Radio Battalion, and her own. Suddenly cast into the world as a single mother of three, she recognized she needed help and drew from the well of support offered by the Corps.

"Nobody is ever going to know what you are feeling," Tracy said. "But there are places you can go for help. Talking to other people, friends and family is a great help. I realized you cannot hold your feelings in."

She also thanks her coworkers and leadership for being compassionate and understanding.

That compassion was demonstrated again recently, as the Marine Corps — Law Enforcement Foundation presented a \$5,000 education bond to each of the Downings children: Cody, 7; Michael, 5; and Cori, 2.

At the small ceremony in the conference room of 2d Radio Bn., the children mingled comfortably with the Marines of their father's unit. Though their father is now gone, they still have a family, extended into the ranks of both parents' units.

"I believe I am lucky," Tracy said. "The command has been so much help. I know Keith would be happy."

Children of fallen Marine receive education bonds

Cpl Edward S. Harcher
Camp Lejeune correspondent

Three children of a Lejeune Marine who fell victim to cancer last year became the recipients of education bonds from the Marine Corps — Law Enforcement Foundation (MCLEF) in a small ceremony at 2d Radio Battalion Friday.

Though the bonds are usually reserved for children of Marines and Federal law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty, MCLEF located a donor willing to sponsor the children of Sgt Keith J. Downing.

A Marine since November 1989, Downing died of cancer in October.

Since its founding in 1995, MCLEF has provided more than \$3 million for the families of personnel killed on duty, according to the organization.

"I sent a letter to the foundation requesting the bonds for the children," said Maj Andrew Gillan, 2d Radio Bn. casualty assistance call officer. "I knew Sgt Downing briefly before he died, and sent the request in an effort to help out his family."

The answer to Gillan's request came in the form of three \$5,000 U.S. Government Treasury bonds from the foundation, one for each child.

Though the Downings' situation did not fit under MCLEF's normal programs, a "special sponsor" was found who offered to provide the bonds.

The foundation's support will help the Downings children, Cody, Michael and Cori, attend college.

"Keith had always wanted the children to go to college, if that was what they wanted to do," said SSgt Tracy Downing, Keith's widow. "I know he would be very happy. When the children are older, they will understand what is going on. I am sure they will be as grateful as I am, and I know Keith is."

The MCLEF program is not unique, as Gillan can attest. In a response to the Foundation, he pointed out similar support offered by the 100 Club of Cook County in Chicago when his father, who served as a fireman there, died in 1972.

Helping others after similar loss came naturally to the Maywood, Ill., native.



SSgt Tracy Downing, of II MEF, and her children, from left: Cody, Michael, and Cori, during a presentation ceremony at 2d Radio Bn. Though their father died in October, his unit has stepped in as an 'extended family' to help the Downings with their loss.

"As Marines, part of our job is to rally whenever a need," Gillan added. "I tried to do whatever was needed for this family."

Tax-deductible donations to the Marine Corps — Law Enforcement Foundation may be made to: Marine Corps — Law Enforcement Foundation, P.O. Box 37, Mountain Lakes, N.J. 07096. Or through Combined Campaign donation to MCLEF.

VENEZUELA from 1B

Once a Marine chooses to pursue life as an embassy guard he must submit a packet with recommendations from his commanding officer and sergeant major.

An extensive federal background check is the next step in determining eligibility.

Successful completion of the course earns them the distinguished embassy guard title. With it, though, comes a unique sacrifice.

"We can't get married as MSGs," one among many restrictions, said Fedder, which translates to a 30-month "sentence" — the minimum amount of time required as a guard.

Regardless of the strict life-style embassy guards must adhere to, Fedder was prepared, perhaps more than most Marines who aspire to the esteemed position.

"My uncle was an MSG, and since I was very young it's something that

I knew I wanted to do," said Fedder, who joined the Marines initially as a heavy-machine operator.

In the 30-month stint as an embassy guard, Marines are assigned to two embassies for approximately 15 months each.

Caracas is Fedder's second assignment after spending 14 months at the embassy in Oman.

Though American embassies span the world in many exotic locations,

for guards, the job remains the same — tough security.

"As an MSG you can pretty much (be assigned) to any embassy and function the same," said Sgt. Jason Mount, MSG, Caracas, Venezuela, who was lured by the notoriety of the MSG title.

"This program has the reputation of being the Mecca of Marine Corps programs," said Mount, previously a field radio operator.

"People think our job here is just standing in a box, which sometimes it is, but they don't see the training we do," Mount said.

Unlike what often seemed to him to be repetitive training in his previous field, Mount said training for emergencies at the embassy gives him a higher sense of purpose.

"Here, there's always the possibility that something can happen which psychologically makes a big

difference," he said.

For Fedder and Mount, more than 2 years of training for their belts, life as MSGs is to be a worthwhile experience.

"It's not so much everything that goes with it, but the fact that you have a purpose," said Mount.

"This is an awesome opportunity," said Fedder. "I received a Marine interest, to

26MEU from 1B

The unit be called on to perform some form of helicopter insertion, these HRST Masters would be responsible for the lives and well being of their fellow Marines on the ropes.

"Before this course I had never done any fastroping or repelling," said Cpl Clyde F. Schuyler, an infantryman from H&S Company, BLT 2/2. "When it is done with, I should be expert enough to teach other Marines."

During the 11-day course Marines will learn repelling, fastrope, and specialized patrol insertion and extraction (SPIE) rigging and how it is used in the different aircraft the 26th MEU utilizes.

The Marines begin with a day of classroom instruction covering safety and an introduction to the course and equipment. Next, they spend several days training from a 50-foot tower at the SOTG training compound. On the tower they learn nine different methods of attaching the ropes. The configurations vary with the type of aircraft the Marines utilize. Currently they train on the CH-46E Sea Knight, UH-1N Huey and CH-53E Sea Stallion.

Techniques are now being developed to work with the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

On this particular day of training the Marines are conducting their first fastrope exercise out of a helicopter, in this case a UH-1N Huey.

Three students sit in the open right door of the helicopter, and another, the HRST master, sits by the frame for the rope rigging. The rope, 50 feet of 1 3/4-inch diameter composite fibers, is coiled on the laps of the Marines.

Fastropes vary in length from 50 up to 120 feet long. The longer ropes are only used in extreme situations though, such as inserting Marines through high canopy jungle. With a ready signal from the crew chief, the heavy rope drops from the aircraft. The HRST master steadies the rope, physically takes hold of the first Marine and guides him to the rope, this is done for safety.

The HRST master is responsible for seeing that each Marine properly and carefully makes it clear of the helicopter and down the rope. Fixing the thick rope between his feet and

gripping it, with both hands close to his chest, the first Marine loosens his grip enough to begin his descent.

According to Schuyler, a Chilichowie, Va. native, fear is not as prevalent as one might think with fastroping.

"By the time your turn at the rope comes up, the adrenaline is pumping so hard that you don't notice how high up you are, or think how nothing is holding you on the rope," said Schuyler.

There are no safety devices attaching the Marine to the rope, his only contact is by feet and hands.

With a full load of combat gear including pack, body armor and weapon, the Marine slides quickly down the rope. As the student nears the bottom he tightens his grip, twisting his hands inward to act as a brake.

While fastroping is not always the first option of a helicopter assault, due to dangers like weather or the environment, detailed planning, thorough training and constant rehearsing allow these Marines to be adept at their skills if called to action.

HEALTH from 1B

well," said Beightol. "We want our patients to become partners in their health care and learn more about staying healthy."

Additional programs offered will be birth and early parenting classes and a second trimester class for expectant mothers. According to Beightol, future plans for the center include healthy cooking classes, various support groups and after hours

appointments.

The newly renovated of across Main Service road from the facility will support the Semper Fit program and the Navy Future Health Promotion program.

To set up an appointment to see a doctor, or to learn more about the facility and what it can do for you,

RECON from 1B

To remain competitive the Marines now have the UZ program, a program that gives the individual the same chance. However, in this case the chance is to become a reconnaissance Marine.

This program guarantees them a recon MOS, provided the individual passes the reconnaissance indoctrination as well as completes the course of instruction at Infantry Training Battalion.

"I am not sure if I want to make the Marine Corps a career, but I am sure I would like the chance to join the reconnaissance

community," said Shay.

"You can see it in his eyes," Shay wants to be here, said Capt. Commanding Officer, Bragg Infantry Training Battalion. "It is a real asset to the Marine Corps. I doubt in my mind that he will leave once he has completed all school as a reconnaissance Marine."

"I'll apply for the Enlisted Recon Program after a year or two, I have my sights set on recon," Shay

PANAMA from 2B

jobs, ranging from clerks to plumbers, according to a recent report in National Geographic. The canal employs a 9,000-member workforce that is now almost entirely Panamanian.

Yet curiously, under this very natural nationalistic pulse, 78 percent of the country's 2.8 million people, according to a 1996 poll,

hope the gringos won't go.

We have gone now, and in many ways this transition is reminiscent of the one a decade earlier. Short term the transition won't be easy. But for the people of Panama, the Canal Zone offers great promise for the future.

This is a two-part series continued from

THE GLOBE's Jan. 21 edition on 5B.

Former Marine Fred Charles owns a marketing firm in New Bern and is the chairman of the Small Business Committee of the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce. His column, "Marines Mean Business," regularly appears in The Globe's "Carolina Living" section.

Coast Guards' PSU DET discusses training, future

Cpl Brannen Parrish
Stone Bay Public Affairs Detachment

The Coast Guard Port Security Unit Training Detachment held a two-day conference at Camp Lejeune to discuss their training methods, as well as the future of their mission within the Coast Guard and



RADM J. Timothy Riker speaks to a group of Coast Guard Officers at a Coast Guard conference aboard Camp Lejeune.

Navy, Jan. 19-20.

Coast Guardsmen from the six PSUs around the United States were present for the conference. All the units were represented to validate the curriculum of the PSU course and offer suggestions.

"We have said 'You are our community. We are your school house. We want to know if what we are teaching you is what you are facing in the fleet,'" said Coast Guard LT Jeff O'Connell, Operations Officer, PSU TRADET, and a native of Montevallo, Ala.

The detachment, based at Camp Lejeune, is the only active duty PSU training detachment within the Coast Guard.

The detachment trains guardsmen to protect ports and coastal waterways where U.S. military ships and equipment are operating.

According to O'Connell, everyone agreed the PSU TRADET was indeed

teaching an adequate course. The conference also confirmed the need for a Tactical Action Officer Course at Camp Lejeune.

The tactical action officer billet rotates like a duty. The officer acts as the on-scene boat commander who reacts to security situations that may arise in port.

The course has been prepared and is currently designed to last 12 days. Port Security Unit TRADET is scheduled to begin teaching it later this year.

Coast Guard RADM J. Timothy Riker, of Lima, Ohio, the Deputy Area Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs as well as the Deputy Commander Fifth District Coast Guard, visited on the final day of the conference. RADM Riker shared his wisdom about Coast Guard Port Security and the role of PSU commanders in joint environments.

"We have six PSUs in the Coast Guard, three of them are brand new. The older units have a good front line with expertise," said RADM Riker. "We need to build our bench so that the new units can catch up to the level of the older units. In working with other services we need to continue to develop doctrine for jointness."

ROBOT from 1B



Petty Officer 1st Class John Rehder, Leading Petty Officer of the programs the computer for the robot used in the pharmacy to prescriptions.

of \$490,000 and it contains about 240 of the most common medications.

When a patient calls in a refill request, the computer automatically checks to see if the refill is authorized, then prints a label for the bottle. The bottles, loaded into a pair of large hoppers, are fed into the machine, and the pills are counted out and

checked for accuracy by an automated cap, the bottles are then dispensed by a technician or a pharmacist.

"Each prescription is done by a technician or a pharmacist," said Rehder.

Milestones

Dedicated to the recognition of the hard work and achievements of the Marines, Sailors, and "Civilian Marines" based at Camp Lejeune. To submit the names of special honorees, contact your unit information officer.

Awards

Marine Corps Commendation Medal

2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt E. Daviau
Sgt J. Green
Sgt C. Kruger
Sgt D. Brazeal
Sgt J. E. Warr

Achievement Medal

2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt P. Kaelin Jr.
Sgt M. Fitzgerald

Marine Corps Achievement Medal

2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt K. Goodwin (Gold Star in lieu of third award)
Sgt L. Feil
2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt D. Riethmann
Sgt L. Griffith
Sgt B. Oshea Jr.
Sgt P. Webb
Sgt P. Ballard
Sgt B. Frye
Sgt H. King
Sgt McGee
Sgt Voorheis
Sgt D. Balch
Sgt Cortes
Sgt J. Haskins
Sgt Sumpter
Sgt Combat Service Support School
Sgt A. Kemper
Sgt J. Longawa
Sgt N. Valentin

General's Certificate of Commendation

2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt P. Kelly
Sgt Standing Volunteer Service Medal
2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt M. Mayo

General's Certificate of Commendation

2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt D. Blackshire
Sgt Walker

Certificate of Commendation

2d Radio Battalion, II MEF
Sgt Scott E. Crossen
LCpl Ryan P. Fitzgerald
LCpl Matthew J. Long
Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools
GySgt Vernon D. Henderson
GySgt Bret L. Roy
GySgt Ingo Shulz
GySgt Jerry L. Wood

Meritorious Mast

II MEF Augmentation Command Element
Sgt Jerry L. Walker
Cpl Kristen M. Erario
LCpl Michael L. Andrews Jr.

School of Infantry

LCpl Kevin L. Gray
PFC Eridania Alvarado
PFC Timothy L. Brown
PFC Roger D. Bunkley
PFC Antoine S. Christmas
PFC Titisha S. Cochran
PFC Yokesha C. Cox
PFC Thomas H. Cullinan
PFC Jeremiah M. Gerstner
PFC Laquan D. Hill
PFC Keith E. Howard
PFC Anthony D. Johnson
PFC Barry O. Johnson
PFC Calbert G. Laing
PFC Andrew S. Leyda
PFC Adams O. Ogbu
PFC Stacy K. Petway
PFC Benjamin L. Rivera
PFC Christopher Westbro
Pvt Kevin M. Bell
Pvt Anthony E. Beverly
Pvt Danilo R. Mendoza
Pvt Edward E. Shackelford
Pvt Jack O. Shell II
Pvt Anthony A. Valentin

Letter of Appreciation

II MEF Augmentation Command Element
CWO4 John D. Butler
WO April D. Cochran
SgtMaj William H. Carter
MSgt Carol A. Grissom
GySgt Timothy E. Vickers
SSgt John L. Earnest
SSgt Alfred E. Williams
SSgt Jeannette M. Young
Sgt Gina E. Andrews
Sgt Kimberly D. Blackshire

Sgt Antonio L. Cleveland
Sgt Tyron A. Morissette
Sgt Stephan C. Nutter
Sgt Denise E. Tevepaugh
Sgt Jerry L. Walker
Sgt Christopher L. Walser
Cpl Kristen M. Erario
Cpl Tina M. Pyburn
LCpl Ronnie L. Creech
LCpl Dana P. Mutz
LCpl John G. Williams

Marine of the Quarter

Marine Corps Base
Cpl Shaun J. Manchester

Chef of the Quarter

II MEF Headquarters Group
PFC Pia L. Edwards

Servicemember of the Month

II MEF Headquarters Group
Cpl Joshua E. Zimlinghaus

Michelle C. Elliot
Allen D. Rogerson
Lance Corporal
Timothy A. Parker
Andrew C. Weaver
Private First Class
Jason Hunt

School of Infantry Private First Class

Jonathan P. Aronica
John A. Arrington
Yolanda Cole
Dale R. Fenzel
Jason M. Ferrito
Alvaro H. Gongora
Marilyn I. Gonzalez
Damion C. Harris
Russell M. Hubbard
Marvin V. Jones
Roger H. Keene II
Larry A. Logan
Raymond A. Mason
Charles E. McCombs
Bryan M. McGrath
Omar A. Medina
Michael S. Molihan
William P. Oliver
Adam M. Shea
Sebastiano J. Siino
Benjamin Soto
Jason C. Soto
Nicholas B. Stanley
Steven G. Weber
Sarah A. Wills
Erin C. Wynn

II MEF Headquarters Group

Sergeant
Daniel D. Edinger
Roger D. Gross

Corporal
Christopher T. Tassoul
Private First Class
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Promotions



LCpl Patricia A. Taucher

LtCol Michael J. Hussey, right, Projects Officer, Reserve Support Unit, Marine Corps Base, repeats the Officers' Oath of Allegiance from MajGen Ronald G. Richard, Commanding General, MCB, during Hussey's promotion ceremony.

II MEF Augmentation Command Element

Gunnery Sergeant
Jeannette M. Young
Corporal
Michael L. Andrews Jr.

Graduations

School of Infantry

Honor Graduates
LCpl Robert S. Walsh
PFC William B. Finney, Jr.

Special Recognition



1stLt Nicholas J. Ritzcovan

Standing Leadership

M. Grosinski, center, Director of Instructors, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools presents awards to several gunnery sergeants recently for their performance as MCCSSS instructors. Right: Jerry L. Wood, Certificate of Commendation; David A. Kemper, Navy and Marine Corps Medal; Vernon D. Henderson, Certificate of Commendation; Grosinski; John J. Longawa, N/L. Roy, Certificate of Commendation; Ingo Shulz, CC, and Nelson Valentin, N/MCAM.

II MEF

Color Sergeant

In recognition for his superior performance of duty, Sgt Ronald B. Gantt Jr. has been appointed the Color Sergeant for II Marine Expeditionary Force and is responsible for leading the MEF Color Guard in all ceremonial

MHG

Color Sergeant

In recognition for his superior performance of duty, Sgt Salgado Perez has been appointed the Color Sergeant for the group and is responsible for leading the Marine Headquarters Group Color Guard in all ceremonial



Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey J. Bechen
1999 Blue Jacket of the Year
Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey J. Bechen was selected as the 1999 Blue Jacket of the Year for Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune.

As Leading Petty Officer of the Multi Service Ward (MSW), Bechen displayed exceptional leadership and management skills in the guidance of entry-level personnel, demanding constant attention and supervision in all aspects of their military and professional responsibilities.

He managed an annual OPTAR budget of more than \$88,000, oversees consumable resupply and has been instrumental in the research and purchasing of equipment.

Bechen efficiently coordinates all 24-hour corpsmen schedules and manages the MSW Enlisted Watchbill.

In addition, Bechen is also the Assistant Leading Petty Officer for Nursing Services and on numerous occasions, assumed the duties of Directorate Leading Petty Officer (LPO) in the absence of the LPO.

He is an active member of the Command Retention Team, the Command Recreation Committee, and the Alternate Recorder of the "Staff Enrichment" Quality Management Board.

Bechen sets the example in leadership, performance of duties, and military bearing for both his peers and subordinates to follow.

Petty Officer 1st Class Keith A. Becker was selected as the 1999 Sailor of the Year for Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune.

As Leading Petty Officer and Senior Optician, Becker demonstrated an exceptionally high degree of military and professional excellence.

Through his superior leadership and managerial abilities, Becker effectively managed three Optometrists and three support staff, and led an aggressive assessment of the glasses ordering program which lead to Naval Hospital's selection as a test sight for the S-9 Replacement Program.

Additionally, Petty Officer Becker was assigned as the Leading Petty Officer for the Specialty Treatment Area for the Fleet Hospital Training Set. Through his own perseverance, Becker effectively assembled this area with very little formal training and ensured that all mission essential items were ordered or on hand.

Due to his efforts, the Specialty Treatment area received an outstanding mark during the most recent Operational Readiness Evaluation. As the President of the First/Second Class Association, he was instrumental in raising more than \$8,000 for the Navy Ball. He was also the Leading Petty Officer for the Command Color Guard, coordinated the cake cutting Ceremony for the Marine Corps Birthday, and was an



Petty Officer 1st Class Keith A. Becker
1999 Sailor of the Year
Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital



Bulletin Board



To submit your units' events (changes of command, volunteers, openings/closings, training sessions, family days, etc.) contact your Unit Information Officer.

II MEF



The next mandatory meeting for each section's embark rep will be today at 1:30 p.m. in the MHG conference room. Group Aid Station provides medical support to more than 800 Marines and Sailors in the Marine Headquarters Group. We also provide support to 8th Communication, the Marine Expeditionary Units and 2d Radio Battalion when their doctors are gone. Sickcall hours are from 8-11 a.m., check-in/out time is from 1-3 p.m. and wart clinic is on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m.

School needs unit to volunteer

Tarawa Terrace 1 Primary School needs a few good men and women to adopt our school. We are in need of volunteers to assist with projects, special events, and to help promote our school literacy focus by reading with children. For more information call Tarawa Terrace Primary School 451-2480/2489.

Breakfast postponed

The Regiment of Retired Marines breakfast at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Club Saturday at 8 a.m. has been postponed until further notice.

Hidden Talents Craft Shop

15 percent off on all Christmas items until Jan. 31. For more information call 451-2658

Crafters

Crafters are wanted for the Spring Craft Fair March 25-26 on Camp Lejeune. The event is open to the public. For more information or for an application to be a participant in the event, please contact Hidden Talents at (451-2658).

CREDO

Have you ever considered a weekend getaway? What if it was free? CREDO, Camp Lejeune offers three types of retreats which are sponsored by the Marine Corps. We offer the Personal Growth Retreat (72 hours), Marriage Enrichment Retreat (48 hours), and the Spiritual Growth Retreat (eight hours). These programs are available to active duty, reserves, family members with appropriate ID cards, and DoD civilian employees. Participants must be 18 years or older. For more information or to sign up for a retreat, call 451-2900/2967.

MCB



A Pre-Separation Brief will be held each week from 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. See your unit Transition Counselor or Career Planner for designated command dates. For more information, call 451-3212 ext. 123. The Camp Lejeune Exceptional Family Member Program and MCCS invite you to join with them to improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs Jan. 31 at the Key Volunteer Center, from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 451-3212/3219 ext. 109.

2d FSSG



2d Maintenance Battalion is holding Groundhog Job Shadow Day Feb. 2. For info call 2nd Lt. Goodall at 451-5423.

Family CPI

Armed Services YMCA presents CPR and first aid training for the family Jan. 29. Participants should be 13 and older with youth under 18 accompanied by a participating parent or legal guardian. Registration and payment in advance. Call 451-9569.

2d MarDiv



A party for the families of Marines and Sailors deployed on MEUs and UDPs will be held Feb. 5. Call your Unit Key Volunteer Coordinator for more information. The CG's Cup five on five tournament kicks off Feb. 25. Call 451-8719 for more information.

Camp Johnson

Camp Johnson Black History Month Events:

Opening Ceremony - (Feb. 1) The opening ceremony commemorating the start of Black History Month will be held at the Camp Johnson Chapel at 5:00 p.m.; with reception following at the Camp Johnson Recreation Center. **SgtMaj (ret) Nat James**, and

representative from the Montford Point Assoc. will be the keynote speaker.

Poem/Essay Contest and Art Day - (Feb 11th) Students will submit either an essay or poem and will be judged on their originality and creativity. Prizes will be awarded to students with the best poem or essay. A slide show will also be presented showing the significant role Montford Point has played in the Marine Corps. **Colonel Leslie Stein**, Commanding

Officer, MCCSSS will be the keynote speaker.

Luncheon - (Feb 16th) A luncheon celebrating the Black History Month will offer foods ranging from collards to chicken and catfish. The gathering will be held at the Camp Johnson Recreation Center between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All Marines and their families are welcome. Price to be determined.

Movies - Camp Johnson will feature three movies highlighting contributions made by African American

servicemembers in three different periods. The movies are: *Glory*, Feb. 17; *Tuskegee Army*, Feb. 24.

Closing Ceremony - (Feb 29th) A closing ceremony for Black History Month will be held at the Camp Johnson Chapel at 11:30 a.m. Menu and price to be determined.

Upcoming Events

455-3411



If you are the spouse of a servicemember, the USO Spouse Support Group is for you, whether your spouse is deployed or not and regardless of rank. Join the USO staff at their Super Bowl Party Sunday. Stop in to pick up your brochure and enjoy a tour of the oldest USO in the world. A Snack bar is available.

Seatbelt Awareness campaign



A campaign plan in full swing rendered to encourage the use of seatbelts. After a period of sensitizing, it will enforce the use of seatbelts and provide for substantial penalty for those found driving/riding without seatbelts (such as loss of liberty). The fact is that the Military Police on base are on the lookout for patrons not wearing their seatbelts and will start issuing warnings to patrons who are in violation. This program will also be enforced for all commands at Camp Lejeune. It is imperative that each Marine, Sailor and family member wear their seatbelt, not only on base, but off base as well. Be safe and think about safety first.



For Your Information

Support Groups

Marine Corps Family Team Building/L.N.K.S. (Life-style, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills) "links" spouses with real-life tips, positive attitudes, Marine Corps culture, benefits associated with the ID Card, and available resources that they can use to help themselves become more self-sufficient members of the Marine Corps Family whether their Marine/Sailor is in for three years or 30. Sessions are offered monthly. Make new friends and enjoy being part of the Marine Corps Family at Camp Lejeune. For more information, call the L.N.K.S. office at 451-1299.

Transition Support Services (TSS) presents a welcome aboard/newcomer's orientation brief every Tuesday from 8 a.m.-noon at the Camp Lejeune Base Theater. Representatives from the following agencies participate: Human Services, Transportation Management Office, Provost Marshal Office, Family Housing, Naval hospital, Financial Management, Base Education, Legal Assistance and MCCS. This brief is mandatory and in accordance with MCO 1320.11E. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 451-3212 ext. 135.

Self-Improvement

Internet for Beginners will be taught at the base library Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in the conference room. Learn to browse the internet with easy to use tips and techniques. For more information, call Glenn Pappas at 451-5724.

Armed Services YMCA and Vision Services Plan have teamed together to provide eye

exams and if needed glasses, at no cost to the families of the children in need. If your health insurance doesn't cover the cost of eye exams and glasses for your child; your school nurse has informed you of your child possibly having vision problems; your child is under 18, a student, a U.S. citizen or registered alien; and your family size/income levels are within the program scope, your child will be taken care of. For more information, call 451-9569.

"Triumph Over Tobacco" Support Group continues for those who have successfully quit tobacco use, those currently trying to quit and for those who are "thinking" about quitting. Meetings fall on the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at building 65 classroom. For more information, contact **Kim Hugelback** at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, Health Promotion Program at 451-3712.

Well Baby Clinic sponsored by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Visiting Nurses will be held the first Tuesday of each month at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and the second Tuesday of each month at the Midway Park Family Service Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Get your child weighed and measured. Learn more about your child's nutritional needs, growth and development, medication, immunization requirements and childhood diseases. Meet and talk with other mothers. Get free items at the clothing exchange (we accept donations of children's clothing). For more information, call 451-5644/5584.

Budget for Baby Class will be held the first and second Monday of each month from 12:15-3 p.m. at Camp Lejeune and the second

Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. at New River. This class is offered by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. You will learn budgeting techniques and the impact a baby has on a family's finances. A free layette is available to all Marine/Naval families who attend the class. For more information, call 451-5346/5584 or 450-6642/44.

A Family Care Plan assures you that all will be taken care of if you suddenly deploy. If you have a family member with special needs, if you are a single parent or dual military parents this plan is for you. MCO 1740.13A states that a Family Care Plan is to be on file with your command if you are in this category. Stop by the Transition Support Services at building 14, Main Service road and pick up the information needed to develop your very own Family Care Plan. For more information, call 451-3212/3219 ext. 100/101.

Transition Support Services, formerly known as the Family Service Center (FSC), Camp Lejeune workshops held in building 14 will be held as follows: Thursday - Skills Assessment Workshop is held from 9 a.m.-noon; Thursday - Resume Writing Workshop is held from 1-4 p.m. and Jan. 31 - Interview I & II Workshop is held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 451-3212/3219 ext. 100/101.

Tap Classes are held each week from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at building 8 across from Area 2 Gym building 201, Camp Lejeune. For more information or to register call 451-3212/3219 ext. 100/101.

Welcome to Okinawa Brief will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m.-noon at the Transi-

tion Support Services, building 14. For information or to register call 451-3212/3219 ext. 100/101.

Unit Sponsorship Coordinator Training will be held today from 9:30-11:30 a.m. this is a one and a half hour workshop offered by Transition Support Services (TSS). If you have been assigned as a Unit Sponsor Coordinator and have not completed your training, this class is for you. For information, call 451-3212/3219 ext. 100/101.

Upcoming Events

American Girls Mother-Daughter Tea Party March 18 from 1-3 p.m. in the SNCO Club. The event is for girls in grades 2-6 and their mothers. Parents of girls in this age bracket, who are interested in being a part of the committee contact Jean Sybrant, base library at 451-5724.

Marine Corps Mustang Muster of Tarheel Mustangs 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Marine Corps Air Station New River Officers' Club. All Marine Corps Mustangs are invited to attend. For information call 451-807.

Volunteers

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society has terrific training opportunities to enhance your professional skills. Individuals are needed to help in reception, administration, casework, layettes, bookkeeping, public relations and loan management. Childcare and car mileage are reimbursed. This is a great opportunity to work with a fun filled team and oriented environment. For more information contact

Rhonda Hancock at 451-5346.

Onslow MENTORS Fr looking for adult volunteers to mentor a young person. One relationship with a youth. The youth are between ages 12-17. For more information call 451-5822.

Transition Support Services for volunteers. If you are looking for new skills or enhancing skills, volunteering may be a great way to give back. We have talents you want to put to use. We can use you. If you have ideas and are willing to make those ideas a reality, call 451-9569 for more information.

Armed Services YMCA for weekly Family-time events-upcoming "Healthy 8" promotions; advertising have talents you want to put to use. We can use you. If you have ideas and are willing to make those ideas a reality, call 451-9569 for more information.

Youth

Chicken Soup for Little children's new illustrated stories. The base library at Camp Lejeune is helping celebrate the importance of literacy by hosting a storytelling and activities second Saturday of each month. For more information, call 451-5724.



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Carolina Living



SgtMaj Paul Silverson right presents the 'Mack' McKinney award to MajGen (ret) Ray L. Smith. 4C

28, 2000

Who killed Mr. Withers?

Compiled by
John Althouse

When it comes to taxes there are all kinds of questions to ask and many answers you need to know, some frequently asked questions include:

Records Should I Keep?
You must keep records so that you can prove a complete and accurate income tax return. The law does not require a special form. However, you must keep all receipts, canceled checks, proofs of payment, and documents to support any deductions or credits you claim. If you file a claim for a refund you must be able to prove by records that you have overpaid.

How long should I keep my records?
You must keep your records for as long as they are important for the federal tax law. You may need to keep records relating to the basis of property for the period of limitations. These records as long as they are needed in figuring the basis of the property. Generally, as long as you own the property and, after you dispose of the property, for the period of limitations that apply.

How long should I keep a copy of my

should keep a copy of tax returns that have been filed and the tax forms as part of your records.

Should I do if I move?

If you move, always notify in writing the Internal Revenue Service Center where you filed your last return, or the Taxpayer Service Division, in your district office. You can use Form 3902, Change of Address, to notify the IRS of your new address. If you are filing your return and you are getting a refund, notify the post office of your old address. This will forward the check to the new address unless you chose direct deposit of your refund.

You must include your social security number (and the name and social security number of your spouse, if you are filing jointly) in all correspondence with the IRS.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. — closed on Wednesdays. For more information, call 451-3030/3110.

Carolina Openings

Scavenger Hunt

Low County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt at the Hubert By-Pass. The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. and is open for children ages 4-14. For more information, call 451-5332.

Pay for Life 2000

Low County Relay for Life captains meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Onslow Public Library. For more information, contact Raymond White at 353-9810.

Family CPR

CPR and first aid class will be held Saturday at the Armed Forces YMCA. Open to ages 13 and over. Course fee (includes materials and fee) is \$30 for first adult in class and \$15 for others. For more information, call 451-9569.

Collective Writing

Writing Skills for military personnel will be held Tuesday-April 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact CWO2 Steve A. Brown at 451-2666.



John Althouse The Daily News

Sherry Grim plays a police officer in the presentation of "Who killed Mr. Withers," hosted by the Officers' Wives Club aboard Camp Lejeune.

OWC to host play

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Globe Staff

A sold out comedy thriller, "Who Killed Mr. Withers," hosted by the Officers' Wives Club of Camp Lejeune, will be presented Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Officer's Club aboard Camp Lejeune. All proceeds will go to the Officers' Wives Club Scholarship Fund.

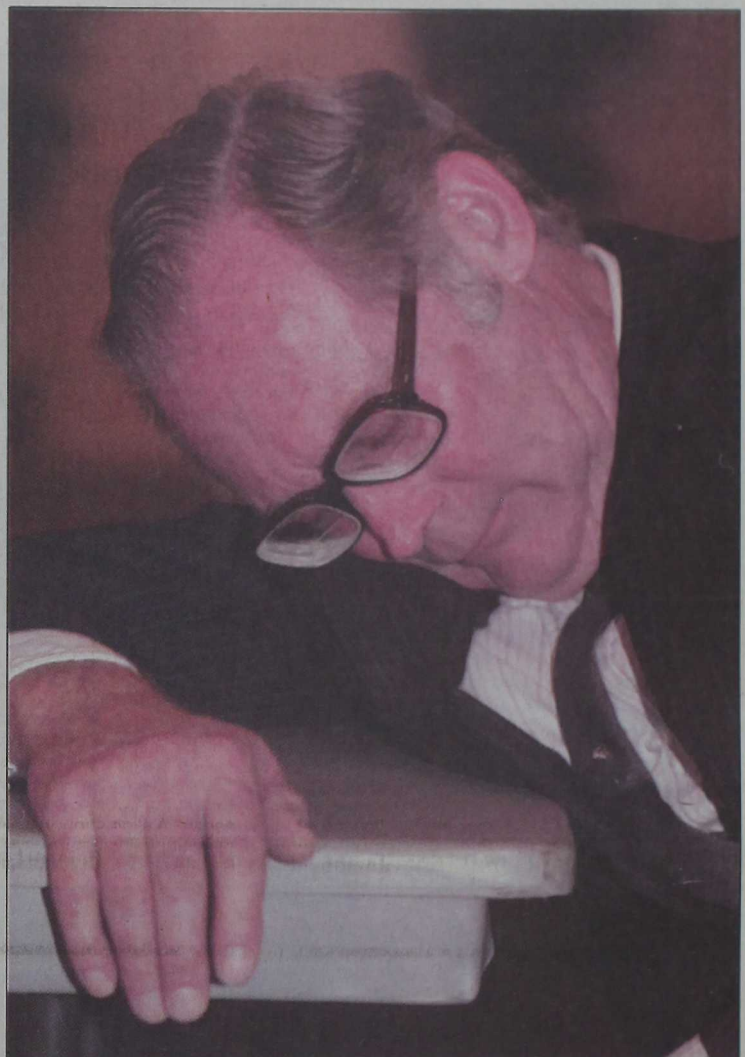
The play features an eight-member cast who will welcome guests to the Last Chance Pump and Grill in the heart of Death Valley, on

the Nevada side. The audience will be the only witnesses to a murder mystery and will even be allowed to ask suspects questions.

Nancy St. Charles will be directing the production, accompanied by pianist Yvonne Asher and prompter, Lynn Alberti.

The cast includes Carlos Barela as Jack; Andrea Detar as Veronica; Renee Valdov as Rebecca; Phillip Neale as Kurt; Don Wittich as Mr. Withers; Teri Coleman as Natasha; Sherry Grim as Officer and Daniel Richard Sottile as Boris.

"Who killed Mr. Withers"



John Althouse The Daily News

Don Wittich is Mr. Withers, in a comedy thriller scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday.

Gospel Extravaganza

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Marine Corps Community Services

The Marine Corps Community Services Department of Camp Lejeune presents a Gospel Extravaganza Feb. 5 at the Base Theater. Doors open at 6

p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. The Georgia Mass Choir is featured with special guests including The Inner City Worship Team and the McDonald Sisters of Fayetteville. Tickets are on sale at the Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT) offices located at Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station.



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Pictured left are the McDonald Sisters of Fayetteville. Pictured below from left to right are the Georgia Mass Choir and the Inner City Worship Team.

The Extravaganza is a one show only event and is open to the public. It is sponsored by The Daily News, Kiss FM102, WSTK 910, McCall's BBQ and Quality Inn & Suites. For more information, call 451-3535.

You will find many things at local corner store

In the warm, flat region of North Carolina where I live, the local quick-mart is a magnet for social activity. To refer to Ramsey's merely as the local bait store, really does it a disservice: it is obviously so much more and aspires to things much higher than red worms and night crawlers. Ramsey's sells gas, tools, fish-

come from all over just to be part of the Ramsey's community; if it wasn't so peculiar on the tongue, we might well consider renaming our area, "Ramseyville." But that sounds like a place populated by silly, dim-witted people. That wouldn't do at all. We're not silly around here.

The counter at Ramsey's is like a huge, hollowed out refrigerator door that still has all the kids' pictures and notes stuck all over it.

Wolanski Review
Laura Wolanski

There are notes about who has written bad checks, notes naming people who failed to return videos, advertisements for trailers, trucks, boats and pet-grooming services. Overhead at the front of the counter are the hundreds of pictures of locals holding their long hooks

threaded with shiny fish or grabbing a dead deer by the antlers as if to get it to smile for the camera. I like to look at all of these polaroids. I wonder who the people are and about their lives, whether they fish and hunt because they really need the food, because they like the outdoors or because they are trying to escape someone who lives indoors with them. I wish I could get my picture up at Ramsey's. Unfortunately, I've never caught a fish or killed an animal. I did hit a bat once, with the car, although to be honest, it was really the bat that hit me. He was in some sort of spin and came hurtling out of the dark, glimmered in my headlights for a brief second and then bounced off the windshield. In retrospect, I probably should have stopped the car, gone back and picked up the bat, stopped a passing motorist and asked him if

he would mind very much taking a photo of me and my trophy? I could have held out his little leathery wings and said, "Cheese!"

Ramsey's also has a snack counter, where you can make coffee, select your favorite flavor of jerky and reach into a big, glass barrel for pickled eggs. The snack bar is located by the video racks, where you can select five movies for five days for five dollars. This seemed like a really good idea until, a month later, I had exhausted the entire inventory. Now I have to force myself to rent movies I would normally never watch, making every foray into the movie area a mission with potentially disastrous results. After eliminating every movie I've already seen three times, I resign myself to titles I've never heard of (and there's a reason

why, I've learned). Every once in a while, I will "treat" myself to a new release. These are racked separately and kept there on the new release rack for a good year or two before their status is downgraded to the "five-flicks-for-five-days-for-five-bucks" level. The new releases are preposterously expensive and you have to return them within the hour.

Still, I find myself at Ramsey's on a regular basis, looking for videos, buying milk or a candy bar, waiting at the check-out counter behind some very weathered looking woman getting chips, cigarettes and two bottles of strawberry wine. Everyone smokes at Ramsey's, even the help behind the counter. It seems to be a local thing and it is, I'm sure, one of

See STORE/2C



Cpl Travis Budd, a Denver Colo. native, HMH 464 MCAS New River, admires a display of Fort Fisher at the Cape Fear Museum Jan. 22.

Cape Fear Museum: where past has presence

Candy McDonald
Globe Staff

Many people mistakenly judge Jacksonville as being "the place that has nothing to do" or "boring." But there are things to do if you widen your horizons. There are many great museums in the area, such as the Cape Fear Museum in Wilmington. The museum recently held a half-day symposium that concluded at the historic Bellamy Mansion with a grand reception complete with Civil War re-enactors and notable personalities from the "Late Unpleasantness."

The museum also has many other wonderful things to offer including the history of the Civil War, often referred to as the "War Between the States," or "the War of Northern Aggression." The conflict that divided

the United States between 1861 and 1865 goes by many names and has many interpretations.

You may also tour a reenactment display of Fort Fisher which was the defense of the last open port of the Confederacy. A combined naval and military assault by federal forces was repulsed Dec. 24-25, 1864. The fort was captured Jan. 15, 1865 after three days combined bombardment by more than 55 enemy warships and attacks by 10,000 Sailors and Marines. The garrison of the fort consisted of only 1,900 men, including 350 South Carolinians.

The museum preserves and interprets the social and natural history of the region, designated as a 50-mile radius around Wilmington, N.C. The region takes its name from the Cape Fear River.

The museum is a department of New Hanover County and receives legislative funds through the North Carolina Grassroots

Cape Fear Museum is located at 101 Market St. Wilmington, N.C.

Science Museums Collaborative. The museum will hold a Family Day Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. Clarendon will share memories of growing up in the Cape Fear area. County native planted and tended gardens at Orton for. Admission is free on the Sunday of each month. Visit www.co.new-hanover.com/cfmmain.htm.

Are you optimized?

Sgt Micheal D. Rogers
Camp Lejeune correspondent

While computers are constantly being made better, faster, and smaller, it is hard to keep up with all the new technology. While you may not have to buy a new computer every year, there are a few things you can do to help keep your personal computer running at its maximum capabilities.

Simple fixes like updating computer drives or adding accelerators seem like all that need be done, however, there are multiple add-ons and plug-ins that are free of charge, easy to download, and can significantly increase your personal computer's performance.

A few quick fixes include keeping up with the latest Internet browser on your machine and updating to newer versions of Windows Media Player. Going above and beyond to enhance your experiences online, or even playing your favorite game requires more. An installation of Macromedia Shockwave, the newest DirectX technology or numerous other programs all found free of charge on the net will definitely boost your personal computer to the next level of enjoyment.

Shockwave claims to be the Web standard for entertaining and engaging rich media playback. It lets you view interactive Web content like games, business presentations, entertainment, and advertisements from your Web browser. Found at www.shockwave.com, the Shockwave player installs on demand just by visiting the site.

DirectX is a group of technologies designed by Microsoft to make Windows-based personal computers an ideal platform for running and displaying applications rich in multimedia elements such as full-color graphics, video, 3-D animation, and surround sound.

DirectX can be located through the Microsoft website at www.microsoft.com/directx/. Besides animation, graphics, and sound, DirectX also offers extremely efficient access to advanced features of high-performance hardware including 3-D graphics acceleration chips, sound cards, and input devices.

The next time you find yourself surfing the net on your personal home computer, try adding a free enhancement; it might make viewing your favorite website more pleasurable.



Courtesy photo

Just a' swingin'

The Council for the Arts will present "It's Swingtime," a musical revue that delivers an evening of rhythm impossible to resist. BRAVVO Productions, a National Touring Company from Texas, will perform swing music including: Satin Dolls; Jersey Bounce; Tuxedo Junction and Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing. The swinging singers will be performing Feb. 13 at Jacksonville High School Auditorium at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the Council for the Arts, 826 New Bridge St. Jacksonville.

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the reasons I obviously don't smoke and I avoid beds because there is a history of cancer in my family (and because I don't want to look young for ten years). I look good in a swimsuit for me. I don't buy beer, chewing tobacco, or jerky. I don't leave my truck on the side, and I don't write a poem for three dollars. But I still live there.

I like to see the familiar people nod and ask how I am. I passively to whether or not I have the counter has managed to trailer yet and is her soon-to-be band still a jerk?

I like to see the young people leave with their cage-cans and campers at sunset and I find the noise from the gas-pump interviews oddly comforting — like a heart monitor assuring all the store that we're still alive.

As much of an outsider as I am, I find the peculiar rural solitude that puts me right at home with Ramsey's.

Laura Wolanski is a singer who is working toward becoming a certified teacher.



Camp Lejeune Today gives latest highlights

Cpl Brandon Rizzo
Camp Lejeune correspondent

If you've been missing Camp Lejeune's tri-weekly news broadcast, "Camp Lejeune Today," on Channel 10, you don't know what you have been missing. Bringing you and your family the scoop on everything that's happening in our community, the show is not only informative — it's entertaining.

Today's show highlights the latest service member of the month, and the Military Academic Skills Program that helps Marines boost their ASVAB scores. You will also see how some people made the best of the latest snowfall.

Check THE GLOBE every week for more highlights of "Camp Lejeune Today," and other LCTV-10 programming. You never know — the next show might include you.

Computer skills are more accessible

Kirsten Holmsted
Coastal Community College Public Information Office

If you are thinking you don't need computer skills, you may want to reconsider your strategy. With so many people using computers to work, shop, and communicate, computer literacy has become essential.

Coastal Carolina Community College is making computer knowledge more accessible so that today's non-computer users are not left behind in the 20th Century. Instead of driving to campus for computer classes, individuals can sit down at a personal computer in their homes or public libraries and complete their assignments.

Internet access is not necessary for these classes. All students need is: access to a computer, a computer disc and workbook that are distributed during a one-hour orientation at the college.

Distance education, transports education from the classroom to the home, making it more convenient for many to learn about computers. Some might say Kathy Nowlin of Camp Lejeune has the best of both worlds. She can stay at home and care for her children and expand her education under the same roof.

Her husband is an infantry Marine and is either deployed or in the field a lot. It would be nearly impossible for Kathy to go to the college for classes

when she has three children to watch. She already has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in reading education, and she taught for Onslow County Schools and Coastal up until seven years ago, when she had the first of three children.

Through distance education, Nowlin has studied Word, Excel and desktop publishing. These classes serve as renewal credits so she can maintain her North Carolina teaching license. "My first

priority is being at home with my children, but I'm also determined to stay current with my education so that I have the option to return to the classroom or branch off into another direction," she said. "I'm also enjoying learning

more about computer programs," she said. In the past, Nowlin hadn't been real knowledgeable about computers. Instead, she depended on her husband. If something didn't work, she asked him for help. Now she is slowly learning how to solve computer problems on her own. "We have Microsoft on our computer at home, but up to this point I've avoided it," she said. "By taking the classes, I'm getting more comfortable with the programs. The computer classes are the first step. The second step is being in a situation where you have to use what you've learned for personal and practical purposes. The classes give you the knowledge and resources to go to the books if you have questions." For more information, contact Karen McCarten at (910) 938-6294.

"By taking the classes, I'm getting more comfortable with the programs . . ."

Kathy Nowlin, Camp Lejeune resident

'Mack' McKinney Award presented to distinguished Marine

Leonor Eggers
ENC Publications

The ceremony for this year's "Mack" McKinney award was held recently at Sywanky's Scarlet & Gold. Receiving the award for their accomplishments in helping the military community were Gen Ray L. Smith and SgtMaj (ret) Michael J. Rooney.

Rooney has been a member of NCOA for 24 years and a Chapter Chairman and Chapter Official for six years. He has assisted with the work, advertising, publicity and coordinated with all the agencies to make sure that the Chapter abides by the NCOA by-laws.

Rooney is also an avid supporter of the USO and has worked 726 volunteer hours in 1998 and 607 in 1999 in support of the Non-commissioned Officers Association Down East Chapter number 906 of Jacksonville.

The "Mack" McKinney award is conducted during the first or second Friday each year. It was established in 1992 and

was first presented in January of 1993. The purpose of the "Mack" McKinney award is to recognize individuals, primarily of military service, who exemplify professionalism, dedication and service to our country, over a sustained period of time.

The award was named after SgtMaj (ret) C.A. Mack McKinney, who was also present at the award ceremony, was established as a salute to him for his untiring support of the military. It also serves to ensure that others, who have built bridges for the younger generations coming along, are also recognized by the military, senior and junior, who benefit from their efforts and to show clearly, the dedication of such leaders of humanity.

"Mack" retired from the Marine Corps during 1971 after 30 years of service and was immediately hired by the Noncommissioned Officer's Association, as their first lobbyist in Washington, D.C. In that position, "Mack" developed lobbying efforts of the Association, from a staff of one, (him-

self) to a staff of six, including a National Veteran's Service Officer and a Military Liaison Position. He was directly responsible over the years, for spearheading all types of legislative efforts, ranging from targeted pay raises, to increases in household goods and whole baggage allowances. McKinney is a great friend not only to the enlisted community, but the entire United States Armed Forces.

"Mack" retired from NCOA Dec. 31, 1992. He had co-founded the Military Coalition and became its coordinator and council. This accomplishment created a unified lobbying effort on behalf of some 30 organizations, representing a vast majority of the military population and their families, officers, and enlisted alike.

Today, in a new millennium, "Mack" continues to fight for the Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman and Coastguardsmen walking the halls of Congress giving his utmost best, to improve the quality of life for the military men and women.



The annual 'Mack' McKinney Award was presented Jan. 14 at Sywanky's. From left are SgtMaj Paul Silverson, chairman of the Down East Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officer's Association (NCOA); SgtMaj (ret) Michael J. Rooney, NCOA Chapter 906 of Jacksonville; SgtMaj (ret) Mack McKinney, who was in honor of; MajGen (ret) Ray L. Smith, a recipient of the Mack McKinney Award; and SgtMaj (ret) Dave Sommers, president of the NCOA.



Chapel Schedule



ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sunday Masses
 Brig 8 a.m.
 Courthouse Bay Chapel 9 a.m.
 MCAS New River Chapel:
 (Transportation provided from Chapel) 8:45 a.m.
 St. Francis Xavier Chapel 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses (Monday-Friday)
 Naval Hospital Chapel (Thursday only) 10:30 a.m.
 MCAS New River Chapel 11:45 a.m.
 St. Francis Xavier Chapel 11:45 a.m.

Saturday Masses
 St. Francis Xavier Chapel 5 p.m.

Holy Day Masses
 (Except Christmas/ New Years) 11:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Confessions
 Saturday at St. Francis Chapel 4 p.m.
 or contact unit chaplain

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Camp Johnson Chapel, Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Scripture study Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Sunday services
 Call Chaplain Vance 451-3210
 Call Bishop Maloney 743-2569

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship/Religious Education
 Base Chapel, Holy Communion 7:30 a.m.
 Base Chapel, Contemporary Service 9 a.m.
 (Sunday School Protestant Chapel Annex) 9 a.m.
 Base Chapel, Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Camp Geiger Chapel: Holy Communion
 (Episcopal/Lutheran Liturgy) 8 a.m.
 Brig 9 a.m.
 Camp Geiger Chapel: Praise and Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Camp Johnson Chapel 9 a.m.
 Courthouse Bay Chapel 9 a.m.
 French Creek Chapel, Holy Communion 9 a.m.
 Midway Park Chapel 11 a.m.
 Naval Hospital Chapel 9 a.m.
 Tarawa Terrace Chapel 10:30 a.m.
 (Sunday School, Religious Ed. Building.) 9:15 a.m.
 New River Chapel 11 a.m.

ISLAM (MUSLIM JUMAH)

Base Chapel Annex Building 16 (Friday) 11:45 a.m.
 Brig Chapel 1 p.m.
 French Creek Chapel 1 p.m.

JEWISH

Sabbath Eve Service Building 67 (Fridays) 7:30 p.m.
 Religious School (Sundays) 10 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

If interested call **Everett Sharp** (252) 636-8744
 Tarawa Terrace Chapel 1st and 3rd Mondays 7 p.m.

W-2's are inbound

2ndLt Francis G. Harris
 Globe contributor

In with the new, out with the old. The new year brings one of the two inevitabilities of life a little closer — taxes.

The time to settle up with Uncle Sam for 1999 is drawing closer and so is delivering your W-2s. All active duty members should receive their W-2 by Jan. 31 via their administration offices. Active duty members who drew imminent danger pay, tax exclusion, or took combat leave during 1999 need to verify their W-2 for accuracy.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning composer **George Crumb** will talk about and demonstrate passages from his *Ancient Voices of Children* before it is performed Saturday at the Church of the Servant.

Crumb will speak at 7:30 p.m. His 1970 composition sets to music the poetry of **Garcia Lorca**. It employs two singers and a variety of instruments, including harp and percussion.

Members of the audience invited to a pre-concert gathering at 7 p.m.

The performance is presentation of the Chamber Music Society of Wilmington.

Tickets are \$16 for students and are available 763-1943, or at the door if supplies last.

A children's concert will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the same time. The Philidor Ensemble (who plays in the concert.) An instrumental performance follows. Donations \$5.

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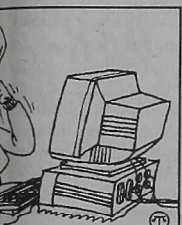
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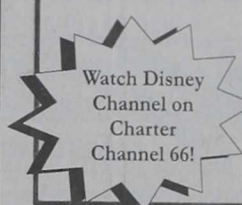
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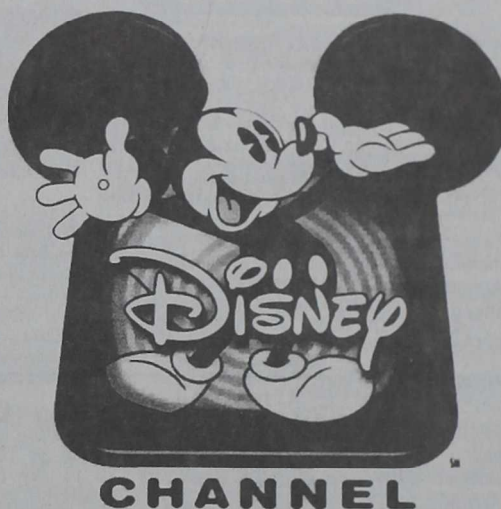
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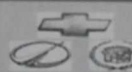
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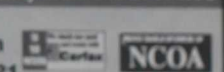


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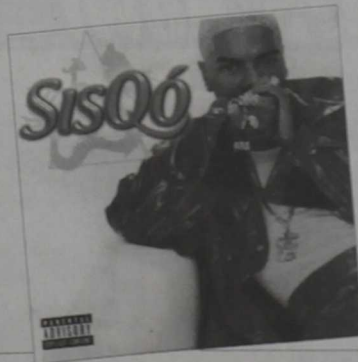


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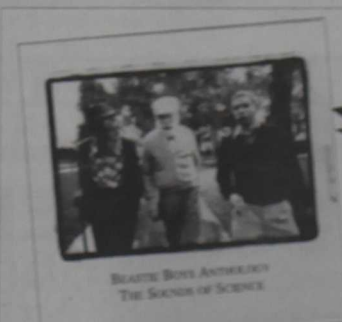
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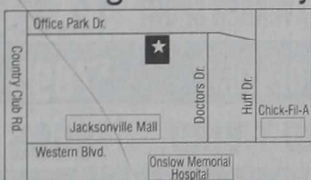
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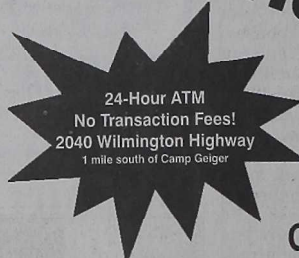
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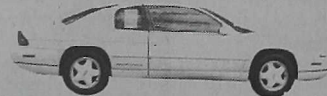
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2D

Putting pedal to pavement

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Marine Corps Community Services "kicked off" their annual Grand Prix Series, Jan. 22 starting with this year's Tour D' Pain 50 kilometer cycle race.

More than 200 participants gathered at Goette Memorial Field House to begin 31 mile endurance test.

Tour D' Pain is a bicycle course that takes place at a variety of settings on Camp Lejeune which adds to the enjoyment of the challenge.

This year's race was extremely grueling, especially due to the cold weather conditions.

The beginning of the race was an open mass start with a few injuries around the bends. As the race progressed into the first 10 miles, the lead-

ers began to pull into the front.

Even though the wind was cold, the excitement of the race kept the bikers in high spirits.

When the racers hit the last 10 miles, exhaustion hit some, but the thought of just finishing kept the momentum of the racers moving forward towards their goal.

For a large number of them, if not all, seeing the finish line was a great feeling of accomplishment.

MCCS would like to thank Mike Marion, Ellen Marion, John Nance, the Grand Prix staff and all the other volunteers who made the Tour D' Pain 2000 possible and for providing the standings that are listed below.

Those who participated in this year's event can look forward to another intense competition next year.



Dorian Hanna

The Grand Prix Series Event Tour D' Pain was held on Camp Lejeune, Jan. 22. There were more than 200 participants in this 50K cycle race.

***** FEMALE OVERALL RESULTS *****

PLACE	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	CLUB	RA	TIME
1	WENDY SKELDING	217	35	RALEIGH				1:20:56
2	AMY REARDON	126	27	NEW BERN	NC	TEAM B		1:27:35
3	PHYLLIS MASON	100	52	WILMINGTON	NC			1:27:38

***** MALE OVERALL RESULTS *****

PLACE	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	CLUB	RA	TIME
1	KEVIN GALLO	61	31	N TOPSAIL BC	NC			1:17:43
2	GEORGE COLE	38	32	RICHLANDS	NC	DOWNE		1:17:44
3	BEN MILLER	235	28	FAYETTEVILLE				1:17:44

***** FEMALE MASTERS OVERALL RESULTS *****

PLACE	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	CLUB	RA	TIME
1	DEBBIE BOZEMAN	19	46	LYNCHBURG	VA	OCH3A		1:32:23
2	CATHERINE BROADHEAD	214	42	MIDWAY PARK				1:33:36
3	DEBRA WAINWRIGHT	157	44	JACKSONVILLE	NC			1:58:07

***** MALE MASTERS OVERALL RESULTS *****

PLACE	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	CLUB	RA	TIME
1	MIKE ALBRITTON	199	45	WILMINGTON	NC			1:17:55
2	BENTON BLALOCK	16	52	JACKSONVILLE	NC			1:18:03
3	JOHNNY BATTS	221	46	ELM CITY	NC	TRVS		1:20:02

See **STANDINGS**/2D



Dorian Hanna

Col Joe Stewart, Assistant Chief of Staff MCCS, gives Wendy Skelding the First Place Award in the Overall Female Division.

Camp Lejeune Wiz

Going to state basketball shootout finals

Richard Farley
GLOBE contributor

At five foot six, eighth grader Kaitlyn Hevner doesn't look like she belongs playing basketball against the big boys. Looks can be deceiving. The girl's got game. Taking on the boys at their own game is how Kaitlyn learned to shoot basketballs and now she's headed to Greensboro on March 25th to represent Onslow County in the state finals of The Advocate International Shootout. To get there she sank twenty two of twenty five free throws and nineteen of twenty five three-point shots. The girl's got game.

The Shootout is a basketball shooting competition that is held at the local, state and national levels. Entrants can be individuals or two person teams. Individuals shoot twenty five free throws from fifteen feet each worth one point and twenty five three point shots from five different locations on

the court, all at a distance of about twenty feet. In the team competition one member shoots all the free throws and the other member all the three point shots. The seven highest scores in each of eight age categories and the team categories move on to the state finals. A score of seventy five or better at the local level automatically qualifies you for the state finals. Kaitlyn scored seventy nine. The girl's got game.

At the upcoming state finals in Greensboro, Kaitlyn needs to score eighty five points or be one of the top 10 kids, nationwide, in her age group to move on to the national finals in Arlington, Texas on May 20 and 21. She feels the pressure but said, "I do better under pressure and when I'm nervous". She learned to handle the pressure playing against the boys back in the fifth grade. When she started playing in the schoolyard she was the last kid picked

for a team. She soon became the first one by, as she puts it, "earning their respect". The girl's got game. She is still earning their respect today whether they see her hit three pointers at the French Creek Fitness Center, shoot foul shots at the high school gym or hit jumpers for the Hornets in the Rec League. The girl's got game.

Kaitlyn hopes to parlay her game into a high school career right here at Lejeune High School and a college career as a Lady Vol at the University of Tennessee. Her dad CWO3 Bob Hevner, mom Paula, and sister Samantha have the same hopes. But first they would all like to make the trip to Arlington and add another trophy to the twenty one Kaitlyn already owns.

For more information on the Advocate international Shootout go to www.theshootout.com.



John Althouse The Daily News

Kaitlyn Hevner, eighth grader, hopes to perfect her shooting skills and play college basketball at the University of Tennessee.

Swish! nothing but net

Richard Farley
GLOBE contributor

Coach Doug Erny is in his 11 year as head coach, of the Lejeune High School boys varsity basketball team, and what he expects and gets from his players has not changed.

Players will keep up with their schoolwork, they will follow the rules, they will work hard on the court, they will work as a team and they will try to be role models in the community. There are no exceptions. The East Carolina graduate and Jacksonville native will gladly tell you of how he benched an all-American for being two minutes late. Rules are rules and all 15 members of this year's team know that. To a player the opinion of the coach "he's tough" is said with admiration.

Coach Erny preaches teamwork and role-playing. Co-captains Corey Minor and Shawn Meier have been in the program for several years and each has developed into a team player that knows his role and his importance to the team. Corey, a senior point guard has good number of assists and handles the ball well. Shawn, a six foot two inch forward is the team's top rebounder and a tough defender.

Guard Derek Register, a three-sport athlete, is the team's best shooter, averaging about 13/ ppg while hitting 25 three pointers. Brett Neller, a sophomore, is the team's youngest player and according to Coach Erny its best defender. Brett says, "quick feet, watch the middle of the player and stay in front of him" are the keys to defense.

Other starters are junior Cecil Hicks a six-foot seven-center and Greg Griffin a junior forward who hits the tape at 6 feet 2 inches. The rest of the squad is Logan Need, Pete Alexander, Hanno Niemann, John Anness, Haroun Habib, Darius Hill, Adam Talleri, Daniel Bullidge and Chris Saulter.

"Quickness and teamwork are this team's strong points" says Erny. In fact this year's team with a 5-7 record is quicker than the 95-96 team that was 28-3 and went to the state final four. With better free throw shooting, the current team could have a much better record. A 40-percent shooting average from the foul line is hurting the team; Coach Erny feels that "we would have won all twelve if we hit seventy five percent of our free throws". And he knows they are capable of it "I have too many kids that can shoot the ball better than they are now. And if we do start shooting well and taking care of it were going to pick things up". With a 1-2 conference record the team is sitting in fourth. The two losses coming in games against two of the strongest teams in the conference Pamlico and Jones Senior. Erny and assistant coach Hugh Miller think that the experience

the team gets from the first half of conference play will benefit the kids in the second half and hopefully push the team into the top three in the conference which may qualify them for the playoffs. A place Erny's teams have been in eight of the last 11 years.



John Althouse The Daily News

Derek Register, left, and Cecil Hicks go up for a rebound.

from 1D

utilized Marine and Navy nees. something had to change - The 1944-45 team posted a ard and defeated UCLA be- and because team mem- e shipped to the Pacific.

The Leathernecks were ranked No. 9 by Dunkel-Converse at dis- banding. But soon they climbed to No. 6 and, finally, No. 5. Church, Fuks, Sailors, Hum- ickhouse and Simmons returned and

were joined by Merlin "Mickey" Marty (Loras 1946-48; All-Ameri- can; pro draft pick). The 1944-45 and 1945-46 FMF Pacific and Quantico's 1952-53 and 1953-54 teams will be spotlighted in future columns.

ERBOWL from 2D

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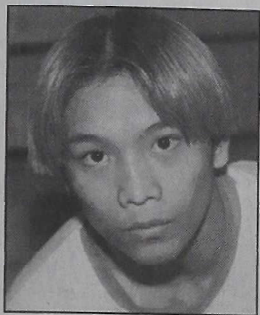
certs, many will surf the channels for more time than the ball will actually be in play. Remember, thus far, we've only dealt with the actual broadcast time of Super Bowl XXXIV, if you add on the two-hour pre-game and the hour long All-Madden Special, we're up to 375 minutes of viewing with the ball in play only 16 minutes.

According to my research team, (a.k.a. a calculator) this brings the total down to only 4.2 percent of what many watch Sunday as live, ball-in-play Super Bowl Action. To help you prepare, less than 10-percent of this commentary was actually about the two teams play- ing Sunday. I wouldn't want to spoil you.

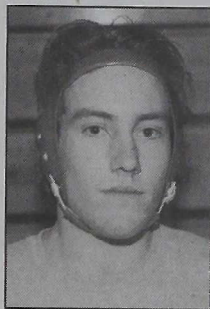
Sports faces at Camp Lejeune High



Andrew Nicholson



Jud Magat



Jason Smith



The Lejeune High School siling team is currently in middle of their season. Pic- d above are a few of the bers of this year's team.

STANDINGS/ from 2D

MALE AGE GROUP: 50-54						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 43	BRUCEROBB	131	53	LAKE WACCAMAW		1:23:57
2 71	DAVID MASON	99	50	WILMINGTON	NC	1:28:32
3 78	BOBBY CHRISTOPHER	37	51	BEAUFORT	NC	1:29:07
4 88	STEVE BOZEMAN	20	53	LYNCHBURG	VA	1:32:21
5 90	RICHARD BLAZEK	17	53	WILMINGTON	NC	1:32:23

MALE AGE GROUP: 55-59						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 30	RON RYAN	232	56	CAPE CARTTERET		1:20:23
2 67	ROBERT BARNARD	205	56	WILMINGTON		1:27:36
3 99	TOM VICKERS	155	56	WILMINGTON	NC	1:34:30
4 104	WILLIAM BROPHY	24	56	PINEKNOLL	NC	1:36:51
5 109	JAMES FUSSELL	60	56	WINSTON SALEM		1:38:39

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 60-64						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 179	PRISSY BURRUS	28	60	BRYSON CITY	NC	2:14:03
2 189	MARY HANSEN	64	62	HAMPSTEAD	NC	2:25:18

MALE AGE GROUP: 60-64						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 79	DOMINIC DICOSTANZO	46	62	NEW BERN	NC	1:29:08
2 180	HARRY HANSEN	63	63	HAMPSTEAD	NC	2:14:54
3 195	LTCOL RIDER	129	64	N TOPSAIL BCH	NC	2:28:26

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 65-69						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 169	ALYCE KELLY	84	66	ALBERTSEN	NC	2:04:15

MALE AGE GROUP: 65-69						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 93	JAMES COUNCIL	41	66	LAKE WACCAMAW		1:33:38
2 141	CAPT MARTIN SOSA	68	68	JACKSONVILLE	NC	1:51:29
3 175	JOHN JASKOLKA	79	69	BRIDGETON	NC	2:08:47

MALE AGE GROUP: 70-99						
PLACE O' ALL	NAME	BIB	AGE	CITY	ST	TIME
1 191	SGT MAJ IRRERA	76	73	JACKSONVILLE	NC	2:26:17



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Lejeune Marathon
April 8

Armed Forces Day 5K
May 13

Semper Fi Triathlon
June 3

Davy Jones 2 Mile
Open Ocean Swim
July 8

Wet & Wild Biathlon
July 8

Mud, Sweat & Gears Duathlon
Sept. 9

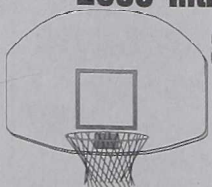
Marine Corps Half Marathon
Oct. 7

Beirut Memorial 10K
Oct. 21

Awards Banquet
Nov. 18

For more information, contact the
event coordinator,
Mike Marion at 451-1799

2000 Intramural Basketball Standings



Spurs Division

1. HqSptBn A	9-0
2. Hq,2d MarDiv	9-1
3. 2/10	7-2
4. 3/10	7-2
5. 2d CEB	7-4
6. 2d LSB	6-5
7. MCCSSS	5-4
8. 2d Maint E	5-6
9. Navy Docs	4-6
10. HqSvcBn	4-6
11. SOI	3-8
12. 2/2	2-8
13. HqBn Trk Co	1-8
14. CBIRF	1-9

Knicks Division

1. 2d Sup C	10-1
2. 2d Med B	8-2
3. 8th MT Bn	8-2
4. II MEF B	7-2
5. HqSptBn B	7-3
6. 8th Mar	6-3
7. 2d Tank	6-5
8. 2d Med A	5-5
9. 2d Sup B	4-6
10. 5/10	3-6
11. 2d Sup A	3-7
12. Navy PSD	3-7
13. 6th Mar	1-6
14. Ammo Co, S	1-8
15. 2d LAR	0-9

Lejeune Blaze

Roller Hockey Schedule

DATE	TIME	COMPETITOR
Jan. 30	6 p.m.	Walden's Gym
Feb. 6	7 p.m.	Wilmington Hurricanes
Feb. 13	6 p.m.	Grand Sharks
Feb. 20	7 p.m.	Wilmington Reds
Feb. 27	7 p.m.	Port City
March 5	6 p.m.	Walden's Gym
March 12	7 p.m.	Wilmington Hurricanes
March 19	7 p.m.	Grand Sharks
March 26	TBA	PLAYOFFS
April 2	TBA	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2000 INTRAMURAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Plan early to participate in Camp Lejeune's Intramural Sports Program 2000. For information, call 451-2061.

Men's & Women's Volleyball

10 a.m. on Jan. 31 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Over 30 Basketball League

10 a.m. on Feb. 14 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Match Play Golf League

12 p.m. on April 3 at Paradise Point Golf Course

Soccer

10 a.m. on May 1 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Basketball

10 a.m. on June 12 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Recreational Adult Women's Summer Softball League

12 p.m. on June 19 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Men's & Women's Summer Softball League

10 a.m. on July 10 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Flag Football

1 p.m. on July 10 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

8-Man Tackle Football

10 a.m. on July 10 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

Skeet

12 p.m. on July 21 at McIntyre Skeet Range

Bowling

12 p.m. on Sept. 6 at Bonnyman Bowling Center

Basketball

10 a.m. on Sept. 11 in the Goettge Memorial Field House

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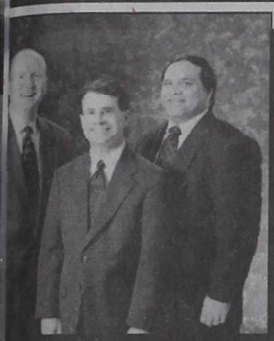
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95 Nissan XE pickup, 5 spd., 4 cycle, AC, Alpine Am/Fm CD stereo, 79,000 miles, in good cond. \$6,500. Call 346-9249.

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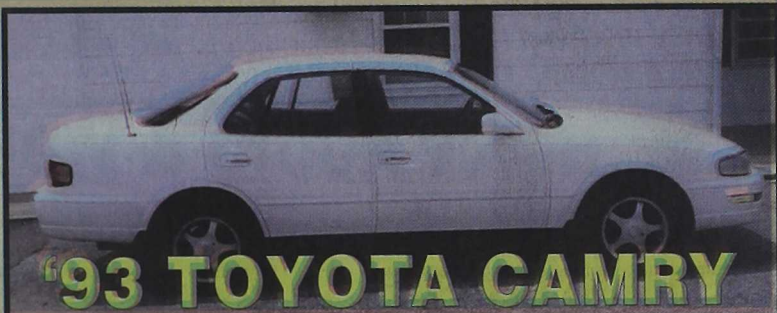
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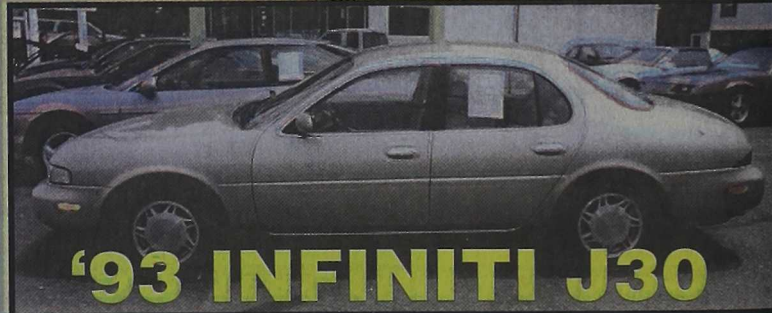
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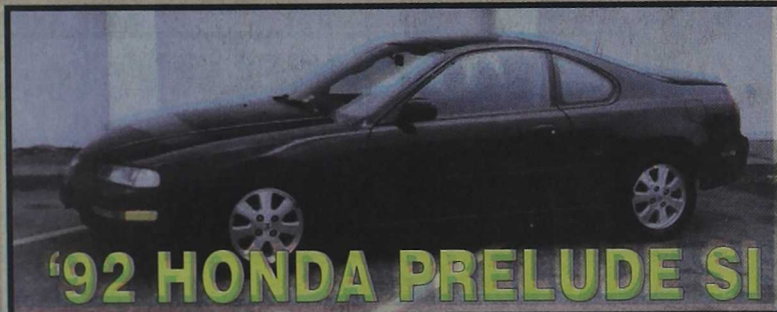
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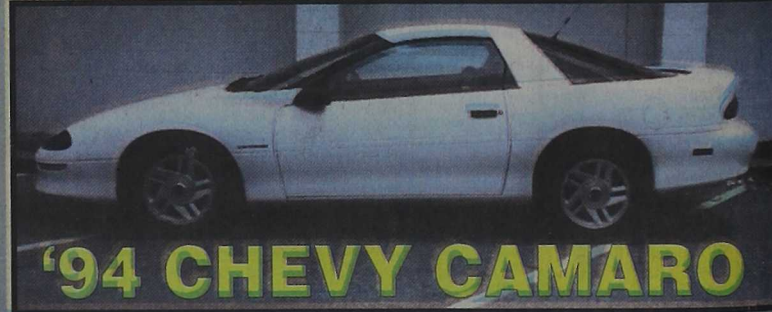
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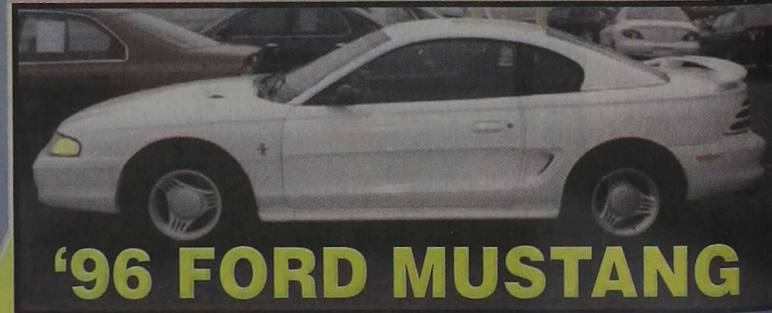
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