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Sgt Michael D. Rogers

THE WAY FOR CAX 3-4 --Under the coordination of 2d Transportation Support Bn, Marines off-loaded vehicles and equipment from the railhead at Camp Lejeune's lot 140. A total of 84 railcars were involved with transporting vehicles from the line arms exercise 3-4 held in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Col Gombar retires as MCB Chief of Staff

GySgt Arturo Prioletta
Press Officer

Nearly 31 years of faithful service to Country and Corps will conclude for Col B. A. Gombar as he steps down as Marine Corps Base Chief of Staff today in a retirement ceremony held in front of Marine Corps Base Headquarters, bldg 1.

The acting chief of staff is Col Mark T. Goodman, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Security and Safety Department, Marine Corps Base, who hails from Wilkesboro, N.C. He will hold the position until Col James E. Schleining Jr., Chief of Staff for 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Cherry Point, reports in.

Col Gombar, a Gulf War veteran who led 1st Bn, 8th Marines, during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, still remembers the day that then-Base Commanding General MGen Ray Smith asked him to be the chief of staff. Both assumed their duties July 15, 1997. Soon after, they started discussing different ideas that would be their primary focus.

"First, the base is here to provide a service to tenant commands with resource con-

straints. Second, improve working conditions for both civilians and military (personnel)," said Col Gombar of the various ideas they would soon implement.

Both men discussed a theme that would carry through MGen Smith's command.

"What was good for Camp Lejeune, was good for Jacksonville and Onslow County," continued Col Gombar. "That theme set the tone for the administration and MGen (Ronald G.) Richard has echoed the same themes."

Since then, the overriding concern of Base personnel has been to provide the best workplace, living spaces and services, according to Col Gombar. These concerns do not stop at the gates of Camp Lejeune. "We don't see a barrier between the base and the local community. Seventy-five percent of married Marines and Sailors and 50 percent of the single ones live outside the gate. So what happens outside and inside the gate is a vital concern to us."

"The themes are held up because we have a superb civilian workforce, union relations are good, and we have top-notch Marines."

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Col B.A. Gombar

Marines have landed 26th MEU practices world ops in Swansboro

Cpl Derek A. Shoemaker
26th MEU Combat Correspondent

Marines with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) Bn Landing Team (BLT) 2/2 will be moving in to Swansboro Monday.

Marines and Sailors will be in the town for four days for what Maj James Christmas, BLT 2/2 Operations Officer, calls a "very unique training opportunity."

While there, the BLT will train in both checkpoint security and urban patrolling. What makes that training unique, according to Christmas, is its real-world likeness.

"This is dynamic stuff," he said. "We'll be working in an environment with everyday people. You don't get things like pets and kids in a training facility."

It is this reason Christmas said the BLT chose to train in a real town like Swansboro, and Chief of Police Harry Pugliese couldn't be happier about it.

"Camp Lejeune has done so much to help our local law enforcement," he said. "This is our chance

to give back."

According to Pugliese, his police officers have been given several training opportunities aboard Camp Lejeune. In addition to various live-fire exercises, the Swansboro police have even participated in specialty training, like a recent hostage scenario conducted here.

"If I sent my guys to school for this type of stuff, we'd deplete our budget," he said. "Thanks to units like (BLT 2/2), we don't have to."

Christmas said the town's welcoming attitude should make the training for the BLT run much smoother.

"We have to work closely together," he said. "Daily our commanding officers will meet with the town officials to go over that day's plans. They have given us any help we need."

During the urban patrolling scenarios, the BLT Marines will learn to move strategically through

See REAL/BA

Measuring, managing growth

Toni Schweitzer
Quality Management Division Director

For two solid days this week, MajGen Ronald G. Richard and his Executive Steering Committee members met to chart the strategic direction for the Base for the coming years. With the assistance of KPMG Consulting facilitating the process, the ESC members developed what is known as the Balanced Score Card for the Base.

What is the BSC and why should Base employees care? BSC is a strategic management and measurement system that uses the language of measurement to more clearly define the meaning of strategic concepts like mission, customer satisfaction and growth.

America is shifting away from an industrial economy to a knowledge-based economy. This is causing a renewed importance in strategy, which in turn is driving the use of BSCs.

Balanced Score Cards help managers link today's actions with tomorrow's goals. They keep us focused on the things we need to be doing to ensure our ultimate success.

It's been said "if you can't measure it, you can't manage it."

Scorecards link organizational goals and objectives into initiatives

See CHART/BA



Cpl Derek A. Shoemaker

Marines from MEU Service Support Group 26 set up a tent as part of a Humanitarian Assistance Camp during a training exercise March 17. This scenario began during a Situational Training Exercise as part of the Amphibious Squadron, MEU Integration Training, where the 26th MEU learned to live and work aboard the three ships with which they will deploy to the Mediterranean Region in mid-July. In the scenario, rebels had made their way into a French province and burned down an orphanage.

Humanitarian Assistance Camp brings hope to orphans

Cpl Derek A. Shoemaker
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The orphanage had been burned to the ground, the children were hungry, sick and without a place to stay, and the Marines of MEU Service Support Group 26 (MSSG-26) had to act fast.

Their mission was simply defined, but difficult in execution: establish a Humanitarian Assistance Camp for the orphans. That job began with 1stLt Kenric Stevenson, Initial Response Team (IRT) commander, who acted so swiftly, one might have never known the orphans didn't really exist.

"But they could," points out the DeRidder,

La., native, who adds that the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) was involved in two humanitarian assistance missions during its last deployment.

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According to Stevenson, who also serves

as the assistant operations officer for MSSG-26, the first step in executing this mission was getting Marines from the ship to the shore.

"You have to take several things into consideration," he said. "You cannot just land, drive up and set up the camp."

Those considerations began with security. Battalion Landing Team 2/2's Amphibious Assault Vehicles provided transportation for the initial security elements, including the IRT, the first Marines from the MSSG to arrive at the HA site. In addition to transportation, the AAV Platoon provided security for the camp. The MSSG Marines also enlisted the assistance of BLT 2/2's Echo Company for perimeter security, as well as the BLT's Combined

Anti-Armored Team. Once a secure area was established, Stevenson and the rest of the IRT went to work.

The first job of the IRT, which consisted of Stevenson, a chaplain, a linguist, an engineer and communications Marines, was to meet with the host nation officials already on site. According to 2ndLt Jeanne Daffron, who served as the French linguist for the mission, assessing those needs presented a unique challenge.

"The first thing you have to do is overcome the language barrier," said the Hartland, Wis., native. "The Corpsmen need to under-

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Check out Wolanski's Review on 1C

Accentuate the positive

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I was the other day to pick up a copy of the *Hawaii Marine* newspaper and see a front-page story about one of the Marines of the Force, **SgtMaj Charlie Funk** of Combat Service Support Detachment 3, single-handedly chasing down and capturing a robbery suspect while on liberty in Honolulu. You know with all the negative stories that bombard us in the newspapers every day, it is very refreshing to see one that highlights the courage and community involvement of one of our Marines.

You know SgtMaj Funk's story is really only one of many positive news stories that our base newspapers print each week; however, not many of our Marines, Sailors and family members take the time to read them unless they are headline news. Granted, most stories might not be as dramatic or heroic as SgtMaj Funk's, but there are plenty of other stories each week which show the honor, courage and commitment that our Marines and Sailors of Marine Forces Pacific demonstrate almost daily in all our communities. It seems to me, however, that we as a society (not just the Marines and Sailors of MARFORPAC) seem to want to know more about the negative news stories in life rather than the positive one that occur each and every day in our lives.

Why is that? Why is it that when we pick up the newspaper or turn on the TV, we tend to focus more on the stories that portray the very worst in our fellow man rather than those that show the best? We seem to be more preoccupied with the "dark side of human nature" than that which shows the good things we as Marines and Sailors are capable of doing, and that is what I would like to talk to you about this week.

Let me give you an example. How many of you know that **Cpl Jason Hill**, a former Marine from Marine Forces Pacific Band, was recently awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Medal for his actions in helping rescue civilians at last year's Sacred Falls landslide here in Hawaii? (By the way, the Navy-Marine Corps Medal is the highest personal award for heroism outside of combat the naval service can give.)

Now, having answered that question, let me ask you to name the two morons who killed those kids at their high school in Colorado last year. ... See what I mean. Most of



Guest Commentary
SGTMAJ ROBERT W. HOLUB

you, without hesitation, could name at least one of those two nuts that were involved in the shooting, but many of you were asking, "What rock slide?" when I spoke about Cpl Hill ... See what I mean?

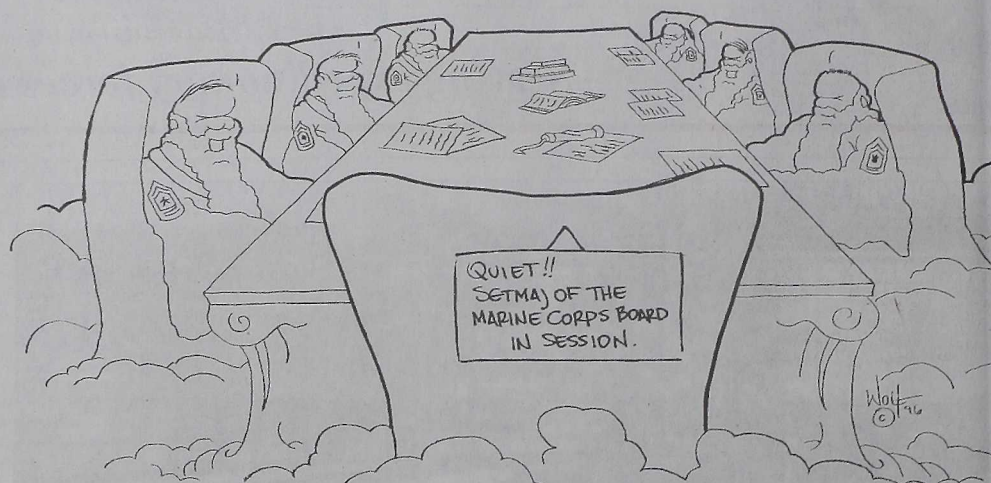
The point I am trying to make is that we, as leaders, have a responsibility to ensure our Marines and Sailors are just as informed of the positive behavior of our peers as they are of the behavior that is not in keeping with the high standards of the naval service. You know as well as I that there are many ways negative stories reach them, but not as many ways that the positive ones do unless we take it upon ourselves to make sure they get the word.

Now I am not talking about how we recognize Marines and Sailors at formations for the good work they do. With regard to that, I think we do as well or better than any other branch of service in recognizing our people for their accomplishments. What I am more concerned about is the everyday office conversations that we have with our people after the formations are over. Think about it how many of us take time

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Sempertoons

by SSgt Wolf



SIR, THE SGTMAJ WE HAVE SELECTED IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB... AND HE STILL BELIEVES REVUEILLE SHOULD BE SOUNDED WITH A EMPTY GARBAGE CAN!!!!

Free courses help improve computer skills

New technologies keep coming into our lives at an alarming rate. Few companies are not on the Internet and it gets harder to come across an advertisement that doesn't have a "dot com" address somewhere in plain view.

To keep up with all this evolving technology, programmers, advertisers, marketers and the likes spend an infinite amount of money and time reading and studying about the new information to stay ahead of the competition. After all,

Moore's Law says that processor power doubles every 18 months. No wonder my 3-year-old Pentium MMX computer is technologically ancient.

But where does the average computer user go to learn the basics of a computer

network or how to run a certain software program? Well, for Defense

Department employees (military and civilian) the answer can be as near as your

internet-ready computer. Because courses are free to you because you pay for it. The course are offered by NETg, a web-based information management training project.

This program had a successful period from August 1998 to April 1999, so some enlightened Dopers decided to continue to offer it (thinking on their part). So on November, more than 14,000 users registered at shore sites. That's a lot of shore sites. The Navy is also offering it at five ships and 12 remote sites. See **COIRS**



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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

With Spring comes PCS season

Daylight savings time started Sunday. This is the first time I can remember forgetting to set my clock ahead. I didn't even realize it until my husband and I showed up late for church. We thought we were early, but we arrived only to see everyone getting ready to leave. Oops.

Well, with daylight savings comes spring. I think spring is a fairly short, but enjoyable season.

Now, we are enjoying cool mornings for PT, sunny, but not hot, middays and brisk evenings. Before long, we will be sweating into sloppy puddles in our combat boots, and everyone will be sporting a farmer's tan — oh, and guys will have that nice ring-around-the-head line from their covers.

During these last few weeks leading to summer break, children are finishing school work and dreaming of hot days swimming in pools or building sandcastles at beaches.



Hodge Podge
SSGT ANNE L. HODGES

It's easy to get caught in the season. Some families start making vacation plans, while others begin planning for something dreaded by almost everyone — PCS.

Most people realize that with the onslaught of spring and summer, comes the largest moving season of the year. So the earlier you get started on your plans, the easier the whole process can be.

Now, I'm a little guilty of dragging my feet. My husband and I both have orders to California, leaving next month.

OK, I'll admit it. I haven't even been to TMO yet, but I plan to go this week. The sooner I get there, the better chance I have of getting the move date I want. Seems like common sense, doesn't it? It's still very important to get to TMO early. Can you imagine the number of people moving in and out of the state this year? Take a look at your work section. If it's anything like mine, by June it'll be a ghost town — a mere shell of a place. Sure, replacements are inbound, but guess what. They need TMO too!

Judge books by their content, not their cover

It isn't unusual to pick up a newspaper and read about hardships and tragedies that do not seem to make much sense.

Homelessness, murder and violence, natural disasters, and the scourge of disease and illness are almost commonplace. Each story seems to reflect little of the loving, caring God we hear so much about. At some point, many of us may even begin to ask the question: What sort of God pours harsh and undeserved misery, pain, agony and frustration on human beings, and then asks them to look up through their tears and murmur "Thy will be done?"

Sometimes, it seems as if suffering and tragedy engulf us. Suffering is one of the awkward facts each of us has to fit into his or her philosophy of life.

An atheist who denies God's existence may explain that evil is both natural and inevitable. Both a polytheist and a dualist contend that there are opposing gods, good and evil. The world will either suffer or be blessed depending on who has the upper hand.

However, the committed believer has a different viewpoint, perhaps the most difficult to explain. He says that there is one God and that God is good. But then, if that is so, how can the existence of evil and pain be explained?

We have good reason to believe God is good and the author of all that is good — if we project

ourselves far enough away to see the problem in perspective.

While many inquire how there can be lasting goodness when so much evil abounds in the world, there is hardly one who asks how there can be lasting evil where there is so much good. Most of us take for granted goodness and health, the unchanging laws of life, and the unceasing cycles of nature. Evil stands out because it is the exception, not the rule.

We don't know a millionth part of God's work in nature, so why should we expect to understand a greater proportion of His dealings in Providence?

We should not be quick to judge the author by what we read in the first chapter of his book. A book ought to be judged as a whole. Nor should we be any hastier in accusing God of causing pain and suffering.

In fact, we can trust Him to do what no mere human ever could. We can trust Him to take the most unpromising situation, the one designed by Satan to turn us from God and destroy us, and make it work out for our good.

So often we rush to put God's truth into little boxes, neatly systematized, categorized, organized,

and principle-ized, when God's perspective of suffering is too big for any of that. What if "spirituality" is defined by what you know, and not by sight.

Be more concerned how you handle what cannot know. Sometimes we realize that a riddle is a mystery and its power perhaps its significance.

our riddle God is helping us learn to walk by faith and not by sight. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans says, "We know that all things work together for good ..." Of course, that unfinished sentence is patently untrue. For many people, everything together often works out poorly, or worse.

There is no guarantee that everyone's life will ever fit together in any meaningful pattern. But the statement is true by adding "to the glory of the love God." For the committed believer, working to God's presence in life, it is reality.

If you commit your life into God's hands, when time trouble reaches you, God will already have a counter plan for you.

LCDR Nelko is the Marine Corps Service Support Schools Chaplain.

Chaplain's Corner
LCDR ANDREW D. NELKO



Media swaps pencils for automatic weapons

Photos by
F. White Jr.
Jackson Combat Correspondent

Up of adventurous reporters traded cameras and tape recorders for camouflage jackets and Kevlar helmets

March 25, during Media Day conducted by the School of Infantry (SOI).

Upon arrival at Camp Geiger, media representatives and several members of the Jacksonville Military Affairs Committee were escorted to the Advanced Infantry Training Company, where they received an overview

of the scheduled events for the day and were issued safety equipment.

After a short bus trip to the nearby Verona Training Area, the group was familiarized with a variety of weapons at the Marine Combat Training (MCT) Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer (ISMT) by CWO-3 Thomas D. Campbell, Battalion Gunner, MCT Bn.

During the weapons orientation, the Newington, Conn., native also passed around training ammunition and explained to the civilian guests the techniques used to train Leathernecks at MCT.

"Here at MCT we use a building block approach to gradually build the confidence of our Marines with each weapon.

They don't get to fire a real weapon until they have had class instruction, seen the weapons fired at the range, and fired our simulated weapons," he said.

According to Campbell, the building block process helps reinforce the importance of safety and properly handling live weapons.

After "having a blast" firing an assortment of simulated weapons in various computer-

ized tactical scenarios, the group made its way outside to Range K303, the first of two live-fire ranges they would assault.

Once a safety brief was conducted, the participants moved to the firing line where the fireworks really began.

M249 Squad Automatic Weapons and M203 Grenade Launchers blazed a hailstorm of rounds down range at targets of opportunity, providing many in attendance with their first experiences behind the trigger.

Next, the group moved to Range K304 to fire the M240G Medium Machine Gun and the MK19 Heavy Machine Gun.

In what many guests considered the highlight of the evolution, the "grunts for

a day" bombarded the remains of tanks and other vehicles strewn across the battlefield with a torrent of 40 mm grenade and machine gun fire.

After working up an appetite from firing weapons, the group was treated to every Marine's favorite delicacy—Meals Ready to Eat (MRE).

After show was completed, the event culminated at Range L-5, a live fire-and-manuever range, where guests received an up-close look at Bravo Co, Infantry Training Bn (ITB), in action.

Trailing the ITB Marines through thick forest as they conducted a live fire-supported attack, it seemed the civilian group could almost envision themselves in place of the Devil Dogs they were following.

When the smoke cleared, the Marines made a favorable impression upon Media Day participants, according to Range Safety Noncommissioned Officer Sgt Burnett C. Sheppard, Platoon Sergeant, Echo Co, MCT Bn, SOI.

"I know everyone enjoyed themselves today," said the Montgomery, Ala., native.

"A lot of the guests told me they were happy to be here and I think it's great that we can give them a sense of what the Marines actually do out here," he added.

"I was very impressed," said Tony Padgett, a member of the Jacksonville Military Affairs Committee.

"I didn't understand how important the training that goes on here (SOI) was until today. What we saw today were troops being trained to defend this country," he said.

"This was just an awesome experience," added Eric P. Steinkopf, a staff writer for the Jacksonville Daily News.

"It's just incredible to see such young leaders taking charge," he said.

According to Maj Frank G. Mittag, S-3 Officer, SOI, Media Day met its goals of allowing invitees to see how Marines train on a daily basis and strengthening the relationship between the local community and the Marine Corps.

"Even though we couldn't fit everything SOI does into a one-day event, I believe today was an absolute success," said Mittag.

"We plan on conducting something similar to this in the future," he added.



William R. Kellner, Commanding Officer, School of Infantry, gives University of North Carolina-Wilmington Seahawk writer Nicole M. Hamze pointers on how to use the rear sights on an M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon. (Bottom) Retired MSgt Eric P. Steinkopf, staff writer, Jacksonville Daily News, places rounds on target of an MK-19 40 mm Machine Gun, March 25.

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FSSG takes Division Match

Marines battle it out for team rifle

Story and photos by
Cpl Brannen Parrish
Stone Bay Combat Correspondent

The Eastern Division Rifle and Pistol Matches concluded with an awards ceremony at the Stone Bay gymnasium March 24.

Marines and Sailors from Marine Corps units east of the Mississippi River competed against one another for individual and team honors, firing the M-16A2 service rifle and the M-9 service pistol.

More than 230 Marines competed in this year's competition. The top 10 percent of shooters are authorized to compete in the Marine Corps Championship Matches at Camp Pendleton, Calif., from April 3 to 21.

Top honors with the rifle went to MSgt William L. Corley, of the U.S. Marine Corps Shooting Team, Quantico, Va., who is from Satsuma, Ala. His first in seven previous Division Matches. Corley's experience, and mastery with the rifle, helped him earn distinguished honors with the rifle in 1997. He needs four points to become distinguished with the pistol.

"If you are competitive, shooting is addictive," said Corley, who is stationed at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va. "But most importantly it is the essence of a Marine that every Marine is a rifleman. The one week a year we devote

to marksmanship is not really enough."

The high tyro, a Marine competing in his first match, with the rifle was Cpl Ralph N. Waller, a flight equipment technician with Marine Aircraft Group-29, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, who hails from Franklin, Tenn. High tyros are awarded M-1 Garand rifles.

The overall high shooter with the pistol was SSgt Richard T. Gray, of the U.S. Marine Corps Shooting Team, Gray, who is from St. Marys, Ga., credits his ability with the pistol to bar racks duty in Yokosuka, Japan.

"We didn't have a rifle range there, but we had an indoor pistol range," said Gray. "It was there I really began to develop a good shot."

The irony for Gray is that before coming into the Marine Corps, he had never fired a weapon.

"If you had told me when I was in high school that someday I'd be winning pistol competitions, I wouldn't have believed you," he said.

The high tyro with the pistol was Sgt Jeffrey L. Hove, a marksmanship-training instructor with the 2d Marine Division Marksmanship Training Unit, and a native of Richland, Wash.

In team matches Headquarters & Service Bn, 2d Force Service Support Group, received the Elliott Trophy for the rifle competition. 2d FSSG also received the Infantry Team Trophy.



"But most importantly it is the essence of a Marine that every Marine is a rifleman."

MSgt William L. Corley, U.S. Marine Corps Shooting Team, Quantico, Va.



SSgt Vince Sulik, of Warsaw, Va., hoists the Elliott Trophy for the highest shooting Rifle Team from the Eastern Division while (Near to Far) MSgt Daniel Burke of Baltimore, Cpl Jason R. Knox, of Mooresville, N.C., Petty Officer Second Class Charles Taylor of Port St. Joe, Fla., Capt B. E. Russell, of Fairfax, Va., and GySgt Kevin E. Appleyard of Lingwood accept a thundering applause from the audience at the awards ceremony, March 24.

The ITT course requires four competitors to shoot on six targets, beginning at the 500-yard line and moving forward to the 200-yard line. Petty Officer Second Class Charles Taylor, a corpsman from Port St. Joe, Fla., fired on 2d FSSG's team.

Taylor's presence marked the first time a team with a Sailor had ever won a trophy in the Eastern Division Matches.

The Small Unit Trophy Rifle Team Match was taken by Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga. The team received the Wirgman Trophy, which is awarded to the team from a unit that contains fewer than 600 Marines and Sailors.

The Edson Trophy, which is awarded to the overall best pistol team, went to the Marine Corps Base Quantico Shooting Team.

According to Corley, the match exceeded his expectations in the way it was officiated.

"There were less shooters competing this year," he said. "But it was run better than any match I have ever competed in."



MSgt Corley of the Marine Corps Shooting Team, a native of Satsuma, Ala., displays his M-1 Garand to Sgt Scott Allison, of the Marine Corps Shooting Team, a native of San Diego. Corley finished first in the Individual Rifle Competition with an M-1 Garand. Corley served in II Marine Expeditionary Force from 1989 to 1991.

Sniper school graduates new scouts

Story and photo by
Cpl Brannen Parrish
Stone Bay Combat Correspondent

The Scout Sniper School, Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base, graduated its latest crop of scout snipers in a ceremony at the Stone Bay gymnasium March 23.

Seventeen Marines will be returning to their units with the 8541 military occupational specialty.

Each Marine who completed the 10-week course will be an increased force on the battlefield, according to Sgt David E. Castello, who graduated with the class. Castello, who hails

from 2d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, said the course provided training and knowledge that make snipers an asset to a commander's arsenal.

"The course is very difficult," said Castello, a native of Lexington, Ky. "It definitely makes an overall Marine into an advanced overall Marine. I feel much more confident of my role on the battlefield."

The course was broken down into three phases. During the first phase of training, Marines fired the known distance course, learned the use of the M-40 A1 Sniper Rifle, and spent hours practicing day and night land navigation.

During the second phase, Marines learned range estimation, communication techniques, field sketching and the use of the M82 Special Application Rifle. The M82 provides snipers with an anti-vehicle weapon capable of striking enemy vehicles from more than a kilometer.

The third and final stage of the course was a field training exercise that was conducted regardless of the weather. During the exercise students evaded detection and accomplished a sniping mission.

LCpl Tobias Richard, of 1st Battalion, 2d Marines, 2d Marine Division, who hails from Enfield, Conn., was the honor graduate of the class. Cpl Henry Folsom of 1st Bn., 6th Marines, 2d Marine Division, was the high shooter for the class. Folsom, who is from Plymouth, Mass., scored 35 hits out of 35 shots during qualification firing.

"The entire course is continually challenging," said Cpl Joshua Whisler, one of 1st Bn., 8th Marines' newest snipers, and a West Chester, Pa., native. "I've learned not to fear anything and to be confident in my decisions. I no longer fear making mistakes."

What makes the sniper so valuable to commanders is his ability to strike fear into the hearts and minds of the enemy. This is done at a relatively inexpensive price to commanders.

"The sniper creates an immense psychological advantage on a battlefield," said BGen Richard A. Huck, Deputy Commander, 2d Marine Division, who was the guest speaker for the event. "An enemy who feels he may be felled unknowingly, at any moment, is rendered ineffective. He no longer feels like a hunter, for he feels he has become the hunted. Snipers do this with minimum arms at a minimum cost."



BGen Richard A. Huck, Deputy Commander, 2d Marine Division, congratulates Sgt David Castello, of 2d Bn., 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division and Lexington, Ky. native during the graduation of the Scout Sniper Course 2-00 at the Stone Bay Gymnasium March 23.

Key to range around Marine Corps 'is the pits'

Story and photo by Cpl Brannen Parrish
Stone Bay Combat Correspondent

"Standby - Targets! Get all dog targets down in the pits. Get all dog targets down in the pits. Shooters, remove those spotters and point up those shot holes!" These are the words that boom over the loudspeaker in range pits around the Marine Corps. Like an auctioneer selling cars, the pit noncommissioned officer gives commands to Marines pulling targets and they comply with the speed of a bidder trying to strike a deal.

Before the day is over Cpl Michael Narowitz, pit "B" Range, NCO, Weapons Training Bn, Marine Corps Base, will repeat this command time and time again. Time and time again targets will move vertically like high-speed elevators with chutes both faces.

Narowitz takes his job as a pit NCO seriously. He knows the importance associated with good pit service.

"The Marines on the line are shooting for score," says the Narowitz, a Cleveland native. "If those tar-

gets don't keep moving it affects them mentally, concentrating on the fundamentals of marksmanship is difficult enough. The shooters don't need the additional stress of a slow target."

Assisting Narowitz is LCpl Scott Hunter, assistant pit NCO, WTBN, MCB. While Narowitz is in the sound shed and communicating with the range tower on the line, Hunter is walking around the pits, ensuring the target pullers' problems are addressed. If a shooter is having problems with a target, such as refueling targets, Hunter directs him to the proper place. Hunter also ensures Marines keep their areas clean.

"I act as a liaison to Corporal Narowitz," says Hunter. "While he is busy talking to the tower and relaying commands he can't have shooters coming to the soundshed and asking questions, so I take care of them."

The "B" Range pits are the equivalent of an office building for Narowitz and Hunter. They maintain targets and supplies, collect and organize scorecards, and ensure safety of hundreds of Marines. Safety, says

Hunter, is paramount.

"We have to keep a constant watch on the shooters," says Hunter. "If they aren't paying attention or play around they could get hurt down here. The potential for injury is high if you aren't careful."

"A lot of Marines think because we repeat the same commands over and over it is because we think they are stupid or that we are somehow better than them," says Narowitz. "That isn't the case. We can't risk someone getting hurt when it can be prevented just by listening to the commands and doing what you are told."

Although Narowitz and Hunter take their job seriously, they aren't afraid to enjoy themselves on the job.

When one of Narowitz' coworkers showed up in the pits during a cease-fire Narowitz boomed over the loudspeaker, "Shooters look down at the Marine coming out of the tunnel on the little end. He is a Libra, enjoys working out, bicycling and movies!"

Narowitz says there is a method to his style of running the pits.

"Marines come to the pits either before or after they qualify," he says. "Shooting is about being able to relax and have fun. So the pits should be a safe but also relaxed atmosphere."

"We have to keep a constant watch on the shooters."

LCpl Scott Hunter
assistant pit NCO
WTBN, MCB

British Marines take first win at Lejeune

Eric Steinkopff
Daily News Staff

Her Majesty's finest put the former colonies in their place. For the first time, the British Royal Marines beat their United States counterparts on Friday when they took the Inter-Corps Cup Rifle Team Match.

It wasn't exactly the Ryder Cup, but it was close.

"I still can't believe it — It's just a dream!" roared an excited Sgt Steve Garbutt of the Royal Marines. "This is going to make it a real fierce competition in the future."

It was a tough spot for the Brits, who were competing on foreign turf — the Stone Bay rifle range at Camp Lejeune — but with foreign rifles as well.

"We normally use our SA-80 service rifle," said WO-2 Thomas Sands, Royal Marine Corps Master Coach. "But in order to compete on equal terms, we use the Barretta (9mm pistol) and the M-16."

That made the victory especially sweet. Four British shooters had never

touched an M-16 before.

"We shot with four tyros, each shooting term for a novice," Sands said.

To be entirely fair to the U.S. Marine Corps Eastern Division, the Royal Marines had a couple of aces up their sleeve. So has been to all 13 of these annual events and is the senior Master Coach of the tire Royal Marine Corps. And on this shooter was an American.

"I'm on the Staff Non-commissioned Officer foreign exchange program for years," said Sgt Danny Stovall.

currently assigned to train the Royal Marines.

Stovall runs a program through which only scout snipers who are arms weapons instructors. Scouts already exist

guished marksman who has completed at least a three-year tour of duty with Marine Corps Rifle Team.

It was a boost for the Brits, "small mitted. "This truly is an inter-corps 'grudge' match," he said.

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LCpl Vanessa Garrant, an intelligence specialist, Headquarters Battery, 10th Marine Regiment, Marine Division, native from Boston, requalified on the rifle range.

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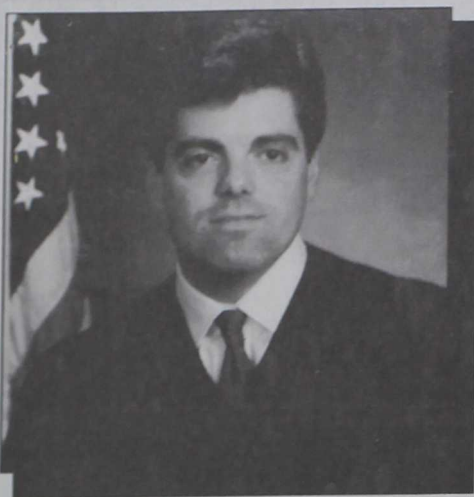
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(NAPS)—Imagine mowing the lawn while you sleep. Or while you shop.

The Husqvarna Auto Mower, available to the lawn-mowing public at select Husqvarna servicing retailers, is a homeowner's dream. This zero-emissions, battery powered robotic machine, is truly on the cutting edge of new lawn and garden products this season.

Here's how it works, according to John Bailey, business unit manager for consumer lawn and garden products at Husqvarna. The Auto Mower works in an area defined by a low voltage wire that is placed (stapled or buried) around the perimeter of your yard. A sensor detects the boundary wire and keeps the Auto Mower within the confines of the property, cutting up to approximately one-half acre. Sensors also detect objects in the yard and will shut down the blade motor if lifted while in cutting mode. The 12-volt battery can operate about one and a half hours, and when the battery runs low, it seeks out a recharging loop connected to a docking station. The Husqvarna Auto Mower self-docks, recharges for about an hour, and then continues on in a random pattern quietly cutting the grass.

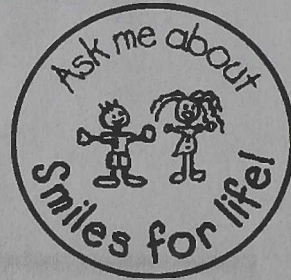
When does it work? Well, it's not a Saturday morning chore any more. It's designed to operate each day, keeping your lawn continuously groomed. You program the time, night or day, using your personal code—which also sets the alarm.

Sound far out? Well not to Joe Trippodo, a retired New York Police Lieutenant living in Con-



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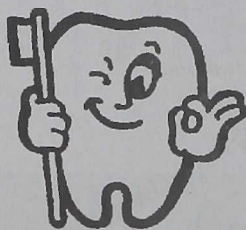
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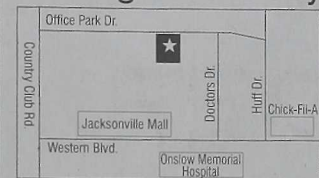
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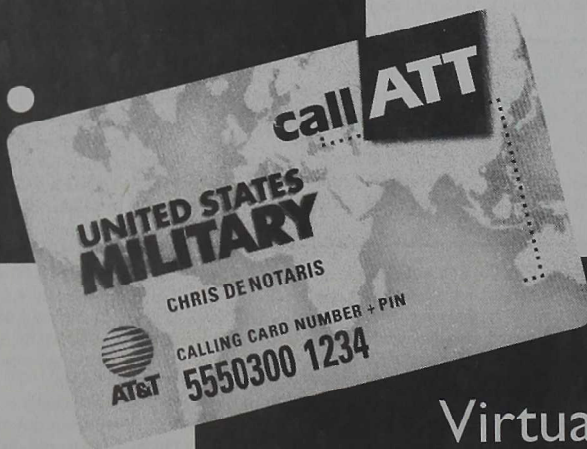
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Leave Recipient:

Denise Ledet, employed by Human Services Dept, Tarawa Terrace Child Development Center, Camp Lejeune, has been approved as a leave recipient.

Ledet suffered a stroke on 2/23/00, which resulted in her hospitalization. Ms. Ledet has returned to work part-time, but is still undergoing treatment. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave may do so by completing a leave donor application. Benefits Information - TSP

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As with any organization, you provide the leadership and people will take the challenge."

Since the first days of his Marine Corps career, Col Gombar has seen many changes. The main ones he cited dealt with the all-new weapons systems and the way Marines fight wars. "Those things are significant and important to change," he said.

Col Gombar also mentioned how Marines themselves have changed with the times. "Very few Marines below the rank of staff sergeant were married or had an automobile." Since almost every Marine owns a vehicle these days, it has created problems with traffic jams in the mornings, he added.

Marines today continue to respond to leadership and challenges, but leadership challenges are different than 31 years ago. Today's different value system makes it more difficult for leaders. "We have to try harder to achieve leadership goals. You can't expect someone to do something simply be-

cause of what you wear on your collar," said Col Gombar. But I think men and women in our Corps are the best that America has to offer."

As the colonel leaves the Marine Corps as the Base Chief of Staff, he will hold fast to the memories he has accumulated over the years. "The Marine Corps has been great for me and my family... a great career with lots of challenges," he said. "My only regret is that I can't do another 30 years, but I'm looking forward to the experiences outside the Marine Corps."

The man who joined the Marine Corps in West Springfield, Mass., nearly 31 years ago will retire with his family in the Jacksonville area. He's very excited about the growth he sees in the area and expects to work in this community he now calls home. For now, though, he will enjoy his retirement. "I will take my pack off for a while and decompress," he said.

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developed areas. Establishing checkpoints will give Marines an opportunity to learn proper checkpoint security, and how to search vehicles or personnel. Christmas points out that residents of Swansboro will not be affected by the training, as the BLT has designated role players to be stopped at the checkpoints.

"Another good thing about what we are doing is that we are staying in Swansboro," said Christmas. "That makes it much more

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with measures. Just like a dashboard gauge on your car tells you you're running low on fuel, the scorecard will keep us from running out of gas as an organization. The BSC will be the foundation and focus of our Business Process Improvement (BPI) efforts, which will begin soon in every department

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stand the medical problems, the commanders need to talk to the locals and you have to translate all those things. You really can't do anything if you do not understand the other person."

Stevenson said the IRT would also be responsible for making contact with other relief organizations already in place, such as the American Red Cross.

Once the IRT decided what facilities were needed, the other Marines within MSSG came in to play. Regardless of military occupational specialty, Marines from various sections within the MSSG helped set up camp. These Marines were delivered to the site via vehicle convoys, which were brought on shore by Air Cushioned Landing Crafts.

According to Stevenson, the mission didn't stop once the orphans had shelter. Water purifiers within MSSG's Engineers set up their Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit, a device capable of purifying 600 gallons of water per hour. The MSSG also constructed processing stations, through which they would normally screen and log in all refugees who are admitted into the camp.

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installed the entire set of courses on internal LANs.

So you're wondering what exactly it is and how it works. NETg courses range in scope from beginning application learning such as Word, Powerpoint, Access and Excel to LAN/WAN administration, programming and development courses in C, C++ and Visual Basic. These are only a few because the system has more than 300 courses for you to choose. A very nice assortment that can take the most ambitious person all his or her evenings and weekends for the better part of a year to master. I really don't recommend this.

The best way to tame this monstrous amount of information is to first get acquainted with the system. You can browse through the entire catalog of course summaries prior to registering. Then, start by choosing one or two courses. Each course has a pre-assessment test. This test helps you reduce the training time; you only have to finish the portions of the course that you didn't

do well in the pre-test. While you can work on courses from one of their web sites, for best performance, you should download courses to your desktop computer. Remember, though, the first time you log in as a "new user," you must download the Helper Application file. This file allows you to view the actual course content. If you move to another computer, you have to redo this step over. To save time use the same computer, this way you will be able to save your course material in one folder in your system.

The site definitely merits a glance if you're interested in improving your computer skills. Besides, some of the classes can help you train for professional certification programs such as Microsoft Software Engineer (MCSE), database administrator and A+ certification. Also, the American Council on Education has approved more than 100 NETg courses for evaluation. Not an unfavorable deal considering the price!

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Marine's donation won him NMCRS' Fund Drive grand prize

2ndLt James D. Jarvis
Community Relations Officer

What would you do with \$10,000? Would you set up a money market account? Would you pay off some bills and give your car that much-needed paint job, or would you replace that old car with a new ride?

These were some of the options facing **LCpl Robert L. Strong**, a navigational aids technician with Headquarters and Headquarters Support Squadron, Ground Electronics Maintenance Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing last year when the 1999 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive came to a close.

Strong, an Allegan, Mich., native, certainly didn't expect to win \$10,000 in the annual fund drive grand prize drawing.

On the day of the drawing, Strong, a shift worker, was resting in his barracks room when

he heard a not-too-unusual rap on his door. His neighbor and fellow Marine, **Cpl Heath Workman**, informed Strong that their staff noncommissioned officer, **SSgt Dennis Coldren** was on Workman's phone and wanted Strong on the line.

"Do you have ticket number 89578?" Coldren abruptly asked. Strong went to his small pile of ticket stubs and returned to the phone to tell him that he had it. "Hold onto that ticket, Devil Dog!" Coldren informed him. "Why?" Strong inquired.

"Because it's worth \$10,000!" Coldren exclaimed.

Strong waited for the laughter of a practical joke, but there was none.

As soon as Strong got the news, he called his mother, **Lorraine A. McDaniel**, in Allegan. When he received the actual check about a week later at a small ceremony at the Marine Corps Air Station, he quickly deposited the

money into his checking account.

"She had always given even to provide for my sister (**Faith**, (**Mark**, 26) and I," Strong said, to let her know that I was grateful.

With the remaining money, his debts and rewarded himself stereo entertainment system a sion for his barracks room, which mates, of course, appreciated.

Strong entered the raffle as more than a contestant. He gave in the 1999 NMCRS Fund Drive, prising \$15 per month annually. When asked why he gave so campaign, he said simply, "because it needed it."

Strong had seen firsthand the works for Marines. As a student tary occupational special Pensacola, Fla., Strong had on been involved in automobile a by his supervisors that NMCRS tended for single Marines in and portation but to give it a shot.

Strong approached Navy- Relief and he was not turned him down, developed a budget savings plan, and based upon strated need, provided him with the amount of his deductible vint utes.

"Both times they didn't have but they did" said Strong. "I try to repay their generosity in fied way in which I had been tated."

So what kind of Marine is to ask his supervisor, **GySgt William** of Geneva, Ohio.

"He's a real good kid," said fide hard worker who does his job with ing a fuss about long hours or l of

Fulfilling a sergeant's billet tigious "night crew" for ground elow tenance, Strong has Mettler's tence.

"It couldn't have happened Mettler said, "I'm glad to have him



2ndLt James D. Jarvis

LCpl Robert L. Strong of Allegan, Mich., a navigational aids technician with H&HS Squadron, Ground Electronics Maintenance Division, 2d MAW, won \$10,000 in last year's NMCRS Fund Drive.

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Sgt Houston F. White Jr.

Camp Johnson Combat Correspondent

For some Marines, the sound of enemy gunfire is more inviting than the sharp, bone-chilling shriek of a dentist's drill.

Facing the prospect of a root canal or other dental procedures may often cause Leathernecks to experience anxiety and, in extreme cases, fear. Either feeling may eventually cause them to develop a negative attitude toward receiving regular dental treatment.

Fortunately for the students and permanent personnel of Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Camp Johnson, the Sailors of the Naval Dental Center are on the job, putting all their worries to rest.

According to **LCDR Gayle D. Shaffer**, officer-in-charge (OIC), Naval Dental Center, a family atmosphere has developed between the staff and their patients that makes providing care for them fun.

"A lot of our patients say that coming here is like going into a private (civilian) practice because this is such a small clinic," said the Bloomington, Ill., native.

"There are maybe 600 permanent personnel at Camp Johnson and I've been here for a couple of years now, so I feel like we know most of them," she said. "We really enjoy taking care of them."

The dental center is capable of performing everything from general dentistry, which includes fillings and cleanings, to emergency maintenance, such as root canals and repairing fractured teeth, said Long Island, N.Y., native **LT Desiree C. Lewis**, assistant OIC at the clinic.

Because of the school-oriented atmosphere of Camp Johnson, treating patients is slightly different than caring for fleet Marines.

"The hardest thing about taking care of the students is trying not to pull them out of class, so they won't fall behind," said Shaffer.

According to Shaffer, the dental center works closely with the class commanders of each school to ensure that students miss as little training as possible.

Caring for entry-level students often provides other unique challenges for the clinic as well.



Sgt Houston F. White Jr.

LCDR Gayle D. Shaffer, left, Officer-In-Charge, Naval Dental Center, Camp Johnson, and **Oris E. Lossan**, right, Assistant, perform an emergency dental procedure on **GySgt David M. Jones**, a member of the staff of the Naval Dental Center take great pride in providing care for the Sailors of Camp Johnson.

"Primarily, we take care of a lot of cavities the students weren't able to have repaired during boot camp.

"We also see a lot of students that have problems with their wisdom teeth because they begin to grow into the mouth at that age," she added.

According to Shaffer, the dental center will even be able to provide care to personnel in remote training areas in the future.

"In an effort to better meet the needs of the Marines and Sailors we take care of, the command has recently acquired several mobile dental units, which are basically clinics inside of mobile homes. This way, when the Marines are in the field and need dental care, we can bring the treatment to them instead of them always having to come to us," she said.

The professionalism and reliability of the dental center staff does not go unappreciated by the Marines benefiting from their hard work.

LEADER from 2A

to bring our Marines into a school circle after a formation is over and actually talk with them about the heroism or meritorious service that was just recognized by the command?

Not many, I would suspect, and that is my point. While all the random acts of cruelty and mayhem get hours and hours of discussion around the scuttlebutt, the acts of positive behavior get little or none, and I believe we need to change that trend.

We need to spend more time talking about the heroes of our Corps than the small percentage of killers, rapists and drug users that seem to dominate the news of our society.

"They take excellent care of our dental problems won't prevent them from being able to deploy with to their first fleet units," she said.

According to **Petty Officer** **Apryl M. Campbell**, dental technician at the Naval Dental Center, Camp Johnson, the dental center is in a high state of dental health.

"The Marines here are really happy," said the Los Angeles native. "It takes a lot of teamwork to take care of dental problems won't prevent them from being able to deploy with to their first fleet units," she said.

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All I am recommending is that we as Marines and Sailors spend as much time talking about the good things our people do as we spend talking about the 1 percent that do the bad. I think the results would amaze us all.

We need to change that trend.

We have a great Force - that which are made up of Marines like Funk and Cpl. Hill. Let's spend time talking about them as we do the lie, cheat and steal, and all of us at the end of each day.

NEWS & FEATURES

Mica King is happy April is Month of the Military Child. 2B



Midshipmen hit mark at Stone Bay

Cpl Brannen Parrish
Stone Bay Combat Correspondent

They came, they fired, and they learned the fundamentals of marksmanship.

Nineteen Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps midshipmen from the University of South Carolina visited Stone Bay Rifle Range March 25 to get some hands-on experience with the M-16 service rifle, and the M-9 service pistol.

Marines and Sailors from the Marksmanship Training Unit at Stone Bay met the students and conducted the marksmanship classes. The Marines who devoted their weekend to the instructing the midshipmen on the fundamentals of marksmanship also coached them on the firing line.

"Giving up a weekend was all part of ensuring knowledge is passed on," said LCpl Eric Moody, marksmanship instructor, Weapons Training Bn, Marine Corps Base.

"Anything to ensure that the future lieutenants of the Marine Corps are properly trained to be riflemen," said Moody, a native of Blodgett, Tenn.

Most of the students were Marine Options and will attend Officer Candidates School at Quantico, Va., at some

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REUNITED -- Perth Amboy, N.J., native Sgt Maury Abreu, 8th Marine Regimental Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Training Facility (ISMT), aims in Midge Ost, of New Bern, N.C., during the Fox Co, 2d Bn, 7th Marine Regiment tour and reunion recently. The Vietnam veterans, pictured to the left, and their spouses witnessed a Light Armored Vehicle live fire demonstration at SR-7, used the ISMT facility, and had lunch with Marines at the 8th Marine Regiment Messhall during their visit to the base.

Sgt Arthur Stone

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NEWSWATCH

Technology will not replace a Marine's brain:

A recent visit to Cleveland, Commandant of the Marine Corps James L. Jones made clear the Marine of the future will fight on a battlefield and use unmanned planes and other technology advanced equipment, but will be making critical decisions himself according to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the general also said his must be politically savvy warriors with the ability to adapt to a growing number of new mission requirements. Jones does not expect much growth in the size of the Marine Corps, but does expect a number of missions to continue to rise, citing technology as the key for keeping up.

Accused general is identified: The officer LtGen Claudia G. Smith, according to the *Washington Times*, Kennedy, who is the highest ranking female officer and deputy chief of staff for the Marine Corps, was selected as the deputy Army inspector general. The issue was raised after Smith, currently serving as a special advisor to the commanding general of U.S. Army Materiel Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., was selected as the deputy Army inspector general. The incident reportedly happened in October 1996, just before Smith's promotion to major general. The accusations are currently under investigation by the inspector general.

S. jets bomb northern Iraq: American warplanes bombed northern Iraq Wednesday after receiving Iraqi fire during routine flights in the northern no-fly zone. According to the *Jordan Times*, the U.S. aircraft, which came under Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery fire from a site west of Bashiqa, returned safely to Incirlik, Turkey. It reportedly bombed "elements of the Iraqi integrated air defense system" after receiving enemy fire. The United States and Britain said the planes only target military objectives in self defense. The U.S. has made accusations the planes target civilians and civilian installations frequently.

Military behind schedule on Joint Operations: The U.S. Armed Forces are making steady progress on "seamless battlefield operations," but will not achieve the goal of joint operations by 2010. According to the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot*, the branch has welcomed the concept of joint operations and is working on experiments in joint fighting. However, according to ADM Harold Gehman Jr., there is still a separation between the nation's top military leaders. One of the biggest factors behind the joint operations is equipment. According to Gehman, there is a push to see if all services developed by one service will work smoothly with systems developed by other services.

Serbs clash with Nato forces: Angry Serbs clashed with peacekeeping forces Tuesday, resulting in the injuries of 11 Serbs and one Polish soldier. According to the *Washington Times*, the Serbs were also injured in the clash, most of whom were struck by bullets used to break up the Serbian crowd. The Serbs were firing the arrest of a Serb for illegal weapons possession. The clash, which occurred near the Macedonian border, lasted about eight hours before the situation was brought under control. The conflict ended at a house where troops seized two hand grenades and at a road set up by Serbs in an attempt to barricade the NATO soldiers to the American and Polish troops were not life threatening. All have been treated.

Military insurers pay \$2 million fine: A Pensacola insurance company and an affiliated California company have paid \$2 million to settle allegations of misleading young military personnel in an insurance scheme. According to the *Pensacola News Journal*, the scheme was filed by the Florida Department of Insurance against American Life Insurance Co and affiliated Trans World Assurance Co. The companies were accused of misrepresenting life insurance plans as savings plans. The companies also failed to provide buyers with Buyer's Guides and Policy Statements, as is required by law. It is unknown how many members fell victim to the scheme.

II MEF focuses on safety for upcoming summer months

Sgt Bobbie J. Bryant
Camp Lejeune Combat Correspondent

As summertime draws near, the weather invites more and more outdoor activities. More cars on the roads, more sports to be played and a greater chance for an accident to happen are all concerns during this time of year.

It was for these reasons that Marines and Sailors of II Marine Expeditionary Force received lifesaving information during a safety fair March 22 at the Marston Pavilion.

Off-duty and motor vehicle mishaps account for the largest loss of II MEF personnel, according to Capt Robert W. Gross, II MEF safety officer.

"Our (both II MEF and the Marine Corps) number one problem is off-duty highway accidents Marine Corps-wide," said the Conway, N.H., native.

Last fiscal year, a total of 43 Marines lost their lives to vehicle accidents. This fiscal year a total of 23 Marines have already died in the same manner.

"We're taking an active interest in safety," said North Olmsted, Ohio, native, GySgt Joseph E. Kaspick, safety manager, II MEF.

This particular event was held to target sergeants and below because most of the deaths are young Marines, said Gross.

More than 1,100 personnel from five different units were expected to participate in the safety fair. The units were divided into groups of 35 to 40 people. Staff noncommissioned officers were in each group, to aid in getting the full participation of each Marine and Sailor. The groups rotated through the various training stations and spent

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Sgt Bobbie J. Bryant

Sgt R.E. Clendenin, traffic safety information recruiter, N.C. State Highway Patrol, from Fayetteville, N.C., speaks to Marines and Sailors about traffic safety.

Camp Johnson donations boost blood banks

Sgt Houston F. White Jr.
Camp Johnson Combat Correspondent

Since its establishment in 1881, the American Red Cross (ARC) has distinguished itself as one of the premier humanitarian organizations in the world.

The Red Cross has helped render medical aid to military members in conflicts as early as the Spanish-American War.

The almost-exclusively volunteer organization recently received a big assist from the Marines and Sailors of Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools (MCCSSS), Camp Johnson.

As a part of Red Cross Month, the Field Medical Service School aboard Camp Johnson provided

eager Leathernecks with the opportunity to donate blood throughout the day March 23.

Students from every entry-level school, to include Personnel Administration, Logistics Operations, Financial Management, and Supply Schools, turned out in full force to support the worthwhile cause.

"Camp Johnson is one of our staunchest supporters," said Finney Gregg, executive director, Onslow County Chapter of the ARC.

According to the Paris, Texas, native, the leadership displayed by the MCCSSS commands is a major reason so many Marines are willing to donate blood.

"I think that because the leaders there take the time to educate the young students about what

blood services are all about, they are very clear on the importance of it," he said.

The blood collected from Camp Johnson by the specialists of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Blood Center will benefit a widespread group of people for a variety of critical situations, explained Kenik, Iowa, native GySgt Luke Fisher, adjutant, MCCSSS.

"The blood can be used anywhere on the East Coast from Florida northward. A lot of the blood will be used to help out the victims of the recent hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters in the area," he said.

"It can also be used to help those who have been in car accidents or any situation where a human would need a blood transfusion," Fisher added.

Given the Marine Corps' history of "fighting for life in times of strife," it's not surprising that the Marines who volunteered valuable time and blood were enthusiastic about doing so.

"This is my first time giving blood," said Dallas native PFC Monica Ramirez, Automotive Organizational Maintenance Course student, Logistics Operations School, MCCSSS.

"It just feels like helping someone else out is the right thing to do," she explained.

"I give blood every chance I get because I feel it's an important thing I can do to help others out," said reserve SSgt Karl F. Roeper, Truck Co, Headquarters Bn, 4th Marine Division.

"It really feels good to know that my blood may help save someone's life," said the Pittsburgh native.

According to Fisher, the Camp Johnson Blood Drive was successful in raising approximately 200 units of blood because of the positive attitude shown by the more than 300 Marines who volunteered.

"Every year I've been here, we have had an excellent turnout. The Marines here always want to surpass the amount collected by any other blood drives happening in this area."

"We have an outstanding relationship with the Red Cross and I can only see it getting better in the future," he said.

"They have always been very supportive of us. Camp Johnson really adds something unique to the term 'giving the gift of life,'" added Gregg.



Sgt Houston F. White Jr.

Pittsburgh native SSgt Karl F. Roeper, a reservist attending the Reserve Motor Transport Supervisor Course at the Logistics Operations School, MCCSSS, appears pleased to donate as his blood is collected by Vonda E. Whitaker, Donor Service Specialist.



RIDIN' INTO THE SUNSET -- Six-year-old Lacy Quinn rides atop Reno, at the Base Stables while her father, Cleveland, Texas, native Sgt. Corbett Quinn, guides her way. Quinn, a heavy equipment operator with 8th Communication Bn, and his daughter are frequent patrons of the Marine Corps Community Services' Base Stables. Lacy is one of many children in the Camp Lejeune area who will be recognized Month of the Military Child.

USMC Photo

Blue ribbon help prevent child abuse

Kim Holmes
Social Counselor

The Child Abuse Prevention campaign was started in 1983 to educate the public about child abuse and to help each of us get involved in prevention.

All over the nation you can see people wearing and displaying blue ribbons, which is a commitment to help prevent child abuse. The Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit Division, Camp Lejeune will participate and distribute blue ribbons placed on car antennas.

The ribbons will be located at the Marine Corps Community Services (Family Service Center), Office of the Staff NCO Club. There will also be blue ribbons placed on Holcomb Blvd. and various locations around Camp Lejeune.

Nearly 128,000 children were reported as neglected in Fiscal Year 1998/99 in North Carolina. There were 12 children in Onslow County and 23 children in the state from abuse during calendar year 1998. Most children were under three years old.

The Community Counseling Center received 12 child abuse cases in calendar year 1999. Child abuse rarely stops without intervention and the law that every citizen report suspected child neglect.

To report suspected cases of child abuse, call Child Protective Services at 938-5461. If you are involved in military families, also call the Family Support Program at 451-2864/2876 during working hours, day-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If the situation is an emergency or after working hours, call 911.

There are many services available to military families, which promote healthy families. These include the Marine New Parent Support Program, Parenting Education Classes, Kids "R" Great program, individual and family counseling, Stress Management / Anger Management and many other services. To find out more, or to register for any service, call Health Education-Semper Fit at 451-2865.

April marks Month of Military Child

I have been a Marine for almost 12 years and a mom for just about as long. April is the Month of the Military Child but shouldn't every month be about our children?

With the school shootings that have plagued the United States over the past year, children in court for beating their parents and committing acts of violence towards others (sometimes without remorse), I sometimes fear for my sons.

Statistics show that in 1999 our Marine families were comprised of 99,668 children of Marines almost quadrupling children born to officers. That is truly amazing to me. I was also a military child and, let me tell you, growing up in the "olden days" was a lot easier. Mom worked, but she was always home when my brother and I came in from school. I don't remember going to a babysitter or daycare center except on rare occasions. Now, daycare and youth centers are sprouting up on military installations the world over — sports leagues, the Young Marines Program, Marine Corps Community Services programs and myriad other activities are also there for our kids.

Don't get me wrong, I am a single mother and I couldn't wait for my sons to be old enough to use the various programs offered. I'm not saying that we shouldn't use these programs and facilities — that's what they're for. And while we need to take advantage of and participate in these programs with our children, let's not become dependent upon them. No one will love or care for your child like you do. How much time, as a parent, do you spend with your children each day? Each week? Schools, daycare centers, babysitters and aftercare programs have more of an influence on them than we do. Let's not even mention television and video games.

How much time do you spend talking to your children about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, promiscuity, violence and the consequences of such behavior? How much time do you spend LISTENING to their problems and concerns? Or simply LISTENING to

what they have to say? Do you know who or what they're interested in? Do you know who their friends are? Are you more concerned with being their friend than their parent?

Parenting is difficult and keeping the lines of communication open is very important to the bond between you and your child. As a mother, talking and listening to my children was always important to me, and I began this practice with my sons at very young ages. As a single mother,

this practice has become increasingly important as the boys have gotten older, simply because there is more for them to get into. In many ways, the military shelters families from life in the cold, cruel world outside our protected gates. We may not make as much, but we are afforded luxuries they pay big bucks for on the outside.

Upon being stationed at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, I promised my sons that I would take leave each month because I found myself not spending enough time with them. One minute they were babies, the next they were standing shoulder-to-shoulder with me.

Sure, we lived in the same house, but after working 8 hours and braving southbound interstate traffic for an hour, I was exhausted to the point where I would walk straight to my bedroom without even speaking to them. My oldest learned to cook when he was 7 and took care of his younger brothers because sometimes I was just too tired. They missed out on school and sporting activities because I couldn't get home in time to make practices — none of which was fair to them.

I didn't want them to grow up saying, "All our mom did was yell at us" and "We never get to do anything because mom's always tired," so I decided to make a change — for them. I couldn't wait for them to get

older because I just KNEW they would need me as much. Their school activities and sports they could participate in on their own. I needed to do was show up at their games and cheer my heart out. I was right? Boy, was I wrong! The more your children depend on you, the more you never stop being a parent and you never stop needing you. The more I spend with my sons is quality — quality that is solutely cherish.

Now, they spend their summers with me and, while I welcome them, I miss them after about two days. My sons are growing up.

It's funny how time flies when you're paying attention. I find myself going back — to make sure I've always been there for them. I'm not perfect, but I don't expect them to be. I've learned myself to being the best possible parent I can be and hope that they will be the same for me.

I'm fortunate to work as a part-time writer. I take family seriously and I have the opportunity to spend true quality time with my sons. I often say that I'm leaving them that I can and hope that they will be the same for me.

I've learned to appreciate that I have a job because it gives me the opportunity to unwind and go home to my family. Now, they all want to go home. We have good relationships.

I tell them to be the best people they can be each day — yesterday is gone, let today take care of itself. Being a mother is entrusted to me, by a power higher than myself. It's a job I accepted for life and I think there's a better job out there.

I'm sure some fathers will disagree with me, but I can only speak about my own experience. So, instead of devoting time to our children, let's devote each day to our kids, finding out about them and helping them find out about us.

Guest Commentary Sgt Alecia Christie HOLUB

It's a job I accepted for life, and I don't think there's a better job out there.

Young Authors strut stuff in contest

Editor's Note: These essays are two of four essays by Tarawa Terrace I Elementary School second-graders that were chosen to be published by the Onslow-Lejeune Reading Council. The other two essays will be published in an upcoming edition.

"My Friend"

By: Devin Taylor
Mrs Harrison's Second Grade

RJ is my hero. He is respectful because he takes care of school property and his friends, when they are hurt. We sit together at our table and we help each other with hard words, like "sister". We read books to each other. RJ works hard in math and gets some stuff right. I want to be like RJ because he is fair. I look up to him. We are best friends. We play with each other outside where we pretend we are Pokemon. RJ pretends he is Pikachu and I am another Pokemon.

I call RJ and we talk alot each day. We play everyday too. Everyone likes to play with RJ because he helps people. RJ is my friend to the end!

"My Heroine"

By: Mica King
Mrs Harrison's Second Grade

My mom is my heroine because she is smart and sings well. Last year my family went to a concert in Greenville to watch my mom sing. She sang some funny songs. My dad laughed so hard that his throat hurt. My mom sang great in the concert.

After the concert we had dinner and ice cream with her. My mom has long hair. Her hair is brown and black and mixed together.

My mom does not sing in concerts anymore because she stays home to take care of my family. She still sings funny songs that make my sister and me laugh.



LCpl Mike B. Vrabel

Ramon Salivar, a second grade student at Tarawa Terrace I Primary School, takes time in the school library to indulge in the available literature.



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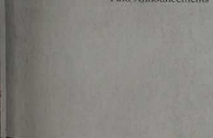
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II MEF bids farewell to fellow shipmate

Command Master Chief leaves Lejeune for spot in nation's capital

Sgt Bobbie J. Bryant
Camp Lejeune Combat Correspondent

Last week, the senior enlisted Sailor at II MEF occupied an office that commanded the respect of all that had the privilege to enter.

The office of the Command Master Chief of II Marine Expeditionary Force could have been an intimidating one, just by the mere knowledge of who occupied it. Instead, he brought a feeling of warmth, comfort and curiosity.

All four walls were covered with years of accomplishments, awards, plaques, photos and memorabilia from far off places in distant times.

A person could talk with him for hours while he took him on a journey of the past 30 years in the Navy and passionately spoke of his family.

Those walls are now bare and readied for their new occupant.

The memories, dedication and impact of the man who had been in that office have left a lasting impression on all whom had served with him.

Command Master Chief Petty Officer Lee Larson, Command Master Chief, II Marine Expeditionary Force, has been selected to go to Washington, as the Command Master Chief for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC) in April.

A command master chief is the senior enlisted Sailor in a command. Much like a Marine sergeant major, he answers directly to the commanding officer and advises him on the unit's enlisted naval personnel.

Other duties for a command master chief include programs for retention, advancement issues, morale and welfare.

"This is my third time being stationed on Camp Lejeune; once every decade since I've been in," said the Dunnell, Minn., native.

One of the many people who have had the pleasure of working alongside Larson is the commanding general of II MEF.

"To me, he is both professionally and personally the epitome of a senior enlisted leader," said MajGen Emil R. "Buck" Bedard. "He's a selfless individual who puts others and the command always ahead of himself."

Larson in return spoke fondly of his experiences with II MEF.

"Of all the tours with the Marines, this is the best. These are the hardest-working people I have ever worked with professionally," Larson said.

"The fact that they kept track of the number of deployments, personnel and exercises, and did it with so much style, impresses me," he said. "They were always in the react mode. We deployed twice to Norway and they still kept track of the real-world events and conducted the exercise."

Speaking of frozen tundra, Larson has wintered over the continent of Antarctica at Siple Station, the smallest and least accessible station in the Navy where an active-duty member can be stationed, in 1982 and 1985. There were only seven personnel on the station. Larson was the only active-duty military person there.

"Spending 15 months in Antarctica was the most fun I have had while I have been in the Navy, because it was the most weird," he said. "I had the chance to complete an overhaul on a caterpillar engine and go parasailing behind a snowmobile," Larson admitted.

One of the most rewarding experiences for Larson was while he was on deployment during Operation Just Cause with SEAL Team 4.

On the night before Christmas and with just 45 minutes notice, as a hospital corpsman, he was augmented to provide medical coverage for some seriously wounded SEAL members.

Some were medically evacuated to the Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center, in San Antonio. A total of four SEALs and 15 Marines were seriously wounded.

"One of the SEAL members did not make it. I stayed on as the special warfare liaison there for about a month," he said.

Throughout the last 30 years, Larson has clung to three main tools that have helped him as a leader. The

first tool is to listen. It is the strongest tool any hospital corpsman can have.

"Whether you apply it to leadership, life or your family, it is important to spend more time listening instead of talking. Then, you must hear what is being said," he explained.

The second tool is to care. According to Larson this tool is not unique to a corpsman. Every leader needs to care about those they are in charge of. "Part of caring, is by helping and not by doing things for them."

The most challenging type of leadership style has to do with guidance and direction," Larson said. "It is extremely easy to say [to your Sailor] 'you're wrong, go fix it.'"

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MajGen Emil R. "Buck" Bedard
Commanding General
II MEF

plore and have spent time traveling throughout Eastern North Carolina.

Larson also has two daughters, **Summer**, a senior at N.C. State University in Raleigh, N.C., and **Petty Officer 2nd Class Heather Clipson**, a hospital corpsman serving with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point, N.C.

He also has a son-in-law, **Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Clipson**, a search and rescue crewman who is also stationed on MCAS, Cherry Point. Clipson is also the father of Larson's grandson **Justin**.

"My daughter (Heather) conned me into running the Marine Corps Marathon with her last year. It was five hours of uninterrupted time to just shoot the breeze with her," he said. "We ran across the finish line in five hours and 15 minutes holding hands and laughing."

After Larson completes his tour with the AFIC, he will say goodbye to an illustrious 30-year career with plans of retirement.

However, before saying goodbye to the Navy he must



Dunnell, Minn., native, **Command Master Chief Larson**, CMC, II Marine Expeditionary Force, is one of seven personnel stationed in the smallest least accessible station in the Navy. Larson, the only active duty military personnel assigned to the station, spent a total of 15 months on station between 1982 and 1985.

Larson first say goodbye to II MEF and to the Marine Corps. He may be putting the uniform away but he isn't leaving the pack. Larson is considering a job in operations and relocating to the D.C. area.

"He will be sorely missed by this command," said MajGen Bedard.

Fair winds and following seas, Command Master

Retired Marine recalls life as POW

LCpl Allan Grdovich
Camp Lejeune Combat Correspondent

Military life is a continuous series of emotional ups and downs. The good times are usually very rewarding such as receiving medals, commendations and visiting exotic places you have never been. The hard times may be mentally stressful and may sometimes bring motivation down.

For one retired Marine, hard times were not simply working late hours, having to field day his room at 2 a.m. on a Thursday, making his rack every morning or not having enough money to buy new rims for his car.

Hard times for retired SgtMaj Erving E. Laporte began after he was taken prisoner of war in Japan during World War II in 1942.

"None of us thought we would leave Japan alive. When I entered the Corps this was the last thing I expected," said Laporte who was detained as a POW for three years and eight months.

Laporte's decision to join the Corps came about when he found out there might be a draft.

He began his Marine Corps career in 1940, enlisting at the young age of 17.

"I wanted to choose which service I would be in, so I enlisted in the Marines. It's ironic how things worked out being sent to war soon

after," said Laporte.

The Springfield, Mo., native went on to serve for 32 years. Laporte has seen combat in World War II, the Korean War and also in Vietnam. Through the years he has accumulated numerous awards. One of them includes the World War II Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, which according to Laporte is his most treasured. He has also served as a drill instructor.

Laporte's first duty station was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, with 1st Defense Battalion.

Their main job was to protect American interests on four islands, which later became main strategic points during the war. The islands were Wake, Palmyra, Johnson and Midway Islands.

In 1942, 1st Defense Battalion was sent to protect Wake Island

from the Japanese offensive, which remained a threat to the American islands in the Pacific. Before Laporte was sent to Wake Island, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and World War II was a real-life scene for many Marines and civilians in the Pacific.

"When the Japanese attacked Wake, there were 1,200 American civilians and 550 Marines and Sailors on the island. The Japanese outnumbered us by far, but we were getting rid of them as fast as they could come up from the water," said Laporte who was only a private at the time of the battle.

Due to lack of communication, and the many unarmed civilians on the island, the Americans surrendered to the Japanese.

"After the surrender, which we were all very angered about, we were taken prisoner. The Japanese guards were very sadistic and made sure our lives were miserable. The first two days we lost 33 men," said Laporte.

While a prisoner of war, Laporte and fellow POWs were shipped to various camps. American POWs were summoned to slave labor. His longest stay at a single camp was Shanghai, which was for three years and three months.

"The food the Japanese gave us was barely enough to keep us alive. We lived on unpolished rice and old turnip greens. Everyone was malnourished and many of us got sick," said Laporte.

Pellagra and beriberi were common sicknesses, according to Laporte.

"The prison guards were some of the worst men there were. If we were to get sick they would put us on half-food rations. Beatings were also a common thing. Looking at a Japanese soldier in the eye was enough to get beat with the small paddles they would carry around," said Laporte.

"A common form of torture the prison guards used was during the winter months. They would throw hot water on someone while outside for punishment. Eventually the water would freeze on them. It was a sure way to get pneumonia," said Laporte.

During this seemingly hopeless time the

See POW/6B



Former POWs check out the remains of a Japanese gun, that still stands as a memory of the tragic battle on Wake Island. The gun was used to shoot at American ships during WWII.

Courtesy Photo



Showing his many deserved awards is former World War II POW retired SgtMaj E. Laporte, a Springfield, Mo., native, who also served in the Korean War and Vietnam.



A photo from retired SgtMaj Laporte's personal photo album shows a bridge on Wake Island where 96 American POWs were executed by the Japanese during WWII.

MEU Maintenance works incognito

Photos by
A. Shoemaker
Combat Correspondent

NEW RIVER, N.C. — The noise of a screwdriver makes as much sense as the sound of a Super Cobra, is the sound of a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 264, the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) Air Component, relies on from Hunt, Ordnance Team member and Sumter, S.C. native, and his night crew.

"We could not do what we do here without the Night Crew," said Maj Bud Sichler, HMM-264 Executive Officer. "They make sure our (helicopters) are in top condition."

The night crew Marines arrive for work

Maddox, HMM-264's Maintenance Chief and Richmond, Va. native, "there are just not enough hours in the day to accomplish the maintenance required on these helicopters."

That, according to Maddox, is what makes the night crew an important asset. Comprised only of shops from the squadron's maintenance section, these Marines often perform most of the repairs needed to keep the Black Knights' aircraft in action.

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at 4 p.m. and, depending on what is required, can sometimes work as late as 2 a.m. Before taking over a shift, they are told what repairs are priority, and what other missions must be accomplished before the next day.

"Whatever is broken, you're probably going to be fixing it," said Cpl Thomas Kust, Avionics Marine and Centereach, N.Y. native. "Making sure that gets done on time is really important now that we are attached with the 26th MEU. There is a high training tempo, and a lot of that training depends on our birds."

The night crew Marines said that though the work pace is steady and the pressure to repair parts can be high, the overall conditions of working night crew can be quite relaxed.

"It's kind of peaceful," said Kust. "You're here pretty much all by yourself, and you get to work without any interruption."

According to Cpl Christopher Denight, Ordnance Team member and a Philadelphia native, working at night has sharpened his leadership skills.

Denight said this is made possible by having a smaller number of people in the evenings, resulting in fewer staff noncommissioned officers.

"You'll have a corporal running shops that would normally be run by these staff NCOs," he said. "So working night crew gives you a chance to really learn how things operate."

Maddox explained that this leadership experience is something virtually all Marines who work in maintenance will receive, since most will spend a tour working the night shift.

There are eight different shops within the maintenance section that make up the night shift. For example, Flightline Marines serve as the aircrew for the various types of helicopters where Maintenance Control is responsible for assigning priorities to needed repairs.

"I have a truly outstanding bunch of Marines," said Maddox. "They seem to en-



Cpl David Kriskewic, Ordnance Team Member and Flemington, N.J. native, left, and Cpl Christopher Denight, Ordnance Team Member and Philadelphia native, work on an AH-1 Whiskey Super Cobra. Both Marines are part of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264's night crew.

joy what they do and are great about meeting their deadlines."

During its upcoming deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, HMM-264's night crew

will continue its important role. According to Maddox, the Marines of Maintenance will work seven days a week, while maintaining a 24-hour Maintenance Section.

Navajo Marine influenced by spirit Code Talkers

A. Shoemaker
Combat Correspondent

Barry Bitsui has never met his grandfather, most important man in his life, and yet he is proud of who he was.

A Navajo Indian who was raised on a reservation in Arizona, Bitsui knows only one real fact about his grandfather: he was a Navajo Code Talker for the United States Marine Corps.

In the early stages of World War II, Japanese regularly intercepting and decoding secret messages sent by U.S. forces. That was until the United States Marine Corps and a select group of Navajo Indians, known as the Code Talkers, were sent to the Pacific to communicate during the war.

Bitsui's grandfather, who was a Code Talker, was one of the few Navajo men who were sent to the Pacific during the war.

"If things go well, I'd like to see the Code Talkers brought back as a Military Occupational Specialty," Bitsui said.

Cpl Barry Bitsui, field wireman, Battalion Landing Team 2/2

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Corpsmen stand ready for any situation

Cpl Derek A. Shoemaker
26th MEU Combat Correspondent

It's late summer of 2000. The Marines and Sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (26th MEU) wait off the coast of a beleaguered and war-torn African republic prepared to evacuate American citizens.

Without warning a bomb blast rocks the front gates of the U.S. Embassy, and within minutes hundreds of injuries are reported.

A quick reaction medical force trained specifically to treat large numbers of casualties in hazardous conditions is ordered to assist. Comprised of Navy corpsmen and doctors from MEU Service Support Group 26 (MSSG-26) and Battalion Landing Team 2/2 (BLT 2/2), this team is ready to respond within a 60- to 90-minute window.

This hypothetical situation was the basis for the third phase of the Expeditionary Unit Medical Operations Course, which prepares the Sailors assigned to the 26th MEU for the rigors they may face during the unit's upcoming deployment. This three-month course, broken into five phases, is required training for all Naval medical personnel assigned to MSSG-26, BLT 2/2, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264 and the MEU's Command Element. During the Phase III training, which primarily focused on mass casualty training, the doctors and corpsmen were faced with a series of progressive drills.

In these drills, simulated victims numbering from 15 to 50 are placed within an area, with different and often multiple injuries. The corpsmen must then determine the nature and severity of the wounds, provide initial treatment and forward the injured personnel on to the next echelon of treatment.

"We train to expect casualties so when they do happen we are prepared," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Antonio D. Burdies, the chief corpsman for the 26th MEU and a Dallas native. "We are engaged in constant training and we do it all for the Marines' sake." First on the scene is the security element. Consisting of Marines from H&S Co, BLT 2/2, these Marines are trained in quick helicopter insertions in order to locate personnel on the ground. They possess special skills such as rappelling and assault climbing in order to operate in rugged or urban terrain.

According to 2nd Lt Andrew Cleland, the Platoon Commander, the team establishes a perimeter around the objective and then must search for weapons and booby traps that may have been placed there by enemy forces nearby. Once the security element ensures the safety of existing casualties, they begin to administer first aid treatment and act as the litter bearers once the medical team moves in.

While training is designed around a 12-person mass casualty team that can treat 50 to 60 people at a time, Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy Peak, the Senior Medical Department Representative for the Special Operations Training Group (SOTG) noted that a specific number of casualties are not the defining element.

"Anything that overwhelms the medical assets on hand is considered a mass casualty mission. For instance, one corpsman who is part of a (Forward Command Element) and receives 10 patients, can be a mass casualty situation," said Peak, a native of Miami.

Primary diagnosis at the initial scene consists of checking airways, breathing and the circulatory system, and re-establishing any functions that may be interrupted.

Burdies explained that accountability and transportation of the patients is the next priority. To that extent, each patient is tagged with a colored badge denoting the severity of his injuries and his priority for treatment.

For example, a red badge denotes the highest priority, immediate treatment, that means the patient has life threatening injuries. At the other end of the spectrum is a green tag, minimal treatment for injuries that are not severe enough to require stretchers or immediate medical evacuation.

Patients are then moved to a secondary staging area to receive immediate care and wait for transport to treatment facilities. The staging area is arranged with colored flags that match the priority for treatment tags on the patients.

According to Burdies when it comes time to leave, the team performs an area sweep for biomedical waste, such as wrappers and spent bandages left on the ground. This is done not only for public health safety, but also so that any enemy can't get a count of the number of casualties.

According to LT Geoffrey A. Wright, Marine Corps

(Flight Surgeon), the 26th MEU's Surgeon, the culmination of the Expeditionary Unit Medical Operations Course is Phase V and is based on testing the full capabilities of the Command Element and its three major subordinate element's medical staffs. Those capabilities are tested by simulating mass casualty, non-combatant evacuation and humanitarian assistance situations.

Once completed, the five phases of the Expeditionary Unit Medical Operations Course will have tested the capabilities of the MEU's medical staffs and prepared them for success in a variety of missions. According to Wright, a native of Havertown, Pa., mission success is based on only one thing.

"You achieve a point in which everything works, but there is always going to be tweaks and refinements. The true test of capabilities is after the (deployment) and everyone comes home alive and well," said Wright.



Cpl Jimmie Parkins

Corpsman Robert Whitman looks over simulated casualties during the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Phase III Medical Training. Whitman, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn. is working in the secondary treatment area where colored flags mark various staging areas for different levels of injuries. This training is required for all Naval medical personnel assigned to MEU Service Support Group-26, Battalion Landing Team 2/2, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 (Rein) and the MEU's Command Element.



Cpl Timothy A. Pope

WELL DESERVED -- During his retirement ceremony, Col Michael E. Williams, the Officer in Charge of Special Operations Training Group (SOTG), II Marine Expeditionary Force, looks on as his wife is presented with an award of appreciation from Gen James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, at Sywany's Scarlett and Gold, a local establishment in Jacksonville recently.

NROTC from 1B

point in their four-year college career.

"The training is valuable to morale," said Capt Andy Regan, Marine officer instructor, University of South Carolina NROTC.

"We brought them up here to do some 'Marine' things," said Regan, who hails from Katonah, N.Y.

"They're students in South Carolina, so they don't get to see or do a lot of Marine training. We wanted to expose them to 'Marine' things that hopefully keep them motivated."

Most of the students were so excited about firing the weapons that they limited their description to words like "awesome," "great," and "stoked."

According to Midshipman Mike McCauley, who hails from Sumter, S.C., firing the M-16 was a new experience.

"I had never fired the M-16 before," said McCauley, who hopes to fly AV-8B Harrier jets for the Marine Corps.

"I loved it. It was motivating."

Midshipman Priscilla Stites, of Pompton Lakes, N.J., was one of three students on the trip who elected to take the Navy Option. Stites' goal is to become a nurse.

Despite her decision to join the Navy, she was impressed by the instruction.

"The coaching was excellent," she said.

"I had trouble with my position at first, but after my coach helped me get my legs in the right position I was on target."

In addition to firing the weapons the midshipmen visited the Scout Sniper School where they viewed a sniper demonstration and participated in a land navigation course.

"The entire visit has been great," said Regan.

"By being out here teaching, the Marines at Stone Bay have been influential in the development of the midshipmen."

"I don't think they will ever forget what they've learned today."

Capt Andy Regan
Marine Officer Instructor
USC NROTC

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SAFETY from 1B

about 15 minutes at each station.

Agencies that volunteered to provide the valuable training were North Carolina Highway Patrol, North Carolina Highway Department, Base Fire Department, Base Safety Department, Base Provost Marshal's Office, Health Promotions and the II MEF Chaplain.

Topics of discussion were traffic safety, child safety, driving while intoxicated, fire prevention/protection, driver safety, fatigue, drugs, DWI enforcement, accident prevention, tobacco cessation, nutrition, sexually transmitted diseases and suicide prevention.

The North Carolina Department of Safety DWI Bus was also on display to instruct personnel on law-enforcement procedures used to investigate DWI suspects.

"The Highway Patrol is very happy to participate with the Marines in sharing information to help them with their daily activities on and off base," said Sgt R. E. Clendenin, traffic safety information recruiter, Troop B Headquarters, North Carolina State Highway Patrol, from Fayetteville, N.C. Marine and Sailors left the safety fair with the encouragement to

put safety first.

"It's helped to educate me about safety. I am going out for my fellow Marines," said Peter J. Carona, nuclear, chemical defense specialist, Chemical Incident Response Force (CIRF).

"I don't drink, so a lot of time I to be the designated driver," Orleans.

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LCpl Peter J. Carona
NBC Specialist
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Based on the feedback we was a success, " he said.

With the knowledge and safety fair has provided, Marin can spend their off time enjoyi activities and "arrive alive."

POW from 4B

only way to stay sane was to try to build some kind of morale. One way the Americans did this was by saluting American officers. The Japanese did not like this, according to Laporte.

As the war wound down, Laporte's final days as a POW were spent working in extremely unhealthy conditions in a coal mine in Honshu.

"On Aug 12, 1945, the prison guards told us we did not have to work in the mines anymore because of a typhus epidemic in the area. This was an obvious lie and pretty much confirmed rumors about a huge bomb which ended the war," said Laporte.

Soon after the news, a British officer came by and took over the POWs who were no longer responsibility of the Japanese,

said Laporte.

Laporte was then sent to an Army Air Base in Saporo. Food was supplied by air-drop.

"Words cannot describe the things we all went through. So after a while I never let anyone know I was a POW during the war."

Retired SgtMaj Laporte
Wake Island POW

When released from the POW camp, Laporte weighed a flimsy 115 pounds, which is a big difference from the fit 135 pounds he was at the start of the war.

Laporte was then sent back to Missouri on much needed 90 days

leave.

"The first thing everyone wanted to know when I got back was how I was treated."

"Words cannot describe the things we all went through. So after a while I never let anyone know I was a POW during the war,"

said Laporte.

Though he does not describe himself as a very open person, Laporte is a man of positive heart and someone to do things for others. He stands foot 6-inches tall, he has a thin silver hair and now weighs 115 pounds. The 77-year-old Laporte is youthful for his age and is an active and former president of the 2d Marine Association.

Laporte still keeps in touch with he served with in Japan and returned in 1995 to view what remains of tiful Wake Island.

The Marines who fought in e and stood strong in the face of e are one reason why the Corps is esp throughout the world today.

In what we may perceive as tigh a man like Laporte can teach u hat are worse things in the world t n a extra work, being low on cash cny everyday problem.

Camp Lejeune Job Fair

Lee Tuthill

Transition Support Services

Thursday, Camp Lejeune will sponsor one of its two yearly job fairs. We have the second largest job fair in the nation that we know of. There are over 200 employers who attend and we have had over 5,000 job seekers at previous job fairs. It is open to active duty, retired military, family members, and students.

The companies that attend are from all over the country with job offers throughout the U.S. and overseas. Our reputation is outstanding with these companies, that they have recommended Camp Lejeune Job Fair to other companies. The majority of the companies that attend are seeking military personnel and family members. The employer's have found

from previous job fairs at Lejeune's that they have hired highly trained and dependable personnel or if they were not trained in a particular field they could be trained.

Here is a list of some of the jobs that are being offered; Managers & Trainees, Security Officers, Field Supervisors, Truck Drivers, Welders, Pharmaceutical sales, Avionics Technicians, Administration, Mechanical & Electrical Engineers, RN's, X-ray Technicians, Computer Operators, Carpenters, Clerical, Telecommunications & Installers, Food Services, Repair Technicians, Police Officers, Heavy Equipment Technicians and Drivers.

Editor's note: At press time this was the most recent list, which changes periodically. For the most current list, visit the Career Resource Management Center at bldg. 14.

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GySgt J. L. Campbell 8th MT Bn
Sgt R. Cook 2d Maint Bn
Sgt M. W. Duling 2d LSB
Sgt H. D. Mattice 2d Sup Bn
Sgt T. L. Reynolds HQSVC Bn
Sgt F. T. White 2d Maint Bn
Cpl A. W. Brown 2d Med Bn
Cpl C. M. Lane 2d LSB
Cpl J. V. Stevens 2d Maint Bn
Cpl P. A. Tkaczyk CSSD-21

rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment

Headquarters Company

Richard B. Miner, Food Service Specialist
ed for 4 years for MCC 016, Parris Island.
Cpl Gene L. Bradley III, Field Wiremen
reenlisted for 2 years

India Company

Sgt Knight, Riflemen
reenlisted for 4 years for
MCC 1K2, SOTG

Kilo Company

Cpl Keith R. Carrier, Riflemen
nlisted for 4 years for Lateral Move to
MOS 5811 Military Police

Tank Company

gt Stephen D. Miles, Tank Crewman
sted for 4 years for Lateral Move to 4067
Computer programmer

Corporal

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Lance Corporal

LCpl Brian D. Blackmore

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Meritorious Promotion

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Sarah M. Nalley
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Awards

2d Tank Battalion

Meritorious Service Medal

1stSgt Phillip Mendoza

2d Radio Battalion

Letter of Appreciation

GySgt Karl R. Voepel
Sgt James E. Ligon III
Sgt Thomas W. Myers
Cpl Jeffrey A. Posek
Cpl Paul A. Rowe
Cpl Michael R. Sellnow
NCO/Marine of the Quarter
Cpl Joshua D. Ambrose
LCpl Jerromy J. Horton
Good Conduct Medal
GySgt Bobby L. Pittman
Sgt Nathan L. Burns
Cpl Curtis Miller

American Red Cross Unit Awards

Courthouse Bay Area Commander Plaque

Col William A. Meier

Marine Corps Engineer School

Certificate of Appreciation

Col William A. Meier

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2d Assault Amphibian Battalion

HM3 Wayne M. Caron Clinic Riverine Training Center

USCG, Port Security Unit, Training Detachment

American Red Cross

Individual Awards

Letter of Appreciation

Court House Bay Area Blood Drive Coordinator



LCpl Melissa R. Watts

JOIN THE RANKS – Ensign Charles J. Stewart, former Petty Officer 3rd Class, Kilo Company, 3rd Bn, 8th Marine Regiment, is sworn into the officer ranks by **Capt Tony Moro**, Kilo Company Commander. Stewart successfully completed the officer program and graduated from Louisiana College, La.

GySgt Camille F. Milton
Letter of Appreciation
2d Assault Amphibian Battalion
Sgt James L. McCann III

School of Infantry

Meritorious Mast

PFC Jessycca E. Barlup
PFC Shawn V. Franklin
PFC Katherine M. Knapp
PFC Lisa M. Negron
PFC Wailym Trujillo
PFC Walter A. Williams, Jr.

8th Engineer Support Battalion

Meritorious Service Medal

MSgt Bruce A. Carnal
Navy Commendation
MSgt Everett Lattimore

Navy Achievement Medal

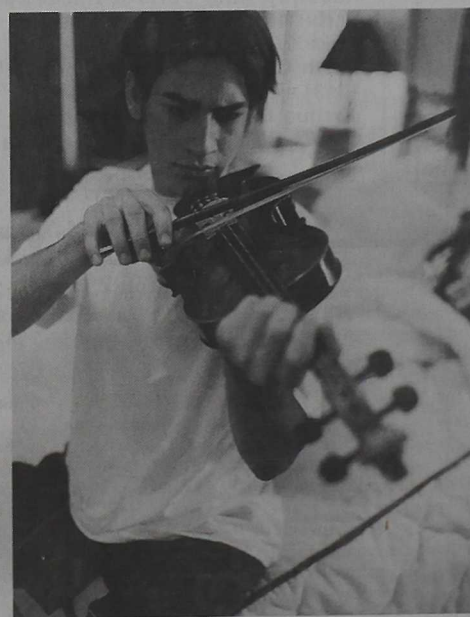
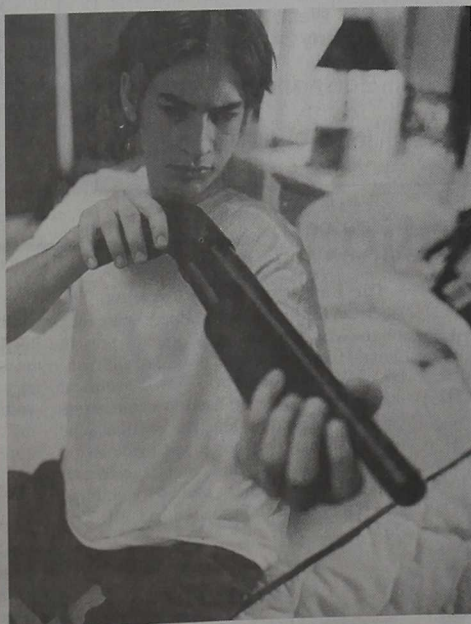
GySgt Daniel Martinez
Sgt Michael S. King
Sgt Sean P. McGivern
Sgt Damian S. Vaughn
Cpl Thomas R. Baker
Cpl Chad J. Scheinoha
Army Achievement Medal
SSgt Kelvin A. Jarvis

Marksmanship

Stone Bay High Shooters

Bravo Range

Sgt Jeremy E. Cloud, Electronics Maintenance Company, 2d Maintenance Battalion, 2d FSSG, fired a 60 with the M-16A2 Service Rifle. Cloud was coached by Cpl Tracy Michael Crowson, of 2d Maintenance Battalion.



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Bulletin Board



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

State Vehicle Inspections

One of the best kept secrets on Camp Lejeune is the Automotive Skills Development Center. North Carolina State vehicle inspections are now available Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fridays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more information contact the center's manager, **K.P. Florian** at 451-1550.

Key Volunteers

Key Volunteers are looking for new people to become Key Volunteers. Openings are available now for monthly sessions. For information on becoming a Key Volunteer call 451-1759.



MCB

The SNCO Wives' Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary today. There will be a buffet and dance starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Huff Room of the Camp Lejeune SNCO Club with opening remarks by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base.



2d FSSC

Check out the 2d Force Service Support Group's website at www.2fssg.usmc.mil for information about the Group. The page contains unit information, news, weather, safety news, and the 2d FSSG guiding principles and mission statement.

SNCO Wives' Club Scholarship

The SNCO Wives' Club is currently accepting applications for scholarships. To be eligible, you must meet one of the following requirements: 1) Be an unmarried son or daughter of an active duty, retired or deceased member of the United States Armed Forces who is a graduating senior of an Onslow County High School or is currently enrolled as a full-time college student at an accredited college. 2) The spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased member of the United States Armed Forces. The deadline for all applications is April 15.

Camp Lejeune High School

The LHS web site is now available for clubs, classes and athletics to post meetings, schedules and activities. In addition, general school information and announcements can also be posted.

Contact the following to have your information placed on the web site:

Clubs, classes: **Lisa Beavers**, DSA

Athletics: **Ron Toth**, AD

Other information: **Mike Smith**. Check out www.north-carolina.ihigh.com/lejeune for the latest information about Lejeune High School.

Armed Services YMCA

Volunteers are needed for weekly Family-Tyme activities; special events-upcoming "Healthy Kids Day," Saturday; promotions; advertising and more. If you have talents you want to put to use for a few hours a week, we can use your help. Active duty, family members, and retirees, are welcome. If you have ideas and are willing to do what's necessary to make them a reality, call 451-9569.

Dad's University

When it comes to parenthood, many Marines, Sailors and their spouses may be facing the job for the first time ever! Never fear, DAD'S UNIVERSITY is now here! Classes on

parenting for dads are now available as part of the Marine Corps' new Family University Program. Call the Family University Extension Campus at 451-5353.

Camp Johnson

New Camp Johnson Web Site - The Marine Corps Combat Service Support School's web site has recently undergone a major renovation which has opened a wealth of information to web browsers. The new site includes information about: Montford Point History, Beirut Memorial, staff sections, schools reporting instructions and much more. The point of contact for the Camp Johnson web site is **Jim Coker** at 450-0747. The site address is www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mccsss/.

Base Library

Today's movie is "Mr. Magoo", and runs from 4-6 p.m. Saturday kicks off National Library Week from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, with storyteller **Susi Clontz**, books, activities and crafts. For more information, call the Base Library at 451-5724.

MCCS Hotline

Marine Corps Community Services Customer Hotline is now available at 800-451-MCCS. Call today with any questions concerning MCCS related issues or questions.

Job Fair

The Camp Lejeune Job Fair will be held Thursday at Marston Pavilion and Goettge Memorial Field House from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fair is open to all active duty servicemembers, retired military members, family members and Coastal Carolina Community College students. Parking is available only at the Field House. For more information call 451-5340, extension 126, 450-6110, extension 108, or 938-6373.

Upcoming Events 455-3411



Join the USO every Sunday for free homemade cakes and goodies. Refreshments begin at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, the USO will have a free 'get acquainted' coffee and luncheon for new military spouses in the area. The event will be from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. Call 455-3411 for more information.

Off-limits establishments

Centennial Enterprises, Inc. 1489 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 2 Thousand Oaks, Calif. (HQ's Office)

Easy Money Catalog Sales 233-F Western Blvd., Jacksonville

Jacksonville Speedway Auto Parts (A.K.A. Raceway Auto Parts & Raceway Used Auto Parts) 401 Blue Creek Elementary School Rd., Jacksonville

North Carolina Catalog Sales 1943 Lejeune Blvd, Jacksonville

Joshua Experience/Club Access 200 Golden Oak Ct, Suite 425, Virginia Beach, Va.

Botta Booms (formerly known as Private Dancer) 3054 Wilmington Hwy, Jacksonville

Private Pleasures

(A.K.A. Carriage House) 5527 Hwy. 258, Jacksonville

Tender Touch (A.K.A. Baby Dolls) Hwy. 258, Jacksonville

The Doll House Hwy. 258 West, Jacksonville

Student Assistance Company 244 South Randal Rd., Suite III, Elgin, IL

Oakwood Homes Inc. 912 N. Marine Blvd., Jacksonville

Talk of the Town 114 Texie Ln, Jacksonville

For Your Information

Support Groups

Marine Corps Family Team Building/L.I.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 offered monthly. Make new friends and enjoy being part of the Marine Corps Family at Camp Lejeune. For more information, call the L.I.N.K.S. office at 451-1299.

Transition Support Services (TSS) presents 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

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 bldg. 65 classroom. For more information, contact **Kim Hugelback** at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, Health Promotion Program at 451-3712.

The MCB Camp Lejeune Consolidated Public Affairs Office is offering internships and service-learning placements. This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in writing, radio & TV broadcasting, media and community relations, and internal communications in a professional and supportive environment.

Hours are flexible. For information, contact **2ndLt Dan McSweeney**, Community Relations Officer, at 451-7435, or e-mail at mcsweeneydj@lejeune.usmc.mil

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/Navy families who at-

tend the class. For more information, call 451-5346/5584 or 450-6642/44.

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

Key Volunteers holds a series of classes every month to help train their volunteers, and anyone interested in becoming a volunteer. Each series is comprised of four classes. The introduction class deals with family readiness, volunteer roles, confidentiality and Marine Corps organization.

The next two classes deal with local resources. The last class is about assertive communication and professional phone calling. For information about registering for these classes, call 451-0176.

Upcoming Events

Marine Corps Air Station New River will host the Sounds of Freedom Millennium Air Show and Open House April 29 beginning at 8 a.m. Civilian and military aviators will perform feats of aerial acrobatics, including performances from classic airplanes such as P-51 Mustangs and the F4-U Corsair. There will be a Marine Corps living history display with uniforms and equipment of World War II. Other attractions will include a F-117 flight simulator, which will offer rides to the public, and a re-enactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. For more information, call the Air Show information line at 450-6196.

The Battleship North Carolina, The American Military Medical Impression, Inc., and the USMC Historical Company present Living History Weekend Saturday and Sunday in Wilmington. World War II historical interpreters will be on hand to demonstrate daily life aboard the ship. There will also be military displays on the grounds. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors age 65 and older and active military, and \$4 for children age 6-11. For more information, call 910-251-5787.

Volunteers

Camp Lejeune Performing Arts Company is currently seeking persons with directing and other theater experience. Anyone interested in being a part of the CLPAC and volunteering in community theatre, is asked to call the Base Theater at 451-2785 for more details and submit a resume of experience by April 15.

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 ext. 200.

Transition Support Services (TSS) is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in learning new skills or enhancing your present

Fire Department rescue units seek Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the community volunteer fire departments and rescue units. There are 27 departments and units all that are 100 percent volunteers. Call 347-4270 for info.

Youth

Girl Scouts are looking for Camp Lejeune now has a Daisy Cadette Troop opening. Daisy Kindergarten girls. Cadettes ages 12-15 or grades 7-9. All interested call **Amy Robert** at 353-3798.

Kids+ Play Support Group Thursday morning from 9:30-11 a.m. at Tarawa Terrace Youth Pavilion. Their children (up to 18 months old) to attend this free program. The opportunity for parents and children and socialize while providing peer support network to exchange information, and the Semper Fit group will brief parenting session. For more call **Ryan Lawton** at 451-2865/579.

"Midway Moppets" begins May 15. Midway Park Community Center Moppets is a morning playground and children up to five years old. It runs from 9 - 11 a.m. and is a playtime for mother and child. It also helps moms network with each other. There is a \$1 fee per visit. Register Monday. For more info, call 451-



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Carolina happenings

Month of the Military Child

The 1986 the Secretary of Defense has designated each April as "the Month of the Military Child."

Children are an inspiration and source of pride to us all. This is an opportunity to recognize the contributions and sacrifices your children make as members of the military.

Parents are encouraged to plan appropriate activities during the Month of the Military Child in our youth centers and child development centers, and to continue to develop initiatives that will focus attention on the well-being of our military children.

Semper Fidelis,
Gen J. L. Jones,

Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day hosted by the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department will be held Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 455-3565 or 347-2100.

Base Tax Center Extended Hours

Order to meet this year's filing deadline must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m., April 17. The Base Tax Center, bldg 1209, Camp Lejeune will remain open until 10 p.m. on April 17, to process and electronically file returns.

10 Musical Lunch Series

Join your lunch and join us Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at New River Waterfront for a hour of musical entertainment.

Sharon Knowles - Harpist

4 Hunter's Creek Middle School Choir (11:30) New River Gospel

8 Stardust - Jazz

of rain, performances will be held at O. These events are free and open to the public. For more information call 455-7350 or 5332.

Summer Program

2 Kids is offered by the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Dept. with two four sessions during the summer for youth 12 years and under. Cost is \$90 per session. For more information call 938-5319.

National Library Week

Onslow County Public Library Celebrates National Library Week Saturday-April 15. Activities will begin on Saturday with *Start*, a question and answer game. The event will be played at all OCLP locations throughout the end of the week and all young people through grade 12 are eligible to play. Local and state prizes throughout the week and enjoy the folk songs and stories of the South and historic happenings told in *Golden* at 1 p.m. on Saturday. For information contact Onslow County Library or call 455-7350.

Heart Festival 2000

Heart Festival 2000 will be held at Marston on Camp Lejeune April 15 beginning 10 a.m. This is a reunion of heart recipients who have received the gift they received. For more information call 455-7644.

Jabberwock 2000

Scholarship pageant will be presented by Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Theta Sorority April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Jacksonville High School auditorium. For tickets call 346-2764 or 455-0356.

Staff NCO Wives' Club

Staff NCO Wives' Club, Camp Lejeune will offer a total of \$6,000 this year from earned through sales at the Wives Club Shop. The sole purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to family members of active duty, retired or deceased service members of the United States. Applications and supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than April 15. Applications must be marked after April 15 or those which do not include all supporting documentation will be disqualified. Recipients will be notified by May 15. Eligibility Requirements: married son or daughter of an active duty, retired or deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces; applicant must be a graduate of a high school or currently enrolled full-time student at an accredited college, a spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased member of the Armed Forces. Applications may be obtained at the SNCO Wives Thrift Shop, local schools, Education Center, Camp Lejeune Family Service Center or the Base Library.

Local history is pirate's booty

Gretchen Wiles
Carolina Living Editor

If you are looking for an adventurous getaway, Ocracoke Island is an ideal spot. The island offers a variety of outdoor sports, sun-worshiping and sitedeering. Located on the Outer Banks, it is approximately 100 miles from Jacksonville.

In 1822, congress purchased two acres of land to rebuild the Ocracoke Lighthouse. Constructed in 1823 by Noah Porter, Ocracoke is the oldest lighthouse still in operation in North Carolina and the second oldest in America. Standing at only 75 feet, the Ocracoke is the shortest lighthouse on the North Carolina coast and can only be seen for 14 miles.

The first Ocracoke Lighthouse was built in 1803. This lighthouse was constructed of wood and stood 55 feet. In 1818, the original lighthouse was destroyed by lightning.

Accessible only by water and air, Ocracoke Island is famous not only for its lighthouse but for its tales of the pirate Blackbeard, who once roamed the island.

Blackbeard was born Edward Drummond in Bristol, England, in 1680. It is reported that he later changed his last name to Teach or Tache when he became a privateer. Privateers were given permission from Britain to attack enemy ships, in other words these men were licensed pirates.

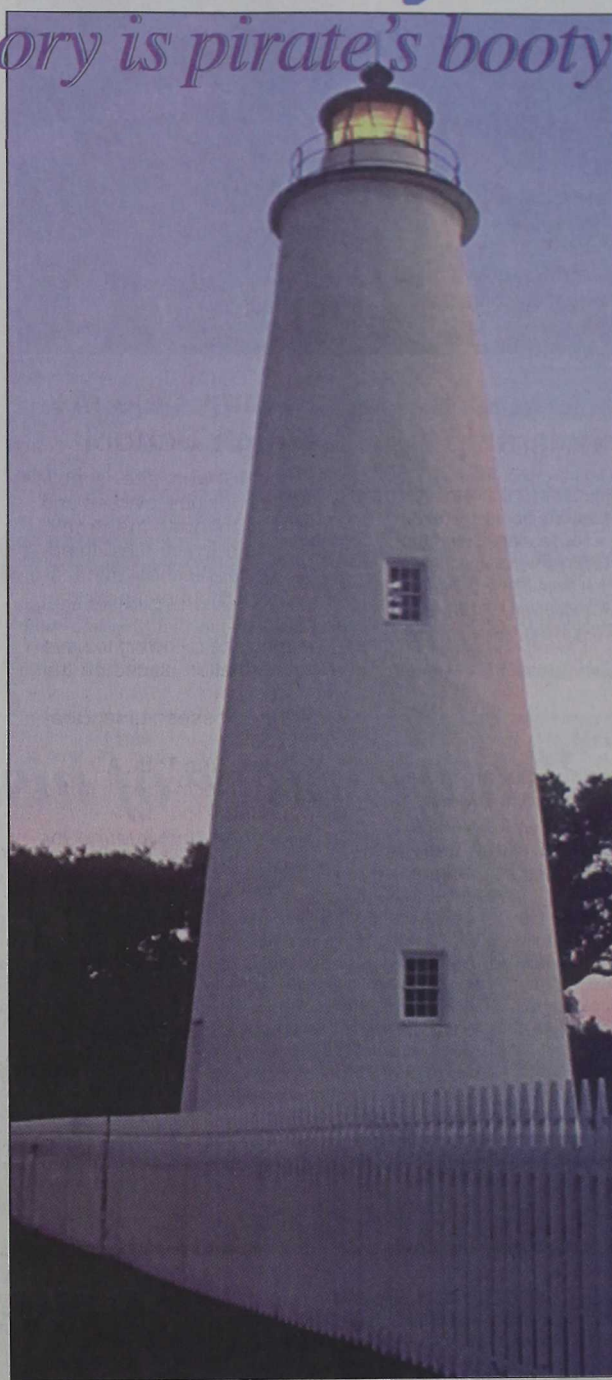
Around 1713, Blackbeard decided to end his career as a privateer and become a pirate under the command of Capt Benjamin Hornigold with whom he embarked on a tirade of chaos throughout shipping lanes from the American colonies to the Caribbean.

In 1717, Hornigold and Blackbeard captured a British-built ship named the *Concorde* off the coast of the Caribbean island of St. Vincent. This ship was owned by a Frenchman and was used to transport slaves from Africa to the New World. Hornigold gave this ship to Blackbeard, who renamed it *Queen Anne's Revenge*. With his new ship and a crew of 300 men, Blackbeard began his reign of terror.

Although, Blackbeard's sovereignty was short-lived, lasting from 1716 to his death in 1718, he has become the most famous pirate of that era and inspired writers to create characters such as Captain Hook and Long John Silver. Before a battle, Blackbeard would paint his long pitch-black beard into several braids and secure several lit slow burning cannon wicks under his hat. It was said to create a frightening appearance along with the many pistols and daggers he carried in a belt around his waist.

Blackbeard and his crew used numerous hideouts, but it is rumored that his favorite hideout was Ocracoke Inlet. Their hideout was referred to as Blackbeard's Castle, a house which stood in the village. An inlet not far from the village is still called "Teach's Hole" today. This inlet is where Blackbeard came to careen his ships.

In 1717, sea traffic was nearly at a standstill. Sailors were afraid to take their ships out for fear of a run-in with



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The Ocracoke Lighthouse is America's second oldest active lighthouse.

Blackbeard and his men. It was common knowledge that Blackbeard had forged a friendly relationship with the Governor of North Carolina, Charles Eden, and had also been paying the Governor for "protection." The people of North Carolina, tired of Blackbeard and his acts of terrorism on their ships, turned to Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of Virginia, for help. Spotswood was active in his attempts to suppress Blackbeard.

In the fall of 1718, rumors began to circulate throughout North Carolina that Blackbeard was hiding out in Ocracoke Inlet with his latest booty and was planning to make it a pirate's refuge.

On Nov. 21, 1718, two sloops manned by 60 sailors headed into the

inlet to capture Blackbeard and his men. On this fateful day, Blackbeard's reign of terror ended. The battle between the sailors and the buccaneers ended when Blackbeard lay lifeless with his throat cut and his body shattered with 25 bullet wounds.

Lieutenant Robert Maynard severed Blackbeard's head and suspended it beneath the bow sprit of the sloop he commanded. It is rumored that Blackbeard's ghost still haunts the island looking for his head.

Ocracoke offers sites of historical interest along with fishing, camping, beaches and many other forms of entertainment. For more information on Ocracoke see www.ocracoke-nc.com or for ferry locations, schedules and rates call (800) BYFERRY.

Wild world of working

I love to listen to people tell me about what they do for work. Mostly I like it because it's easier than actually having a job myself. I get to enjoy the thrills of employment vicariously without running the risk of having to really do anything.

My fascination with the world of work began when I was a child. In school one afternoon, we had to take turns describing what our fathers did for a living. My father worked as an engineering consultant at the time, doing some contract work for Welch's. As the teacher went around the room, individual kids popped up and told the class that their father was a doctor, a judge, a teacher, a lawyer, and so on. When it came to my turn, I announced proudly, "My Dad works in a jam factory!" All the other kids were suitably awed and went home, no doubt, to berate their father's for having such paltry, boring occupations by contrast.

Part of my job in being actively unemployed is to read the classified ads

religiously. This is another way I can come close to a job without actually having to do it. It never ceases to amaze me, the number and kind of jobs available, all purporting to pay well.

This morning I saw an ad for aircraft mechanics that pays \$1800 a week. I thought, for \$1800 a week, I could read everything ever written about avionics and build an airplane from scratch. What could possibly be so crucial about airplane

hold on really tight!"

The other job I thought I would like is the ubiquitous exotic dancer job. I mean, I'm sort of an exotic person and I can dance, sort of. Apparently this is not quite enough for this particular occupation. My audition wearing an authentic Bahrainian yashmak while doing "The Bus Stop," didn't win the rave reviews that I got from my kids in the living room. Go figure!

The military is notorious for weird and unique job descriptions. Of course, they have technical names to legitimize what these people actually do. But a quick interview usually reveals their real day-to-day activities. So what does a combat engineer actually do for a living? "Um, I... um, I blow things up!" There ya go! Pay that man \$1,800 a week! Speaking of jobs in the military, is there a designated MOS for the guy whose job it is to go around and

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repair that it brings in that kind of cash? I mean, peoples' lives and millions of dollars worth of equipment are at stake... but \$1800! For that kind of money, I would expect my mechanics to work on the aircraft while it's flying. "We'll provide goggles and gloves and you just make sure you

See WILD/3C

Reality versus perception...

Each year the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce publishes a glossy membership directory and quality of life guide and each year the same photos depict the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune.

The pictures are of Marine color guards and Marines in their ceremonial dress blues at Beirut Memorial.

This is understandable and shows the Marine Corps to the public at its finest, most patriotic image. But the day-to-day life of Marines is different.

The commercials by J. Walter Thompson (the Marine Corps' advertising agency) and photos in past membership directories depict one perception of the Marine Corps.

I have two photos that depict the reality of the Corps. The first photo is one I took a few years ago. It shows an exhausted Marine, in wet cammies and jungle hat, sitting with head bowed, holding his M-16 upright while, over his shoulder, a line of small American flags flutter in the breeze.

Perhaps it's a grungy photo, but it nonetheless captures the esprit de corps and patriotism of the Marine Corps.

The second photo was given to me by a fellow Marine while we were stationed here in the 1980s. The photo taken by Chuck Jenks captures the reality of Beirut. It shows a bombed building with a little girl standing among the ruins.

The day-to-day life of Marines is not a parade deck, rather, it's a lot less glamorous than dress blues and colors fluttering in the breeze. It is likely more time was spent on the parade deck in boot camp, than ever spent in an entire career as a Marine.

For 10th Marines, most days it's marching to the gun park and shining "bright work" on a 105 or 155mm howitzer. Of course, this is after a long weekend in the field running fire missions or RSOPs, while it seems the rest of the base is on a 96.

If you're 6th Marines (or another infantry regiment) you march to the armory to clean your M-16s and crew weapons for days after an equally exhausting time in the field.

The same can be said for FSSG Marines and the Ma-

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ines in squadrons at MCAS New River.

Rarely outside of THE GLOBE and other Marine publications is reality depicted, but to publicly and commercially show the Marine Corps closer to reality would not do justice to Marines or their cause.

Inarguably then, the Marine Corps should continue its "positioning strategy" as a spit and polish elite fighting force. Curiously, this positioning has its roots in Marine Corps Public Affairs. It dates back to the early beginning of World War II.

The Marine Corps was the first branch of service to implement a public affairs strategy using the media. The commandant realized the importance of image in recruitment and retention, so he called upon a fellow Marine, who in civilian life was an ad executive from J. Walter Thompson.

Together they formulated a strategy to open ground units to reporters and combat correspondents.

Initially, combat correspondents were civilians. Some years later, it became an MOS in the Marine Corps. Today, the Marine Corps gets high marks from civilian journalists for its conduct in accommodating their media coverage needs and those journalists discover the Marine Corps beyond Hollywood images.

They discover the Marine Corps through the eyes and ears of real Marines and what better image can the Marine Corps have than that?

In 1990, I interviewed a young second lieutenant who was in a training platoon at 2d Force Recon. During the Gulf War, a report surfaced about a courageous recon team, led by that young Marine lieutenant, being caught behind enemy lines.

The report went around the world and could have easily been "spun" into media hype by the Marine Corps and J. Walter Thompson, but they resisted what comes so natural in the corporate and media worlds.

Instead, they stayed on message, externally promoting the Marine Corps' elite image to the public, and continuing to nurture relations with the media.

The "open door" policy gives the media its story, then it lets them tell it through the eyes of Marines.

It is by no accident that in today's Corps, every Marine is not only a rifleman, but a Marine Corps public affairs representative. The reason for this is simple. Where the Marine Corps deploys in the world, the media is sure to follow closely.

So, my question is, "if you picked up the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce directory, would you rather see shots of Marines in action or on the parade deck?"

Email your responses to Fred Charles, concert@charlessassoc.com or fax (252) 638-6466.

Former Marine Fred Charles, owns a marketing firm in New Bern and is a past Chairman of the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce.

Stay Marine!

Latest Marine Corps 'Engagement' silver screen thriller

LCpl Ariel Linares

Camp Lejeune Combat Correspondent

Rules of engagement - Directives issued by competent military authority which delineate the circumstances and limitations under which United States forces will initiate or continue combat engagement with other forces encountered, according to the Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms.

The Marine Corps has once again taken center stage on the big screen with a riveting courtroom drama starring two of Hollywood's biggest stars.

"Rules of Engagement" stars Academy Award-winner **Tommy Lee Jones** ("Men In Black," "Double Jeopardy") and **Samuel L. Jackson** ("Pulp Fiction," "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace") as two Vietnam veterans and long-time friends in a fictional tale of loyalty, friendship and the bond that is formed within the military.

Jackson portrays Col Terry Childers, a highly-decorated Marine officer put on trial following a rescue mission gone awry. After completely dedicating his life to the Corps, with no wife and no children, he has everything he worked for taken away as a result of the botched mission and has to fight to regain his reputation, according to Jackson. Childers recruits the help of Col Hays Hodges, played by Jones, a Marine lawyer who was rescued by Childers from certain death during Vietnam. Although his record as a lawyer shows that he may be overwhelmed by the case, Hodges is indebted to Childers.

Jackson said taking on the role of a Ma-



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The country Morocco was used as a stand-in for Yemen in Paramount's "Rules of Engagement."

rine gave him "a lot of respect for the young men and women who are Marines." He trained with Marines extensively in order to understand the role of a Marine, not only as freedom fighters, but as hard-working, committed patriots to the United States. "These are very bright young people that are very proud they defend the rights we have," he added.

The versatility of Jones, who won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor in 1994 for his

role in "The Fugitive," and Jackson drive the film with militaristic precision and breadth.

With recent American Embassy issues in foreign countries, the crisis that "thickens the plot" validates the story line while giving it a sense of immediacy.

The movie boasts an outstanding supporting cast including **Ben Kingsley**, **Philip Baker Hall**, **Blair Underwood**, **Anne Archer**, **Bruce Greenwood** and former Marine captain

Dale Dye.

Underwood, whose father was in the Army, called the rigorous seven-day training he partook in preparation for his role as a Marine captain "one of the most amazing experiences of my life."

The film is directed by Academy Award-winner **William Friedkin** who won best director Oscars for "The French Connection" and "The Exorcist."

"Rules of Engagement" takes an unbiased approach to depicting the military's obligation to justice and its country.

James Webb, the movie's executive producer, said he had the idea for the movie and had been developing it for nine years before production began. "The rules of engagement issue is something that I've been involved with in many ways throughout my career," he said. Webb, a former Marine officer, formulated the story from his experiences in the Corps. He served in Vietnam as an infantry commander and said "despite a lot of the mythology... about the Vietnam War, the rules of engagement were taken very seriously."

During his time in the war, he earned the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He is one of the most decorated heroes from the war.

He said the tradition of the Corps and the duty of the individual Marine transcends personal rivalries, feelings and emotions. "In the Marine Corps, the definition of loyalty is that you will die for someone even if you don't like them," he stated.

Webb later served as a journalist and won an Emmy Award for his television journalism during the Beirut bombing. He also served as the Secretary of the Navy from 1987 - 1988.



Samuel L. Jackson plays the highly decorated Col Terry Childers in movie "Rules of Engagement."

'The Chosin Few' share piece of history with Staff Academy

Max Cribelar

GLOBE Contributor

On March 10, local members of the Coastal Carolina Chapter of "The Chosin Few" gave presentations to the Advanced Course and the Career Course at the Staff NCO Academy, Camp Geiger.

Presentations included the events which led up to, and surrounding the epic battle, and the fighting withdrawal from the "Chosin Reservoir," an area in the mountainous region of

North Korea, by the 1st Marine Division during the bitter winter of November-December 1950.

Presentations to the Career Course were given by chapter Vice President, **Donald P. Ivers**, who served with Easy Co, 2d Bn, 7th Marine Regiment and chapter member, **Gene Cowart**, who served with Able Co, 1st Bn, 11th Marine Regiment.

Presentations to the Advanced Course were given by, chapter member, **Pete Stapleton**, who served with Service Battery, 1st Bn, 11th Marine Regiment and Easy Co, 2d Bn, 5th Ma-

rine Regiment.

Each gave their personal account of the battle as it occurred to them, and the hardships that were endured while fighting in subzero temperatures and against overwhelming odds. Battle particulars such as when "The Chinese Peoples Armies" had the Division trapped were described.

The men fought and tried to withdraw down a twisting, one-lane dirt road, through 78 torturous miles of cold, endless enemy roadblocks and blown bridges to the U.S. Navy Ships waiting in Hungnam Harbor to evacu-

ate them plus over 100,000 North Korean men, women and children to safety.

In addition, after the presentations, a "Chosin Few" logo, Gold Starburst pin and an audio tape of the "Ballads of the Chosin" were presented to the Career Course NCOIC, **MSgt Gardiner**.

Max Cribelar, Historian of the Chapter, served with H&S, Baker and Charlie Co, 1st Bn, 5th Marine Regiment which provided close air support at Chosin.



Pete Stapleton, Chosin Few chapter member speaks at Career Course.

Finding out about a sister's love

The day I found out my sister really loved me I had to stay home because I was sick. My throat was very sore and it hurt a lot!

My Mom took me to see the doctor. He said that I needed to have my tonsils out. I didn't even know what tonsils were!

"How do they take them out?" I asked my Mom. "Does it hurt?" She told me that it would hurt only a little bit and that I had to be brave.

My operation was scheduled for the day after tomorrow. Two days! That wasn't enough time to convince myself that this operation thing was going to be OK!

"I'm home." It was my sister **Blare**. She was home from school.

Blare was four years older than me. She was nice to me most of the time but other times she could be so mean. She was mean in the way most sisters are, like always saying, "Get out of my room and don't touch my things." Not to mention, "Rachel, you are so annoying!" I hated that one the most! She always tells me that being mean is what big sisters are for. I knew that she wasn't telling the truth, because my Mom is always telling us, "The two of you are sisters. Friends will come and go but sisters are sisters for life!"

That night at dinner, my Mom was telling our family about the operation I was going to have in two days. I looked at Blare and she had this scared look on her face. She asked my Mom, "Is Rachel going to be OK?"

My Mom answered by saying, "Yes Honey, Rachel will be just fine."

I saw that Blare had tears in her eyes. I couldn't believe

it my sister was actually worried about me.

Blare started asking my Mom questions like, "Will it hurt her? How long does she have to stay in the hospital?" "Wow," I thought to myself, "she really does care about me!"

The next day, Blare couldn't have been any nicer to me. She was asking me questions like, "Can I get you a blanket? Do you need another popsicle? Can you see the television OK? Can I get you another pillow?"

I loved the way Blare was taking care of me. She had never been so nice to me.

The next morning, my whole family went to the hospital with me. I was so nervous. Blare grabbed my hand and held it really tight. She said, "Rachel, I am so sorry that I have been so mean to you. I love you very much. I'll be here waiting for you, when you wake up." She made me feel so special. That's when I knew that Blare really did love me, even though she doesn't always show it.

The operation was a complete success. My throat hurt a little for a couple of days, but the popsicles really

helped!

Things around my house have gotten back to normal. Blare started yelling at me again. I can't say that I was surprised.

The biggest lesson I have learned is that when your sister is mean to you sometimes, that's normal. When your sister says she loves you, she means it for life.

Kathy Deboer is the wife of an active duty Marine and a stay at home mom who enjoys writing in her spare time.



Stories from the heart

KATHY DEBOER

Book review: 'The Greatest Generation' by Tom Brokaw

LtCol Gregory J. Johnson USMC (ret)

Marine Corps Gazette

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny." Indeed they have. Newscaster **Tom Brokaw** has penned a special book about the youth who grew up during the Great Depression. Brokaw's sobriquet, "greatest generation," is appropriate. This is the generation that came of age to win World War II.

They won the first true global war. They made extraordinary sacrifices. And they returned home to rebuild their lives and give this world new literature, science, and industry, not to mention the most powerful peacetime economy in world history. They helped their former enemies rebuild their countries and stood ground against their former Russian ally. They framed an agenda for the last half of this unique century and firmly set the foundation for the new millennium we are

about to enter.

Rich in anecdotes, Brokaw uses an interesting cross-section of individuals to tell the stories of America's citizen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, and they are told with a sense of lesson.

Woven among the many personal chronicles are those of several Marines: **Gordon Larson**, **Joe Foss**, **Art Buchwald**, and **George Shultz**. While all the narratives make interesting reading, it is nice to read about these Marines in particular.

Brokaw writes for those of us from subsequent generations. He writes to elevate us to a higher ground so that we will gain better insight into our own current national path.

The *Greatest Generation* is good food for thought. Many, including Brokaw, are wondering if this country will ever again find such

greatness of purpose in a single generation. Brokaw is justifiably concerned about the particular course we are now embarked on as a Nation. He wonders about our lack of national

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purpose versus our focus on individual needs. Indeed, he may well have cause for concern.

The estuaries permeating this country today seem muddy. This Nation may well be on a new collision course with a destiny that is wanting. Something, without a name, is undermining our sense of purpose. It is something that needs to be addressed before we sink into an affliction that is eroding our ethic and may well remove us from our position of

leadership in the new world order. Failure to set a proper course soon could lead us to a grounding on the rocks and shoals of apathy. And that, I believe, is a subliminal message in this fine book.

Brokaw states that our greatest tribute to this greatest generation would be to reclaim a national spirit and purpose for the present and the future, rather than treat it as a relic of the past.

Each day we mourn the passing of more and more from the greatest generation. Should we be worried there may not be any to take their place? You bet! Read *The Greatest Generation*. It provides a message and answer we all need to think about and understand.

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LtCol Johnson, a naval aviator, retired in 1991. He currently serves as a research institute administrator at Penn State University's Applied Research Laboratory.

To take or not to take supplements

Natalie Neumann

MCCS Nutritionist

Many athletes are turning to nutritional supplements hoping to improve performance or alter body composition beyond genetic limitations. However the effectiveness and safety of many supplements and performance-enhancing drugs remains unclear.

Nutritional supplement regulations are far less stringent than those governing food, beverages, and drugs. Supplements sold over the counter are not necessarily proven safe and effective, because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not require such proof before the supplement is marketed. Because of little or no regulation, unscrupulous manufacturers draw consumers into their multi-billion dollar market through advertising and marketing.

A wide variation in quality, consistency, and purity of supplements exists in the marketplace. Keep in mind, that supplements that are used for research are pure, but consumers in the unregulated marketplace cannot be assured of the same purity in the products are available to them. Studies by various researchers have found unidentifiable impurities and inconsistencies in supplements on the market.



With the uncertainty of supplements, athletes should be placed on reaching performance and composition goals through traditional exercise diet, rather than supplements and drugs. How you choose to use supplements then do the following:

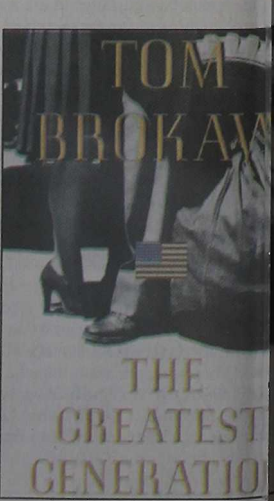
Always tell your physician if you are taking any type of supplement, to make sure you do not have any underlying conditions that may be aggravated through the use of supplements.

Educate yourself on supplements, using reliable sources. Research on supplements is rapidly changing. It is important to keep up-to-date. Some unbiased, reliable sources include the following:

National Institute of Health
Office of Dietary Supplements
www.odp.od.nih.gov/odp/bases/ibids.html, American College of Sports Medicine
www.acsm.org and the National Council Against Health Fraud
www.ncahf.org.

Also utilize your local sources, which include your physician, Semper Fit, Naval Hospital Promotions and the base library.

Due to the unknowns about supplements, it is recommended to use quality training and eat an appropriate diet. It is advised to eat a high carbohydrate with a wide variety of foods and adequate protein to prepare for optimal athletic performance.



Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Monday Masses	
Courthouse Bay Chapel	8 a.m.
CAS New River Chapel	9 a.m.
Transportation provided from Chapel	9 a.m.
Francis Xavier Chapel	8:45 a.m.
Weekday Masses (Monday-Friday)	8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
CAS New River Chapel (Mon-Thur)	11:45 a.m.
Francis Xavier Chapel (Mon-Fri)	11:45 a.m.
Tuesday Masses	
Francis Xavier Chapel	5 p.m.
Daily Masses	
Except Christmas/New Years	11:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Confessions	
Tuesday at St. Francis Chapel	4 p.m.
Contact unit chaplain	

JEWISH

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

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship/Religious Education

Annex Holy Communion Protestant Chapel	7:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service Base Theater	9 a.m.
Sunday School Protestant bldg. 67	9 a.m.
Evangelical Chapel Service Base Theater	10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Camp Geiger Chapel (Episcopal/Lutheran Liturgy)	8 a.m.
Brig	9 a.m.
Praise and Worship, Camp Geiger Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Camp Johnson Chapel	9 a.m.
Courthouse Bay Chapel	9 a.m.
Holy Communion, French Creek Chapel	9 a.m.
Midway Park Chapel	11 a.m.
Tarawa Terrace Chapel	10:30 a.m.
(Sunday School, Religious Ed. bldg.)	9:15 a.m.
New River Chapel	11 a.m.
Wed Night Alive French Creek Chapel (Bible Study)	5:30 p.m.
French Creek Chapel, Gospel Rock Cafe (Wednesdays)	11:30 a.m.
Wed Night YouthGroup	6:57 p.m.
(Middle School 6th-8th Grade) Camp Geiger Chapel	

ISLAM (MUSLIM JUMAH)

French Creek Chapel	1 p.m.
Call Cpl Ellis	451-3820

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Camp Johnson (St. Nicholas) Chapel	
Divine Liturgy Great Vespers (Saturday)	6:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy (Sunday)	10:30 p.m.
Feast Day Services/Special Service	To be announced

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Camp Geiger Chapel, Sunday Service	6:30 p.m.
Tarawa Terrace Chapel, Gratitude Service	
1st/3rd Mondays	7 p.m.
Point of contact: Chaplain Craft	451-3517
Everette Sharp	(252) 636-8744

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Call Bishop Maloney	743-2569
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Community Briefs

Semper Teen Program

The Semper Teen Program is held the first Saturday of every month. The program is for teens, ages 14-16, who would like the fitness centers. Teens must register days prior to the class dates. For information call 451-0823.

Personal Financial Workshops

Personal Financial Workshops will be every Wednesday at bldg. 202, Base Station Center, from 1-3 p.m. Learn the of financial management and plan-

ning, including checkbook maintenance and planning, debt reduction, and much more. For more information call 451-0174/2865.

Play and Grow

Play and Grow classes for parents and children ages 1 year and under will be held weekly. For more information call 451-5286.

Family University

The Family University offers two workshops monthly: The Secrets of Fast Tracking and Discovering Your Child's Design. For more information contact your unit Chaplain or call 451-5353

Camp Lejeune

Performing Arts Company

The CLPAC of Marine Corps Base, is seeking persons with theater experience. Anyone interested in becoming part of the CLPAC or volunteering in community theater, call the base theater at 451-2785. Please submit a resume of experience by April 15.

Single Marine Program

Single Marine Program council meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The meetings are held at the French Creek Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 451-0499.

Pump It Up

Pump it up with Marine Corps Community Services Camp Lejeune and 96.3, the HOT FM. We are all feeling the pinch at the pumps since gasoline prices have spiraled up! Marines always take care of their own, and MCCS is doing the same. MCCS Lejeune in conjunction with the HOT FM will fill up the first 250 vehicles of authorized MCCS patrons for 96.3 cents per gallon Wednesday beginning at 11 a.m. at Gas Plus Central Service Station on Holcomb Blvd. The jocks from 96.3 will be broadcasting live and pump-

ing gas (regular unleaded grade only) along with the MCCS employees until the 250 cars are full. MCCS will be accepting cash only and no containers are permitted. Revenues from any and all sales on base go to support the many free and low cost programs offered by MCCS. Tune into the HOT FM 96.3 for more details or contact Yolanda Mayo at 451-5713.

Jump, Jab and Abs

Jump, Jab and Abs will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at Area 3 Gym at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 451-0827.

from 1C

all those pairs of boots off the electric? Wow, they're not kidding when that it's more than just a job... it is a future!

about those jobs that are so complicated that they deal with things that actually exist. (And here I'm not about supply and support group.) I like that of a theoretical physicist. One of these guys comes home from this wife says, "So honey, what did this wife say, 'Oh, the usual'?" Does he say, "Oh, the usual"?

implied the origin of the universe in ing, and then had a conference with mechanics about quantum mechanics and then it was just a few more staring into space, thinking. Man, I

one of the better career opportunities here is a sensory panelist at Nabisco. something I assume is at least above wage (but if not, who cares?) you

can spend eight hours a day, eating various cookies in blind taste tests and rating them on such things as fracturability and molar packing. I can't imagine this is a job that incurs a lot of work-related stress. Do they have a sort of decompression chamber type protocol where they make their employees brush and floss before they clock out?

The other fascinating aspect of the world of work is the number of people in it who don't want to be! We have all encountered the phenomenon of people who have no clue how to do their jobs and don't really seem to want to. My question is, by what strange alignment of the stars did they all end up working at base legal? Just kidding! That was a joke, Sir... as in humor... you know, the British spell it with an "ou" ending? No?

Laura Wolanski is a single mother of four working toward a degree to become a certified teacher.

Living with Grief teleconference

Johnson
Home Health and Hospice

Home Health And Hospice will have more than 2,400 organizations across the United States and Canada on April 26 as hosts for the Hospice Foundation of America's seventh annual National Bereavement teleconference "Living with Grief: Children, Adolescents and Loss" live via satellite teleconference.

The teleconference will focus on ways to help children and adolescents cope with loss and insight and suggestions for those young people with issues that include, but not limited to, death, serious illness and divorce. The teleconference will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of "Cokie Roberts News" and will feature a distinguished panel of experts.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a non-profit organization that assists those who cope professionally with terminal illness, grief and bereavement.

The teleconference is supported in part by the Project on Death in the Open Society Institute, and the National Health Administration Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, funders of "Death A Per-

sonal Understanding" and John Hancock.

"While we often discuss how we grieve as adults, rarely do we consider the losses that children and adolescents must face," said Jack D. Gordon, President of the Hospice Foundation of America. "Whether they are grieving the death of a parent or grandparent, or they must face the loss involved in relocation or divorce, children and adolescents often do not know how to cope. This teleconference will present intervention techniques that caring adults can use to empower children and adolescents with effective coping skills."

The panel will include Nancy Boyd Webb, a social worker and expert on play therapy for bereaved children; Charles Corr, PhD, a professor who has written extensively on children, adolescents and grief; Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Margarita Suarez, a pediatric nurse, and Executive Director of AVANTA in Washington state; Dottie Ward-Wimmer, a pediatric nurse and children's bereavement counselor for the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing in Washington, D.C., and Betsy Wendt, a counselor for the D.C. Public School System.

For more information call Arnold Johnson at 451-5353 or Deborah Marshburn at 577-1660.

Coastal Carolina Community College

Presents Professor Anthony Janson speaking on "The Creation of a History of Art." Three one-hour lectures will be held on Monday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday in Coastal Carolina Community College Fine Arts Auditorium.

11 a.m.
12 p.m.
1 p.m.

Insights in Research and Writing a History
Public Forum on Art and Artists
History Use for General Education

Does measurement matter?

Regina A. B. Delgado and Christie Faircloth-Dixon
GLOBE Contributor

In December, the MCCS Marketing Research Department conducted on site surveys at three Holiday Family Affair locations: Dec. 4 at Marston Pavilion; Dec. 11 at Tarawa Terrace; and Dec. 18 at Midway Park. This was the second year we polled customers at holiday parties. Upon completing a survey questionnaire, participants were eligible to register to win a Sony Playstation and a game. Congratulations to the winner, Jaime Regal! A total of 189 patrons responded to the questionnaire: 84 at Marston Pavilion; 51 at Tarawa Terrace; and 54 at Midway Park.

Consistent with the previous year, the 1999 demographic results show survey participants were primarily enlisted female family members, 24-38 years old, who are married with children, and live on base. More respondents this year reported having children in the home. The ages of those young family members are still highly concentrated in the categories under 9 years.

We were pleased to find that most of our survey participants had attended a Holiday Affair before. We appreciate that repeat patronage and look forward to seeing those friendly faces again next year. In keeping with the season, each Holiday Family Affair was designed with a festive air, embracing vari-

ous exciting activities inspired for all ages.

For those in attendance, Santa, holiday entertainment, and a family atmosphere topped the list of attractions to these events. This year's respondents mainly garnered their enjoyment at the parties from visiting with jolly old St. Nick, toying with balloon sculptures, and registering for a multitude of giveaways. Participants had the opportunity to register for several prizes at each event, including a \$100 MCX gift certificate, a giant toy filled stocking, books, videos, and more. Also, each Holiday Family Affair offered parents and children several activities to enjoy together, such as creating seasonal crafts and writing letters to Santa.

Overall, our survey results indicate high levels of satisfaction with each Holiday Family Affair: Marston Pavilion, 98 percent; Midway Park, 96 percent; and Tarawa Terrace, 96 percent. Additional noteworthy data shows respondents consider events like the Holiday Family Affairs important to their quality of life aboard Camp Lejeune: Marston Pavilion, 96 percent; Midway Park, 95 percent; and Tarawa Terrace, 92 percent. Last but certainly not least, 100 percent of our patrons at all three events revealed they would recommend the Holiday Family Affair to a friend.

In addition to all those statistics, we were grateful that so many of our respondents took the time to write comments that offered

suggestions, extended praise, and provided encouragement to the MCCS Recreation folks who organized the events. Advice for future planning noted that "they had more vendors last year for the kids to shop," and "need more activities for older children," plus the "pizza they had last year is better than sandwiches." More than once, we were urged to "keep the events free." Keep in mind, the money you spend at MCCS facilities aboard Camp Lejeune is allocated to do just that.

The encouragement and praise came mostly in the form of gratitude, with numerous patrons echoing, "thank you very much."

Most respondents believed these were "great events for kids" and were "very pleased with the family atmosphere." Your MCCS community centers look forward to making your 2000 holiday season even more memorable!

Don't forget, Marston Pavilion, along with Tarawa Terrace and Midway Park Community Centers, hosts an enormous array of classes, special events, and activities throughout the year.

Look for information on upcoming events in this and every edition of MCCS Happenings, or visit the their website at www.mccslejeune.com. Remember, the next time you have the opportunity, tell them what you think!

Taxes: ask it here!

GySgt Dwayne E. Carhart
GLOBE Contributor

If I sell a home is the income taxable?

You generally can exclude up to \$250,000 of gain (500,000 if married filing a joint return) realized on the sale or exchange of a main home in 1999.

The exclusion is allowed each time you sell or exchange a main home, but generally no more than once every two years.

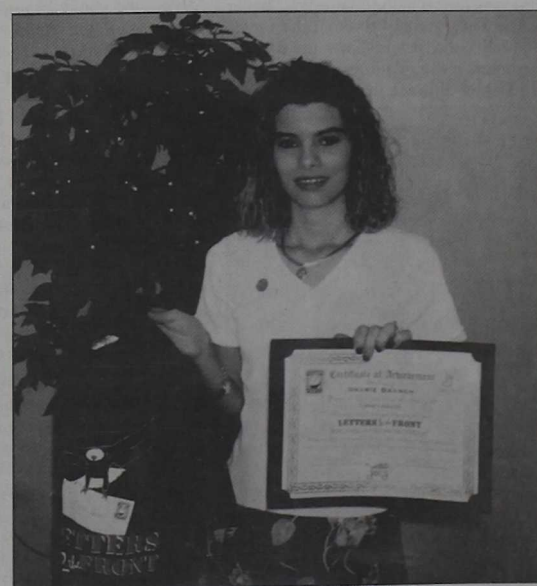
To be eligible, during the five year period ending on the date of the sale, you must have owned the home for at least two years, and lived in the home as your main home for at least two years.

Married individuals filing jointly who do not qualify for the \$500,000 exclusion for gain on a sale of a home because they do not satisfy the two-year ownership test, the two-year use test, and the prohibition on any other sale or exchange of a residence within the last two years, the limit on the amount of excludable gain should be calculated separately for each spouse.

In that case, the maximum exclusion for the couple is equal the sum of the exclusions to which the spouses would otherwise be entitled if they had not been married.

For sales before May 7, 1997, different rules applied. Under those rules, you had to buy and live in a new home within a specified replacement period in order to postpone paying tax on all or part of the gain from the sale of your main home.

For more information on both the old and new laws, stop by the Base Tax Center, Building 1209 or call us at 451-3030 with any questions.



Courtesy Photo

LETTERS TO THE FRONT WINNER—Sharie Branch, wife of Sgt Brian Branch, EOD, Camp Lejeune, was the local winner of the age 19 and above category in the "Letters To The Front" national letter writing contest. This contest was coordinated by the Lejeune chapter of the Retired Officers Association and was designed to send tens of thousands of letters of support to American troops overseas in Bosnia, Hungary, Macedonia, Kosovo and the DMZ in Korea.

Marines have mixed feelings about 'Rules of Engagement'

Some Marines got to see the movie "Rules of Engagement" before its release, courtesy of Paramount Pictures, and came away with mixed feelings about how much they liked it. I'm not here to review the film only to let you know that it's now playing in the area.

The theater was packed and after the mumbles died down about the shooting badges placed wrong, everyone settled down to a, bottom line, entertaining film.

The film's creator, executive producer, and co-writer was former Secretary of the Navy,

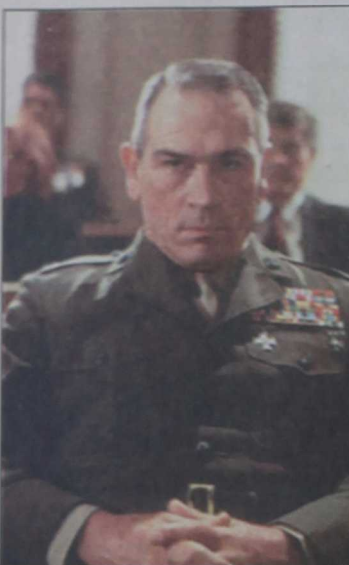
Week kicks off Saturday from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Base Library Conference Room. Now, I would hope that you take the time to drop by to see the latest selections the library has to offer.

Want to get ahead? You can check out books from the Commandant's recommended reading list. What's that? Your fingers are too sore after the rifle range to turn pages. Well, the library has books on tape and you can even rent videos.

Don't feel like walking? Drop by building 54 after evening chow and I'll drive you down. This will give me an excuse to get out of work early. Just in case someone is crazy enough to come by, don't expect me to drive you back.

Notice to my regular twenty viewers of LCTV-10, be sure to catch a new video from GOOD TO GO VIDEO called "The Making of a Marine." I plan to show it Friday at 7:30 p.m. You can check out their website at www.goodtogo.com for their other USMC based videos.

In the music video department, the good folks of MCCS were able to get LCTV-10 the latest from Stabbing Westward, Youssou N' Dour, Bob Marley, The Tuesdays, and the cool Blues of John Lee Hooker. If this was



Tommy Lee Jones plays the role of Col Hayes Hodges in the military movie, "Rules of Engagement."

not enough, we also have some classic Beatles and a recent interview with Ringo Star. I even have some more 'N Sync.

These guys are hot. No, I'm not a fan, just impressed with their numbers. Their third album, "No Strings Attached," has made music history. Its debut sold more than 2.4 million units in its first week of sales, breaking the record set by the Backstreet Boys whose "Millennium" moved 1.13 million copies its first week out. This also marks the first time in the ten year Sound Scan era that any album has exceeded the 2 million mark in a single week.

Don't forget to drop by the MCCS base exchange to pick up your copy. They even have my favorite opera stars.

Now you can do me a favor. My one hard charging videographer fire team that brings you "Camp Lejeune Today" has been all over the place to bring you the base news.

You'll see, if you haven't already, the rifle matches, interviews with Marines from every corner of the base, words of wisdom from the generals, Boy Scouts, LINK volunteers, MEU families, high school students, etc., all in the last few weeks.

The two things I need from you is, if you feel that I have not covered your unit and you have a story that can be told in two minutes or less (I can't do documentaries) let me

know. Call LCTV-10 at 451-1972.

Second, all this effort is for you.

Make sure Command Channel is tuned in Monday, Wednesday, at noon and 5:30 p.m. All MCCS can be tuned in during these times. Isters and barbershops have tele can be changed for 15 minutes. see your stories.

No other Base Command C brings you a twice weekly news p we do it in true Marine Corps tra with less.

One area I have not been able much as I would like is sports. I to be LCTV-10's sportscaster? C week I'll tell you about the new gram I'm starting.

Command Cable is a "public we need your support, ideas and

If you rather be doing someth after work and would like to learn a story using a video camera, call ter coordinator, 2nd Lt Dan Mc 451-7424 or 2751.

Maj Larry Costales, USMC charge of Camp Lejeune's burge television initiative (Channel 1)

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COSTALES



James Webb. He conceived the idea of the movie in 1989 from his experiences in dealing with the rules of engagement as a grunt in Vietnam, a journalist in Beirut, and as the Secretary of the Navy during the Persian Gulf incidents of 1987 and 1988.

You can read about the problems Webb had in getting the film done in *Proceedings* magazine, April edition.

Speaking about reading, Nation Library

TIME	FRIDAY APRIL 7	SATURDAY APRIL 8	SUNDAY APRIL 9	MONDAY APRIL 10	TUESDAY APRIL 11	WEDNESDAY APRIL 12	THURSDAY APRIL 13
9:30 a.m.	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Razor Sharp	Forged with Spirit and Pride	Naval Hospital Consumer Health
10 a.m.	The Crucible	The Crucible	The Crucible	Fierce Pride	The Crucible	Fierce Pride	The Crucible
11 a.m.	Semper Fit	Semper Fit	Semper Fit	Semper Fit	Semper Fit	Semper Fit	Semper Fit
12 p.m.	Camp Lejeune Today	Camp Lejeune Today	Cooking with Tony	Camp Lejeune Today	Reality Check	Camp Lejeune Today	Cooking with Tony
12:30 p.m.	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Navy Marine Corps News	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Navy Marine Corps News	Camp Lejeune After Hours
1:30 p.m.		Cooking with Tony				Col Russel Eve Interview	Col Russel Eve Interview
2 p.m.	Leathernecks in Skirts						
2:30 p.m.	Music Videos	Profiles of Leadership	Profiles of Leadership	Music Videos	Razor Sharp	Music Videos	Profiles of Leadership
3 p.m.	Profiles of Leadership	U.S. Coast Guard	U.S. Coast Guard	Monfort Point and Beyond	Making of a Marine	II MEF Operational Perspective	U.S. Coast Guard
4:30 p.m.	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos
5 p.m.		Cooking with Tony	Cooking with Tony	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Navy Marine Corps News	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Navy Marine Corps News
5:30 p.m.	Camp Lejeune Today	Missing in Action	Missing in Action	Camp Lejeune Today	Sea Dragon	Camp Lejeune Today	Cooking with Tony
7 p.m.	Navy Marine Corps News	Navy Marine Corps News	Navy Marine Corps News		University/College Review	University/College Review	University/College Review
7:30 p.m.	Making of a Marine	A Fellowship of Valor (150 min)	A Fellowship of Valor (150 min)				

Base theater heats up with box office hit 'Boiler Room'

The box office hit "Boiler Room" is just one of the great movies now playing at the base theater.

This "Wall Street" like thriller, tells the story of the rise and fall of a college dropout who joins a small stock brokerage firm where he masters the art of the "cold call" but where he also is quickly drawn into a world of corruption and greed.

Giovanni Ribisi ("Saving Private Ryan," "The Other Sister") stars as Seth Davis, an enterprising college dropout who joins the inner sanctum of J. T. Marlin, a fly-by-night brokerage house.

Mastering the art of the company's "boiler room," he rises quickly through the ranks, only to realize the firm is shady and corrupt. He also enters into a relationship with his co-worker, Debbie Hilliard, the firm's reception-

ist, played by Nia Long.

The rest of the cast is made up of Ben Affleck ("Armageddon") as the recruiter who brought Seth into the firm; Tom Everett Scott as the head of J. T. Marlin; Vin Diesel ("Saving Private Ryan") as Chris



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Varick, the young broker who teaches Seth the ways of the "chop shop" (selling bad stocks to suckers); Nicky Katt as Greg Feinstein, Seth's arrogant and envious mentor; and Ron Rifkin as Seth's father, a respected New York judge.

Written and directed by newcomer Ben Younger, the "Boiler Room" is about money and the ruthless pursuit of it. It is also a dramatic look at a generation obsessed with the speed of wealth and success.

"Boiler Room" combines the pace of an action movie with the psychological complexity of a good character study.

If you can't wait 'til it hits the base theater, "American Beauty" is now showing at theaters throughout Jacksonville.

"American Beauty" is another story of family dysfunction in the suburbia American way of life, only this time it is in the form of a satire. It is the story of eight people of two generations, two sexes, and two different views of life.

Kevin Spacey ("Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," "L.A. Confidential") stars as Lester Burnham, a family man with a great job, a faithful wife, Carolyn, played by Annette Bening ("American President," "Regarding Henry"), and a lovely

daughter, Jane, played by Thora Birch.

Approaching a mid-life crisis, Lester goes through several changes that makes this picture-perfect family life slowly crumble. The neighboring family also has big problems.

Among the superior ensemble cast are Mena Suvari as the sultry Angela, Jane's best friend; Peter Gallagher as real estate colleague, Buddy Kane; also Chris Cooper as the strict Marine Col Fitts, Allison Janney as his wife, Barbara, and Wes Bentley,

as their son, Ricky, the equally turbulent next door neighbors. Also appearing are Scott Bakula and Sam Robards.

Stage director Sam Mendes makes his feature film debut; he is known mostly for his outstanding Broadway credits of Cabaret and the Blue Room.

Mendes and writer Alan Ball introduce the moviegoer to the chaotic world found on the tree-lined street of Robin Hood Trail, Anytown, USA.

"American Beauty" is a morbidly funny family satire and has already raked in numerous awards, including eight Academy Awards nominations.

At the recent Academy Awards ceremony it won Oscars for best picture, best director, best actor, and best original screenplay.



Mena Suvari plays Angela in the movie "American Beauty."

Camp Lejeune

Friday	Hanging Up PG13 7 p.m.	Boiler Room R 9:45 p.m.
Saturday	The Tigger Movie G 2 p.m.	Hanging Up PG13 7 p.m.
Sunday	The Tigger Movie G 2 p.m.	Boiler Room R 7 p.m.
Monday	The Talented Mr. Ripley R 7 p.m.	
Tuesday	Down To You PG13 7 p.m.	
Wednesday	Gun Shy R 7 p.m.	
Thursday	Hanging Up PG13 7 p.m.	

New River

Friday	Down To You PG13 7 p.m.	The Talented Mr. Ripley R 9:45 p.m.
Saturday	Down To You PG13 7 p.m.	The Talented Mr. Ripley R 9:45 p.m.
Sunday	Down To You PG13 3:30 p.m.	The Talented Mr. Ripley R 6:45 p.m.
Monday	Gun Shy R 7 p.m.	
Wednesday	Gun Shy R 7 p.m.	

No shows Tuesday or Thursday
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Having a hard time deciding which movie to see? These are the movies playing at the Camp Lejeune and New River base theaters this week:

The Tigger Movie

Voices of Jim Cummings, Nikita Hopkins, Winnie the Pooh and his friends are busy preparing a suitable winter home for Eeyore. Tigger, who is just too playful, decides to find some other Tiggers to play with.

The Talented Mr. Ripley

Starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow. When a wealthy ship builder's son goes to Italy to find and bring back his playboy son, he has no idea how extremes this boy will go through to make the rich playboy's lifestyle his own.

Gun Shy

Starring Liam Neeson, Sandra Bullock. A DEA agent suffering from past trauma and emotional scars after his cover has been blown finds that he is no longer undercover. Now, he must overcome his fears and perform one last mission before he can retire.

Down To You

Starring Freddie Prince Jr., Julia Stiles. A young couple's passionate romance takes them down the powerful path of first love. Set against the chaotic backdrop of college lifestyle in New York City where the opportunity to wander astray from a commitment is extremely powerful.

Hanging Up

Starring Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, Lisa Kudrow. Three sisters, Eve, Mia, and Maddy, deal with life, love and death on the telephone when they learn their father, after years of wild living, constant phoning and driving them crazy, is threatening to die.



Giovanni Ribisi plays the role of Seth Davis in the movie "Boiler Room."

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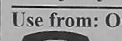
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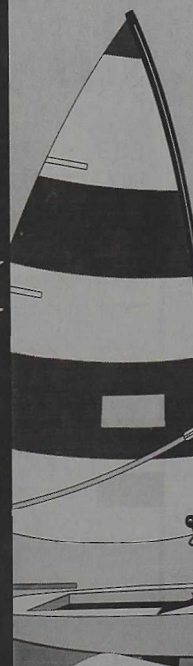
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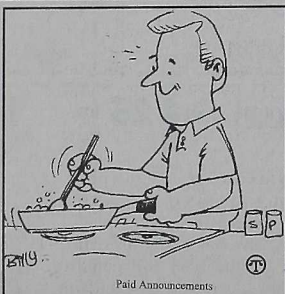


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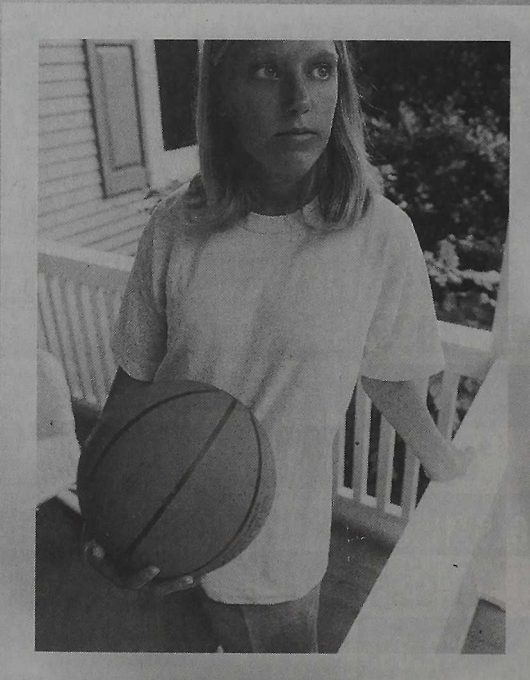
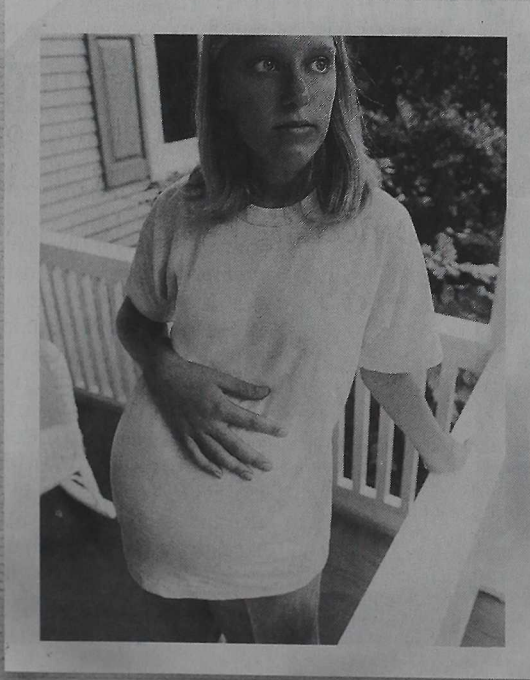


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OSU bucks Pirates, wins Lacrosse Classic

E. S. Harcher
Globe Sports Editor

The Ohio State University Lacrosse Club emerged victorious from the Lejeune Lacrosse Classic IV tournament held here Sunday.

After allowing only two goals in tournament play, the Buckeyes earned the right to face East Carolina University's club.

"ECU is definitely a good team," said OSU attackman Gavin Mosby. "They played us hard."

That may have been unexpected, as the two clubs battled in a scoreless first quarter before Ben Kley drew first blood for the Pirates with an over-the-back shot into the net. The goal was only the third scored against OSU's Jason Friedman in the two-day tournament.

Stunned, the Buckeyes clamped down on the swarming Pirates. Despite intense pressure from Kley and fellow attackman Andrew Puryear, ECU held onto a slim one-point advantage as the first quarter drew to a close.

With little more than 15 minutes left in the half, Mosby scooped up a loose ball from a wide shot by Puryear and scored through traffic, tying the match at 1 apiece.

John Alexander followed up moments later to give the Bucks their first lead of the match.

A furious drive by the Pirates with 20 seconds left in the first half came up empty, and the clubs went into halftime with OSU in the lead.

Though the Buckeyes seemed more composed entering the second half, the Pirates, behind attackman Steve Carvo, evened up the score quickly as he capitalized on a wide-open goal.

The chanting crowd of Pirate fans, emboldened by several turnovers and blocked shots, broke into cheers of "bring the pain, white" as Kley added two more goals to give ECU a comfortable lead.

Mosby cut into that lead with one shot, and tied the game minutes later to end the third quarter, tied 4-4. Tony Descrenzo was credited with the assist.

Determined, with visions of defeating the 4-0 Buckeyes still in sight, the Pirates poured on the defense. Using a swarm defensive strategy, ECU

attempted to wear down the quickly-tiring Buckeyes. Sure stick handling and conservative play by OSU overcame the onslaught, and with 1:15 left in the game, Alexander put the Buckeyes ahead for good with a low shot into the ECU net.

With 44 seconds left, ECU used a time out to regroup for a final attempt at the tying goal, but came up empty.

OSU's Josh Wellen, fed by Mosby, iced the game with 15 seconds left, securing the 6-4 win.

"The game definitely matched the two best teams," said ECU middle Jimmy Viera. "We played them as hard as we could, and I'm very proud of my team. Hats off to OSU; they have a really nice team."

"We wanted OSU in the final," said ECU co-captain David Steele. "They showed they were a pretty good team throughout the tournament, and we felt it would be a really great match-up and test of our skill."

Though the Buckeyes' charge through the competition seemed unstoppable, the skill level of the other 10 teams kept the tournament enjoyable, said Capt Mark Oswell, co-captain of the Lejeune Lacrosse Club.

See OSU/2D

ander, OSU midfielder, blocks out a swarm of ECU defenders on his way to the goal.



E. S. Harcher

Puryear, ECU attackman, shoots wide the stick check of OSU's Josh Wellen, Marlye Mosby.



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OSU middle Jeff Epstein absorbs a body check by Chris Burgess during a blocked shot on goal.



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Down by one, OSU defenseman Pete McGraw applies heavy pressure to Andrew Puryear late in the third quarter.

Sports Spotlight: The equestrian

udy T. Hartman, a Marine Corps Lt. Col., is on active duty with the United States Public Affairs Office. After the myriad administrative tasks large, Hartman pursues the true in her life: training horses. she sat down with THE GLOBE editor to discuss her equestrian interests.

How did you begin your involvement

with equestrian competition?

H: When I was 4, my parents bought me a pony. I've been riding ever since.

As I got older, I rode English at a nearby stable. When I first saw the other horses jumping, I thought it was the neatest thing in the world. I was always there, so when the owners figured out I wasn't going anywhere, I began working in exchange for lessons.

See SPOT/3D

His Marine captain stood tall

has claimed a former Marine captain who won the Medal of Honor on Iwo Jima three years after the Japanese offered him a contract.

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obby, you're 5-9, 155, if that. How and why did the ever try and sign you?" a t once asked.

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of rookies," a record book noted.

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ose days, Illinois might scrimmage a Monmouth or or another small Illinois school for a quarter or a half. L.A. Rams also did that in the early '50s with atched Navy and Marine teams from Southern illia.

ed Illinois coach Bob Zuppke recommended Dunlap,

to the Eagles because he made 10 or 12 tackles.

truth was that Bobby, like Ted Williams, had 20-

10 or better vision.

"I could read the quarterback's lips in the huddles and knew where the play was going," Dunlap said.

Zuppke obviously didn't know that.

Dunlap carried war wounds with him through the years as he taught and farmed in and near Monmouth, a western Illinois community.

He was a 1942 graduate of Monmouth College, finishing several months before his cousin, (Adm.) James Stockdale, entered.

On the campus, the Dunlap Terrace leads to the Stockdale

Student Center.

As long as his health permitted, Dunlap went to Medal of Honor functions in Washington.

"When the President says jump, you jump," he said with a smile.

But his health didn't allow him to attend the opening of a national Medal of Honor exhibit in Indianapolis last Memorial Day weekend.

Jack Lummus, an end with Baylor and the New York Giants, also won the Medal of Honor on Iwo.

Both served in the 5th Marine Division.

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There is Megabass, Rebel, Storm Lures, Heddon, Excalibur, Smithwick, Bomber and Rapala's, just to name a few.

You can pay anywhere from \$3 - 25 for the different types of baits depending on the quality of the lure you want and how dedicated you are.

You can also look at the craftsmanship of the lures and tell the differences between the more and less expensive ones. The more expensive lure almost looks real, from the eyes right down to the color variation of the pattern on the scales.

Some fishermen don't believe in paying \$25 for a lure either. They'll say the cheaper lures work just as well. I believe the situation dictates which type of top-water lure to use for bass.

Although the choice of lures is endless, everybody has their favorite lure they like to fish with.

Everything from the weather to the structure in the water affect bass when it comes to catching them on

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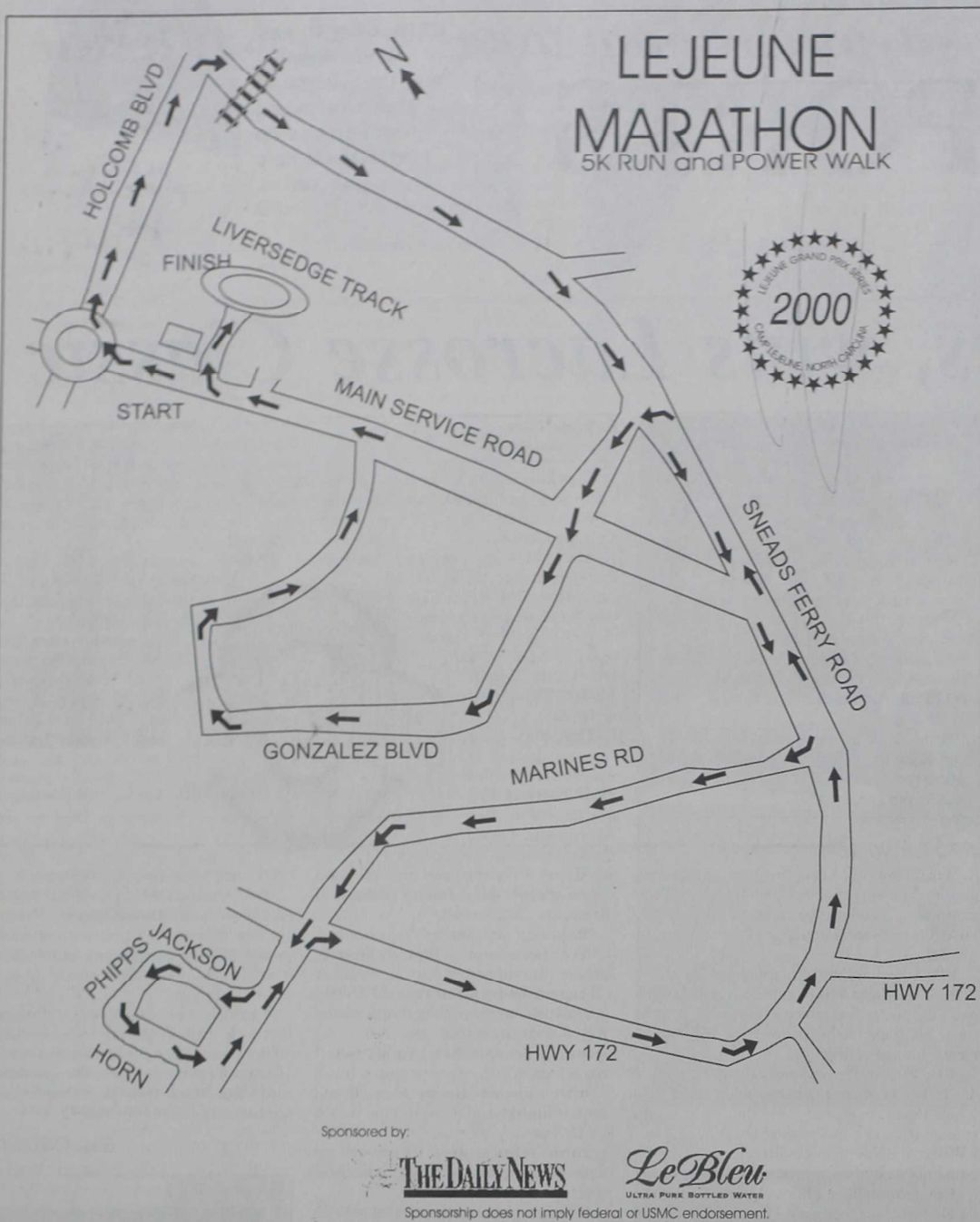
Again, this is when the more realistic looking lures appear to work better.

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Lejeune Marathon tomorrow. Course map on 2D



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Holcomb Blvd - One lane closed 8 - 9 a.m.

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| ECU | 11 | Buff | 3 |
| NCSU | 6 | Buff | 4 |
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| CF | 3 | Chas | 0* |

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OSU from 1D

"This tournament was a good experience for our young players," Oswell continued. "It gave them a chance to see some really good lacrosse from a great mix of clubs. It also gave us a chance to see how we, in eastern North Carolina, stand against the rest of the nation."

With teams from as far away as Buffalo, New York, competing in the tournament, the Lejeune team had no shortage of opposition.

"We loved the tournament and had a really great time," said OSU defenseman **Daryle Mosby**. "It was well organized, even though they had to reorganize since some of the teams didn't come."

The Lejeune club, which recorded a 3-1 record in the tourney, hosts the tournament each year to bring

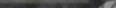
a wider selection of opponents, like the OJL, on its schedule.

The tournament was also the only set of home games for the club.

"We played a lot of away games this year," said, "but it just goes to show that our team can play anywhere and play anyone."

For the Buckeyes, success in the Lacrosse Invitational may provide a lift in their upcoming tourney at the Midwest conference of the National Lacrosse League.

The OSU club does not plan on defense next year, as team sentiment is leaning year's Mardi Gras tournament in New O



OSU defenseman **Pete McGraw** chases ECU's most deadly scorer, **Steve Carmo**.

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Rockies	1 - 0
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Stadium rededicated honor veterans

Monument erected 48
years after dedication

Reading, Penn. — The Reading Phillies, affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, Inc., held a rededication ceremony for GPU Stadium to honor regional veterans.

The stadium with its new monument to Berks County's Veterans that we rededicated here today shall be a lasting tribute to the men and women who served in our Nation's Armed Forces in time of war and peace," said Douglas F. Didyoung, Sr. Commander Combined Veterans Council of Berks County.

"These citizens responded to the call of duty, honor, country, leaving family and home to serve with pride and a willingness to sacrifice. It is with deep humility and great pride that we dedicate this tribute to them, their families and their service. May this monument be a lasting reminder to all that 'Freedom Is Not Free!'"

The ceremony was attended by several representatives of GPU, Inc. including C.O.O. and President Robert Wise, congressman Tim Holden, state Senator Michael O'Pake, state Representative Dante Santoni, City of Reading Mayor Joe Eppheimer, City Council and the Reading Phillies Front Office Staff.

"We feel that this monument with its size and prominent location shows that the Reading Phillies and GPU are sensitive to the importance and intent of the original dedication of the stadium," Domino concluded.

500 spectators attended the ceremony which featured the unveiling of a monument dedicated to the veterans near the base of the stadium. The monument is a high replica of "dog tags" with the inscription, "Dedicated To All Veterans Of Our Community." The brick base of the monument features a plaque that indicates the

original dedication of the stadium to the veterans (July 15, 1951) and the rededication date of March 25, 2000.

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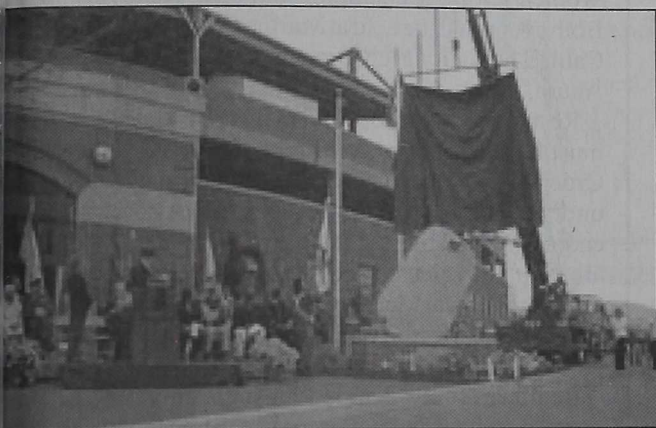


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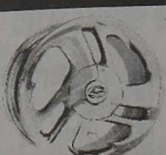
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Naval Hospital takes Volleyball Title

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Naval Hospital took down the previously undefeated Headquarters and Support Bn, Marine Corps Base, team in the Intramural Volleyball championship Wednesday night at the Area 4 gym.

Though Base had beaten the Hospital team twice in the regular season, injuries took their toll in the tournament finals.

"This has definitely been a good tournament," said Base captain, GySgt Robert Kellum. "There haven't been any blowouts, and we haven't won two in a row through the whole thing. It is very competitive, but we have a lot of talent on our team. We rely a lot on 'the Sherminator,' Sgt Kevin Shermer."

"We've had some injuries, but we're going to try to battle through them," Kellum said as the team entered the court. "Hopefully we can pull this one off and finish our season the way it started."

"We plan to just play solid," said Naval Hospital captain LT Nate Hawkes. "We have come together really well in the last few games. We have lost twice to Base already, and we need a win."

To get that needed win, the Hospital team rallied behind the net play of Hawkes and PO2 Phil Misciagno to win the first game 25-21.

"We just made too many mental mistakes," said Shermer. "They are putting us right where they want us, and we haven't gotten back to our game plan."

In the second game, Naval Hospital continued the offensive onslaught, carving out a 25-22 win and pushing the championship into a second set.

"We lost our first match of the season right there," Shermer said during the intermission. "We just made too many mental mistakes and had some bad breaks."

Hawkes continued to thread the needle at the net, placing well-aimed spikes through the fingers of Chris Bartley and Kellum.

Base was caught in an all-too-familiar spot, down 24-19 when Hawkes slammed a crushing spike to end the game.

Backed into a corner, Base refused to roll over and die in the second game, and put it away, 26-24.

With the championship on the line, the two teams battled back and forth throughout the final game.

Base held onto a slim lead, until a questionable call tied the game at 12. After resuming play, Base' spirit was obviously broken. Naval Hospital pulled away to win 15-13.

"I am extremely proud of this team," said CAPT Denzel Garner, Executive Officer of Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune. "I knew they were good, just not this good. They have done us proud."

LT Nate Hawkes spikes over Base' Donald Colins, center, and Reggie Bartley.

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SPOT from 1D

When I was 15, I bought a horse without my parents' knowing. He had been bought and sold nine times in two years because he was psychotic. I sold him two years later, after a lot of training, for \$10,000.

ED: So you trained the 'psychotic' horse?

H: Yes. The first six months, I spent a lot of time and TLC just getting to know him and gaining his trust. For horses to be trained right, they need to have a human connection.

ED: What is the best part of training horses?

H: The best thing is being able to take them when they are young and make them into something, like when I bought my first horse. I took an unridable animal and trained him until you could put a child on his back and feel safe.

ED: Do you have a horse now?

H: Yes. I just bought a 4-year-old Holsteiner gelding. I keep him at my parents' house right now. He has some training already, and I'm going to use him for dressage.

ED: Which event is your favorite?

H: I've done everything from teen roping to combined show, but my favorite is dressage.

ED: Why dressage?

H: Because it is so disciplined and precise. It is utterly beautiful.

I remember someone once said 'dressage is like watching cement set,' but that is only if you don't know what it's about. The teamwork between the horses and riders is like a dance.

ED: With so much work involved, how do you find time?

H: Training horses is my life. When it becomes your true passion, you don't even have to think about finding time. It just happens.

ED: Have you been able to combine your two lives: horses and the military?

H: The Marine Corps was something that came about because I thought I was burned out. But when I went to Okinawa

and spent almost a year without seeing a horse, I realized I wasn't really burned out at all. I found a horse on Oki, in a secluded little farm where they had an arena. It was just a round patch of sand, but I saw it from the road and just had to get to it.

Later on, I competed with the Marine Corps Equestrian team in the Royal Windsor Horse Show in England. We had to borrow some of the Queen's horses to compete, since we didn't have our own. The history of horses and the military goes way back, but we are one of the few military forces that doesn't have any horses.

ED: How did you fare at that competition?

H: We didn't really do well. The borrowed horses were a definite factor, but the other teams were really well-trained.

ED: How long will you keep training and riding?

H: All my life. As long as I'm able to get out there with the horses, I will continue.

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Now, retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Richard Yanku, 47, is off the air but still playing to an eager, if captive, audience at Suffolk's John Yeates Middle School.

Radio was Yanku's life. "I loved it all — queuing up the records, doing the intros, having a captive audience — and a following," he recalled of his 20-year career as a military journalist.

In 1984, Yanku's travels carried him onto the cruiser Yorktown and its venture across Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy's threatened Line of Death in the Gulf of Sidra off the Libyan coast.

In August 1990, he was deployed to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and then to the King Khalid Military Center.

There — in desert temperatures hovering around 100 degrees — Yanku helped establish KMC, one of three Armed Forces Radio Service mobile stations in Saudi Arabia.

When Radio Desert Shield hit the airwaves on Oct. 9, 1990, it was Yanku's voice the troops heard, greeting them with "Good morning, Saudi Arabia!" — a salute to Adrian Cronauer, the renegade military DJ portrayed by actor Robin Williams in the 1987 movie "Good Morning, Vietnam."

Yanku ushered in the station's carefully selected debut song, "Rock the Casbah," a hit by The Clash, full of references to

Bedouins, sheiks and Cadillacs. "I loved being able to bring the voice of home to the desert," he said.

During his teenage years in Albany, N.Y., Yanku idolized radio sportscasters and disc jockeys. After school every day, he pedaled his bike downtown to watch disc jockeys broadcast from storefront windows.

Practical considerations — less than stellar grades and no scholarships — led him away from broadcasting to a two-year degree in accounting. But during the summer of '72, the Vietnam War was still raging, Yanku's student deferment was running out, and he was holding a low draft number.

Enlistment seemed like a good idea. By January 1973, he was on his way to Navy boot camp, just 23 days before peace was declared. Yanku stayed on board for journalism training and the career of his dreams.

From Midway and the Philippines to several duty stations across the country, Yanku reported, wrote and directed the news, shot photos and was on the air on both television and radio.

After returning to Norfolk from Saudi Arabia in December 1990, Yanku, now a Virginia Beach resident, faced retirement with the realization that an on-air job in civilian radio would be too difficult to land and too unstable for a husband and father of four daughters.

Meanwhile, he hasn't forsaken broadcasting. Yanku is the court-side announcer at Nansemond River High School's home basketball games.

"Good evening, Suffolk," Richard Yanku is behind the mike again.

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GUNN from 1D

Rank and organization: Captain, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, 5th Marine Division.

Place and date: On Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 and 21 February 1945. Entered service at: Illinois. Born: 19 October 1920, Abingdon, Ill.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, 5th Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 20 and 21 February, 1945.

Defying uninterrupted blasts of Japanese artillery, mortar, rifle and machinegun fire, Capt Dunlap led his troops in a determined advance from low ground uphill toward the steep cliffs from which the enemy poured a devastating rain of shrapnel and bullets, steadily inching forward until the tremendous volume of enemy fire from the caves located high to his front temporarily halted his progress.

Determined not to yield, he crawled alone approximately 200 yards forward of his front lines, took observation at the base of the cliff 50 yards from Japanese lines, located the enemy gun positions and returned to his own lines where he relayed the vital information to supporting artillery and naval gunfire units.

Persistently disregarding his own personal safety, he then placed himself in an exposed vantage point to direct more accurately the supporting fire and, working without respite for 2 days and 2 nights under constant enemy fire, skillfully directed a smashing bombardment against the almost impregnable Japanese positions despite numerous obstacles and heavy Marine casualties.

A brilliant leader, Capt Dunlap inspired his men to heroic efforts during this critical phase of the battle and by his cool decision, indomitable fighting spirit and daring tactics in the face of fanatic opposition greatly accelerated the final decisive defeat of Japanese countermeasures in his sector and materially furthered the continued advance of his company.

His great personal valor and gallant spirit of self-sacrifice throughout the bitter hostilities reflect the highest credit upon Capt Dunlap and the U.S. Naval Service.

Editor's note: John Gunn is a retired Marine, historian and sports fan.



WANTED

Players for the All-Marine Women's Softball team



Dates for the All-Marine Women's Softball trial camp have changed

The camp is scheduled for July 9 - 29. The Armed Forces Women's Softball championship will be held July 30 - Aug. 1. Both events will be held at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. The National championship will be held Aug. 11 - 13 in Auburn, Ala.

Resumes are due to CMC (MRS) by May 22. All resumes must be submitted according to figure 3-4 of Marine Corps Order P1700.29, which can be found at www.usmc-mc.com under policy. Resumes must also contain command endorsement stating the Marine will be made available to all events if selected for the team. Resumes must be sent through the local Marine Corps Community Services Support Center or the local Marine Corps Community Services Support Center's athletic director. For more information, call Jim Miller at 451-2061.

Regional Men's competitions are: July 23 - 29 at Camp Pendleton and Camp Pendleton. All-Marine Men's trial camp is for July 30 - Aug. 19 at Cherry Point, followed by the Marine Forces championship Aug. 20-26 at Miramar. ASA National championship is set for Sept. 1 - 4 in Lawton, Okla.

TOP from 1D

I know that some of these terms don't make sense to those that don't have the opportunity to fish for bass.

This article was kind of hard to explain because a lot of fishing with a top water lure is the thrill! The anticipation of the strike and watching the bass jump out of the water after you have set the hook!

I would like to thank my good friend MSgt Tim Musgraves for helping me explain the feeling of catching bass on a top water lure.

If you have any comments or would like to learn more about bass fishing here in North Carolina please feel free to e-mail me at gator58@gibralter.net.

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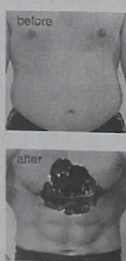
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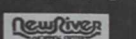
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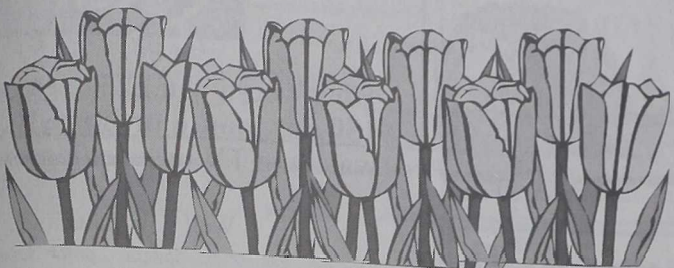
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Web Sites To Watch!

Bringing The Human Touch To The Web

(NAPS)—Some believe that what the Internet and e-commerce lack is the human touch. Others describe shopping at many e-commerce sites as a cold, impersonal process. It's like going into the world's biggest store and finding no sales people or customers.

Consumer research seems to bear out this perception. Despite the current deluge of dot-com commercials, most e-commerce sites have shop-to-buy conversion rate of only two percent and nearly two-thirds of all electronic shopping carts are abandoned before any transaction is completed.

This may be changing, however. A new online network called Cahoots allows Web users and sites to communicate via voice or text messaging, one-on-one, or in groups. Rather than experiencing the frustrating "lost and alone in cyberspace" feeling, Cahoots adds the missing human dimension, providing a powerful new channel for live communication and contact among all Web users across all sites.

With the live, Web-wide communication Cahoots network, users can join group discussions, hold one-to-one private conversations, speak live via voice or text and exchange information and messages in site-oriented information centers.

Cahoots makes this network unique with new technology—available to both consumers and Web sites owners through a simple software download—that enables real time communication between visitors to any Web site.

The vast majority of Web sites



A new service that can be downloaded from the Internet enhances communications at just about any Web site.

on the Internet are like individual islands of content in an ocean of information. Often, there is no easy way to navigate or find information from Web sites without the human connection.

In addition, the majority of users who visit sites do not have access to human communications or communities that make the Internet experience better.

The Cahoots technology also enables site representatives to engage directly with consumers, making the shopping process more satisfying for consumers and profitable for businesses.

These services are available to all Web sites with no expense or effort on the part of the site owner.

According to John Rizzo, the company's President and former Intel, Apple and Oracle executive, "Cahoots adds the human element to the Web, making the experience a richer one by connecting people with people, not just pages."

To learn more visit the web site at www.cahoots.com.

NEWS OF HEALTH

Understanding TMJ

(NAPS)—Chew on this: More than 10 million Americans suffer from temporomandibular joint (TMJ) diseases—a collection of medical and dental conditions that affect such everyday activities as chewing, swallowing, breathing, kissing and talking.



Chronic jaw pain could be a sign of a serious medical condition called temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disease.

The TMJs are two tiny joints in front of the ears that attach the lower jaw to the skull. Both men and women can experience TMJ diseases, but as many as 90 percent of those seeking treatment are women, mostly between puberty and menopause.

Symptoms of TMJ diseases can include facial or jaw pain; tension headaches; facial swelling; and the jaw locking open or closed.

The majority of TMJ patients learn to live with the disease and do not require treatment as their symptoms cause minor pain and often come in intervals. However, approximately one-quarter of TMJ patients develop serious cases, which progress to a chronic state of severe dysfunction and pain.

If you experience symptoms of a TMJ disorder, visit the TMJ Association website at www.tmj.org.

Help Yourself Stay Healthy at 50+

(NAPS)—What you do can help keep you healthy. You've heard about eating right, staying active, quitting smoking. These and other steps can help prevent cancer, stroke and heart disease—problems that become more common as people age.

If you're older than 50, staying healthy may require more effort. This is a good time to take a look at your health habits and review your health risks with your doctor. It's also a good time to make sure you get the screening tests and exams you need.

A new booklet prepared by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), AARP and the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) can help you do just that. **Staying Healthy at 50+** offers tips and recommendations on health habits, screening tests and immunizations. It includes easy-to-use charts that can help you keep track of personal health information, suggests questions to ask health care providers and offers resources to contact for additional health information.

"**Staying Healthy at 50+** contains reliable health information because it comes from the evidence-based recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force," said AHRQ Director John M. Eisenberg, M.D. "The AHRQ-supported Task Force evaluates and reports on the scientific evidence for the use of many preventive services."

An example of the information you'll find: **Staying Healthy at 50+** recommends getting a fecal occult blood test each year because this test can detect colon cancer early, when it's easier to treat. Colon cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among



older people. In addition, people age 50+ should get a sigmoidoscopy—a test in which the doctor looks inside the rectum and colon using a small, lighted tube—every five to 10 years.

Other topics in the booklet include osteoporosis, vision problems, hearing loss, menopause, pneumococcal and flu vaccines, blood pressure, diabetes, depression and tobacco use.

"People with good physical and mental health can enjoy their older years and continue to be productive, active members of their families and communities," said HRSA Administrator Claude Earl Fox, MD. "**Staying Healthy at 50+** gives people a guide to healthy living habits and a schedule for screening tests and immunizations all in one easy place."

You can order a free copy of **Staying Healthy at 50+** (AHRQ Publication Number AHRQ00-0002) from the AHRQ Clearinghouse by calling 1-800-358-9295 or writing: AHRQ Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, MD 20907. For Spanish language versions, ask for AHRQ Publication Number AHRQ00-0010. **Staying Healthy at 50+** is also available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/ppipover.htm>.

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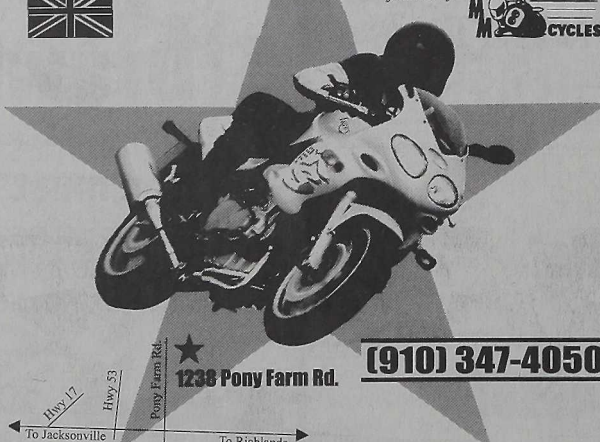
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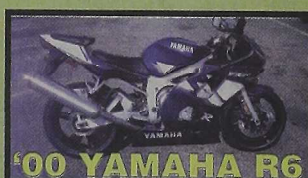
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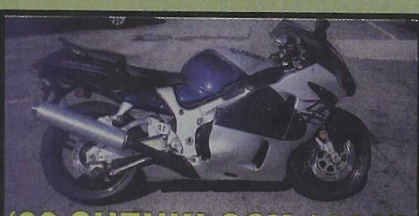
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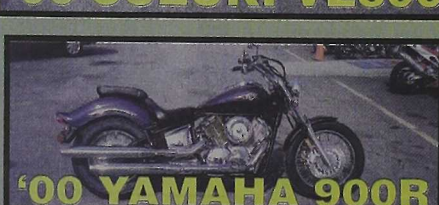
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