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24th MEU deactivates, remembers accomplishments

SGT. ZACHARY A. BATHON
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

After more than a year together, a time that spanned a rigorous pre-deployment training program and one difficult, but successful deployment to Iraq, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit celebrated its deactivation April 22, with a battle streamers ceremony in front of the MEU Headquarters.

During the ceremony, Marines from various sections of the MEU's command element took turns handing battle streamers to the commanding officer, who placed them on the unit's colors as

a narrator told the formation when and where each streamer was earned. This was followed by words from the commanding officer.

"For all the Marines and sailors of the 24th MEU, today is the last day of our activation as a MEU. We will deactivate today, only to reactivate in a few more

months," said Col. Ron Johnson.

"Let me express to you my sincere appreciation for all the sacrifices that you have done to make this such a successful operation," he continued. "May God bless you and your families, and we

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Ambassadors, Zoellick visit Fallujah

CPL. CHRISTI PRICKETT
II Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — The city of Fallujah has made an impact on the world. With the highly publicized battle in the past, the focus has turned to rebuilding. A surprise visit by the Deputy Secretary of State Robert B. Zoellick is proof.

Zoellick and ambassadors Richard Jones, Ross Wilson and William Taylor met with some members of the interim Fallujah city council to discuss the progress of the city during a recent visit.

The meeting lasted more than an hour and covered topics such as reconstruction, security, the city council itself and expectations from the people of the city.

"I came here to see the city with my own eyes before I travel to Baghdad," said Zoellick, appointed Feb. 22. "We are trying to improve life for the local people. I want to have a sense of the things happening in the city."

Zoellick came to Fallujah to meet and address the city council as well.

"I know all of you have taken leadership roles and are trying to improve the life of your people," Zoellick said. "There will be many days of frustration and many days of threats. I want to thank you for taking the roles you have."

The city council was glad to meet the Deputy Secretary of State and the ambassadors, said Shaik Kahlid Hamood Mahel al Jumali, city council chairman. "We hope to show you the things that have happened before and the things of the future," he said. "We want you to be able to come to the city on a third or fourth visit and not have to wear armor or a helmet at all."

The Shaik began the meeting by speaking about the priorities of the city.

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Company K fights off insurgents

LANCE CPL. ATHANASIOS L. GENOS
2d Marine Division

CAMP FALLUJAH, Abu Ghurayb, Iraq — It was 7 p.m. and the Camden, N.Y., native, Lance Cpl. Chuck W. Mikitin, was in his barracks room, located inside the Abu Ghurayb prison, getting a haircut when the attack began.

Mikitin, an infantryman with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, put his training

into action. Donning his gear, Mikitin and the rest of 1st Squad made their way to their assembly position as rehearsed in previous Quick Reaction Force drills; however, this was not a drill.

"I was kind of surprised when I heard the attack begin because we haven't received any large attacks from insurgent groups," explained the 2001 Camden Central High School graduate. "The locals have been really friendly and I didn't expect to have such a large attack."

He and his fellow Marines responded even faster than rehearsed because there was another squad, 3rd Squad, from their company outside the prison walls. "This kind of thing is what we have been training for, and we finally had a chance to put our training to use," Mikitin explained.

As his squad raced to their positions, the Marines from Echo Battery, 2d Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, in the guard towers, returned fire with M-2 .50-caliber heavy and M-240G medium machineguns as insurgents used Rocket Propelled Grenades, machineguns, suicide car bombers and grenades in an attempt to breach the walls.

The squad's mission was to coordinate with the Marines outside the prison to neutralize the enemy. To do this, Mikitin's squad had to take the fight to the enemy by leaving the prison compound.

Mikitin and his squad moved out quickly and secured one key enemy position: a large apartment building complex near the prison. As they moved into position to secure the apartments, close air support provided suppressive fire on insurgent positions.

As the enemy attack began to break, a suicide car bomb exploded near the apartment buildings, producing an enormous fireball followed by a ground-shaking explosion.

"We were sitting there under cover and we saw the fire about 30 feet above the apartment buildings and then heard the explosion, thinking it was a mortar," Mikitin said.

The bomb had gone off between two armored humvees from Weapons Company that had responded to the attack.

Around the prison compound, sporadic firefights continued to breakout while Mikitin and his Marines cleared the local marketplace of insurgents. The Marines effectively repelled the attack, and approximately an hour after it began, Mikitin and his squad returned to their barracks.

The quick reaction and the superb training of Company K and Weapons Company produced the successful defense of Abu Ghurayb. These Marines will continue their fight in the Global War on Terrorism as they strive to provide a stable and secure country for the people of Iraq.



Above: Marines from Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment stop and find cover at the sound of what was possibly small arms fire.

Right: Lance Cpl. Chuck W. Mikitin, an infantryman with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, takes cover beside a building while checking out the area ahead of him for any possible threats.



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Article 32 | 2nd Lt. Pantano



2nd Lt. Ilario G. Pantano, a Marine stationed here on Camp Lejeune, exits the courtroom of his Article 32 investigation Tuesday. The 33-year-old New York native is under investigation for his alleged involvement in the shooting death of two Iraqi males last April. If sufficient evidence is found, he will proceed to a general courts-martial at a later date.

26th Marine Expeditionary Unit spreads goodwill

GUNNERY SGT. MARK E. BRADLEY
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD THE USS KEARSARGE — As the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) completed the trans-Atlantic portion of its deployment this month, the ships of Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group temporarily disbursed to separate ports of call in the Mediterranean Sea to re-supply and afford Marines and sailors an opportunity to enjoy themselves and spread some goodwill to parts of the region.

While the strike group flag ship, the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge ported in Palma de Majorca, Spain, the ships landing dock USS Ashland continued to the island of Malta. The amphibious transport dock USS Ponce headed for

Augusta Bay, Sicily. All three ships implemented plans for community service projects at their respective ports.

On the island of Majorca, approximately 60 Marines and sailors from the USS Kearsarge spent two days working on facilities maintenance and renovation work at two locations for Projecte Home, a substance abuse recovery center near Palma.

Marines and sailors from the USS Ashland volunteered two days to help charitable organizations on Malta. First they provided some needed repairs and cleanup at St. Paul's Home in Hamran, Malta. St. Paul's Home is a facility run by the Little Sisters of the Poor foundation that provides living accommodations for elderly citizens of Malta who do not have

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Combat ready MEU (SOC) transits Suez

GUNNERY SGT. MARK E. BRADLEY
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS KEARSARGE — The Marines and sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) passed through the Suez Canal April 22, marking a significant milestone in the MEU's deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

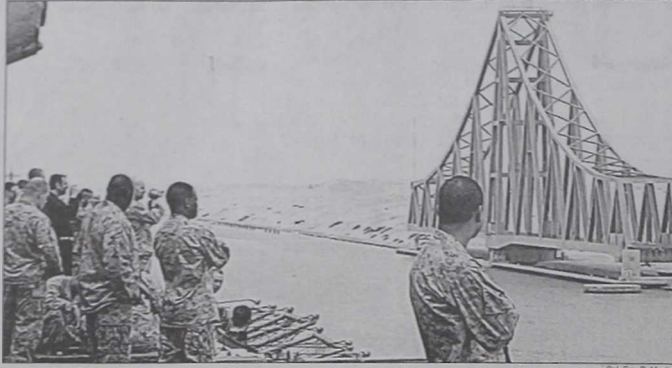
After spending the first month of its deployment crossing the Atlantic Ocean and operating in the Mediterranean Sea, the 26th MEU (SOC) passed through what many have come to call the "gateway to combat," entering into U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility.

"This is an AOR that is wrought with uncertainty and a full range of challenges and missions that this Marine expeditionary unit is prepared for," said Col. Thomas F. Qualls, the 26th MEU (SOC) commanding officer.

The MEU is currently in theater reserve status, meaning the Marines and sailors here could be called to execute a wide variety of tactical missions in support of ongoing or contingency operations.

"The inherent ability of the Marine expeditionary unit to be a flexible and adaptable force will certainly come into play," Qualls said.

Until a mission call is received, the MEU will continue an aggressive schedule that includes unit training and bi-lateral



Marines of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) view the country of Egypt April 22 as they pass through the Suez Canal en route to the Central Command area of responsibility where they will serve as the theatre reserve in the Global War on Terrorism.

exercises with U.S. allies in the war on terrorism.

The significance of the Suez Canal transit was felt at all levels within the MEU as hundreds of Marines and sailors made their way to the outside of the ships to take in the many scenes of the Suez.

"The anticipation that we're actually getting to where we are going is more realistic to me now that we're seeing people and

and sand and dirt," said an airframes mechanic with HMM-162 (Reinforced).

More than 2,000 Marines and sailors of the MEU are currently scheduled to remain in Central Command's AOR for approximately four months before transitioning back to Camp Lejeune.

To follow the 26th MEU (SOC) throughout deployment, log on to www.26meu.usmc.mil.

Marines see big picture

Sixty Marines train in areas outside

CPL. EDWARD L. MENNENGA
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Sixty communications Marines attended the first II Marine Expeditionary Force G-6 Command, Control, Communication and Computer noncommissioned Officers Course, C4 NCO Course, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune April 11 to 29.

Evaluations from the initial training course will be used to assist in developing the II MEF Communication Training Center at Camp Lejeune and aide I MEF, III MEF and Marine Forces Reserve in their development of a CTC.

"One of the functions of the communications training centers is to provide communications training to Marine non-commissioned officers and staff noncommissioned officers. It also serves other purposes," said Lt. Col. Fredrick Hopewell, operations officer, communications section, and Alexandria, Va., native. "It provides a place for new equipment training to take place, sustainment training on existing systems that we have, and also to bring non-communicators and give them exposure to C4 equipment so they have the general knowledge of C4 functions."

Supported by instructors from the Marine Corps Communication Electronics School, the 15-day course gives corporals and sergeants training in three phases: occupational specialty training; cross training in transmission, switching and data systems; and introductory training in maintenance management, C4 systems planning and deployment preparations.

"[The course] gives you an idea how everything comes together in the big picture in a tactical environment," said Cpl. Kellie Noble, radio operator, II MEF communications section, and Prospect, Conn., native. "I'd highly recommend if any NCOs get the chance to take it, jump on it."

Many Marines who have already returned from a deployment wish they had the training before they deployed.

"[The training is] important because we get deployed, and as an NCO, we're responsible for our non-NCOs who are going to be the operators

of the equipment going to look to is this, how do you said Cpl. Jarrod security intrusion 2d Battalion Regiment. "It sense of security gives them more you know your gear also know what takes to [work] gear, which cause stay up longer going to go down"

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With the first CTC way, Hopewell can't see the result of the while deployed, "I become the [commu operations] officer at [forward] and I'm an see the impact the has on the unit's ab accomplish the missio

AAVs brave surf to carry out mission

SGT. MATT C. PRESTON
22d Marine Expeditionary Unit

Despite severe weather that halted much of the training during the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit's recent Amphibious Specialty Training, one group pushed through the adversity to accomplish their mission.

The amphibious assault vehicle platoon, slated to deploy with the 22d MEU later this year, braved the treacherous North Carolina surf to practice 'splashing' to and from Onslow Beach and the amphibious assault ship Austin.

Because the sea state was prohibitive to most landing craft, the AAV's unique ability to plow through the water on its own power enabled the platoon's Marines to carry out their training.

Corporal Kyle Felix, of Chalmette, La., is an AAV crew chief and is understandably proud of his vehicle.

"The AAV sets us apart from the other services in a major way," said Felix, who deployed with the 22d MEU



Amphibious Specialty Training, April 12. The exercise gave many of the Marines their first taste of shipboard life and the platoon an opportunity to practice conducting ship-to-shore movements.

to Afghanistan in 2004. "We're the only one who has the AAV. It's a good time, and this is probably the best job in the world."

The amphibious element of the AAV also gives his job a big challenge - getting from shore to ship and back.

Having boarded ships in the past, Felix knows firsthand the need for the AST, or Type Commanders Amphibious Training as it was once known.

"The first time you do it, it's an experience," said Felix. "You're always paying

attention to the ground guides up top [of the ship's well deck]."

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Vogel, a section leader for the AAV platoon, also under-

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Marines from same neighborhood serve together in Iraq

CPL. KEN MELTON
2d Marine Division

ASAD, Iraq — Marines from all walks of life, from all over the world. Most meet others who are the same state or the same neighborhood, rarely do Marines from the neighborhood.

Chase H. Love, 20, and Kevin M. Doucette Jr., 21, are both field radio operators and both from the same neighborhood in New Orleans.

Love and Doucette both grew up within walking distance of each other and never met until November," said Love. "Then, we became like brothers because we grew up in the same environment."

Love attended the school at West Jefferson School where he played basketball and took 4th place in finals for track during his senior year of 2002.

"First, I thought it was cool to meet someone who knows I'm from," said Doucette. "After that, we formed kind

of a brotherly bond because the same interests and background."

Love and Doucette both grew up in different housing projects in the same neighborhood of Gretna, La. They both dealt with the same family and social issues while growing up.

"We both grew up in rough areas known for drugs, crime and violence," Doucette said. "I was raised in two separate households and have four younger brothers who looked up to me. After high school I wanted to go college, but I couldn't afford. I joined the Marine Corps in hopes that it will inspire my brothers to do something good with their lives in spite of their environment."

"I was raised in a single family, and when my mother passed away in January of 2002, I stayed with my older sister until I graduated," Love said. "I knew I wanted to go to college and become something better, so I joined the Marine Corps knowing that I could achieve that goal and much more."

Knowing of their similar upbringings and drive to further advance themselves, Love and Doucette's friendship developed into brotherhood over a short period of time before the deployment.

"People always see us around

each other," Doucette said. "We helped each other get ready for the deployment. When our families came to visit us, they treated each other like they had known them their entire lives."

"I know the Marine Corps is all about family," Love said. "Doucette is like a brother to me and I'm like one to him. That really helps on these deployments, because it feels like you brought a family member with you."

Doucette's active-duty service ends in July, while Love's ends August of 2006. However, Doucette has plans for his 'little brother' even after that.

"I plan building my own house on some land that my father owns, and I'll be saving a spot for Love and his family near mine," Doucette added.

"It's good to have met someone like him. Even while he's still on active duty we're going to keep in touch," said Doucette.

"Family is there for you even when they don't have to be. It's that choice that separates friend and family relations," said Love.

"It will feel real good to have him around while I raise my two kids. Because in the end, that's what family's all about. Having those who mean the most to you to grow old with you."



New Orleans natives, 21-year-old Cpl. Kevin M. Doucette Jr. and Chase H. Love, [20], are both looking forward to returning home after their mission as radio operators for Regimental Combat Team-2 in Iraq is complete.

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Mortuary Affairs offers hope to families, respect to fallen

CPL. CHRISTI PRICKETT
II Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — When Mortuary Affairs gets the call to respond to a scene, it's not for the same reasons as a Quick Reaction Force. They aren't usually required to go on foot patrols, provide security around camp or do searches at entry control points.

Mortuary Affairs units are organized so peace and closure can be given to families who have lost a loved one while deployed, as well as to the families of Multi National Coalition Force members, Iraqi civilians and insurgents.

In an exercise held here recently, the II MEF Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force [Forward], MA Marines practiced procedures necessary in preserving the tradition of never leaving a Marine behind.

The exercise was set up to represent a humvee struck by a rocket propelled grenade, resulting in two casualties.

As reservists with Headquarters, Headquarters and Support Company, 4th Force Service Support Group, Marietta, Ga., the Marines take the job in stride. The unit is comprised of military occupational skills such as supply, food service, embark and data.

"This particular unit hasn't been outside the camp yet," said Staff Sgt. Ralph P. Patterson, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of MA, II MHG, II MEF [FWD]. "We are practicing so things run smoothly if the real thing happens."

However, the group does much of their work with any remains brought on camp from units outside the gates as well.

To begin the process of finding and identifying remains, the Marines are called by a unit and they begin gridding off the site of the incident.

"Each site is treated as a crime scene," explained Patterson, a firefighter of 10 years. "When needed, we use tape recorders and take pictures along with our regular duties."

Grid coordinates and different colored stakes hammered in the ground help identify gear, personal effects or remains within the area.

"We have to pay attention to details," said Patterson, a Snellville, Ga. native. "We can't afford to miss even the smallest item."

A simple area sketch is drawn by one of the Marines on the team and includes numbered drawings of any personal effects or portions.

"The maps are simple, but if needed, someone could go back and layout the scene 10 years from now," said Sgt. Ricardo Galvan, H&HS Company, 4th FSSG, who led the exercise.

The process of finding and identifying remains is very tedious, yet the Marines work in such a manner that families back home would be honored.

"We never reach over the bodies, we never lay anything on them," said Galvan. "We treat the remains with the utmost respect."

Galvan, 23, attends Chatta-hoochee Technical College in Marietta, Ga. He finished four and a half years as an armorer in the Corps, before becoming a reservist. Galvan and his Marines worst enemy is time.

"Our job has to be done as quick as it can be done," he said.



When working with remains of service members, Iraqi civilians and insurgents, the Marines of Mortuary Affairs handle the fallen with honor. During a drill held on Camp Fallujah, the worst scenarios were practiced. Corporal Michael C. Hardy, a Lawrenceville, Ga. native and mortuary affairs specialist, uses caution with some remains that appeared to be wired Explosive Ordnance and Disposal available to offer their assistance, the team must use the grapping hook method to pull remains away from the explosives.

Corporal Earnest K. Appiah, H & HS Company, 4th FSSG, and Lithonia, Ga. native, likes his job.

"Usually our hearts are beating really fast, but we all work well under pressure," he said.

The Marines in MA have a heavy weight on their shoulders, said Patterson.

"They must remember their job when forming relationships with people," said Patterson. "You never know who you will see while being on a scene the next day."

Galvan understands the importance of keeping high morale with his troops.

"Morale is high now," he said. "I plan to keep it that way through the end of our deployment."

To relieve stress, the unit has a round-robin session whenever they are done working on an upsetting day.

"I sit down with the Marines and we talk things out," Patterson said. "Everyone releases stress in different ways, but we don't suggest doing it alone. I've found talking it out with our group is best."

When the day is over, the Marines with MA can go to sleep knowing they are fulfilling an important mission.

"The Marines do what they do for reverence of families [back in the United States] and taking care of Marines," said Patterson. "We do it [our job] out of respect for the Marine Corps and their families."



Honoring fallen service members, Iraqi civilians, and insurgents after they have passed away is just part of Mortuary Affairs' mission. They use the utmost respect when handling the remains and do thorough searches at the scene to make sure nothing is left behind. During a recent drill held on Camp Fallujah, the reserve Marines of Headquarters, Headquarters and Support Company, 4th Force Service Support Group, Marietta, Ga., who are currently attached to II MEF Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), practice for the day they will have to leave the camp walls to recover remains.

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Marine stops enemy attack, saves lives

CPL. TOM SLOAN
2d Marine Division

AR RAMADI, Iraq — Insurgents launched an attack against one of 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment's observation posts in the city here the evening of April 20, but they didn't count on one Marine, Pfc. Bryan J. Nagel.

The Jamestown, N. D. native stood his ground and took out a suicide truck bomb and fought off an insurgent attack, preventing major property damage and casualties to the Marines and civilians in the area.

The 20-year-old squad automatic weapon gunner with 2d Squad, 2d Platoon, Company B, was responsible for thwarting the attack and preventing a potential disaster that day, according to his company first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Scott A. Van De Ven.

"His quick thinking and actions under fire clearly foiled the enemy's plans," said the 36-year-old from Grayling, Mich. "Nagel's initiative destroyed the enemy vehicle before it reached the Marines' position."

Nagel was manning an observation post in downtown Ramadi and being fired at by insurgents when a mid-sized passenger car detonated near his position injuring two Marines.

"I was getting shot at, so I started returning fire," said

Nagel, who disregarded his own safety and moved above the protection of the position's bulletproof glass to engage the enemy. "Then the first [suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device] hit."

The blast breached the OP's main entrance. "There was smoke everywhere," recalled the 2003 Jamestown High School graduate. "I was reloading when, through a patch of the smoke, I saw the second vehicle coming our way. I knew what I had to do."

Nagel employed his weapon with precision, hitting the yellow sewage tanker truck's windshield and killing the driver.

"I shot about sixty or seventy rounds at him," said Nagel. "I never thought I would have to make a decision like that."

Other Marines were alerted by Nagel's fire and engaged the vehicle as well.

"The truck swerved to one side of the road and detonated," he said. "It all happened so fast."

No one was injured by the second blast; but it left a large crater in the main street.

According to Van De Ven, Nagel's heroic actions are a testament to his character.

"He's hard working, polite and is someone who cares for his fellow Marines," he said.

Though, Nagel's command is recommending him for an award for his courage under fire, he is just happy his com-



Private first class Bryan J. Nagel, a squad automatic weapon gunner with 2d Squad, 2d Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, is responsible for saving the lives of his fellow Marines during an organized attack launched on an observation post in Ar Ramadi April 20. The 20-year-old from Jamestown, N.D., the driver of a suicide vehicle born improvised explosive device (VBIED) from his observation post with his weapon, placing well-aimed rounds in the vehicle. The 2003 Jamestown High School graduate destroyed the rolling bomb and prevented the insurgent from reaching the Marines' position.

rades are all okay and nobody was severely harmed.

"I'm overwhelmed knowing that I saved the lives of my fellow Marines," said Nagel.

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CPL. ATHANASIOS L. GENOS
2d Marine Division

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Third 8th Marine Regiment has in its arsenal a group of Marines and sailors known as "Combat Train," who assist in the unit's logistics. They provide security for service members, supplies for the battalion, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as they are transported on motorways and thoroughfares. "We're always on call and are always ready to be needed to take anyone or anything," explained Lance Cpl. Michael A. Romano, a motor transportation operator and gunner for the combat train. Romano, of Centereach, N.Y., native and his fellow Marines regularly work with the battalion's logis-

tics section to move general supplies such as equipment, food and other items needed by the Marines at outlying bases. "The battalion's Combat Train has proven to be a true force-multiplier for the task force, providing security escorts and main service road security in addition to logistics distribution," explained Capt. George F. Reniers, the battalion's logistics officer. Along with moving equipment and supplies, Romano and the combat train transport personnel as well, to include the battalion chaplain, corpsmen and others service members from 8th Marine Regiment and II Marine Expeditionary Force. The Marines and sailors of the combat train also provide their own security while traveling. "I am the rear security machine gunner and I am always watching the vehicles and people

while scanning the area for suspicious activity," Romano, a 2003 Centereach High School graduate, explained. During their time here, Romano and his comrades-in-arms have completed 138 missions, to include providing main supply route security. This consists of sweeping the roadways for Improvised Explosive Devices, along with vehicle-borne IEDs. Finding these devices helps save the lives of both military personnel and Iraqi civilians. During one shift of MSR security, Romano was serving as the first vehicle's machinegunner when he spotted what may have been a possible IED. His quick reaction prevented the vehicles, loaded with Marines and supplies, from entering a possible danger area. "We were driving down the road and I spotted a brown burlap bag, which looked like it was an

IED," Romano explained. When the Marines investigated this possible threat, Romano's suspicion was confirmed, it was an IED and they were able to perform a controlled detonation of the bomb. Using the training he'd received, Romano prevented his fellow Marines from being injured and possibly a vehicle being severely damaged. "He [Romano] is somewhat of a timid Marine, but when it's time to step-up to the plate, he is always the first one," explained Sgt. Giovanni A. Lobo, the assistant convoy commander for the combat train. "If it wasn't for Romano spotting the IED, we would have had injured Marines and a damaged vehicle." Romano and the rest of the Marines manning the combat train continue to push forward in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to help provide a stable and prosperous country for the Iraqis.

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COUNCIL
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"Safety and peacekeeping take the first priority before reconstruction. It has been almost four months and there have been no incidents of violence or terror, with the exception of a few minor incidents," said Mahel.

Optimism for the city was high with the other council members.

"We are very serious about having these things move forward," said Maj. Gen. Mahdi Sabeeh Hashim, commander of the Iraqi police. "The final result is that the city wants to move forward. Fallujah is looking towards itself to build a better city."

Compensation payments were a major topic of the meeting.

"We have already given out over 3,000 compensation payments to date," said Mahel. "We plan on raising that number next week to around 1,000 payments a day. People want us to show the progress being made. It is a slow process, but it is being made."

After passing a newly constructed water and sewage facility, Zoellick asked the first of many questions directed toward the lifestyle of the people.

"Do the people have safe drinking water?" asked Zoellick. The council was hesitant to answer. "No. Not everyone," explained the Shaik. "The system from before isn't

efficient enough. It's in very bad shape. The pipes are too small, but again, it is being worked on."

Zoellick asked how the people are getting their food. The question brought up check point problems. The council said they want to relax the perimeters of the city.

"Restrictions at checkpoints are hurting the food products from reaching the city," said Mahel. "One way to solve that, which we are working on, is forming a list of people who deliver food so those people can make it through the checkpoints faster. The traffic problems need to be worked on as well."

Mahel wanted Zoellick to know the council is not asking for anything personal right now. They will take any help the coalition forces will offer though.

The council is missing some major components to be able to operate as a fully functioning unit.

"We have no communication, no budget, no vehicles," said Mahel. "Due to the recent elections, this council is very strong because we were elected by the people. We are doing our best to fix these issues, but we will need help."

Another priority of the council is to keep the strong relationship that is already present between the Iraqi Security Forces, the Iraqi police, and the coalition forces, especially the Marines.

"We wish to reflect to all

Iraqi people that Americans are working towards peace and are realists. This is how I feel," said Hashim. "I used to hear a lot about Americans before they came into this country; after I lived and worked with these men, we grew to be friends over time. When the Marines changed over [transferred authority] in Fallujah, things were very emotional."

Zoellick answered the commander, telling him the message he got from the Marines.

"When the Marines came back to the United States last year, they gave us a message that they wanted to help the city of Fallujah," said Zoellick. "They felt the warmth you referred to. The message that they brought back was that we needed to do everything we can do to help you as you help yourselves. You should be pleased to know the friendship was two ways."

Zoellick left the council members with some final thoughts before leaving the meeting.

"I've learned a great deal. We have to try to work together to create an environment where people can reconstruct, open businesses and make a living," he said. "They will look to you to try and have a sense of what is most important. I know it won't be easy. It will ultimately depend on the people of Fallujah, not the United States ... we can help but the [Iraqi people] have to make it happen."

GOODWILL
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the means to care for themselves.

On the second day, the volunteers visited a young women's hostel in Sliema, Malta, to help the Sister's of Fatima with grounds maintenance there.

From USS Ponce, 16 Marines and sailors put in more than 60 man-hours working in Florida, Sicily, at the Instituto di Beneficenza orphanage. The troops painted playground equipment and fences, pulled several bags of weeds from the driveway and removed trash and debris from the playground area, all to the delight of the children there.

The chaplains' offices of the respective ships coordinated the community service projects. According to a local newspaper report in Palma, this type of goodwill has become common in recent years when Navy ships pull into port.



Mother Superior Marie-Rose Agius of the Fatima House, young woman in Sliema, Malta, helps Petty Officer 2nd Class Roberto Barne Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group-26 and Petty Officer Corinne Korschell from the ship landing dock USS Ashland pull backyard garden during a community service project.

One sailor from the USS Ponce was very clear in his reason for helping at the orphanage. "I wanted to volunteer because my grandmother grew up in an orphanage just like this during World War II when both of her parents died. If it wasn't for places like this, I wouldn't be here said. With the port complete, the Marines of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Group will support the Marines of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Group in their support of the Global War on Terrorism."

DEACTIVATION
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hope to see you again and to serve with you soon, Semper Fidelis."

Following Johnson's comments, Erin Pugh, a kindergarten student from Carolina Forest Elementary School, read a message to the formation of Marines on behalf of her class.

"Our kindergarten class at Carolina Forest Elementary School began our flag project in January," she read. "With the help of our parents, we wanted to receive 1,000 American flags by the end of the school year. As of today, we have received 1,104 flags from 30 different states."

"We wanted to let our American heroes know that people from all over the United States were supporting you," she continued. "You are helping to make the world a safer,

kinder place for us to grow up in. We want to thank you for all you do. Please take this flag as a token of our appreciation."

As the ceremony concluded, the 21 students gave every Marine present at the ceremony a flag marked with the name and address of the person who donated it to them.

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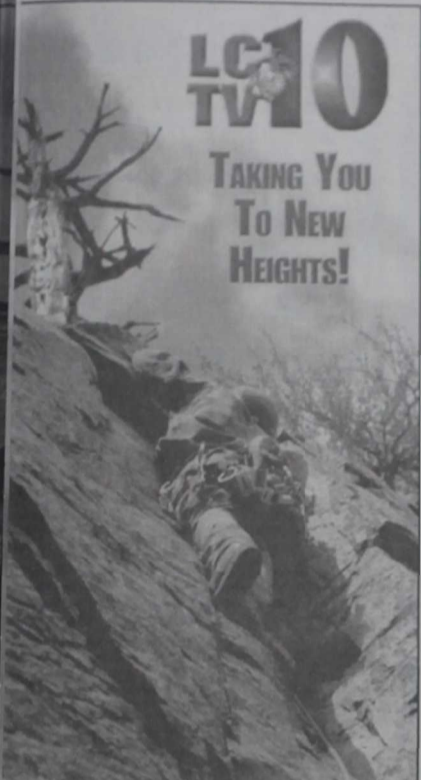
"It gets a little nerve-wracking," said Vogel. "Sometimes they get overwhelmed with the size of the ship, so hopefully they'll come out with a lot more experience." Experience just doesn't happen on ship, either. While waiting for the signal to "splash

in," crews are busy checking the vehicle's seals, engines, rotors and overall seaworthiness. The checks are more than just busy work - AAVs can weigh as much as 27 tons, and may have to travel over a mile to reach the ship. AST was the first of many

opportunities for the AAV platoon members to practice their trade. During upcoming exercises, and a week-long course designed to integrate the platoon with the infantry company they will carry into battle, the AAV platoon will spend many hours in the

North Carolina coastal waters. In May, the 224 MEU expects to obtain operational control of the units with which it will deploy later this year, in addition to the MEU/Command Element, which includes Battalion Landing

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Pioneers' forward Omar McFarlane argues a call with the line judge.

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Finding an empty soccer field on a weekend morning is no easy feat. Chances are every playable space is claimed by energetic youths or the hardcore adults who comprise Southeastern North Carolina's growing cult of soccer fans. Players range from young kids getting their first exposure to team sports to competitive men's, women's, and co-ed adult leagues. The talent level of these leagues varies considerably, but the pinnacle of the area's soccer talent can be found in Wilmington, where the professional Wilmington Hammerheads are celebrating their 10th anniversary season.

The season could not have started better for the Hammerheads, who are undefeated and overpowering their opponents. Playing aggressive and physical soccer on offense and defense, the Hammerheads are 2-0 and leading the United Soccer Leagues' Second Division.

Saturday, the Hammerheads defeated the Western Massachusetts Pioneers 3-1 at Wilmington's Legion Stadium in front of 2,169 fired-up fans. The Pioneers were coming off a 0-0 tie at Charlotte on April 15.

"We beat a good side," said David Irving, Wilmington coach. "They're very skilled. Any team that can tie Charlotte playing at home has got to be tough."

"That was a massive win tonight," concurred Hammerheads team captain and center midfielder George Corrie.

The Hammerheads play a physical style, frequently slide tackling, an aggressive defense and aren't afraid to rush the net on offense. On Saturday, striker Ryan Miller started the scoring when he found himself in a scrap with Pioneer goalkeeper Bryan O'Quinn. After O'Quinn bobbled a loose ball 10 yards from the net, Miller came up with it and hit a solid side shot into an empty net for a 1-0 lead in the 27th minute.

Miller started the scoring in the Hammerheads' first game too, a 3-0 win over the Northern Virginia Royals on April 16.

Eight minutes after Miller's goal on Saturday, with Wilmington dominating the time of possession of the ball, Wilmington midfielder Kenny Bundy crossed a free kick from the left corner and Derek Popovic split two defenders to head it in for a 2-0 lead. Soon after, midfielder Phil Hufstader made a speedy move up the right side, beat two defenders and just missed making it 3-0, hitting the left goalpost.

While the offense did early damage, it had help from a stingy defense led by Brady Bryant, who totally shut down speedy and agile Pioneers forward Omar McFarlane. Corrie managed the midfield with excellent ball control, precision passing and strategic playmaking.

Miller summed up the team's first half performance this way: "At halftime, coach told us that was the best soccer he's seen in the seven years he's been here."

The Pioneers got within striking distance in the second half, when defender Kyle Fletcher took a pass from the left side and headed it over Wilmington keep-



The Hammerheads play aggressive on offense and defense, making frequent use of slide tackles to regain possession of the ball.



The Wilmington Hammerheads celebrate the first goal Saturday night, a rebound striker Ryan Miller put past the Pioneers' goalkeeper at the 27th minute mark in the first half.



The referee tries to prevent a scuffle as an injured Hammerhead lies on the ground.

er Jordan James to make it 2-1 with 15 minutes to play. James was crossed up on the play and allowed his first goal of the season. "I thought he was going to pass the ball. I got caught out too far," he said.

Fortunately for Wilmington, Junior Zarate made coach Irving look like a genius. After Irving inserted the veteran forward into the game in the 78th minute, Zarate responded by picking up a ricochet in front of the goal and depositing it in the net for the game's final score. "That's Junior at his best," coach Irving said. Zarate received a yellow card warning after removing his jersey in celebration of his first goal of the season. Several yellow cards were issued during the game to both teams, something the Hammerheads will see a lot



Above: Pioneers' goalkeeper Bryan O'Quinn makes a leaping attempt to keep a volley out of the net.

of this season as a consequence of their aggressive style. As long as they keep winning, though, penalties won't matter. And if the team's intensity Saturday continues, they won't lose anytime soon.

The Hammerheads may, however, be looking for a new national anthem singer. Saturday's performer forgot the words, stopping after a few lines, and saying into the microphone, "uh...I forgot the words..." as

the crowd watched in stunned silence. Fortunately, the entire crowd quickly chimed in to break the silence, picking up where the singer left off and delivering a spontaneous and harmonious rendition. Wilmington puts its undefeated status on the line when the Hammerheads host the Harrisburg City Islanders Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Hammerheads play home games at Wilmington's Legion Stadium. For more information, visit www.hammerheadssoccer.com. General admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for youths with packages available.



The Hammerheads controlled the ball and the game.

Main Side

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Workers with Harkins Builders Construction Company are placing the finishing touches on various base houses in the Midway Park housing district. Construction started in the middle of last year with the deconstruction of houses in the area.

Family housing efforts begin this fall

JERRY SWAIN
Family Housing Office

Camp Lejeune officials, representatives from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and a private partner, that recently assumed the name of Atlantic Marine Corps Communities, will present the latest Public Private Venture information on the first phase of the family housing privatization effort that will begin this fall at Camp Lejeune. The plan is to start the session off with a general overview of the privatization process and then move rapidly into the issues that families living in specified areas will need to know as homes are transferred to the Atlantic Marine Corps Communities around Oct. 1.

Families living in the homes that will be transferred under the first phase have already received individual notices about the meetings. These same families will also receive correspondence that outlines the key actions required of them. Camp Lejeune Family Housing is making every effort to get

every family the information they need, but you can help them and yourself by attending one of the town hall meetings listed.

The schedule was developed to make sure we have plenty of seating available at each session. If you can't attend the session for your housing area, that's fine; just attend one of the other sessions that best blends with your schedule.

For those families not invited to this first round of sessions, don't fret; it simply means that your unit is transferring to the private partner in the second, scheduled for Oct. 6, or third, scheduled for Oct. 7, phases of the PPV. These families will be contacted at a later date with all of the information they will need to know as we strive to improve all of the family housing at Camp Lejeune.

A Web site has been established to provide everyone with the latest information concerning the family housing PPV. For information, logon to www.lejeune.usmc.mil/family_housing.

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Tarawa Terrace I (Note 1)
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Note 1: Includes the 234 new homes that were constructed under the Phase I reconstruction project. In addition to the new homes contained within TT I blocks 200, 800, 900, 1000, 1200, 1500.

Note 2: Only includes the Watkins Village homes that were not recently renovated.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

May 2 at 5 p.m. at the Base Theater — This session is intended primarily for families living at Berkley Manor, Watkins Village, Paradise Point and Hospital Point.

May 6 at 4 p.m. at Base Theater — This session is intended primarily for families living at Tarawa Terrace.

May 5 at 7 p.m. at Marine Corps Air Station New River Theater — This session is intended primarily for families living at Marine Corps Air Station New River.

Navy lab pro gets their du

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI
Marine Corps Base

Located down a narrow hallway and behind heavy doors, scientists and technicians bustle between computers, filling, cataloging and testing fluids. It's a job that never ends, but without their vital would grind to a halt.

The Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital laboratory upward of 43,000 samples each month, ranging from fine blood work and urinalysis to HIV testing and detection. In order to recognize the difficult and new work of the many lab technicians and doctors who behind the scenes, this week has been designated as Medical Laboratory Week.

"It is a time to honor the more than 280,000 laboratory professionals across the nation who interpret laboratory tests that save lives and keep people healthy," said Lt. Cmdr. Brian McNamara, head of Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital laboratory. "These technicians are among the many unsung heroes of health care."

Laboratory tests are the backbone of the medical system, comprising an estimated 70 percent of patient's medical records and are critical in diagnosis and treatment of illnesses, according to McNamara.

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Megan Thurston, a student worker from Coastal Carolina College, performs a human chorionic gonadotropin pregnancy test.

Department of Defense expands existing whistleblower protection

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Blowing the whistle on waste, fraud and abuse at work seems like the last thing workers would do if they wanted to keep their jobs and advance their careers.

But that's exactly what service members and federal civilian employees are required by executive order to do, and the office of inspector general has bolstered protections offered to ensure they don't suffer

reprisals on the job as a result.

Federal laws protect so-called "whistleblowers" from adverse personnel actions they could feasibly suffer when reporting abuses within their organizations: getting fired, losing out on promotions or getting shuffled to lesser jobs. These laws also protect against less dramatic but equally career-damaging actions, from receiving bad evaluation reports or letters of counseling to getting temporarily suspended without pay.

New policies adopted by the

Defense Department Jan. 7, broaden those protections even further, officials at the office of the inspector general told the American Forces Press Service.

Based on an initiative by DoD Inspector General Joseph Schmitz, "whistleblowers" within the department are now protected from having their security clearances revoked or tampered with as a result, officials explained.

The new provisions also offer first-time protections to civilian members of DoD's intelligence com-

munity involved in whistleblowing activity. Previous protections for these employees were limited to reports made directly to Congress or reports involving violations of civil liberties.

Hollywood lionizes the lone employee who stands up to large corporations or bureaucracies to point out misdeeds or out-and-out crimes. *Time* magazine put three "whistleblowers" on its cover in 2002, heralding them as "persons of the year."

Yet despite federal protections,

some people who report abuses in their organizations say they suffer reprisals as a result.

M. Jane Deese, director of DoD Inspector General's Reprisal Investigations office, receives hundreds of reports each year of these incidents. And the vast majority of these claims are unsubstantiated or ordered under whistleblower-protection laws, as many as 100 a year, she said.

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Camp Johnson dedicates academic facility to Montford Point Marine

LANCE CPL. MATTHEW K. HACKER
Marine Corps Base

CAMP JOHNSON, N.C. — Despite the brutal and constant wind that huffed and puffed, the new Brooks Elbert Gray Jr. Consolidated Academic Facility wasn't faded during its dedication ceremony in honor of Master Gunnery Sgt. Elbert Gray Jr. April 15.

Gray was one of the original Montford Point Marines and was a co-founder of the Montford Point Marine Association, a group which passes on the story of the first group of African-American Marines.

He never forgot the experience in Montford Point, and in 1965, organized the

national reunion of the first group of black Marine veterans and was elected president of the group.

The Greenville, S.C., native was active in a number of social service organizations. He headed the education division of Toastmasters International and was elected to educational lieutenant governor of District 38, which covered over 90 clubs in Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware.

Gray's utmost professionalism and several acts of humanity over many years earned him many awards.

In 1963, he named to the Legion of Honor Membership was by the Chapel of the Four

See FACILITY | 3B

Exchange Services' prepaid phone cards better than other

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — When it comes to buying prepaid phone cards to call home from Iraq or Afghanistan, not all cards are alike.

Friends and loved ones who purchase prepaid cards at supermarkets, gas stations or warehouse stores may think they're sending deployed troops a big stockpile of calling minutes. But that's often not the case.

Many prepaid cards that offer low per-minute calling charges are actually geared for stateside use, according to Judd Anstey, public affairs specialist for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. When used overseas to call home, these type of prepaid cards often buy just a fraction of their advertised calling minutes.

In contrast, the Military Exchange's Prepaid 550- and 200-unit phone cards—the Help Our Troops Call Home program—offer lower per-minute rates than other prepaid cards, including AT&T prepaid cards sold by retailers, Anstey said. "It's the best value there," he noted.

In fact, the program remains a big hit with troops and their loved ones big dollars. It is a year after the Defense Department made an unprecedented move of allowing exchanges to sell prepaid phone cards to troops wishing to buy them for deployed troops.

Last April, DoD introduced the since Help Our Troops Call Home program, which enables people not otherwise entitled

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Lance Cpt. Matthew K. Hacker

ts and service members, to include Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Commanding General Maj. Gen. Dickerson, gather outside the Brooks Elbert Gray Jr. Consolidated Academic Facility for a ribbon cutting ceremony of the building aboard Camp Johnson to honor Master Gunnery Sgt. Brooks Elbert Gray Jr. here April 15.

WHISTLEBLOWER CONTINUED FROM 2B

The inspector general's most recent Semiannual Report for Transmission to the Congress included three examples of substantiated whistleblower-reprisal cases for the April 1 to Sept. 30, 2004, timeframe.

In one case, an Air Force master sergeant in Utah said he received an unfavorable enlisted performance report after reporting mismanagement by officers in his command to an inspector general. Following an investigation by Deese's office, corrective action was taken against the Air Force major and Navy captain involved.

In another case, an Army specialist in Hawaii reported that he was threatened with an Article 15 and involuntary separation after complaining to an inspector general about being tasked for a duty assignment. An Army investigation substantiated the complaint, and the first sergeant involved received corrective action.

A Naval Reserve lieutenant

said she was issued a letter of instruction and downgraded fitness report in reprisal for complaining of discrimination to her chain of command and Equal Opportunity Office, and in testimony to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Deese's office investigated and determined that two Navy captains had, in fact, reprimed against the lieutenant. Both officials involved were retired from active duty.

Reprisals against civilian employees are somewhat harder to track, because most cases are referred to the independent Office of Special Counsel.

However, the DoD Inspector General's Civilian Reprisal Investigations office investigates most of the highest-profile cases, explained Dan Meyer, the office's director. These cases involve civilian employees in the DoD intelligence community, participating in operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, associated with contractor fraud in excess of \$1 million, or who are fired as a result of whistleblowing activity, he said.

While military members, civilian employees and DoD contractors all receive whistleblower protections under the law, Meyer said the guidelines for what constitutes a whistleblower differ.

For example, service members who report waste, fraud or abuse through their chains of command qualify as "whistleblowers." However, civilians who report these occurrences to their immediate supervisors don't.

Meyer recommended that would-be "whistleblowers" consult with their inspectors general to learn about their rights and protections before taking action.

While nobody wants to have to blow the whistle on waste, fraud or abuse, and those who do often face a social stigma, Deese and Meyer agreed that "whistleblowers" are a vital part of the Defense Department's effort to monitor itself.

"You have to have people willing to come out and speak out," Deese said. "It's critical to the goal of maintaining accountability and integrity in the system."

FROM 2B

n a citation signed by Vice President Humphrey, the president's Council on Opportunity commended him in 1968 for community service in working with young people.

Gray lived and executed a life as a Marine and humanitarian. His legislation will forever survive in the camps and is represented by the naming

of the building aboard Camp Johnson.

All the qualities Gray had exemplified over the years were poured into the cement that provides the foundation for the building, where the school will continue to be a venue where Marines can learn trades and values comparable to Gray himself.

"This building is going to be the 21st century of Camp Johnson," said Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, commanding general, Marine Corps Base. "It's 86,000-square-foot, and there is 68,000 more to come."

Main side Briefs

TOWN HALL MEETING

Marine Corps Base and II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding generals, along with the commanding officer for the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, are hosting a town hall meeting May 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Marston Pavilion. The meeting is open to all service members, their spouses and family members. Free childcare is available beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations for childcare can be made by calling 451-2672 and must be made by May 5.

SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Come support breast cancer awareness and find a perfect gift for yourself at the Three-Day Breast Cancer Walk Silent Auction May 11 at Fire Mountain from 7 - 9 p.m.

SPEECH SCREENING

The Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital's pediatric clinic is offering speech screenings May 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. These screenings are by appointment only and are for children newborn - 36 months. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 450-4127.

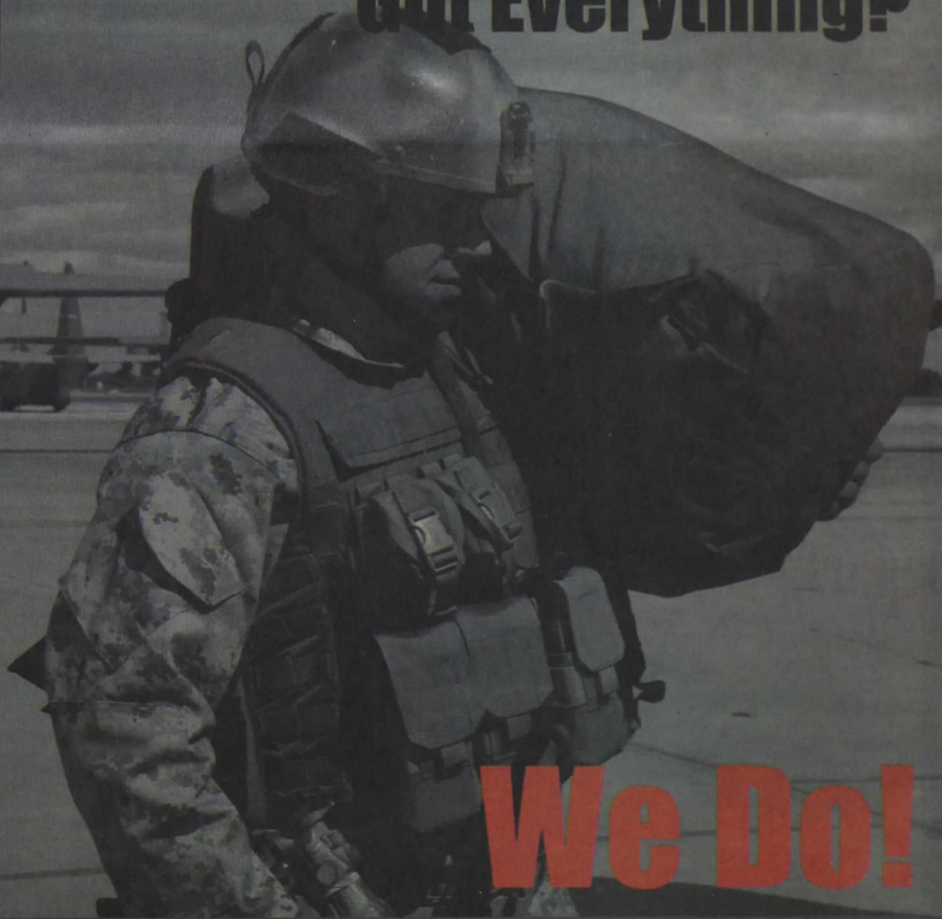
REENLISTMENT INCENTIVE

An Arabic linguist reenlistment incentive brief is scheduled for May 5 from 8 - 10 a.m. at the base theater. Marines of all enlisted ranks are eligible and must have a minimum GT score of 105 and a Defense Language Aptitude Battery score of 100. For more information, call Master Gunnery Sgt. Steven M. Rhodes at 451-0953.

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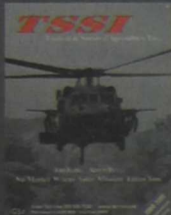
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2d Maintenance Bn.	12-1
Headquarters and Support Bn.	11-2
2d Supply Bn.	9-4
Naval Hospital-A	8-5
10th Marine Regiment	6-7
Naval Hospital	6-7
4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade	5-8
II Marine Headquarters Group	4-9
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PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Game 1: (6) 10th Marine Regiment vs. (3) Headquarters and Support Bn.
Game 2: (5) Naval Hospital-A vs. (4) 2d Supply Bn.

FRIDAY

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FROM 2B
 privileges to buy military global prepaid calling cards for deployed troops. After the program is in effect, the program is worth a distance of the \$2 — enough to buy and more than 78,000 pre-according to Anstey. increased through the sent to individual members or to any service through the American Service, United States, Air Force Aid or Fisher House. During the past year partners have distributed 27,000 prepaid phone cards through the program, Anstey said. More than half of those cards were distributed through the Red Cross. The program is any gauge of the popularity, they're a big hit. In February alone, troops received nearly 20 million minutes using the cards at phone centers in the United States," Anstey said. The program helps Our Troops Call Home program enables the public

to tap into an exclusive DoD contract with AT&T that gives troops the lowest per-minute fees for calls placed from AT&T phone centers," Anstey said.
 "If the card is purchased in the United States, the per-minute fees are 21 cents a minute from Iraq, Afghanistan or Kuwait. If the deployed service member buys the card overseas, the rates are even lower — 19 cents a minute from Iraq, Afghanistan or Kuwait," Anstey added.
 "These rates are lower than they were a year ago," Anstey said, and compare to as much as 40 cents per minute charged by some phone-card companies after converting calling units to actual calling minutes," said Anstey.
 "In addition to low rates, the military prepaid cards don't expire and aren't subject to additional charges or connection fees," he continued.
 Army Lt. Col. Debra Pressley, AAFES' chief of corporate communications, called the public outpouring through the Help Our Troops Call Home program inspiring.
 "The decision to allow the exchange services to work directly

with the American public has provided a textbook study in how to safely and effectively support our troops," she said.
 One participating organization, the USO, has sent almost 1,700 prepaid cards through the program, according to Donna St. John, spokeswoman for the USO World Headquarters, in Washington. "That's in addition to the USO's own Operation Phone Home program, which had sent almost 300,000 100-minute global calling cards to deployed troops as of April 1," St. John said. AT&T has donated more than \$6 million in prepaid cards to the USO program.
 "The USO also distributes prepaid phone cards to wounded troops recuperating at military hospitals stateside and overseas and has included several hundred thousand phone cards in Operation USO Care Package boxes sent to deployed troops," St. John said.
 More information about the military exchange global prepaid calling card is available on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy Exchange and the Marine Corps Exchange Web sites, or by calling 800-527-2345.

LABORATORIES
CONTINUED FROM 2B

Camp Lejeune's laboratory is divided up into different areas of study including histotechnology, cytotechnology, phlebotomy, chemistry and microbiology. Each area is vital to the operation of the hospital and is equally busy helping the Marine Corps maintain operational readiness.
 "Our technicians don't only work in the 'lab', helping the hospital," they can be deployed at anytime," said McNamara. "Right now, we have four technicians deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism with a couple more getting ready to go."
 Ever since the anthrax scare a few years ago, microbiology has been relied upon more and more to detect and prevent widespread contamination. However, anthrax is only a small part of what a microbiology lab can detect.
 "Basically, we detect bacteria in the human body," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Coon, a medical "lab" techni-

cian. "A lot of our work deals with wound infections. We do it all though, throat, wounds, cultures — any bacteria that is going to affect the human body."
 Since Marines started coming back from Iraq, the "lab" noticed an increase in a bacterial infection called Acinetobacter baumannii. The AB bacterium resists most antibiotics and can live on the skin for many days, according to the World Health Organization. The resulting infections can be deadly and are very difficult to treat.
 "The bacteria lives in the dirt, and when people get wounds from shrapnel or something else, they can get the infection," said Coon. "We had to quarantine one Marine when he came back from Iraq because he brought back a strain that isn't in the United States."
 Microbiology also deals with the more run of the mill infections such as staphylococcal and streptococci which are common in areas where people live in close proximity to each other, such as the barracks. On an average day, the microbiology

"lab" will process 300 cultures a day.
 Another important mission the "lab" performs is checking the chemistry of the hospital's patients. The laboratory performs general chemistry tests as part of routine physicals performed at the hospital.
 "We do a lot of tests checking people's livers, thyroids and hearts," said Anita Hobbs, supervisor of chemistry. "We do lipids profiles which check people's cholesterol levels. In the last few years, we've gotten a lot more aggressive in diagnosing high cholesterol. We do over 200 tests a day to make sure our patients are healthy."
 With a staff of only 79 officers, enlisted and civilians, the hospital's laboratory is busy year-round making sure Marines and sailors, as well as their families, are ready and healthy to meet their missions. Every section of the "lab" has a specific mission which, when put together, provides an essential and often overlooked service to the patients receiving care.

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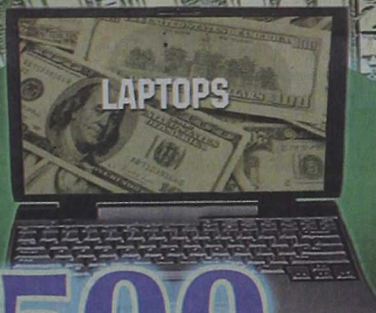
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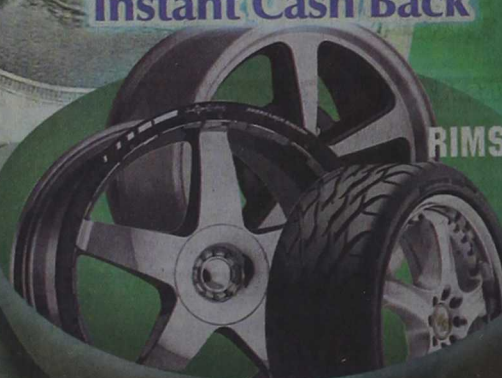
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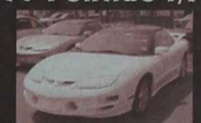
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Lejeune Openings

Singer Roxie perform songs from her new CD, *Soldier's* at noon at the Lejeune Exchange. Following the performance, she will be signing autographs. For more information, visit www.lejeunexchange.com.

EVENTS

Wilmington's United Bowling Organization is sponsoring "Disco Nights" on Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. to celebrate the new hair, big collars and form shoes. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call 455-3411.

ON BASE EVENT

The City of North Wilmington is sponsoring a "Bowling on Base" event at the Camp Lejeune Bowling Center from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 455-3411 or 451-5266.

HIGH REUNION

High School alumni from Lejeune High School will be July 1-3 at the Lejeune High School Reunion. The reunion will be held at the Lejeune High School Gymnasium from 7 to 11 p.m. on July 1, 2 and 3. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call Lisa Beavers at 451-5266.

FOR BABES' BIKE RIDE CONCERT

For Babes' Bike Ride Concert will be held at the Lejeune High School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call Lisa Whitman at 938-438-5733.

HERITAGE DAY

Onslow County will celebrate its Heritage Day on Saturday, May 7. The celebration will be held at the Onslow County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Lisa Whitman at 324-5008.

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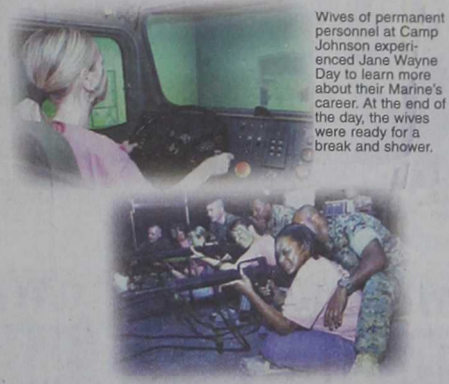
Corps Community Services is sponsoring a "MAYnia" event on Saturday, May 7 at P.T. Field. The event is open to the public and is a non-governmental organization. For more information, call 451-5266.

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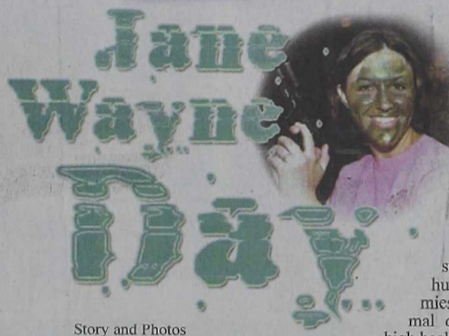
The Annual Pet Show will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lejeune Exchange. The show will feature a free clinic with special Dr. Donald Allen. Cats must be spayed and dogs must be leashed. For more information, call 451-5266.

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Military children can win a three-day trip to the Coca-Cola NASCAR race at the Lejeune Exchange. Children must be 10 to 14 years old and accompanied by one parent. Only one child per family is eligible. To enter the contest, stop by the Lejeune Exchange on Saturday, May 13.



Wives of permanent personnel at Camp Johnson experienced Jane Wayne Day to learn more about their Marine's career. At the end of the day, the wives were ready for a break and shower.



Jane Wayne Day

Story and Photos
HEATHER CARUSO
Carolina Living Staff Writer

I'm not normally the type of person who receives weird looks, but Friday, as I entered Camp Lejeune's main gate, I wasn't surprised when the gate guard did just that. In all honesty, I would have probably done the same if I had seen myself driving. It's not everyday you see a woman wearing camouflage trousers, a hot pink T-shirt and tennis shoes with a horribly made up camouflage face paint job. I certainly did not look like a Marine, which is probably why the guard laughed with his buddy in my rearview mirror.

As a Marine wife, there are certain things you anticipate, such as Marine Corps balls, promotions, government holidays, homecomings, the first and 15th of every month and of course, Jane Wayne Day - a chance to do what your Marine does for a day. Luckily for me, it was only one day. When I got the letter in the mail announcing the Camp Johnson Jane Wayne Day, my husband and I were both excited. He wanted me to do the things he does as a Marine; I wanted to shoot the guns.

That morning I felt strange as I put on my husband's digital "cam-mies," instead of my normal dress shirt, slacks and high heels. I soon realized "cam-mies" aren't the most flattering attire, but they are practical. (I could have hidden a backup lunch in the multiple pockets in case I was the unlucky recipient of the "Five Fingers of Death" Meal Ready to Eat.)

The majority of Camp Johnson's permanent personnel are instructors, so naturally the 15 Jane Wayne Day participants had their own private instructor - their husband - by their side. With each participant in her hot pink shirt and face paint, we excitedly proceeded to each station.

The day was full of action as we boarded the seven-ton that took us on dusty, bumpy rides from one activity to the other. We got "cammed" up by our husbands and operated realistic seven-ton simulators. As I "drove" through mud and sand storms, maneuvered through sharp turns and ran into a tree, I realized driving a seven-ton is more difficult than it appears. I was one of the lucky ones that didn't tip the truck over, but I came close a few times.

Next, at the pistol and M-16 A2 service rifle simulator range, I tried my hand shooting pistol drills with my "private instructor" by my side. After a little practice and getting used to all the steps before you can shoot, I was able to impress my Marine and expert shooter. He taught me well.

The most exciting part of Jane Wayne Day for me was performing martial arts on my husband. The excitement from performing a hip throw and bringing a 190-pound Marine to the ground was intoxicating. I may not have performed the move correctly, which would explain why I knocked the wind out of my husband causing the ordeal to be the talk of the shop, but I got him to the ground.

I learned a few things during my day as a Marine - the delicious and nutritious cheese tortellini MRE was much better than I imagined it would be; shotguns have a pretty good kick; Marine in full camouflage can be a few feet away without realizing it; flak jackets and Kevlars smell, and you shouldn't ride in the back of a 7-ton on dirt roads unless you are willing to inhale a cloud of dust.

At the end of the day, we were exhausted, some had battle bruises and everybody was looking forward to a good shower. We had been Marines for the day and our husbands seemed to eat it up. No longer will we pretend to understand how dusty, bumpy and uncomfortable a seven-ton ride can be; we know. No longer will we pretend to know what an MRE tastes like;



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Red Cross brings bikers together for good cause

HEATHER CARUSO
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Over 100 miles of Onslow County's beautiful farmlands, woodlands and beaches will be the view from hundreds of motorcycles in this year's "Ride for the Red," an Onslow County Chapter American Red Cross fund-raiser May 7. Whether you ride a Honda, Yamaha, BMW, Harley-Davidson, Kawasaki or Suzuki, it doesn't matter. As long as it has two or three wheels, it can heat up the roads in support of helping others during disasters through the Red Cross.

"We really do have a good time," said Norm Hoffman, ride director. "There's nothing like riding through a red light and not getting a ticket," he added with a smile as he explained how the sheriff department's motorcycle cops will be escorting the motorcade and directing traffic.

Somehow, in a crowd of a couple hundred bikers, everybody becomes friends by association, explained Hoffman. You may not know the person riding next to you, but the commonality of two wheels forms camaraderie between bikers, which makes for a great time complete with bike talk.

In addition to the bike ride, the community is invited to Logan's Roadhouse at 1 p.m. to view a bike show with six categories, including Stock Cruiser, Stock Sport Bike, Custom Cruiser, Classic and Touring Bikes and The People's Choice, where ride participants can vote for the best bike in the ride. All participants are welcomed to compete in the friendly competition for \$5, and well-known Onslow County citizens as well as Mrs. United States 2004, Edrienne Carpenter, will judge the competition.

"Ride for the Red" helps raise money for the county's Red Cross so it can provide relief services to citizens of Onslow County after disasters such as fires, tornados, hurricanes and floods. The Onslow County Chapter

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Last year's "Ride for the Red," an Onslow County Chapter American Red Cross fund-raiser, raised over \$2,000. This year the bike ride will be held May 7.



Drug Education For Youth program staff members Jean Molina, Tyrone Gunn, Brian Davis, Caroline Graham and Michael Diggs pictured with recent graduates Brittany Cox, Dejeun Dennard, Call Henson, Terrance Johnson, Amaree McLeod, Halie Pruitt, Earnicia Washington and Julian Washington.

Prevention program wraps up at Stone Street Youth Pavilion

ENA BRAVO
Features & Layout Editor

What better place to create positive change over time and work as a group to develop a bully and drug-free environment than at camp?

In 2003, Caroline Graham, drug demand reduction specialist, established a program named Drug Education For Youth on Camp Lejeune.

Originally, DEFY was founded in 1992 and further developed in 1993 by the Navy's Drug Demand Reduction Task Force. Now the program is fully integrated with the President's National Drug Control Strategy and funded through the office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1999, the Department of Justice funded 66 DDRIF DEFY sites nationwide. In 2001, the DDRIF was reorganized under the name of Drug Education For Youth Program.

The DEFY Program is a multi-phased drug and violence prevention program that targets youth between the ages of 9 and 12

to deter negative behavior and activities at their most influential stage of life which are the middle school years, where the primary exposure to high-risk behaviors occur.

The program instructs youth on several topics such as drug resistance, self-esteem, gang awareness, conflict resolution and physical fitness. DEFY consists of four integrated components, which together provide a year-long experience for the youth.

The program curriculum reaches deep into skill building and positive experiences, encouraging the youth to choose healthy alternatives instead of substance abuse or gang involvement. DEFY involves many elements from traditional youth programs, and it has had a tremendous impact on the youth. Not only do they have something fun to do now, but they have the chance to think about choices they might face in the future.

The program creates an environment where the kids can succeed by enhancing different aspects of themselves and giving

See PREVENTION | 7D

Tarawa Terrace II | Kindergarten garden



Jennifer Vanderbilt, kindergarten teacher, and her students Tristan Foundres, Taylor Hollandsworth and Cynthia Maldonado plant vegetables and flowers as they learn about plants. Taylor said she likes to plant flowers to keep out bugs. Other kindergarten classes participated at Tarawa Terrace II Elementary.

Marine Corps Base | Key Volunteers



Major General Robert C. Dickerson, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune commanding general, recognized the dedication of the base's Key Volunteers with a reception and awards ceremony. The KV's were from Camp Lejeune including Marine Corps Service Support Schools on Camp Johnson, School of Infantry on Camp Geiger and Marine Corps Engineer School at Camp

Bullock stars in a fun sequel with no new romance

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MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13)

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous is a somewhat romantic comedy, and the sequel to the 2000 original, highly successful and funny *Miss Congeniality*.

The story catches up with Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Gracie

Hart 10 months after she successfully disarmed a threat against the Miss United States Pageant, while working undercover as a pageant contestant in *Miss Congeniality*.

Having become the poster girl for the FBI and the media darling following her heroic pageant exploits, Gracie seems to be more interested in working the talk show circuit, promoting her book and spending time at the salon than at the shooting range.

Sandra Bullock (*Two Weeks Notice*, *Murder by Numbers*, *28 Days*, *Speed*) is back as Gracie Hart, the undercover agent, masquerading as a beauty queen. This time she tries her luck in Las Vegas.

The action starts when her friend and pageant winner Cheryl, played by

Heather Burns, and emcee Stan are kidnapped in Las Vegas.

William Shatner (*Dodge Ball*, *Star Trek*) is reprising his role as Stan Fields, the emcee.

Gracie's all-out efforts to jump back into the action to save them puts her at loggerheads with FBI top brass, who don't want to risk losing their mascot. They also fear she might not be up to the job anymore.

Regina King (*Ray*, *A Cinderella Story*, *Love and Hate*) costars as the feisty Sam Fuller, Gracie's bodyguard and new partner, and Treat Williams (*The Fraternity*) is the Vegas bureau chief.

Also appearing in this caper are Dietrich Bader (*Napoleon Dynamite*) as Joel, her stylist; Enrique Murciano (TV's

Without a Trace, *Speed 2*) as Jeff Foreman, a local agent; and Ernie Hudson (*The Last Siege*) as McDonald, Gracie's boss. Dolly Parton and Regis Philbin will also appear in cameo roles.

Director John Pasquin (*Welcome to Mooseport*, *Jungle 2*, *The Santa Clause*) presents a whole new concept in *Miss Congeniality 2*.

No new romance in this one. This sequel is more of a buddy movie and is a little lame but a fun time. It has two of the most likeable female actors around today - Bullock and King.

Miss Congeniality 2 is now playing at



Sandra Bullock and Regina King in *Miss C*

the Camp Lejeune theater. Ms. Huneycutt is the pre assistant at the Base Public Office.

Movie Listings

Check the movie listings online at www.mccslejeune.com

Midway Park

Saturday
Million Dollar Baby (2:12) PG-13 2 p.m.
Diary of a Mad Black Woman (1:56) PG-13 5 p.m.
Sunday
Man of the House (1:37) PG-13 2 p.m.

Camp Lejeune

Friday
The Ring Two (1:51) PG-13 6:30 p.m.
Miss Congeniality 2 (1:55) PG-13 9:15 p.m.
Saturday
Robots (1:32) PG 3:30 p.m.
The Ring Two (1:51) PG-13 6:30 p.m.
Miss Congeniality 2 (1:55) PG-13 9:15 p.m.
Sunday
Ice Princess (1:38) G 3:30 p.m.
Miss Congeniality 2 (1:55) PG-13 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Hostage (1:53) R 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
The Ring Two (1:51) PG-13 6:30 p.m.
Thursday
Be Cool (2:00) PG-13 6:30 p.m.

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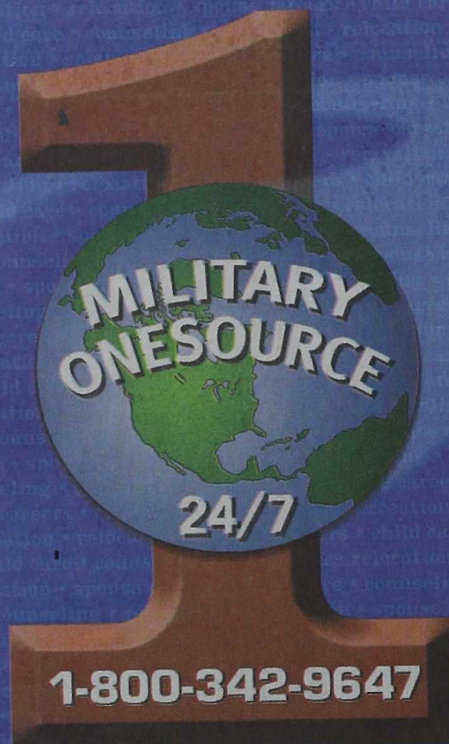
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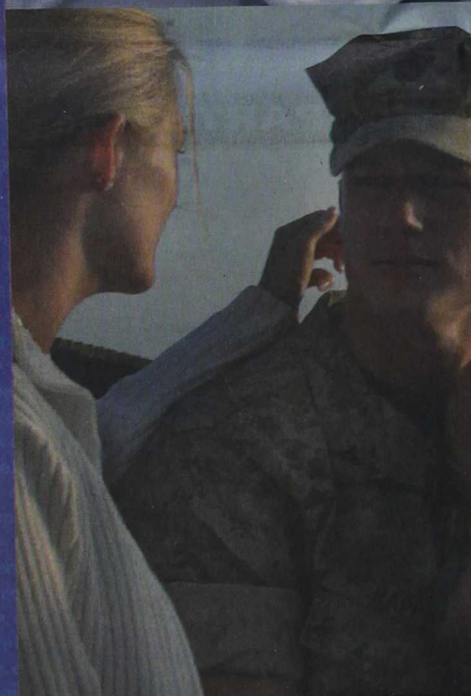
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born to Elsa and Pfc. Robert Quinlan
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Recognition assembly | Lejeune High School



Lejeune High School's Keyette Club and student leadership class gathered April 19 at the LHS auditorium for a recognition assembly. The Keyettes and student leadership class were praised by Tara Whaler, AmeriCares community project coordinator, for their outstanding effort to raise funds for the Tsunami Relief fund drive. The funds raised by the students were donated to AmeriCares, which is a nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization that provides immediate response for emergency medical needs and supports long-term humanitarian assistance programs for people around the world. If you would like to learn more about providing support, logon to www.AmeriCares.org.

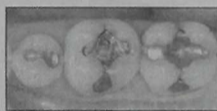
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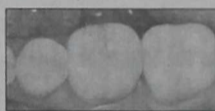
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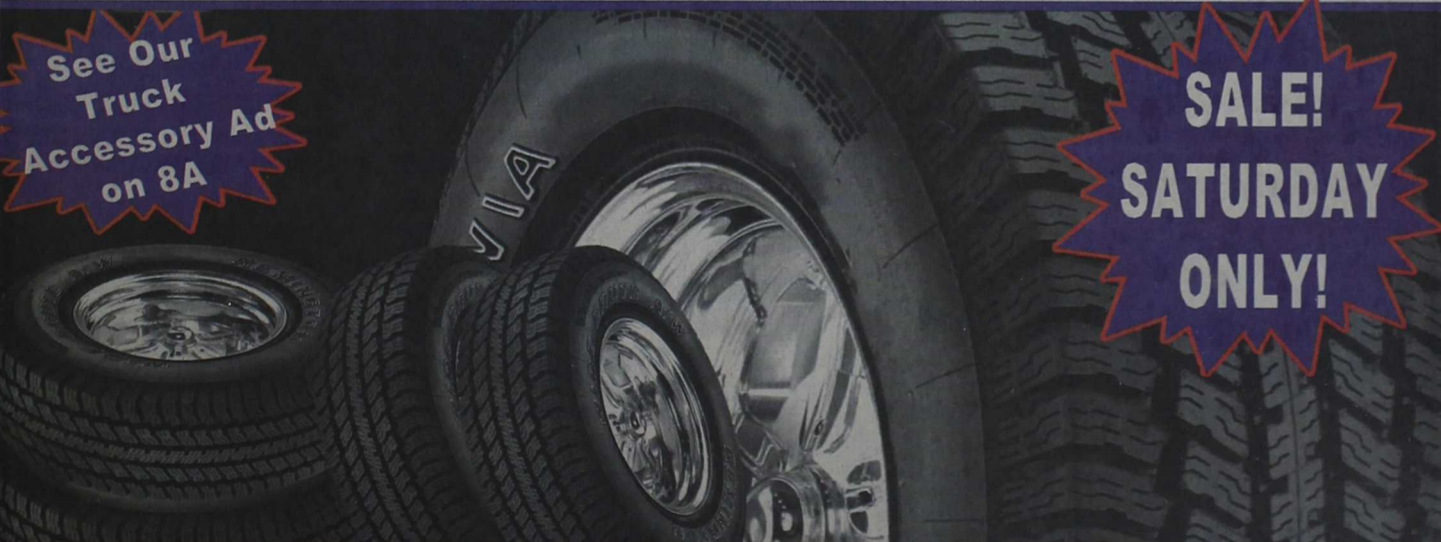
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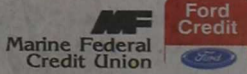
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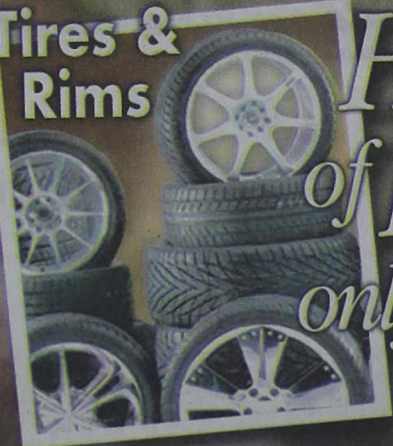
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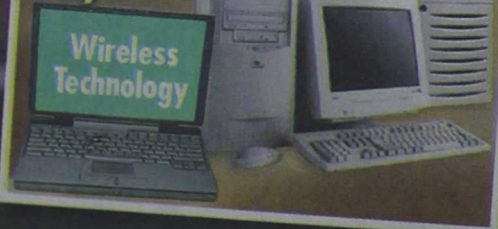
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them the potential to finish the program with positive feelings and valuable lessons.
 DEFY is manned by volunteers who develop youth through positive role model mentoring and community outreach.
 "The most rewarding thing I get from working with the kids in DEFY is making a positive difference in the life of a child. In life, we have to decide whether we want to be part of the solution or part of the problem. I choose to be part of the solution," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Diggs, camp director and mentor coordinator.
 "I recall when we first started Phase I, the kids were very shy when spoken to during classes and regular conversation. Also, several of them had to be prompted to participate in class. By the end of Phase I, the kids were louder, more excited and willing to participate in everything," said Diggs. "This routine carried over to Phase II, when we met on a monthly basis. Anytime we covered a new topic or reviewed a previous one, there was always someone stepping up participating. Even our most shy kids

were willing to get involved. Also, the enthusiasm and confidence grew so much over the school year as their knowledge of the various topics increased."
 According to Diggs, the program is a unique and comprehensive agenda that strengthens protective factors, reducing risks that have been scientifically linked to adolescent alcohol and drug abuse, school failure, delinquency and violence.
 "I received several comments from parents about the positive improvements seen in their children. Also, many of the kids would ask about meeting more than once a month during Phase II. That was one of the biggest signals that the kids were having a lot of fun in DEFY, while learning at the same time," said Diggs.
 The 2004-2005 DEFY staff is comprised of five volunteers who have put their heart and soul into this program and have arduously worked with 15 children. Last Saturday, dur-

ing the graduation ceremony, volunteers and children alike gave their goodbyes and thanks for the many experiences shared and the valuable lessons learned. Paul Nielson, Camp Lejeune Sempet Fit director of health promotions branch, presented certificates of completion and praised the children and volunteers for their outstanding achievements.
 The program is an ideal example of what is possible when people unite for a worthwhile cause; it takes a strong commitment to make a difference in the lives of our youth. If you are interested in registering for the program, recruiting will start next week.
 For more information, parents can contact Caroline Graham at 451-0021 or Sgt. Maj. Michael Diggs at 252-466-2093 or 545-2610. The new season will begin mid-July. Additionally, parents can visit www.kj.navy.mil/defy to learn about the program.

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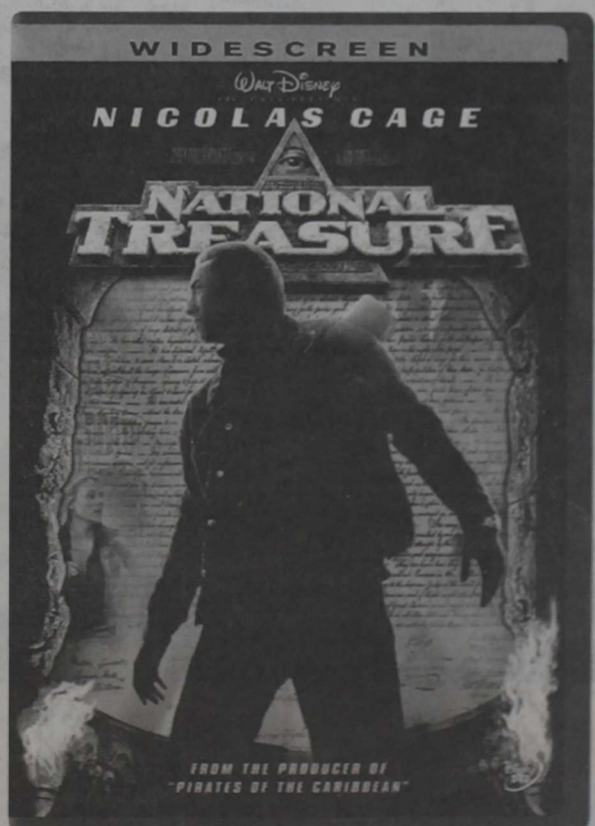
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