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Photos by Lance Cpl. Ashley Lawson

Marines joined a multinational force during BALTOPS 16 demonstrating their ability to rapidly amass forces in the Baltic Sea. More than 6,000 troops and 17 NATO allies and partner nations participated in BALTOPS 16 to enhance international relationships and combined abilities to counter transnational threats.

## SYNDALEN TRAINING AREA, FINLAND

# Marines, allies defend Baltic Sea during crisis scenario

**LANCE CPL. ASHLEY LAWSON**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Approximately 200 Marines conducted combat enhancement and foreign integration training as part of an exercise in the Baltics, June 6 through 8.

The three-day training event, also known as CETFIT, was the first opportunity for the Marines to work alongside foreign militaries during BALTOPS 16. Squad and fire team attacks, helicopter insertion and extraction

drills, live-fire training and amphibious operations allowed the U.S. forces to get acclimated with the terrain and the other nations.

“What we’re really driving for is to improve our tactical interoperability with our NATO allies and our partners here in the Baltic Region,” said Capt. John D. Quail, the commanding officer of the Task Force-BALTOPS company landing team.

Success during any crisis is achieved long before the cri-

sis begins during exercises like BALTOPS and CETFIT when allies and international partners train as one force to achieve one mission.

“Baltic Operations is (an) international crisis management operations exercise, which is very important for international capabilities,” said Finnish Navy Cdr. Juha Torkkeli, the CETFIT phase coordinator. “It (allows for) a good possibility to train with other nations in an international environment.”

The integration of partner nations reinforces the commitment to security of the Baltic Sea Region and to potential real-world operations.

“We build upon NATO alliances anytime we get a chance to work with our NATO partners in an operational or tactical setting. It also directly correlates to the fact that NATO is strategically looking at this region as very important for the maintenance of stability,” said Quail.

“For the first time here in Finland, it’s an excellent opportunity to train and enhance our troop’s capabilities. We are very pleased that BALTOPS is here with us,” said Torkkeli.

BALTOPS is an annual training exercise which brings together 17 NATO allies and partner nations to improve combat and crisis response readiness, build and sustain relationships and enhance stability in the Baltic Sea region.

# 2nd CAG reserve, II MEF Marines hit ground running

**CPL. JOEY MENDEZ**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

More than 80 Marines with 2nd Civil Affairs Group partnered with civil affairs specialists from II Marine Expeditionary Force for a training exercise June 13 through 15, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

The training gave Marines, both reserve and active duty, the most realistic training available by using a combination of the Infantry Immersion Trainer and Ash Street Forward Operating Base, which housed the Civil Military Operations Center.

“The mission of 2nd Civil Affairs Group is to train and employ Marines who can assess the civil environment and implement civil considerations into operational planning and tactical execution by providing the core tasks to support (Marine Air-Ground Task-Force) operations and security co-

operation objectives,” said Capt. Agustin C. Solivan, the training officer in charge of 2nd CAG.

Throughout the exercise, the Marines interacted with role players who spoke in French and Arabic, which would require them to use an internal interpreter in order to bring another realistic aspect to the training. The Marines also faced three role players who acted as American news reporters who would update the operations in the notional villages across international news.

“Working with these role players was a new experience in itself. There were so many of them who asked for help and it added a sense of realism,” said Sgt. Matthew A. Pennington, a civil affairs specialist with 2nd CAG. “Also having the three reporters there was frustrating, they would come up and bombard (us) with questions while (we) had to be focused on another task. It was done well.”

Solivan spoke about how his Marines took this unique opportunity to improve their mission readiness and increase their overall proficiency.

Pennington described the training as the most realistic training he had ever been a part of, and the entire unit agreed that they would eagerly participate in more training here at Camp Lejeune.

“This is the best training I have had since I have been with civil affairs,” said Pennington. “It is really awesome being able to integrate with the (II MEF) Marines in this really well thought-out scenario. I’m learning so many things that I would not have thought about before that I am thinking about now, so it has definitely been beneficial all around.”

II MEF aims to be a force of readiness and encourages all of its Marines to participate in any and all training preparing them for the needs of the Marine Corps.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH,  
UNITED KINGDOM**

# Marines, airmen team up for joint aerial exercises

**STAFF SGT. TIA NAGLE**

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa

U.S. Air Force pararescue specialists took the plunge from a Marine Corps KC-130J Hercules into calm waters during an aerial delivery mission.

Marines with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Africa conducted joint aerial training missions with U.S. airmen from the 56th and 57th Rescue Squadrons based out of RAF Lakenheath, June 7 through 9.

“Together we accomplished a combination of air delivery of cargo and personnel as well as day and night helicopter air to air refueling,” said 1st Lt. William Huckleba, a KC-130J Hercules pilot with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252.

Aerial deliveries can be used to transport personnel, cargo or heavy equipment in a timely and effective manner and are essential to the mission readiness of the SPMAGTF-CR-AF. These capabilities allow the crisis response force to mobilize large numbers of troops and supplies at a moment’s notice.

“These training opportunities accomplished the VMGR air to air refueling and assault support missions during joint operations while maintaining effective training and maximizing combat capabilities,” said Huckleba.

The training flights allowed the pilots and crew to maintain combat readiness and proficiency in core mission skill sets in order to provide the SPMAGTF-CR-AF with an aerial refueler transport squadron capable of executing various missions across Europe and Africa.

# 2015 Consumer Confidence Reports

## STAFF REPORT

Environmental Management Division

Water consumers at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCB CAMLEJ) and Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River will soon be receiving easy-to-understand Consumer Confidence Reports that will allow them to make informed choices that affect the health of their families and themselves.

What is a Consumer Confidence Report? As a result of the Consumer Confidence Rule developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in

August of 1998, all public water systems, including the water supply systems at MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS New River, are required to publish an annual report on the quality of drinking water provided to consumers. The annual Consumer Confidence Report is a "report card" to provide facts about the drinking water on the installation. The report identifies the source of our drinking water and details any contaminants detected during the reporting year. It also provides important health information.

By July 1, 2016, MCB CAMLEJ will notify all Base housing

residents (to include MCAS New River housing), by means of their community newsletters and/or in an email provided by their property managers on how to access the report. Residents will be able to use a direct link URL to a website displaying the Consumer Confidence Report. In addition, copies of the 2015 MCB CAMLEJ Consumer Confidence Report will be available at the MCB CAMLEJ Public Affairs Office in Building 67. Copies of the 2015 MCAS New River Consumer Confidence Report will be available at the MCAS New River Environmental, Safety, and Geospatial Services Department (ESGS) in Building AS211.

For additional information contact James Marshall-Zank or Lauren Acosta at (910)451-5068, or the Public Affairs Office at (910)451-5655. The Consumer Confidence Reports will also be posted on the following Environmental Management Division web page URL under Annual Reports:

<http://www.lejeune.marines.mil/OfficesStaff/EnvironmentalMgmt.aspx>

# Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune hosts head of Navy Medicine East

MICHAEL COLE

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune

Leading the way in medical services and innovation for more than 54,000 enrolled beneficiaries, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune received Rear Adm. Kenneth Iverson, Navy Medicine East commander for a two-day site visit June 15. Iverson oversees the delivery of medical, dental and other health care services to approximately 1 million patients across almost 100 medical centers, hospitals and branch clinics throughout the eastern U.S., Spain, Italy, Greece, Cuba and Bahrain.

"Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune is not only a preferred choice for its 54,000 enrolled patients to receive care, but also the preferred choice for its staff to work," said Iverson.

While on campus, Iverson visited some of NHCL's newest service centers including the Maternal Fetal Medicine clinic and Intrepid Spirit, which is a dedicated out-patient concussion and traumatic brain injury recovery center. Wounded warriors from every branch travel to Camp Lejeune for treatment.

"I'm proud of the team here and excited to have the opportunity to showcase the commitment and dedication this team brings to ensuring the readiness of the Navy-Marine Corps team and their families," said Navy Capt. Rick Freedman, the hospital's commanding officer.

Highlighting essential new services NHCL has brought on line in the past year, Iverson toured NHCL's newly designated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which is now equipped and staffed to provide lifesaving care to premature babies 32 weeks and older.

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune has undergone a transformation over the last several years adding new services, expanding other areas such as the emergency department and bringing on key new staff that enables the hospital to provide quality care to the warfighter, their families and veterans that was previously unavailable.

## Guidance on Political Activity 2016

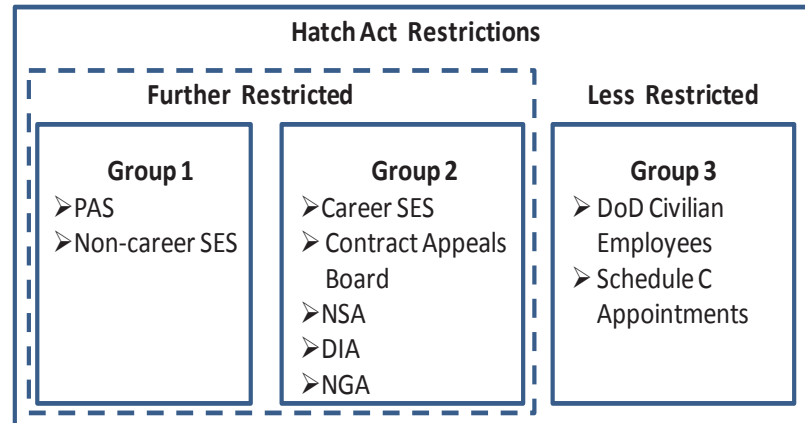
During the election cycle all DoD personnel – military and civilian – should be aware of the various limitations that exist when it comes to participation in political activity. A quick summary of the rules and links to substantive guidance are included in the information below.

### Civilian Employees

For DoD civilians, participation in political activity is regulated by a number of sources: the Hatch Act ([5 USC 7321 – 7326](#)), implementing regulations ([5 CFR 733](#) and [5 CFR 734](#)), as well as DoD policy. For purposes of the Hatch Act, political activity is defined as "an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office or partisan political group." Because the application of the rules varies depending on an employee's position or office, it is extremely important that employees who are engaging in political activity know which rules apply.

With regard to civilian employees, there are two sets of restrictions for three groups of employees. The first and more restrictive set of restrictions applies to: (1) individuals appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate and individuals serving in non-career SES positions; and (2) career members of the SES, contract appeals board members, and all employees of the National Security Agency (NSA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the National Geo-Spatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). The second and more lenient set of restrictions applies to all other employees (including Schedule C political appointments).

Employees in Groups 1 and 2 are prohibited from taking an active part in partisan political management or political campaigns and are referred to as "further restricted" employees.



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**D's Drive Thru (AKA: Raul's Drive Thru, AKA: Sam's Drive Thru)** at 226 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.  
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**Expressions** at 419 South College Rd., #39, Wilmington.  
**Express Way** at 1261 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.  
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**Laird's Auto and Truck Repair (U-Haul Rental)** at 1197 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville.  
**MB Super Discount** at 800 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington.  
**One Stop Shop** at 501 Corbin St., Jacksonville.  
**Price is Right Lawn Design** in Jacksonville.  
**Saint Thomas Custom Homes** at 3560 McArthur Rd., Broadway.  
**Smart Buy** at 375 Jacksonville Mall, Jacksonville. (currently not open, but has history of reappearing)  
**Tobacco** at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.

**Tobacco Leaf** at 215 Western Blvd., Jacksonville.  
**Veterans Affairs Service Jacksonville. (This is a private organization not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs or the VA Outpatient Clinic.)**

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**98 Cent Only Store**  
**(Big Daddy) Wesley's Grocery**  
**Coastal Smoke Shop**  
**Expressions**  
**Friday's Night Club (AKA: Club Insomnia, Club Classics, Infinity Lounge)**  
**Flyers**  
**H&D Express (AKA: Citgo)**  
**Nadine's Food Mart**  
**Super Expressway**  
**Tobacco Outlet (Havelock and New Bern)**  
**Tobacco Shop & Gifts (Beaufort and New Bern)**  
**Tobacco Town**  
**Tobacco Shop (Newport and New Bern)**  
**Twin Rivers (Not the mall)**  
**White Sands Convenience Store**  
**Off-limits Roads:**  
**Catfish Lake Road**

### Hotline numbers to report fraud, waste, abuse and corruption

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**MCIEAST Hotline** - 451-3928 [www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx](http://www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx)  
**TECOM Hotline** - (703) 432-1650 [www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx](http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx)  
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**MARSOC Hotlines** - 440-1045/0941 [www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx](http://www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx)

## CRIME STOPPERS

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Photo by Cpl. Samuel Guerra  
An M1A1 Abrams with 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, maneuvers toward an alternate battle position during a semi-annual gunnery qualification at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 16. The training afforded key leaders within the unit the opportunity to evaluate how effectively their Marines can employ their expertise in combat scenarios throughout the world.

## 2nd Tanks head down range for gunnery qualification

**CPL. SAMUEL GUERRA**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines with 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division conducted their semi-annual gunnery qualification at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 13 through 29.

The unit evaluates their Marines' expertise with the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank to ensure they maintain proficiency at engaging and destroying targets, preparing for potentially unexpected combat situations.

"We are demonstrating how well qualified we are to control the tanks," said Sgt. Matthew Rivera, a tank commander with the unit. "It affords us the opportunity to employ our skills and strengthen our techniques in a way you cannot get anywhere else."

The crewmen were tasked to operate the vehicles while maintaining their composure and overcoming mental and physical adversity.

"It is a challenge to work in the heat because it is a lot warmer inside of a tank,"

Rivera said. "However, that does not get in the way of our professionalism. The training reminds us that we are more than capable of pushing through whatever obstacles we face."

The qualification also facilitated a noticeable amount of unit cohesion that enabled the tank crewmen to fluently employ the vehicles to their full potential.

"My Marines and I have become even closer and strengthened our combat readiness because of this training," said 1st Lt. John Defelice, a platoon commander with the unit.

"I see these Marines as my family and am willing to go the distance to ensure they sustain elite expertise in this profession."

The unit provides an important element within II Marine Expeditionary Force to use in combat situations across the globe by providing superior firepower to the battlefield.

"We are prepared to demonstrate how effective we are in any region of the world," Defelice said. "At any given second, my Marines can successfully (employ their skills abroad) to destroy our enemies."



Photo by Cpl. Melodie Snarr  
Lance Cpl. James Sims, an intelligence specialist with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion role-playing as a captive, is dragged from area to area in an effort to get a response from reconnaissance Marines during a certification exercise in preparation for their upcoming deployment, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 15. During the exercise, the Marines are inserted into an area and given objectives to gather information to report back to the Reconnaissance Operating Center, while remaining undetected by enemy forces.

## 2nd Recon conducts certification exercise for deployment

**CPL. MELODIE SNARR**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion participated in a certification exercise in preparation for their upcoming deployment, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 7 through 17.

During the exercise, Marines are inserted into an area and given objectives in order to gather information for the Reconnaissance Operating Center, all while remaining undetected by enemy forces.

"The mission of CERTEX for the battalion is to evaluate the company who is going on the next Marine Expeditionary Unit. Before they actually attach to the MEU, we run a certification exercise to evaluate the teams, the platoon and the companies on their thousand-level tasks and to make sure they are meeting all their requirements on reconnaissance missions," said Sgt. Dustin Thurmond, an evaluator and reconnaissance Marine with 2nd Recon.

The Marines began the exercise by navigating small river boats down the New River inlet to their beach

landing site.

"From (the initial cache site) we cached the boats in vicinity of the beach landing site with whatever means we had to, either digging them in or using vegetation to conceal them," said Sgt. Tyler Ring, a team leader with the unit. "From there, we made movement conducting zone reconnaissance."

Zone reconnaissance is used to create reports of the characteristics of an area to give to a landing force.

"We take thermal imagery, thermal video and digital night photography so they can see the composition of the ground and if there are any obstacles they would encounter when landing," said Ring.

The Marines patrolled from the landing site to the objective taking reports of the area to give to the landing force.

"They get in the nastiest parts of Lejeune, the swamps, and that's where they live. They push out two-man patrols and get eyes on the objective. They conduct reconnaissance surveillance from there," said Thurmond. "Their reports really need to paint that picture of the battlefield so

(2nd Marine Division units) can go in and know what they're going to do."

Marines go through months of different training such as the Basic Airborne Course or the Marine Combatant Diver's Course before the CERTEX.

"(The certification) is just to see where they're at. The Marines in Bravo Company have been in their platoon work up phase for more than six months. They have plenty of time to prepare for the battalion certification exercise," said Thurmond. "It's eight days of reconnaissance and surveillance. It's not an easy job. It's definitely the hardest mission in the Marine Corps."

During the exercise, each team had an evaluator to observe and ensure the Marines were proficient in each task.

"From what I could see, the Marines did extremely well. We're very pleased with their performance. From when we composited the company to now, the Marines have done extremely well and have made a lot of improvements," said Capt. Jonathan Harris, a platoon commander. "We're where we need to be prior to going on the MEU."

## 2nd CEB Marines send rockets downrange

**CPL. PAUL S. MARTINEZ**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines with Mobile Assault Company, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion developed their proficiency with the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon during a live-fire range at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 16.

The SMAW functions primarily as a portable assault weapon, with usage as an anti-armor rocket launcher made effective by Marines as well.

"Today was about the valuable training of getting our Marines experienced with the SMAW," said Cpl. Dylan Isabelle, a squad leader with the company. "The SMAW is an effective weapon in our arsenal and vital to implement as a combat engineer."

Marines operated the weapon in teams of two, with one identifying the target and assisting in the loading of the weapon while the second aimed and fired. Marines expended practice rounds, high explosive rounds and anti-armor rounds.

"It makes the Marines more confident; with enough practice the whole squad will know the weapon like the back of their hand," said Isabelle.

The training was also a necessary preparation exercise for the battalion's upcoming Deployment For Training evolution.

"We will be going down to Georgia for a DFT to focus on route clearance and battalion-level exercises," said 1st Lt. George Mardre, a platoon commander with the company. "When you go out to do route clearance, you might not know what you'll encounter, and if we come across enemy defensive positions or armored vehicles, we are able to engage those targets. It's about having a variety of tools to fight."

The battalion is slated to begin their DFT in August. "This training adds another weapon to our arsenal, one internal to our platoon and one we can use if we find ourselves supporting the infantry," said Mardre.



Photo by Cpl. Paul S. Martinez

A Marine with Mobile Assault Company, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion advances up range with a shoulder-mounted multipurpose assault weapon during a live-fire range at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 16. The training was conducted in preparation for the battalion's Deployment For Training in August.

# Armed Forces Voters Week: make your vote count

**2ND LT. JANAY D. ARNOLD**  
 II Marine Expeditionary Force

On Nov. 8, the United States will hold a General Election to elect the President, Vice President, members of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senators and several State and local officials. During Armed Forces Voters Week and Overseas Citizens Voters Week, all Marine Corps commands will disseminate voting information to Marines, Civilian Marines and their eligible family members. The goal is to contact 100 percent of our eligible voting population and provide them the information or assistance they may need to successfully register to vote with their home state. You have sacrificed years of your lives to guarantee the freedoms of our democracy.

To maintain this democracy, we are guaranteed the right to vote and select our governments' leaders and representatives. There are many ways to vote in this upcoming election. Be sure to get with your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or visit the website [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) to find out more information about voting in your home state and remember that every vote counts.

# 8th Communication Battalion changes command

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Against the backdrop of a half-dozen satellite terminals and wreckers symbolizing the command and control capability they bring to the fight, about 500 Marines representing 8th Communication Battalion stood in formation under hazy skies as their commanding officer Lt. Col. Derek E. Lane relinquished command to Lt. Col. Paul G. Beeman June 14 at W.P.T. Hill Field at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Addressing an audience of nearly 300 guests, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group commanding officer Col. Thomas J. Gordon summed up the success realized by the battalion under Lane's two-year stewardship. Facing resource and personnel shortages coupled with high operational tempo two years ago, Gordon said the battalion was "looking into the abyss" and likely facing only two possible outcomes.

"It will either turn into dust, or it will create a diamond. That's a diamond out there. "What really makes a difference with great commands," he added, "is they pull together and become a family--a warrior family--and that's really what's before you with 8th Comm. Battalion." During his farewell speech in which he thanked his family and past mentors, Lane characterized the frenetic pace of commit-

ments experienced by the battalion during his tenure "There are two modes--relaxing and wide open and I think we were wide open for two years."

He expressed his pride in the unit's performance despite the operational demands. "We never cost the (Marine Expeditionary Units) one red cent when we chopped (our Marines). They were always ready to roll and the feedback we received from the MEU commanders and communications officers has always been great. (In every evolution) these Marines crushed it. I love you and I'll miss you."

Near the end of his remarks, Lane received an arranged call on his BlackBerry answering, "Hello? You want the CO of 8th Comm Battalion? Let me give him this phone!" and jokingly handed it to Beeman.

Addressing the Marines of the battalion, Beeman kept his remarks short: "It is certainly my privilege and honor to work shoulder to shoulder with you in the coming weeks, months and years. I, too, have a lot to learn from you but I will certainly will give you one-hundred-and-ten-percent effort to earn your trust and your respect as we proceed to get this battalion ready to fight tonight."

Lane is scheduled to report to Yale University later this summer as part of the Marine Corps' fellowship program to engage in a year of academic research in International Security Studies.

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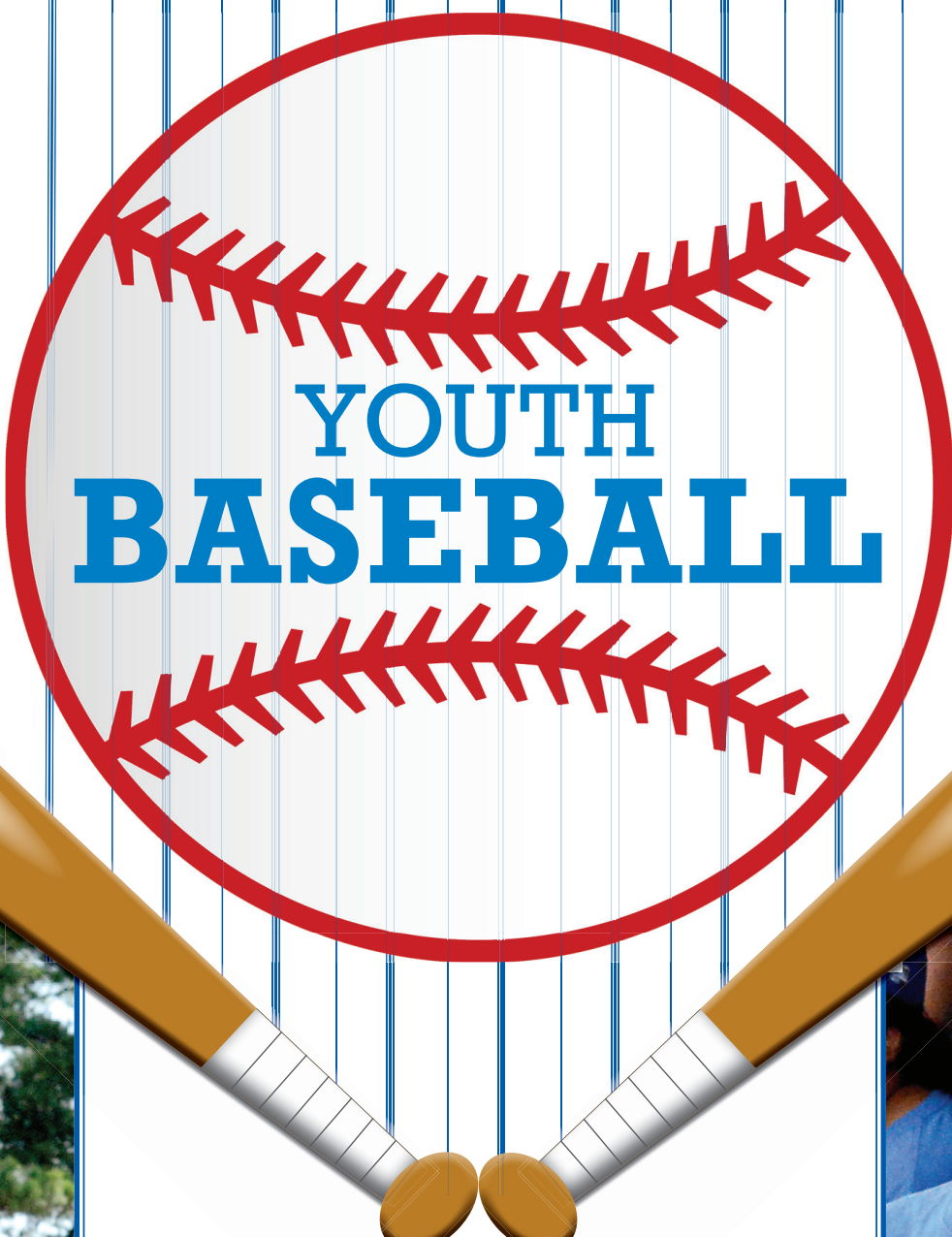
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## YOUTH BASEBALL

### Final games settle score

**ALLIE LANDEN**  
Sports editor

Lejeune-New River Youth Sports baseball season came to a close with the final games played at the Tarawa Terrace fields on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Saturday. The 10-12 age group was dominated all season by two teams: the Rangers and Phillies.

Coming into Saturday, the Phillies and Rangers were tied as both teams boasted eight wins and only one loss each. It all came down to Saturday's games. The Phillies had to beat the Cubs to have a shot at first place.

The Phillies vs. Cubs game started with the Phillies at bat. The first inning ended with the Phillies on top by a small 4-3 lead.

"I have a passion for baseball," said Phillip Davis, a Phillies player. "It's my life. I practice at home every day and twice a week with the team."

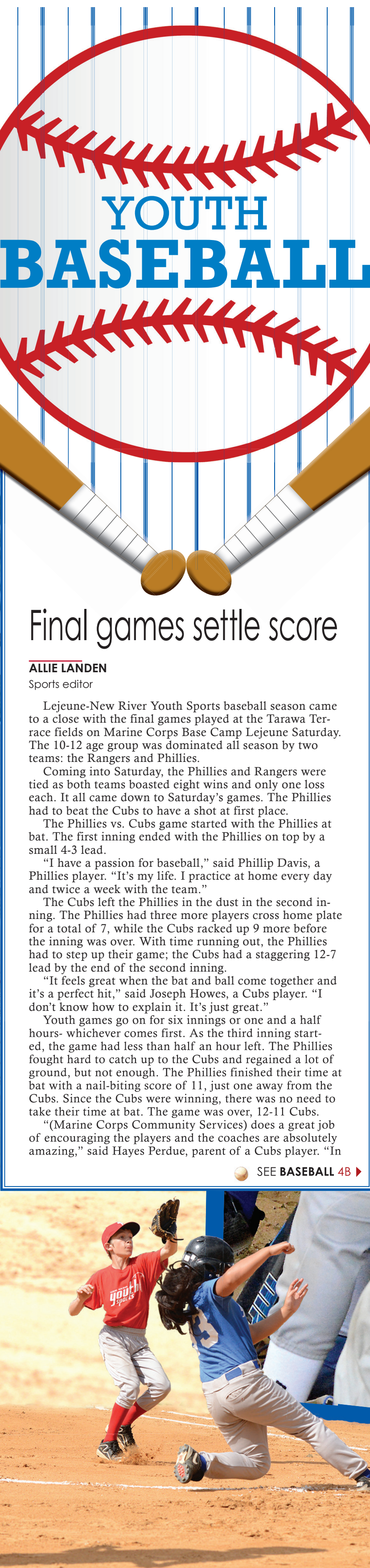
The Cubs left the Phillies in the dust in the second inning. The Phillies had three more players cross home plate for a total of 7, while the Cubs racked up 9 more before the inning was over. With time running out, the Phillies had to step up their game; the Cubs had a staggering 12-7 lead by the end of the second inning.

"It feels great when the bat and ball come together and it's a perfect hit," said Joseph Howes, a Cubs player. "I don't know how to explain it. It's just great."

Youth games go on for six innings or one and a half hours- whichever comes first. As the third inning started, the game had less than half an hour left. The Phillies fought hard to catch up to the Cubs and regained a lot of ground, but not enough. The Phillies finished their time at bat with a nail-biting score of 11, just one away from the Cubs. Since the Cubs were winning, there was no need to take their time at bat. The game was over, 12-11 Cubs.

"(Marine Corps Community Services) does a great job of encouraging the players and the coaches are absolutely amazing," said Hayes Perdue, parent of a Cubs player. "In

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# HALL OF GAME

## At long last, Cleveland

**CASEY WILTGEN**  
Special to The Globe

The time has finally come for the city of Cleveland to have a reason to celebrate professional sports.

It was 1964 the last time a professional team from Cleveland won a championship. Led by Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown, the Cleveland Browns defeated the Baltimore Colts 27-0 in the first ever NFL title game to be televised by CBS. To put this city's winning drought into perspective, the Baltimore Colts still existed, President Barack Obama was only two years old and LeBron James would not be born for another 20 years.

For the city of Cleveland, none of the past shortcomings matter now. On Sunday night, the Cleveland Cavaliers made history in more ways than one by defeating the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors by a score of 93-89. Against all odds the Cavaliers went into hostile territory in Oakland for Game 7 and got the job done in Oracle Arena, a venue that proved to be the downfall for opponents all season long.

Not only was it the first championship in franchise history for the Cavaliers, but it was the first time in NBA Finals history that a team came back from a 3-1 series deficit to capture the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy. Talk about sweating it out for three games.

The Cavaliers effectively shut down the league MVP Stephen Curry in the final game, holding him to 17 points on a shaky 6-19 shot attempts. On the other side of the coin, James put up an impressive triple double with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists while teammate Kyrie Irving added 26 points.

After spending a total of nine seasons with the Cavaliers over his storied career, James was ultimately able to lift the weight put on his shoulders to deliver a championship to the unlucky sports city when he entered the league straight from high school in Akron, Ohio. Some thought the hometown hero was gone forever when he decided to make the controversial move to Miami to join

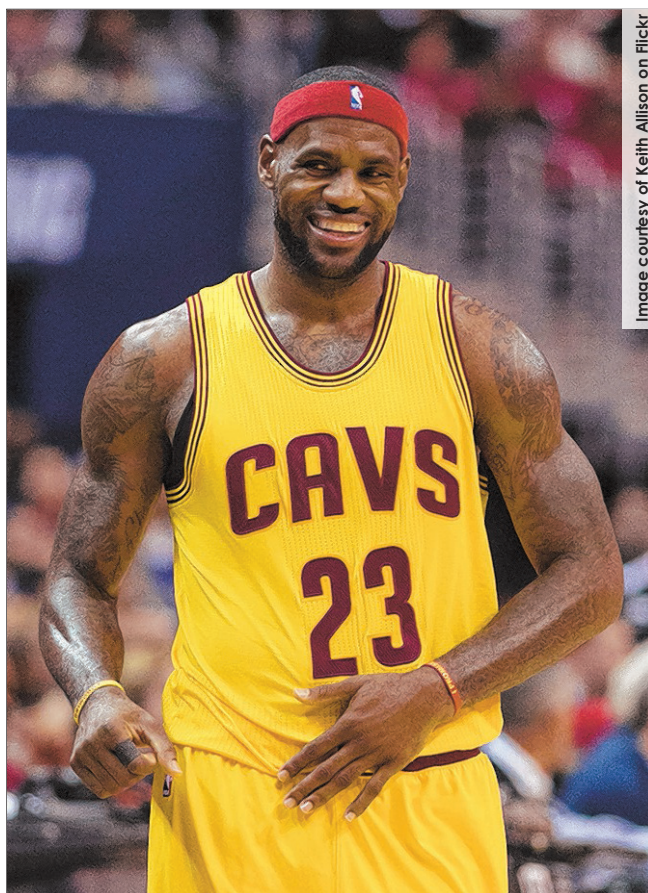


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the Heat, a few going so far as to burn his jersey. But return he did, making good on his promise that within two years of being back he would win it all. Maybe those disgruntled fans just wanted to clear out space in their closet for new championship apparel.

Nobody needed this more than Cleveland. The past is behind them and the future for sports success looks bright. Well, probably not for the Browns but that's beside the point.

**Editor's note: Hall of Game is a weekly commentary series covering everything sports-related. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion of the writer.**

# On the fit side

## What's your excuse?

**ALLIE LANDEN**  
Sports editor

We all are in control of the food choices we make every day. Why do we continue to sabotage our health and make excuses for our actions? When we make excuses for our unhealthy habits, we are only hurting ourselves, of course. I've compiled a list of the top five excuses I've heard (and said) so you can recognize it in yourself. Next time you think about one of these excuses, I hope you will understand what is happening and make a better choice.

### 1. I was in a hurry.

When we are rushed, we make all kinds of excuses. The worst one pertains to our food choices. If you wake up late and don't have time to make a green smoothie or egg white omelet, you grab a toaster pastry, sugary cereal or, even worse, a fast food option instead. But listen, does it really take more time to grab a banana? Instead of making cereal, how about some oatmeal? Being in a hurry isn't the end of the world. You could get a parfait instead of a sausage biscuit in the drive through. The fact is eating healthy meals doesn't have to take any longer than eating unhealthy ones. It's just a matter of preparing for your lateness by prepackaging snacks and buying

portable fruits like apples, bananas, grapes and such.

### 2. We are celebrating.

When you are out with friends celebrating an event, you don't have to eat like there's no tomorrow. You don't have to eat birthday cake. You don't have to get seconds. If you want cake, great; get a smaller slice or don't eat the whole piece. When you're at a pot luck, get a small amount of each food. If grandma is going to be upset when you don't try her macaroni salad, just get a small amount of it. People tend to eat more when they are celebrating because it's a special occasion, but your health is important too. You can have a good time without going overboard. Don't let this excuse keep you from your goals.

### 3. I deserve it.

This may shock some readers, but I'll say it anyway; if you exercise for an hour and then eat a doughnut as a treat, you've wasted your hour. Seriously. If you eat well for breakfast and lunch, that shouldn't give you full reign to eat a whole pizza for dinner. One food doesn't cancel another out; they add up. Think about this: if you have one tablespoon of muddy water and add one cup of clean water to it, it doesn't make the muddy water clean, right? You can't eat one healthy

meal a day and expect to be healthy. The next time you think, "I deserve a treat," understand it's an excuse to eat.

### 4. If she can eat that much and still stay skinny, I can too.

When a healthy friend eats a double burger and fries, it's not an excuse to order the same. Don't act like you don't know how your body reacts to eating a ton of calories. It's not like your metabolism will see your friend and correct itself accordingly. Eat what you planned to eat. Don't change your plans because a friend is indulging.

### 5. I'm hungry.

Yes, being hungry is a sign to eat. No, you can't eat two portions because you're "starving." You are supposed to feel hungry. Hunger is a normal, natural feeling. I've definitely made this excuse before. You know you're getting more than your fair share of food at the table, so you announce your hunger to everyone there. It's an acceptable excuse, but an excuse nonetheless. Stop overeating. When you're hungry, you should eat one meal, not two.

We've all made (or at least heard) these excuses. Now, hopefully, we can take a step back and see they are just excuses, and they're standing in your way.

# Sports on Tap

## Red Bull Global Rallycross July 2 through 3

The two-day event will take place July 2 for DOD Cardholders and their escorted guests only; July 3 will be open to the public. General seating for this event for both days is free. This year, guests have the option to purchase premium seating. For more information, visit [www.redbullglobalrallycross.com](http://www.redbullglobalrallycross.com).

## Fall Youth Sports Registration July 5 through July 22

Lejeune-New River Youth Sports fall registration is open July 5 through July 22. Cheerleading and flag football are open for ages 6 through 12. Soccer is open to children ages 5 through 12. The season runs from August to November. For more information, visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/youth-sports](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/youth-sports) or call 451-6714.

## Canoe for Two July 8, 6 p.m.

Outdoor Adventures is hosting a guided canoe tour for couples July 8 at 6 p.m. Participants will meet at Gottschalk Marina before setting out on the river. For more information, visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/outdoor](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/outdoor).

## Sandsational 8K Beach Run July 9, 7 a.m.

The Semper Fit Grand Prix Series will host the Sandsational 8K Beach Run on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune July 9 at 7 a.m. This scenic course includes sand, dirt roads and pavement. Registration is available for \$45 per person until July 5. A 1-mile option is also available for \$10 until July 5. For more information, visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grandprix](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grandprix).

## BFF: Best Furry Friend Community Fun Run July 16, 8 a.m.

MCCS will hold the pet-themed monthly fun run with 1- and 3-mile options at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The event is free and open to all authorized patrons. For more information, call 450-1687 or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/community](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/community).

## Beginner Fencing Classes July 29 through Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

Cape Fear Fencing Association will host beginner fencing class at the Wallace Creek Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Fridays, July 29 through Sept. 23 (no class Sept. 2) at 7 p.m. Cost for the eight-session class is \$40 plus \$10 USA Fencing membership fee. For more information, visit [www.capefearfencing.com](http://www.capefearfencing.com) or call 799-8642.

For more information on games, tryouts, special events and exercise classes around Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, check out Sports on Tap each week. To add your activity, email [LandenA@CampLejeuneGlobe.com](mailto:LandenA@CampLejeuneGlobe.com) or call 451-7419. Space is limited to availability.

To add your event to our website calendar, visit [www.camplejeuneglobe.com/calendar](http://www.camplejeuneglobe.com/calendar).

## Jacksonville holds Wacky Olympics



Photo by Allie Landen

Ryland Loukides competes in the obstacle course during Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Wacky Olympics at Kerr Street Recreation Complex Saturday. The event was part of the Family Park Days Series and included off-the-wall challenges such as the Blaster Balloon Launch and Rubber Chicken Javelin.

**Editor's note: On the Fit Side is a weekly series covering everything health and exercise-related. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion of the writer.**

# Sports Hall of Fame recognizes hometown heroes

**ALLIE LANDEN**  
Sports editor

More than 200 guests, including Mayor Sammy Phillips of Jacksonville, attended the prestigious 2016 Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and 15th anniversary celebration at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville June 16. The evening honored three new inductees, gave special recognition to four international/national award winners and presented the inaugural Hero's Spirit Award.

The evening began with a silent auction for items donated by generous individuals and local businesses. Guests enjoyed dinner and dessert before the ceremony began. Jones Angell, play-by-play voice of the University of North Carolina football and basketball, lent his talents as the emcee of the evening, entertaining and engaging the audience.

The Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission first offered a token of their appreciation to the event's major sponsor, Coastal Bank and Trust. Richard Jefferson, the president and chief executive officer accepted the engraved desk clock on behalf of the organization.

Ashleigh Bachert, explained the future goals of the JOSOC, highlighting their three major directives: contributing to the area's economic growth through sports tourism, supporting local events and getting the community involved and engaged. She also mentioned the possibility of new sports.

"I'm excited for the upcoming fiscal year," said Bachert. "We have a lot of great news to share. I'll give you a sneak peek: we are potentially going to be hosting U.S. quidditch."

The evening continued with special recognitions to individuals in Onslow County who have received national and international achievements in sports. Jason Loukides, head coach of the All-Marine Wrestling Team, accepted his gift for being named the 2015 USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Coach of the Year. Another familiar face in the world of wrestling, Bryce Saddoris, was recognized for becoming the 2015 United States Marine Corps Male Athlete of the Year. Doug Kidd, girls' soccer coach at Swansboro High School, was honored for earning the 2015 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Girls High School Coach of the Year. The last person recognized was Johnny Stevenson, owner of Stevenson Motorsports, for their victory in the 2015 International Motor Sports Association Continental Tire SportsCar Championship.

Jefferson stepped up to the podium to bequeath the first Hero's Spirit Award. Bachert proposed the award as a way to recognize those who elevate sports in the community to a higher level. The award can recognize an organization, individual, business, facility or even an event.

"This year, we are humbled by an organization which truly demonstrates a hero's spirit," said Jefferson. "Individuals from this organization give freely of themselves to ensure everyone, whether abled or differently abled, can experience an endurance event. Through the various races they have coordinated and continue to coordinate in Onslow County, they aim to build awareness about America's special needs community."

The Hero's Spirit award went to Ainsley's Angels of Eastern Carolina. In addition to the glass sculpture, Ainsley's Angels received a Hoyt Running Chair, which is used to support athlete riders during events. Bachert said the chair was a special gift to help the organization continue to bring inclusion to all and support the community.

With the evening coming to a close, three oblong glass statues were left on the table. It was on to the main event: the 2016 inductees for the Sports Hall of Fame. This year, three people became members.

The late Quincy Monk was inducted for his outstanding contribution to sports through football. Monk was a football, basketball and track athlete for White Oak High School. Upon graduation, Monk received a scholarship to play football with the University of North Carolina. Later, he continued his passion by playing for the New York Giants in the National Football League. He went on to play for the Houston Texans as well. After completing his NFL career, he served as a coach with the Gideon Johnson Football Camp, the David Thornton Football Camp, and he was a speaker for various youth groups.



Ashleigh Bachert, right, executive director for Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission, gives special recognition to Jason Loukides, the All-Marine Wrestling Team coach and 2015 USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Coach of the Year, during the Induction Ceremony and 15th anniversary Celebration of the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville June 16.



Photos by Allie Landen

Awards for the Class of 2016 Induction Ceremony and 15th anniversary Celebration of the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame included the inaugural Hero's Spirit Award, left, presented to Ainsley's Angels of America, an engraved desk clock presented to Coastal Bank and Trust as a token of thanks for the event's partnership, two special recognition mugs given to Jason Loukides and Bryce Saddoris and three oblong glass awards for the Hall of Fame inductees, the late Quincy Monk, Homer Spring Jr. and Otto "Benjy" Taylor Jr.

He was a senior recruiter for The Select Group until his passing on Nov. 24, 2015. His wife and father accepted the induction on his behalf.

"It's bittersweet," said Lisa Monk. "That's the only word I have to describe it. I wish he was here accepting it himself. For our kids it means a lot to be here. It's very special for my kids to see their dad get an award like this. They are 4 and 6 years old, so it means a lot."

Homer Spring Jr. was another inductee this year. Spring attended White Oak High School and participated in multiple sports. He started coaching White Oak Little League in junior high. Upon graduation, he attended East Carolina University, earning a degree in mathematics. He officially started coaching and teaching at Dixon High School in 1978. Over the next 30 years, Spring coached and assisted in almost every sport, serving as the athletic director from 1985-2012. Spring has won many awards for his coaching excellence and serving on sports-related committees at the local, state and regional levels.

The final inductee was Otto "Benjy" Taylor Jr. Taylor attended Jacksonville High School and played on the basketball team. After graduation, he received a scholarship to attend the University of Richmond, where he played for the next four years. At the time, he was one of the first male basketball players from Onslow County to receive a Division I scholarship. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, Taylor began coaching while earning his Masters in sports management.

"It's a humbling experience," said Taylor. "I'm only 48, so to get this award now, at such a young age is really exciting for me. I did the easy part, though. The people around me did the hard part. They sacrificed a lot so I could become who I am today. My parents and family did the heavy lifting. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them."

For more information on the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame, visit [www.jacksonvilleonslowsports.org/about/hall-of-fame](http://www.jacksonvilleonslowsports.org/about/hall-of-fame).

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fact, one of the parents was tearing up last night at our last practice. We're just very thankful of the job the coaches are doing, challenging the kids, encouraging them and at the same time bringing out the best in them."

The Rangers (9-1) defeated their opponents, the Dodgers, clinching the number one spot. The Phillies (8-2) got second place and Red Sox (5-5) placed third. The Cubs (4-6) were fourth, Yankees (4-6) were fifth and the Dodgers (0-10) finished sixth.

"Baseball is a unique sport because you're part of a team, but you're also personally challenged every time you go up to bat," said Perdue. "It has the team and the individual component when you're truly on your own. I think that's one of the things that makes baseball so different."

For more information on MCCS youth sports, visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/youthsports](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/youthsports).

For more pictures from the Cubs/Phillies game, visit [www.camplejeuneglobe.com](http://www.camplejeuneglobe.com).



Photo by Allie Landen  
A Phillies player slides into home plate during their final game against the Cubs in Lejeune-New River Youth baseball at Tarawa Terrace Fields on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Saturday.

## Discover the Outdoors Camp offers summer fun



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Instructors Phil Morris, in green, and Dana Geling, in gray, pose with participants Killian Gordon, Jaden Marsh, Gavin Gordon and Mia Christie, left to right, during the final day of Discover the Outdoors Camp at Brewster Recreation and Camping Area on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune June 16. Over the course of four days, the participants enjoyed various activities including rock climbing, fishing and nature hikes.

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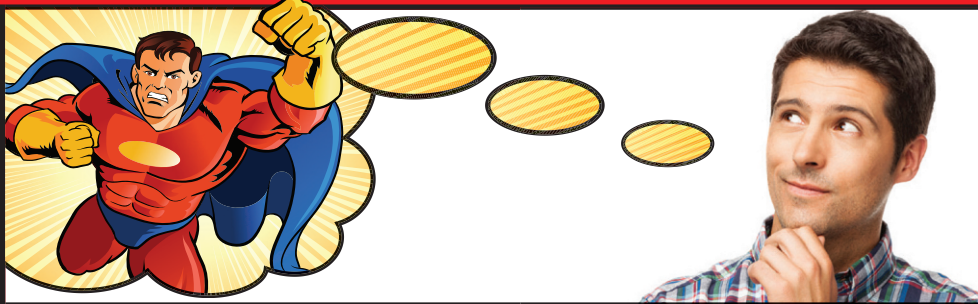


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"NEIGHBORS 2: SORORITY RISING" (R)

"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" is the sequel to the 2014's most popular original comedy "Neighbors."

Seth Rogen ("Steve Jobs") and Rose Byrne ("Spy") recreate their previous roles as Mac

and Kelly Radnor, young parents who find their troubles are far from over.

Now that the pair have a second baby on the way, they are ready to make their final move into adulthood, moving to the suburbs.

But just when they thought they had reclaimed the neighborhood and were safe to sell, they learn that their new neighbors are even more out of control than the last.

To evict them, they need help from their

charismatic ex-neighbor Teddy Sanders, played by Zac Efron ("Dirty Grandpa"), the former president of Delta Psi Beta.

Reappearing are also Ike Barinholtz ("The Mindy Project") as Jimmy and Carla Gallo as Paula, Radners' best friends; Dave Franco ("Unfinished Business") as Pete; Christopher Mintz-Plasse ("Kick-Ass") as Scoonie; Hannibal Buress ("The Nice Guys") as Officer Watkins; Lisa Kudrow ("Friends") as Dean Carol Gladstone; and Selina Gomez ("Monte Carlo") as Madison, the president of Phi Lambda.

A new addition to this cast is Chloe Grace Moretz ("The 5th Wave," "Kick-Ass") as Shelby, the leader and founder of Kappa Nu, a newly established hard-partying sorority.

Her sorority sisters are Beanie Feldstein ("Fan Girl") as Nora; Clara Mamet ("Night Moves") as Miranda; and Kiersey Clemons ("Transparent") as Beth, who help find Shelby the perfect place to live off campus.

Writer/director Nicholas Stoller ("The Five-Year Engagement," "Get Him to the Greek," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall") follows up his wildly successful "Neighbors" with this sequel that follows what



happens when the will of parenthood goes against the bonds of sisterhood.

"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" is a raunchy, crude and gross-out comedy where girls are giving boys a run for their money in who can behave more badly.

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"NOW YOU SEE ME 2" (PG-13)

"Now You See Me 2" is a magic caper suspense thriller and the sequel to the 2013 "Now You See Me."

One year after outwitting the FBI and winning the public's adulation with their Robin Hood-style magic spectacles, The Four Horsemen resurface for a comeback performance in hopes of exposing the unethical practices of a tech magnate.

The man behind their vanishing act is none other than the devious Walter Mabry, portrayed

by Daniel Radcliffe ("Harry Potter" series), a wealthy recluse and failed magician. The high tech prodigy threatens the Horsemen into pulling off their most impossible heist yet.

Reprising their roles as the Four Horsemen, whose only hope is to perform one last unprecedented stunt to clear their names and reveal the mastermind behind it all, are:

Jesse Eisenberg ("American Ultra") as the illusionist J. Daniel "Danny" Atlas;

Woody Harrelson ("The Hunger Games") as hypnotist Merritt McKinney;

Dave Franco ("Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising") as Jack Wilder, the card manipulator; and Lizzy Caplan ("Master of Sex"), a new addition (taking over for Isla Fisher, the original fourth horseman), as the screwball Lula.

Also returning are Mark Ruffalo ("The Spotlight") as Dylan Rhodes, the FBI agent

who might be a secret supporter of the dark arts; Morgan Freeman ("London Has Fallen") as antagonist Thaddeus Bradley; and Michael Caine ("Kingsman: The Secret Service") as Arthur Tressier.

Jon M. Chu ("G.I. Joe: Retaliation," "Jem and the Holograms") has taken over directing duties from Luis Leterrier with another story and screenplay by Ed Solomon ("The In-Laws," "Charlie's Angels") for this sequel to their highly successful 2013 thriller.

"Now You See Me 2" is a fascinating magical return of the trickster team who reunite on another globe-trotting adventure, conjuring more grand illusions and wizardry while stealing a universal decryption chip.

**Editor's note: Information for movie reviews provided in part by: [www.rottentomatoes.com/m/neighbors\\_2\\_sorority\\_rising/](http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/neighbors_2_sorority_rising/) and [www.rottentomatoes.com/m/now\\_you\\_see\\_me\\_2/](http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/now_you_see_me_2/)**



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#### FRIDAY

"Alice Through The Looking Glass," PG, 6:30 p.m.  
"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," R, 9:20 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

"Alice Through The Looking Glass," PG, 3:30 p.m.  
"The Angry Birds Movie," PG, 6:30 p.m.  
"The Nice Guys," R, 9:20 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

"The Angry Birds Movie," PG, 3:30 p.m.  
"X-Men: Apocalypse," PG-13, 6:30 p.m.

### MIDWAY PARK

Bldg. 4014A in Midway Park

#### FRIDAY

"The Angry Birds Movie," PG, 6:30 p.m.  
"Money Monster," R, 9:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

"Ratchet & Clank" PG, 2 p.m.  
"X-Men: Apocalypse," PG-13, 5:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

"Alice Through The Looking Glass," PG, 2 p.m.  
"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," R, 5 p.m.

### NEW RIVER

Bldg. AS240 Curtis Rd., Air Station

#### FRIDAY

"X-Men: Apocalypse," PG-13, 6 p.m.  
"The Nice Guys," R, 8:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

"Alice Through The Looking Glass," PG, 6 p.m.  
"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," R, 8:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

"Captain America: Civil War," PG-13, 2 p.m.  
"Money Monster," R, 5 p.m.

## What's happenin' CAROLINA

For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes up and down the Carolina coast, check out What's happenin' CAROLINA each week. To add your event, email [lanes@campjeuneglobe.com](mailto:lanes@campjeuneglobe.com) or call 451-7421. Space is limited to availability. To submit your event for our online calendar, visit [www.campjeuneglobe.com/calendar](http://www.campjeuneglobe.com/calendar).

### Summer Concert Series - Carolina Tradition Friday, 6 to 8 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening of bluegrass music at Riverwalk Crossing Park. Concessions will be available for purchase and there will be activities for the kids. For more information, visit [jacksonvillenc.gov](http://jacksonvillenc.gov).

### Retired Military Breakfast Saturday, 7 a.m.

All retirees and community friends are invited to attend the breakfast. Social hour will begin at 7 a.m. followed by a breakfast at 8 a.m. The breakfast is located at the Ball Center (Old Staff NCO Club). For more information, contact retired Sgt. Maj. George F. Meyer at 938-1610.

### National PTSD Awareness Service Monday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A general prayer will be offered at the main Protestant Chapel. "Come seek God's help with the unseen injuries of war." For more information, call 910-451-3210.

### Ocean City Jazz Festival July 2-3, 5 p.m.

The most exciting, most talked about jazz festival in North Carolina. The Ocean City Jazz Festival celebrates its 7th year with the top names in jazz and the vacation destination of North Topsail Beach. The festival is located at 2649 Island Drive, North Topsail Beach. For a schedule of events and other information, visit [www.oceancityjazzfest.com/](http://www.oceancityjazzfest.com/).

### 4th of July Celebration with Kellie Pickler July 4, 4 to 9:30 p.m.

Come out and commemorate America turning 240 and Camp Lejeune 75. Headlining this year's event is national recording artist, television personality, and North Carolina native, Kellie Pickler. This year's celebration also includes musical entertainment performances of Camp Lejeune's very own 2nd Marine Division Rock Band. The evening will be topped off with one of the best fireworks display in the area. For your convenience, the Camp Lejeune Main Exchange will be open until 8 p.m. on Monday, July 4. For parking, schedule of events and other information, visit <http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/july4>.

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# LINKS provides spouses workshop

**SARAH LANE**  
Staff writer

Spouses of service members come together to learn about military life through a mixture of games and group activities.

Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills trainers, Jaclyn Jones and Wanda Hamlett, provided vital information and ideas to successfully meet the challenges and expectations new family members of the Marine Corps face at Tarawa Terrace Community Center, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune at the free workshop June 16.

L.I.N.K.S volunteers go through mentor training and help with workshops.

"We are predominately a volunteer, mentor

based program. Volunteers will help teach different sections and can give different stories and experiences throughout the Marine Corps. We usually have as many as 10 to 40 volunteers," said Hamlett.

The workshop included walking participants through the history and traditions within the Marine Corps, overall organizational structure, rank structure, military time, social functions, acronyms and jargon.

Sheba Harrison, from Oklahoma, is new to Camp Lejeune and to the military life as a newlywed.

"I heard if I wanted to learn more about this base and military life that I should come to L.I.N.K.S. I've been lost on base so many times

but everyone here so far has been very helpful," said Harrison.

Through interactive games and assignments, Hamlett was able to get participants up and moving around the room.

L.I.N.K.S is a resource for those who are new to Camp Lejeune. Other important information covered in this workshop included resources available to the military community, pay day, separation and deployment, moving and making a family within your new community, giving back and making your community a better place and volunteering opportunities.

Find out when the next L.I.N.K.S workshop is by visiting [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/mcftb/](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/mcftb/)

# Patrons enjoy ladies night event

**SARAH LANE**  
Staff writer

Patrons gathered for a Ladies Night Out Paint Party at Tarawa Terrace Community Center, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Friday evening. The event was overseen by Aimee Gaureno, event coordinator, accompanied by Catherine Bruggeman, who led the ladies in painting hydrangeas.

The paint party gave participants a chance to socialize and paint. Lu-LaRoe, a clothing boutique, sponsored the event and brought gifts that were raffled off during the paint party.

"Ladies night events have been very popular, this is the first ladies only paint party I have overseen," said Gaureno.

The ladies in attendance were all very excited to be able to come together and socialize. Also, they tested their art knowledge for a chance to win prizes.

"Marine Corps Community Services has done this event for several years. This is the second one that has been held at the Tarawa Terrace Community

Center. It was designed to promote networking and socializing so that patrons can come out, have a fun evening and hopefully make a friend or two during the process," said Lorraine Fuller, community center director.

Bruggeman expressed her excitement for the event as she told the ladies about how she paints and teaches painting to relieve stress. She enjoys being able to share her love for painting with others.

Andrea Smith, patron at the paint party, said she had never been to a paint party before but went to the event because she had enjoyed other MCCS events in the past.

"I've been to other MCCS events before, I went to bingo and it was a lot of fun. There were a lot more people that showed up than I thought there would be," said Smith.

Ladies night out paint party was a success with more than 60 patrons in attendance. For more information about the community center paint classes and parties, visit the MCCS community center website [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/community](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/community) or call 910-450-1687.



Photo by Sarah Lane  
Wanda Hamlett, L.I.N.K.S trainer, introduces spouses to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and what it is like to be a family member of the Marine Corps at Tarawa Terrace Community Center June 16.



Photo by Sarah Lane  
Candace Ocampo, Melanie Wittman, Yanci Montoya and Jessica Valentin, left to right, pose for a photo at the Ladies Night Out Paint Party June 17 at Tarawa Terrace Community Center, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.



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# Chaplain's Corner

Build strength in others, bless those around you

**LCDR THOMAS H. PERDUE**  
10th Marine Regiment

An artist living in New York City developed a cordial relationship with a homeless man. One day, she was inspired to paint his portrait and give it to him as a gift. However, in her painting he was wearing a suit, was clean shaven, and had a broad smile on his face. Shortly after receiving the gift, the man disappeared. For several months, the woman wondered what happened to the homeless man. Then, as she arrived home one night, he stood in the lobby, completely changed. He had become the man in the image. He shared with her that as he stared at the portrait intently he decided he wanted to become that man.

We may not be artists, but everyday our words are an opportunity to build up those

around us. Anyone can see weaknesses, flaws, and shortcomings in others. But finding their strengths requires deliberate attentiveness and observation. Baseball great, Reggie Jackson said, "A great manager has a knack for making ballplayers think they are better than they think they are. He forces you to have a good opinion of yourself. He lets you know he believes in you. He makes you get more out of yourself. And once you learn how good you really are, you never settle for playing anything less than your very best."

Do you have a person in your life like that, who brings out the best in you? Are you like that manager to anyone else? Perhaps you could be. Look around you—to your Marines, your kids, your friends, your spouse. Then... just ask yourself, what does this person do exceptionally well? Once you have discovered that positive

attribute, tell them. And tell them again. Look less at the areas where they need growth. There are plenty of people who will help them there. Instead, focus more on the strengths, what leadership expert John Maxwell calls the "seeds of success." He says, "I often look at other people and ask, "What are their success seeds?" When I discover them, I point them out to those individuals. Then I fertilize those seeds with encouragement and water them with opportunity."

The scriptures tell us that God has given special gifts to each of us in order that we might fulfill the mission of our lives. However, sometimes those talents and abilities are, sadly, never actualized. No one was there to nurture and compel those traits to come forth. This week, be the artist, be the manager that affirms and blesses those around you.



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A Marine climbs a rope at the confidence course on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island during a physical training event June 9. The Provost Marshal's Office coordinated the event to challenge the Marines physically, build camaraderie and promote teamwork. Marines from every section of PMO participated in the event. The Marine is with PMO, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. (Right) Marines slide down a rope obstacle during a confidence course at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island during a physical training event recently.

## PMO promotes camaraderie, teamwork during confidence course

**CPL. JONAH LOVY**

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort

Marines with the Provost Marshals Office tackled a confidence course at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island as part of a physical challenge designed to enhance confidence, build camaraderie and promote team building June 9.

"We like to do at least one physical training session per month to boost morale and build esprit de corps within the unit," said Maj. Eduardo J. Pinales, the Provost Marshal for

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. "We chose the confidence course for PT because it's quite a physical challenge and gives the Marines the opportunity, who never got a chance to do it before, to do it now."

The role of PMO is to provide law enforcement, investigative and security services to MCAS Beaufort, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and Naval Hospital Beaufort, S.C.

"We haven't done this (obstacle course) since we were recruits so I think is a great way to build some confidence and push your body

physically," said Sgt. Michael L. Marcum, a criminal investigator with PMO.

The Marines were split into groups mostly by work section and given a different starting point at the course. Once the signal was given to start, it was on that team to complete a full rotation.

"Most of the groups were a mix of different sections, so there were Marines talking and interacting with others who they might have not had a chance to do that with in the past," said Marcum. "Once we got moving and going through the obstacles everybody started to have a good time and

pushed them to do things they thought they weren't able to do."

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island is unique because male recruits from the eastern United States and all female recruits train here, totaling nearly 18,000 recruits annually. Designated as a recruit training base Nov. 1, 1915, more than a million men and women have trained at the depot, and have served the United States all over the globe.

"It's a unique experience being stationed here

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Mackenzie Gibson

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Greer gives the invocation during a change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point June 6. Greer was recognized for the 2016 Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award, and will receive the award in October 2016.

## 2nd MAW Chaplain awarded Distinguished Service Award

**LANCE CPL. MACKENZIE GIBSON**

MCAS Cherry Point

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Greer was notified of his selection as the recipient of the 2016 Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point June 1.

The award is presented to one chaplain from each branch of service for

exemplifying the highest standards of the military and the Chaplain Corps. Greer, chaplain for Marine Aircraft Control Group 28, was selected from a wide range of nominees to represent the Marine Corps as Chaplain of the Year.

"We have been blessed with outstanding chaplains and religious program specialists at 2nd MAW," said Capt. Russel Graef, wing chaplain for 2nd MAW.

"Greer and Lt. Cmdr. Brian L. Jacobson are two chaplains that have done especially outstanding ministry here."

The 2015 recipient of the award was former Marine Aircraft Group 29 Chaplain Jacobson.

Graef submitted the nomination package that included letters of recommendation from the

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## Directorates receive VPP Gold achievement recognition

**CPL. NEYSA HUERTAS QUINONES**

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

Multiple departments were recognized for taking safety to a new level in the Voluntary Protection Program at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point May 27.

Facilities Directorate's Systems Services Office, Marine Corps Community Services Headquarters, and the

Supply Directorate's HAZMAT Department, Local Delivery Unit, Contracting Department and Administration Department received recognition as Gold status early adopters under the MCAS Cherry Point VPP.

Gold status is achieved when all safety protocols implemented by the VPP are completed and maintained. Some of those requirements involve monthly

supervisor inspections, achieving 90-percent medical surveillance or higher, completed VPP passports and completion of Occupational Safety and Health Administration training.

VPP is designed to give employees the ability to recognize and correct safety deficiencies in the work place and maintain a safe work environment.

"We are looking to see that the employees are involved and the safety culture is evolving," said Navy Cmdr. Amy Varney, the safety manager with the air station. "The goal is to improve our current safety community and for employees to take ownership of themselves and their coworkers."

According to Varney, VPP has decreased work mishaps across MCAS Cherry Point since it was adopted approximately a year ago. Directorates

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Photo by Cpl. Neysa Huertas Quinones

Col. Chris C. Pappas III awards departments during a Voluntary Protection Program Gold status achievement ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point May 27.

# HMLA-467 deactivates after 8-year service

**LANCE CPL. PRESTON MCDONALD**  
 II Marine Expeditionary Force

As the final hours of the day passed on the flight line, Marines stowed supplies, logged aircraft records and stood in formation for the last time as members of Marine Light Helicopter Attack Squadron 467 at Marine Corps Air Station New River June 16.

"When 467 gets called upon again, they're going to have to pry these colors from my cold, dead hands, and I'm going to get to come out and pass these off to the

next great leader of this squadron," said Lt. Col. Moore, the commanding officer of HMLA-467, as he addressed the Marines before securing for the day.

HMLA-467, known as the Sabers, was activated in October 2008 to form up in support of the Global War on Terror. After eight years and many missions, the Marines and sailors with the squadron marched past family and friends before the final dismissal command was received during the deactivation of the squadron.

"I remember, we were a group of about six officers and four enlisted back in '08

and they came to us and said that we were going to be a squadron in four months," said Maj. Lee Hemming, an aircraft maintenance officer with the squadron. "We started from the ground up."

Hemming says that the squadron was formed to help build and maintain the mission capacity on the east coast and to provide support in the Global War on Terror.

"As the squadron grew and came together and built up its own capabilities, we were ready to leave the nest," Moore said. "We became self-sustaining by 2010, and we were ready to go

wherever they sent us."

The squadron has operated in many theaters, to include supporting Unit Deployment Programs, attachment to Marine Expeditionary Units and serving a successful tour in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2014.

"We actually had troops take contact on our very first day in theater," Hemming said, recalling the squadron's deployment during OEF. "It was a testament that regardless of our experience at the time, we worked a lot of long and hard hours and we were professional and successful because of it."

As an HMLA in Afghanistan, the unit fulfilled a broad spectrum of roles to include attack and support roles for the troops on the ground.

"If the ground troops come across direct fire from the enemy, but they cannot make it to them and they feel their safety is in jeopardy, they'll call us to provide close-air support," said Gunnery Sgt. Charles Skibo, the flight line chief and quality assurance chief with the squadron. "We can reach out and touch the enemy that they can't."

Hemming says that the squadron executed exactly what it was supposed to do and served as an expeditionary unit, executing contingency operations around the clock.

"I've never had the opportunity to see colors cased and to see it happen here, it was emotional for me," said Hemming.

In the days to come, most of the Marines and sailors will work only a short drive from where their hangar once was, down the road at HMLA-167 and HMLA-269.

"Every Marine is an essential part of the team," said Moore. "Innovation and adaptability played a huge part in this squadron's success."

Skibo, a recently retired Marine says that he'll always be a skid guy. "I'm sure when I'm home, and I look out the window and see a (UH-1 Helicopter) or (AH-1Z Super Cobra) in the sky, it's going to give me goosebumps," he added.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Preston McDonald

Maj. Steven R. Thompson, the executive officer with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 467 waits for his cue to take charge of the staff detail during the deactivation of the squadron at Marine Corps Air Station New River June 16. HMLA-467 provided offensive air support, utility support, armed escort and airborne supporting arms coordination, day or night under all weather conditions during expeditionary, joint or combined operations.

## Marines learn HITT program



Photo by Sgt. Dengrier Baez

Marines assemble before the unit's physical training at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort June 10. Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 in coordination with Marine Corps Community Services South Carolina organized the PT event to familiarize the Marines and provide basic instruction about the High Intensity Tactical Training program.



Photo by Sgt. Dengrier Baez

A Marine swims out of the water after falling from a rope obstacle at a confidence course on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island during a physical training event June 9. The Provost Marshal's Office coordinated the event to challenge the Marines physically, build camaraderie and promote teamwork. Marines from every section of PMO participated in the event. The Marine is with PMO, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.

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being stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and Parris Island," Sgt. Michael Toops, an assistant operations chief with PMO. "Events like this give the Marines a chance to do something that they might not have in other duty stations."

Due to circumstances that arise during recruit training not every Marine gets the opportunity to participate in every training event. For some Marines, this was their first time going through the obstacles.

"It was good training and a great way to get back on the saddle for me," said Cpl. Lyndsay D. Dole, a military police

officer with PMO, who recently returned from maternity leave. "The hardest but most fun obstacle here is 'Slide for Life.' I've never done it before but I got through it."

Once all the groups got through the course, the Marines gathered once again and retreated to an area where the leadership could address them. After a short brief, the PMO Marines returned to work where they will continue to maintain constant vigilance over the Tricommand at all hours of the day and night to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors.

### AWARD FROM 1D

MACG-28 commanding officer and the 2nd MAW commanding general. The nomination also provided a list of Greer's accomplishments which included spiritual guidance for more than 2,700 Marines and sailors, mentoring junior chaplains and organizing group retreats through the Command Religious Program.

"What I do is just the tip of the iceberg in what so many other chaplains do, day-in and day-out, in places that nobody ever hears about," said Greer. "Much of it is intangible and immeasurable, and I am thankful for the opportunity to show all of the work that our enlisted members and chaplain colleagues do."

According to Greer, he felt a divine calling to be a Navy Chaplain following the events of Sept. 11.

"While being a professional firefighter in Greensboro, North Carolina, I studied in ministries and worked in a small church at the same time," said Greer. "We had just come back from a medical emergency call. As we pulled into the station, I saw the TV in the kitchen as the second plane hit the World Trade Center. I soon realized it was a terrorist attack and how serious the situation was."

According to Greer, he came into

the military for what he believes was a clear calling from God to serve as a Navy Chaplain.

Greer states one of the most challenging parts of his job is managing the emotional price chaplains pay every day guiding others through their hardships.

"While taking care of so many other people's needs, sometimes we forget to take care of ourselves," said Greer. "Our deep sense of empathy and genuine care when we walk through life with others can be spiritually draining. I try to make sure that good self-care takes place and that I have avenues to work with my colleagues to receive care from them as well."

Greer credits his success to the many partnerships the chaplains have with each other and with other programs in the Marine Corps, such as Marine Corps Family Team Building, military family life counselors, family readiness officers and unit commanders. For Greer, one of the most rewarding aspects of his job is sharing life experiences with service members and their families.

"They allow me the most intimate details of their lives and that's a sacred trust," said Greer. "It all comes down to caring for our folks, and it is an incredible privilege to walk the road of

### VPP FROM 1D

are reporting fewer incidents in the workplace as more of them achieve Gold status.

"In the past, we were more concerned with the task at hand and achieving it, but now we are focusing on the mission while also being mindful of the safety procedures," explained Varney. "Employees are talking about safety and even implementing it into their lives outside of work."

Currently, all Marine Corps Installations East facilities are adopting VPP and striving for higher achievement statuses.

Directorates like Marine Corps Community Services at MCAS Cherry Point have been exemplary VPP followers as they were awarded for accumulating 1 million mishap-free work hours.

"The program is revolutionizing safety mindset and how we implement it on a regular basis," explained Varney. "As we progress further into the levels of VPP and maintain that mindset, we are giving ourselves and our employees the safe and effective work environment they deserve."



Photo by Cpl. Neysa Huertas Quinones

Marine Corps Community Services representatives receive an award during a Voluntary Protection Program Gold status achievement ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point May 27.

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