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Col. Brett Bourne, commanding officer, Marine Raider Training Center, with Master Gunnery Sgt. Jerome Root, MRTC senior enlisted advisor, uncased the new MRTC colors during a redesignation ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 21. The Marine Special Operations School was redesignated as the Marine Raider Training Center, reactivating the unit for the first time since the original Marine Raiders were disbanded in 1944.

Photo by Sgt. Scott Achtemeier

Marine Raider Training Center reactivates

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U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command

Accompanied to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," the organizational colors of the Marine Special Operations School were cased during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 21.

In their place, the colors of the Marine Raider Training Center were unveiled, flying proudly again after a 73-year retirement.

Marine Corps Bulletin 5400, dated March 27 of this year, authorized the commander of Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command to make the change in order to capture and revive the esprit de corps and pride associated with the term "Marine Raider." This action represents the final step in MARSOC inheriting the legacy of the original Marine Raiders of World War II, a process begun in August 2015 with MARSOC Marines assum-

ing the Raider name.

The first generation of Raiders were created in 1942 at a time when the United States and her allies needed to staunch a seemingly endless stream of Axis victories around the world. The Marines established four battalions of hand-selected, specially-trained commandos who could conduct advanced reconnaissance of Japanese defenses and wreak havoc in the enemy system through direct action raids. In order to keep these uniquely-focused units supplied with a pool of qualified replacements, the Marine Raider Training Center was established on Feb. 5, 1943, on property that is now part of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California.

The eight-week training pipeline focused on developing individual skills before moving on to more challenging small-unit tactics. The curriculum covered weapons employment, hand-to-hand combat, small-boat oper-

ations, reconnaissance and patrolling and guerrilla warfare. An aggressive hiking program was an infamous staple of the Raider training program, featuring water restrictions to simulate battlefield conditions, a seven mile per hour target movement pace and intense hand-to-hand combat training and obstacle courses following a 42-mile hike conducted in a time limit of 15 hours. Key Raider leaders and MRTC instructors openly highlighted that the primary requirements for Marine Raiders were mental determination and physical stamina. These traits are found in the reincarnated Marine Raider Training Center today.

"(Historical accounts) also mention in several places the tremendous mental determination that was required to be a Raider," said Maj. Gen. Carl E. Mundy III, MARSOC's commander. "I mention that because there is no one that has gone through any portion of the Marine Raid-

er Training Center that would call that unfamiliar. That sounds very familiar to what our own (Individual Training Course) does even to this day. There's a common thread to where the Marine Raider Training Center has been in the past."

The Marine Raider Training Center continues to be responsible for the creation, training and development of the Raiders' core competencies. The instructor cadre play a critical role in MARSOC's mission to man and train capable special operations forces. This starts in the quality control they provide in assessment and selection of potential Raiders. They train and educate them in basic and advanced special operations skills and continue to refine Raiders' capabilities with follow-on training throughout their careers.

"The lifeblood of any organization is the people in it – it's the first SOF Truth," said Mundy. "It's the human capital that we

then provide to those Raider formations that go down range to conduct complex and challenging missions abroad."

The Marine Raider Training Center's reputation for competency, professionalism and proficiency has resulted in enhanced interoperability and training opportunities for sister service SOF and the conventional Marine Corps.

Mundy voiced his confidence that like the center of learning and readiness that came before it, the Marine Raider Training Center will continue to serve as a training and proving ground for concepts that will allow Marine Raiders to excel in any climate and place.

"Any professional organization needs a place where you can imbue Marines undergoing the training with the characteristics, the attributes, the culture, the ethos that really lie behind what it means to be a Marine Raider. That's what the Marine Raider Training Center does for us."

Wounded Warrior Bn-East celebrates decade of service to wounded, ill, injured

SARAH HAUCK

Staff writer

What started as a conversation in a coffee shop between a pair of recovering wounded Marines, celebrated 10 years of continued full-circle care and recovery as Wounded Warrior Battalion-East on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, in a ceremony on its inception date, Thursday.

More than 100 people, from those influential in getting the first barracks that served only seven Marines established, to past and present Marines and Sailors, gathered at the Wounded Warrior Complex to honor the accomplishment.

In a decade's worth of time, a barracks designated to the wounded, ill and injured has grown from being able to serve less than a dozen Marines and Sailors to 200. A regiment has been established in Quantico, Virginia, a pair of battalions, Wounded Warrior Battalion-East and West, as well as the nonprofit Hope for the Warriors have all been established to advance the care of service members.

"The significance of this (anniversary) cannot be overstated," said Lt. Col. Chris Hrudka, Wounded Warrior Battalion-East commanding officer. "When this began we were in the thick of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. We had severely wounded

Marines coming home who needed a dedicated effort to assist them and their families through recovery."

Shannon Maxwell, wife of founding member, retired Lt. Col. Tim Maxwell, spoke on behalf of her husband.

Maxwell recalled how her family's life changed in October of 2004, when her husband was wounded.

According to Maxwell, after recovering from his initial injuries, one of the first questions her husband asked was how his Marines were doing.

The idea for the battalion came out of that desire to take care of one another, said Maxwell.

"This concept was born out of fidelity, it was born out of love, it was born out of a sense of family to take care of those Marines that were coming back," said Maxwell. "It was born out of a sense of purpose."

Returning to Camp Lejeune and the battalion was a "flood of memories," said Maxwell.

"We are honored to be a part, a small part of this," said Maxwell. "I hope they continue this and keep the legacy alive, and continue to make this place one where the wounded and their families can find resources. They need this hope in an otherwise hopeless situation."

According to retired Master Sgt.



Shannon Maxwell, wife of founding member, Tim Maxwell, speaks on behalf of her husband at the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East 10th anniversary, on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Thursday.

Photo by Sarah Hauck

Barnes, a founding member, from the beginning the focus was clear, but without the help of higher leadership and the community, the Wounded Warrior Battalion wouldn't have made it past its first two years.

"Talk about two people in the wrong place at the wrong time to begin with, then two guys in the right place at the

right time and then the other Marines that had gotten hurt along the way, it just kind of happened. It was very natural," said Barnes. "Then to have Gen. Amos and Gen. Dickerson there supporting us along the way, really no questions asked,

SEE WARRIOR 3A

Life insurance red flags, prohibited practices

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Life insurance is an integral part of any long term plan for financial security and there are decent, dedicated professionals who can advise you. Unfortunately, there are also those in the industry who market to junior service members, pitching inferior, unsuitable products through deceptive, unfair, or abusive sales tactics.

The problem of such sales to junior service members has been so prevalent over the years that the Department of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, and the State of North Carolina have all been motivated to enact statutes or regulations

to address it (see DoDI 1344.07, SECNAVINST 1740.2E, NC Gen stat 58-58-320 et seq) and Congress directed the General Accounting Office to study the issue.

Here are some of the warning signs and prohibited practices of life insurance salesmen:

- Selling life insurance door-to-door on a military installation without first establishing a specific appointment for each meeting.
- Soliciting life insurance sales on base without first obtaining permission from the installation commander or his designee.
- Using MyPay to process an allotment to direct a service member's pay to a third party for the purpose of paying for insurance. Basically, if the salesman has a CAC card reader, this is a big red flag.

- Directing funds from a service member for the payment of insurance into an account with an institution that the service member has no formal banking relationship. (Some insurance companies push the allotments into a bank account in your name or SSN, although you have no control over the account and may not even know of its existence.)
- Causing an allotment to pay insurance premiums that is poured into an account over which the service member has no control to appear on the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) to be "Savings" or "Checking."
- Offering gifts, money, or anything of value to those in grades E-4 or below in exchange for agreeing to hear a sales pitch;
- Making any represen-

tation tending to confuse the prospective buyer into believing that the insurer is endorsed or affiliated with the United States, the armed forces, or any subdivision thereof;

- Making false and disparaging statements concerning SGLI; such as that it will not cover service members who fail to wear a seat belt or who fail to wear military protective gear in combat;
- Selling an insurance policy with a savings side fund to an E4 or below without first completing a detailed insurable needs assessment; (this type of plan has been determined by the Secretary of the Navy to be presumptively unsuitable for E4 and below).
- Selling an insurance policy with a side savings plan and misleading the

consumer into believing that the interest accrues on the entire monthly premium.

- Confusing consumers into believing that they are purchasing an investment when in fact they are purchasing insurance; and

- Failing to explain the ten day "look back" period [ch 11 NC Admin Code section 12.0447] beginning at the receipt of the actual insurance policy, wherein the consumer can cancel the policy and receive a refund of all premiums paid to date.

Another red flag is the past behavior of the company. A handful of insurers account for a high number of military related complaints, debarment orders, and lawsuits initiated by insurance commissioners and state attorneys general. Among

these companies are American Amicable Life Insurance (in 2006 banned from all military bases for five years and ordered to set aside \$10 million into a fund to compensate military victims); and Trans World Assurance (2008 fined by GA, 2009 fined by FL, 2010 fined by CA). People and companies can change, and past behavior is no guarantee of current or future actions, but a company's checkered past is a matter for serious consideration by military consumers.

If you have questions or concerns about your life insurance policy, help is available from the MCCS command financial counselor, your legal assistance office, and the NC Department of Insurance (855-408-1212 On line at NCDOTI.com).

Hughes visits Veterans in Piping Program



Photo by Pfc. Damaris Arias

Sgt. Maj. Johnnie Hughes, Headquarters & Support Battalion sergeant major, Marine Corps Installation East, receives instructions on the proper wear of a welding mask from Billy Platt, a welding instructor with the Veterans in Piping Program at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 29. VIP is a program that offers intensive skill development, training and jobs in the pipe trades to active duty military personnel preparing to leave the service.

OFF-LIMITS

The following businesses are designated by the base commander as "off-limits"

Atheas Attics at 420 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington.
Bell Auto Salvage II at 136 Abbots Branch Rd., Hubert.
C&K Auto/C&A Auto Repair at 701-A North Marine Blvd., Jacksonville.
Cash Pools at 3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
Club Phoenix at 209 East 5th St., Greenville.
Dash-In at 1316 Hargett St., Jacksonville.
D's Drive Thru (AKA: Raul's Drive Thru) at 226 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
D's Quick Mart at 2840 Highway 258 West, Richlands.
Discount Tobacco at 331, G&H Western Blvd., Jacksonville.
Expressions at 419 South College Rd., #39, Wilmington.
Express Way at 1261 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.
*Golden Dragon at 1850 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
King's Drive Thru at 1796 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.
Laird's Auto and Truck Repair (U-Haul Rental) at 1197 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville.
MP Super Discount at 800 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington.
New York Tobacco Center (AKA: Tobacco for Less) at 439 Western Blvd., Jacksonville.
Northern Lights Smoke Shop at 4710 Market St., 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.
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not open, but has history of reappearing)
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Tobacco at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.
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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)
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Off-limits Roads:
Catfish Lake Road

* Identifies a new business added since the last update of the Bulletin.

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TECOM Hotline - (703) 432-1650 www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx
Naval Hospital Hotlines - (910) 450-4240 NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil
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along the way, really no questions asked, as soon as we said we needed it, they said, 'OK, get it done.' It was amazing. But on top of that we survived on the community, more than the Marine Corps probably at that time... We really survived largely on this Marine Corps community in those first two years."

Hrudka applauded the work of the staff and Marines and Sailors of the Wounded Warrior Regiment for its evolution over the years from a simple barracks to an entire complex, something that is unique to only Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton.

"The Marine Corps is doing it differently than every other service by having a dedicated battalion," said Hrudka. "It is so focused. The mission is the Marine."

According to Hrudka, not every Marine assigned to the battalion will transition back to their original unit, but most have goals of continuing their service.

Hrudka said about 10 percent will return to their units.

"That percentage may sound low but when you consider we take the most severely injured that is a significant number," said Hrudka.

Wounded Warrior Bn-East is comprised of seven detachments with more than 200 Marines and Sailors serving across the county, 200 being a part of the Camp Lejeune facility.

"If I have 200 people at Camp Lejeune I have 200 plans of the day," said Hrudka.

"I ask a simple question of our staff and our



Lt. Col. Chris Hrudka, Wounded Warrior Battalion-East commanding officer speaks about the significance of the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East 10th anniversary, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Thursday.

Marines. Every single day we have an opportunity to make a profound difference in Wounded Warrior Battalion-East. 'What have you done today?,' said Hrudka. "They have answered every single day."

The battalion at Camp Lejeune is different in comparison to the detachments found in other states, being that Marines and Sailors assigned have access to a full compound made up of barracks, the Center for Hope and Healing and the Fischer House.

The compound feeds into the regiment's dedication to the whole Marine; mind, body, spirit and family.

"Across the board none of them want to be here. This is not where they saw their careers going," said Hrudka. "We have to help them embrace the facts and establish a new normal."

Ray Mackey, retired sergeant major and hand-cycle student of O'Connor's, said the anniversary was significant because of the importance of the battalion in helping severely wounded Marines and Sailors.

"I wasn't a member of the battalion, but a sergeant major on base who had Marines going here in its beginning phase," said Mackey. "This was a place for those guys to get the physical therapy, counseling, support and not be messed with while they were recovering. This is a pretty important place. I never thought I'd be a part of the battalion."

Mackey was wounded in Helmand province, Afghanistan just before Christmas in 2009.

Before he was wounded, Mackey said his battalion helped build some of the ramps and access points.

"When I was wounded and became of member of the battalion I was glad I had paid it forward," said Mackey. "This was a place to be, a place to go to be around your peers, as well as a place to recover. This place was key in helping Marines still have some sense of belonging."

That sense of belonging was the main push behind establishing barracks where wounded, ill and injured could recover not only physically, but mentally with the help of peers going through similar processes.

According to Greg Boyle, a retired colonel and first commanding officer of Wounded Warrior Regiment, over the last 10 years, with the evolution of the battalion the focus is taking care of Marines and Sailors.

"We wanted to focus on intangibles...It wasn't on the gear. It wasn't on the equipment. It was



Ray Mackey, a retired sergeant major who was wounded in Helmand province, Afghanistan, pays respects during the Marines' Hymn at the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East 10th anniversary, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Thursday.

about the people; our wounded, ill and injured," said Boyle. "That was going to be our focus. Those intangible later became the strength of the Wounded Warrior Regiment."

Over the last decade while buildings and regulations have changed, the Wounded Warrior Regiment's motto hasn't, according to Craig Stephens, retired lieutenant colonel and command advisor.

"Etiam in Pugna" or still in the fight, refers to the self-worth, sense of purpose, pride, mental stability and determination of wounded warriors as they recover from being wounded, ill and injured.

According to Boyle, Wounded Warrior Battalion-East will continue to provide an environment

for wounded, ill and injured to remain in the fight.

"They are still fighting today to get back to their war-fighting units. Our Marine and Sailor veterans are still fighting to get back to some kind of normal life," said Boyle. "What I'm going to make sure of is that we don't forget about them."

That same idea of remembering those who are or have been a part of the battalion was reiterated by Barnes.

"To the Marines stationed here, the fight is tough and long, but it is worth it," said Barnes. "The fight is definitely worth it. Get yourself back in it, stick with it, don't ever give up. Stay with each other. Keep in contact...Stay in that fight. Don't ever give up."

"I WAS TREATED BY A STAFF THAT SHOWED THEY CARED ABOUT ME AND MY LOVED ONES."

BARB CUSACK
PATIENT



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Col. James H. Bain and Lt. Col. Gregory Marchlinski salute each other after passing the unit battle colors during an assumption of command ceremony on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 30. During ceremony, the passing of the colors represents the passing of responsibility and command of a unit. Bain is the commanding officer for Marine Corps Engineer School. Marchlinski is the operations officer and executive officer for the school.

Maritime Raid Force, 26th MEU breaching techniques



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jered T. Stone

A Marine assigned to the Maritime Raid Force, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, utilizes shotgun breaching techniques as part of a Close Quarters Tactics course at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 26. The CQT course provides Marines an opportunity to enhance their combat marksmanship skills and tactics while maintaining unit readiness and preparing for future operations.

Bain welcomed as new commanding officer for MCES

PFC. DOMINIQUE FISK
MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River

Marines and Sailors welcomed Col. James Bain as the new commanding officer of the Marine Corps Engineer School at Courthouse Bay on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 30.

The engineer school provides entry and supervisory level instruction for Marines in order to prepare the Marine Corps' engineers for duty within the operating forces.

"I now have the rare opportunity to mold young Marines," said Bain.

The MCES senior staff welcomed Bain and looks forward to his leadership.

"I'm excited to follow him, support him, and lead the Marine Corps Engineer School into the future" said Lt. Col Gregory Marchlinski, operations officer and executive officer of MCES.

Although the school offers advanced training, one of Bain's primary missions is to prepare entry level Marines.

"My focus is to train young Marines



Photo by Pfc. Dominique Fisk

Col. James Bain expresses his goals for Marine Corps Engineer School during an assumption of command ceremony on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 30. Bain was the assistant chief of staff for G3 Operations at II Marine Expeditionary Force before assuming command. Bain is the commanding officer for the school.

into combat engineers," said Bain.

Another priority of the new commander is to renovate the curriculum and training systems of MCES. Improving training through a systems approach and shifting focus on periods of instruction, making it more streamlined, will increase the

effectiveness of the training according to Bain.

With a long line of engineer school commanders behind him, it is now the new leadership's turn to take the school to new heights.

"The sky is not the limit, we are," said Marchlinski.

Live firing range



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Adaeus Brooks

A Marine assigned to the Maritime Raid Force, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fires a M4 carbine while engaging his target during a live firing range focused on weapon proficiency with both long and short distances aboard the flight deck of the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) June 21. The 24th MEU is underway with the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U. S. 6th Fleet area of operations.

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Ladies take a swing at Paradise Point Golf Course

MICHELLE HANNAH

Sports editor

Ladies, looking to take advantage of North Carolina's beautiful evening weather? Paradise Point Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is holding its second summer of Ladies' Night Out Golf Clinics.

John Johnson, a member of the PGA since 2008, teaches the clinics. The clinics stretch out through four evenings with each one beginning a new lesson.

On day one ladies learn the fundamentals of the sport. Day two consists of putting and chipping. The third day is focused on the driving range; and on the fourth day ladies are taught course management, which is a fancy way of saying how to play utilizing the Scarlet golf course.

"Fundamentals have been my favorite lesson, it ties into everything" said Megann Sacco, a second time participant of the clinic.

June 26 kicked off the summer for the clinic with more than 10 women signing up to learn or better their relationship with golf. Lisa Castleberry was slamming golf balls Wednesday during the driving range lesson. Castleberry has played golf before but never took lessons and claims that she has seen improvement and plans to show off her finely tuned skills to her family and friends on the course.

"I have seen improvement since the first swing," said Castleberry. "I'm going golfing with the boys this Friday afternoon."

The Ladies' Night Out Clinic was created to bring the sport of golf to women of all experience levels to one area and learn. This clinic is a great way to meet new people. Many of the women had not met before beginning the clinics.

"A golf clinic is an inexpensive way to start to learn and other benefit is the group setting. The level is mostly beginner golfers or a player that has been away from the game," said Johnson. "I enjoy every part of the clinics. Having a student that never played; hit a golf ball in the air for the first time, then improve to hit the golf ball longer, straighter, low or high and then watching them take the knowledge to the golf course and play. Spending four days outside meeting people and watching someone smile and improve a different skill. How great is that?"

There is no age restriction for this program and is open to the public.

For information on upcoming clinics, please visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf



Chasing tail for the summer



NOW YOU KNOW

Michelle Hannah
Sports editor

What's a hunter to do when the season for the main game is over? As a hunter, there's an urge that needs to be fulfilled and the decoys placed in the backyard can only bring so much satisfaction. Well lucky for us it's summertime and the Red Drum are beginning to bite. The state's saltwater fish has welcomed us with their beautiful presence and will continue to do so as the waters warm.

Growing up in south Florida and having a husband who shares the same passion, I picked up a thing or two about fishing. A circle hook rig is what the majority of people like myself use for this species. This rig consists of at least a two ounce fixed sinker with no more than a six inch leader between the weight and circle hook. Now, the circle hook barb can be either compressed or removed. I prefer compressed. Circle hooks have been proven to reduce the possibility of gut hooking the fish and are less likely for them to swallow.

As a fisherman, you know it can be a frustrating situation if that happens.

When it comes down to the rod and reel. It is all about personal preference. I use a St. Croix medium light rod and a Penn Battle 3000 spinning wheel, with 30 pound test braid

with a basic monofilament leader. You do not need the best of the best to catch fish. For the longest time I used one of the Barbie push-to-cast rods from Walmart. Yes, I was considered an adult then, but the point is I reeled in plenty of fish with that pink pole.

As most may already know there is a plethora of bait options to choose from, but I like to keep it simple. I usually use frozen or live mullet. Live bait always seems to be more promising, but it is also merely just a preference.

Slot for Red Drum starts at 18 inches and maxes out at 27 inches. For those new to fishing, slot refers to the length of the fish regarding the retainable size standard, measuring from the tip of the mouth to the tip of the tail. If you decide to keep a catch within slot, Red Drum's legal limit is one fish per person a day. Size and limits for this fish remains the same regardless of where they are caught. So whether you are inland or out in coastal waters the same rules apply.

It wouldn't be very fisherman like of me to expose my exact fishing spot(s) but my best experience with catching Red Drum has been aboard Camp Lejeune and other areas within Onslow County. Once you venture



Photo by Zachary Hannah

Michelle Hannah kicked off the summer with some night fishing and caught a Red Drum on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

out and find your own it will be one of the best kept secrets you've discovered. So don't over share when you're telling your fishing tales, except if it's with me of course.

If you are planning to take a fishing trip make sure you have the proper state issued fishing license. A freshwater license does not cover saltwater. So do your research before going out.

However, there are options when purchasing a fishing permit where you can group salt and fresh water together or even get the big game license like I have, which covers hunting and both types of fishing waters.

For more information regarding rules, regulations and limits, visit your local registered wildlife expert or visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Editor's note: Now You Know is a weekly commentary series providing readers with a range of information combined with experience regarding fishing, fitness, hunting and more. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion of the writer.

Sports on Tap

Okinawan Seidokan Class

Today, 6 p.m.

Participants will learn throwing, joint-locking techniques, punching, kicking, and weaponry at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. For more information, call 450-1687.

Fencing Classes

July 7, 7 p.m.

Interested participants can learn fencing at the Wallace Creek Fitness Center. Cost for the eight session class is \$40. For more information, call 799-8642.

Paradise Point Open

July 7-8, 8 a.m., July 9, 1 p.m.

The Paradise Point Open is part of the 2017 Grand Slam Series and is open to the public. For more information, call 451-5445.

Princess Ballet/Tap

July 11, 12:30 p.m.

The five-week ballet/tap class will take place at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. The class is geared for 3 to 5 year old children. Participants will get to wear their favorite princess outfit to every class. The session will end with a performance on Kid's Day, Aug. 12 at Marine Corps Air Station New River. For more information, call 450-1687.

Cheer Acro

July 11, 4:15 p.m.

The cheer acro class will take place at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. The class is geared to 5 to 12 year olds. The session will end with a performance on Kid's Day, Aug. 12 at Marine Corps Air Station New River. For more information, call 450-1687.

Running With The Law 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

July 29, 7:30 a.m.

Run side by side with area Law enforcement officers, get some exercise, and support a great cause at the Jacksonville Commons. Proceeds for running with the Law support North Carolina Special Olympics. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 938-5312.

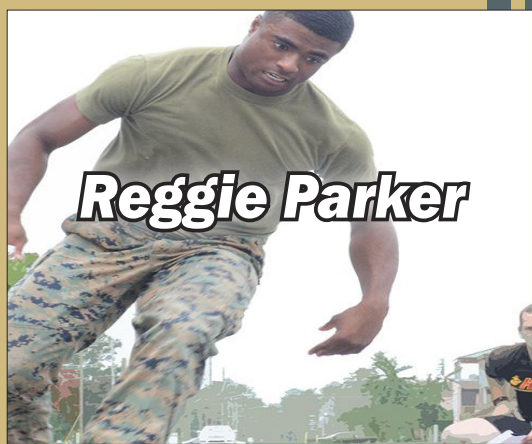
For more information on games, tryouts, special events and exercise classes around Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, check out Sports on Tap each week. To add your activity, email MHannah@CampLejeuneGlobe.com. Space is limited to availability. To add your event to our website calendar, visit www.camplejeuneglobe.com/calendar.

GAME FACE Showcase

Below are two local athletes in the midst of competition. Readers are encouraged to go online and vote for this week's most epic game face!

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Last week's WINNER



Reggie Parker

Photo illustrations by Michelle Hannah

Devin Orchard



Devin Orchard, a member of the Jody High Rollers during final game in the 7v7 Outdoor Soccer Tournament at Liversedge Stadium on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

Chidi Ozurumba



Chidi Ozurumba, a member of New River Elite during final game in the 7v7 Outdoor Soccer Tournament at Liversedge Stadium on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

VS



Photos by Michelle Hannah

Antonio Malagon shows his mother how he learned to swim underwater at the Tarawa Terrace Community Pool on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

Children complete American Red Cross group swim lessons

MICHELLE HANNAH
Sports editor

The American Red Cross group swim lessons at Tarawa Terrace community pool gave children the opportunity to learn to swim.

More than 80 participants signed up to perfect their swimming skills from June 19 through 30.

Sriwan Malagon, mother of 5-year-old Antonio, expressed her son's slight obsession with the water. This was her son's first time taking lessons but he has always enjoyed the water and loved learning how to swim underneath it.

"I don't know where he gets it from, I do not like the water at all but he loves it," said Malagon. "He even watches TV shows on repeat that have to do with swimming."

Swimming experience is not uncommon for children ages five and older but taking these lessons can improve skills, hone swimming techniques and provide a positive social setting.

Oliver Matz, a seasoned 6-year-old, who has participated in the classes before, successfully completed level one swim for his age group. Matz has a pool at home but

is taking classes to get a better grasp of the different techniques.

The 10 days of classes provide eight lessons. Classes are grouped by age and categorized by skill level. Each class is taught by an American Red Cross swim certified instructor.

A swim activity checklist is used to assess if the student has passed their level of class. Once passed, the student receives a card that is Red Cross certified for the specific level of swim.

This card is the ticket to the next level of swim class. The card is valid at any American Red Cross facility.

If a family has a permanent change of station, the student will be able to pick up where he or she left off in the lessons if the card is presented.

The class is 55 dollars for eight sessions and depending on weather conditions, two extra classes are taught for free.

In a short span of time, parents saw the drastic difference in their child's swimming abilities. Friday was the last day of lessons and was a celebration. Students received their swim report cards and the families got to enjoy the pool together.

"The family gets to see everything that the kids



A swim student receives his swim completion checklist and swim level pass card, at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center Pool on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

have learned in the lessons," said Meredith Sumner, lead instructor at

the Tarawa Terrace community pool.

The next session of swim classes

start July 17 and is open to authorized patrons and their families.

For more information, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/events.

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Base employees spend their lunchbreak battling for an office skeet trophy at McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

Aiming for a good time

MICHELLE HANNAH
Sports editor

Not all gunshot noises on base come from Marines training; McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex at Camp Lejeune deserves partial credit. Serving multiple sports at one center, the complex offers areas for skeet, trap, five-stand shooting, as well as archery.

For shooting, there are seven fields with two trap overlays and a five-stand overlay. The archery portion of the complex is equipped with stationary targets ranging from 10 to 50 yards. Eight lanes provide an ample amount of space for people to be comfortable and have a chance to practice.

The shooting complex is used by a variety of groups and people for different reasons. On Friday afternoon the complex was implemented as a tool by two different workplaces that shared the same goal, to strengthen employee bonds and create a short escape from the office.

Marines from Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division used the shooting complex for a team-building exercise. Some of the Marines had never shot skeet before. 2nd Lt. Baldwin expressed how it was the first time they had done this event as an exercise and deemed it as a fun and positive experience for his Marines.

That same afternoon, employees from Installation Protection came out for a quick friendly office competition during lunchtime. The group visits the complex at least once a week to have a shootout for the office skeet trophy. Doug Davis is considered the office champion according to his peers since he has had possession of the trophy for four years now.

"We are just a bunch of old retired Marines that come to shoot around at lunch," said



A Marine participates in a team building activity at a unit shoot held at McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex Marine Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

Davis. "The trophy started as a way to get everybody shooting and build up morale."

Outside of the workplace authorized patrons come out to shoot on their spare time. Denny Morgan, a regular to the shooting complex comes out every week to shoot skeet.

Skeet shooting is the most popular sport amongst those offered at the complex but the archery range gets its share of customers according to Luis Colon, director of the complex.

Dylan Hinton was making use of the archery section, and enjoys coming out to the complex to practice.

"I have a pregnant wife and this is the only place I can come out and shoot; it's close and I get service," said Hinton

Weapon rentals are offered for seven dollars a day. Ammo, arrows, target prints and more are also

available for purchase.

Instructors are trained to familiarize the guests with weapon operation and safety, they also explain the different shooting areas along with the direction of the shooting houses. Participants are familiarized with the operation of the weapons and then left to enjoy the sport of their choice.

Facility fees vary depending on which sport patrons participate in.

McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex is open to authorized personnel and is kid friendly. The complex offers classes and also hosts competitions.

"It's a sport for every age, it's a shame that these fields don't have more people out here," said Davis.

For more information on McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/skeet.



Dylan Hinton puts his archery skills to the test as he aims for a 40-yard target at the McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Friday.

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Photos by Pfc. Nicholas Lubchenko
Brett Young sits on the edge of the stage during his performance at Base Fest on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 4.

Live music rocks Camp Lejeune during BaseFest

PFC. NICHOLAS LUBCHENKO
MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River

Thousands flooded W.P.T. Hill Field for BaseFest as a whole line up of artists and bands performed for service members, their families and the public on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 4.

The celebration of America's independence included performances by Lifehouse, Brett Young, Chord Overstreet, Muddy Magnolias and Temecula Road.

Brett Young, a country music star, performed on stage to show his appreciation for the freedoms he exercises.

"We go throughout our day unaware of the liberties we have because we have gotten used to them and it is too rare that we stop and think about the people who have put their lives on the line. We need to be thankful and grateful to the people that are the reason we have those liberties," said Young. "I think it's a special thing to come out and I know that you all give so much and to be able to be here and play music and have that be something I love to do and something that blesses you guys, I think it's the coolest thing on the planet."

Young said that hearing Lifehouse would be performing made him even more excited to perform here, "I'm not going to lie, I've been a die-hard Lifehouse fan my whole life."

Lifehouse preformed to give back to the service members and show their support.

"We are just so excited to play for the troops and celebrate the Fourth of July," said Jason Wade, lead vocalist and songwriter for Lifehouse. "We have had the opportunity to hear stories from troops that have been deployed and they shared that certain songs had gotten them through tough times. There are certain songs that really get in touch with them, like You and Me. We love the opportunity to play for the troops."

BaseFest was free and open to the public.

"It's pretty cool that it's free and that everyone can come and hang out," said Lance Cpl. Dustin Taft. "It's a good crowd, and good music."

Taft said he couldn't miss the opportunity to see Brett Young. Karen Sale, who brought her family and friends, said she came to get out of the house and to see Lifehouse.

"I have small people who seemed to have enjoyed the event," said Sale in reference to her two children.

Due to inclement weather, the fireworks were postponed to Wednesday.

A day off work can be celebrated on its own but a day in remembrance of American independence is best spent with those in support of America.

With the show providing patrons with a variety of entertaining performances, artists kept the 4th of July spirit alive and showed their appreciation for their unique crowd.



A young lady hoisted up by her father raises her along with hundreds of others when Brett Young asked the audience who among them had been broken up with before during Base Fest.



Temecula Road's members Dawson Anderson, Emma Salute and Maddie Salute perform in front of thousands Fest on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 4.



Photo by Ena Sellers
Lifehouse performs for thousands of service members and locals, who gathered at the W.P.T. Hill Field for BaseFest to celebrate Independence Day on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 4.

Newest 'Transformers' struggles to be different

ED SYMKUS, DANA BARBUTO

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"THE MUMMY" PG-13

Check list, not in any particular order: Very cool visual effects, major action set piece, unnerving violent moment of horror, unexpected and well-timed comic banter, Tom Cruise gets beaten up. Repeat. Then repeat again.

This new take on "The Mummy" has nothing to do except for Egyptian tombs and a monster with the Brendan Fraser films from a decade and a half ago, and little to do with the grand-mummy of them all, the original Boris Karloff film from 1932.

Except for a brief 1127 prologue, it's contemporary, kicking off its main story first in England, where a subway construction crew has stumbled upon what appears to be an ancient tomb, and then in Iraq, where a couple of rule-bending Army reconnaissance men, Nick Morton (Tom Cruise) and Chris Vail (Jake Johnson), plan to "liberate" some precious antiquities from a small desert village that's filled with insurgents.

But hold on. In between the England and Iraq segments, there's some detailed narration and a flashback to a long ago story about Princess Ahmanet (Sofia Boutella, the metal-footed villain in "Kingsman") who, feeling cheated out of a future queendom, makes a pact with a demon, is caught, and is mummified alive.

The village insurgent thing goes wrong as, initially, does Cruise's clunky over-acting. An air strike saves the two guys, but opens up a gaping maw in the ground, down in which is discovered an Egyptian tomb. But, says visiting archaeologist Dr. Jenny Halsey (Annabelle Wallis), this can't be. There can't be an Egyptian tomb in Iraq. She sure gets excited, though, when she notices a ritual well at the bottom, filled with mercury and surrounded by warnings against intruders.

But these intruders pay no heed, and despite an onslaught of biting spiders and a large murder of crows showing up, a large sarcophagus found down there is helicoptered away.

Here come those visual effects. Nick starts having crazy visions, causing him to flit in and out of two realities; the sarcophagus is loaded onto a cargo plane; Chris, having been bitten on the neck by a special spider, just isn't Chris anymore; the crows return; and there's an absolutely spectacular crash sequence.

It's then that the protagonists (some are alive, some aren't, some are in between) start putting pieces together. Those pieces involve an ancient curse, the idea that "we've angered the gods," and the discovery of The Dagger of Set.

The scary yet alluring Princess Ahmanet, accompanied by roiling swarms of rats, is up and around, creeping her way through the alleys of London, fiercely sucking the life out of anyone. Her personal mission is to find and hook up with

Nick, for purposes of eternal life together. His purposes are to keep running away from her, to save Jenny from the Princess, and to figure out if he's dead or alive.

The film eventually gets around to an obsession with the concept of evil; Cruise eventually loosens up into the role; and everything that could possibly go wrong for these characters goes wrong.

My favorite part: The appearance of ancient Egyptian zombies, the fast kind, not the slow kind, who prove to be pretty darn good swimmers.

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"TRANSFORMERS: THE LAST KNIGHT" PG-13

Clank. Thud. Crash. Boom. Bang. "Transformers: The Last Knight" is another huge pyrotechnic porno that leaves a metallic taste in your mouth. I endured it so you don't have to. The storytelling is messy and the movie is loud, really loud.

From "Pearl Harbor" to "Armageddon," Bay's motto has always been to go big or go home, and here he even one-ups himself. He goes ginormous. And so, a decade after he rolled out the first flick Bay, offers another huge, cacophonous calamity in which the Autobots and Decepticons face off in a butt-busting 150 minutes of giant machines demolishing each other.

Here's what you need to know: It's a spectacle, especially in IMAX 3-D. The battle scenes are overwrought, long, loud and ludicrous. You can't decipher



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who's fighting whom. It's a full-blown orgy of metal, bullets, lead and fire engaged in an all-out assault on your senses. The movie has many faults, namely sloppy storytelling at the hands of writers Art Marcum, Matt Holloway and Ken Nolan. This time they pen a tale that rewrites history and legend, showing how the Big 'Bots had a hand in giving Merlin (Stanley Tucci) his magic and delivering the coup de gras. It's soon revealed that Transformers do indeed go back to the Middle Ages. Also, there's a powerful staff that "one day a great hero will come for." That becomes the movie's macguffin, involving about five subplots spread across the globe, none of them coherent.

Mark Wahlberg reprises his role as struggling inventor Cade Yeager. After the events in the last movie, Cade is on the lam for being an Autobot sympathizer. The script draws him out because he's the chosen one who must save the world

from destruction. Eventually, he lands in England and teams up with a sexy history professor named Vivian (Megan Fox lookalike Laura Haddock) to help him retrieve the staff... Chaos ensues. Bay gets points for actually giving the Hot Girl something substantial to do and for outfitting her in sensible footwear instead of stilettos while fleeing angry, armed robots.

In London, Oscar-winner Anthony Hopkins minds a secret society of Autobot protectors and needs the good guys to get the staff to vanquish Quintessa, the mysterious sorceress of the robot planet Cybertron. Conspiracy theorist and franchise veteran John Turturro rings in from Havana (an Autobot sanctuary city, go figure) with information about the elusive weapon, too. Meanwhile, Optimus Prime is being brainwashed. In a rare moment of entertainment, his mortal enemy, Megatron, negotiates with U.S. officials the release of his baddies from a Gitmo-like prison.

Another spot of fun is the 'Bot banter back at Cade's junkyard voiced by a talented cast that includes Erik Aadahl (Bumblebee), John Goodman (Hound), Ken Watanabe (Drift), Omar Sy (Hot Rod) and John DiMaggio as the cute WALL-E clone, Sqweeks. The best new character is Hopkins' 'bot butler, Cogman, a C3-PO knockoff voiced by "Downton Abbey's" Jim Carter.

Stand-up comedian Jerrod Carmichael offers a dose of comic relief as stray Cade picks up.

Fans of Optimus Prime, Bumblebee and the gang will be more than satisfied with the spectacle, but with that bloated running time, the movie wears out its welcome. Despite its too-many-to-name flaws, "Transformers" has a built-in audience that will "ooh" and "aah" just because it's fun watching things blow up.

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Marine's college dream comes true with Leadership Scholar Program

SARAH HAUCK
Staff writer

A New York-native, seeing the end of his Marine Corps career quickly approach, never thought he'd be transitioning into the civilian world as a college student, let alone an Ivy-league college student.

With help from the Leadership Scholar Program offered through John A. Lejeune Education Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Sgt. Paul Sessa will begin his bachelors of science in urban studies at Columbia University in the fall.

"It was unreal. I'm still honestly in shock about it now," said Sessa. "Everyone from home is already proud of my accomplishments through the Marine Corps, but this just put me over the top. I don't think people took me too seriously when I told them that I was

applying to Columbia – I even doubted myself a lot through the whole process – so the news was really just a shock for everyone. But, getting the acceptance letter from my dream school will be something I will remember for the rest of my life."

According to Deborah Marconda, LSP manager at Headquarters Marine Corps, the LSP has been in place since 2010, creating more than 260 partnerships with some of the top universities in the country, allowing assistance to Marines wanting to pursue higher education after their service.

"LSP's mission is to help Marines successfully matriculate at one of the nation's top schools," said Marconda. "We work with our college and university partners to provide Marines with a first look at their academic readiness. And, we help them build the best

application package possible, so when they do apply to these schools, they are more than ready to compete for a slot."

When Sessa began looking at options after his service in the Marine Corps, he discovered the LSP through Columbia University.

From the beginning, according to Sessa, the people at LSP wanted to help with the admissions process.

Sessa said the help was especially appreciated during his admissions essay writing process.

"The LSP was able to help me, through various edits, to get this essay exactly how I wanted it," said Sessa. "By pointing out certain areas that could be shortened, certain aspects that could be elaborated on, and certain parts where I wasn't clear with what I was

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Early Literacy Storytime Friday, 10:30

Harriotte B. Smith Library will host early literacy story time for children ages birth-three years old. The story time is music based to allow babies and toddlers to learn rhythm and movement, develop listening skills, and connect with their caregivers. For more information, call 451-6196.

Family Mystery Theater Saturday, 2-4 p.m.

Marine Corps Community Services' Tarawa Terrace Community Center will host Family Mystery Theater featuring the Great Gator Caper. Help find the missing animals. Cost is \$5 per person and includes admission, prizes and light refreshments. Intended for ages 6 years and up. For more information, call 450-1687.

Seaside Cinema Saturday, 8-10 p.m.

Onslow Beach will host Seaside Cinema featuring "Trolls" (PG) at the Sand Dollar Shores Pavilion at the beach. The free event will include the movie, popcorn and drinks. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. For more information, call 440-7502.

Page Turner's Adult Book Club Monday, 6 p.m.

Harriotte B. Smith Library will host Page Turner's Adult Book club at the library. The club is for adults 18 years and older. Light refreshments will be available. "The Selection" by Kiera Cass will be discussed. Registration is required. For more information, call 451-3026.

Teen Builder Night Tuesday, 6:30-9 p.m.

Harriotte B. Smith Library will host a Teen Summer Reading Program Builder Night at the library. The event will feature building with Legos, Lincoln Log-shaped pool noodles and more. For more information, call, 451-1979.

Tarawa Terrace story time Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Marine Corps Community Services' Tarawa Terrace Community Center will host story time for children ages birth-5 years old. A story will be shared, followed by a craft. For more information, call 450-1687.

Lejeune Story time July 13, 10 a.m.

Harriotte B. Smith Library will host story time for children ages birth to five years old. A story will be shared, followed by a craft. For more information, call 451-3026.

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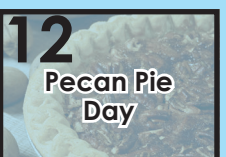
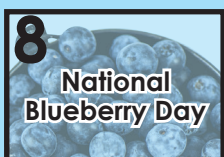
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Beaufort: built on swashbuckling tales



SUMMER TRIPPIN'

Sarah Hauck
Staff writer

Did you know the name of famous pirate Blackbeard is Edward Teach?

Me neither until I started researching Beaufort for this edition of Summer Trippin'.

I also had no idea that Blackbeard was famous in North Carolina, particularly in one of the many inlets near Beaufort.

In what I think is a form of ancient karma, Blackbeard ran his ship, Queen Anne's Revenge, into a sandbar in Beaufort after doing some pirate-like things to some innocent people.

The ruins rest under the water and artifacts help fill the historic center.

Needless to say, when someone says Beaufort, I think pirate.

Sprinkle in three centuries worth of other history, beautiful water views and an eating tour and I am ready to pack up and head to Beaufort for the day.

Beaufort is about an hour's drive from Jacksonville, with a majority of the drive being along the coast.

Situated on an inlet with the Cape Lookout National Seashore just a ferry or boat ride away, Beaufort has just about any kind of water cruise or tour imaginable.

For Families

With pirates being one of the forefront focuses of Beaufort it is easy to find family-friendly activities.

Port City Tour Company offers not only two different water tours that the kids would love, but also a pirate museum, if water tours aren't something they would be interested in.

One of the tours, Wild Horses and Shelling, features a ferry ride over to Shackleford Banks where a band of wild horses thrives entirely on its own.

Apparently the horses are believed to be part of the original herd brought over more than 300 years ago.

The tour includes some shell hunting with the Cape Lookout Lighthouse in the background.

If horses and shells aren't for the kids, maybe learning about the legend of Blackbeard in an interactive-cruise will be more up their alley.

The tour covers not only the legends of Blackbeard, but also the history of Beaufort making it interesting for parents as well.

A pirate tour is also offered by several other businesses in Beaufort including a biking version.

Dolphin tours aimed at looking for the sea creatures are also available through several companies.

If the kids need more freedom to roam, the Beaufort Historic Site would be a good spot to let them explore some of the third oldest town in North Carolina. Among the sites to see are the first courthouse, historic homes, jail and apothecary.

Guides in period clothes will make the trip a little more interesting for the kids as well.

A double-decker bus tour of the prominent historic points of Beaufort is also available leaving from the historic site.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum offers exhibits on how Beaufort was put on the map, what sustained the port city like fishing, shrimping and oystering, as well as the history behind about a dozen different kinds of watercraft.

The museum is also where artifacts like belt buckles and pieces of the Queen Anne's Revenge are displayed, tying in the pirate picture I have of Beaufort.

A current exhibit featuring surfing brings a modern and more recognizable touch to learning about Beaufort's past.

Maybe the kids would like to learn how boats are built.

Visitors can watch boats being built and repaired across the street from the museum at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center.

The skeleton of a 33.5 foot sperm whale, named Echo, greets visitors at the museum.

"When the adolescent whale came ashore at Cape Lookout in 2004, his bones and heart were preserved for study and display," said David Cartier, public relations specialist at North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. "During the process his heart was sent to the University of Tennessee for plastination."

A small collection of islands are accessible by the many ferry and boat tours. Spending time at the beach shelling and swimming, are easy family-day activities.

Watersport outfitters are also readily available for kayak and paddleboard adventures allowing the family to get out on the water together to explore on their own.

The waterfront boardwalk of Beaufort not only has the views for parents during lunch or dinner but it also has restaurants for even the pickiest of eaters.

Southern-style, farm-to-table, dock-to-dish, deli-style sandwiches, pubs and seafood are just a few of the choices families have when they venture into the downtown area of Beaufort.

For Couples

Beaufort has more to offer than pirate, dolphin or horse tours.

A collection of bike or walking tours featuring the history of the actual establishment of Beaufort in the 1700s as well as what the seafront town was like during the Civil War to the present make for an easy, relaxing day.

Want something even more relaxing and powered by a captain instead of your own legs?

A moonlight cruise aboard a sailboat might be the perfect way to end the day after wandering the boutique shops downtown.

A sunset cruise might be a way to start cocktail hour before hitting one of the water-front restaurants for a locally-caught seafood dinner.

Or maybe a sail on a catamaran during the day including snorkeling and shelling would set the mood for a night at one



Courtesy Photo by Historic Beaufort

of the local pubs, like Mill Whistle Brewing which according to Cartier, brews only 31 gallons of beer per batch, or the Backstreet Pub and Outdoor Beer Garden, housed in what is believed to be the oldest building in Beaufort.

Again, the nearby islands and outdoor activity rentals give opportunity to a much more active, out-and-about date day.

If the water isn't your favorite, a variety of walking and bike tours are available that would make great day dates of exploring.

There is a tour of literally everything Beaufort related so it is just a matter of choosing what kind of date you want.

The best date tour in terms of following a cliché date needs would be the Beaufort Lunchbox Tour, in which you and your date ride a bike through historic Beaufort, ending the tour with a picnic lunch on the waterfront.

The website even boasts the white napkins and fancy glasses to describe the tour.

For a more romantic feel, why not try a bicycle tour of places inspired by

"Mr. Romantic" himself, Nicholas Sparks with the A Walk to Remember Tour.

"This unique tour features places in Beaufort that were inspired by Nicholas Sparks and referenced in his books, 'The Choice' and 'A Walk to Remember,'" said Cartier. "The tour serves as a memorable way for people to get to know Beaufort, as visitors take in the unique setting for the story of each novel."

For something a little less love a ghost tour of the Old Burying Grounds, featuring the grave of a child who died at sea and was buried in a rum barrel, might be what you're looking for on a day date.

Looking for a little more fun and whimsical tour?

The Legends and Lore of the Sea tour covers everything about Blackbeard and his fellow scurvy pirates.

This tour also shares war stories and legends of the area, and can be done on foot or bike.

Maybe you'd like to eat your way through Beaufort and even take some food home.

Two tours feature the seafood hot spots for shrimp and oysters.

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Girls'/Guys' Trip

I honestly feel like I left the best day trip idea for last.

That being said it can go in the couples' category as well, especially for those who enjoy eating their way through a town as opposed to sightseeing.

Two options immediately pop up.

For the girls' starting the day on the Bike, Brunch and Bubbles Tour (bike or walking) could get the day started.

Sampling not only brunch items from the Beaufort Grocery Company, but morning cocktails like Bloody Marys and mimosas before hitting the local boutique shopping sounds like a great way to get away and spend time.

Brunch may not be for the bros, but the Beaufort Culinary Tour may be.

Either on foot or bike, this tour is the way to try food from a large collection of the restaurants in Beaufort.

The culinary tour is described being similar to a progressive lunch, eating a different course at a different location.

Wine tastings are also part of this tour.

If the guys would like something a little more manly Fraid Knot Adventures offers water tours, fishing charters and motorcycle rentals.

Several

different time options are available for the tours including full and half day as well as two-hour options.

Grabbing some lunch or dinner and some beers along the boardwalk in one of the local pubs would be a great way to end a day on the water.

Beaufort has also jumped into the phenomenon of escape rooms, said Cartier, with one located on Middle Lane.

According to Travel and Leisure, Beaufort is "America's Favorite Town" and after doing my research I learned why.

Beaufort is proud of its history even though some would say it is based on legend, thanks to the pirate lore that is strong in the little town.

With waterfront eating and shopping, and a large variety of interactive and eclectic tour options, it would be difficult to not be able to find something that would be of interest.

Beaufort has just about everything you'd expect including fresh seafood of many kinds, a lighthouse, ferry tours and watersports.

If you need a reason to venture out to Beaufort, the annual Pirate Invasion is Aug. 11 through 12.

From what I found on the event, all the pirate clichés come to life and are embraced by even the visitors as Beaufort brings their legendary history to life.

For more information on Beaufort, visit www.beinbeaufort.com.

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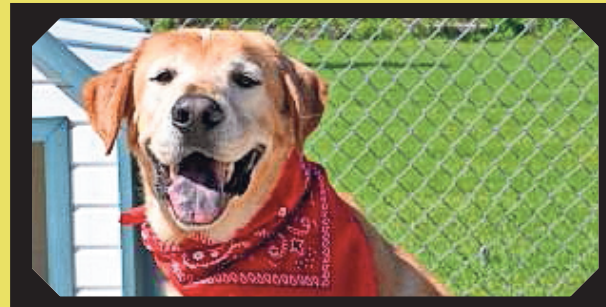
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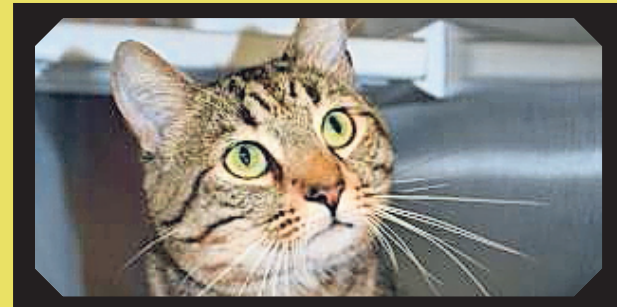
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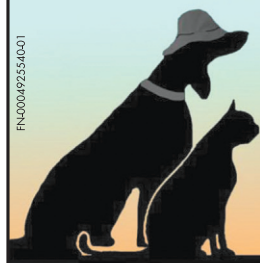
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Retired Navy master chief inspires, motivates wounded warriors



FOCUS ON VETERANS

Ena Sellers
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Kevin Kesterson retired from the Navy in June 2009 as a master chief with Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune formerly known as Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, after more than three decades of service. "When I was up for orders, I was given a few choices for my last assignment. I chose Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune as the command master chief for my "twilight" tour," said Kesterson. "I really loved the challenges, the versatility of the job every day, and working with the professionals in Navy medicine."

Kesterson joined the Navy in December 1978, hoping to explore the world and get out of Oswego, Illinois where he grew up. After his mother passed away, when he was only 3 years old, Kesterson lived with his dad and grandmother.

"I was born in Chicago, Illinois, but moved to a town about an hour and half South West of Chicago called Oswego, after my mother died. At that time, Oswego was just a small farm town with a population of 1,900 people. We lived next door to the mayor. We had no traffic lights, just one flashing yellow light," said Kesterson. "I was raised with good morals, and a good strong work ethic. I have had some sort of a job since I was 11 years old."

The former Sailor served as submarine machinist mate for 25 years. After receiving a promotion to master chief he was

selected for the Command Master Chief Program, with his first assignment as command master chief of Naval Hospital Naples, Italy.

"I served on five different submarines, with my last submarine assignment as the chief of boat onboard the Minneapolis-St Paul SSN 708. I have almost 17 years of sea time," said Kesterson. "I made 19 submarine strategic deterrent patrols when stationed onboard (Fleet Ballistic Missile) submarines."

After retirement, Kesterson served as a REACH (Reintegrate, Educate and Advance Combatants in Healthcare) career coach, a program he launched on Camp Lejeune in November 2011. The REACH program was designed to support wounded service members in the process of reintegrating them into civilian life, also to help them obtain on-the-job training and find a course of study in the health care field. As a career coach, Kesterson worked closely with service members transitioning from active duty. Unfortunately the program was discontinued June 10, leaving him unemployed.

"With the REACH program we were able to help so many Marines and Sailors who did not have any idea what they would be doing after they were discharged. We were able to help them get started with a college plan, establish an internship for them and even for some, who qualified, a part-time position at the

hospital," said Kesterson. "I witnessed so many successful outcomes in the five and a half years of the REACH program.

During his time with the REACH program, Kesterson helped many students accomplish their career goals and finish their degrees. As he looks back at his time with REACH, he recalls a common phrase from his students "The REACH program gave me a purpose."

"I am hoping that I can find my next employment opportunity helping our active duty and veteran population," said Kesterson. "I truly believe it is what God has in store for me."

According to Kesterson, the REACH program was funded by the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery since the program's inception in 2011. Unfortunately they have stopped funding for the program as of this fiscal year, but there is hope of the possibility that it might come back for FY 2019.

"It is unfortunate that such a great program which made a huge impact in so many lives is no longer (in place) to assist our wounded, ill and injured military," said Kesterson.

He did a phenomenal job with the REACH Program," said Raymond Applewhite, retired senior chief Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune. "He was invaluable in helping wounded warriors reconnect by helping develop training, which helped them resume a very productive life."

Life after retirement was quite a change for Kesterson, from working 12-hour days to a slow-pace routine.

"I moved to the South East part of Georgia (Kings Bay) shortly after I retired. I



Kevin Kesterson, retired Navy master chief, hopes to continue serving through programs that help and encourage veterans and active-duty service members. Photo taken at Navy Medical Center Camp Lejeune, June 28.

returned to the area with my wife in June 2011, because I was unable to find employment, and I missed the good friends we had made when we were stationed here," said Kesterson. "I love the relationship between the military and the local community. I knew I would be able to easily fit into this community."

Kesterson passion for helping other didn't stop with the discontinuance of the REACH program. He remains involved in the community and is very proactive in his church, Pine Valley United Methodist Church. He is also an active member of the local Chiefs

Association, and the Submarine Veterans of North Carolina among others.

His advice to young Marines is to pursue an education and stay proactive in pursuing their career goals.

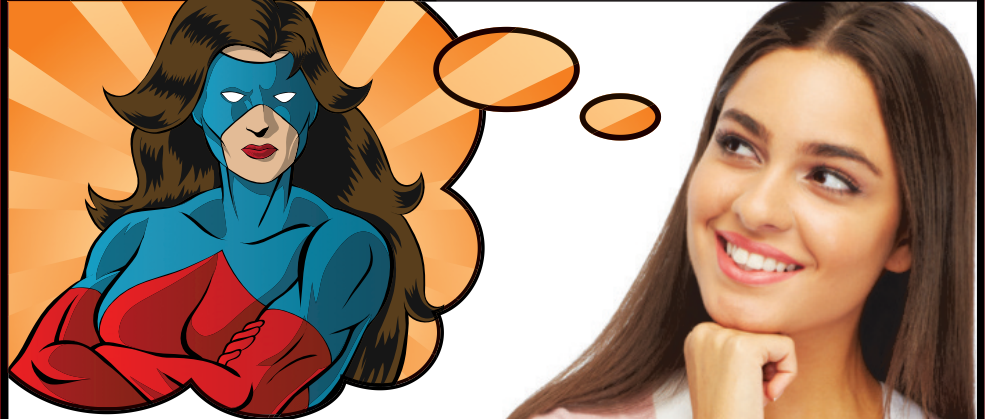
"Find a career that you might be interested in, then pursue a college education that leads you to that career," said Kesterson. "Draw on your strengths, skills and desires when choosing a career."

We hope that for Kesterson, the end of a beloved program is not a hindrance but a stepping stone to a new beginning and fulfilling career doing

what he loves, helping and encouraging our veteran and active-duty military.

Editor's note: "Focus on Veterans" features former service members who are leaders, business owners, volunteers and people behind the scenes making things happen and making a positive impact in our community. "Focus on Veterans" also seeks to highlight local veteran programs and resources. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion of the writer. To nominate an outstanding veteran you wish to highlight, email esellers@campjeuneglobe.com.

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Trust is the belief in or the belief of a person, an idea, a hope, or that somehow in some way my life will be better. Trust is, remains, and always will be the "ground truth" for us to perform our duties as members of the Armed Forces of the United States. It is "In trust" that we carry out our duties every day. We carry out or complete these duties to our faith, our families, to each other, and to our country.

The reason that I write about good conduct and trust together is that we cannot have one without the other. Good conduct is the conscious act of making strong, right, and in some cases, courageous decisions. Good conduct requires us to think through, to process, and to respond to the joys and burdens in our lives every day. Good conduct represents the carrying out of trust. Without good conduct, there would not be a Sea Service of the United States. Without Good Conduct – and I intentionally capitalize it – there would not be the good order and

discipline that each of us need to defend our country and fight our enemies. More importantly, Good Conduct builds families, homes, commands, forces, and ultimately the ties that bind our society and our nation together.

For many of us, the most important medal that a first tour Marine or Sailor can earn is the Good Conduct Medal. The medal represents the qualities that are the foundation of service. Without Trust – intentionally capitalized – we could not work together and we could not complete our missions. We would have that underlying current of, "Can I trust this person?" "Can I trust this person to come through in time of need, to be there for our family, to ensure that we are not killed in a combat zone forward?" When yoked together, Good Conduct and Trust become unstoppable in our ability to serve, to sacrifice, to lead, and to ensure our freedom. Who is it that we trust? This is a corporate, and independent question. We look

to this answer to give us strength and hope. Earlier, I wrote about the foundational values and how they impact us. For each of us, regardless of our faith backgrounds, these foundational values as Marines and Sailors – and I would argue as our families are critical to our capacity to serve. It is in these values at our core that we find strength, hope and the capacity to complete the difficult tasks at hand. Most importantly, we complete the difficult tasks at hand of preparation for war and going to and from war.

I invite you to reach out to your local chaplains. We are across the II Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations East. We encourage you to engage in your faith communities and to participate. If you are struggling or seeking, please feel free to reach out to us. You speak to us in confidence and we ask for God's blessings to be upon you on your journey.

Thank you to all of you for your willingness to serve our country and to defend our nation.

Editor's note: The Chaplain's Corner covers everything faith related. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion of the writer.

COLUMBIA FROM 2B

trying to say; I was able to write the perfect essay for me."

Sessa is one of the nearly 80 qualified Marines that will start their post-Corps lives as students, thanks to help from the LSP this year, according to Marconda.

Knowing his academic history wasn't the greatest almost deterred Sessa from reaching out to the LSP.

"I honestly felt silly at first even considering applying to an Ivy League school, but the Leadership Scholar Program showed me that getting accepted into one of these schools was very much an attainable goal for me," said Sessa. "They told me that with hard work and dedication, I could be admitted."

According to Marconda, the LSP is one of the smaller education programs within the Marine Corps

but it has still found success and continued to evolve in assisting Marines gain admission to universities and colleges like University of Southern California, Princeton, Berkley, Texas A&M and Georgetown.

"The Marine Corps has a long history of creating innovate educational programs," said Marconda. "LSP is simply another instantiation of the Corps' emphasis on helping Marines achieve their educational goals."

A main component of the LSP, according to Marconda, is encouraging Marines in that the exact things that make them Marines make them ideal candidates for the top universities and colleges in the country.

The LSP is a partnership between the Marine and the program,

said Marconda, with the LSP providing the resources the Marines need in order to reach the level of academics they need to in order to be accepted to the partnered universities and colleges.

"I think I can speak for all of the Education Service Officers and Education Service Specialists I work with that getting a call from a Marine who just got into Yale University or Colorado State - it really doesn't matter what school - and hearing the joy in his or her voice is the best," said Marconda.

Sessa is confident that Columbia is the correct school for him and is grateful to the LSP for helping him achieve admission.

"I would like to reiterate how amazing this program is and how it can really give you a foot in the door at many

of the country's top institutions. So many of these schools understand the diversity that Marine veterans can bring to the classroom. The LSP makes these schools so much more accessible to Marines, as well as making Marines so much more accessible to these schools," said Sessa. "I would encourage every Marine who has intentions of going to school – who meet the qualifications of the program – to go ahead and reach out. I think they will be very happy with their decision, and will most likely see the same success that I have."

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