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## Changes to this year's Fourth of July Celebration

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - Due to ongoing financial challenges and hurricane recovery efforts, the annual Fourth of July celebration this year will be significantly scaled down and open to DoD cardholders and their sponsored guests only. "This was an exceptionally difficult decision to make and we appreciate the general pub-

lic's understanding as Camp Lejeune continues to rebuild after Hurricane Florence," said Deputy Commander Col Scott A. Baldwin. "We truly hope to make next year's event a much larger one like we've had in the past." Further details about the base celebration will be communicated in the coming weeks.

## MCI-East recognizes local volunteers



Photo by Lance Cpl. Miranda DeKorte

Sergeant Major Charles A. Metzger, left, sergeant major, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Col. Scott A. Baldwin, right, deputy commander, MCI-EAST-MCB Camp Lejeune, pose for a photo with members of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteering 67,840 hours at the Marston Pavilion on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 24. "This is an annual event that honors those who volunteer regularly to place others before themselves. These volunteers have dedicated themselves to support many different agencies or programs on base as well as the local community surrounding the installation," said Col. Scott A. Baldwin, deputy commander, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Miranda DeKorte

Christian Roga, a member with the Camp Lejeune JROTC sings the National Anthem for the Volunteer Appreciation Reception awards ceremony at the Marston Pavilion on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 24.

## Marine takes Bronze medal at the 2019 Pan-American Championships



Courtesy Photo

U.S. Marine Sgt. Joshua Medina at the Pan-American Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina on April 18-21.

said. "I was scared to try it out, but I was also really dedicated, so I caught up with some of the higher-level guys relatively quickly."

Medina trained in the Greco-Roman style of wrestling for the next three months. He soon found himself standing on the mat of his first match in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"It felt like my nerves were going crazy and I was really anxious," Medina said. "I was also really excited to finally get out there and show my teammates and family that I can overcome adversity."

Medina took third place in the 2019 Pan-American Championships.

"When Medina first got here, he didn't know much about the new style, but he improved," said Cpl. Jerman Diaz Maldonado, Medina's trainer who also represents the Puerto Rico national team. "He is a great Marine and he proved that he could do anything."

According to Medina, the tournament was nothing but a learning experience. Wrestling is an individual sport where you get out whatever you put in, he says.

"I love wrestling, I love the Marine Corps and I love to go out there and represent," Medina said. "Not just the Marine Corps and Puerto Rico, but my family name, too."

was offered the opportunity to become part of the AMWT.

Once Medina joined the team, he was given the privilege to be a part of the Puerto Rican national team and was introduced to Greco-Roman, a style of wrestling he had never done before. Medina was then asked to compete in his first tournament at the Pan-American Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina on April 18-21.

"I immediately knew that I needed to get to work and catch up with this new style," Medina

### MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS EAST

Story by Lance Cpl. Karina Lopezmata

Red, white and blue are the only colors Sgt. Joshua Medina, a wrestler with the All-Marine Wrestling Team (AMWT), wears as he proudly represents the United States when wearing a military uniform and Puerto Rico when wearing a wrestling uniform.

Medina joined the Marine Corps in May of 2012 and seven years later

## MCB Camp Lejeune marks National Day of Prayer with breakfast

STORY BY LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE  
Marine Corps Installations East

U.S. Marines, Sailors and civilians held a National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the Paradise Point Officers' Club on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, May 2.

The United States annually sets aside the first Thursday in May as a day citizens, regardless of religious background, can pray together as a nation.

"This is a time when you get to focus on your soul and, in a sense, clear out the clutter," said Lt. Grant D. Eubanks, chaplain, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-MCB Camp Lejeune.

"Religious freedom is one of the reasons why America was founded," Eubanks said. "The National Day of Prayer is for everyone, not just specific denominations, because when we are all faithful as one and we all love one another as equals, I believe that we are all better off."

Breakfast attendees focused on deployed service members, families who have lost loved ones and people of faith around the world who face persecution.

"The theme of this year's National Day of Prayer is 'Love One Another,'" Eubanks said. "The Bible scripture that inspired the theme is from John 13:34 - 'Love one another, just as I have loved you.'"



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ginnie Lee

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, May 2, 2019. The United States Congress established the National Day of Prayer as an annual event in 1952 and President Harry S. Truman signed it into law that same year. Its foundation stems from constitutional rights and it was designed to organize unified public prayer for all Americans regardless of religious background.



# Logistics Marines receive President Volunteer Service Award

BY CPL. ASHLEY LAWSON  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

U.S. Marines, Sailors and civilians from across 2nd Marine Logistics Group (MLG) made a significant impact within the Onslow county community in 2018. Due to their commitment to service, members of the unit were recognized for their volunteer work at an awards ceremony at Marston Pavilion on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 24.

A number of the recipients earned the President Volunteer Service Award. "Depending on the amount of service hours completed, individuals can receive the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards," said Jose Padilla, deployment readiness coordinator for Combat Logistics Regiment 27. "They are receiving a certificate, coin and letter from Brig. Gen. [Kevin] Stewart, [commanding general of 2nd MLG]."

Recipients may also receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, medallion and a congratulatory letter from the president depending on the

award earned.

The individuals performed a wide range of volunteer services to include community cleanup efforts and deployment assistance for families.

"The time my unit put in felt great because we were able to see how it made our city better," said Cpl. Christian Fernandez, heavy equipment operator with 8th Engineer Support Battalion. The unit received a Silver level award.

Created in 2002, the PVSA has continued under each administration, honoring the volunteers who are using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing the nation.

"We didn't volunteer to earn awards, we did it to make an impact and help make other's lives easier," Fernandez said.

April is volunteer appreciation month, but these volunteers give their time and energy all year round.

"It's so amazing to see our units giving back," Padilla said. "It's what we do as Marines, Sailors and civilians. It's what we're bred to do."



Photo by Cpl. Ashley Lawson  
Shea Gudmundson, Deployment Readiness Coordinator for Combat Logistics Battalion 26, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, attends a volunteer award ceremony at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, April 24. The event was an opportunity to recognize the significant impact volunteers made on their community through their volunteer efforts during calendar year 2018.



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

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D's Quick Mart at 2840 Highway 258 West, Richlands.  
Expressions at 419 South College Rd., #39, Wilmington.  
Express Way at 1261 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.  
Golden Dragon (AKA) Tokyo Asian House at 1850 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.  
Highlands Tobacco aka Piney Green  
Tobacco at 835 Piney Green Road, Jacksonville.  
Highway 24 Tobacco at 1448 West Corbet Ave. Jacksonville.  
Hubert Tobacco at 393 Hubert Blvd., Hubert.  
J&N Grocery at 1142 Beulaville Highway, Richlands.  
Karen Huffman's Cleaning Jacksonville.  
King's Tobacco Drive Thru at 1796 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.  
Laird's Auto and Truck Repair (U-Haul Rental) at 1197 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville.  
MB Super Discount at 800 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington.  
Moe's Mart at 2105 Belgrade-Swansboro Rd., Maysville.  
Nash Market at 237 New River Drive, Jacksonville.  
OJ's Tobacco and Vapor at 8900 Richlands Highway, Richlands.  
One Stop Shop at 501 Corbin St., Jacksonville.  
Price is Right Lawn Design in Jacksonville.  
Reid's Mart at 461 Hubert Blvd., Hubert.  
Sahara Hookah Lounge at 917 North Marine Blvd., 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)  
Speedy's Drive Thru at 357 Henderson Drive, Jacksonville.  
Sun House Vapor and Tobacco at 2840 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville.  
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Tobacco at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.  
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Tobacco Town  
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### OFF-LIMITS ROADS:

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

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# Don't wait to file VA Disability Claims

On-base DAV specialist says filing 180-90 days before terminal leave is perfect timing.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashely Gomez

The Veterans Affairs Office is located on N Street across from the post office on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. They are open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**BY LANCE CPL. ASHLEY GOMEZ**

Marine Corps Installations East

Whether you are an active duty service member years away from separation or transitioning tomorrow, the Department of Veterans Affairs' benefits and services are available to you at every stage of your military career.

The VA's mission statement is derived from President Abraham Lincoln's famous words: "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans.

"We believe that no service member leaves the military unchanged, and that every veteran has given some of themselves to some degree," said LaShaunne Moore, a Disabled American Veterans (DAV) advocate with the Veteran Affairs Office on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "The VA has promised to ensure veterans receive care and compensation for injuries incurred through service. The DAV ensures this promise is kept."

At the VA Office, located on MCB Camp Lejeune, the staff will directly help service members set up their VA benefits claims. Service members should come

prepared with information needed to complete their claims including: service treatment records (digital or paper copy), non-government medical records (during period of active service), social security numbers, date and place of marriage, birth records for dependents, direct deposit information and copies of any prior DD-214s.

"We are here to help military members make the transition to civilian life, and we offer a range of no-cost programs and services to help make it easier for them and their families," Moore said. "This includes a thorough review of service medical records to identify

conditions that can be claimed for VA disability compensation and health benefits; assistance in completing those claims and representation throughout the entire decision process; counseling on additional VA benefits like housing and education; and more than 160 in-person and online job fairs for transitioning military members and spouses."

Moore recommends service members come in to get their claim submitted as early as possible because the process can not only take time, but it also helps ensure they get care for any conditions they may currently have. The process also ensures ser-

vice members are familiar with and can access all of the other VA benefits that can help during the transition process.

For example, if a service member submits a claim within 180-90 days before your EAS and 45 days before taking terminal leave, the claim application and exams can be completed before you go on terminal leave. If you come in between the 90 and one day mark before the EAS, the application will be completed. However, the exams will be completed after your EAS, taking place at a location near the service member's forwarding address.

"Some military mem-

bers are hesitant to file a claim, but having a VA disability rating does not necessarily mean you will receive compensation; sometimes it just means it is documented as service-connected in case the condition worsens over time," Moore said. "The service member is ultimately in charge of their claim, but DAV representatives are here to guide them through the process and advocate for them from start to finish."

For more information on filing a VA Disability Claim contact the VA Office located on 501 N Street Camp Lejeune, NC at 451-0801 or visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

## William Meier Retires



Photo by Cpl. Jon Sosner

Retired Major General Robert Dickerson addresses guests at the retirement ceremony for Bill Meier at the Officer Club on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, May 3, 2019. Meier worked for Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune for 14 years, serving as the installation chief of staff and G7. (U.S. Marine Corps)

## New River Spring Clean



Photo by Lance Cpl. Miranda C. DeKorte

A working staff member with Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River volunteer to pick up trash in front of the main gate entrance on North Carolina Highway 17, North Carolina on May 3. This volunteer opportunity was coordinated as a project in conjunction with Earth Day to continue to maintain the environment that surrounds MCAS New River. "Everyone loves the chance to get out of the office to take pride in where we work by continuing to take care of the environment," said Merrick Reid, environmental coordinator for MCAS New River. (U.S. Marine Corps)

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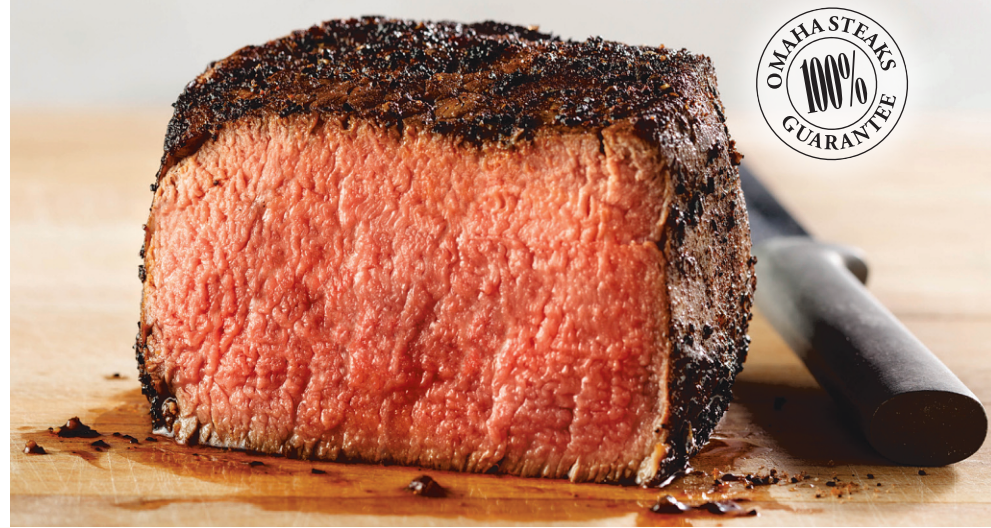
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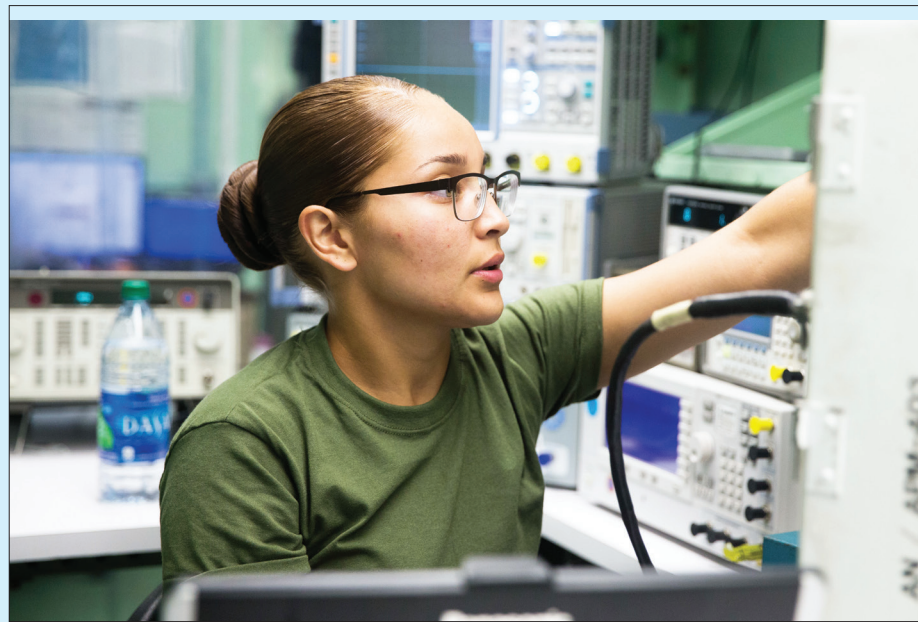
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# MCAA presents awards

The Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) presented awards on April 30, 2019 to Marines who were nominated by their superiors and vetted through Headquarters Marine Corps for their professional excellence.



U.S. Marine Sgt. Christopher Borghese poses for a photo at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, April 30, 2019. Borghese was awarded the Gaines B. Gilbert Award, Ordnance Marine of the Year, from the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA).



U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Karen Sanchez calibrates a radar altimeter test set at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, April 30, 2019. Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 26 was presented the MALS of the Year Award from the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA).



U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Chase Haley operates a Perfect Point E-Drill at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, April 30, 2019. Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 26 was presented the MALS of the Year Award from the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA).



U.S. Marine Pfc. Dillion Lemire welds a steel beam at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, April 30, 2019. Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 26 was presented the MALS of the year award from the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA).

Photos by Lance Cpl. Jailine L. AliceaSantiago

# Supply Company Rocks Denim in Solidarity

STORY BY SGT. BETHANIE SAHMS  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Camp Lejeune Marines with Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group traded their camouflage uniform for denim jeans for one day to show support for survivors of sexual assault and to raise awareness about sexual violence on April 24.

The Marines took part in the rapidly growing annual campaign known as Denim Day, which boasted over 10 million participants globally in 2019.

"We wanted a way to show our Marines that the command cares about sexual assault prior to an incident occurring," said Sgt. Anna Cain, a uniformed victims advocate for Supply Company. "It's our way of saying we're here for you and we support you 100 percent."

The uniformed victims' advocates for Supply Company coordinated the event and held a guided discussion at the end of the day so Marines could discuss what they had learned.

"So many units receive static classes once a year that focus on sexual assault prevention," said Sgt. Gloria McCluskey, a uniformed victims advocate for Supply Company. "With this event, we really focused on engaging the Marines, getting them talking about how we can support victims and how we can prevent sexual violence."

According to Cain, the event helped Marines feel more open to talk about sexual assault prevention, a notoriously sensitive subject, as it gave them the unique opportunity to wear civilian attire at work.

"It's nice to be able to take a break from wearing a uniform," said Lance Cpl. Dylan Sklinzing, an inventory management specialist with Supply Company. "Everyone's been asking why we're all in civilian attire and it starts a conversation when you're able to tell people that it's for Denim Day."

The event's national website, [DenimDayInfo.org](http://DenimDayInfo.org), says the Denim Day campaign focuses on wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. The campaign began after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that, since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans - thereby implying consent.

"It's important to teach people that regardless of what someone is wearing they should feel safe, and not have to be afraid," said Pfc. John Aldan, an inventory management specialist with Supply Company.

Along with prevention, Marines discussed the resources available to victims of sexual assault such as medical care, counseling services and the ability to

report the incident to law enforcement.

"I hope that we can inspire other sections and companies to participate in the future," McCluskey said. "The more people we get talking about prevention and available resources, the more people we can help."



Photo by Sgt. Bethanie C. Sahms

U.S. Marines with Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, create packing lists prior to packaging items at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, April 24. The Marines wore jeans in recognition of Denim Day, a day commemorated to support survivors of sexual assault and educate others on the misconceptions that surround sexual assault.

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## LEJEUNE BOYS AND GIRLS PLACE THIRD AT COASTAL 8 TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

LHS's Aspen Peterson clears a hurdle in the 100-meter at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship meet at Heide Trask High School on May 1.

### » Georgia Lee, Kyle Baldwin medal for Devil Pups

**CALVIN SHOMAKER**

Sports Writer

Lejeune High School boys and girls' track & field teams ended their conference seasons on Wednesday, May 1 with two third place finishes versus seven Coastal 8 1A/2A Conference opponents at Heide Trask High School in Rocky Point, N.C.

The LHS girls finished with a total of 102.5 points, 12.5 short of second, but held a commanding lead over host school Heide Trask. The boys gave a strong effort, finishing just shy of the 100-point mark with 96, but were unable to catch up to Croatan and Heide Trask.

The Devil Pups got off to a quick start with both 4x800-meter relay teams claiming eight points a piece in two second-place finishes. The men then grabbed 16 more points thanks to three top-six finishes from Kyle Baldwin (2<sup>nd</sup>), Xavier Rice (4<sup>th</sup>) and Tyler Gilman (6<sup>th</sup>) in the 110-meter hurdles. Rice would go on to take third in the 400-meter dash as Kamrin Wisherd took sixth. The boys later dominated the 300-meter hurdles with Mason Nuckles, Gilman and Baldwin finishing second, third and fourth respectively. Baldwin took first in the men's pole vault with fellow Devil Pups Dylan Presson and Niklas Cooper taking second and fifth.

"This season has gone really well," said Nuckles, a senior planning to enlist in the Marine Corps after graduation. "I've had a couple personal records in there and that's all I really want, is to improve every meet and make it to state."

The girls got a huge boost from junior Georgia Lee who placed second in the 3200-meter run and fourth in the 1600-meter for a total of 13 points. Taylor Pound and Caroline Morgan each had top-10 finishes in the girls' mile for LHS. Karl Benson's mile time of 4:51 was good enough for fifth place and four points for the boys. Nicholas Presley placed tenth in the men's mile with a time of 5:20.

The boys' fifth-year head coach Bronwyn Schwend credits much of the team's success to the time and hard work they put into conditioning during winter track trying to reach personal bests.

"We spend a lot of time celebrating personal records, so the kids know that is the goal on a week-to-week basis more than finishing in a certain place," said Schwend. "We're fortunate to have great facilities, year-round training and volunteer coaches all dedicated to helping this tenacious group of kids, but none of that matters unless the kids have the desire to succeed, and our kids do."

Emalee Reynolds earned six points for the girls placing third in the pole vault and Jameela Rod added four and a half, taking fourth in the high jump. Anna Perdue contributed nine points placing third in discus and sixth in shot put. Nevaeh Bartlett (5<sup>th</sup>) and Peyton Martin (7<sup>th</sup>) helped the girls tack on six more points with good showings in the 100 meter-dash.

Ryan Miller, a Lejeune freshman whose father is a Marine colonel, admits that the Devil Pups have a certain edge on the competition that comes from living on base.



LHS's Nevaeh Bartlett passes the baton to Dajanae Kelley in a relay event at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship meet on May 1.



Kyle Baldwin strides to make his next jump in the 110-meter hurdles at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship meet on May 1. Baldwin earned silver in the 110 hurdles and gold in the pole vault.



Skyler Kuncik competes in the 4x800-meter relay event for LHS at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship meet on May 1.

Photos by Calvin Shomaker

SEE COASTAL 8 CHAMPIONSHIP 8A ►

## SCOREBOARD

### Girls

1st - Croatan, 174	5th - Pender, 79
2nd - East Carteret, 115	6th - Richlands, 56.5
3rd - Lejeune, 102.5	7th - SW Onslow, 46
4th - Heide Trask, 81	8th - Dixon, 10

### Boys

1st - Croatan, 124	5th - Pender, 80
2nd - Heide Trask, 118	6th - Richlands, 74.5
3rd - Lejeune, 96	7th - SW Onslow, 62
4th - Dixon, 83	8th - East Carteret, 47.5

# Healthy lifestyle options offered on Base

**CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

*This useful map can help you discover what Camp Lejeune has to offer when it comes to maintaining an active and fit lifestyle.*

## Tarawa Terrace Community Center

The Tarawa Terrace Community Center is a social hub for families on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The center offers a wide variety of activities mostly for kids such as dance, karate and gymnastics classes as well as playgroups and bingo nights.

“Our mission is to provide community service for Tarawa Terrace residents, Marines, Sailors, families and any other authorized patrons to come together and get to know one another,” said Michelle Wilson, community center manager.

## Paradise Point Golf Course

Located on Brewster Boulevard, Paradise Point Golf Course has two 18-hole courses, the Scarlet, a par 70, and the Gold, which has a USGA Handicap requirement - a par 72. The course also has two driving ranges, one grass and one covered with 20 bays, as well as three putting greens. For more info call the Pro Shop at 451-5445.

## Gottschalk Marina and Outdoor Adventures

The Outdoor Adventures program located adjacent to the Gottschalk Marina on MCB Camp Lejeune provides recreational opportunities for the community by promoting a passion for the outdoors. Events and activities offered by the program include archery, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding (SUP), canoeing, biking, camping, fishing and picnicking. The marina features rental boat slips, kayaks, canoes, SUP boards and sailboats. Contact Outdoor Adventures at 451-1440 to learn more.

## Wallace Creek and French Creek Fitness Centers

The Wallace Creek Fitness Center is the largest fitness center on base and has facilities which include racquetball, volleyball and basketball courts, TRX mounts, an indoor track, a climbing wall and an outdoor artificial turf training area. The fitness center also has standard cardiovascular and strength equipment along with showers, saunas, locker rooms and basic health conscious concession options.

“The facility speaks for itself,” said manager Sam O’Leary. “We have a very good staff. That’s why it meets a high standard. The staff members make it happen.”

The French Creek Fitness Center is another workout facility on base that features racquetball courts, saunas and a 10,000 sq. ft. weight room with strength and cardio equipment.



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# Sports on TAP

## Globe and Anchor Championship

**May 11-12, 8 a.m., Paradise Point Golf Course**

The second tournament of the 2019 Grand Slam Series is \$25 per golfer, plus cart and greens fee. Registration deadline is May 8. It is open to the public. Players must have a USGA handicap. For more information, call **451-5445** or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

## Bodybuilding Workshop

**May 10, 10 a.m., French Creek Fitness Center, MCB Camp Lejeune**

This free workshop is designed to educate competitors about mandatory poses, proper suits, makeup, jewelry, and stage presence to successfully compete in the Camp Lejeune Bodybuilding Competition scheduled for June 1. It is open to all authorized patrons 18 years of age or older. For more information, call **440-2054** or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

## 7.5K Virtual Run

**May 19, Marine Corps Air Station New River**

Interested runners can sign-up for the 7.5K Virtual Run in honor of Marine Corps Air Station New River's 75th Birthday. Registration ends at midnight, May 19. Register at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/48546>.

## Beat the Bridge Run

**8 a.m., May 18, Jacksonville**

The fifth annual Semper Fi Fund Beat the Bridge Run features 5K and 10K distances. It is part of the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission series. Registration and information is available online at [www.racejosc.com](http://www.racejosc.com).

## Moonlight Kayak Tour

**May 17, 7 to 9 p.m., Gottschalk Marina, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Open to all authorized patrons, this event provides the chance to see the full moon rise while listening to the nocturnal sounds of nature during a paddle along the water's edge. Cost is \$20. Only single kayaks are available. Ages 16 and older are eligible. For more information, call **451-1440** or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

## Old Glory Golf Tournament

**May 25, May 26, 8 a.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune**

This tournament features two-person teams in a best-ball format. Cost is \$25 plus cart and green fees. Field will be flighted by combined handicap. Register by 5 p.m. on May 24. It is open to the public. For more information, call **451-5445** or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

## Outdoor Pools Opening

**May 25, Noon**

Marine Corps Community Services Camp Lejeune-New River has scheduled opening day for its outdoors pools for noon on May 25. Pools scheduled to open include Tarawa Terrace, Paradise Point and New River. For more information, call **449-4307** or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

## Beach Runs

**May 25, 8 a.m., The Inn at Pine Knoll Shores**

The annual 5K and 10K Beach Runs for Kayak for the Warriors is scheduled for 8 a.m., May 25 at The Inn at Pine Knoll Shores. The 5K is \$25, and the 10K is \$30. For more information or to register in advance, call **252-247-4353** or visit [www.runtheeast.com](http://www.runtheeast.com) or [www.k4tw.org](http://www.k4tw.org).

## Evening Kayak Tour

**May 28, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Gottschalk Marina, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Enjoy a leisurely paddle while listening to the sounds of nature and watching the setting sun. It is designed for all authorized patrons ages 14 and older of all skill levels. Children ages 9 to 13 will use a coracle boat and can be attached to their parents' kayak. Only single kayaks are available. The cost is \$15 per person. Register online or at the Outdoor Adventure Office next to Gottschalk Marina. For more information, call **451-1440** or go online to [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

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 call **451-7421**. Availability is limited to space. To add your event to our website calendar, visit [www.camplejeuneglobe.com](http://www.camplejeuneglobe.com).

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# COASTAL 8 CHAMPIONSHIP

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"I think there is just something about growing up on a military base with military parents," said Miller. "I think it's just something with that that makes us more focused on what we do. We are more motivated. We are not just representing our school, we are representing our community."

Nuckles agrees with Miller that Lejeune's athletes have an advantage, but also understands its disadvantages.

"We move all the time," said Nuckles, "and unlike all these other public schools we don't have (the aspect of) 'I've known this guy for this many years, and I know how he works and how I can work

with him within this sport."

"We try to have close relationships with all the athletes," coach Schwend said. "We spend so much time with them as teachers in the school, then as coaches at practices and meets after school. We celebrate victories as a family, and we help each other through disappointments."

Nuckles says the main inspiration in his decision to become a Marine is his father, a master sergeant, who is a dog handler with the provost marshal's office.

The Devil Pups will travel to Holmes High School in Edenton, N.C. for the regional meet on May 10.



LHS girls' coach Debra Bryant looks on and gives encouraging words to Dajanae Kelley during the 4x400-meter relay at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship on May 1.



Kamren Wisherd takes a long stride as a Dixon High School runner tries to catch up in the 4x400-meter relay at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship meet on May 1.



LHS's Allissa Omerod Zapata winds up to throw the discus in the Coastal 8 Conference Championship meet on May 1.

Photos by Calvin Shomaker



LHS's Isaiah Braxton gives one last push to catch up to a Richlands High School runner coming down the straightaway in an event at the Coastal 8 Conference Championship on May 1.

## Congratulations to the participants of the Marine Raiders Mud, Sweat & Tears 5-mile mud run that was held at Stone Bay on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 27.



Photos courtesy of MCCS Lejeune-New River



## Lejeune High School Theater Guild's 'Gatsby' tackles dark themes, complex characters



Photos by Pat Gruner

Lejeune High School sophomore, Kalib Pagan, gets his costume touched up by LHS senior, Noelle Racadio, prior to LHS's production of "The Great Gatsby" in the school's auditorium, May 4.

**BY PAT GRUNER**  
Managing Editor

1920s jazz lilted from speakers throughout the newly renovated Lejeune High School auditorium. Aside from that, the stage was quiet. The splendor of the set, a backdrop of a pair of eyes staring into the distance and elaborate pillars depicting gargantuan letter "G's", was contrasted by the solemn silence that permeated the auditorium. Much like the subject matter of the LHS Theatre Guild's show, there was a duality depicting the secret cynicism that often accompanies those with great luxury.

The LHS Theatre Guild put on Simon Levy's "The Great Gats-

by" in the LHS auditorium Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Prior to the Saturday show Jonathan Connor, director, took the stage to address the audience regarding its rather dark subject matter.

"These kids have done amazing work with this show," Connor said. "F. Scott Fitzgerald did not shy away from the good, the bad and the ugly when he wrote his novel. A lot of the people you're going to meet are not nice people."

Themes touched upon included race relations, violence against women, alcohol abuse and adultery.

Despite that, the cast of players who would take the stage were excited. For some, the seeming inno-

cence of their characters in contrast to the dark themes could be seen as relatable. Kalib Pagan, a sophomore, spoke to what he liked most about his character Nick Carraway.

"He's a pretty awkward character and I'm a bit awkward myself," Pagan said. "I think the audience can see themselves in my character. He's a middle class guy in a new place."

Nathan Perdue, a senior who has been in seven productions in his time at LHS, saw his character's depth as a fun space to play in as well.

"(George) Wilson is one of the most complex characters in the show," Perdue said. "He's a normal person who gets pushed into doing something horrible. Playing

characters with emotional depth is fun. When I was playing freshman year I was playing small characters. Now I've been in bigger roles but get to be in a supporting lane again."

Perdue also mentioned his other favorite thing about being in a supporting role.

"Having less lines to memorize is great too," Perdue joked.

Abigail Paquin, in the role of leading lady Daisy Buchanan, also grasped the dark themes surrounding her character.

"She (Daisy) is frustrated," Paquin said. "She's very confused."

Prior to Saturday's show Connor made mention of how well Friday's opening night went.

"I told the kids the

night before that a bad dress rehearsal means a great opening night," Connor said. "I was a little nervous because of how great the dress rehearsal went. The show was great. This is some of the best work these kids have ever done."

"It was a fantastic performance," said Matthew Howard, a senior portraying Jay Gatsby.

Getting to the stage had not been an easy process either due to damage to the school following both a fire and Hurricane Florence.

"We almost changed the show to 'Wizard of Oz' because it felt like we were going to be swept up by a tornado," joked Connor.

Being back on their

stage was a big deal for the players. Even with back to back shows on Friday, the morale didn't wane.

"It feels good to be back in my element so to speak," Howard said. "Sometimes it's hard to keep that energy up on the early Saturday show but I feel good about it."

The production was dedicated to Matt Smith, an LHS student originally cast to play Gatsby in the show. Smith was diagnosed with cancer not long after roles were cast.

The LHS Theatre Partisans, a parent group who helps put on shows, is currently seeking volunteers and board members.

The school's winter production will be announced June 7.



Lejeune High School Theatre Director Jonathan Connor takes to the stage to address the audience prior to LHS's production of "The Great Gatsby" in the LHS auditorium, May 4.



Lejeune High School senior, Matthew Howard, poses for a photo as Jay Gatsby prior to LHS's production of "The Great Gatsby" in the LHS auditorium, May 4.

### Cast

Jay Gatsby - Matthew Howard	Jordan Baker - Sophia Handing	Mr. McKee - Joseph Crespo
Nick Carraway - Kalib Pagan	Mrs. Michaelis - Mia Buckson	George Wilson - Nathan Perdue
Tom Buchanan - Aaron Pierce	Daisy Buchanan - Abigail Paquin	Meyer Wolfsheim - Joseph Saucedo
Myrtle Wilson - Sophia DiBella	Polliceman - Barrett Odom	Mrs. McKee - Naomi Watts

# 'Hellboy' reboot isn't up to del Toro standards

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"Hellboy" R

After the terrific "Hellboy" in 2004 and its almost-terrific follow-up "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" in 2008, was a reboot of the series needed? Knowing that a "Hellboy 3" was in the pipeline, and was once again going to star Ron Perlman and be directed by Guillermo del Toro - just like the first two films - was it necessary to instead make a new one from scratch, featuring David Harbour in the lead and directed by horror-action man Neil Marshall?

Well, sure. Why not. This new one, presented as if those other films never existed and except for two main characters and a brief flashback origin sequence, has nothing to do with either of those films, doesn't have the panache of del Toro's flamboyant touch, but it works, in entertaining style, as a wild, funny, sometimes overly violent, sometimes overlong comic book of a movie.

And it covers a lot of ground, beginning in the year 517, a time, we're told in voiceover, of man going up against creatures of darkness. A time when King Arthur and Merlin attempt to vanquish the evil sorceress Nimue (Milla Jovovich), slicing her body into pieces, putting the parts in separate boxes, and burying them all over the world.

A jump up to present time has heroic Hellboy - bright red skin, gigantic right hand, filed-down horns, a long tail - traveling to Tijuana as a representative of the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense (B.P.R.D.), on assignment to rescue Agent Ruiz who, posing as a lucha libre wrestler, has, let's say ... changed from the last time he worked with Hellboy. Amidst the snarky, hip, fun dialogue and line delivery from our hero, things, as they are wont to do in these Dark Horse comic book stories, go wrong.

They get much worse after Hellboy returns to bureau headquarters in Colorado where his "father" Professor Broom (Ian McShane) runs the operation, and word gets out that Nimue - let's just refer to her as the Blood Queen - is getting ready to destroy the world. But first, there's the matter of an occult society in Great Britain that needs B.P.R.D.'s assistance in vanquishing a trio of bloodthirsty giants who are dining on the English populace.

There's seldom a quiet moment in this film. Those giants are dealt with in a cartoonishly violent way involving a very large sword. Without taking a breath, the film moves on to an assault on the remote St. Sebastian's Abbey, where religious men under a vow of silence are brutally attacked by a human-like warthog creature who is on a mission



Major Daimio, Hellboy, and Alice are on a mission to, you know, save the world.

Photo courtesy of Mark Rogers

to gather up all of those buried boxes with the Blood Queen's body parts. The intention, of course, is to sew her back together so she can once again wreak havoc upon humanity.

It would have been relatively simple to craft a story of Hellboy preventing such a thing, but there's nothing simple here. A flashback to our hero's creation - in a scene right out of the original film, involving Nazis, Rasputin, and documentarian Leni Riefenstahl - leads to Hellboy having second thoughts about his rela-

tionship with his "dad." It's later revealed that Hellboy, a big lug who moves around with inexplicable elegance, isn't exactly invincible, but he sure is resilient and always puts up a heck of a fight (and there are many fights). There are also other characters, each with their own set of odd circumstances. Alice Monaghan (Sasha Lane) is a spirit medium who doesn't "see" things she doesn't want to see. Major Ben Daimio (Daniel Dae Kim) has bad memories of battles as well as a feline problem. There's also the

case of the demonic Baba Yaga (Emma Tate), the most hideous of the film's weird creatures. Hold on! Remember that both King Arthur and Merlin make appearances? So, no surprise, does the great sword Excalibur.

On and on this goes, with layer upon layer of stories and characters, leading up to fight scenes galore, some of them done up in an onslaught of gory visual effects, all of them with tongue mostly in cheek. It's accompanied by lively performances from Harbour, McShane, and

Jovovich, and it's capped off by, as has come to be expected in comic book movies, an ending, then another ending, and then another.

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## MOVIE SCHEDULES

CAMP LEJEUNE Bldg. 19 McHugh Blvd.	MIDWAY PARK Bldg. 4014A in Midway Park	NEW RIVER Bldg. AS240 Curtis Rd., Air Station
<b>FRIDAY</b> "Dumbo" PG, 6:30 p.m. "Us" R, 9:20 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> "Hellboy (2019)" R, 7 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> "Pet Semetary" R, 6 p.m. "Shazam!" PG-13, 8:30 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b> "Dumbo" PG, 3:30 p.m. "Shazam!" PG-13, 6:30 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> "Dumbo" PG, 11 a.m. Half Price Matinee "Little" PG-13, 2 p.m. "Pet Semetary" R, 5 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> "Hellboy (2019)" R, 6 p.m. "Little" PG-13, 8:30 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b> "Little" PG-13, 3:30 p.m. "Hellboy (2019)" R, 6:30 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> "Shazam!" PG-13, 2 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> "Dumbo" PG, 2 p.m. "Us" R, 5 p.m.

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To submit your event for our online calendar, visit [www.campjeuneglobe.com/calendar](http://www.campjeuneglobe.com/calendar).



### Family Fun Day May 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Richlands Branch Library is holding a family fun day featuring activities for the whole family. The theme for the May 11 event is "Kings and Queens: Into the Woods." The event is open to the public. For more information call (910) 324-5321.

### Celebrate Mom Archery & Skeet Specials May 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m

McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex, Camp Lejeune (R-100 Range Complex, Old Sawmill Rd)  
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### Mother's Day Bowling Special May 12, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Take Mom bowling on her special day at Bonnyman and New River Bowling Centers. Only \$8 per person for 2 games of bowling, shoe rental and a 16 oz. fountain drink! Open to all authorized patrons and their guests. For more information call: Bonnyman Bowling Center (910) 451-5121, New River Bowling Center (910) 449-4921, or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com).

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To see more photographs of pets available for adoption, visit [www.onslowcountync.gov/AnimalServices](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/AnimalServices). For more information, call 455-0182.

# Be prepared this hurricane season

**BY PAT GRUNER**  
Managing Editor

The week of May 5 through 11 is designated Hurricane Preparedness Week by the National Weather Service. In a storm prone area such as Eastern North Carolina, keeping families safe during a major tropical system is something that should always be on one's mind. The area's proximity to the ocean, low elevation and various inlets and waterways are

ideal for a USMC installation. Unfortunately, those same traits make it prone to severe storm conditions as well.

In 2018, Hurricane Florence caused an estimated \$3.6 billion in damages to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. As of late March, nearly 19,480 homes in Onslow County are still in need of repair due to the storm. Amphibious assault vehicles took to flooded streets to rescue area citizens. Now, with hurricane season rapidly

approaching service members on MCB Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, as well as area citizens, are urged to take action to prepare for any potential coming storms.

An essential part of staying safe during an emergency situation is maintaining alerts and warnings from local authorities. Alert systems can now provide information directly through a cell phone or other mobile device. Organizations

such as the American Red Cross in addition to local authorities such as the Onslow County Government and both MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River maintain lines of communication through applications available for your phone.

Should residents plan to weather the storm, it is recommended to have a shelter plan. Residents of a home should remain indoors, away from windows during periods of strong wind and rain.

An emergency kit and a week's worth of food, water and other essentials are also recommended. In the event individuals need to seek shelter elsewhere, plan a safe route and know where local shelters are. Typical Shelters on Camp Lejeune Wallace Creek Fitness Center, Tarawa Terrace Elementary School and Brewster Middle School. Area shelters can be found on Onslow County's emergency service website, displayed in the graphic below.

A tool available for those seeking more information on hurricane preparedness is [www.ready.marines.mil](http://www.ready.marines.mil). The site offers information regarding further mass notification systems, smart shopping techniques to ensure you have enough non-perishables, activities to get kids on board with the idea of emergency situation readiness and elaborates on tried and true methods and techniques such as "Turn Around Don't Drown."

## Hurricane Preparedness EVACUATION PLAN

- Have a go kit, a communication plan, and identify your possible evacuation routes.**
- Ensure your vehicle has a full tank of gas or identify what other means are available for evacuating.**
- Watch social media and the local news for current shelter information.**
- Have a plan for your pets whether you evacuate or decide to shelter.**
- Notify your command before you go, when you arrive at your destination, and when you return.**

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## Hurricane Preparedness SHELTER PLAN

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**Sheltering In Place**

- Bring your family and pets inside.
- Gather needed supplies for at least seven days.
- Take your emergency supply kit.
- Go into an interior room with few windows.

Check official news and instructions as they become available through TV, radio, internet or emergency mobile apps.

## Hurricane Preparedness

### How will I receive EMERGENCY ALERTS & WARNINGS?

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## Hurricane Preparedness COMMUNICATION PLAN

- How will I know my family is **SAFE?**
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- What if something happens and I'm **NOT WITH MY FAMILY?**
- How can I let my family know I am **OKAY?**

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## Hurricane Matthew relief fund applications due by May 31

**COURTESY STORY**

Eligible North Carolinians whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Matthew have until May 31 to apply with ReBuild NC for help with repairs or rebuilding. The help comes from single-family housing recovery programs available through the state's Hurricane Matthew Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding.

To date, North Carolina has awarded more than \$11.4 million in funds to repair or reconstruct homes damaged by the storm. Overall, the state has provided more than \$904 million in Hurricane Matthew recovery funds.

Help through the ReBuild NC program is currently available for people whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Homeowners who suffered damaged solely during Hurricane Florence will be able to apply for similar help in the future.

North Carolina is awaiting notification from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department on the availability of CDBG-DR funding for homes impacted only by Hurricane Florence.

Homeowners with damage from Hurricane Matthew must file an application by May 31 to be considered for funding through the CDBG-DR single-family housing programs. Impacted homeowners may be eligible for funds for home repairs, reimbursement for work completed or reconstruction of substantially damaged homes.

Homeowners who wish to apply should call 2-1-1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through

For more information on Hurricane Preparedness Week visit [weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness](http://weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness)

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# On the Importance of Suicide Prevention Programs

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The active duty Chaplain offers privilege of communication when it comes to suicidal ideation, and is NOT a mandated reporter. I like to put it this way: "I'm a mandated NON-reporter." I can't say that enough. If you don't want to disclose something to a mandated reporter, then go to a chaplain first.

Recently, we've seen the grip of suicide come to Camp Lejeune. Suicide is both an internal struggle for the person with suicidal thoughts, and an external struggle for everyone on the outside who tries to create an environment that successfully resists its destruction. Having come from a family which has suffered the loss of a family member due to suicide, I have felt the pain of grief in an intimate way.

People respond in such a wide variety of ways

to suicide that it can be hard to put our fingers on how to prevent it. We've all heard the acronyms: RACE, ACT, ACE, safe-TALK, ASIST, OSCAR - to name a few. Each one has its strengths. We go through UMAPIT each year to comply with the order. But what is really at the heart of MCO 1720.2, the Marine Corps Suicide Prevention Program? To stop good people from making a bad decision. Period.

Shaming each other, and then thinking that, "It couldn't be this Marine," is probably not going to get us very far when we very well may be talking with a person who could put a really smiley face on in public, and then go home and struggle with negative self-talk when the doors close and the sun goes down - especially when

you mix those negative thoughts with alcohol.

It comes down to caring. Do we care? We're talking about a human being here. I bet in our heart of hearts and our soul, down way down deep, we probably do care about every single Marine or Sailor in our units, and in the Corps. Or maybe you're a spouse or a veteran reading this paper, and you're wondering if you've run into anyone who struggles with thoughts of suicide. Statistically, you probably have. Or you're having the thoughts yourself. Surprisingly, thoughts of suicide are much more prevalent than you may have thought. So, if you care, and I bet you do care, then move on that hunch and take the risk to engage with someone and share your thoughts. If you're struggling with thoughts of suicide, and you're doing the negative self-talk, and you can't seem to crack it even when you get the meds, then maybe try getting to church. Trust me, the service I lead at 0830 on Sunday morning has PLENTY of space in the pews aboard Mainside Protestant Chapel. Even if



you're recovering from a hangover, you're welcome in my space.

Developing positive coping techniques is what's needed. I hate that the Building the Warrior Within suicide prevention expo got prevented last September after the storm. It had some great ideas for developing coping strategies that work.

So, if you're struggling

with thoughts of suicide, please at least give God a chance to save your life. Your soul is what is keeping you going even when your mind is telling you that you're not good enough. If you don't want to disclose your feelings to a mandatory reporter, then your chaplain is your option.

For everyone else, if you've noticed that

someone is acting different, and they've gone through something tough in their life, and you see them isolating themselves, then don't be afraid to ask them if they've thought about suicide. They may be hoping someone will notice so that they can talk about what's bogging them down.

Suicide should not be an option.

## Girl Scouts "Spring" Into Action



Photo by Susan Albion

Camp Lejeune Girl Scout Troop members (left to right), Jayde Estrada, Rylee Holmes, Elizabeth Hicks, Brooklyn Walker, Ava Moder, Mia Krebbeks and Margaret Albon have earned their Bronze Award by planting a community garden at the MCCS Tarawa Terrace Community Center, on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 28.



Photo by Susan Albion

Girls from the Camp Lejeune Girl Scout Troop work together to plant seedlings at a community garden at MCCS Tarawa Terrace Community Center, on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 28.

### COURTESY STORY

Seven young ladies from Girl Scout Junior Troop 1542 set out to set up a community garden on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Sunday, April 28. The effort was the final requirement necessary for the girls to earn their Bronze Award, the highest award offered to Junior Girl Scouts.

Earning the Bronze Award has been a long term goal for Troop 1542. Members have been working on satisfying the requirements for it since October. The girls of Troop 1542 are all military dependents who live on MCB Camp Lejeune.

After exploring several suggestions from the scouts on how to better the

area, Troop 1542 decided the best way to help would be a community garden. Prior to planting the garden the girls took a field trip to the county extension to learn about plants and gardening. That knowledge was applied to grow seedlings for the community garden. The only step that remained was patiently waiting for a warm spring day to transplant them into their community garden which the troop finally got a chance to do on Sunday.

The new community garden is located at the Tarawa Terrace community center. The garden is open to anyone who wishes to water, weed and harvest the garden's variety of community grown fruits and vegetables.

## Hubert Native, Swansboro Grad Edward LaMarca Supports Critical Navy Mission in the Middle East



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jackson G. Brown  
U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward LaMarca poses for a photo. The Swansboro High School graduate now serves as a utilitiesman in Manama, Bahrain.

**BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS DAVID R. FINLEY JR.,**  
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Petty Officer 1st Class Edward LaMarca, a Hubert, North Carolina, native, joined the Navy to serve his country and carry on a family tradition of service.

Now, nine years later and half a world away at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, LaMarca serves at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) / U.S. 5th fleet.

"My job directly pertains to the base operating support contract and essentially everybody here is our customer," said LaMarca. "We make sure the quality of life is up to Navy standards."

LaMarca, a graduate of Swansboro High School, is a utilitiesman at U.S. 5th Fleet, headquartered in Manama, Bahrain.

"As a Navy utilitiesman, we are responsible for the installation, maintenance, operation and

repair of all Navy facilities around the world," said LaMarca.

LaMarca credits success at U.S. 5th Fleet, and in the Navy, to many of the lessons learned in Hubert.

"One lesson I learned growing up is that hard work and integrity can get you pretty far in life," LaMarca said. "These values have played a vital role in the success of my career."

U.S. 5th Fleet directs naval operations to ensure maritime security and stability in the Central Region, which connects the Mediterranean Sea and Pacific Ocean through the western Indian Ocean. They work with partner nations to ensure freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in international waterways.

"We ensure that our living standards and facilities meet Navy requirements," LaMarca said. "We pride ourselves on proving great customer service."

The Navy's U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of

ocean. The area includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. The expanse is comprised of 20 countries and includes three critical choke points; the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab al Mandeb at the southern tip of Yemen.

"I work with different operational units in the Navy that I don't typically get to," LaMarca said. "It has been interesting and lets me see a different side of the Navy."

Serving in the Navy means LaMarca is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, LaMarca is most proud of his deployment to Afghanistan.

"I was able to see morale improve, with all the construction projects we completed, and that is an accomplishment I am most proud of," LaMarca said. "It is a great feeling when you can give people some of the comforts of home when they are so far away."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, LaMarca and other Sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes contributing to the Navy the nation needs in times of war or otherwise.

"Serving in the Navy means sacrificing my time to enable everyone to enjoy the benefits that the military affords all Americans," LaMarca said.

# Regiment of Retired Marines keeps mission strong for USMC veterans



From left: Retired USMC Sgt. Maj. Frank McNeive, retired USMC Master Gunnery Sgt. Harry Weatherly, retired USMC Sgt. Maj. Marion Carcieri, retired USMC Master Gunnery Sgt. Mike Dugan, retired USMC Sgt. Maj. Giovanni Faioli, retired USMC Sgt. Maj. Bill Kilpatrick, retired USMC Gunnery Sgt. Lou Alers and retired USMC Master Gunnery Sgt. Les Boone at the Regiment of Retired Marines breakfast at Paradise Point Officer's Club, April 27.

BY PAT GRUNER  
Managing Editor

The Regiment of Retired Marines held a quarterly breakfast at the Paradise Point Officer's Club Saturday, April 27. In attendance were numerous founding members of the organization.

Breakfasts seek to help retired Marines maintain their sense of esprit de corps by being around fellow Marines.

"The Regiment of Retired Marines was started as a means to reunite and build camaraderie with the older retirees and the new ones," said USMC retired Gunnery Sgt. Lou Alers. "They would bring their families, spouses, children and grandchildren to see faces that they have not seen in a bit and tell old sea stories. The breakfasts are also used

for informing the retirees of changes involving them like the re-designation of the Naval Hospital as a Trauma Center. We invite the commanding generals and sergeant majors to speak about what is going in in the Marine Corps, keeping us updated on what is going on."

"We're just old dinosaurs," said USMC retired Sgt. Maj. Michael Cline. "We want to make sure everyone is taken care of."

The group helps out at graduations for new Marines, NCO's and SNCO's as well as helping veterans in crisis.

"In conversations I've seen, we've walked a lot of people off the ledge," Cline said.

Among the initial group's number was USMC retired Sgt. Maj. Dominick Irrera. As a dedicated distance runner,

Irrera would often talk to active duty or retired Marines by inviting them to run with him until his passing in April of 2019. Irrera is in the Marine Corps Marathon Hall of Fame.

"He got guys out of the barracks to be active and engage in their community," Cline said.

Members of the organization also include recipients of some of the military's highest accolades and honors.

"These are men who have been through three or four wars. They live to give advice. Breakfasts give us a chance to come together with men who have Navy Crosses and Silver Stars. We have a man who served with Chesty Puller. You can break bread with these men and women," Cline said.

## Is your lender violating the Military Lending Act?

### What to know about protecting yourself from predatory lenders

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In recent months, the Military Lending Act (MLA) and its enforcement have been in the news. The current Director of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) says her agency does not have the authority to investigate financial institutions for MLA compliance absent consumer complaint, a position contrary to that taken by the original CFPB Director. As a result, MLA investigation and enforcement are now entirely dependent on the CFPB receiving consumer complaints.

The following can help customers of the MLA better understand its history and purpose, the types of loans covered by the act, requirements and prohibitions it imposes on lenders, and how consumers can recognize suspected violations.

In 2006 the Military Lending Act (10 USC 987) was signed into law. The law prohibited certain lending practices in loans made to service members or their dependents. Within broad guidelines, the MLA gave the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) discretion to determine what loans were covered, how the interest rate was to be calculated, what disclosures lenders need to make and what contracts these rules applied to.

The SECDEF's original implementing regulation only covered a very narrow range of contracts. After years of study and experience, the SECDEF amended its regulation in 2016 (32 CFR 232) to cover any credit extended primarily for personal, family, or household purposes that is subject to a finance charge (interest is charged) or payable by a written agreement in more than four installments. As a result the MLA now covers a wide variety of credit, including installment loans, personal loans, credit cards, refund anticipation loans, payday loans and every type of loan or credit (with two important exceptions) extended to a service

member or dependent. This regulation applies to covered loans and finance contracts entered into after October 3, 2016 and to credit card transactions after October 3, 2017.

There are two important exceptions to MLA coverage: mortgages and contracts where "the loan is offered for the express purpose of financing the purchase and is secured by the car or personal property procured." An example would be the typical scenario where a consumer obtains a loan to purchase a car or other property and the contract provides that the lender can repossess that property for failure to make the required payments.

Certain requirements and prohibitions are imposed on lenders and are as follows:

**The MAPR.** Covered loans may not charge a military annual percentage rate of interest (MAPR) exceeding 36%. In calculating the MAPR, the lender must include the cost of other credit related products, including, but not limited to, application fees, a debt cancellation policy, credit life policy, or debt suspension policy. Failure to include these costs in calculating the MAPR, falsely understate the actual rate. If the listed rate of interest in your contract is at or near 36%, and the lender asks you to pay other fees (excluding late fees), that have not been included in calculating that rate, it is likely that the actual MAPR is illegally high. If state law imposes a lower maximum interest rate, the contract must comply with that state law as well.

**Forced Arbitration.** Many contracts require consumers to give up their right to sue the lender or to be a member of a class action lawsuit; instead agreeing to resolve all disputes through arbitration. Most of the time, such contracts are between two parties of vastly unequal bargaining power; for example, a consumer contract with a bank, lender, or credit card issuer. As a condition of purchasing the loan, or financing the sale, the consumer must agree to binding arbitration even before there's any dispute. Such

pre dispute, or "forced" arbitration provisions are prohibited in contracts covered by the MLA.

**Onerous Notice.** MLA covered contracts can not require unreasonable notice from the borrower as a condition of to sue the lender. In other words, the contract can not load up unreasonable obstacles preventing consumers from suing.

**Prepayment Penalties.** In MLA covered contracts, borrowers can pay off the loan early if they wish to, without fear of any prepayment penalty.

**Waiver of SCRA or Other Rights.** In MLA covered contracts, the borrower can not be required to waive rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), or rights under other state or federal laws, as a condition of obtaining credit.

**Car title loans prohibited.** "Car title loan" refers to the practice of pledging the title of a vehicle already owned free and clear as security for obtaining a personal loan unrelated to the purchase of the vehicle. Example: borrower obtains a personal loan of \$3,000, to be repaid in monthly installments. The contract provides that if the borrower fails to make payments on time, the lender can seize and sell the vehicle.

**Rollover loans prohibited.** The lender can't give you another loan to pay for a prior loan. This type of transaction frequently occurs in the context of a payday or other high interest, short term loans. Example: Sally pays \$20 to borrow \$300 for two weeks. After two weeks she must repay the \$300. However, two weeks later she is unable to repay the loan, so she pays another \$20 to obtain another two week loan from the same lender. The proceeds from the second loan are used to pay the debt on the first loan.

**Creditor access to borrower financial account prohibited.** Sometimes finance contracts give the lender access to the borrower's bank or other financial account as security. For example, a contract might provide that, if the borrower is late on a payment, the creditor can reach into the borrower's

checking account, or credit card account, to extract payments. Such a scheme is prohibited in contracts covered by the MLA.

For lenders, knowing violation of the MLA is a crime punishable by a fine and up to a year in jail. Any promissory note or contract violating the MLA is void from its inception. The parties revert to the status prior to the loan: the borrower must repay the loan, but no interest can be charged, and

any interest already paid must be returned to the borrower. Furthermore, in a suit brought by the borrower, the lender violating the MLA is liable to pay actual damages or \$500 per violation. The lender may also be required to pay punitive damages and shall be required to pay court costs and attorney fees of the prevailing plaintiff.

If your lender is violating the MLA, or if you suspect that your lender is

doing so, a military legal assistance attorney can provide information and assistance. Furthermore, you can complain online directly to the CFPB at [consumerfinance.gov](http://consumerfinance.gov). Based on the complaint the CFPB may determine that the lender's practices violate the MLA, demand documents from the business, and sue to obtain money damages for aggrieved consumers.



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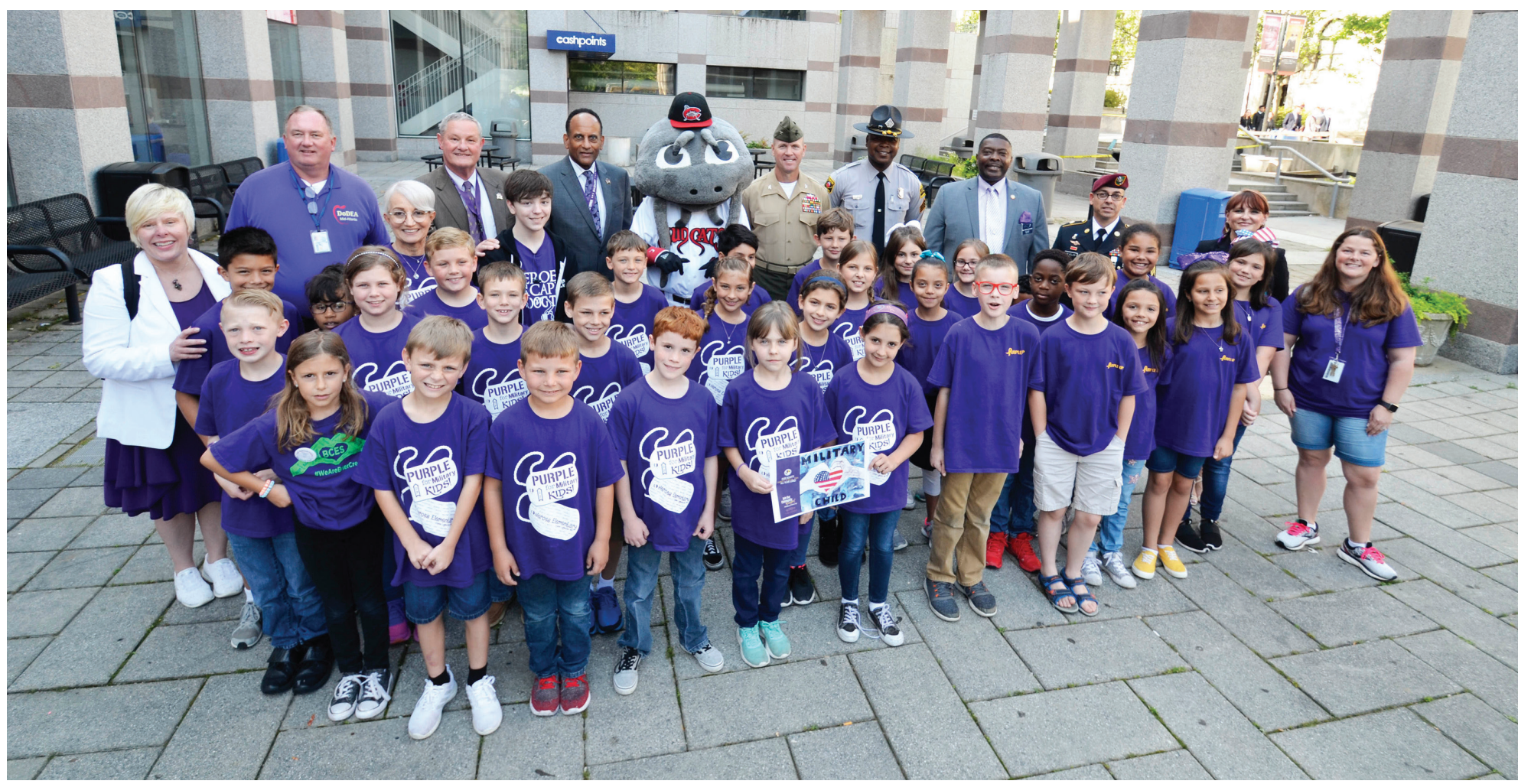
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# Base students honored at Month of the Military Child event

Heroes, Tarawa Terrace Elementary School students recognized in Raleigh



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Third graders from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune elementary schools Tarawa Terrace Elementary and Heroes Elementary pose for a photo with NC state officials, Camp Lejeune Community Schools Superintendent Todd Curkendall (back left in purple), law enforcement officials, Col. Scott Baldwin (back middle, in service "C" uniform), deputy commander MCI East MCB Camp Lejeune, and the Carolina Mudcats mascot Muddy during a special event honoring military children in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 30.

## STAFF REPORTS

The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (N.C. DMVA) celebrated the Month of the Military Child on Tuesday, April 30 at the N.C. Museum of History, in Raleigh, North Carolina. The month of April was designated as a time to honor the sacrifices of the dependent children of soldiers, Sailors, Marines and airmen serving at home and overseas. In accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor Roy

Cooper, this year, the N.C. DMVA, in collaboration with the N.C. Museum of History, N.C. Department of Public Instruction's Troops to Teachers Program, N.C. National Guard Child & Youth Program and Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Americas Mid-Atlantic District (Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune) conducted the first N.C. Military Child Day program in honor of the sacrifices made by military families in the state.

In addition to hosting the event, the N.C. DMVA developed a contest for

DoDEA elementary schools from Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune to create a short video about "What it means to be a Military Child." Two local classes were honored as winners of the 2019 N.C. DMVA video contest.

Grace Cruz's third grade class from Heroes Elementary School were recognized for their video, "The Military Kids Alphabet." In it, students run through the alphabet with traits that define military children. Among them are terms like "dependable" "loving" and "move a lot."

Kimberly Crank's third grade class from Tarawa Terrace Elementary School was recognized for their video, "Jody for the Military Child." Students coordinated cadence calls regarding their status as military kids as well as their respect for their military parents. Drama director Van Edwards contributed music for the piece.

Other winners across the state were two classes from Bowley Elementary School on Fort Bragg.

Winners of the video contest, along with their teachers and community

partners, were recognized at the event with a framed copy of the Governor's proclamation designating April as the Month of the Military Child in North Carolina. Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Deputy Commander, Colonel Scott Baldwin, and Fort Bragg Garrison Command, Sergeant Major William Lohmeyer, also participated in the event.

During this program, students met N.C. DMVA Secretary Larry D. Hall and participated in a N.C. legislative panel with

Senator Kirk Deviere, Representative Grier Martin, Representative Holly Grange, Representative Raymond Smith and Representative Nasif Majeed. The students also toured the N.C. State Capitol and met the Cape Fear Heroes Football Team and the Carolina Mudcats Mascot "Muddy".

For more information about the Month of the Military Child or N.C. DMVA visit <https://www.milvets.nc.gov/> The N.C. DMVA contributed to this story.



Military children from base schools in North Carolina read along with Dr. Johanna Gomez during her presentation of her book "The Adventures of a Military Brat: My Military Life" during a special event honoring military children in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 30. Gomez wrote the book alongside her husband, Daniel Gomez, a US Army Special Operations Officer and combat veteran.



Dr. Johanna Gomez, co-author of "The Adventures of a Military Brat: My Military Life," reads to military students from base schools in North Carolina during a special event honoring military children in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 30. Gomez wrote the book alongside her husband, Daniel Gomez, a US Army Special Operations Officer and combat veteran.



The Cary High School Reserve Officer Training Program from Cary, North Carolina, presents the colors at the start of a special event honoring military children across the state of North Carolina in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 30.



Military children from base schools across North Carolina prepare to speak to state representatives during a special event honoring military children in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 30. The students met government officials and got to sit in on a special legislative panel.

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