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## Free credit monitoring available for active duty military

BY MICHAEL S. ARCHER

Marine Corps Installations East

Since October 31, 2019, active duty military service members serving away from their usual duty station, as well as members of the National Guard regardless of where they are serving, are eligible for free credit monitoring from Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. Here's why:

Upon sign up, a covered consumer gets two years of free credit monitoring. After two years, the national credit reporting agencies (NCRA) may require the consumer to recertify covered status. The NCRA is required to notify covered consumers of "material additions or modifications" to the credit report, such as a notice of bankruptcy, foreclosure, or payment over 30 days late. The NCRA is also required to notify the covered consumer of new accounts opened in the consumer's name. The credit monitoring service can help in the timely identification of problems, including identity theft. The NCRA's post instructions for signing up on their web sites.



## Access expanded to qualified veterans Jan. 1 as part of the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act



On Jan. 1, 2020, commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation activities on MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River expanded access to qualified veterans and caregivers.

BY MCIEAST COMMSTRAT

On Jan. 1, 2020, commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation activities on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River extended access to veterans awarded the Purple Heart, former Prisoners of War, veterans with service-connected disabilities and caregivers enrolled in the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. Veterans who are Medal of Honor recipients and veterans who have 100%

service-connected disability rating and their family members are eligible under a previously-established DoD policy.

The expanded access was outlined in the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 and included in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 that applies to all U.S. military installations.

"We are proud to support these qualifying veterans by opening our installations to them. Whether you left the military four days ago or 40 years ago,

we are honored to welcome you back," said Maj. Gen. Julian D. Alford, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations East – Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Upon first visit, all veterans and caregivers will need to stop by the MCB Camp Lejeune Visitor's Center on Holcomb Blvd or the MCAS New River Visitor's Center on Curtis Drive. To access the installation, veterans will need to provide their Veteran Health Identification Card and caregivers will need to provide their letter of eligibility from the

VA Office of Community Care, plus another form of valid identification.

For complete details, please visit <https://www.lejeune.marines.mil/ExpandedAccess/>.

A comprehensive list of specific programs and activities that will be authorized under the expanded access program at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River can be found on the MCCS Lejeune-New River website at <http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/veterans/>.

Facilities, programs and functions not listed are

not authorized for use under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018. Examples of these activities (and therefore not authorized) include indoor pools, fitness centers, recreation centers, community counseling, education programs and more.

For more information on this new program, go to [www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access/](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access/), or to determine eligibility, visit a local VA medical facility; call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or apply online at <https://www.va.gov>.

## 2nd Tank Battalion celebrates 78th birthday



Photos by Lance Cpl. Jacqueline Parsons

U.S. Marines with 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division stand in formation during the unit's 78th birthday ceremony at their battalion ramp on Camp Lejeune, Dec. 20, 2019. 2nd Tanks celebrated by rededicating their battalion's battle streamers and recognizing three Marines as Tankers of the Year.



Maj. Gen. David Furness, commanding general of 2nd MARDIV, far left, and Sgt. Maj. Alex Dobson, sergeant major of 2nd MARDIV, far right, pose for a photo with the 2nd Tank Battalion Tanker of the Year Marines.



Lt. Col. Charles Nicol Jr., battalion commander of 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd MARDIV, rededicates the battle streamers at the battalion ramp.

# Marines with 26th MEU deploy into Atlantic Ocean



Photos by Cpl. Tanner Seims

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. William Torrington with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) spends time with his family before deployment at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Dec. 12, 2019. The amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) is operating in the Atlantic Ocean in support of naval operations to maintain maritime stability and security in order to ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied and partner interests.



Marines with the 26th MEU and Sailors with Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 4 conduct well deck operations aboard the amphibious assault ship LHD 5 while underway for deployment.



U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harriers with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 365 (reinforced), arrive aboard the assault ship.



Marines board the LHD 5 in preparation for deployment at Norfolk, Virginia.

## OFF-LIMITS

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

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Atheas Attics at 420 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington.  
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 Club Phoenix at 209 East 5th St., Greenville.  
 Dash-In at 1316 Hargett St., Jacksonville.  
 Drive Thru Mini Mart at 2729 Commerce Road, 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.  
 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.  
 \*Precision Motor Sports at 1321 Lake Cole Road, 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.  
 Super-Fast Drive Thru Mini Mart at 1005 North Marine Blvd., Jacksonville.  
 Tobacco at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.  
 Tobacco Leaf at 343K Western Blvd., Jacksonville.  
 Triple C Diesel Performance and Mobile Repair  
 602 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville  
 Veterans Affairs Service Jacksonville. (This is a private organization not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Outpatient Clinic, nor Onslow County Veteran Services.)

### MCAS CHERRY POINT AREA:

98 Cent Only Store  
 (Big Daddy) Wesley's Grocery  
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 Expressions  
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 H&D Express (AKA: Citgo)  
 Nadine's Food Mart  
 Tobacco Outlet (Havelock and New Bern)  
 Tobacco Shop & Gifts (Beaufort and New Bern)  
 Tobacco Town  
 Tobacco Shop (Newport and New Bern)  
 Twin Rivers (Not the mall)  
 White Sands Convenience Store

### OFF-LIMITS ROADS:

Catfish Lake Road

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

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

II MEF Hotline - 451-5555 [www.iimef.marines.mil/UnitHome/CommandInspectorGeneral.aspx](http://www.iimef.marines.mil/UnitHome/CommandInspectorGeneral.aspx)  
 MCIEAST Hotline - 451-3928 [www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx](http://www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx)  
 TECOM Hotline - (703) 432-1650 [www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx](http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx)  
 Naval Hospital Hotlines - (910) 450-4240 [NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil](http://NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil)  
 MARSOC Hotlines - 440-1045/0941 [www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx](http://www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx)  
 New River Hotline - 449-6029.

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FROM 1A

# What to do when notified of a credit problem:

If the adverse information is accurate, the Credit Reporting Agency (CRA) can report it for seven years, or ten years for bankruptcies. Essentially, the only thing that heals this wound is the passage of time. Sometimes, that medicine doesn't work either, because these time deadlines don't apply to certain transactions, such as a credit purchase of \$150,000 or more, employment at an annual salary of \$75,000 or more or the purchase of life insurance policy valued at \$150,000 or more.

Despite certain misleading advertisements, the fact of the matter is, no one can force a CRA

to remove accurate, non-obsolete information. And if the information is inaccurate, you can dispute it yourself, without paying someone else to do it for you. Further, depending on your state law, it may be illegal to charge any fee prior to completing the service that the credit doctor has agreed to perform. For example, NC Gen Stat 66-223 & 224 prohibits up-front fees, mandates a three date right to cancel and requires the credit doctor to make certain disclosures in its contracts.

There are many sources of errors in credit reports, and such errors are common. People make mistakes,

including those who make the hundreds of thousands of entries in credit reports and the people who report said information to them. One important source of error is identity theft; in which a criminal harms your credit by (a) making unauthorized purchases using your existing credit, such as a credit card or ATM card, or (b) fraudulently taking out additional loans in your name. If you suspect identity theft, follow the steps in the Federal Trade Commission online identity theft checklist.

The Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires CRAs to remove erroneous

entries from your credit report. According to the FCRA, when consumers dispute the accuracy of information in the credit report, the CRA must conduct a reasonable investigation to determine whether the information is accurate and within thirty days delete information that is inaccurate or cannot be verified. The deadline increases to 45 days if the consumer provides information relevant to the investigation. The law says that the CRA must investigate and prove that the information is accurate or else remove it, but don't count on that. It is often up to the consumer to prove to the CRA that the information is false.

If the CRA claims that it has investigated the matter and has determined that the disputed information is accurate, the consumer can demand that the credit report reflect that the matter is disputed. Additionally the consumer can demand that the CRA post the consumer's stated reasons for the dispute.

Consumers who find that the CRA is failing to remove inaccurate or stale information, or is otherwise violating the law can sue the CRA. The willful, knowing, or negligent noncompliance with the FCRA exposes the credit reporting agency to liability for compensatory

damages up to \$1,000, plus punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Consumers can also make an online complaint to the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB). In many cases, the complaint may resolve the problem or, the CFPB may decide to sue the CRA, particularly if the CRA has harmed many consumers. Last July, the CFPB settled a case with Equifax, requiring the defendant to pay \$700 million in restitution and penalties and take actions to protect consumers. The case arose from a result of a massive data breach involving about 147 million files.

## 2019 in review

MORE ON 4A



Photo by Sgt. Jonathan Sosner

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black, instructs a group of Marines, with Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. David H. Berger, holding up the rear of the stack during a town hall meeting on Marine Corps Air Station New River, July 30, 2019. Berger and Black are conducting their first command visit of MCAS New River and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune since assuming command of their respective posts earlier this month.

## Top leaders visit Carolina MAGTF

BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER POOLE  
Marine Corps Installations East (July)

The 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. David H. Berger, and the 19th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black, visited Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River July 30, 2019.

Berger and Black spoke to elements of the 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Logistics Group and the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, discussing information about the future of the Corps and answering questions the Marines had about policies, to include individual leadership, future operations and tattoo regulations.

During the visit, Berger spoke about his strategic direction, which was released in the 38th Commandant's Planning Guidance. Berger stressed his priority focus areas: force design, warfighting, education and training, core values and command and leadership. He also noted that the Marine Corps is "entering a period of force transformation," and that the service must be "prepared

to make bold decisions" in a rapid manner to stay ahead of adversaries.

Both leaders agreed one way to stay ahead of the nation's adversaries is to have a stronger Navy-Marine Corps team which enables the joint force to partner, persist and operate forward despite the enemy's employment of long-range precision fires.

"We have to be ready and lethal with the ability to fight at the sea and from the sea," Berger said. "The whole Marine Corps needs to learn to fight as a naval force."

Berger, who succeeded Gen. Robert B. Neller, also stressed the importance of constantly improving as leaders and reminded the Marines to take time out of their day to get to know their junior Marines and address any concerns and issues they might have.

"Treat each other how you would treat someone in combat," Berger said. "There is no off-duty in being a Marine. We take care of each other."

A veteran of conflicts in Haiti, Afghanistan and Iraq, Berger reminded the Marines of the importance of being combat ready, staying physically and mentally fit, and being prepared for future conflicts and operations.

"The operating envi-

ronment is more complicated today than it was yesterday," Berger said. "If you stop educating yourself, you will fall behind in the Marine Corps of the future."

While the commandant and SMMC discussed the way forward, they also stressed that who we are as a Marine Corps will not change. Referencing the 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Carl E. Mundy, who wrote Leading Marines in 1995, the "soul of the Marine Corps" does not change, said Berger.

"The Marine Corps is not like everyone or everything else. Our standards are higher ... our discipline is better ... we are physically tough ... even if we get knocked down, we will get back up and rejoin the fight ... we are known for looking out for each other; we will never leave a Marine behind ... there is one standard and that will not change."

The commandant concluded his speech by challenging the Marines to revisit their core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

"Set your MOS aside, and remember why you joined the Marine Corps; focus on being the best Marine you can be," Berger said.

## Vietnam veterans honored during ceremony at Lejeune Memorial Gardens



Photo by Lance Cpl. Isaiah Gomez

A U.S. Marine rifle squad with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, pauses for a moment of silence during the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony at the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville, April 27, 2019. The ceremony honored the memory of those who died during the war and celebrated the accomplishments and perseverance of Vietnam-era veterans.

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FROM 3A



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Leon Branchaud  
Gen. David H. Berger, right, walks with Maj. Gen. David Furness, second from left, Brig. Gen. Roger B. Turner, second from right, and members of the 2d MAR-DIV and MAGTF-TC staff, Twentynine Palms, California, Oct. 23, 2019.

## 2nd Marine Division to conduct largest warfighting exercise in three decades

BY 2ND MARINE DIVISION  
COMMSTRAT (Oct.)

In the Mojave Desert plains of Twentynine Palms, California, a disparate collection of Marine-centric, sibling-service and NATO-ally forces – more than 10,000 strong – are preparing to conduct the first Marine Corps division-level, unscripted, force-on-force exercise in more than 30 years.

Dubbed MWX 1-20, short for Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Warfighting Exercise 1-20, it is a multi-regimental exercise in which 2nd Marine Division (2DMARDIV), commanded by Maj. Gen. David Furness, will serve as the Ground Combat Element (GCE) for a notional Joint Task Force (JTF) higher headquarters, represented by MAGTF Training Command (MAGTF-TC).

All elements of the MAGTF will participate in MWX across the sprawling ranges of Twentynine Palms. The exercise will include significant numbers of troop transport vehicles, ordnance and small-arms. It will provide 2dMARDIV an opportunity to better understand and modulate its

signature whether that be physical or across the electromagnetic spectrum as well as measure and better understand our own signature, how it looks from an adversary's perspective and how we can effectively command and control while minimizing our footprint.

According to Maj. Gen. Furness, while MWX 1-20 is both large and complex, improving the Division's warfighting competencies against peer- and near-peer competitors is paramount. So too is testing the Division's logistical reach by moving a division's worth of manpower and materiel from coast to coast. Achieving these goals reinforces key elements in both the National Military Strategy and Commandant of the Marine Corps-mandated objectives to improve warfighting readiness for major conventional operations.

"MAGTF Warfighting Exercise 1-20 is aligned with priorities at every level of the chain of command, up to and beyond the Department of Defense, to prepare for the future fight, to improve combat readiness and to modernize the force," said Furness.

"Because of our Global Force Management commitments, and to a lesser

degree the limited nature of the training space at Camp Lejeune to support division-level force-on-force training, we are long overdue for an exercise like MWX 1-20. It's been more than 30 years in the making. In the exercise design, we will encounter a free-thinking 'adversary force' with tactics and capabilities as good as our own. We will employ and test some technologically advanced equipment, such as a much more accurate laser acquisition and targeting equipment set designed to make force-on-force training more realistic, all with an eye on modernizing our force. We will also conduct complex maneuver warfare training on a plethora of disparate and geographically-disbursed ranges in order to challenge and improve our command and control (C2) capabilities."

MWX 1-20 will unfold in early November, and while there are sure to be lessons learned at the operational and tactical levels, success may well be defined by getting the division, and all the personnel and material that that entails, the 3,000 miles required to prosecute the battle. The rest is Marines and Sailors doing what they do – overcoming all obstacles to accomplish the mission.

# Married Marine Corps Colonels each take on new command posts

BY SGT. JONATHAN SOSNER

Marine Corps Installations East (July)

With more than 90,000 active duty military members in dual-military marriages, their situation is hardly unheard of. However, for Colonels Amy Ebitz and Curtis Ebitz, their situation will take a unique turn in the coming days.

Col. Amy Ebitz will take command of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and Col. Curtis Ebitz will take command of Marine Corps Air Station New River, thus giving them the rare experience of commanding units, both under MCI-East, at the same time, while married.

The couple wed in 2003, after meeting at Amphibious Warfare School in 2001. In the early years of their marriage they had to balance a number of commitments.

"During the first four and a half years in the Camp Lejeune and (MCAS) New River area, we spent about two and a half years either away from home or deployed," Curtis said. "We deployed at separate times and for a brief time were even deployed in Iraq together."

Through the years, the Ebitzs' have managed to find the balance that works for them as a family.

"You really have to be able to know how to separate your personal and professional life and sometimes you have to make sure that you check it at the door when you come home," Curtis said. "It's also very important to have that sounding board too. I can't begin to tell you how many times I've come home and said to my wife 'what do you think about this?' or 'what do you think about that?'"

In addition to the challenges the colonels themselves have overcome, there are two other Ebitzs' who have had to adapt to the military life.

"It has been a journey for us, but it has also been a family journey. We have two children along for the ride," said Amy. "Our children know very well the benefits and costs of being in a dual-military family. When they move to a new location, they know how they need to adjust, whether that be making new friends or using technology to keep in contact with old friends overseas."

Being a dual-military family undoubtedly presents challenges and ups-and-downs for all who are involved, and the Ebitzs' have made it a point to tell their story

and share their experiences with other Marines in similar positions.

"We often speak with Marines who are in the same situation that we once were, and we're happy to discuss with them what did and what did not work for us," Col. Curtis Ebitz said.

As for their Marine Corps and family future, the Ebitz family plans to continue on, as they have been doing for the last 16 years.

"I love being a Marine, and I will stick around for as long as it is mutually beneficial for myself, the Marine Corps and my family," Amy said. "I can't think of anywhere else I would want to be or anything else I would want to do."

Colonels Amy and Curtis Ebitz will take command of their respective units on Friday, July 19.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Miranda DeKortse  
Colonels Amy and Curtis Ebitz pose for a picture with their children, Curtis and Sevina, July 16, 2019.

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# A look back at 2019:

Local athletes win championships, make history to end decade

**BY CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

*The past year was full of great sports feats for athletes from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Here's a look back at some of the top Globe Sports moments from 2019.*

**February: Vrachnos wins state title**

Lejeune senior George Vrachnos finished off his high school wrestling career with a 1A state title at 152 pounds, completing the season with a record of 45-7.

**April: Sgt. Josh Medina takes bronze**

Medina, an All-Marine wrestler, took bronze at the 2019 Pan-American Championships, April 18-21. Medina, who had never wrestled Greco-Ro-

man style prior to joining the All-Marine Wrestling Team, is one of several Marines on the Puerto Rican National Team.

**May: LHS boys win fifth-straight regional title**

The LHS boys' track and field team won three individual gold medals on their way to capturing their fifth-straight regional title. Karl Benson won the 1600-meter run, Kyle Baldwin won the pole vault and Nicholas Presley won the two-mile run. Baldwin earned silver at states in pole vault.

**July: All-Marine women's rugby team makes history**

The All-Marine women's rugby team won silver at the inaugural Armed

Forces Championship, winning three of four matches in the round-robin style tournament that was held in Wilmington.

**August: LHS football team wins first game since 2015**

The LHS football team kicked off the 2019 season with a 62-0 win at home over Jones Senior, the program's first win since 2015. Senior quarterback Darnell Collins accounted for five total touchdowns in the win.

**September: Marines make World Wrestling Championships debut**

All-Marine wrestlers Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz and Sgt. Raymond Bunker wrestled in their first-ever World Wrestling Championships in Ka-

zakhstan on one of the sport's biggest stages.

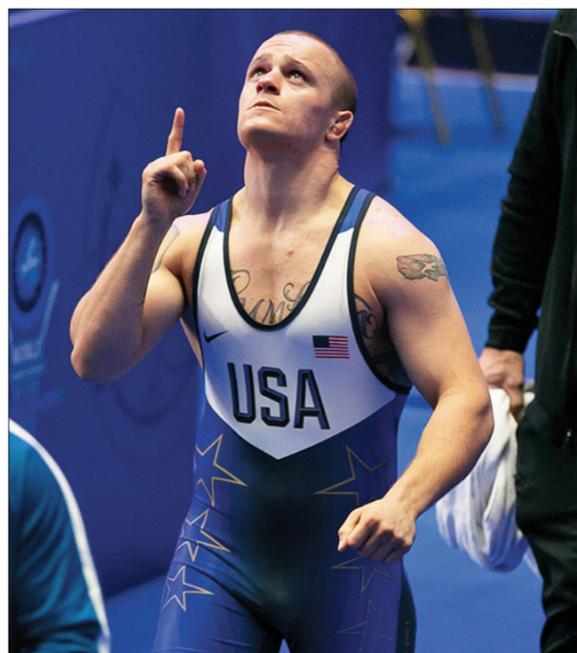
**September: Watkins finishes 3rd at HITT Championship**

After winning MCB Camp Lejeune's High Intensity Tactical Training (HITT) Championship, 1st Lt. Tyler Watkins placed third among other installations' preliminary winners at the HITT Championship at MCB Quantico.

**November: LHS boys win fifth-straight regional title, again**

Lejeune's Nicholas Presley won silver medal honors, Tyler Shelton got sixth and Niklas Cooper finished ninth as the LHS boys won a fifth-straight regional cross country title.

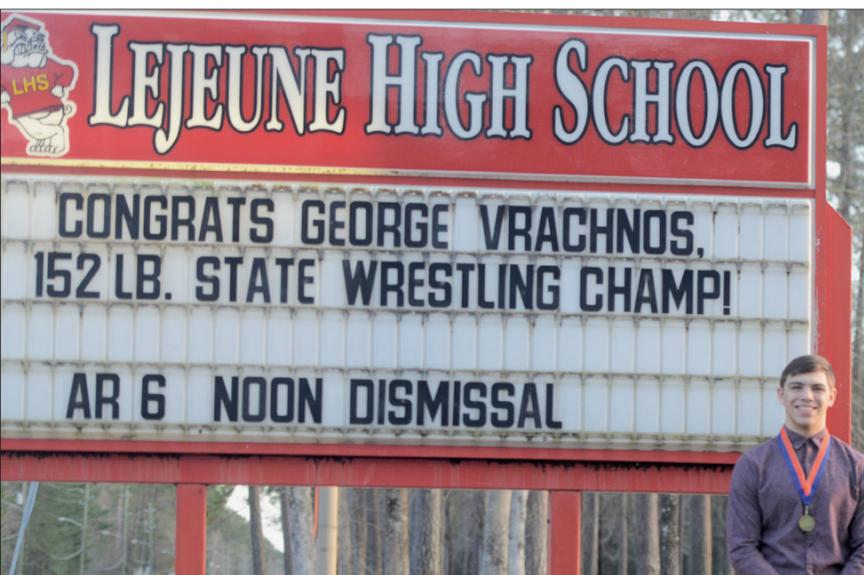
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U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Raymond Bunker enters the competition arena at the 2019 World Wrestling Championships that were held in Kazakhstan, Sept. 14-22, 2019.



U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Kate Herren carries the ball during the inaugural Armed Forces Women's Rugby Championship that was held in Wilmington, July 5-7, 2019.



George Vrachnos poses for a photo with his state championship medal in front of Lejeune High School, March 7, 2019.



Lejeune High School's Kyle Baldwin practices hurdles in preparation for the 1A state championships, May 13, 2019.



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Joshua Medina poses for a photo with his bronze medal at the Pan-American Championships that were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 18-21, 2019.

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**October: Lejeune's Lee wins conference's top honor**

For the second year in a row, Georgia Lee won the Coastal 8 Conference's 1A singles title and the conference's player of the award. Lee dropped just one match to a conference opponent all season.

**December: All-Marine wrestlers named Semper Fit Athletes of the Year**

Staff Sgt. Stefanowicz and Sgt. Bunker capped off an impressive 2019 by sharing Semper Fit Athlete of the Year honors.

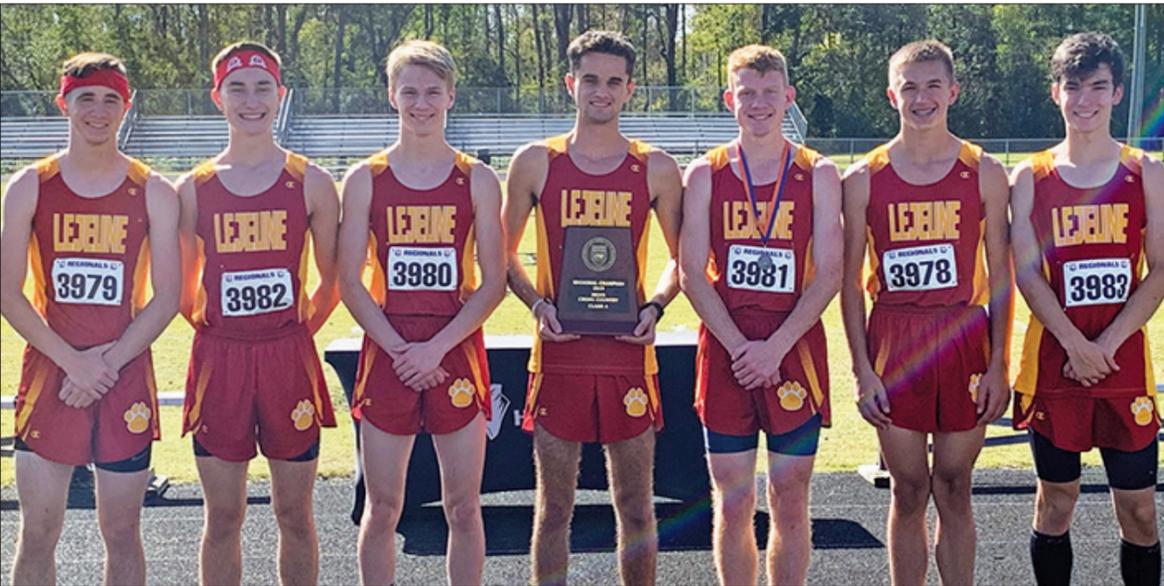


Lejeune High School's Darnell Collins (#7) scrambles away from a Jones Senior defender, Aug. 23, 2019.

Photo by Calvin Shomaker

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The Lejeune High School boys' cross country team poses for a photo with their 1A East Regional championship plaque, Nov. 2, 2019.



Photo by Cpl. Mikayla Perez

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Tyler Watkins participates in the 2019 High Intensity Tactical Training (HITT) Championship at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Sept. 12, 2019.



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Lejeune High School's Georgia Lee serves during the Coastal 8 Conference's 1A singles title match, Oct. 9, 2019.

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**#1 LSU (14-0) vs. #3 Clemson (14-0)**  
Mon., Jan. 13, 8 p.m.

**PICK 'EM CATEGORIES:**



**Calvin Shomaker**  
Sports Writer

Overall record: **65-37**  
Correct: **64%**



**1st Lt. Andrew Martino**  
Media and Digital Engagement Officer in Charge

Overall record: **69-33**  
Correct: **68%**



**Pat Gruner**  
Managing Editor

Overall record: **55-47**  
Correct: **54%**



**Danny Dowling**  
Digital Marketing Specialist

Overall record: **58-38**  
Correct: **60%**



**Yolanda Mayo**  
MCCS Deputy Operations Officer

Overall record: **51-45**  
Correct: **53%**

**Game Winner:**

Clemson

LSU

LSU

LSU

LSU

**Final Score:**

32-28

38-31

34-31

42-27

38-31

**Most Rushing Yards (team):**

Clemson

Clemson

Clemson

Clemson

LSU

**Most Passing Yards (team):**

LSU

LSU

LSU

LSU

Clemson

**Most Turnovers (defense):**

Clemson

LSU

LSU

LSU

Clemson

**Offensive MVP:**

RB  
Travis Etienne

QB  
Joe Burrow

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# Devil Pups top Stallions in conference play



Lejeune's Andrew Navarro scores two of his game-high 17 points against Southwest Onslow, Jan. 3. Photos by Calvin Shomaker

**BY CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

Just three days after defeating Southwest Onslow 68-43 in the seventh-place game of the Onslow County Classic at Jacksonville High School, the Lejeune High School boys' basketball team faced the Stallions again in a rematch at Dixon, Jan. 3.

Stout defense from the Devil Pups enabled them to take a 28-8 lead into halftime. Despite getting outscored by the Stallions in the second half, Lejeune never put the lead in jeopardy and held on to win 45-27, their fifth win of the season and first Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) victory.

"We didn't shoot the ball as well as I would like to tonight, but we played well enough to win, and that's a good point," said LHS coach Hugh Miller. "We did

some good things, but of course we just let some things go, and that's not what I'm looking for this time of the year."

One thing Miller is focused on as Lejeune heads into the final half of their season is improving their defensive intensity, though he is pleased with the team's makeup.

"I've got a good team overall," Miller said. "I'll take any of these kids. We rebuild every year, but they come in, they do what I ask them to do and then they fight. This team here is a great team; (they have) great team chemistry."

The Lejeune offensive attack against the Stallions (0-10) was led by sophomore guard Andrew Navarro and junior forward Jaylon Armstrong. Navarro made three 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 17 points. Armstrong, who had 13 points in first half, finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds.

Jarrod DeBose and Nick Simon each chipped in six points for Lejeune, who improved to 5-6 overall. Southwest Onslow's Quandre Carter finished with a team-high nine points.

Lejeune travels to Trask on Friday before hosting East Carteret on Jan. 17. Southwest Onslow hosts East Carteret on Friday at Dixon before playing Trask at Richlands on Jan. 17.

	1	2	3	4	Final
LHS	13	15	8	9	45
SWO	6	2	6	13	27

**Scoring:**

Lejeune – Andrew Navarro 17, Jaylon Armstrong 16, Jarrod DeBose 6, Nick Simon 6

Southwest – Quandre Carter 9, Mike Turner 4, Omar Pagan 3, Christian Darling 3, AJ Hannig 2, Semaj Rhodes 2, Antonio Simmons 2, Joshua Whack-Aiken 2



Jaylon Armstrong dribbles to the basket against Southwest Onslow, Jan. 3.

## LHS wrestler takes bronze at county tourney

**BY CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

Lejeune High School wrestler Jacob Livesay defeated Tyler Hollenbeck of Richlands in an 11-7 decision to win the third place match in the 138 lb. weight class at the Onslow County Cup at White Oak High School, Jan. 4.

The LHS wrestling team had three wrestlers finish fourth – Ethan Skillings (170), Jonathan Spivey (182) and Garrett Vega (285).

Lejeune coach George Markle, who has noticed progress in his group, was pleased with how the team did overall against the county competition.

"They exceeded my expectations, for the most part," Markle said. "They looked like they were applying what we've taught them in practice. The biggest thing now is ensuring that they have the endurance and the strength to go all three rounds." Dixon High School

won the team competition by outscoring Southwest Onslow's team by 19.5 points. White Oak finished third, topping Richlands by six points. Dixon also had the most individual champions with five.

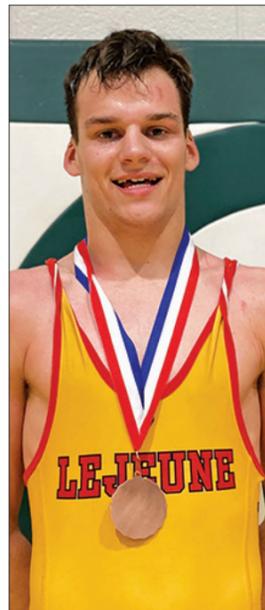
**Team Results:**

Dixon 172.5, Southwest 153, White Oak 108, Richlands 102, Swansboro 93.5, Northside 80, Jacksonville 59, Lejeune 39

**Individual Champions:**

Dixon 5, Southwest 3, Richlands 2, Swansboro 2, White Oak 1, Northside 1

Camilio Aragon (106), Dixon; Isaac Gawronski (113), Swansboro; Cooper Howe (120), Richlands; Keagan Bolman (126), Dixon; Jadavin Eirich (132), Richlands; Ethan Mills (138), Dixon; Emami Davis (145), Southwest; Ezekiel Jones (152), Southwest; River Carroll (160), Swansboro; Tyler



Courtesy photo  
Jacob Livesay poses for a photo with his bronze medal at White Oak High School, Jan. 4.

Proffitt (170), Dixon; Andrew Edens (182), Dixon; Carlos Lopez (195), Southwest; Quaheem Monk (220), White Oak; Dawson Leiser (285), Northside

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### KILALA STONE



Photo and Q&A by Calvin Shomaker

**Sport:** Track  
**School:** Lejeune High  
**Class:** Freshman

**Quick facts:**

- Set school record in 55-meter hurdles and 55-meter dash in first two meets
- Also runs cross country
- Comes from a long line of sprinters in the family
- Listens to all genres of music, mostly old school music
- Has lived in California, New York, Hawaii and Japan

**Q: HOW ARE THINGS GOING FOR YOU AT LEJEUNE SO FAR?**

**A:** It's good. I enjoy the school. They have a lot of good programs, and the track program is very good as well.

**Q: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE LHS TRACK PROGRAM?**

**A:** I like our coaches. They are very supportive. They are always there for you if you have any questions, and the team is very supportive as well. This team consists of some of the smartest people in our school, so they are always there for you if you need help with anything academic.

**Q: HOW DOES IT FEEL TO ALREADY HAVE TWO SCHOOL RECORDS?**

**A:** I was very surprised, but I know I can only get better from here, so I know I just have to

keep pushing and keep beating my records.

**Q: WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE LIVED?**

**A:** Okinawa, for sure. My mom is from there, so half my family lived there. I just love the food, the culture and the people.

**Q: DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?**

**A:** I want to go to college and I want to be a nurse in the Navy.

**Q: WHAT HAS IT BEEN LIKE MOVING A LOT AS A MILITARY CHILD?**

**A:** It's kind of difficult leaving your friends and family when you move to a different place. It's also hard when you move overseas. The cultural difference is hard to get over, but once you get used to it, it is very good.

## Girls' hoops: Southwest bests Lejeune

**BY CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

The Southwest Onslow High School girls' basketball team won their second game of the season on Jan. 3 over Lejeune High School, 58-13. Junior forward Shaylin Pollock scored a game-high 25 points while freshman guard Armani Reid scored 23 points for SWOHS (2-5).

Southwest Onslow, who is 2-1 in Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) play, faces East Carteret at Dixon on Friday before playing Trask at

Richlands on Jan. 17. Lejeune travels to Trask on Friday before hosting East Carteret on Jan. 17.

	1	2	3	4	Final
LHS	3	4	2	4	13
SWO	25	12	16	5	58

**Scoring:**

Lejeune – Katherine Coltey 5, Jameela Rod 3, Kayla Lazaro 2, Rylee Guthrie 2, Kayla Stevens 1

Southwest – Shaylin Pollock 25, Armani Reid 23, Elizabeth Coulter 4, Mollie Thomas 2, Yontiana Hardison 2, Hannah Webb 1, Mykenzie White 1

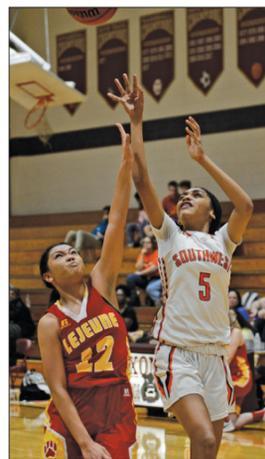


Photo by Calvin Shomaker  
Southwest Onslow's Armani Reid, right, gets a shot off against Kayla Lazaro, Jan. 3.

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# Marine wrestlers qualify for Olympic Trials

*Capt. Miller wins second national title*

**BY CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

Four more U.S. Marines will be joining their All-Marine teammates Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz and Sgt. Raymond Bunker at the 2020 Olympic Trials in April thanks to their performances at the U.S. Senior Nationals that were held in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 20-21, 2019.

Capt. Daniel Miller won his second national title by winning the final match of

the 97 kg Greco-Roman weight class. Sgt. Xavier Johnson won bronze at 67 kgs, Capt. Peyton Walsh got fourth at 77 kgs and 1st Lt. Jamel Johnson placed fifth at 67 kgs in Fort Worth.

The top-five finishes from the Marines gave them a berth into the 2020 Olympic Trials where they will compete for a shot to make this summer's Tokyo Olympics. The Olympic Trials will be held at Pennsylvania State University, April 4-5.



Photo courtesy of the All-Marine Wrestling Team  
Marine Corps Capt. Daniel Miller grapples with an opponent during the 2019 World Team Trials Challenge tournament. Miller won his second national title by winning the final match of the 97 kg Greco-Roman weight class at the Senior Nationals in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 21.

**All-Marine Wrestlers qualify for 2020 Olympic Trials:**

*Capt. Daniel Miller  
Capt. Peyton Walsh  
1st Lt. Jamel Johnson  
Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz  
Sgt. Raymond Bunker  
Sgt. Xavier Johnson*

## Sports on TAP



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### Monthly Scramble

Saturday, Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

Monthly Scrambles are held (weather permitting) on the third Saturday of each month. Please register by 8 a.m. in the Pro Shop. Computer determines draw from players' USGA Handicap. Cost is \$10 per person plus cart and greens fees. Scramble is open to the public. To learn more, call (910) 451-5445 or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf).

### 2020 Grand Prix Series Registration

Dates continuous through February of 2020, MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River

Registration for the 2020 Grand Prix Series is now open. The TRIFECTA returns in 2020, consisting of the X-Treme Endurance 12K+ Challenge, St. Paddy's Engineer 5-Mile Challenge and the Mud, Sweat & Tears 5-Mile Run. Series events take place on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and Stone Bay. To register or to learn more, visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grand-prix](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grand-prix) or call (910) 451-0025.

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Enjoy black light bowling and music for only \$20 per lane for two hours. Price includes shoes and up to five bowlers. Open to all authorized patrons and their guests. To learn more, visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/bowling](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/bowling) or call (910) 449-4921.

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Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., North Topsail Beach

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### Get Golf Ready: Juniors

Saturday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

Looking for a new hobby this year? Want to improve your game? Then get golf ready! All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$59 per person for the five week session. Registration deadline is Jan. 31. Class is open to the public. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. To learn more, (910) 451-5445 or visit [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf).



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## Kids find winter routine at MCAS New River Preschool Storytime



Photos by Erin Vance

Sean Pittman, Harriotte B. Smith Library programs and library technician supervisor, reads "The Greatest Snowman in the World" to kids at a New River Preschool Storytime at the MCAS New River Library, Jan. 7.

BY ERIN VANCE  
Lifestyles Writer

With a nip in the morning air, families on Marine Corps Air Station New River gathered for a time of winter stories and crafts at a Preschool Storytime held at the New River Library on MCAS New River, Jan. 7.

"This week we focused on winter stories," said Sean Pittman, Harriotte B. Smith Library programs and library technician supervisor. "We try to make each Storytime relevant for the kids, so we had them make mitten sun catchers and told stories about snowmen and

cold weather." Pittman gathered the children who colored pictures, read stories and did crafts. Following the holidays it can be difficult getting young children back into their routine, but the children were eager to resume Preschool Storytime and quickly quieted

down to begin. Books included "The Greatest Snowman in the World," and "Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter." "With the main library closed for renovations, we have been making sure to continue all our programs at the other branches," Pittman said. "Preschool

Storytime is held at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the New River Library, and at 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. We have the Early Literacy Program, which is for newborn children up to age three, the first Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the

Camp Johnson Library. There is also a Lunchtime Book Club for adults each Thursday at noon at the research library." For more information on MCCS Lejeune-New River libraries upcoming events, visit <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/libraries>.



A preschooler listens joyfully to stories.



Pittman reads aloud to children while engaging their critical thinking skills.



Children begin coloring their snowman pictures.



A family works on their picture.



Parents help children craft mitten sun catchers.

**THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES...**

# 'Knives Out' will keep you guessing

**BY ED SYMKUS**  
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The last time a whodunit with this much class and star power had a major release was two years ago. It was Kenneth Branagh's stab at (he directed and starred as the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot) "Murder on the Orient Express," based on the Agatha Christie novel. The victim was played by Johnny Depp. The suspects questioned by Poirot included Judi Dench, Willem Dafoe, Michelle Pfeiffer, Derek Jacobi and Penelope Cruz. It was, as intended, a fun film, suffering only from being a little too pat, from regularly winking an eye at the audience.

This time we've got an original script, from Rian Johnson ("Brick," "Looper"), who also directed (but doesn't appear in it), and who has gone on record as being a hardcore Christie fan. The victim here (relax, it's revealed in the opening moments) is a wealthy mystery writer named Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer), a man who was not exactly loved by the hordes of relatives who were at his sprawling Gothic-like mansion for his birthday party when he joined the choir invisible. Among the folks playing those relatives are Chris Evans, Toni Collette, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon and Jamie Lee Curtis, with

Ana de Armas along as someone who's not a relative but is part of the household. The detective this time hails from the American South, has the drawl to prove it, is gifted with the odd name Benoit Blanc and is played, quite humorously, by Daniel Craig.

"Knives Out" doesn't mess around with winks. Johnson's tight yet very wordy script goes for absurd complications while spelling out why every suspect had a good reason for wanting to rid the world of Harlan Thrombey, and at the same time, gives the film a full-blown sense of the outrageous, sometimes caused by what people say and sometimes by what they do.

Watching this play out, it's obvious that every person involved is having nothing less than a ball with their part, no matter the size of it. Because it's a true ensemble piece, most of the screen time is fairly evenly spread out, though for plot reasons, de Armas' Marta Cabrera has a bit more presence, Craig's Benoit Blanc has the most and, though Evans' Ransom Drysdale is a late entry in the questioning process, his character is a memorable one.

The post-murder investigation is started by the police, who visit the Thrombey manse after the family has been assembled, with plans to speak to each one of them. Those plans are altered -



Daniel Craig displays an "ornamental" pose as Benoit Blanc.

Photo courtesy of Lionsgate Films

which leads all of this into some great storytelling accompanied by enjoyably hammy acting - when the private investigator who is "sitting in" and says his presence there will be "ornamental," starts to ask a few questions of his own.

Those not familiar with Daniel Craig's comedy chops - which are on glorious display here - should check out what he did in the little-seen, sorely overlooked 2017 comedy "Logan Lucky." Rian Johnson saw it, and it was one of

the reasons he offered this part to Craig.

Like in the best whodunits, clues are bountiful and, of course, some of them (most of them?) are worthless. The use of flashbacks to explain possible motives is done in all of the right ways, the idea that the relatives can't stop bickering among themselves ups all sorts of antes and the big payoff - the moment that happens in every whodunit, when the detective ties everything up - is a keeper.

Even when people are angry and are yelling at each other, the film is fun. Perhaps it's because Rian Johnson is such a fan of the genre, and he's having fun paying homage to it. Maybe it's because the whole thing is just so darn clever, but never stoops to pointing that out to the viewer. My favorite component, and what makes me want to see it again, is the physical appearance of Craig's detective, numerous times, leaning forward, squint-

ing his eyes, putting on a mischievous smile and wordlessly letting everyone know that he knows what they don't know.

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## MOVIE SCHEDULES

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<b>FRIDAY</b> "Frozen II" PG, 6:30 p.m. "Knives Out" PG-13, 9:20 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> "Richard Jewell" R, 7 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 6 p.m. "Queen & Slim" R, 8:30 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 3:30 p.m. "Richard Jewell" R, 6 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Half Price Matinee</i> "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" PG, 11 a.m. "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 2 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> "Frozen II" PG, 6 p.m. "21 Bridges" R, 8:30 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 3:30 p.m. "21 Bridges" R, 6:30 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> "Frozen II" PG, 2 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> "Knives Out" PG-13, 2 p.m. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" PG, 5 p.m.

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### While We Wait Club Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Marine Corps Family Team Building holds a workshop at the LINKS building at Tarawa Terrace to help kids build resiliency skills in the midst of a parent's deployment. The class is intended for kids ages five to 12. To register visit <https://www.eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp> or call (910) 451-0176.

### New River Preschool Storytime Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Marine Corps Air Station New River Library hosts a reading event for children aged newborn to five and their caregivers. Along with reading, crafts are available. For more information call (910) 449-6715.

### Troops to Teachers Information Session Jan. 16, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Transitioning service members, veterans, retirees, National Guardsmen and reservists interested in a second career in education can attend a seminar at the John A. Lejeune Education Center, Room 112, to give them an idea of opportunities. For more information visit <https://www.proudtoserveagain.com> or call (888) 878-1600.

### Martin Luther King, Jr Ceremony Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m.

Coastal Carolina Community College hosts a ceremony recognizing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, at the CCCC Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Erica Savage Wilson. Continental breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. The event is open to the public.

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# Cpl. Kristyn Dalrymple

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS New River

## Jacksonville – Onslow MAC Service Member of the Month



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U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Kristyn Dalrymple, an air traffic controller with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (H&HS) at MCAS New River has always liked being tough. At Jefferson West High School in Meriden, Kansas, she was on the softball, basketball, track and volleyball teams. She also participated in full contact martial arts and liked riding dirt bikes. She was a dual enrollment high school student with Washburn University and obtained the Certified Nursing

Assistant credential from Washburn Institute of Technology in Topeka.

Now, at age 24, Dalrymple has been named the Service Member of the Month for December by the Jacksonville – Onslow Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee (MAC).

A sense of purpose and desire to belong to something more selfless led Dalrymple to the United States Marine Corps. On Sep. 16, 2016, she enlisted in the Marine Corps to become an Air Traffic Control Specialist, graduating from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island that Decem-

ber. She attended the School of Infantry East for Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, where she graduated in January, 2017, in the top five percent of 400 students in K Company.

Dalrymple reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for Air Traffic Control School, and while there was promoted to Private First Class (PFC) before graduating in August of 2017. She then received orders to H&HS at MCAS New River. In November 2017, she was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal as Assistant Physical Training Non-Commissioned Officer

(NCO) and Assistant Accountability NCO. She earned her qualification on Ground Control in December and Tower Flight Data in April of 2018.

Later, Dalrymple was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) for providing first aid to a fellow Marine with a potentially life threatening self-inflicted injury, something she describes as emotionally and mentally challenging but which had to be done.

Dalrymple was promoted to corporal in November of 2019. She serves as the Single Marine Program Representative for Air Traffic Control, and

an Assistant Barracks Manager. This past spring, she was awarded a Certification of Commendation and was elected Single Marine Program President of MCAS New River. During her time with this program, she has contributed over 50 hours of volunteer service. In addition to the aforementioned NAM, the Corporal has been awarded a Good Conduct Medal, five Letters of Appreciation and a Meritorious Mast.

She hopes to further her qualifications in air traffic control eventually becoming a tower chief and volunteer more with the SMP and USO.

"This corporal is an exceptional Marine whose initiative and dedication has been proven to all levels of leadership by her actions to improve Marines' quality of life as well as her commitment to the Marine Corps," said Lt. Col. Matthew Daigneault, commanding officer, H&HS.

"In the United States Marine Corps, it's not about you; it is about others," said Dalrymple. "You are your brother's keeper."

**Congratulations to this month's SMOM, Cpl. Kristyn Dalrymple. Keep up the great work!**

## Three words to keep close in 2020



### CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

BY LT. MARIO ANCIRA  
MCES Courthouse Bay

Joy, peace and love; these are three words you heard much of through the month of December, on signs, billboards and holiday cards. But joy, peace, and love are three words that cannot be separated.

What is the joy we are talking about? We might focus on the joy we receive from a special gift, eating your favorite holiday cookies or simply the holiday season. We might sing it in "Joy to the World" or some other carol. The best place to find the joy we speak of is the Bible. Psalm 16:11 states, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Luke 2:10 says, "And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.' If we follow along with the rest

of Luke, we hear about the birth of Jesus - this of course is the absolute joy.

Joy is more than pleasure in a thing or food, it is an absolute state of being that can only be found in God, for He is the one who makes our joy complete.

Joy leads to peace. Jesus teaches us in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Psalm 4:8 states, "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

What kind of peace do you seek? Many can seek the peace that is temporary. This peace might be a favorite vacation spot or a favorite time in your life; it will give you some joy, but cannot last forever. The joy and peace that we

seek can only come from God. This is a joy and peace that is everlasting or eternal, it is absolutely complete and perfect.

Joy and peace will lead us to love. This is a love that is pure, a love we hear, and are promised by God. Here is where, as is said in Galatians 4:4, "the fullness of time has come," and God sent to us what we needed this holiday season. God is a God who sustains His creation. Who cares for those who He calls His own. The Old Testament and New Testament are full of reference and illustrations of God caring for His people, sending and giving joy, peace and love. Moving into 2020, let us know God's love and share that joy, peace and love with others.

I challenge you all to count your blessings, and seek the joy, peace, and love where it may always be found.



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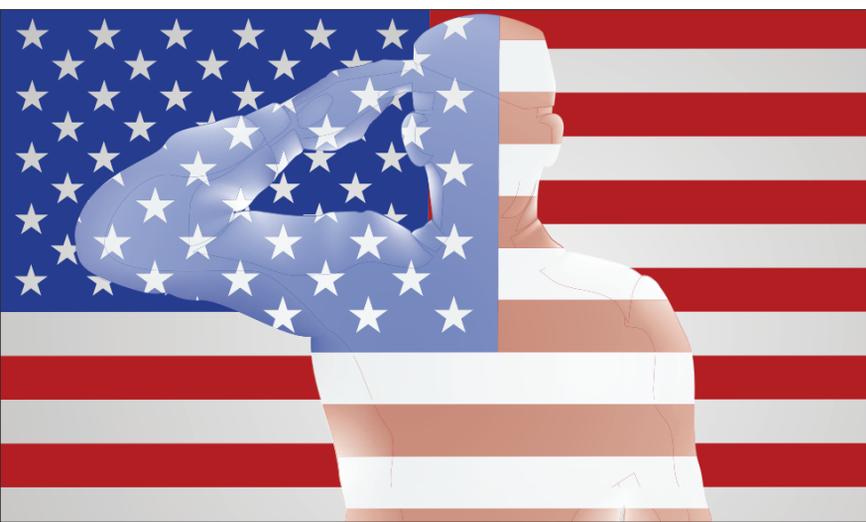
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# Focus on Veterans



## Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act now in effect



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The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 took effect Jan. 1. The new law extends the presumption of herbicides exposure to veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam.

Eligible Blue Water Navy (BWN) veterans are able to apply for disability compensation and other benefits if they served in the designated area between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 and devel-

oped one of 14 illnesses related to contact with herbicides such as Agent Orange. In addition, Veterans who served in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone between Sept. 1, 1967 and Aug. 31, 1971, may also qualify for benefits for themselves and their family members.

With the implementation of the BWN Act on Jan. 1, the Department of Veterans Affairs began deciding claims to deliver benefits to eligible BWN veterans and survivors. Such claims will be processed under current

prioritization with special priority given to BWN Veterans over age 85 or those with terminal conditions.

In addition, the act includes changes to the loan guarantee program for all veterans, not just BWN veterans. The website also includes the latest developments and resources that are beneficial to understanding the law, Veterans' eligibility and how to apply. A communication toolkit is also available. This information is accessible at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/bwnact.asp>.

## Food Truck Round Up draws crowd to Cedar Point

BY ERIN VANCE  
Lifestyles Writer

Farmers Markets are scattered all over the Tar Heel State and offer communities a festive meeting place to gather, shop and enjoy the great outdoors. They also offer opportunities for adventure when making a farmers market a destination for a road trip with friends or the family.

Onslow County's Salty Air Open Market hosted a Food Truck Round Up to bring local vendors to one place, Jan. 3.

"We have a year-round market, but we are busier during the warmer months," said Joy Vunk, the market manager. "We have the general store and allow small businesses and vendors to pop up. We have about 90 small businesses who rotate in and out. Each month we host the Food Truck Round Up to bring the community together."

The market is open each Wednesday to Sunday with a variety of items, entertainment and food. It's con-

veniently located just over the bridge from Swansboro in the small town of Cedar Point. The market is set in a roomy little park-like space only steps from the water in any direction with a cool salty breeze blowing in from the Atlantic.

"This is a place for the public to come together," said Vunk. "No matter what time of year it is, we wanted an inexpensive place, where we can gather for some community time."

Each week, vendors bring a wide array of items ranging from fresh fruits and veggies to locally hand-crafted goods. Handmade beach-themed items from artists are also available.

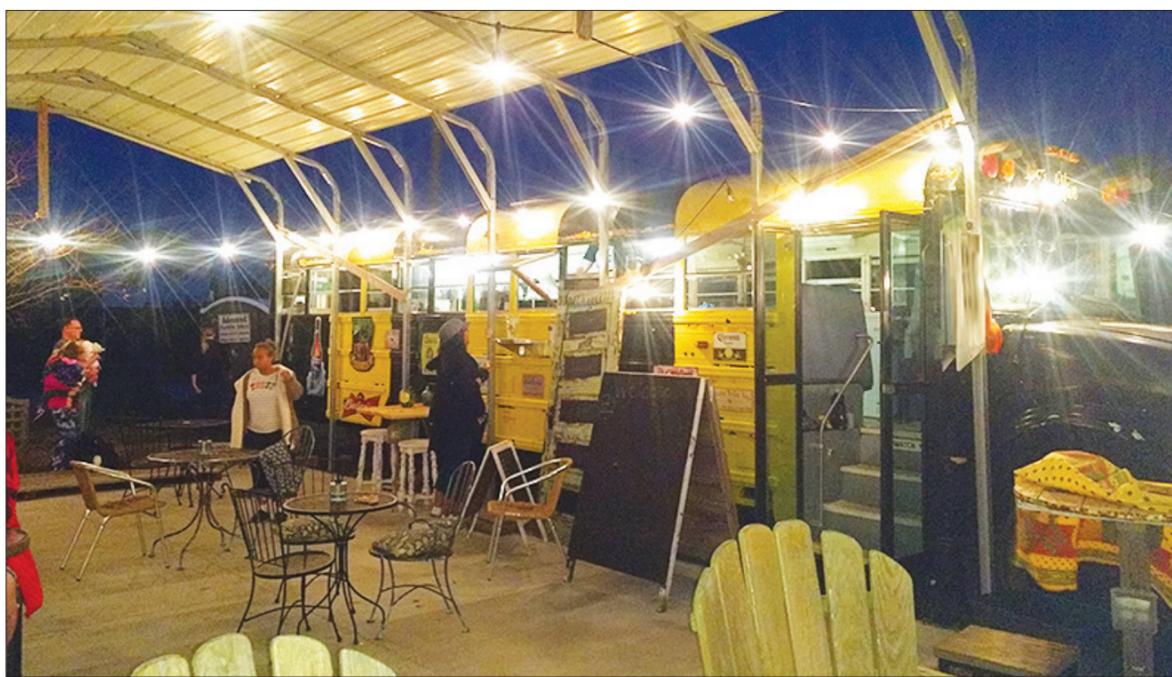
"We had never been here before, but it is a nice place to come hang out and meet other families," said Virginia Butler, the wife of a retired Marine. "We are always happy to find unique local events where we can just hang out and relax."

The open air market also features a coffee shop that serves beverages and a repurposed school bus restaurant.



Crowds gather at the Salty Air Market in Cedar Point for their monthly Food Truck Round Up, Jan. 3.

Photos by Erin Vance



A school bus repurposed into a restaurant serves hungry patrons.

## Home History: Bougainville Dr.

BY ERIN VANCE  
Lifestyles Writer

Few of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's residents are native to the area, which is true for almost any military town. As the saying goes, "Home is where the Marine Corps sends you." MCB Camp Lejeune and Onslow County are currently home despite where you are from. We drive these streets in our new community

every day. There is a rich history at MCB Camp Lejeune and every road tells a story.

Upon arriving through the Wilson Gate, a left turn on Bougainville Drive leads to Tarawa Terrace. The Bougainville campaign was a series of land and naval battles of the Pacific campaign of World War II between Allied forces and the Empire of Japan, named after the island of Bougainville. It was part of Operation Cartwheel, the

Allies' grand strategy in the South Pacific.

The first attack on Bougainville occurred on Aug. 15, 1943. The Marine Fighter Squadron 214, later known as the Black Sheep, flew from the Russell Islands to barrage the Kahili airfield during American amphibious landings on the island of Vella Lavella. The lightning strike, a surprise so complete the Japanese did not have time to shoot back, damaged aircraft

and refueling equipment on the ground.

The landing of the 3rd Marine Division at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville took place Nov. 1. The forces consisted of 14,321 troops who were met with several obstacles. The Japanese defenses of the beaches were stronger than anticipated. The 40,000 troops on the island were thought to be stationed mainly around the airfields, and the extensive system of

bunkers in the jungles were not accounted for.

The Marines who landed west of the Koromokina River met steep slopes and shoals on which they lost more than 80 amphibious craft. Those landing east of the Koromokina were caught in crossfire from machine guns. A small contingent of Marines knocked out the gun emplacement on the cape and the 3rd Marine Raiders captured the island. The landing force

drove away the rest of the Japanese defenders while the war dog platoon sniffed out snipers along the trails.

In spite of the resistance and two Japanese air assaults launched from bases on Rabaul during the day, the Marines succeeded. By nightfall, all 14,000 troops, together with 6,200 tons of fuel, rations and ammunition were landed along a 200-yard perimeter.



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## Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune welcomes first baby of 2020 in Onslow County



BY RILEY EVERSULL  
NMCCCL

Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune (NMCCCL) welcomed Onslow County's first newborn baby of 2020.

Winona Jane Trombley was welcomed into the world at 2:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 by her proud parents, U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Shannon Robertson and her husband, Zachary Trombley, a Marine veteran. Winona Jane weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured at 19.7 inches in length. Winona is the first child for the couple from Massachusetts.

The parents said they chose the name Winona as it means "firstborn daughter".

Robertson thanked the NMCCCL Labor and Delivery staff for making her stay comfortable. "The nursing staff has been so good to me; they were great and respected everything I wanted," she said. Robertson, who is stationed at II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters, explained that the New Year's Day birth is meaningful to her as it is also the three-year anniversary of meeting her husband.



Winona Jane Trombley was welcomed into the world at 2:01 a.m. Jan. 1, by her proud parents U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Shannon Robertson and her husband, Zachary Trombley, a Marine veteran.

Courtesy of NMCCCL Public Affairs

## AMCC's Military Spouse Speakers Series, breakfast club expands engagement

COURTESY STORY

Atlantic Marine Corps Communities

Atlantic Marine Corps Communities (AMCC) is expanding their Military Spouse Speakers Series, a forum to educate, train and foster a greater sense of

community for military families, in 2020. The program incorporates a monthly Spouse Breakfast Club, featuring motivational talks from a network of female leaders. The events are open to all military spouses, not exclusively AMCC residents.

The speakers involved in the series include women who have shaped the laws of Congress, saved lives, created jobs for spouses and who are reaching out to the military community through the foundation of this club.

AMCC launched the Spouse Breakfast Club

in September 2019 with a speech from bestselling author and former undercover CIA agent Michele Rigby Assad.

The monthly Breakfast Club is provided at no cost to military spouses. The event includes a free breakfast for attendees and focuses on

educating, entertaining and inspiring military spouses to help them on their journey and thrive in their communities by providing a network.

Featured speakers have included local spouse club presidents. All guest speakers, networking and Q/A sessions happen between

10 and 11:30 a.m.

The Spouse Speakers Series and Breakfast Club outreach will also include nationally-recognized speakers in 2020, including bestselling authors, entrepreneurs, local schools and universities and many international women leaders.



Photo by Erin Vance

Atlantic Marine Corps Communities hosted a Spouse Breakfast Club at the Midway Park Community Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov. 15, 2019. Military spouses gathered to discuss issues concerns and questions with AMCC representatives and learn about spouse clubs in the area from Officer and SNCO spouse club presidents.

# Local home school students participate in Pillowcase Project



**BY ERIN VANCE**  
Lifestyles Writer

“Proper preparation prevents poor performance” is often heard around the Marine Corps for a variety of reasons. For families, the adage can also apply in emergency situations. The Camp Lejeune - New River School Liaison Office hosted the American Red Cross and The FOCUS Project at their office on Brewster Boulevard for the Pillowcase

Project, Jan. 6. The Pillowcase Project was created by the American Red Cross in Southeast Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina when Kay Wilkins, Southeast Louisiana Red Cross regional executive, had learned that Loyola University students carried their valuables in pillowcases when they were evacuated for Katrina. This inspired Kay and her team to work with an art therapist to create a

program in which children living in makeshift communities across New Orleans decorated pillowcases as emergency supply kits. From there, it has been widely adapted throughout the United States. For home school children, the event doubled as a way to learn how to stay safe in emergencies such as house fires or hurricanes that can take place in their communities. It also teaches coping skills to help kids stay calm. “My favorite part was

when I learned about fire safety,” said 9-year-old Eva Tagaloa, whose father is a U.S. Navy Chaplain. “I knew blocking the bottom of the door was to keep smoke out, but I did not know it is also so fireman know that someone is in that room.” The program builds confidence through hands-on activities. It also asks kids to use their knowledge to act as advocates for emergency preparedness in their homes and communities.

“ It is important for families to have a safety plan and an emergency escape plan that the kids know. That way if something happens, kids will know what they are supposed to do and hopefully no one will get hurt. ”

*Patrick Callahan, 12 years old*



Younger students use an “emotional thermometer” to build coping skills and understand how to stay calm during emergencies.



Photos by Erin Vance

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River home school students meet to learn about emergency preparedness during a class hosted by the MCB Camp Lejeune-MCAS New River School Liaison office, Jan. 6.



Kids decorate pillow cases as part of the project. They are urged to keep one on hand with necessities in case of an emergency.



Children color and play games prior to breaking off to discuss emergency preparedness plans.

“It is important for families to have a safety plan and an emergency escape plan that the kids know,” said 12-year-old Patrick Callahan. “That way if something happens, kids will know what they are supposed to do and hopefully no one will get hurt.” Younger students worked with The FO-

CUS Group on how to regulate their emotions. They learned about their emotional thermometer and were taught to associate the changing of their emotions to that of the rising of temperature. More information on upcoming events can be found at <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/schools/>.

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