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MCIEAST Implements Health Protection Condition Alpha

MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS EAST

Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) has implemented Health Protection Condition Alpha (HPCON-A) across all of its installations to maintain the readiness and protection of base personnel and families. HPCON-A alerts the base population to an unusual health risk or disease, in this case the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

At this time there are no cases of COVID-19 on any MCIEAST installations and the installations remain under normal operations.

MCIEAST personnel along with Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune (NMCCCL) are working diligently to review best

practices, hone plans and remain prepared should there be a need to increase the level of HPCON.

Personnel who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as a cough, fever and shortness of breath or have been exposed to the virus should remain home and contact their health care professional for guidance.

All updates involving MCIEAST and NMCCCL will be posted here:

- www.lejeune.marines.mil/COVID-19
- www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhcl/News/Pages/COVID-19.aspx
- Facebook - @camp.lejeune or @NMCCLejeune
- Twitter - @camp_lejeune or @NMCCLejeune

For additional guidance on COVID-19, please visit www.cdc.gov/covid19.

- No confirmed cases at MCIEAST installations
- No changes to the base operating status
- Maintain routine health care precautions

Visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19 for the latest information

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS THAT APPEAR 2-14 DAYS POST-EXPOSURE:



FEVER



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SHORTNESS OF BREATH

Census 2020: You Count Here

BY VICTORIA LONG

Marine Corps Installations East

Have you ever wondered how your favorite big box store or restaurant chain made it to your town? Perhaps your question was why there are too many of one store and not enough of another. Part of that answer lies in the information gathered during the Census, which is conducted every 10 years to count everyone liv-

ing in the United States. This year, people living in the United States will receive a Census postcard in the mail, between now and March 20. Everyone is required to answer and can do so online, by telephone or mail.

The Census can be confusing for military families who might assume that where they count is tied to their home of record or where they pay taxes. "Some people think because they are here tem-

porarily, they don't need to count here," said Glenn Hargett, staff to the Jacksonville-Onslow Complete Count Committee. Unfortunately, this assumption is damaging to military towns like Jacksonville who depend on millions of dollars in federal funding that support school systems, parks, emergency services and health care. "The truth is that there will be another family here after you leave that can enjoy more quality

of life items as a result of you filling out the Census."

Service members and families who are stationed at MCB Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River should count themselves living in their current city, if that is where you live and sleep most of the time. "The Census number sticks with a community for 10 years, and having the correct count, means it is easier to get the proper resources for the community you're liv-

ing in," said Hargett.

Service members living in barracks will be given a paper based response option and tracked by their unit census coordinator.

Service members stationed here, but deployed overseas will be counted by the DoD using information from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), with the exception of those deployed on a Naval vessel who will be counted on their ship.

You have until July 31 to respond, but Census takers will begin visiting neighborhoods in May for areas with low response rates. Remember, count everyone who lives in your home, regardless of their age or relationship to you. The only exception is for service members deployed overseas who will be counted separately.

For more information on Census 2020, visit www.2020census.gov.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive kicks off on MCB Camp Lejeune



Photos by Lance Cpl. Ginnie Lee

Rita Fountain, right, director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) office on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, gives her remarks during the Active Duty Fund Drive hosted by the NMCRS at the Goettge Memorial Field House on MCB Camp Lejeune, March 9.

BY LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE

Marine Corps Installations East

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune leaders participated in an Active Duty Fund Drive kick-off, hosted by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) at Marston Pavilion on MCB Camp Lejeune, March 2.

Since 1904, the NMCRS, an American

non-profit organization, has provided financial assistance and education, as well as other programs and services to active duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel, retired personnel, eligible family members, widows and survivors through donated funds.

The organization's mission is to "increase Navy and Marine Corps personnel awareness regarding the availability of financial

assistance and other support services administrated by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and to obtain funds essential for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to continue to provide assistance," according to Rita Fountain, the director of NMCRS on MCB Camp Lejeune.

The NMCRS provides services such as quick loans, medical at home visits from nurses, fund-

ing for emergency travel expenses and disaster relief. The organization also offers opportunities for education assistance including interest free loans, scholarships, grants and courses on family budgeting and financial management.

"We provide immediate financial assistance to Marines and Sailors, but we also provide a number of classes for them to bet-

ter understand savings and budgeting for their family expenses," Fountain said. "We want these families to know what resources are available to them so that they may take full advantage of the opportunities we provide."

Marine Corps leaders from across II Marine Expeditionary Force showed their support by making initial pledges.

"We are here contrib-

uting because we lead by example," said Lt. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault, commanding general of II MEF. "We take care of our brothers and sisters and make sure that the families of Marines and Sailors have access to these resources in order to stay mission ready."

For more information or to make a contribution, visit <https://www.nmcrs.org>.



U.S. Marines with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune participate in the Active Duty Fund Drive. The goal of the drive is to make meaningful contact with 100 percent of Marine Corps personnel in an effort to raise awareness and raise funds to disburse to individuals in need.

Camp Lejeune biological technician completes North Carolina Environmental Education Certification Program

BY LANCE CPL. TAYLOR SMITH
Marine Corps Installations East

The Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Michael Regan presented a certificate of completion to Holly Ferreira, a wildlife technician with the Environmental Conservation Branch at the Wildlife Viewing Area on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, March 4.

Ferreira completed the North Carolina Office of Environmental Education (NCEE) Certification Program over a two year span, while simultaneously working full-time as a wildlife technician.

“It really makes us [the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality] feel good to know that citizens from every walk of life, such as wildlife technicians, teachers and park rangers, take the time to look into and learn our curriculum,” said Regan. “They are part of the fabric of the department of environmental quality.”

The program is designed to encourage professional development in environmental education and acknowledge educators committed to environmental stewardship. The program establishes standards for professional excellence in environmental education for formal and non-formal educators.

“The wildlife viewing area has been an ongoing project for a while now,” said Ferreira. “To see the knowledge I learned in the program helping something as big as the installation and the installation’s wildlife, it’s amazing.”

The self-paced program consists of six different components which

include 70 hours of approved instructional workshops, 50 hours of outdoor environmental education experiences, 30 hours of knowledge of environmental education resources and facilities, 30 hours of teaching experiences, 20 hours of community partnership projects and 50 hours of continuing education in environmental education every five years.

“The strenuous requirements for the program show the dedication that people who complete the certification have to have environmental education and stewardship,” said Ferreira. “I traveled all over the state to attend workshops, as we are required to visit facilities in the mountains, Piedmont and coastal plain regions. Some of the workshops brought me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to learn new concepts in detail.”

Once educators earn their certification, they are required to complete 50 hours of continuing education every five years in order to maintain an active status within the program. Once submitted and approved, the educator’s certification will be renewed and will remain active for the next five years.

“When environmental educators pursue professional development opportunities such as this, they can better teach others about the environment and wildlife,” Ferreira said. “Many Marines and their families interact with the environment on a daily basis, so they can greatly benefit from a variety of environmental education programs.”

For more information, visit <https://www.ee-northcarolina.org/certification/about-certification>.



Holly Ferreira, right, a biological science technician with Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune’s Environmental Conservation Branch, is presented a certification of completion by Michael Regan, the secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, at the Wildlife Viewing Area on MCB Camp Lejeune, March 4. Ferreira completed the North Carolina Environmental Education Certification Program which aims to increase environmental literacy, provide practice in environmental education teaching methods and foster community leadership.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Taylor Smith

OFF-LIMITS

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

CAMP LEJEUNE REGION:

Atheas Attics at 420 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington.
Bell Auto Salvage II at 136 Abbots Branch Rd., Hubert.
Best Exxon at 2945 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville.
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
Coastal Smoke Shop
Expressions
Friday’s Night Club (AKA: Club Insomnia, Club Classics, Infinity Lounge)
Flyers at 400 Fontana Blvd., Havelock.
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
MCIEAST Hotline - 451-3928 www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx
TECOM Hotline - (703) 432-1650 www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx
Naval Hospital Hotlines - (910) 450-4240 NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil
MARSOC Hotlines - 440-1045/0941 www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx
New River Hotline - 449-6029.

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MCCS to host 2020 Camp Lejeune Career Fair and Hiring Event April 8, 9

BY LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE
Marine Corps Installations East

Marine Corps Community Services Lejeune - New River (MCCS) will host the 2020 Career Fair and Hiring Event at Marston Pavilion on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune next month.

On April 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the career fair will provide job exploration and educational opportunities to active duty service members, reservists, eligible veterans, military dependents and eligible civilian personnel.

Employers will screen applicants who attend the career fair or pre-register.

Those deemed best qualified will be scheduled for the hiring event. The hiring event, which takes place April 9, is open to those who are invited by the employers for interviews.

"We place importance on these events because it allows active duty service members the advantage of establishing an employment plan for their future during the transition from the military sector into the civilian sector," said Bill Oldenburg, the transition readiness branch manager for MCAS New River and MCB Camp Lejeune.

On April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the hiring event will give people seeking jobs the opportunity to gain employment. Employ-

ers will conduct on site interviews with prospects and establish an employer-employee relationship prior to working together.

"I am thankful that Camp Lejeune cares about the community and provides job opportunities for military spouses," said Sarah Lessard, a military spouse on Camp Lejeune. "Moving around really creates challenges for spouses because many of us do not have job security so I am glad that the Marine Corps community gives us these opportunities to network so that we may help provide for our families."

To pre-register visit <http://campjeunehiringeventapril2020.military-hiringevents.com>.

You are not alone.

Victims' Legal Counsel Organization provides legal advice, resources

BY CPL. KARINA LOPEZMATA
Marine Corps Installations East

The world for many victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, hazing and other crimes under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) can be lonely, isolated and filled with fear.

The Victims' Legal Counsel Organization (VLCO) was established Nov. 1, 2013 in order to provide legal advice and representation to assist victims of crime at all stages of the military justice process.

"Any victim of any crime can come into our office and we can counsel them, inform them about their rights and help them understand what will happen in the court martial proceeding," said Maj. Gregory Funk, a regional victims' legal counsel on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "A victim can be someone [who has] a television stolen from their barracks room, to someone being physically or sexually assaulted; we are here to assist."

The VLCO services are intended for all active duty and reserve service members including retirees, DoD civilian employees and dependents of the previously mentioned eligible members.

In 2016, all branches of the military were directed to represent victims of domestic violence after primarily representing only sexual assault.

Marine Corps VLC are judge advocates, who are highly qualified attorneys with extensive military justice backgrounds, have completed a certified victims' advocacy course and are required to be selected through a sensitive screening process.

With limited exceptions, the VLC attorney is prohibited from revealing information related to any conversation unless given consent from the client. They will assist the client in understanding the military justice system, help guide them through the administrative process and will refer victims to defense, legal assistance or civilian resources when appropriate.

"A lot of our clients

come from Uniform Victim Advocates (UVA) referring them to us," said Capt. Jordan Gibson, a victims' legal counselor on MCB Camp Lejeune. "I think that it is a good first step for victims to feel comfortable going through their UVA and then referred to us to make an appointment. If the victim does not feel comfortable, they can come straight to us."

The VLC attorney represents victims in military justice proceedings including preliminary hearings and a court-martial. They also present facts and legal arguments on their behalf through written pleadings and oral arguments to protect their rights.

"Our primary goal is to do what is in our client's best interest and to make sure all their rights are protected," Gibson said. "We work with our clients to make sure their voice is heard."

For more information or assistance, contact Taliana Diggs, a paralegal at VLCO at **(910) 451-8519**, or visit the VLCO office on MCB Camp Lejeune at Bldg. 403 on L Street.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Haley McMenamin

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, receives a brief during the end of Cyber Fury 2020 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 28. Cyber Fury is an annual training exercise that allows Marines to simulate a series of cyber space attacks by identifying and countering them.



U.S. Marines with 8th Communication Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, collaborate together as part of Team Spartan.

8th Communication Battalion, USCYBERCOM conduct Cyber Fury 2020

BY CPL. STEPHEN CAMPBELL
II MEF Information Group

U.S. Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, (II MIG), and Marine Forces Cyber Command participated in Exercise Cyber Fury 2020 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 17-28.

The exercise put to test the Marines' abilities to hunt down infiltrating adversaries and remove them from government networks. The challenge, doing it all without shutting down the network.

"This exercise is important because we are trying to set a standard for the DCO-IDM [Defensive Cyber Operations-Internal Defensive Measures] Companies in the Marine Corps," said U.S. Marine Corps Staff

Sgt. Christian Booe, a cyberspace defensive operator with Delta Company, 8th Communication Battalion, II MIG. "We've been evaluated on that standard by implementing simulated adversaries whom were taking actions on a live network. This will help us refine our standard operating procedures and get a feel for what that would look like in a real-world scenario."

Defensive Cyber Operations-Internal Defensive Measures, or DCO-IDM's, enable and enhance the warfighting abilities of a Marine commander in an increasingly contested operational environment, including operations in and through cyberspace. These capabilities include defense against computer network attacks, electronic warfare, information operations and military deception.

Simulated adversaries attempted to thwart the Marines through theft of important documents and data, uploading of malicious files embedded in scripts and phishing of participants.

The Marines responded by gathering network traffic and sifted through the data to find anomalies. Once they discovered the anomalies, the Marines would hunt down the adversaries and remove them from the network.

"This was a great training opportunity," said Sgt. Samuel Solberg, a cyberspace defensive operator with Delta Company, 8th Communication Battalion, II MIG. "We got to communicate and work with reservists and we were able to accomplish the mission by combining our different perspectives and skill sets when confronted with a problem."

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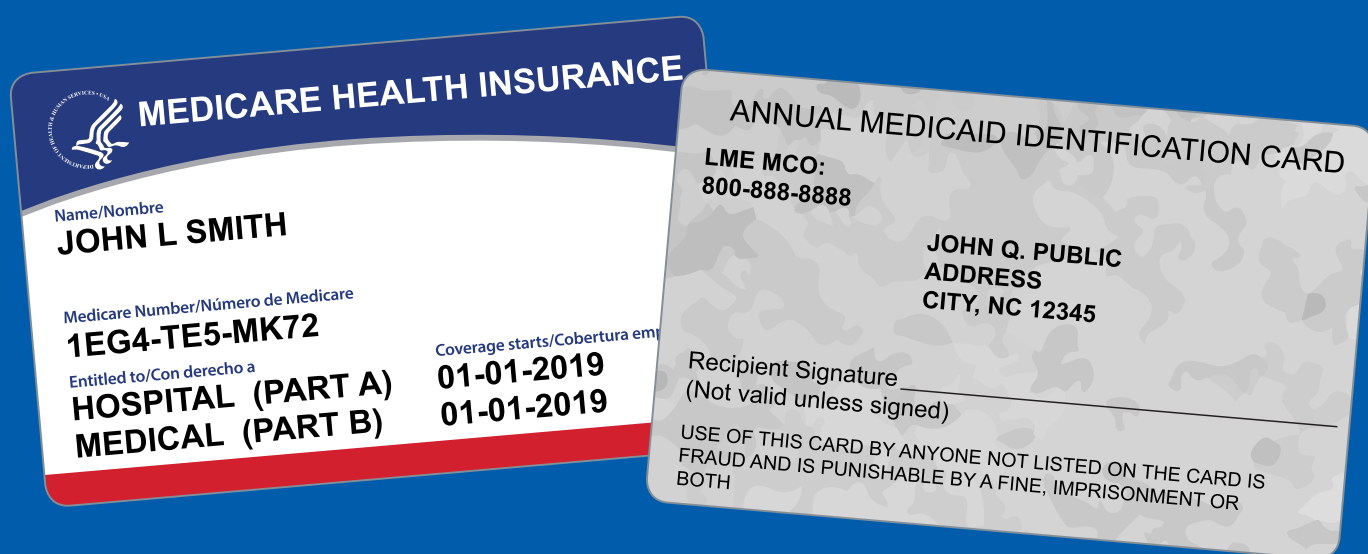
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Intramural hoops: 2d Supply Bn wins Camp Lejeune league title



Photos by Calvin Shomaker

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Tydecian Simmons shoots over the outstretched arm of a 2d Dental Bn defender in the championship game of Camp Lejeune's MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports Intramural Basketball League at Goettge Memorial Field House, March 4.

Lance Cpl. Simmons pours in 27 points and six 3-pointers to lead 2d Supply Bn to victory

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Tydecian Simmons scored a game-high 27 points to lead the 2d Supply Battalion (2d Supply Bn) intramural basketball team past the 2d Dental Battalion (2d Dental Bn) team to claim Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports Intramural Basketball League title at Goettge Memorial Field House, March 4.

U.S. Marine Corps 1st Lt. Brandon Mitchell, coach of 2d Supply Bn, thought his team brought the same fight in the championship game as they had all season.

"They had the effort, they played defense, they executed and they never got rattled," Mitchell said. "That Dental Battalion team is very tough. They were hitting shots, they were solid as well, and I

just think we sat down, played defense and executed."

Simmons netted six 3-pointers and scored 15 second-half points to fend off a comeback attempt from 2d Dental Bn that was spurred by HM2 Jamaal Evans, who scored 15 of his team-high 23 points in the second half.

Evans drilled a pair of 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions from the left wing to cut the deficit to just one point in the final minutes, but 2d Supply Bn played stout defense down the stretch to hold on and win the championship 57-45.

The stellar play from Simmons was a major difference maker as the team's leading scorer carried his team to victory. Mitchell was not surprised at the performance.

"He is big-time ball player," Mitchell said. "He's got big things coming. I would expect to see him probably at the Armed

Forces (Championship) come May."

Mitchell also voiced that participating in MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports' intramural leagues is about more than winning trophies.

"We get a brotherhood," Mitchell said. "We get to do something we love ... I would encourage all battalions and regiments to get out here, be a part of the brotherhood, get in the sport's field of play and see what happens."

Lance Cpl. Eric Beasley joined Simmons in double figures with 14 points as Maj. Labarron McBride and Cpl. Larry Felder chipped in five a piece for 2d Supply Bn, who finished the season undefeated at 9-0.

2d Dental Bn ended the season with a 7-3 record.

	1	2	Final
2d Sup. -	31	26	57
2d Dent. -	24	21	45

57 - 2d Supply Bn (9-0) - Tydecian Simmons 27, Eric Beasley 14, Larry Felder 5, Labarron McBride 5, Shawn Lee 4, Charles Varnon 2

45 - 2d Dental Bn (7-3) - Jamaal Evans 23, Jonathan Criter 7, Nathaniel Holt 7, Stephen Shivers 4, Odell Barley 2, Johnathon Rau 2

For more photos from the game, visit
www.camplejeuneglobe.com/photo_galleries.



The 2d Supply Bn intramural basketball team poses for a photo after their 57-45 win over 2d Dental Bn, March 4.



U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Labarron McBride, right, goes up for a rebound over 2d Dental Bn's HM3 Stephen Shivers in the championship game of Camp Lejeune's MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports Intramural Basketball League at Goettge Memorial Field House, March 4.



U.S. Navy HM2 Jamaal Evans shoots over a 2d Supply Bn defender, March 4.

Season in Review:

LHS athletes have memorable winter



Lejeune High School senior Dean Fecteau, gives LHS swim team coach Dawn Brown a hug during the winter sports awards banquet, March 3.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The Lejeune High School winter sports teams accomplished a great deal this season. Here is a look back at just a few of the teams' highlights from the 2019-2020 season.

Basketball

The LHS varsity basketball teams both had seasons to remember.

The boys' team finished top four in the Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) and made the state playoffs.

Their two go-to players, junior Jaylon Armstrong and sophomore Andrew Navarro, were selected all-conference.

Navarro, who averaged 19 points a game, made the conference's all-tournament team. Armstrong averaged 16 points and 13 rebounds per game to become the third-leading rebounder in North Carolina's 1A class and led the Devil Pups to a 12-12 record.

A year ago, there was no girls' basketball team at LHS, but this season the Lady Pups returned to the hardwood and gave their all for first-year coach Len Tarnowski. The Lady Pups were led by senior

Kayla Lazaro, team MVP, and freshman Katherine Coltey, offensive MVP.

Cheerleading

You could always count on the LHS cheer team to bring the noise and school spirit to the gym no matter what. Without their support, basketball games just wouldn't feel quite right.

Alex Maldonado, Hannah Calli and Madison Williams were recognized as the team's leaders at the end-of-season awards banquet, March 3.

Swimming

In its first year back after a hiatus, the LHS swim team excelled. They took second at the conference meet before seniors Dean Fecteau and Caroline Morgan placed top-six at the 1A/2A East Regional, punching their ticket to the 1A/2A state meet.

At state, Feacteau placed 12th in the 200-yard freestyle as Morgan finished 22nd in the 100-yard backstroke to cap off the inaugural season.

Track

The winter track & field team placed top three at the conference meet

before sending 14 athletes to the 1A/2A state meet.

The boys' team took ninth at state as five athletes earned medals. Kyle Baldwin, the team's track & field MVP, won silver in the pole vault while four other Devil Pups earned top-four finishes.

Members of the girls' team competed at the indoor state meet for the first time ever. Five girls qualified for the meet as pole vaulter Emalee Reynolds, the team's field MVP, and the 4x400 and 4x800-meter relay teams had top 15 finishes.

Wrestling

Six of eight LHS wrestlers competed in the 1A East Regional as sophomore Alex Suszko won silver and sophomore Jacob Livesay placed fourth to make the state tournament.

Suszko, who began wrestling in eighth grade, took bronze at the state tournament and finished the year 22-3 after missing some time due to injury.

Livesay was recognized for pinning an opponent faster than anyone on the team at 17 seconds. Jonathan Spivey won the team's Most Improved award.

Marine wrestlers claim two

gold at Pan-American Championships



Staff Sgt. Stefanowicz No. 3 in the world rankings

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

U.S. Marine Corps wrestlers Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz and Sgt. Raymond Bunker struck gold at the Pan-American Championships that were held in Ottawa, Canada from March 6-9. Lance Cpl. Marciano Ali claimed bronze while representing Puerto Rico at the tournament that brought in some of the best wrestlers from the Western Hemisphere.

As a result of winning their respective weight classes, Stefanowicz and Bunker saw their United World Wrestling rankings spike in the Greco-Roman division.

Stefanowicz's world ranking jumped 29 spots from No. 32 to No. 3 at 82 kg as Bunker climbed up to No. 11 from No. 35



U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz warms up during the 2020 Armed Forces Championship held at Naval Base Kitsap, Feb. 22-23.

at 72 kg.

Overall, Team USA dominated the Greco-Roman competition by

taking gold in five of nine weight classes to finish first in the team standings by a long shot.

LHS softball

team focused on growth in 2020



Lejeune High School sophomore Holly Schmidt makes a throw from second base to third during practice at LHS, March 9.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Lejeune High School's first-year softball coach Jonathan Delle has a simple message for his team this season.

"Learn, don't get down on yourself and have fun," Delle said. "Everything else will fall into place from there."

With a team of just 12 players, a third of which are new to the sport, grasping the fundamentals is first and foremost.

"We have four who have never played before, but they have come in willing to learn anything and everything," Delle

said. "They've been very quick at learning the raw basics ... Their adaptability to grow quickly is really surprising."

The Devil Pups will lean on the experience of their four returning players – Alyssa Caldwell, Abigail Hall, Rylee Guthrie and Isabel Theas – who are striving to create a good team environment.

"I see a lot of collaboration (and) team bonding," Theas said. "I love to see that we are all getting along with each other and no one is bringing any drama to the team. We are all trying to build a family here, and it's really important that we communicate

with each other and keep a good energy going."

Also playing big roles will be shortstop Holly Schmidt and pitcher Autumn Bagley; however, the team will depend on a group effort to find overall growth in 2020.

"It's not just about one player," Theas said. "One player does not make the team. We have to all build together. That's the only way we are going to be a strong team."

LHS opened the season at Northside-Jacksonville on Wednesday and will travel to North Duplin on Friday before hosting Croatan on March 17 and White Oak, March 19.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SGT. AAMIL HALEEM

Sport: Rugby

Team: Camp Lejeune Misfits

Quick Facts:

- Has been playing rugby for over a year
- Was stationed at Camp Lejeune for four years previously
- Jeffersonville, Indiana native
- Is an Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance System Engineer
- Has served in the Marine Corps for five and a half years



Photo and Q&A by Calvin Shomaker

Q: WHAT IS THE STRONG SUIT OF THE CAMP LEJEUNE MISFITS?

A: Teamwork and communication. We are a small team, so we use that to our advantage. We are pretty quick on our feet.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT RUGBY?

A: The contact and the overall camaraderie. It doesn't matter who you are playing with, when you are on the field you are all together. It's one team, one

fight. Overall, everyone has a role. That's what I like about it. It's a team sport.

Q: WHAT KIND OF RUGBY PLAYER ARE YOU?

A: I like to hit hard and I like to hit them fast. I am very physical.

Q: WHAT ARE THE MISFITS LIKE ON THE FIELD?

A: I would say they're physical, probably one of the hardest-hitting teams in the area that play in our league.

Q: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSIDERING PLAYING RUGBY?

A: I'd say just try it. You might like it. It's a different sport. It's foreign to others, so they might be scared of it, but it's not like any other sport out there.

Q: WHAT CAN SPECTATORS EXPECT TO SEE IN THE FORT BRAGG MATCH ON MARCH 21?

A: Some good rugby, some real good rugby.

Sports on TAP

For more information on games, tryouts, special events and exercise classes around MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, check out Sports on Tap each week. To add your activity, call (910) 451-7421. Availability is limited to space. To add your event to our website calendar, visit www.camplejeuneglobe.com.

Inline Hockey League Registration
Now until March 16, Lejeune-New River Sports Offices
Season begins March 23 at the MCAS New River Hockey Rink. Registration forms are available online and must be submitted to the sports office no later than March 16. Sports offices are located at Bldg. AS-4400, MCAS New River and Goettge Field House, MCB Camp Lejeune. Cost is \$150 per team. To learn more, call (910) 449-5844.

Intramural Softball Leagues Registration
Now until March 17, MCAS New River and MCB Camp Lejeune
Season begins April 15. Open to all active duty personnel. Teams must register as a designated unit team. Team registration will not be finalized without a complete packet including command endorsement. To register, visit the sports office at Goettge Field House for the Camp Lejeune League or the sports office at Bldg. AS-4400 for the MCAS New River League. To learn more, visit mccslejeune-newriver.com/sports.

Golf Demo Day
Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune
Try the newest club technology from Callaway, Cleveland Golf, Cobra, Srixon, Ping and TaylorMade. To learn more, call (910) 451-5445.

49th Camp Lejeune Intercollegiate Golf Championship
Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 5, Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune
Register by March 9 for this year's Camp Lejeune Intercollegiate Golf Championship to play alongside student-athletes from collegiate golf teams. Sign up at the Paradise Point Golf Course Pro Shop. The \$125 entry fee includes three rounds of golf, three meals and a tee package, but not cart fees. Format is three-person/best ball two-day total (two collegians, one amateur). NCAA and USGA rules apply. Event is open to the public. Individuals needing base access must contact the Golf Pro for more information at (910) 451-5445.

Run For The Warriors
Saturday, April 4, 6 to 11 a.m., downtown Jacksonville
Run For The Warriors is a national race series dedicated to the men and women injured after 9/11, their families and families of the fallen. The Run For The Warriors race series provides wounded service members encouragement and the opportunity to pursue the sport of running, walking or adaptive cycling to assist in their physical and emotional rehabilitation. Distances vary by event location from half marathon to one mile and can include specialty divisions for adaptive athletes and even four legged friends. All races are adaptive equipment friendly and chip-timed. If you have any questions about any of our Run For The Warriors races, including sponsorship opportunities, contact runinfo@hope-forthewarriors.org.

Thursday Night Scramble
Thursdays beginning April 9, 5:30 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune
Join us every Thursday night for our nine-hole, four-person scramble. Play begins with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. Register individually by 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 per golfer and includes cart and greens fee. Prize fund depends on the size of the field. To learn more, call (910) 451-5445.

Lejeune JROTC partakes in 6th annual Run With Your Heart road race



Photo by Elizabeth Horn Photography
Lejeune High School senior Kyler Roller, center, pushes Gavin Shuler while Niklas Cooper, left, and Dylan Presson, right, carry flags as fellow members of Lejeune High School's Marine Corps JROTC program participate in the 6th annual Run With Your Heart race in Jacksonville, March 7. Able-bodied runners pushed rider athletes in specialized racing chariots as more than 500 people participated in the race. Ainsley's Angels of America, which hosted the event, aims to raise awareness about the special needs community by promoting inclusion in all aspects of life, including endurance races. Runners had options to run a 5k, 10k or 15k race in the event which was the first race of this year's Ainsley's Angels Race Series consisting of 13 events held in 10 different states.



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NCO & SNCO Competitions
12:30PM – 2:00PM
NCO & SNCO Competitions
5:00PM – 6:30PM
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Sgt. Maj. Leiva talks about receiving a pair of tickets to Super Bowl LIV from Carolina Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey courtesy of USAA and the Marine Corps Association & Foundation.

A: The best moment for me, other than the game, was having the opportunity to have a one-on-one with Christian McCaffrey. He was the one that presented me with the tickets, along with the Marine Corps Association & Foundation and USAA ... He was down-to-earth (and) really humble. Great individual.

A: The night before the Super Bowl we got to go to this awards presentation where they recognized the MVP of the year. There were a lot of hall of famers there ... The day of the Super Bowl we got to go to the tailgate party and Pitbull was performing live. I was maybe 15 feet from the stage ... What a great performer. It was awesome.

A: I wouldn't say it surprised me, but it just made me feel so good – the amount of support that all these organizations and so many people have for active duty service members. Not just myself, but for the young individuals that are coming in. The



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Luis "Chino" Leiva is from Queens, New York and has served nearly 30 years in the Marine Corps. He is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, among several others awards and distinctions.

support that USAA, the Marine Corps Association & Foundation and even all these athletes (like) Christian McCaffrey show ... that's one of the things that I appreciated the most.

happens it just gives you a better appreciation that there are still individuals out there that support and admire what you do.

A: I just want to say thank you to Christian McCaffrey, to the Marine Corps Association & Foundation and to USAA who are the big three that made this possible for me and to be able to take my brother. I know they do a lot for the military and I am just thankful that I was one of those individuals that was able to benefit from their kindness.

A: For me, the take-away was the amount of love that is still out there and support for service members. Sometimes we don't have people every day saying thanks for what you do. Not that we look for recognition, but when something like this

"We have a lot of people, almost double the size from last year," said Robbie Morgan, who is projected to play the No. 1 position. "I am hoping we can have a good season and compete with the other good schools in the conference."

Joining Morgan in the top spots are expected to be fellow sophomores Peter Sullivan and Owen Stewart, who also played on last year's team which sent one golfer to the regional and state matches.

According to LHS golf coach Michael Phillips, Shannen Mullen could be one of the top players this season as well. Mullen, the team's lone female, brings match experience to the group having played for LHS two seasons ago.

Filling out the preseason top six are freshmen Micah Velarde and Stephen Benson; however, other players such as Nick Simon and Matt McClane could make the top six before season's end.

All in all, Phillips believes several Devil Pups have a shot to make the 1A State Championship, which will be played at Foxfire Golf and



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

Lejeune High School sophomore Robbie Morgan hits balls at Paradise Point Golf Course's practice range, March 4.

Country Club in Jackson Springs, May 11-12, one week after the East Regional.

Though making the state tournament is a goal for some, Phillips is more focused on making sure his team has fun rather than telling them how to play.

"I know golf," Phillips said. "I'm not a professional golfer, but I know enough I can help them, but I don't try to mess with too much of it. They need to just enjoy it, especially the guys who have never played."

That hands-off approach is something Morgan backed.

vidual game, so you have to learn for yourself," Morgan said. "Some tips here and there are going to be helpful, but it's all up to you to really go out and do it."

Lejeune's first outing is March 16 at The Beaufort Club before a home match at Paradise Point Golf Course, March 23.

LHS will play five more matches across the area prior to the 1A East Regional.

To view the team's match schedule, visit the athletics page via <https://www.dodea.edu/LejeuneHS> or find Lejeune High School at <https://www.MaxPreps.com>.



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EVERY CITIZEN COUNTS

Rally urges community to fill out 2020 census

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

If you live here, you count here.

That was the message Onslow County and City of Jacksonville leaders espoused at a rally at the Onslow County Courthouse, March 9. Census packets will be in residents' mailboxes as of March 12 and the responses to the 2020 census has far reaching economic and civic impact on the local area.

During the last census, a low record caused the area to miss out on roughly \$402 million. A portion of that came from confusion among the military community on how the census tracks things like home of record as well as state residency.

"We lost a large count due to a lot of deployed military as well as those who were afraid of losing their residency," said Sammy Phillips, Jacksonville mayor.

Leaders emphasized that the census does not affect permanent residency.

"We want to remind people that this census is important for the next 10 years moving forward," said Don Herring, chair of Onslow Complete Count, a committee focused on

civic education. "The census does not change residency, home of record or tax status. ... The census will be in your mailbox (March 12). It is the easiest census we have ever had."

For those needing internet to fill out their packet online, the City of Jacksonville and Onslow County urge calling libraries and community centers in the area for access to their resources.

"Remember, if you do not respond, the (U.S.) Census (Department) will have to send someone to your home which ties up resources and money," said Royce Bennett, Onslow County commissioner.

"You can fill it out online ... by telephone or ask for a slip of paper in the mail."

In a show of regional good will, Phillips challenged P.J. Connelly, mayor of Greenville, North Carolina, to see which city has a higher turnout rate. If Greenville wins, Phillips will have to dress as a pirate in homage to Eastern Carolina University.

"We are looking for a 100 percent response rate," Phillips said.

Information on the 2020 census can be found at <https://www.onslow-countync.gov>.



Census rally participants stand ready to march to the USO of North Carolina in Jacksonville, March 9.



Royce Bennett, Onslow County commissioner, addresses media regarding the ease with which the 2020 census can be completed. Bennett made it clear that filling out the census promptly streamlines the process and also made note of community resources available for those seeking to fill out the census online.



Two attendees of the census rally embrace following the march.



Participants in a census rally march to the USO of North Carolina.



Laurette Leagon, Jacksonville - Onslow Chamber of Commerce president, rallies the crowd.

Upcoming films to watch out for this March and April

BY ED SYMKUS
More Content Now

How many movies are released in theaters each year? Well, with the still-new, still-unproven methods of getting movies to viewers being put into practice by streaming companies, that's difficult to answer. But there's little doubt that even though the moviemaking machines are in high gear, less of them are making it to the big screen. Which is a pity for true movie lovers who would rather have the cinema experience over a night on the living room couch.

A search through release schedules ranging from small art house fare to big mainstream productions suggests that approximately 250 films will get some sort of chance in theaters in 2020. The idea here is twofold: to present a hint of what looks to be the most promising of them, and to provide enough of them for viewers to go out to see a new movie once a week. This is part one, with titles opening until Memorial Day. Because schedules may change, they're listed chronologically, but without specific dates. Part two, covering the rest of the year, will appear in May.

MARCH

"The Roads not Taken" - A fever dream of a movie with Javier Bardem as a man losing grip with reality and his challenging relationship with his daughter (Elle Fanning) during 24 hours in New York.

"Deerskin" - A French horror-comedy about a man (Jean Dujardin) who is obsessed beyond rationality with his vintage deerskin jacket.

"Mulan" - An all-Chinese cast stars in the latest cartoon-to-live-action film from Disney, about a young woman who disguises herself as a warrior.

APRIL

"The New Mutants" - Characters in the newest X-Men universe spin-off include Magik (Anya Taylor-Joy), Wolfsbane (Maisie Williams), Sunspot (Henry Zaga), and lots more.

"The Lovebirds" - A comedy about a couple trying to hold their crumbling relationship together and possibly finding a way when they get wrapped up in a murder mystery.

"No Time to Die" - James Bond (Daniel Craig) has retired to Jamaica, but his old CIA pal Felix Leiter (Jeffrey Wright) convinces him to do, you know, one more assignment. The newest Bond girl is Ana de Armas.

"Promising Young Woman" - Carey Mulligan plays a woman whose life took a bad turn, and she's now, via a double-life existence, seeking revenge against all men that she considers wrongdoers.

"Monster Problems" - It's post-apocalypse

horror time, with monsters all over the world, and a young guy (Dylan O'Brien) being coached by a monster-killer mentor and looking for the woman of his dreams.

MAY

"Black Widow" - A flashback story about what Natasha Romanoff AKA Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) was doing



Daniel Craig as James Bond in "No Time to Die." Photo courtesy of MGM Studios

between the Marvel films "Captain America: Civil War" and "Avengers: Infinity War."

"Dream Horse" - A dramatic version of the 2015 documentary "Dark Horse," about a group of Welsh villagers who chip in on, raise, train, and race a longshot horse.

"The Personal History of David Copperfield" -

Dev Patel has the title role in a loose but still faithful reinterpretation of the Dickens novel.

"The Woman in the Window" - Director Joe Wright and screenwriter Tracy Letts adapt the complicated A.J. Finn novel about a child psychologist who believes something awful has happened when her neighbor disappears.

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MOVIE SCHEDULES

CAMP LEJEUNE Bldg. 19 McHugh Blvd.	MIDWAY PARK Bldg. 4014A in Midway Park	NEW RIVER Bldg. A5240 Curtis Rd., Air Station
FRIDAY "The Photograph" PG-13, 6:30 p.m. "Fantasy Island" PG-13, 9:20 p.m.	FRIDAY "Bad Boys For Life" R, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY "Birds of Prey" R, 6 p.m. "The Last Full Measure" R, 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY <u>Free Showing:</u> "The Incredibles" PG, 3:30 p.m. "The Last Full Measure" R, 6:30 p.m.	SATURDAY <u>Half Price Matinee:</u> "Gretel & Hansel" PG-13, 11 a.m. "Dolittle" PG, 2 p.m.	SATURDAY "Fantasy Island" PG-13, 6 p.m. "The Rhythm Section" R, 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY <u>Free Showing</u> "Incredibles 2" PG, 3:30 p.m. "Birds of Prey" R, 6:30 p.m.	SUNDAY No showings Temporarily closed for construction, opening next weekend (date TBD).	SUNDAY "The Photograph" PG-13, 2 p.m. "Gretel & Hansel" PG-13, 5 p.m.

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To submit your event for our online calendar, visit <https://www.campjeuneuglobe.com/calendar>.

Daddy Daughter Date Night
Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

All father figures are welcome to the Jacksonville Youth Center for an evening of dancing and fun. To register and find ticket information, call (910) 938-5312.

New River Preschool Story Time
Mar. 17, 10 a.m.

Get a jump start on your child's reading at the Marine Corps Air Station New River Library with story time for kids age birth to five. For more information, visit <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/libraries>.

Troops to Teachers Information Session
Mar. 19, 1 p.m.

Considering a second career in public education? This seminar will inform you about the teaching profession, the steps required to earn a teaching license and employment opportunities in public education. You will learn about the Troops to Teachers program and how it can work in parallel with your efforts in transitioning to a second career in public education. This event is open to all military, veterans, retirees, guard and reservists.

Retiree Health Care Town Hall
Mar. 19, 2 p.m.

Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune will hold a meeting to update retirees on the latest happenings at NMCCCL in rooms A and B of the first deck. Information includes policy changes and other updates to Department of Defense care facilities for veterans.

Traumatic Brain Injury Expo & Resource Fair
Mar. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 3rd annual Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Expo & Resource Fair returns to Camp Lejeune, March 26 at Marston Pavilion from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be more than 50 organizations on hand to provide TBI-related resources for service members, veterans, caregivers and family members. Need more information? Contact DVBIC Regional Education Coordinator, Deborah Waun at deborah.a.waun.ctr@mail.mil.

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Read Across America keeps reading fun at Brewster Middle School

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

Brewster Middle School celebrated Read Across America with games, book giveaways and a guest speaker, March 5.

The school, which received a grant from the National Education Association and Federal Education Association, centered the day on promoting literacy and keeping kids on the right path when it comes to education. The grant helped provide food as well as over \$900 in book fair money for students.

The day's guest speaker was Dr. Erlinda Dobson who addressed students on the importance of their education. Dobson spent 10 years in Jacksonville as part of the ministry. Prior to that, she faced her obstacles due to what she saw as a lack of education and motivation.

"I dropped out of school in the tenth grade," Dobson said. "I went to an all-black school and all of our books were brought in used... I did not want to read hand-me-down books so I dropped out. I thought I was grown."

Dobson would end up going back to school and found education later in life. She believes that, for middle school students in particular, programs like Read Across America can help with motivation.

"Normally these middle grades are where you can lose kids," Dobson said. "They are at a level where they are listening to peers rather than authority. They are finding themselves. ... If they pick up a negative influence, they are not building knowledge. I want kids to keep learning, reading and studying."



Dr. Erlinda Dobson addresses sixth grade students during Brewster Middle School's Read Across America celebration, March 5.



Students compete in a board game of trivia.



Aiden Buckley takes photos for the yearbook.



Amiya Winston matches authors to books.



A group of students matches authors to books.



Amiya Winston poses for photos taken by peers.



Hope Coyne (left) and Raleigh Marei, dressed as literary characters, set up a book themed game of "Jeopardy!" for students.

Infant Massage Class teaches parents new way to connect with baby



Photos by Pat Gruner
Allison Speer massages her son, 4-month-old Reece, during an Infant Massage Class at the Midway Park Community Center, March 10. The class, which is offered by Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's New Parent Support Program, aims to build bonds between parents and their babies through classes or home visits.

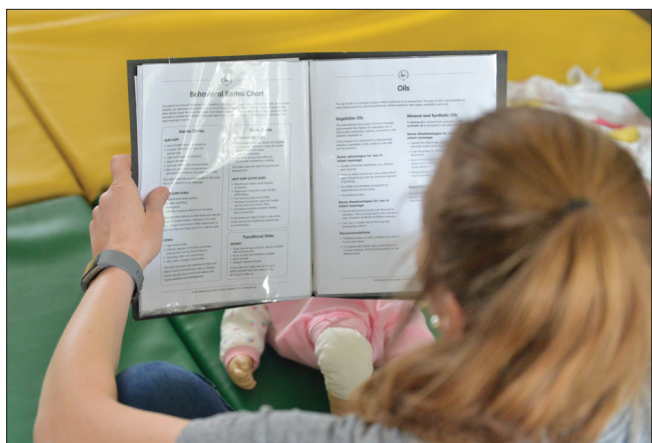
BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

While Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune has its fair share of infantry, a class at the Midway Park Community Center was more focused on the installation's infants. The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) on MCB Camp Lejeune hosted an Infant Massage Class for parents of babies aged six weeks to

six months, March 10. The class was focused on giving parents a new way to bond with and care for their children. "The whole thing for massage is to really build that bond," said Wendy Sandling, a licensed clinical social worker with the NPSP. "When you have skin to skin contact, you are connecting and growing in a whole new way. It is also good for brain development."

The five-week classes are taught on MCB Camp Lejeune as well as Marine Corps Air Station New River to provide a wider swath of availability for parents of small children. Home visits can also be scheduled through the NPSP. "In home visits I have found that it engages the father a lot," said Debbie Cooper, registered nurse with the NPSP. "The class settings can help parents who might

be feeling a sense of isolation to connect with other parents." The course is broken into different "strokes" for keeping a baby engaged and happy, with focuses on separate parts of the body. Each week, new strokes are added while others are reviewed to be implemented into a regular routine. To find the next available course, visit <http://mccslejeune-newriver.com/npsp>.



Julianna Smith looks over class-provided reference materials.

Look out for the future

BY VICTORIA LONG
Marine Corps Installations East

North Carolina school bus safety laws apply on our installations. Motorists are not allowed to pass a school bus, if it is stopped, or in the process of stopping, to pick up or drop off children. All vehicles are required to stop and for those who do not, people

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that all traffic is required to stop for school buses on any two-lane roadways, with or without a median. On four lane roadways with a median, only traffic following the bus must stop. On roads with four or more lanes and a center turning lane, only traffic following the bus must stop. For further guidance on when to stop, please visit www.nc-bussafety.org.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Scott Whiting
According to Base Order 5560.2N, no vehicle is to pass a school bus that is stopped, or in the process of stopping, to pick up or drop off children. Breaking this order will cost a driver a 90-day driving suspension on base.

Onslow County Schools launches "Say Something" system to support safety, mental health

BY PAT GRUNER
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Onslow County Schools (OCS) launched the "Say Something" Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS) for students, March 9. Say Something is a youth violence prevention program provided at no cost to the district. Locally, OCS administrators and "Say Something" response teams at each school have been training with SS-ARS since the fall of this school year, and OCS middle and high school students learned how to use the system during trainings. As of January, 2,364 schools

and school districts are participating in the Say Something system. The Say Something program is for reporting any type of serious concerns about students who are struggling or potentially violent. "Tipsters" can send reports on anything from school threats they've seen or overheard to personal crises including sexual harassment, self-harm and depression. The SS-ARS allows youth and adults to securely submit anonymous safety concerns to help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals before they hurt themselves or others. The

system enables school administrators and law enforcement to create effective interventions and to help prevent threatening behavior. "If a student needs to speak up about a concern, whether it's about themselves or someone else, but they don't know who to turn to, 'Say Something' is here," said Robert Trumbo, executive director of the Center for Safer Schools. "It's a robust system that's always on, always accessible and allows students to voice their concerns anonymously, while making sure their messages are heard by the right adults." SS-ARS provides three

reporting platforms for users to submit tips as well as a crisis center to examine and triage those tips. When credible tips are received, the crisis center will notify school-based representatives, even after hours when tips are life-threatening and require immediate intervention. Students can submit a tip through the online SS-ARS by visiting <https://www.saysomething.net> directly. The free app is available for download from the App Store and Google Play Store, and students can submit tips through the hotline by calling 1-844-5-SAYNOW.

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Dr. Seuss birthday bash celebrates reading

BY SHELLY FIERRO
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Marine Corps Community Services Lejeune – New River held a Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration at Tarawa Terrace Community Center, Mar. 7.

The event brought in children and parents from the area to commemorate the late Dr. Seuss and his legacy with crafts, games, stories and cake.

Children and parents worked together to color pictures and construct

pinwheels, masks and other paper crafts relating to Seuss's beloved stories.

Sean Pittman, Harriotte B. Smith Library programs and library technician supervisor, read "I Am Not Going To Get Up Today" and followed with the classic Dr. Seuss book "Green Eggs And Ham."

Kids, parents and facilitators also sang Happy Birthday for the late author.

Because of the ongoing Harriotte B. Smith Library renovations, patrons are

urged to keep up with the library's website for upcoming events and to visit other local libraries such as the Camp Johnson and MCAS New River libraries, both of which have children's sections.

For more information about events and other libraries, visit <http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/libraries/>. To keep up with renovation updates, follow the library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/camp-lejeunemccs.libraries>.



Sean Pittman, Harriotte B. Smith Library programs and library technician supervisor, reads the book "I Am Not Going To Get Up Today", by Dr. Seuss to event-goers during the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration at Tarawa Terrace Community Center, Mar. 7.



Children, parents and staff sing "Happy Birthday" to the late Dr. Seuss.



A child works on creating a hat from Dr. Seuss's "The Cat in the Hat."



Children play with toys they won while playing a fishing game.



A mother traces her daughter's hand for a craft.



A child dons a hat she made.

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Women's History Month



Admiral
Michelle F. Howard

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Admiral Michelle Howard

Adm. Michelle Howard graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1982 and from the Army's Command and General Staff College in 1998, with a master's in military arts and sciences. In January 1996, she became the executive officer of USS Tortuga and deployed to the Adriatic in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, a peacekeeping effort in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. Sixty days after returning from the Mediterranean deployment, Tortuga departed on a West African training cruise, where the ship's Sailors, with embarked Marines and U.S. Coast Guard detachment, operated with the naval services of seven African nations.

- She received the secretary of the Navy/Navy League Captain Winifred Collins award in May 1987. This award is given to one woman officer a year for outstanding leadership.

- She took command of USS Rushmore in March 1999, becoming the first African American woman to command a ship in the U.S. Navy.

- She became the first African-American woman to attain four-star rank in U.S. military history.

Catching up with a Pup:

EVAN GOVEA, CLASS OF 2017



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Evan Govea graduated from Lejeune High School in 2017. He is currently a junior at California State University Monterey Bay. Govea is studying kinesiology in hopes to work as a sports medicine facilitator for bouldering or rock climbing athletics.

Govea says that for him, being a military child came with the ability to adapt to new en-

vironments and people, as well the maturity to make life decisions that will bring the most benefits to him and his family. Govea says that networking is one area where this has really benefited him.

“Networking helps me with seeking out opportunities for finding careers for my major, which is all about being active both in a literal and figurative sense,” said Govea.

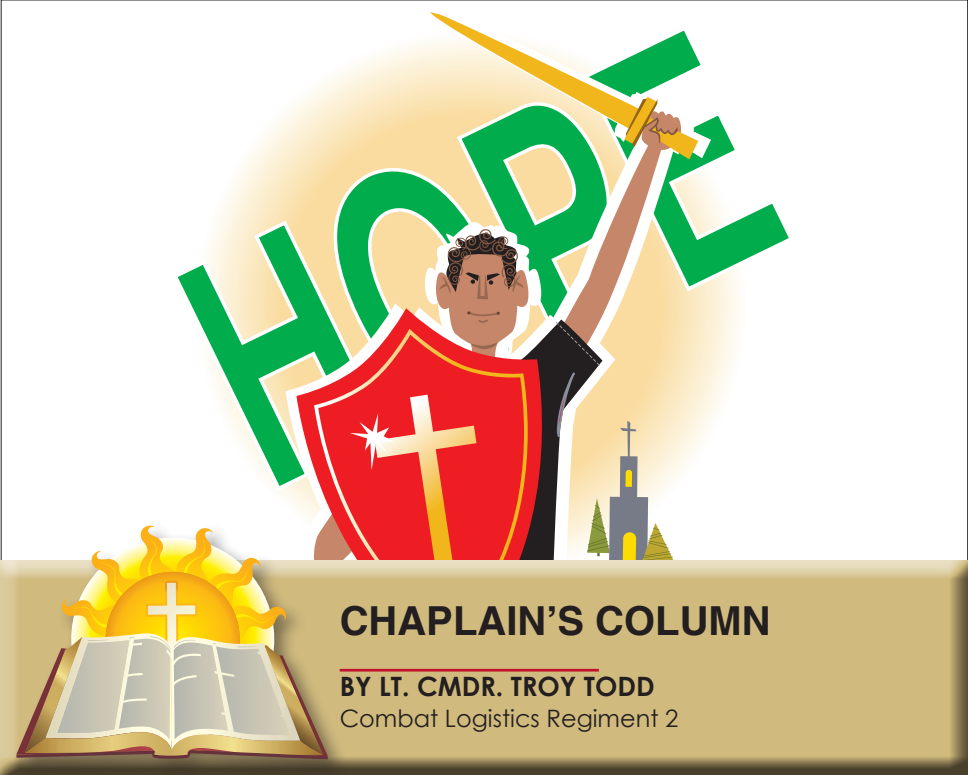
Govea also views college as not just an opportunity to further educa-

tion, but a chance to once again reinvent oneself.

“I’m glad I went into college able to transform myself into whoever I wanted to be because for me, I practically started fresh in a new area of the world,” Govea said.

“My advice for students would be that when our actions are based on good intentions, our soul has no regrets. Don’t be afraid to speak up otherwise you’ll miss the opportunity to learn,” Govea said.

Finding hope to try again



Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to climb Mount Everest. On May 29, 1953, he scaled the highest mountain then known to man - 29,000 feet above sea level. He was knighted for his efforts.

If we only view Sir Edmund Hillary through the lens of success in 1953, we fail to grasp his former struggles and failure. In his book, “High Adventure”, Hillary points out that he had to grow into his 1953 success. A year earlier, in 1952 he attempted to climb Mount Everest, but failed. A few weeks after his failure, a group gathered in England asked him to address its members.

Hillary walked on stage to thunderous applause. The audience was recognizing an attempt at greatness. The audience saw a man who had tried and almost succeeded. That was not Edmund Hillary’s view of himself. He saw himself as a failure.

Instead of basking in the applause, Hillary moved away from the microphone and walked to the edge of the platform. He made a fist and pointed at a picture of the mountain. With a loud voice he said, “Mount Everest, you beat me the first time, but I’ll beat you the next time because you’ve grown all you are going to grow... but I’m still growing!”

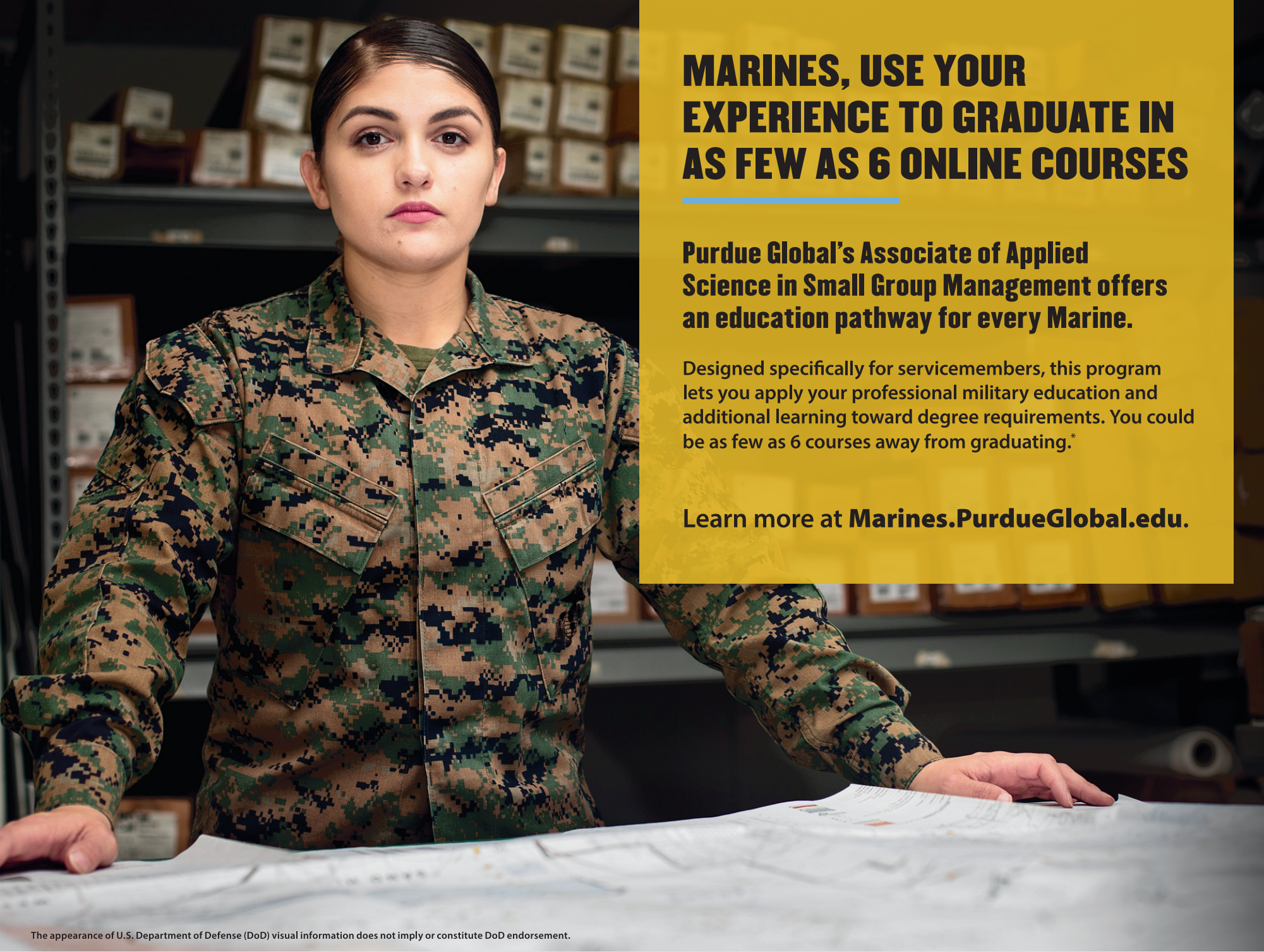
We often face those challenging mountains in our pathway of life, items that seem immovable and stifle our hopes and dreams. Those large problem areas in our lives that confront and test our well-being. Sometimes in our journey through life we focus too much on the problem and not enough on the answer.

To those mountains that appear unconquerable, some may say that we need great faith. The scriptures reveal the size of faith we need, that is,

the faith of a mustard seed. When you see a mustard seed it is small and you don’t immediately think of the hidden potential. We see a mustard seed for what it is and not so much on what it has the potential to become. Those who plant this seed find out that it has the ability within to grow and grow and grow and does not stay the same.

We need a mustard seed type of faith for life, one that is willing to grow and grow and grow as we journey in life through or past those challenging areas. Hillary did not stop with defeat, he kept growing in his desire, ability and determination to reach the top. Don’t give up but press forward with faith that God goes with us each step of our journey. It is not who we are but who we can become with mustard seed faith that keeps growing and not retreating.

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