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2d Tank Battalion conducts historic last change of command ceremony



U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Matthew A. Dowden, center, incoming commanding officer of 2d Tank Battalion (2d Tanks), 2d Marine Division, receives the organizational colors from Lt. Col. Charles D. Nicol, left, outgoing commanding officer of 2d Tanks during a change of command ceremony on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 12. During the ceremony, Nicol relinquished command of the unit to Dowden.

Photo by Cpl. Ashley McLaughlin

2D MARINE DIVISION

2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, held its final change of command ceremony on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, June 12th.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Matthew A. Dowden

relinquished command of 2d Tank Battalion to Lt. Col. Charles D. Nicol.

"It has been an absolute honor to serve in the Iron Horse," said Lt. Col. Nicol. "I have witnessed the strength of this battalion, and I urge you to continue to uphold excellence

through deactivation and beyond. Lt. Col. Dowden has my utmost trust and confidence, and is a clear choice to lead this battalion," he concluded.

In accordance with Marine Corps Force Design 2030, 2d Tank Battalion will be deactivated and divested

this year in stride to optimize the force for naval expeditionary warfare. The historic assumption of command makes Dowden the unit's last commanding officer.

"Taking command of 2d Tank Battalion is a humbling and unique opportunity," said Lt. Col.

Dowden. "2d Tanks has distinguished itself on numerous occasions since its activation in 1936, and I could not be more honored to finish this storied chapter of Marine Corps' history and preserve the legacy of the Iron Horse Battalion."

Prior to assuming com-

mand, Lt. Col. Dowden had previously served as both the operations officer and the executive officer of 2d Tank Battalion in 2011 and 2019, respectively. Most recently, Dowden served with Task Force-Southwest, Afghanistan, as the future plans officer.

2d AA Bn conducts ship-to-shore training



Photo by Lance Cpl. Patrick King

U.S. Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2d Marine Division stage AAV-P7/A1 assault amphibious vehicles prior to conducting ship-to-shore training at Camp Lejeune, June 10. The Marines with 2d AA Bn conducted ship-to-shore training to help recertify the dock landing ship USS San Antonio (LPD-17) and improve capabilities for future deployments.

Isaak Competition: Honor Your Brother

BY LANCE CPL. REINE WHITAKER

2nd Marine Division

In the blistering heat amidst the Camp Geiger woods, U.S. Marines with 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (LAR), 2d Marine Division (MARDIV) tested their mettle during a week-long competition dubbed the Isaak Competition from June 8-12.

The competition, named after fallen Marine Cpl. Garreth Isaak, is an evaluation of an LAR unit's mastery of basic scout skills. It involves a series of both LAR scout knowledge and physical tests to ultimately grant a Marine the title of "Best 0311 Scout in 2d LAR." Issak was a Marine scout who posthumously earned the Silver Star Medal for actions performed during Operation Just Cause in 1989.

"The competition is held annually in memory of one of our fallen, Cpl. Isaak," said 1st Lt. Rico Rodriguez,

the platoon commander with 2d Platoon, Alpha Company, 2d LAR. "It establishes not only who the best scout team is, but also highlights individuals within the competition."

Rodriguez went on to say the Marines participated in a series of events that pushed their minds and bodies to their limits. The competition started with a six-mile hike, three mile obstacle course, combat endurance test, land navigation, and live fire drills.

"The first two days are a lot more physically challenging because we complete a hike and move right into an obstacle course," said Cpl. Joe Sanchez, the Bravo Section leader with 2d Platoon, Bravo Company. "The last two days are testing your knowledge with calling for fire, and firing at an unknown distance."

The competition is an opportunity to challenge the battalion's unit cohesion while also improving overall mission readiness in

a competitive format.

"The events offered us good training," said Sgt. Chase Georgevich, a rifleman and squad leader with Alpha Company, 2d LAR. "Handling the elements and the nature of the competition was a challenge for everyone."

A Marine's score is based on both their individual and team effort. The Marine with the highest overall score received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal after a "warrior's breakfast."

Georgevich was selected as the winner of the competition with a score of 179 out of 200 total possible points.

"I feel very accomplished that all of my hard work and training has paid off," said Georgevich. "It was a proud moment for me to see the Marines put themselves to the test and show what they learned. The Marines were always willing to put their best foot forward when times get tough."



A U.S. Marine with 2d LAR participates in an endurance course during the Isaak Competition.



Photos by Cpl. Alize Sotelo

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Charles Megown, a rifleman with 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (LAR) participates in an endurance course during the Isaak Competition at Camp Geiger, June 8. 2d LAR hosts the annual competition to honor Cpl. Garreth Isaak, a LAR Marine who earned the Silver Star during Operation Just Cause. It aims to develop the unit's combat fitness, proficiency, readiness, and recognize the most proficient scout within the Battalion.

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 Tobacco at 835 Piney Green Road, Jacksonville.
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2d MARDIV conducts **FSCEX**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Patrick King
U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, observe down range during a Battalion Fire Support Coordination Exercise (FSCEX) at Camp Lejeune, June 9. The Marines conducted a FSCEX to sharpen the skills needed to effectively conduct fire missions using mortars, artillery, and aircraft in preparation for future deployments.

Planning and Partnership: British Royal Marine receives Bronze Star

BY SGT. LIAH SMUIN
2nd Marine Division

British Royal Marine Maj. James A. Fuller, a British Royal Marine exchange Officer and the future operations officer with 2d Marine Regiment (Reg.), 2d Marine Division (MARDIV), was awarded the Bronze Star medal in a ceremony at Camp Lejeune, June 3.

Fuller received the award for his contributions and efforts on deployment with Task Force Southwest in Afghanistan from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

"It's a completely unexpected honor," said Fuller. "I know what this award means to the U.S., and to be recognized for what I did at this level is a great honor and I'm humbled."

Fuller served as the assistant operations officer in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and the Resolute Support Mission. During that time he assisted in the planning of numerous partnered missions with the Afghan National Defense Security Forces (ANDSF) and with U.S. Special Operation Forces.

"Without Fuller we couldn't have done what we did in Afghanistan," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael A. Presley, the regimental gunner with 2d Marine Reg., 2d MARDIV.

Presley emphasized Fuller's ability to quickly assimilate into the Regiment as a contributing member of a U.S. Marine staff.

"He was instrumental in us trying to achieve our

objective with Task Force Southwest," said Presley.

Fuller is participating in the Marine Corps Foreign Personnel Exchange Program which gives foreign officers the opportunity to serve with U.S. Marine Corps units as a means of continuing a long-term association among allied military counterparts.

"We're really lucky between the Royal Marines and the U.S. Marines because we have common training together over the years," said Fuller, "but being able to actually live and breathe as a U.S. Marine for two years has been incredible. I've worked with some incredible leaders within the Marine Corps and there's definitely some lessons that I'll be taking with me back to the UK."



Photos by Lance Cpl. Jacqueline Parsons
British Royal Marine Maj. James A. Fuller, the future operations officer with 2nd Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, receives a Bronze Star medal at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, June 3. Fuller received the Bronze Star for his distinctive contributions and efforts as the assistant operations officer with Task Force Southwest 19.1 (TFSW), U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command in Afghanistan. Fuller directly increased TFSW's combat effectiveness and operational reach in Helmand Province.



U.S. Marine Corps Col. Brian Coyne, left, commanding officer of 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, pins a Bronze Star medal on British Royal Marine Maj. James A. Fuller.

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**2D MAW
BAND**



A U.S. Marine with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band marches and plays the bass drums at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, March 19. The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band travels and performs for communities all around the United States. They spend hours learning the music and memorizing marching sequences.

BY LANCE CPL. ALIANNAH BARTOK
Marine Corps Air Station
Cherry Point

When it comes to retirements, change of commands and post and reliefs on Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, there's always something in common, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (2D MAW) Band. Let me take you On the Job with Cherry Point's own.

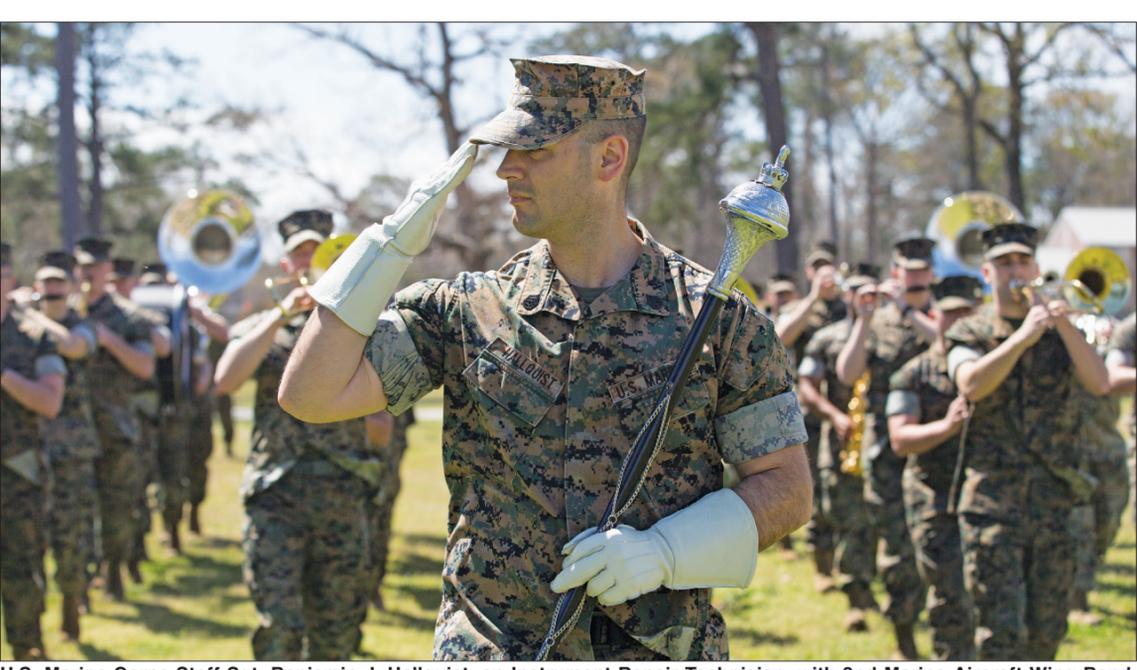
The 2D MAW band has its arms full supplying MCAS Cherry Point with all its musical needs. They spend hours in the rehearsal room fine-tuning their abilities and learning new instruments. But its members are not just playing instruments all the time, they are providing administrative support and even instrument repair.

"We're attached to Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2," said U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Cheyenne K. Kilian, a basic musician, at MCAS Cherry Point. "But we do all of our administrative work."

The 2D MAW Band is a ceremonious band and will often break apart in quartets to provide everyone with live music. They don't just provide music they also provide a show. The marching is the show stopper, the members take steps in precision and perform to a specific degree of excellence. Band members are always ready to perform and have their dress blue uniforms ready to don at a moment's notice.

May and August are the band's busiest times of the year. They practice their drill movements and play loud and clear for everyone to hear. The 2D MAW Band isn't just for MCAS Cherry Point. It plays for the local communities and has even taken tours all around the United States on several occasions. The band has also appeared internationally. It performs at renowned events such as Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana, the 9/11 ceremonies in New York, and the Kentucky Derby and St. Patrick's Day Parades in Kentucky.

2D MAW Band's reputation is a notable asset of MCAS Cherry Point.



U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Benjamin J. Hallquist, an Instrument Repair Technician, with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band, salutes while leading the band. Hallquist one of two drum majors that lead the band while marching during ceremonies.

DUTY has no friends

BY LANCE CPL. JACOB BERTRAM
Marine Corps Air Station
Cherry Point

The word duty may strike fear into the hearts of many Marines far and wide. From your first night at one of the Marine Corps' recruit training depots, many Marines get their first taste of duty in the form of being woken up in the middle of their much sought after rest and being told, "Hey wake up and get dressed, you've got the next fire watch." From those moments on, the importance of duty is reinforced through practice and familiarization of every Marine's general orders.

"Ask any Marine to say their general orders and they'll be able to list them off for you," said U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Joseph Mihalko, an air traffic controller assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. "Even if they hit their end of active service date ages ago, a Marine will still probably be able to recount them to you or share with you some of their own experiences while on duty."

Duty is usually broken down into the duty non-commissioned officer (DNCO) and the assistant non-commissioned officer (ADNCO), most commonly a non-commissioned officer and a junior Marine respectfully. The job of the DNCO and ADNCO is to maintain good order discipline at their appointed places of duty, most likely at one of the many on-base barracks.

To help keep good order and discipline and to ensure the safety of the Marines and Sailors that live within the barracks, the DNCO and ADNCO check the identification of all who enter the building to ensure that is in fact their place of residence as well as checking in all visitors and checking in on them at regularly timed intervals. These Marines and Sailors also enforce things such as quiet hours, making sure all parties or loud music end by a certain time period, and Marine Corps regulations such as the grooming standard and the proper wear of civilian attire.

"You never know what exactly you'll encounter or have to handle while you're standing barracks duty," said Mihalko.

In charge of the DNCO and ADNCO is the command duty officer (CDO), either a commissioned officer or a staff non-commissioned officer. The job of the CDO includes roving different parts of the installation and checking on the different Marines on duty making sure they're awake and alert and doing their jobs correctly.

Duty lasts various lengths of time depending on the post. For barracks duty, the most common is 24 hours. This ensures that the post is stood at all times, 365 days a year.

"For me the most difficult part of duty is the lack of sleep," said Mihalko. "It can sometimes be challenging to stay awake and make sure you're alert enough to be able to handle whatever may happen."

While being on duty isn't always the most exciting way to spend a full day it serves a very important purpose across the military. Next time your home for the holidays be sure to think of the Marines and Sailors that stayed back to keep your home away from home safe and always remember, duty has no friends.

The Battle of Belleau Wood

June 1- June 26, 1918




Captain Lloyd W. Williams

"Retreat? Hell, we just got here!"

The Germans surrendered to the U.S. Marines on June 26, 1918 after losing six battles.

Marines suffered great losses in one of the most important battles of World War I, with 9,777 casualties and 1,811 deaths.

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Freedom Fight IV tentatively moved to Oct. 30

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission has tentatively moved its fourth annual Freedom Fight, a USA Boxing sanctioned event originally slated for this summer, to the evening of Oct. 30 at Northside High School in Jacksonville amid concerns over COVID-19. JOSC Executive Director Scott Smith said that date is dependent upon factors such as cases of COVID-19 subsiding and a return to normalcy.

Last year's Freedom Fight featured 13 three-round bouts between amateur boxers from outside the state who competed against local talent, including six U.S. Marines, in divisions varying between elite, intermediate and youth.

The event is held in partnership with the All-Marine Boxing Team Alumni and coincides with the team's hall of fame weekend and reunion. Last year's notable Freedom Fight attendees included Jamel Herring, a former Camp Lejeune Marine and current World Boxing Organization Junior Lightweight Champion, and former Army boxer James Smith, a World Boxing Association Heavyweight Champion.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, visit www.playjosc.com. General admission cost is \$10.



Ariana Parra (left) of Elmo's Gym in Jacksonville fights Annett Nino-Fernandez, a U.S. Marine, at the third Freedom Fight that was held at Northside High School in Jacksonville, June 2, 2019.

Photo by Calvin Shomaker

My top three: Stories of the 2019-2020 Lejeune High School sports year



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

Lejeune High School graduate Devin Morley caught a touchdown pass and an interception in Lejeune's 62-0 win over Jones Senior last fall.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

With the school year officially coming to a close last weekend, I couldn't help but reminisce on all the great things that the Devil Pups accomplished athletically this past year. Many of the Lejeune teams hit milestones and attained goals to be proud of. I could pick nearly a dozen moments from this past year that were memorable for different reasons; however, I've narrowed it down to these three top three stories of the 2019-2020 LHS sports year.

3. Lejeune swim team returns

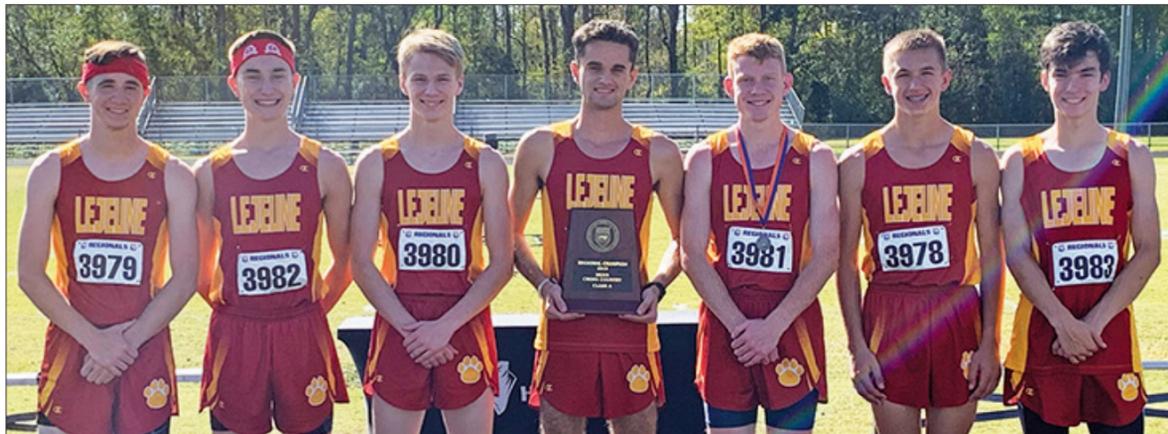
After more than a 10 year hiatus, the Lejeune High School swim team returned thanks to a collective effort from students, parents and the leadership of LHS and Camp Lejeune Community Schools.

The Devil Pups excelled in their first year back in the pool, finishing second at the conference championships. Seniors Caroline Morgan and Hannah Velarde each won gold medals at conference before joining six of their teammates at the 1A/2A East Regional. Morgan and fellow senior Dean



Photo by Lauren McClane

LHS graduate Dean Fecteau was one of two Devil Pups to compete at the state swimming championships this year.



Courtesy photo

The Lejeune High School boys cross country team won its fifth straight 1A East Regional title in November, 2019. Pictured from left to right are Niklas Cooper, Dylan Presson, Tyler Gilman, Noah Tungett, Nicholas Presley, Preston Berthold and Tyler Shelton.

Fecteau capped off the memorable season at the state championships.

2. Cross country boys win fifth straight regional

Nicholas Presley won silver, Tyler Shelton placed sixth and Niklas Cooper finished ninth to lead the LHS boys cross country team to a fifth straight 1A East Regional title in November, 2019.

"You won't find a group who works harder," Coach Bronwyn Schwend said of the team prior to the regional, coming up just short of their own fifth straight regional title.

The LHS girls team finished second at the regional, coming up just short of their own fifth straight regional title.

1. Lejeune football

wins first game since 2015

Lejeune's 62-0 win over Jones Senior on August 23, 2019 was a special night. Everything went the Devil Pups' way as they routed the Trojans for the program's first win since 2015, a proper send off for the seniors. It was their only win of the season, but the monkey was off their backs, and sometimes it only takes

one outstanding moment to make an athlete's season, or even their career.

Honorable mention:

Kyle Baldwin wins silver in pole vault at 1A/2A indoor state track meet as the boys team finishes ninth overall; Alex Suszko wins bronze medal at the 1A state wrestling tournament; Girls' indoor track team makes state meet debut.

ESPN airs 'Return of Sports' Special



BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

ESPN held a SportsCenter Special titled "The Return of Sports" on June 15 to talk with league commissioners and pro athletes about the resumption of play as well as social change. Here's a look at where the leagues stand on play resuming.

Host Mike Greenberg led off the program by talking with MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, who is not one hundred percent certain there will be a baseball season. Manfred said he was "not confident" there will be a season due to an impasse between the league and its players association.

The NHL has a return to play plan set to tentatively begin in August at two hub cities. The top four seeds in each con-

ference will play a round robin series for seeding while the remaining 16 teams will play a best-of-five play in round prior to a traditional Stanley Cup playoff.

The MLS has a World Cup-style tournament planned for July 8 through August 11 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World. The event will consist of three group stage matches prior to a 16-team single elimination tournament. The league plans to hold a regular season in its home markets this fall.

The National Women's Soccer League will be the first team sports pro league to return in the U.S. with a Challenge Cup featuring all nine teams in a 25-game tournament held in Utah, June 27-July 26.

The NBA plans to host 22 teams at Walt

Disney World beginning July 30. Eight regular season games will be played followed by a traditional 16-team playoff. Commissioner Adam Silver said the draft is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 15 and he hopes a new regular season will begin in December.

The WNBA plans to hold a 22 game regular season followed by a playoff at the IMG Academy in Florida beginning July 24.

The NFL okayed the reopening of team facilities, May 19. The regular season is scheduled to begin Sept. 10.

Additionally, NASCAR resumed racing on May 17 and will allow a limited number of fans to attend the All-Star Race at Bristol Motor Speedway, July 15.

The PGA Tour resumed play without fans at the Charles Schwab Challenge, June 11-14.

Softball Points Derby set for Camp Lejeune and New River



Graphic courtesy of MCCS Lejeune-New River

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports branch is hosting a free Softball Points Derby for active duty military personnel on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, July 7-10. The derbies will be broken down into 15 minute time slots with 10 batters per slot in order to limit the number of people on the field and abide by social distancing.

Each batter gets 13 pitches with three to waste and 10 that count. Home runs count four

points, balls to the fence or warning track count three points, balls to the outfield count two points and infield hits count one point. If there is a tie, contestants will advance to day two for a five pitch sudden death tiebreaker.

The Camp Lejeune Derby will begin July 7 with available time slots from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The New River Derby begins July 9 with slots available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. First and second place in both female and male divisions will be declared for each derby. Spectators are welcome to attend but should

socially distance or wear masks. Contestants should bring their own pitcher.

Register for the Lejeune Derby at the Camp Lejeune Sports Office at Goettge Memorial Field House or by calling (910) 451-7210. Register for the New River Derby at the New River Sports Office, Bldg. AS-4000, or by calling (910) 449-5844. The registration deadline is July 6.

For more information about the derbies and other sports happenings on base, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/sports or find MCCS Lejeune New-River on Facebook.

3 Day Golf Mini Camps

Various dates throughout the summer, Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

The next session for ages 10-12 is June 22-24 and July 6-8 for ages 6-9. There are two sessions for each age group per month through August. All skills levels are welcome. Participants get to play on the course the third day. Cost is \$40 per child. Space is limited. Open to the public. For more information or to register call (910) 451-5445.

Customer Appreciation Day

Every Thursday, all day, Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

Enjoy an 18-hole round of golf for just \$23 with a cart included each Thursday on Customer Appreciation Day. Golfers should be aware of the social distancing rules implemented by the course. For more info, call (910) 451-5445.

\$5 Fridays Archery Day Pass

Fridays through July 3, 10:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m., McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex, R-100 Old Sawmill Rd, MCB Camp Lejeune

Take advantage of this five dollar Archery Day Pass special on Fridays. Special does not include a bow rental. Event is open to all authorized patrons and their guests. Remember to use proper social distancing measures. For more info, call (910) 451-3889 or visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/shoot.

Firecracker Open Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 4, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

Celebrate Independence Day on the golf course. Cost is \$10 per person or \$30 for a three person team plus cart and greens fee. Players can form their own teams or register individually and the golf staff will assist in finding teammates. Teams

will be pre-flighted based on combined handicap index. The format is nine holes alternate shot and nine holes scramble. Register by 5 p.m. on June 29 by calling (910) 451-5445.

Paradise Point Open

Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. to July 12 at 2 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

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Congratulations Lejeune High School Class of 2020

LHS holds curbside diploma presentation and virtual graduation for seniors as parents organize cruise



Photos by Calvin Shomaker

Lejeune High School graduate Antonio Barrios FaceTimes his father for a photo opportunity at the LHS curbside diploma presentation held at Brewster Middle School, June 12. LHS aired a recorded online virtual graduation ceremony following the diploma presentations. On Saturday, a parent-organized Senior Cruise parade was held on Camp Lejeune to celebrate the class.



LHS assistant principal Brian Snoddy, left, announces Kaitlyn Day's name at the curbside diploma presentation, June 12.



LHS graduate and class valedictorian Sophia Harding poses for a photo with retired principal Eric Steimel during the curbside diploma presentation, June 12.



Attendees of the curbside diploma presentation wave goodbye to the Class of 2020.



Lejeune High School graduate Abigail Paquin, senior class president, shakes the hand of LHS principal Dana Sutherland during the curbside diploma presentation at Brewster Middle School, June 12.

Graduation weekend capped off with Senior Cruise



Lejeune High School graduate Hannah Velarde waves to attendees of the parent-organized Senior Cruise, June 13.



Lejeune High School graduate Kayla Lazaro smiles for the camera during the parent-organized Senior Cruise, June 13.

Vandergrift native named MCMPAAP Civilian Marine of the Year

BY LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS GUEVARA
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Chris Baker, deputy G-1 operations officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force, received the 2019 Marine Corps Manpower, Personnel and Administration Awards Program's Civilian Marine of the Year award at Camp Lejeune, June 11.

This award is presented to a civilian working for the Marine Corps for their exceptional work and accomplishments.

"It's a true honor and very humbling," said Baker, a Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, native. "While this is an individual award, it really is team oriented and I wouldn't have been able to do what I've done without the team around me."

Baker coordinates the movement of personnel for 11 different rotational missions, as well as sourcing approximately 6,000 personnel to various manpower requirements, which is equivalent to 14% of II MEF. As a lead architect, Baker received the award for his work in supporting II MEF's force of 40,000 assigned personnel by sourcing 6,000 service members to various missions and ensuring units deployed at home or abroad were properly manned to execute their assigned missions. Baker also supported II MEF as an advocate at service-level coordination meetings, where he acted as an am-

bassador for his command.

"The most enjoyable part about what we do is being able to be a part of this team," said Baker.

"It's great to interact with all the individual personalities around here and form them into a team that's able to take the general's guidance and be able to execute it and be able to provide feedback to him when necessary."

After graduating from Kiski High School, Baker enlisted in the Marine Corps. Now a Marine Corps veteran, Baker uses his prior experience to understand his role and further develop himself in a leading manpower position.

"The main thing that I brought from my prior knowledge is you have to understand how a unit functions," said Baker.

"From there, you can understand what people they may need or what pieces are missing and be able to articulate that back to the planners so they can execute their mission intelligently."

"Civilian Marine" was first used by Commandant of the Marine Corps General Charles Krulak in 2000. It has since come to denote the important role the civilian workforce provides to the Marine Corps.

For more information about the 2019 Marine Corps Manpower, Personnel and Administration award recipients, see Marine Administration Message 064/20.



Chris Baker, deputy G-1 operations officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force, his wife Jenice, and two daughters Kennedy and Avery, pose for a photo during an award ceremony at Camp Lejeune, June 11. Baker received the 2019 Marine Corps Manpower, Personnel and Administration Awards Program's Civilian Marine of the Year award, which is presented to a civilian working for the Marines Corps for their exceptional work and accomplishments.

Bob Feller Act of Valor Award Foundation opens 2020-2021 scholarship applications

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

The Bob Feller Act of Valor Award Foundation has announced their 2020-2021 education tuition assistance program for qualified military dependent students, veterans and service members seeking post-secondary education. The foundation will provide

scholarships designed to provide financial aid to the aforementioned qualifiers according to the program's guidelines.

The first scholarship is designed for an individual enrolled in an accredited high school or GED program and on track to graduate. Students enrolled in a college, university or technical/vocational school who have not

completed more than 21 college credits are eligible. College credits earned in a dual enrollment program while in high school are not counted towards one's credit total.

The second scholarship is for veterans or active service member enrolled in a nationally or regionally accredited college, university or technical/vocational school. Applicants must be

on a successful graduation track towards a vocational/technical, associates or bachelor's degree.

The deadline to submit scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 school year is Sept. 1.

Recipients will be notified by mail and recognized at the annual Bob Feller Act of Valor Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 19.

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Lance Cpl. Jacob Bertram



The Passing Marine

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

BY LT. DANIEL A. CHESTER
2nd Marine Logistics Group



Photo by Cpl. Alexa M. Hernandez

U.S. Navy Capt. Denis Cox, the chaplain of 1st Marine Division, right, speaks to Gunnery Sgt. Chad Pulliam on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, May 19. Chaplains are the military's religious leaders, responsible for tending to the spiritual and moral well-being of service members and their families.

Leaving hospital rooms is always a mix of emotions. There's the fulfillment of having had the opportunity to minister to a Marine in need. At times there lingers the question as to whether the ministry delivered was the ministry really needed. And still other times leave certain questions unanswered entirely. Such is ministry. Such is chaplaincy.

In the Christian tradition the "why" of ministry is inherent in our faith. Ministry, by definition, is service. We serve others with the same care we ourselves have received from our Lord. The "how's" of ministry can prove more complex. What is our role right now in a Marine's life? Are we primarily pastors? Counselors? Care Coordinators? Friends? The one person who's ever listened? Family liaison? Communication facilitator? Or perhaps several of these all at once?

All these thoughts rush at us in the moment, but also before and after we visit with a Marine. Upon departing from a hospital room on one occasion, with the Marine's very life possibly in the balance, I prayerfully considered my role. I asked the Lord to give me wisdom for the days ahead, which would be touch and go with test results, doctors' recommendations, and decisions to be made by the Marine and his family.

I had missed a meeting to visit my Marine, and my mind drifted to getting the info I had missed being passed. As I moved down the

P-way to the elevators that would take me to the lobby and out to my car I looked up just in time to see a Marine sitting on a bench, looking worried, chewing a fingernail, looking vacantly off into the distance. I keep walking, because I'm an officer and have meetings and metrics to attend to. But then, almost as if commanded from someone stirring in my heart, I stop. I turn. The Marine looks up, sees my lieutenant's bars on the right side of my collar, and tenses. I turn toward him, where my cross can contradict the effect. He looks up, eyes red. I ask, "Hey, how are you doing?"

A conversation follows. Connection. We talk about life, about Lincoln, NE, about a girlfriend, a stress fracture that won't heal.

We talk about coping with stress. We talk about resources. We talk about where God fits into any or all of this, if He exists at all in this Marine's life. The chaplains, and the Marines and somewhere in the mix ministry occurs. We make a plan for follow up, with his chaplain involved. I continue down the p-way and out of the building, having now missed two meetings, but having met and ministered to two passing Marines.

***Note: The above are reflections of actual ministry that took place in different contexts with hypothetical, but quite common, presenting stressors. To my knowledge I've never counseled anyone from Lincoln, Nebraska.**



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