



## Travel worldwide as MSG



CPL. MELONEY R. MOSES

Marines graduate from Marine Security Guard School and prepare to move on to their respective posts to guard American embassies in nine regions worldwide.

### Embassy security guards search Cherry Point for volunteers

PFC. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

The Marine Corps Embassy Security Group gave briefings to Cherry Point Marines at the station chapel Sept. 14 in search of Marines interested in becoming embassy security guards.

Marine security guards are tasked with providing security for more than 150 American embassies around the world.

"They have to be able to work in an independent environment, have initiative, be self starters, self motivators, and independent thinkers," said Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kimble of MCESG. "Some people say MSG duty is the best kept secret in the Marine Corps, and we want to change that. We want people to take advantage of the program and accelerate their careers."

In order to apply, a Marine must be eligible for a top secret security clearance, be financially stable, complete a physical fitness test and combat fitness test, have no history of alcohol or drug abuse, and have a high degree of maturity, judgment, and moral character. Sergeants and below must be single, while staff sergeants and above may have up to three dependants.

If accepted, sergeants and below take part in an intense, seven-week course, and the staff noncommissioned officers have an eight-week course. While at the school at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., the Marines are taught how to keep an overseas embassy secure. Once on assignment, it is a category B military operational speciality or "B billet" for staff NCOs and a special duty assignment for sergeants and below.

Staff Sgt. Daisy Valencia, who is on the group's recruiting, advertising and screening team, believes that it is a good opportunity for the Marines who apply.

Valencia explained that Marines get the benefit of traveling the world to places most Marines never experience. There is normally more time to take advantage of educational opportunities while on guard duty.

The living conditions provided by the Department of State are very attractive as well, added Valencia.

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## Newly planted trees



CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO

(Left to right) Ruan Stewart and William Potter, environmental affairs department employees, plant a tree near the temporary enlisted quarters aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Sept. 24. Teams of EAD workers and volunteers planted 28 trees at seven different locations aboard the air station in accordance with National Public Lands Day. National Public Lands Day is recognized Sept. 25, when an estimated 150,000 volunteers around the nation build trails and bridges, pull invasive weeds, plant trees, and remove trash to support the environment.

## Marines volunteer at New Bern 300th



MASTER SGT. RITA M. DE SANNO

(Left to right) Cpls. Jeffery J. Luna and Benjamin M. Wescott prepare breakfast for nearly 500 people during the New Bern 300th Jubilee celebration Sept. 19. Luna and Benjamin are food service specialists with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271.

CHRISTINE SMITH  
NEW BERN SUN JOURNAL

After festivities built to a crescendo Sept. 18, the quiet, calm events at Union Point Park on Sept. 19 provided perhaps the perfect punctuation for New Bern's 300th Jubilee celebration.

The park was a peaceful setting on a cloudless late summer morning for nearly 500 people who enjoyed breakfast, cooked up especially for the celebration by 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271.

"It was very good. It was delicious," said Karen de Graffenreid Higgins, of Hoover, Ala., a descendent of Baron Christopher de Graffenreid, the city's founder. "We had great weather and great company also."

The breakfast event also provided an opportunity for community members and celebration organizers to relax, laugh and enjoy each other's company. As the Marines cooked in an outdoor kitchen, Rotarians served up plates of eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, juice and coffee.

For the Marines, this kind of service to the community is a welcome diversion from regular duties and a chance to interact directly with civilians. They normally cook for up to 1,500 Marines at once, sometimes in difficult conditions. For this group of Marines, breakfast in the park meant coming out the night before, camping out on site, and rising bright and early to get everything ready.

"It makes me feel good. We get to go outside our realm of working for Marines all the time, and it was good because people said they really liked it," said Cpl. Michael Redd, food service specialist with MWSS-271. "We actually had fun with it too."

The Jubilee weekend concluded with a community gathering overlooking the Neuse River as sailboats glided

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## MWSG-27 enlisted leadership change hands

CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Marine Wing Support Group 27 welcomed Sgt. Maj. Michael E. Sprague and bid farewell to Sgt. Maj. Henry A. Prutch II in a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Sept. 24.

The ceremony commenced with the traditional passing of the noncommissioned officer sword from Prutch to Col. Daniel Conley, commanding officer of MWSG-27, to the incoming sergeant major. The passing of the sword symbolizes the transition of the unit's senior enlisted leadership.

Sprague served as the sergeant major of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training and said he has high expectations for himself.

"I am thrilled to be here, but to be honest there is one thing I am scared of," Sprague said. "I know Sgt. Maj. Prutch and the type of Marine he is. I have huge shoes to fill and have my work cut out for me."

Prutch served three years as the MWSG-27 sergeant major, arriving in 2007, and will assume duties as the sergeant major of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Foward).

As the ceremony progressed, the sergeants major spoke of each other while addressing the audience, and Prutch talked about how this ceremony wasn't the first time they worked together.

"I first ran into Sprague when we were



CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO

(Right) Sgt. Maj. Henry A. Prutch II shakes Sgt. Maj. Michael E. Sprague's hand during Marine Wing Support Group 27's relief and appointment ceremony Sept. 24. Prutch will assume duties as sergeant major of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Foward).

in Fallujah as first sergeants," Prutch said. "It was there where I realized what Sprague is capable of and it allows me to say that these Marines here are in good hands."

Prutch thanked the Marines of MWSG-27 and praised them for the past three years.

"The Marines here have done exactly what I expected of them to do," Prutch

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## VMA-223 welcomes new sergeant major

PFC. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Marine Attack Squadron 223 welcomed a new sergeant major and retired their former senior enlisted Marine during a ceremony in the VMA-223 hangar Sept. 24.

Sgt. Maj. Steven P. Brunner relieved Sgt. Maj. Reginald E. Kier of his last post in the Marine Corps.

Kier said he is confident about Brunner's abilities and the squadron's willingness to work with their new sergeant major.

"He's going to be an asset to the squadron," said Kier. "This is his first time on the East Coast, but he's coming into the squadron field with enthusiasm. He's going to keep pushing the squadron forward. He's an awesome sergeant major."

Brunner is expanding the boundaries of his experience in his new post. This is the first time he has ever served with an aviation unit. Even so, Brunner said he is eager and excited to meet this new challenge.

"I think I'm going to work



PFC. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Lt. Col. John K. Adams observes the pass and review of Marine Attack Squadron 223 during the relief and appointment ceremony at the unit's hangar aboard MCAS Cherry Point Sept. 24. During the ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Reginald E. Kier retired from his post after 30 years of active service in the Marine Corps. Sgt. Maj. Steven P. Brunner replaced Kier to become the 37th squadron sergeant major of VMA-223.



very well here," said Brunner. "Even though I don't have the background, my background is infantry, Marines are Marines. Regardless of the unit, Marines are the same everywhere you go. I'm excited to

be here, I asked to come here to the aviation community. I'm extremely impressed with what I've seen thus far with how hard the Marines work. I

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# Workin' at the car wash



CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO

Lance Cpl. Kyle J. Herrewig advertises his unit's car wash near the Sales Lot on Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Sept. 15 to collect money for its Marine Corps Ball observance. Herrewig is a multiplex radio operator with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28.

## From the **Chaplain:** Called to serve

**CMDR. ROBERT BEEDE**

DEPUTY 2ND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING CHAPLAIN

A long time ago, in a place far, far away, I was ordained into the ministry. It was over 29 years ago last Wednesday (just a short while after the movie Star Wars came out). I was newly married, fresh out of seminary and called to a little church in Colorado. I was ready to minister!

A few years later my wife and I had a baby boy, and shortly after that we felt God was leading us to leave Colorado and begin a new chapter in our lives serving God's people in the Navy. During the years I've served as a chaplain, we had a baby daughter, traveled to many parts of the world and ministered to Marines, Sailors and civilians aboard ship, in air squadrons, chapels, hangar bays and hospitals.

It has been an exciting 29 years sharing the joy of marrying couples and baptizing their families and sharing their sorrow as I help bury their loved one. It has been an immense privilege to have people come to me for counseling, as they open their hearts and share their burdens with me looking for comfort and direction.

I feel it is an enormous honor to be a chaplain, and I'm thankful to be in the ministry. It is a chaplain's calling to serve you, and on behalf of our chaplains I would encourage you to stop by and see the chaplain of your unit or greet them as they come through your space. We are here to help you and serve you.

## Legal Assistance:

*Other Provisions of The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act*

**CAPT. A.F. DE BRUIN**

JUDGE ADVOCATE, MCAS CHERRY POINT

Last week we discussed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, known also as the SCRA, and the provision that allows service members to terminate residential leases in certain situations. Residential lease termination is only one portion of the act. The overall purpose is "to provide for, strengthen, and expedite the national defense through protection extended by this act to service members of the United States to enable such persons to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the nation." The bottom line is that our nation wants to limit what you worry about back home while you are fighting overseas. This article covers other protections of the law that should take a load off your mind during deployment.

The SCRA states that without a court order, landlords or people working for a landlord may not evict a service member or the service member's dependents during a period of military service. In order to qualify for the protection the residence must be occupied as the primary residence, and the rent cannot exceed \$2,400 per month. This is a pretty low standard to meet, and the vast majority of military renters qualify. Lawmakers understand that members of the military have enough to focus on while deployed without worrying about their family being evicted. However, this provision is not intended to allow military members or their families to skip out on paying rent. The act is for legitimate purposes where military service affects the ability to pay rent.

Service members can also terminate leases for motor vehicles. To qualify, the vehicle must be used or intended to be used by a service member or a service member's dependents for personal or business transportation. The service members must also be the person who leased the vehicle or the lease was executed for the service member. The lease can be terminated when the service member receives orders to permanently change station from the continental United States to a location outside the continental United States (for example, from MCAS Cherry Point to Okinawa), from a state outside the continental United States to any other state (for example, from Hawaii to MCAS Cherry Point), or orders to deploy with a military unit, or as an individual in support of a military operation, for a period of not less than 180 days (for example, deployment to Afghanistan in excess of 180 days).

The procedures to terminate the motor vehicle lease are pretty simple but must be followed in order to effectively terminate the lease. Much like the termination of a residential lease, notice of termination must be in writing. The service member must deliver to the lessor (owner of the car) a copy of the orders and the termination letter. Delivery can be made in person, by business carrier or by certified mail. Finally, you must return the vehicle within 15 days of notice of termination. Once you have met all the requirements in this paragraph, the lease has been effectively terminated.

If you have any questions concerning this article or any other legal assistance issue, visit our office located at the Joint Law Center, Building 219 or call 466-2311. Walk-ins are seen daily starting at 7:30 a.m. but arrive earlier because slots fill up fast.

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### SGT. KYLE C. ASH

**Job Title:** METOC Forecaster  
**Unit:** Special-Purpose MAGTF  
Continuing Promise  
**Hometown:** St. Charles, Mo.  
**Date Joined:** Nov. 4, 2002

#### What's your job?

I provide meteorological and oceanographic forecasts and determine the impact weather and sea states will have on operations.

#### What's the most challenging part?

There are always different types of weather phenomena that can be challenging to forecast while deployed. In Iraq it was different types of dust storms. Here in the Caribbean it is tropical cyclones. Movement of these types of systems can be erratic and difficult to forecast.

#### How does your job support the mission of Continuing Promise?

I work with the intelligence section providing daily updates on the impacts to operations. I provide this information in a daily intelligence brief with the Navy in the joint intelligence center. This information includes location and movement of tropical systems, thunderstorms and sea states.

#### How does your job in garrison differ from your job in the field?

In garrison our job is mostly tailored for aviation operations and safety of personnel on station by issuing various weather warnings and advisories. I would say the biggest difference would be experiencing different types of climates and weather that you aren't used to forecasting in the United States.

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Every Marine gets his own room, and the group can have maids, cooks and drivers. There can be additional financial opportunities at certain stations. According to statistics cited by Kimble, Marines get \$150 per month for special duty pay, and 42 countries rate imminent danger pay. While the duty has many opportunities, it is also very serious. Kimble was the detachment commander of the American Embassy in Tanzania when it was bombed in 1998. As part of the recruiting, advertising and screening team, Valencia interviews prospective applicants. "I get to know who the Marine is," Valencia said. "I ask myself, 'would this Marine be a good representative of the U.S.?"

For more information, Marines can visit the MCESG website at [www.marines.mil/unit/mccdc/mcesg/](http://www.marines.mil/unit/mccdc/mcesg/) or contact their unit's career retention specialist.

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said. "There is no finer force in the world." As the ceremony came to an end, the Marines, families and friends congratulated Prutch and Sprague and wished them both good luck.

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think I'm going to adapt quite well." Lt. Col. John K. Adams, commanding officer of VMA-223, said he looks forward to working with his new sergeant major as well. "Sergeant Major Brunner, I've looked at your bio," said Adams during the ceremony. "You are very well prepared for the assignment here, and I do believe that you are an outstanding fit for the VMA-223 Bulldogs. I do look forward to your performance here, and I think it's going to be outstanding." Not only do they believe that VMA-223 is receiving an excellent sergeant major, but Kier also believes that Brunner is being welcomed by an excellent squadron. "You are getting the best squadron in the MAG, hands down," said Kier to Brunner in reference to Marine Aircraft Group 14. "They will work for you, they will support you, and they will go to the ends of the world if you tell them to do that." The young enlisted Marines of VMA-223 had great respect for Kier as well. "I thought that whenever Sergeant Major Kier spoke in a formation, that everybody was always intently listening," said Pfc. Michael E. Mueller, an administrative clerk with the squadron "You could tell that everything he had to say was really important. I'm only 20-years old, and he's been in the Marine Corps 10 more years than I've been alive. When someone like that talks, you listen." Kier is returning to his family in his home state of Alabama after his retirement. Brunner is now the 37th sergeant major of VMA-223.

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by. All together, the people who gathered released dozens of red and yellow balloons. "In gratitude to everyone who has made our city so great," said Nelson McDaniel, 300th committee chairman, "let's release our joy to the heavens and to the world." Editors note: This article was printed in the New Bern Sun Journal Sept. 20.

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# 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit seizes airfield during exercise in Guam



1ST LT. CALEB EAMES

Six CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (Reinforced), known as the Flying Tigers, approach a landing site near Apra Harbor on the island of Guam Sept. 19. The helicopters flew from the USS Essex, transporting Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit to perform a simulated airfield seizure in support of the MEU's certification exercise. The 31st MEU is holding CERTEX in Guam in conjunction with the Valiant Shield exercise already underway.

**CPL. MICHAEL A. BIANCO**  
31st MEU

**U.S. NAVAL BASE GUAM** – Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted its first mock airfield seizure as the MEU's helicopter support company Sept. 19.

According to 1st Lt. Jeremiah Adams, Company C executive officer, the airfield seizure mission is what defines the helicopter company.

"The airfield seizure is what we are expected to be able to do," Adams said. "Seizing an airfield is one of the first things that must happen when U.S. forces make entry into a theater."

An airfield enables a unit to transport manpower, weaponry and supplies to conduct

prolonged operations and bring the full spectrum of U.S. military power ashore.

The mission was to seize the abandoned Apra Airfield on Guam in order to establish a temporary logistics hub to allow the flow of follow-on forces. The company had to conduct a heliborne operation, establish a defense, conduct a linkup with the combined anti-armor and light armored reconnaissance Teams, and conduct a relief in place with Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7. A relief in place refers to the transfer of control of an area from one unit to the other.

The 31st MEU is currently conducting the Certification Exercise as a part of its deployment in the Asia-Pacific theater and is preparing for exercises where it will train alongside regional military forces from Japan, the Philippines and South Korea.

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# Centenarian Soldier

Last known surviving American World War I veteran tells his story

PFC. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Though his words now come in a hushed whisper, Frank Woodruff Buckles' 109-year-old eyes still gleam with wisdom and experience.

Buckles, who served in the Army as a corporal, is the last known surviving American veteran of World War I – making him a living piece of American history.

America entered World War I in 1917. Everyone was reading and talking about the war, and recruiting posters were set up everywhere to encourage Americans to do their duty and defend America, according to Buckles' daughter, Susannah Buckles Flanagan.

Buckles enlisted in Oklahoma City after having to lie to his recruiters about his age; he was 16 at the time. He was the 15,577th Army recruit to join for the war, according to national archive records in his family's possession.

"I was all gung-ho to get to France," Buckles said in an interview with ABC Nightly News. "A regular Army sergeant said that, 'if you want to get into France in a hurry, you go into the Ambulance Corps.'"

Buckles did just that, becoming a member of the First Fort Riley Casual Detachment. The unit was sent to England aboard the RMS Carpathia, the same ship that had rescued the survivors of the Titanic five years before.

"He was sent to England on the Carpathia and was stationed in Winchester, England," said Flanagan. "Since not everyone in those days knew how to drive and he did, he was assigned to drive military officers to various meetings and private homes."

Though Buckles never saw combat action, he played his own role in the war. Most people had not yet been trained to drive, and his abilities were useful in France.

"Once in France, he did whatever was needed; driving ambulances and other vehicles and occasional guard duty," Flanagan said. "After the Armistice, he stayed in the Army of Occupation and escorted German prisoners of war by train back to Germany."

He returned to the United States as a corporal in 1920 and did not re-enlist after the war. That did not mean it would be the end of adventure in his life. Buckles then worked for a shipping company on a cargo ship and had the misfortune of being in Manila, Philippines, when the Japanese wrested control of the Philippine Islands from the U.S. According



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to his website, [www.frankbuckles.org](http://www.frankbuckles.org), he spent 39 months in a Japanese prison camp. There he survived on small cups of beans, rice and worm-filled mush until being rescued by the 11th Airborne Division.

Now, at the age of 109, this old soldier deserves a rest. However, the fighting spirit has never left him. As the last known surviving World War I veteran, he lobbies congress for the building of a national World War I monument on the Mall of Washington as no such monument has yet been built.

"Frank feels that it is his responsibility as the last man



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After the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I on Nov. 11, 1918, Buckles remained in the Army of Occupation to escort German prisoners of war back to their homeland. He returned to the U.S. in 1920 as a corporal.

standing to bring honor to the nearly 5 million that served for our nation," said David DeJonge, who serves as Buckles' spokesperson and photographer. "Not only is Frank the last American that served, but he is the very last person to have served an active role on the Western Front."

Washington currently has a World War I memorial dedicated to the citizens of the capital, but no monument for the nation itself. The citizens monument has fallen into disrepair but is being restored at the urging of Buckles and his supporting activists.

"We would like to share the property and enhance the respect for the District of Columbia memorial by incorporating some simple elements to bring it to a national and D.C. World War I memorial," said DeJonge.

Buckles now resides on his family farm in Charles Town, W. Va. His website is used to educate the public about World War I and those brave Americans who served in the great war.

"I knew I would be one of the last ones," Buckles said. "But I never expected to be the last."

Now Buckles is the only living-link America has to a time gone by.



DAVID DEJONGE

Photographed in 2007, Frank Buckles, the last known surviving American veteran of World War I, sits on his porch in West Virginia, where he currently resides. The red ribbon he wears is the Legion of Honor, France's highest military award, given to him for his service in France during World War I.

# Light Armored Reconnaissance Marines keep Shabu safe



CPL. EUGENIO MONTANEZ

Marines with Weapons Platoon, Company B, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, patrol toward the village of Shabu, Afghanistan, Sept. 15. Twice a day the Marines patrol several miles to get to Shabu and maintain village security.

CPL. EUGENIO MONTANEZ  
1ST MARINE DIVISION

**COMBAT OUTPOST SHABU, Helmand Province, Afghanistan** – After Marines patrolled through the hot Afghan desert, jumping over canals and traversing cropped fields possibly laden with improvised explosive devices, they finally arrived at the remote village of Shabu.

Marines with 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion have been making this journey frequently for five months.

“Our mission is to win the civilian populace from the Taliban,” said Lance Cpl. Matthew Tipton, a rifleman with 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. “We do this by constantly talking to them every day, asking them how we can help.”

Twice a day, the Marines patrol several miles to get to Shabu and accomplish this mission.

“We try to go to the village as often as possible, so we can keep a presence in the area,” said Tipton. “The people see us a lot, and so their trust in us has improved greatly since we arrived.”

Having the trust of the locals has paid great dividends for

the Marines. It has helped them gather invaluable intelligence on insurgent activity in the area.

“The locals are very cooperative with us and always tell us what’s going on in their village,” Tipton said. “They like telling us their problems because they know we will try to find a solution for them.”

As a result of shuras, or meeting with village elders, the Marines of 1st LAR Bn. recently found the largest drug cache in their area, accounting for approximately 60 kilos of processed drugs.

“We’ve also had great success clearing out the village of caches of weapons and IEDs for the last couple of months,” Tipton added.

The Marines’ strong presence in the area makes the people feel safer and more secure, explained Lance Cpl. Kyle Bachman, a mortarman with Weapons Platoon, Company B, 1st LAR Bn.

“We sincerely ask the people how their day has been or if they have any plans,” said Bachman. “We also ask them if they like having us around, and they always say they’re thankful for what we do.”

Outside the village, Marines stop at random roads and set up vehicle check points to search for drugs or weapons. The Marines conduct night patrols to make sure that the people are safe and

to keep the Taliban out of the village.

“We always have to keep the security tight and keep our eyes constantly in our area of operations,” said Tipton, “Because if

the Taliban start doing whatever they want, then we lose everything we have accomplished.”



CPL. EUGENIO MONTANEZ

Lance Cpl. Demeterius Duncan, a mortarman with Weapons Platoon, Company B, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, passes out candy to the local children during a patrol at Shabu, Afghanistan, Sept. 15. The Marines, with the cooperation of the locals, have found the largest drug cache in their area with approximately 60 kilos of processed drugs.

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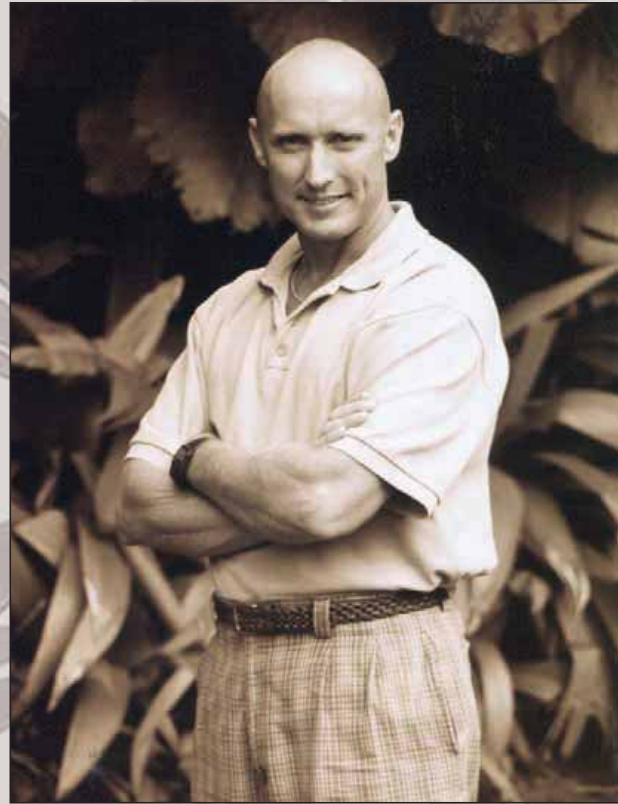
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# Slappey family thanks friends, Marines

*The Slappey family would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who touched our lives. Joseph "Richard" Slappey loved the Marine Corps and his work at Cherry Point as a civilian. He often spoke with pride about the amazing men and women that he worked with. He valued everyone who touched his life and truly had a life filled with love. As his family, we witnessed how amazing his friends and co-workers were during this difficult time. We would like to thank the following people who worked to make this time easier for us: Jim Riemer and his staff, who were instrumental in organizing the memorial and taking care of every detail. Jim provided not only a touching eulogy and support to the family but years of valued friendship to Richard and was like family to Richard and his girls. Col. Denn, who displayed the integrity and compassion of a true leader and showed the meaning of the Marine Corps family taking care of one of its own. Special thanks go to Chaplain Koch, Chief Christholm and the station chapel staff, who provided such a touching service to honor Richard's memory. To the staff at Emergency Operations Center, know that Richard valued each and every one of you and was proud of the work the team accomplished. Thank you to the Honor Guard, who presented him with military honors, Provost Marshal's Office, and all of the Marines who helped with the service. Heather Nicely and all of the women and men who organized the reception and provided the food. To all military, civilians, family and friends who showed their love and support with cards, donations, flowers, food, prayers, visits and phone calls; we can never thank you enough. The support and love we have experienced during this difficult time was beyond words and the family will be eternally grateful.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Slappey family*



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Retired Master Sgt. Joseph "Richard" Slappey devoted 27 years in the Marine Corps and served as the program director for mission assurance for Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Slappey passed away suddenly Sept. 15, leaving behind his wife of 33 years, Connie Slappey; two daughters, Shamra Slappey and Brandy Slappey; three brothers and their families, John Slappey, Edward Slappey and Leonard Slappey, and numerous coworkers and friends.

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# Osprey supports Afghan forces, coalition troops



GUNNERY SGT. STEVEN WILLIAMS

An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365, known as the "Blue Knights," soars over Afghanistan Sept. 21 in one of many missions the Marines carried out in support of Afghan National Security and International Security Assistance Forces in Helmand Province. The Osprey crews fly all types of troops and cargo across the region, including Afghan forces, coalition troops, reconstruction supplies, and gear and equipment for troops in remote locations. ISAF leans heavily on the Osprey for operational support as its tilt rotor technology shrinks the battle space, allowing pilots to fly troops farther and faster than the other helicopters operating in the region. VMM-365 is the second such squadron to fly the Osprey in support of combat operations in Afghanistan.

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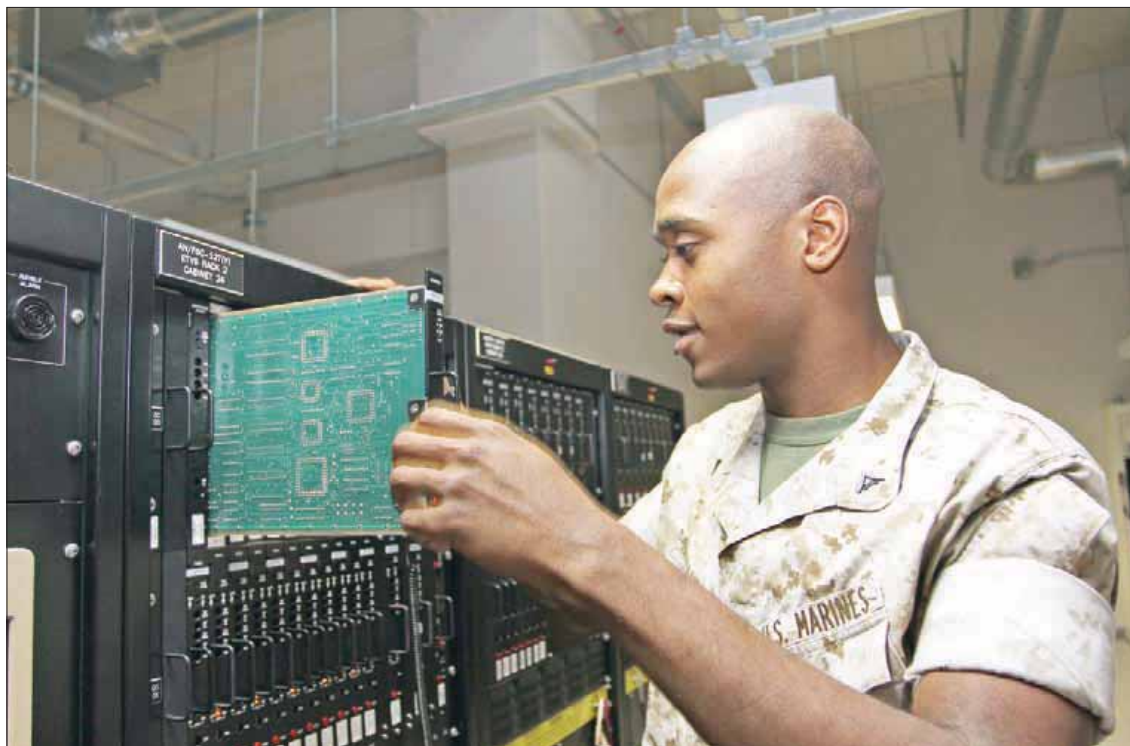
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# Ground Electronics Maintenance Division maintains air traffic control's line of sight



Lance Cpl. Brandon L. Fernandez troubleshoots an enhanced terminal voice switch card, which keys radios that air traffic controllers use to communicate with pilots. The ground electronics maintenance division is responsible for all facets of maintenance, repair and control of airfield navigational aids, communications and other support equipment. Fernandez is a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron GEMD communications technician at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan** – Often referred to as the “nerd circle,” the ground electronics maintenance division supports air traffic controllers by keeping their equipment up and running to make sure aircraft can land safely.

With only a handful of Marines, the GEMD is responsible for all facets of maintenance, repair and control of airfield navigational aids, communications, land

mobile radio and other ancillary electronic equipment.

Navigational aid technicians, air traffic control radar technicians and air traffic control communications technicians maintain the two air traffic control radars, one supplemental weather radar, a tactical air navigation system and all of the communication equipment aboard the air station.

With only three radar technicians in all of the GEMD and three shifts per day, the Marines work a demanding, continuous schedule to ensure radar and communica-

tions requirements are supported.

During the day, radar technicians are on stand-by in case any equipment goes down.

At night, the Marines take care of all of the preventative maintenance to keep the gear up and running.

“There has to be a Marine here at all times,” said Cpl. Travis Hildebrandt, an air traffic control radar technician. “If any of the gear has an issue someone has to take care of it immediately. If the radars aren’t working planes aren’t flying, and that’s a

problem.”

Without the maintenance the GEMD performs, air traffic controllers wouldn’t be able to do their job.

“They use our radar to see air space and land aircraft,” said Staff Sgt. Corey J. Cooper, GEMD maintenance chief. “There’s the GPN30, which is the airport surveillance radar; the PFN63, a precision approach radar that is used for (intermittent flight rules) conditions; and the FPS131, which is just a supplemental weather radar just like you see on TV that sees clouds and precipitation.”

The radar equipment is just one facet of the GEMD though.

“Our radar could be 100 percent, but if the radios don’t work the air traffic controller can’t speak to the pilots,” said Cooper.

With such a small shop and such an active airfield, Marines at the GEMD agree that their job can be very demanding.

“There’s a little more pressure here because we’re always operating like on a deployment,” said Cooper. “So if something goes down, we have to go all out to get the problem fixed fast.”

“If we get a problem with the radar it is usually pretty complicated,” added Hildebrandt. “Nothing about figuring out the problem is usually easy. It always ends up being hard. Just our job in general is pretty difficult.”

Their job may be stressful and complicated, but the Marines at the GEMD perform to the best of their abilities at all times.

“The proof is in the pudding,” said Cooper. “Aircraft are still flying. The Marines work very hard to make sure everything is running.”

Cooper added that their sole purpose is to support air traffic controllers and by doing so they are helping them complete their mission, which more importantly keeps aircraft in the air.

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LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

An 81 mm mortar explodes during exercise Southern Frontier at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia, Sept. 14. The training allowed Marines with VMFA(AW)-224 and supporting squadrons to improve their multilateral interoperability and procedures during missions requiring air power.

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IAWUKIN

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** – Infantry Marines conducted joint operations to provide Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224 with joint terminal attack controller ground support during exercise Southern Frontier at the Delamere Air Weapons Range in Australia Sept. 13-14.

Southern Frontier is an annual, bilateral training exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force to allow VMFA(AW)-224 the opportunity to focus on offensive air support training in order to improve squadron readiness and build relations with allied forces.

For the duration of the exercise, 5th Air Naval Gunfire

Liaison Company and 3rd Reconnaissance Marines, 3rd Marine Division, held the responsibility to gain and maintain control of two main elements: the VMFA(AW)-224 pilots who provided close-air support from above and the infantry Marines who provided fire from the ground.

“Our training mainly consisted of calling for fire,” said Cpl. Jonathan Jones, field radio operator with 3rd Recon. “We also train with the mortars and bring the birds in. Radio operators have full control of the birds when we work with them.”

VMFA(AW)-224 F/A-18 Hornets and 81 mm mortars took turns coordinating fires with JTAC.

From approximately 400 meters away, JTAC Marines observed the landing of the mortars and their accuracy.

“We watched and saw where rounds made impact so, that we could make adjustments if we needed to,” said Jones. “Then we call in the coordinates.”

According to Capt. Brad Leeman, a Hornet pilot with the squadron, it takes a lot of coordination with ground support units to ensure all units get the proper training they need to complete the mission.

“We need those integration elements,” said Leeman. “The more players, the more we can integrate.”

JTAC Marines also trained to maintain communications with the infantry unit and aircraft to ensure the safety of all personnel.

“Pilots and ground forces bring us into this type of training to provide surveillance,” said Jones. “We told air elements that we have guns flying, so they would not fly into the area or interfere.”

The training ultimately became a collaboration of control.

“The initial goal was to maintain control for the pilots,” said Leeman. “Once we completed our mission, we passed on control to JTAC so they can control the aircraft as well.”

Marines with VMFA(AW)-224 and supporting squadrons were provided with the quality venue of the Delamere Air Weapons Range, south of Katherine, to develop multilateral interoperability and coalition procedures in air power missions.

“It is not very often we get to do this type of training,” said Leeman. “The range is a large size and allows for high explosives, which is hard to find in the Pacific region.”

According to Jones, both units find the outlook to be beneficial to all units conducting operations in Australia’s wide-open Northern Territory.

“We can really only do this type of training in Australia,” said Jones. “Out here, they have a lot of open space to fire ordnance.”

According to Leeman, the last week of exercise helped to improve the squadron’s readiness.

“The exercise went pretty well from an air perspective,” said Leeman. “We had a lot of good training out here.”

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# US Marine major flies with Royal Navy forces in Afghanistan

SGT. DEANNE HURLA  
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**AFGHANISTAN** – The integration of U.S. and British forces has proven to be a powerful new asset for the security forces in Afghanistan. One U.S. Marine Corps pilot who is serving in Afghanistan with the British Royal Navy as an MK4 Sea King helicopter pilot, knew this was going to be a strong partnership long ago.

U.S. Marine Maj. Joshua Nelson, a Marine CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter pilot by trade, is currently flying the British MK4 Sea Kings helicopter while serving with the 846 Naval Air Squadron, Commando Helicopter Force, through the Marine Corps foreign personnel exchange program, where he has served for a year and a half.

“I was quite fortunate to get involved in the exchange program,” Nelson said. “I put in an application because I had a desire to go to Europe, and Marines are usually not stationed in Europe. It provided a great opportunity, a chance to fly a different aircraft and broaden my horizons.”

The exchange program began during combined operations in World War II when a critical need to exchange and standardize operational doctrines between allied forces was identified, according to Marine Corps Order 5700.4E. More recently, a reduction in the U.S. military presence in several regions around the world has created a need for closer relationships between friendly nations and coalition partners. The program is one means of continuing a long-term presence and association among military counterparts to enhance worldwide security cooperation.

Nelson joined 846 Naval Air Squadron, based at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton, Somerset, England in 2009.

“This is quite a unique position to actually be fully immersed in their flying and military cultures and still maintain that Marine Corps edge,” said Nelson. “There were no difficulties integrating into their squadron though.”

Nelson spent his first four months breaking through the language barrier and learning to fly the Sea King.

“Believe it or not, the language

barrier was probably the biggest challenge,” he said. “It took me at least three or four months just to understand what they were saying while talking on the radio. As a pilot, you become familiar with what they say on the radios. As it changes going to a different country, it takes a little while to understand and anticipate what they say. As a result, I was always fairly slow on the radio. When they learned who I was, they started talking slower. Then, it didn’t take long for me to catch on and get up to speed.”

Transitioning from the CH-46E Sea Knight to the MK4 Sea King was slightly easier than breaking the language barrier. Both aircraft transports troops and cargo. They can also internally and externally carry approximately the same weight. With so many similarities between the aircraft, it was easy for Nelson to familiarize himself with the squadron’s operations.

“He is a very experienced pilot,” explained British Royal Navy Lt. Jon Talmage, a Sea King pilot who works with Nelson. “The knowledge he has as a pilot helped him transition well to flying the Sea King and integrate into the squadron.”

The experience Nelson brings to the Sea King squadron comes from nearly nine years of flying the Sea Knight. During this time he became a weapons and tactics instructor. This combined knowledge allows him to aid both U.S. and British forces as they work together.

“It has been easier to work with American squadrons because he understands the tactics, techniques and procedures,” said British Maj. Harry Robins, the squadron’s commanding officer. “To have him here, especially as a weapons and tactics instructor, it makes it much easier for us to converse with the Marine Corps, to understand what they are trying to do and understand their tactics.”

“We have regular tactics, techniques and procedures meetings, and during the last one he was an important part in explaining how we’re doing things, how the Marine Corps does business, and integrating them both,” Robins explained. “Because he understands the American procedures, he has been able to translate them



SGT. DEANNE HURLA

U.S. Marine Maj. Joshua Nelson, an MK4 Sea King helicopter pilot with the 846 Naval Air Squadron, Commando Helicopter Force, in the Royal Navy, makes adjustments to the Sea King’s instruments during a routine flight to Forward Operating Base Juno in Afghanistan Sept. 19. Nelson is participating in the Marine Corps foreign personnel exchange program with the British Royal Navy and will be active within their ranks for approximately three years. Originally a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter pilot for the Corps, it took Nelson four months to learn to fly the British Sea King helicopter.

to our procedures and knit them together.”

The program provided Nelson with a unique opportunity to aid both countries in making their procedures better.

This program allows both forces the opportunity to see how the other works and ask questions about how they each operate.

Then, through shared learning experiences, they combine their old and new knowledge and work to make things better, Robins explained.

Nelson is excited to have the opportunity to work with both countries simultaneously through the U.K.’s Joint Aviation Group, which serves under the U.S. Ma-

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# Life & Times

Section B

September 30, 2010



Chefs compete in 4th quarter cook-off

A Marine ladles strawberries onto cheesecake while preparing a dessert dish for the chef of the quarter competition at the Cherry Point Mess Hall Sept. 23. Cpl. Michael P. Gaudin, a food service specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, placed first in the competition with his meal of beef cordon bleu, garlic-parmesan potatoes, asparagus and strawberry cheesecake.

CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO



Cpl. Derek P. Miller serves Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan D. Dillard corn during the 4th-quarter chef of the quarter competition at the Cherry Point Mess Hall Sept. 23. Miller finished second in the tournament. Miller is a food service specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and Dillard is the company first sergeant of Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 271.

CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO



Col. Douglas A. Denn presents Cpl. Michael P. Gaudin the first place trophy for winning the chef of the quarter competition for the 4th quarter at the Cherry Point Mess Hall Sept. 23. Gaudin served beef cordon bleu, garlic-parmesan potatoes, asparagus and strawberry cheesecake. He will now compete against the three previous chef of the quarter winners in the chef of the year competition Oct. 23. Denn is the commanding officer of Cherry Point, and Gaudin is a food service specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

As the end of the fiscal year approaches so does the last quarter competition for 2010 that crowns Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's most skilled chef.

Cpls. Michael P. Gaudin and Derek P. Miller along with Lance Cpl. John S. Tristani faced off Sept. 23 at the Cherry Point Mess Hall to claim the title for chef of the quarter for the last quarter of the year.

The three Marines, all food service specialists, began preparation of their meals from 4 -10 p.m. the day before the competition, took a brief respite and came right back to work at 4 a.m. on competition day.

Planning started even before that. Approximately a month before the competition, the three Marines volunteered to compete and started to plan. Each Marine chose the dish they would serve and placed the order for the necessary quantities, which had to be enough to feed 40 people.

Each Marine had to plan the exact measurements of the servings of their meals, which turned out to be a challenge. For each meal the participant was required to prepare a meat, a vegetable, a starch and a dessert dish with the option to add a beverage.

As the big hand of the clock struck 9:50 a.m. the chefs scurried in the kitchen completing their final touches.

"Time management is what makes or breaks it for the chefs," said Sgt. Joseph V. Mahon Jr., the training noncommissioned officer at the mess hall. "All the way up until 10 a.m. they scrap and claw to get their meals ready for the judges."

One by one the chefs marched to the judges' table, explained their dishes and answered questions the judges had about the preparation of the meals.

The guest of honor, Col. Douglas A. Denn, commanding officer of MCAS Cherry Point, then spoke a few words to the competition attendees and proceeded with awarding the chefs.

"I love being here, eating with fellow Marines, and tasting the superb meals prepared by these excellent chefs," Denn said. "But what I don't like is presenting the awards because each one of these chefs committed so much time preparing these excellent meals, and they all deserve recognition."

Without further ado, Denn presented the third place award to Tristani and the second place award to Miller, leaving Gaudin standing by his booth glowing with a grin on his face.

Gaudin served beef cordon bleu with garlic-parmesan potatoes, asparagus and strawberry cheesecake.

"I spent so much time preparing for today ... for game day," Gaudin said. "I've never cooked this meal before but, I'm pretty impressed on how it turned out."

Gaudin will now compete for the title of MCAS Cherry Point chef of the year Oct. 23 against the winners of the previous three chefs of the quarter for fiscal year 2010.

"The chef of the quarter gives Marines the opportunity to show off their skills and to highlight what food service specialists are all about," Mahon said.



Cpl. Michael P. Gaudin checks the temperature of his beef cordon bleu while preparing for the 4th-quarter chef of the quarter competition at the Cherry Point Mess Hall Sept. 23.

CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO

# Protect yourself, prevent identity theft



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In today's hustle and bustle most patrons take advantage of the ability to pay with a credit or debit card. However, with this convenience comes a new set of threats and rules.

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Taking these steps can help protect citizens from fraud and identity theft.

1. Shred all important papers, especially preapproved credit applications and other financial information with private information. Don't forget to shred credit card receipts.
2. Be careful of "dumpster diving." Make sure not to throw out anything that contains personal account information.
3. Be careful at ATM's. "Shoulder surfers" can get pin numbers and gain access to accounts.
4. If using checks, have them delivered directly to the bank, not to a home address.
5. Do not put checks in the mail from a home mailbox. Drop them off at the U.S. Post Office or secure U.S. Mail Box.
6. When applying for new credit cards or replacing cards, watch the calendar to make sure the card is delivered within the appropriate time. If it is not received by a certain date, call the credit card company and find out if the card was sent.
7. Always use passwords on all accounts and keep them in a secure place, not in a wallet or purse. If conducting financial business from a home computer, make sure the firewall and spyware are up to date and active.
8. Ask financial institutions, doctors' offices, etc., what they do with private information

and make sure that they shred it or keep it locked up.

9. Keep wallets and purses free from all extra credit cards and social security numbers, etc. Do not carry any unnecessary identifiers like birth certificates and passports.
10. Never give out any personal information over the phone. Provide only information that you believe is absolutely necessary.
11. If a business requests a social security number, give them an alternate number if possible. If a government agency requests a social security number it must be accompanied by a privacy notice.
12. If possible, get credit cards and business cards with a personal photo on them.
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15. Monitor all bank and credit card statements every month. Check for any odd charges and call the credit card company to verify its withdraws.
16. Order a credit report at least twice a year and review it carefully. If anything appears fraudulent immediately put a fraud alert on the report by calling the three major credit reporting agencies.

Agency	Credit Report	Fraud Alert
• Trans Union	1-877-322-8228	1-800-680-7289
• Equifax	1-800-685-1111	1-888-766-0008
• Experian	1 888 397 3742	1 888 397 3742

17. Immediately correct all errors on a credit report in writing. Send the letters to the credit reporting agency with a return receipt request identifying each problem with a copy of the credit report.

18. Call the three credit reporting agency numbers to opt out of preapproved offers.

## Now playing: *These films are playing at local theaters*

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### "THE SWITCH" (PG-13)

"The Switch" is an offbeat comedy about a single woman who decides to have a child on her own terms.

Jennifer Aniston ("Marley & Me," "Rumor Has It") stars as Kassie Larson, a 40-year-old, smart and fun-loving unmarried woman, whose biological clock is running out.

Kassie decides it is time to have a child, even if she has to do it alone, and looks to become pregnant via artificial insemination.

Jason Bateman ("Couples Retreat," "The Break-Up") stars as Wally, her loyal but slightly neurotic best friend, who objects to this idea.

Their friendship is tested, when Kassie goes ahead with her idea, and finds an ideal man to serve as sperm donor.

With the help of Roland, her charming sperm donor, played by Patrick Wilson ("The A-Team"), she is planning on inseminating herself with a turkey baster.

However, her plans are 'fouled up' without her knowledge.

During an alcoholic stupor, resulting in the loss of Kassie's preferred sperms, Wally replaces the contents with his own, without mentioning the switch to his best friend.

Seven years later, Kassie reunites with Wally, who has been living with this secret all this time.

This is also the first time that Wally has the chance to meet Kassie's son, Sebastian, played by Thomas Robinson, who bears a striking resemblance to Wally.

Co-starring are Jeff Goldblum ("Man of the Year") and Juliette Lewis ("Whip It").

Josh Gordon and Will Speck ("Blades of Glory") directed this off-the-wall plot from the screenplay written by Allan Loeb ("21"), that was adapted from the short story "Baster" by Jeffrey Eugenides ("The Virgin Suicides").

"The Switch" is a quirky little comedy, all fluff and no substance and the only one who stands out is Bateman who is charming.

### "LOTTERY TICKET" (PG-13)

"Lottery Ticket" is a family friendly comedy.

Shad 'Bow Wow' Gregory Moss ("the Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift") plays Kevin Carson, a hardworking teen living with his grandmother in the Atlanta projects who happens to win 370 million dollars in a nationwide lottery.

When his opportunistic neighbors discover he has the winning ticket in his possession, he becomes the mark for every gangster and gold digger who wants their share of the pot.

Kevin must survive their greedy and sometimes even threatening actions over a three-day holiday weekend before he can claim his prize.

Everybody wants a piece of him, including the reverend, the local loan shark and a very threatening recent parolee.

Kevin even begins to question the intentions of his best friend, Benny, played by Brandon T. Jackson ("Tropic Thunder").

Kevin slowly starts to realize the power he holds in his hands and what his lottery ticket could really mean to him, his future, and the community.

Among the supporting cast is Loretta Devine ("Crash"), who plays Kevin's grandmother.

Also appearing are Keith David ("All About Steve") as Sweet Tee; Charlie Murphy ("Frankenhood") as Semaj; Terry Crews ("Terminator Salvation") as Jimmy the Driver; Naturi Naughton ("Fame") as Stacie; Mike Epps ("The Hangover"); and Ice Cube ("The Longshots") as Mr. Washington, a broken-down boxer.

Grammy Award-winner, T-Pain portrays Junior, a liquor store owner, who sells the winning lottery ticket to Kevin.

Long time music video director, Erik White, is making his feature film directing debut, drawing fairly good performances from Bow Wow and Ice Cube.

"Lottery Ticket" is a predictable and lame tale that makes little sense.

### "THE TOWN" (R)

"The Town" is a blue-collar crime drama about a bank heist with lasting implications.

The drama plays out in Boston's neighborhood, called Charlestown, which has produced more bank and armored car robbers than anywhere in the U.S.

Ben Affleck ("State of Play," "Smokin Aces") stars as Doug MacRay, a Boston armed robber and long-time thief.

Doug is somewhat different than the rest of the ordinary bank robbers. He had a chance to get out and not follow in his father's criminal footsteps who is now behind bars, played by Chris Cooper ("Remember Me").

Instead, Doug became the leader of a crew of ruthless young bank robbers who are very good at what they are doing and always get out clean.

The only family Doug has and who he can count on are his partners in crime, and the one closest to him is like a brother, James Coughlin, a dangerous guy, who has a hair-trigger temper, played by Jeremy Renner ("The Hurt Locker").

However, something happened at their last job that changed everything.

James briefly took the bank manager, Claire Keesey, played by Rebecca Hall ("Vicky Christina Barcelona"), hostage. When the crew discovers that she also lives in Charlestown, they become nervous and want to make sure of what she has actually seen during the bank robbery.

Taking charge, Doug is acting as a charming stranger and seeks out Claire who is not aware that he is one of the bank robbers.

As their relationship blossoms, Doug begins to question himself, his team, and the only life he knows.

Deciding that he wants to leave this life of crime and the town, he also realizes that this decision will not be easy and may put Claire in danger.

The choices left to him are either betray his friends or lose the woman he loves.

John Hamm (TV's "Mad Men") co-stars as FBI agent Adam Frawley, the determined and relentless lawman who is in hot pursuit and is closing in on the gang's trail.

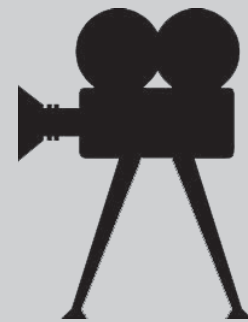
Blake Lively ("New York I Love You") can be seen as Krista Coughlin, the drug-dealing sister of James and Doug's ex-girlfriend.

Also appearing are Pete Postlethwaite ("Inception") as Fergie Colm, the local crime boss; and Titus Welliver ("Gone Baby Gone") as Dino Ciampa.

Director and writer Ben Affleck ("Gone Baby Gone"), helped re-write the screenplay by Aaron Stockard, which is based on the prize-winning suspense novel Prince of Thieves by Chuck Hogan.

Affleck proves himself again as a powerful player in Hollywood, both as a director, writer and actor.

"The Town" is a dramatic, tense, authentic and very twisted heist thriller about robbers and cops, friendship and betrayal, love and hope and escaping a past that has no future. This is an award worthy presentation.



# THE LOCAL BUZZ

## Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

► Mullet Festival

The 56th annual Swansboro Mullet Festival will kick-off Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. with a parade. The parade starts down Hwy. 24 through Swansboro. Following the parade make your way downtown where vendors of all types line the streets to display their goods.

The festival will include a fish fry, craft vendors and live entertainment.

For more information, contact 326-7370.

► Chicken Pickin'

The New Bern Military Affairs Committee is hosting a chicken pickin' for Marines at the air station barracks picnic area Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

► Seafood festival

Morehead City is holding its 24th annual North Carolina Seafood Festival on the Morehead City waterfront Tomorrow through Sunday. There will be music and displays of local traditional fishing.

Rides open tomorrow night. Weekend events include seafood, arts and craft vendors, an 8K road race, family fishing contests, sailing competitions, the 6th annual free boat show and an island playground area for children.

For more information, contact Carol Campbell at 726-6273 or visit the website at <http://www.ncseafoodfestival.org>.

► Saturday Night Madness

New Bern Parks and Recreation is hosting a "Saturday Night Madness" at West New Bern Recreation Center Oct. 16 and Dec. 11 from 6 - 9 p.m.

The program will provide an open gym for teens ages 13 - 17. There will be basketball, billiards, checkers, chess, music and shuffleboard.

For more information, contact Anthony Boggan at 639-2909.

► Preschool Parade

New Bern Parks and Recreation is holding its annual Parade of Preschoolers Oct. 29 at 9:30 a.m.

The preschoolers will parade down Middle Street in their favorite costumes and conclude at Union Point Park for a fall festival. The rain location is at West New Bern Recreation Center at 1225 Pinetree Drive.

Bring your child or your preschool class. Registration

ends Oct. 28.

For more information and to register contact 639-2902.

► Fire Department Open House

The Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Fire Department is scheduled to host an open house Saturday and Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Firefighters will give tours of the station building with an appearance from Sparky the fire dog and Freddie the fire truck.

Visitors will be allowed to try on real firefighting equipment and spray water from the fire truck hose.

Children will receive free helmets, coloring books and stickers.

For more information, contact Kane R. Johnson at 466-6992.

► Life in a New Colony

Tryon Palace is hosting a fall family day Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Families of all ages can tour the Governor's Palace and historic homes. The event will include colonial trade activities including making butter, tin lanterns, cooper casques, workman's cap and candle dipping. Activities are designed for children as well.

Bring a picnic lunch and spend time immersed in the past.

No advance registration is required.

For more information, contact Karen Ipock at 639-3581.

8 Ball Billiards Competition

New Bern Parks and Recreation will host an open 8 ball billiards competition Oct. 22 at the West New Bern Recreation Center.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the competition will start at 6:30 p.m.

Come out for an evening of fun. The entry fee is \$5 per person. There will be first and second place awards given to the winners.

For more information, contact recreation programmer Anthony Boggan 639-2909.

5K Walk/Run

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14 will sponsor a 5K walk/run Oct. 7.

Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. and the event begins at 9

a.m.

The cost is \$5 per runner.

For more information, contact Sgt. Maj. Bill Harvey at 466-3478.

### Marine and Family Programs

Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

The Family Member Employment Program, Transition Assistance Management Program, Relocation Assistance Program and accredited financial counselors can be reached at 466-4401.

- Child Development Resource & Referral - 466-3595.

- Exceptional Family Member Program - 466-7547.

- Family Advocacy Program - 466-3264.

- Library - 466-3552.

- LifeLong Learning - 466-4500.

- Military Family Life Consultant - 876-8016.

- New Parent Support Program - 466-3651.

- Retired Activities - 466-5548.

- Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program - 466-5490.

- Substance Abuse Counseling - 466-7568.

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Budget for Baby

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers Budget for Baby classes.

To register call 466-2031.

Breast Feeding Class

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers free breastfeeding classes to expectant mothers.

The purpose of the class is to help prepare the mother to be ready and confident to breastfeed once the baby arrives.

To register call 466-2031.

Veterans' Assistance

A representative from the Veterans Affairs Office visits Cherry Point each Thursday in building 232. Call 466-4401 for assistance.

## Monthly and Weekly Events

Courage to Change

Cherry Point and Havelock Courage to Change is a support group for friends and family of alcoholics.

Meetings are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havelock, Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 241-6155 or 670-6236.

Al-Anon Family Group Meet

There are alcoholics anonymous family group meetings Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for family members and friends of individuals who may have alcohol problems.

The meetings are held at Havelock First Baptist Church.

For more information call 447-8063 or 447-2109.

Together For Life

The "Together for Life" one-day premarital seminar is held for active

duty personnel age 26 and under, within 90 days of marriage.

Please call the chapel at 466-4000 for more information.

Domestic Violence Victims

A support group for victims of domestic violence is provided by the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program.

The group meetings are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 728-3788.

Chili Festival Committee

The 29th Annual Havelock Chili Festival Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center conference room.

For more information, contact the Havelock Chamber of Commerce at 447-1101.

Marine Corps League Meetings

The Cherry Point Detachment of the Marine Corps League meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7315 in Havelock, at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Owen Smith at 444-5420.

Disabled Veterans

Chapter 26 of the Disabled American Veterans meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7315 in Havelock at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Doug Matthers at 447-2761.

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## This week in Marine Corps History

**Sept. 30, 1945** Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

**Oct. 1, 1997** The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Col. Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as special projects officer, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

## Operation Eagle Eyes

### Tests of security

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# Hercules brings disaster relief to Pakistan



A KC-130J Hercules with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 lands and refuels at a remote flight line in Pano Aqil, Pakistan, Sept. 12, after dropping off disaster relief equipment for Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 (Reinforced). Marines have been assisting the flood-stricken nation of Pakistan for several weeks.

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Thursday, September 30	6:00pm - Eat Pray Love PG 13	2:13
Friday, October 1	5:00pm - Nanny McPhee Returns PG	1:49
	7:15pm - Scott Pilgrim vs The World PG 13	1:53
	9:45pm - Eat Pray Love PG 13	2:13
Saturday, October 2	3:00pm - Nanny McPhee Returns PG	1:49
	5:30pm - Scott Pilgrim vs The World PG 13	1:53
	8:00pm - Eat Pray Love PG 13	2:13
Sunday, October 3	3:00pm - Nanny McPhee Returns PG	1:49
Tuesday, October 5	6:00pm - Shark Tales G	1:54

**MOVIE SYNOPSIS**

**Eat, Pray, Love** - Starring: Julia Roberts, James Franco, Richard Jenkins, Viola Davis, Billy Crudup. Liz Gilbert had everything a modern woman is supposed to dream of having -- a husband, a house, a successful career -- yet like so many others, she found herself lost, confused, and searching for what she really wanted in life. Newly divorced and at a crossroads, Gilbert steps out of her comfort zone, risking everything to change her life, embarking on a journey around the world that becomes a quest for self-discovery. In her travels, she discovers the true pleasure of nourishment by eating in Italy; the power of prayer in India, and, finally and unexpectedly, the inner peace and balance of true love in Bali.

**Nanny McPhee Returns** - Starring: Emma Thompson, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Ralph Fiennes, Rhys Ifans, Maggie Smith. In the latest installment, Nanny McPhee appears at the door of a harried young mother, Mrs. Isabel Green, who is trying to run the family farm while her husband is away at war. But once she's arrived, Nanny McPhee discovers that Mrs. Green's children are fighting a war of their own against two spoiled city cousins who have just moved in and refuse to leave.

**Scott Pilgrim vs The World** - Starring: Michael Cera, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kieran Culkin, Chris Evans, Anna Kendrick. Scott Pilgrim has never had a problem getting a girlfriend. It's getting rid of them that proves difficult. From the girl who kicked his heart's ass -- and now is back in town -- to the teenage distraction he's trying to shake when Ramona rollerblades into his world, love hasn't been easy.

**Shark Tales** - Animated - Starring the voices of: Will Smith, Renee Zellweger, Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Martin Scorsese. Oscar is a fast-talking little fish who dreams big. But his big dreams land him in hot water when a great white lie turns him into an unlikely hero.

*Movies are subject to change without notice • No cell phones permitted*

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**TV:** SPEED  
**2009 winner:** Timothy Peters



Denny Hamlin (left) has a heated exchange with Kevin Harvick after an incident on the track during practice for the AAA 400 at Dover on Sept. 25. (NASCAR photo)

## Hamlin not afraid to steer into controversy

Along with his successes on Sprint Cup race tracks this year, Denny Hamlin also stands out because he has become one of the few drivers who doesn't mind speaking his mind.

And even though his outspokenness over NASCAR's alleged use of "debris" cautions to liven up races has cost him a \$50,000 fine from series officials, he weighed in heavily about Clint Bowyer's penalty for an illegal car at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, something most other top drivers declined to do in detail.

During his weekly media session at Dover International Speedway last Friday, Hamlin offered his insight on the situation that led to Bowyer being docked 150 points, which dropped him from second in the standings to 12th. And his comments likely weren't what NASCAR officials wanted to hear. They also didn't go over well with Bowyer's teammate Kevin Harvick, who bumped into Hamlin in practice then had a heated exchange with him afterward.

Hamlin started it off by saying there was a good reason his second-place car at New Hampshire passed the post-race technical inspection while Bowyer's winning car did not.

"Our car came back and it was correct, but it wasn't built incorrectly and ... [Bowyer's] car was built incorrectly," Hamlin said, adding that the fact that the difference between a passing height and a failing height on Bowyer's car was just 60 thousandths of an inch doesn't mean it didn't create a big advantage on the track.

"You can talk about how small the thing was off and you can really try to say that 60-thousandths didn't help him perform any better ... that is a crock," Hamlin said. "Let me tell you something, that helps a lot.

"I know when we gain five points of downforce, our car runs a ton better ...

"NASCAR has been very, very lenient, I feel like, on this car, and they've given those guys chances. ... I think that [Bowyer's team] should just be happy that they're in the Chase at this point. They were warned and they were warned before Richmond. Everyone in the garage knows that. They're the ones who wanted to press the issue and get all they could to make sure they got in the Chase."

And Hamlin said the Bowyer car has been wrong for a lot longer than it might appear.

"In the garage, everyone has known it for months," he said. "They've been warned for a long time, way before Richmond. ... They wanted to get everything they could. What did they have to lose really? You almost can't fault them for that."

NASCAR apparently didn't say anything to Hamlin about his comments, but an ESPN report indicates his team president, J.D. Gibbs, did tell Hamlin to tone it down.

For their parts, Bowyer and team owner Richard Childress continued to say their car was legal when it arrived at New Hampshire,

and they say the reason it failed to pass inspection was that the car was damaged either during the race or when it was pushed to Victory Lane by a tow truck.

They'll make their case in an appeal scheduled for Wednesday.

And Bowyer didn't hold back when airing his thoughts on the issue, saying among other things that the NASCAR rumor mill forced series officials into issuing such a hefty penalty, one that he'll find difficult to overcome.

He said that it makes no sense for a team that knows it's under scrutiny to try to slip something past the inspectors.

"Who in their right mind, knowing that [inspectors] are going to take that car, wouldn't have made triple sure that thing was right before it went to the race track?" he said, while also raising questions about the inspection process that officials used to check the car once it was taken back to Concord, N.C.

"They take the car apart, completely apart to measure this thing, and in my opinion that's not the way the car was raced on the race track," he said. "I think that's something to be said."



Denny Hamlin spins out at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 19. (NASCAR photo)

## 2010 CHASE CONTENDERS

Points standings, race results from Sunday's AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway and commentary by Rick Minter

### 1. Denny Hamlin - 5,368 (finished ninth)

His average finish in the past three September races at Dover was 32.7, but this time he got a top 10 and escaped his worst track with his points lead intact.

### 2. Jimmie Johnson -35 (finished first)

There's nothing that will cure what's ailing the No. 48 team any more than a trip to Dover. Johnson started on the pole, led the most laps and won for the third time in his past four races at the Delaware track.

### 3. Kyle Busch -45 (finished sixth)

He felt his car was better than the finish indicated. "We legitimately had a second-place car. We didn't quite finish where we wanted to."

### 4. Kurt Busch -59 (finished fourth)

Unlike some of his fellow Chasers, he was able to bounce back from a pit-road speeding penalty and get a solid finish on a tricky track. "Dover was one of the tracks I was worried about."

### 5. Kevin Harvick -65 (finished 15th)

He greatly improved on his 33rd starting position but that's not good enough in the Chase. "The same guys are going to run up front each week, and its going to be difficult for everybody every single week," crew chief Gil Martin said.

### 6. Carl Edwards -73 (finished fifth)

After another solid finish, he's headed to Kansas Speedway where he figures he has a good chance of winning. "We obviously haven't gone out and won anything yet ... but we closed it by 20-25 points on the leader. If we do that every week, we'll be all right."

### 7. Jeff Burton -80 (finished second)

He was strong at Dover but has a ways to go points-wise. "We're not going to leave a race in the next few weeks with the points lead. We started far enough behind where that is just not going to happen."

### 8. Jeff Gordon -83 (finished 11th)

He came up short at Dover but is looking ahead to tracks that historically are good for him. "So now we go to Kansas and some other places that I think are much better tracks for us, and we've got to capitalize on that."

### 9. Greg Biffle -140 (finished 19th)

He was running well before being caught two laps down because of an untimely caution flag. "We were running on the lead lap, and I thought we were a top-10 car ... That probably right there was kind of our Chase hopes."

### 10. Tony Stewart -162 (finished 21st)

He's had no luck so far in the Chase. A gas gamble at New Hampshire came up about a lap short and he was caught speeding on pit road at Dover and couldn't make up the lost ground.

### 11. Matt Kenseth -165 (finished 18th)

Blowing a tire after missing pit road doomed him to a poor finish at one of his best tracks. "This is the only track we've run worth a darn at in about four or five months probably, so there was a lot of pressure to try to get a good finish out of here and we couldn't get it."

### 12. Clint Bowyer -235 (finished 25th)

After a week spent dealing with a 150-point penalty following New Hampshire, he struggled in the race, getting a speeding penalty on pit road and hitting the wall.

## Drivers not in the Chase race with other goals

### ASK RICK!

*"How do drivers and teams that aren't a part of the Chase for the Sprint Cup look at the final 10 races of the season?"*

A: For many, it's the same approach a baseball or football team takes once they're eliminated from playoff contention. They begin trying personnel changes and other strategies in an attempt to get the next season off to a better start. Other teams that are performing well but somehow missed the cut look at the final races as a chance to take gambles on winning races, since there's no real need to worry about lost points if a gamble were to backfire.

David Ragan and his No. 6 team at Roush Fenway Racing are in the group that is trying new things in an effort to get off to a good start in 2011. Last week, the team announced that Drew Blickensderfer was taking over as crew chief for Donnie Wingo.

Ragan, the only Roush driver not in the Chase this year, met with reporters at Dover to talk about his outlook for the rest of 2010.

"The way that I look at this thing, and maybe Jack [Roush] and Drew [Blickensderfer] and Donnie [Wingo] look at it a little differently, but I see we have nine races left to basically see how our offseason was going to be," Ragan said. "To mix things up like this and bring Drew in, he's got

a different background, he's worked with some different drivers in our company, so just to see what his opinion is on things, his opinion on me as a driver and what I can do to our race cars, to our team, to our pit crew. It's just a different perspective.

"Everybody has a different opinion, so hopefully he can shine some light on a few things, and it's important for us to end the season with some good runs, and that will certainly carry some momentum through the offseason."

Ragan said one of his main goals is to try to give his crew better feedback on how his car is performing during practices and races.

"That's what I can work on - just try to give better feedback and try to drive the car harder and harder until it does something that I don't like, and we'll go to fix it," he said. "I still need to learn more about our cars and why we do certain things to the setups. But by having Drew in he'll have a different outlook on things."

Blickensderfer, who has been a Cup crew chief with Matt Kenseth and has worked with Carl Edwards in the Nationwide Series this season, said his main goal is to try to energize a team that appears to have all the tools it needs to be a regular Chase contender.

"It's not that David can't do it or the team can't do it or anything like that," he said. "I've been inserted to light a spark and maybe look at things that weren't seen before or look at things through a different set of eyes and turn the corner."

Got a question about NASCAR? Ask Rick! E-mail your question to [rminter@racinoday.com](mailto:rminter@racinoday.com)

## NOTEBOOK

### Johnson overtaking Hamlin?

One of the big questions heading into this week's race at Kansas Speedway is whether Jimmie Johnson's dominating win at Dover had taken some of the wind from the sails of points leader Denny Hamlin, who to his credit finished a solid ninth at a track that has confounded him in the past. Hamlin indicated in his post-race interview that he's not too worried at this point.

"We knew we were going to lose some to that 48 [Johnson's team] unless they made a mistake or something like that, so I'm really not alarmed by it, not really bothered by it," he said. "I think I've got to just worry about me."

He said he's actually proud of the way he's measured up to Johnson at New Hampshire and Dover.

"If they said head-to-head after those races you're going to be ahead of him in points, I would have taken it," he said. "Those first three, four race tracks [in the Chase] are really good for him and really, really bad for me ...

"The original goal was to be 80 points back after Kansas. Well, that goal has been shifted now to, 'Let's be at least even when we leave Kansas,' then we feel like we can beat those guys in the long run hopefully."

But he said it's tough to derail the Johnson express when it comes to the final 10 races of the season.

"They're going to win," he said. "That's the characteristics of that team. Anytime they're faced with adversity, they come and make a strong statement. That's been their M.O. for a long time."

## NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

**211** Laps led by Matt Kenseth in the past five Nationwide races at Kansas Speedway (of which he's only run four), top among drivers

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**837** Laps led by Kevin Harvick in the past 11 Cup races at Dover, the fewest of any driver in the Chase for the Sprint Cup

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**180 Lots & Acreage**

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**HUNTING LAND FOR LEASE** EASTERN NC New Bern, Craven and Pamlico Counties. [newbernooffice.com/hunting/](http://newbernooffice.com/hunting/) (252)633-5106 ask for John

**Waterfront Lot** In Trent Woods. Call Steve, owner/broker, Coldwell Banker, (252) 671-1997

**205 Homes for Sale**

**NEW TODAY**  
**2100 SQ.FT. MANUFACTURED** 4/5 bedrooms, 2.5 bath on large lot with storage building. \$99,000. Call (252)426-5808

**NEW TODAY**  
**2-3 BEDROOM,** Affordable rent, convenient neighborhood. References required 252 638-2798

**3 BEDROOMM, 2 BATH,** bonus room, pool, 2 decks, new metal roof and windows, \$134,900, 107 Pirates Lane. (252)342-5615

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**

**NEW TODAY**  
**REAL ESTATE AUCTION** Nominal Opening Bids Start at \$1,000! **4653 Rainmaker Drive, New Bern** 3BR 2BA 1,300 sq +/- 212 King Street, New Bern 3BR 2.5BA 2,192 sq +/- 155 Morningside Drive, Vanceboro 3BR 2.5BA 2,709 sq +/- 4718 Benson Lane, Grifton 4BR 2BA 2,125 sq +/- mobile/manufactured home.

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**210 Homes for Rent**

**NEW TODAY**  
**2-3 BEDROOM,** Affordable rent, convenient neighborhood. References required. 252 638-2798

**NEW TODAY**  
**1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1/2 OF DUPLEX** Clean, safe, 15 minutes from Cherry Point. Marina, dock, boat ramp. No pets \$400/mo. + utilities 252-444-1805

**NEW TODAY**  
**111 WINDY TRAIL.** 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath with garage! \$750 per month with deposit and lease, no pets. Available 10/15/10. Call (252) 617-2727 or 636-3366

**NEW TODAY**  
**2/1 BATH** Stove, refrigerator, a/c & gas heat. \$495/month + deposit. (252)638-1955 or 637-2888

**3 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH** Brinson School District. Pets negotiable. \$775. (252)633-5011 or 637-5350

**NEW TODAY**  
**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH ON GOLF COURSE!** 326 Divot Court, Silver Creek, Swansboro. Upstairs bonus room with workout equipment & 2 car garage. \$1500/m + deposit. Only 6 month lease with approved credit. No pets or boats. (252) 342-5096

**NEW TODAY**  
**3/2 1,600SQ.FT.** in New Bern. Washer/dryer hookups, \$795/mo. \$150/pet dep.. 252-671-1691

**210 Homes for Rent**

**3/2 HISTORIC HOME** Cozy front porch, picket fences, nice sized rooms, fenced yard, nice kitchen, \$1,075. 252-635-7052

**NEW TODAY**  
**3700 DARBY ROAD,** Trent Woods. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1295/month + 1 month deposit. 252-670-0624

**NEW TODAY**  
**8275 HWY 304,** Messic, Pamlico County, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, \$525/m. Open to show Sat 11-4. (336) 228-8029 or 252-322-9983

**NEW TODAY**  
**AVAILABLE HOUSES 3 BEDROOMS** New Bern and Riverdale areas. Fenced yard. \$800-\$850. No pets. Lease, deposit & credit check required. (252)636-5818

**NEW TODAY**  
**3/2, HAVELOCK,** Screened porch, garage, shed, new carpet/vinyl throughout, 1 year lease Lavncare included. \$995. (252) 229-8525

**NEW TODAY**  
**RIVER BEND SPACIOUS** Brick Townhouse with garage. 2500sqft. 3/3, deck, patio, boat slip, \$1200 mo., \$1400 dep. 919-413-2124 (Cell #) or 919-481-4200 ext. 231

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**SMALL 2/1,** living room, kitchen with appliances, front porch, screened back porch, large yard to maintain, 5 miles from New Bern references/deposit required, available 10/1. \$625. 252-637-1920

**NEW TODAY**  
**STRICTLY RENTALS :** 2 bed rentals \$550-\$750 3/4 bed houses \$750 & up. Call (252)447-0222

**NEW TODAY**  
**TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB - NEW BERN** Executive 5 bedroom, 3 bath 2,800 sq. ft. home on golf course. PETS OK! \$1,900/month, security/ pet deposit. Lease preferred. (704)684-5919 or (252)571-6930

**NEW TODAY**  
**WATERFRONT TOWNHOUSE** with boat slip, 2 bedroom 2 bath. Recently remodeled! \$795 + deposit. (919) 358-5133

**215 Rooms for Rent**

**CLEAN FURNISHED NO SMOKING** near Tryon Palace, for single, \$100 week & up 252-249-2200

**NEW TODAY**  
**ROOM FOR RENT** \$100 per week. Single, no smoking, no pets. (252)638-9009 & leave message.

**220 Apartments for Rent**

**1 BEDROOM** Furnished Apartments Waterfront setting, weekly, monthly 910-578-5777

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**2 AND 3 BEDROOM APARTMENTS** from \$550 per month! Call (252) 671-2044

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**235 Business Property**

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**235 Business Property**

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**GATED MAXI STORAGE/ FLEX SPACE** 1,250 sq ft. \$300  
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**240 Stores/Offices for Rent/Sale**

**NEW TODAY**  
**2,400 SQ. FT. RETAIL OR OFFICE SPACE** for lease. Riverwood Plaza, MLK Blvd., 17S. \$1570/month. (252)636-7681 or (252)672-7639

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**3400-A TRENT ROAD** Chelsea Square, 900sq.ft. building, Ideal office or shop. \$875. Chuck Tyson (252) 670-5230

**NEW TODAY**  
**OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 1400 Sq ft, downtown New Bern. Ample off-street parking. (252) 633-2470

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**FOR RENT** Clean well kept newer 2 & 3 bedroom Mobile Homes in quiet country setting in Havelock. Close to base! \$500 and up! (252)447-3625

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**SOUTHERN SUN IV MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT** Many Available. Call For Availability. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer. James City Area, near airport. Over 55 10% Discount. (252)259-7716

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**270 Autos for Sale**

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