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Marines lose EFV during DoD spending cuts

BY CPL. SCOTT SCHMIDT
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ARLINGTON, Va. – As spending cuts and downsizing continue across America, the Marine Corps faces a similar future.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates laid out his plan for more than \$150 billion in savings over the next five years from spending cuts in a written statement Jan. 6.

Two future Marine Corps programs will draw significant blows.

The termination of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV) program will be first on the fiscal chopping block. The commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, said he agrees with the cancellation of what would have been the Corps' newest amphibious tracked fighting vehicle.

"After a thorough review of the program within the context of a broader Marine Corps force structure review," said Amos in a written statement, "I personally recommended to both the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy that the EFV be cancelled and that the Marine Corps pursue a more affordable amphibious tracked fighting vehicle."

With the termination of the EFV, the Marine Corps is poised to meet the challenge of fielding a modern and afford-

able amphibious vehicle that will meet the needs of defending America's interest.

"Our nation's amphibious capability remains the Corps' priority," Amos said. "In the complex security environment we face, the execution of amphibious operations requires the use of the sea as maneuver space."

Amos added that a modern and affordable amphibious tracked vehicle is the means toward this end.

Another Marine Corps program not being spared in the cuts will be the Marine variant of the Joint Strike fighter. The stealth fighter jet capable of vertical flight will take a two-year backseat to the overall production of the aircraft. Defense Department official said this is due to significant testing problems.

The Marine Corps has not purchased a fixed-wing tactical aircraft in 11 years. The JSF is scheduled to replace the Navy and Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornet and EA-6B Prowler, and the Corps' AV-8B Harrier II.

Due largely to significant cuts in programs like the EFV and JSF, Gates has become known as a budget hawk in recent months as he continues his assault on wasteful and excess defense spending.

In his view, "These are all things that we should do as a department and as a military

regardless of the time and circumstance. But they are more important than ever at a time of extreme fiscal duress, when budget pressures and scrutiny fall on all areas of government, including defense."

Not all news is grim for Marines though.

According to the Defense Department's statement, the Department of the Navy plans to use part of their efficiencies

savings to increase the repair and refurbishment of Marine equipment used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The refurbishment plans come at a time of need for the Marine Corps. In the Corps' global presence throughout the last decade, the amount of equipment remaining for non-deployed units to use for training has demised. According to the Corps' 2010 report

to Congress, the supply rating of units in Afghanistan is near 100 percent, while the supply rating of units at home is less than 60 percent.

With a refocused spending policy on shoring up equipment shortfalls, and wasteful and excess spending, the Marine Corps can continue to act as America's force in readiness across the spectrum of future security challenges.



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – An Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle executes testing maneuvers off the coast of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., in October 2008. EFV Program Office Photo

Depot mascot promoted Jan. 7

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's mascot Belleau Wood poses next to her promotion warrant after her recent promotion to lance corporal. She is an eighteen-month-old English Bulldog following in the paw-prints of Cpl. Molly Marine, who she relieved from mascot duties Nov. 10, 2009. As the depot mascot, Belleau is charged with attending ceremonies and keeping up Marine morale.

Sgt. Shawn M. Dickens/Chevron



Guarding America's shores

BY CPL. JOSE NAVA
Chevron Staff

Maritime Safety and Security Team 91109 conducted advance training Jan. 6, by practicing different maritime scenarios here.

There are two main Coast Guard units aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. They are Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement and MSST 91109.

Both units have almost the same training, but have different missions said Cmdr. Eric Cooper, commanding officer, MSST 91109.

The MSST 91109 is a unit that provides security and protection to local maritime assets. The different ways that they provide security is by patrolling, detecting and arresting boaters or submerged divers. MSST is also under the Coast Guard's

deployable operations group, allowing them to deploy anywhere in the world if needed.

During training, Coast Guardsmen practiced moving security, escorting high value assets while they are underway; and fixed security, used when assets are stationary and in need of protection.

At different times during training, patrol boats are presented with challenges ranging from drunk boaters to opposing forces intentionally breaking through security lines.

Along with the different scenarios, training also consisted of high speed maneuvers with sharp turns and blank gunfire used to warn or suppress opposing forces in the exercise.

"The training provides realistic scenarios that Coast Guardsmen may encounter while performing their duties afloat," said Cooper.

Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: “What’s your New Year’s Resolution?”



“A successful tour with no trouble, no heartache.”
Staff Sgt. Ronaldo Jumbo, drill instructor, Co. H



“To return to full duty.”
Petty Officer 2nd Class Tomas Diaz, dental technician, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Dental Clinic



“To quit smoking”
Lance Cpl. Hailee Dryke, unit diary clerk, Recruit Administrative Branch, Recruit Training Regiment



“To work harder.”
Lance Cpl. Carlton Reynolds, administrative clerk, Consolidated Personnel Administrative Center



“To read more books, learn a language and enjoy time with my new grandson.”
Jan King, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, Marine Corps Community Services



“I’m trying to lose weight, go to the gym more often and win the lottery so I can retire soon.”
Lita Moore, library technician, MCRD Library



“To retire in April.”
Sherry Bua, administrative clerk, Depot Chaplain’s Office



“To register with the Veteran’s Administration.”
William D. Coleman, vehicle registration clerk, Depot Provost Marshal

BRIEFS

Commanding General’s Welcome Aboard

The next Commanding General’s Welcome Aboard is scheduled to be held Tuesday. The event is an information-based orientation that begins at 8:30 a.m. at Marine & Family Services, Bldg. 14, with a formal welcome and an overview of programs and services available on the depot.

A bus tour follows the morning program, with stops at key points of interest.

The tour terminates at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590, where attendees will be treated to a complimentary luncheon and an Info Expo, affording attendees the opportunity for additional information about any programs or support activities they find to be of particular interest.

Newly arriving service members, their spouses, dependents, retirees, Civil Service/DoD, and NAF employees are invited to attend. Per Depot Order, the Welcome Aboard is a mandatory attendance function for all newly arriving Marines.

Childcare is available. Please obtain Welcome Aboard childcare arrangement information in advance by calling the MCRD Marine Corps Family Team Building program office at (619) 524-0916.

For additional information call the Relocation Assistance Program Office at (619) 524-5298.

Personal financial fitness brown bag seminar

The next Marine and Family Service Center Brown Bag Lunch Seminar will be held Wednesday from 11:30 a.m., to 1 p.m. in the Marine and Family Service Center, Bldg. 14. Scheduled topic is: Building a Successful Savings Program with Small Dollar Amounts. The seminar is open to everyone interested but is limited to the first 50 people to register.

To register call the reception desk at (619) 524-5728.

For more info contact Michael McIsaac, PFM, MCRD San Diego at 619-524-1204.

Volunteer income tax assistance center

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center opens Jan. 24 in Bldg. 12 at the Legal Services Center. Services are available by appointment only. For appointments and information call (619) 524-4116. Tax preparers will be available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

UMOJA Ball 2011

MCCS is hosting UMOJA BALL 2011 (Umoja is “Unity” in Swahili) Feb. 19, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the Bay View Restaurant.

Entertainment for the event begins at 9, following a dinner buffet. Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bradley is the scheduled guest speaker. Music will be provided by the Reggie Smith Smooth Jazz Band, DJ Stretch, and drummers and dancers.

Tickets are \$47 in advance and \$50 on or after Feb. 18. Authorized patrons and guests with valid ID please.

Attire is semi-formal to formal. For tickets please contact Gloria Pettis at (619) 542-5546 or DSN 524-5572/5546 or via cell at (619) 987-5546.

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Be a Scout: get ready for fire, quake, storm

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Earthquakes happen without warning. The initial safety actions for earthquakes, terrorist attacks, such as bombings, are similar. Your first step when something happens is to pause and think. Look around you to see what is happening, and what immediate steps you can take to protect yourself and others.

What You Can Do Now

Preparing for earthquake, fire, flood, terrorism or other disaster is basically the same. It all starts with a family emergency plan.

- Evacuation: Whether you are at home, at work, or in a public place, think of how you could leave quickly and safely.
- Out-of-state contact: Think how you will get in contact with your family if you become separated. Choose an out-of-state contact that your family members or friends can call to check on each other.
- Meeting place: Decide where you and family members will meet if an emergency affects your home or if officials evacuate your neighborhood.
- School plans: Know the emergency plans at your children’s schools, and make sure the school has your updated emergency contact information.
- Preparation for children: Teach your children what to do in an emergency, and make sure they know their own

names and addresses, as well as the full names and contact information for parents and a second adult emergency contact.

What You Can Do During

- To protect yourself during an earthquake, drop down; take cover under something sturdy, and hold on to something with one hand while protecting your head and neck with the other.
- If there is smoke, get near the floor, cover your mouth and nose with a cloth, and move carefully toward the nearest marked exit.
- If it is necessary to evacuate, do so calmly. Use only marked exits and stairways. Never use elevators. Help others who are moving more slowly or who may be disoriented.

What You Can Do After

- Stay calm. Think before you act. Don’t let an earthquake or act of terrorism cause you unnecessary harm.
- Stay informed. Listen to official reports and instructions on the radio or television.
- If officials order an evacuation, cooperate quickly and follow their instructions regarding evacuation routes and shelter locations.
- If officials tell you to “Shelter in Place,” they mean for you to stay inside your home, vehicle or workplace until it is safe to come out. Do not leave your sheltered location or return to the evacuated area until officials confirm that it is safe to do so.

- Implement your family emergency plan, and notify your out-of-state contact of your location and status.
- Be aware of the psychological impact that terrorism can inflict, even when it happens to people you do not know personally.
- If an earthquake has occurred, go to the California Integrated Seismic Network at www.cisn.org to get information about the location/magnitude/shakemap of the earthquake.

In conclusion

- If you are not directly affected by the earthquake or the attack, stay calm, think before you act, encourage others, and comfort children. Turn on news radio or television, and listen for official instructions. Follow the directions of authorities.

For further information go to the internet link at MCRDSD.ORG/ Emergency Preparedness.



Marines make explosive impact in Afghanistan

BY SGT. DEREK CARLSON
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD)

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Coalition forces present in Afghanistan continuously patrol the country's vast landscape and cities while conducting operations and gathering information from local citizens.

Sometimes this can lead to hostile insurgents who seldom desire negotiation – which is when more than just bullets start flying.

On standby at the flightline, or already airborne in support of other operations, aircraft with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) are never far from the fight. Whether postured for close air support, cargo missions or transportation platform, these aircraft are armed with enough ordnance to make it rain anywhere in their area of operations – no matter how arid the climate.

The AH-1W Super Cobra brings unrivaled capabilities to the war effort despite its small frame. The Cobra is armed with rockets, missiles and a 20mm cannon, enabling it to be utilized in an array of assault scenarios.

The GPU-A2 gun pod, fixed to the nose of the Cobra, has a vertical and horizontal swivel, which directs the fire of a three-barrel M197 20mm cannon onto any identified threat. The cannon can host a variety of ammunitions to include high explosive, incendiary and semi-armor piercing rounds, and fire at a selectable rate of 750 or 1500 rounds per minute.

For a more explosive effect, the Cobra employs the use of several variants of the AGM-114 Hellfire missile. Though the Hellfire is now fired from multiple platforms, it was originally developed as a helicopter-launched fire-and-forget, or “HEL-L-FIRE,” weapon.

The missile's warhead can range from blast fragmentation, armor-piercing shape charges and blast-emphasizing charges, which produce lengthened blast wave durations. By making use of the Hellfire alone, a Cobra can disable soft targets,

devastate hard targets and even implode structures, limiting any collateral damage to the footprint of the target structure.

To suit a more utilitarian purpose, Cobras are also equipped with 2.75 LAU-61/68 rocket pods. Rockets fired from the pod can serve support or assault functions. Aside from high explosives, the Hydra 70 rocket can be armed with a lethal, non-explosive, flechette warhead. A flechette, French for 'baby arrow,' is a small arrow-shaped projectile, which weighs roughly 3.8 grams. The flechette rocket detonates mid-flight, firing more than 1,000 flechettes towards its target similar to a shotgun-like blast. This particular rocket eliminates soft targets without any significant damage to nearby structures.

The Cobra is also able to fire standard and infrared illumination rockets to aid coalition troops in low-light situations.

Like the Cobra, in the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron, the UH-1Y Huey also employs Hydra 70 rockets via the LAU-68.

The Huey, being the combat oriented utility helicopter, does not carry the Hellfire missile, but makes up for it with bullets – and lots of them. Two Marines man door guns on both sides of the aircraft. Typically, this consists of one GAU-16/A or GAU-21 .50 cal. machine gun and a GAU-17/A 7.62mm machine gun.

The GAU-17, more commonly known as the 'minigun,' is a six-barreled air-cooled machine gun, which fires 7.62mm rounds at a selectable rate of fire between 2,000 and 4,000 rounds per minute. The GAU-17 is electronically driven and fires standard and armor piercing rounds, as well as tracers.

Though still in use, the dated GAU-16/A, also known as the “Fifty,” has been identified for replacement by the GAU-21, which comes with a series of additional benefits to include an open bolt design, a rate of fire greater than 1,000 rounds per minute and a barrel life of 10,000 rounds.

As for the CH-53E Super

Stallion, it's armed with three GAU-21 or XM-218 .50 cal. machine guns. With the ability to push out a combined total of more than 3,000 .50 cal. rounds per minute and potentially 32 combat-loaded Marines onboard, the CH-53 has proven its capabilities numerous times over.

This heavy-lift helicopter plays a vital role in many named operations by inserting and extracting coalition forces across Regional Command (Southwest).

The Osprey, however, often flies with the 240D 7.62mm machine gun in lieu of the GAU-16. While the Osprey is only equipped with one on its tail, its unique tilt-rotor design allows it to fly high and fast enough to mitigate potential threats.

An even larger, deadlier, plane is the newly combat modified KC-130J Hercules, known as “Harvest Hawk.” The Harvest Hawk is equipped with high-altitude Hellfire missiles on the wing as well as a Griffin missile pod mounted on the rear of the aircraft, enabling the Harvest Hawk to provide close air support from forward

and rear-facing positions while maintaining its capability as an aerial refueling aircraft.

Though the Harvest Hawk is a unique asset to the Marine Corps in Afghanistan – nothing says fixed-wing firepower quite like the F/A-18C Hornet. The Hornet houses a 20mm, six-barreled, Vulcan Cannon, which is capable of firing high explosive, incendiary rounds at a rate of fire as fast as 100 rounds per second.

The Vulcan is an effective weapon, though it is not commonly during an initial engagement. The Vulcan Cannon is more often used to eliminate 'leakers,' or residual enemy combatants, who become exposed after Hornet has delivered several GBU bombs on target. The GBUs used by the F/A-18 weigh either 500 or 1000 pounds and can be laser-guided for increased accuracy.

For long-ranged precision strikes, the Hornet relies on the AGM-65E Laser Maverick. The Maverick is a laser-designated missile, which can devastate soft targets and fortified structures alike from distances more than 10 miles away. To avoid the

possibility of collateral damage or non-combatant injuries, the missile will automatically become a 'dud' and pull upwards, away from its target, upon losing its 'lase' from a ground or airborne designator.

Alternatively, the Hornet can also fire ordnance from the LAU-10 rocket pod. The pod is used to mark target locations with smoke or fire high explosive five-inch rockets.

The Hornet is also able to be armed with the AIM-9M/X Sidewinder and AIM-120C air-to-air missile systems; however, they are not actively used in current operations due to the lacking of need for air-to-air weaponry.

Given the extensive arsenal at the disposal of the 3rd MAW (Fwd), the wing is able to accomplish the mission – no matter what obstacles lay in its way.

Editor's Note: Statistical information in this story has been compiled from weapons manufacturers, Department of Defense databases and the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) Aviation Logistics Department.



A UH-1Y crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (forward) mans the GAU-17/A 7.62mm machine gun while gathering key coalition personnel to be inserted into the Ismaat Bazaar in Helmand province, Afghanistan Sept. 27. The insert was in support of operation Oasis, which established coalition presence in a suspected insurgent logistic hub. Sgt. Derek B. Carlson/ 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD)

Maritime training

Coast Guardsmen assigned to the depot engaged in advanced training on San Diego Bay Jan. 6. Training consisted of high speed pursuit maneuvers, and using gunfire (firing blanks) to control opposing forces trying to pass through security lines.

Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



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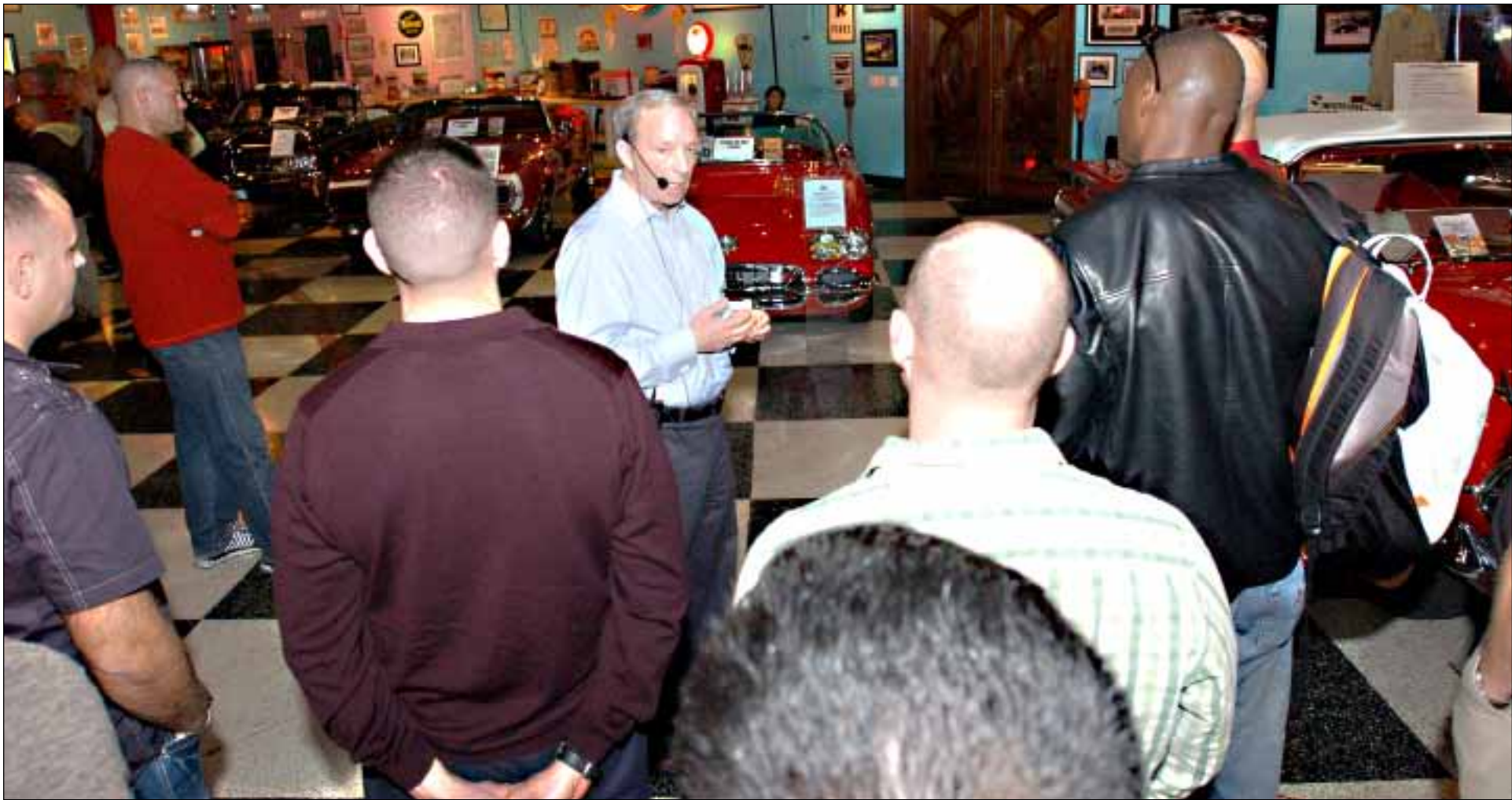
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Chuck Spielman, center, president of Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes, explains the history of his private auto collection to Marines and sailors from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, during an invitational tour Jan 7. The tour of Spielman's private collection was an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of 20th century Americana and learn more about military history from different perspectives. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron

Vietnam vet takes depot Marines back to yester

BY STAFF SGT. MARC AYALIN
Chevron staff

At first glance, the building of Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes looks like any other industrial office establishment found riddled throughout San Diego's suburbs. However, once inside, one may feel as if they have entered a time capsule containing some of America's most beloved autos and historical treasures.

Although it's not a time capsule, Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes is more of a showroom and museum for Chuck Spielman's private stable of classic autos spanning from the 1930s to the present, along with a priceless collection of military memorabilia from throughout the last century. Spielman, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and retired commercial

real estate executive, opened his collection for private viewing in 1998 in New York, then moved it to San Diego in 2001 after the terrorist attacks of September 11.

For 20 senior Marines and sailors from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, an afternoon tour of Spielman's priceless dream collection was an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of 20th century Americana. Deeply inspired by his patriotism and a dream to pay tribute to war veterans, Spielman privately funds his efforts as a whole.

"My inspiration in creating the Hall of Heroes is due to a life-long interest in World War II and a desire to pay tribute to its veterans before they all pass away," Spielman said.

During the guided tour of Spielman's personal automobile collection, he and his community outreach associate, Bob

Rabourne, split the service members into two groups briefly explaining the history of how each vehicle was acquired. Some of the vehicles featured during the tour included a 1964 Pontiac GTO convertible, a 2010 Corvette ZR1 with a 638 hp supercharged V8 engine, and a 2010 Ferarri Scuderia, one of only 499 produced worldwide and 90 imported in the U.S.

After seeing the lineup of modern marvels, the servicemembers toured the Hall of Heroes, which places an emphasis on WWII. Here, Spielman and Rabourne explained intricate details of the background of some of the military artifacts that he has collected over the years. From the fork and spoon of Eva Braun to the service uniform of a WWII veteran, each had a story behind it. This proved intriguing to some.

"The highlight of the trip for me was to

try and put myself in the moments in time from which some of these pieces came from," said Sgt. Maj. Wayne Pedersen, battalion sergeant major for Support Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. "The people, the places and events that were represented affected world history forever."

For some service members, seeing the vast collection of autos and how pristine they have been restored was also a highlight.

"Learning about the history of how each vehicle was acquired and what events surrounded that period was very interesting to me," said Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Velis, company gunnery sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, MCRD San Diego and a native of Los Angeles.

While Spielman's dream collection

has proven its value in military service members' eyes, the Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes is open to the public. Having given Spielman's venue its status as a place where older who have been granted an appointment to gain a greater appreciation of the past.

"This is the stuff of history books," said one of the attendees, who presented what circled around each artifact and each story was a major highlight.

Meanwhile, the tour of Spielman's list of the collection is completing a third of the Hall of Heroes.

"We are current



Spielman's 1962 Mercedes 300SL is number 207 of 209 produced by Mercedes and contains an aluminum engine and disc brakes. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron



Bob Rabourne, community outreach representative, Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes, explains the history of Spielman's 1967 Chevrolet SS convertible to Marine Drill Instructor. The tour of Spielman's private collection was an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of 20th century Americana and learn more about military history from different perspectives. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron



A group of fully restored Chevrolet convertibles from 1955 are just some of the privately-owned vehicles that Chuck Spielman, president of Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes. Each of these Chevrolets is an award-winning auto that was the top of the line models for their respective years along with the best available horsepower. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron



In the center showroom, is this 1964 Pontiac GTO with a 389 cubic inch engine. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron



A 1938 Lincoln Zephyr Convertible is just one of Spielman's several 1930s classic autos that is on display at Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron



Along with classic autos and WWII memorabilia, Spielman owns a slew of classic toys, which are also displayed throughout his showrooms. Featured here are 1930s toy pedal cars that have been restored or are in original condition. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron

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ly working on several

sections that pay tribute to women in the military and the allies of the second world war," Spielman said. "We also plan on having a display of various veterans' memorabilia that includes their personal stories."

While veterans and active duty service members alike will continue to share in Spielman's dream collection, the fact remains that his tribute to the military is a reflection of genuine American patriotism.

"I just want people know that Spielman's time, resources and personal effort into this facility is really an honor to our veterans, active duty service members and military supporters who do so much for our country," said Rabourne.

For more information about Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes, contact Bob Rabourne at (760) 732-0073 or (760) 500-9464.



Armando Fragomeni, center, master mechanic for Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes, explains how he ended up working for Spielman. Fragomeni, once the head mechanic and test driver for Ferrari swept floors at the beginning of his employment there. He later went on to test drive vehicles for Lamborghini, Mercedes and Maserati. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron



Classic Auto and Hall of Heroes, briefly explains the instructors of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Jan. in a greater appreciation of 20th century Americana and Marc Ayalin/Chevron



A 1937 Packard Roadster is one of Spielman's several 1930s classic autos that is on display at Only Yesterday Classic Autos and Hall of Heroes. Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin/Chevron

Marines’ fitness means endurance on the battlefield

BY CPL. STEVEN H. POSY
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. – Approximately 50 runners from Marine Corps installations around the world raced on a five-mile course for the All-Marine Cross Country championship, held here Jan. 8.

Second Lieutenant William Prom, an artillery training officer with 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., won first place with a time of 26:36.

Cpl. Sage Koch, an armorer with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., finished in 27:02 and won second place. Staff Sgt. Tyler Hubbard, the staff non commissioned officer in charge with the fuels division, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, took third.

The five mile race took place

on the steep hills and rugged terrain located behind the air station’s flight line.

“I run about 80 miles per week and have done so for the past few months,” said Prom. “This course is a great test of endurance.”

After the race, Col. Frank A. Richie, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, presented awards to the top performers.

“Fitness equates to endurance on the battlefield,” said Richie. “This is a phenomenal example of the level of fitness demonstrated by Marines.”

Top runners from Camp Pendleton; Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz.; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.; Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris

Island, S.C.; Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, Arlington Va.; Marine Corps Base Hawaii; Marine Corps Base Okinawa, Japan; and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, competed in the event.

“These are the best runners in the Marine Corps,” said Robert Stopp, the athletic director with Marine Corps Community Services here.

The runners train while balancing their busy schedules and travel around the world to compete in these events.

“We are very competitive, but it is difficult to balance deployments and work schedules,” said Col. Steven D. Peterson, the branch head with Headquarters Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Arlington, Va. “They are Marines first and we thank their commands for working with their schedules and allowing them to compete.”



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif.-Marine runners take off from the starting point of a 5-mile course here during the All-Marine Cross Country championship race Jan. 8. Approximately 50 runners represented the 10 teams from Marine Corps installations around the world. *Cpl. Steven H. Posy/Marine Corps Air Station Miramar*



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif.-2nd Lt. William Prom, an artillery training officer with 11th Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, crosses the finish line in 1st place during the All-Marine Cross Country championship race here Jan. 8. Prom finished the 5-mile course in 26:36. *Cpl. Steven H. Posy/Marine Corps Air Station Miramar*

Col. Jerome E. Driscoll Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Jerome E. Driscoll was born December 1958 in San Francisco. He attended the University of the Pacific and received his baccalaureate degree in political science in 1981. After graduation, he attended the University of California, Santa Barbara and received his Master’s of Arts degree in political science in 1984.

Driscoll was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in August 1984 through the officer candidate class and completed The Basic School in March 1985. He then completed the Infantry Officer Course and joined the staff of the 2nd Marine Regiment in Camp Lejeune, N.C., as an assistant training officer. During this time, he completed a two-month cold weather exercise in Fort Greeley, Alaska testing cold weather clothing systems.

In December 1985, Driscoll was assigned as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and participated in exercises at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif.; Fort McCoy, Wis.; and a NATO exercise in Norway.

In June 1986, Driscoll entered primary flight training at Naval Air Stations Pensacola and Whiting Field, Fla., with Training Squadron 3 and Helicopter Training Squadron 18. He received his wings in October 1987.

Transferring to Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 301 at Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, Calif., he began advanced helicopter training as a CH-46 pilot.

Upon completion of flight training in May 1988, Driscoll transferred to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to join the Dragons of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265. During his four years with the squadron, Driscoll completed two deployments to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program and deployed to Southwest Asia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1992, Driscoll joined the staff of Marine Aircraft Group 24 and participated in the disaster relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Iniki.

In August 1993, Driscoll attended the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, Va. Upon completion he joined the staff of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit as an assistant air officer. During this tour, he deployed to the Western Pacific and Southwest Asia as part of the 11th MEU (Special Operations Capable) participating in exercises in Jordan, The United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait.

In December 1995, Driscoll completed helicopter refresher training with HMMT-204 and joined HMM-164 at MCAS El Toro. He served as the operations officer and plans officer during this tour and deployed to the Western Pacific and Southwest Asia in support of the 13th MEU

(SOC). The 13th MEU (SOC) participated in exercises in Kuwait and Qatar during this deployment. After his squadron returned from deployment, Driscoll served as executive officer as the squadron prepared to move to MCAS Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In October 1998, Driscoll joined the staff of Marine Aircraft Group 16 as the logistics officer. During this time, MAG-16 completed the migration of units to Camp Pendleton and MCAS Miramar and conducted Exercise Sea Horse Wind.

Colonel Driscoll attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the School of Advanced Warfighting from 1999 to 2001. While there he was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Driscoll assumed command of HMM-268 on Nov. 30, 2001. The squadron conducted numerous training evolutions and deployments during 2002. In January 2003, HMM-268 received notice to prepare for a squadron deployment to Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait for combat operations in support of I Marine Expeditionary Force during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The squadron deployed in February and returned in September 2003.

In October, Driscoll was assigned as the deputy chief of staff, planning, I MEF. During the summer of 2004, he returned to Quantico, Va., to attend the Marine Corps War College.

Upon completion Driscoll became the Director of the Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting. During this tour, he was selected for and promoted to his

current rank.

In June 2007, Driscoll joined the Joint Staff as the deputy and division chief of the Joint Operational War Plans Division. Driscoll was selected to command Marine Aircraft Group 16 as part of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at MCAS Miramar.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (with numeral 8), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with 2 gold stars), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



							
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Pvt. S. R. Johnson
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* Indicates meritorious promotion



Recruits from Platoon 3251, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, conduct an inspection of their weapons to make sure that there is no ammunition before passing it on to their relief. Drill instructors supervise changeover procedures that recruits must go through when being relieved from their posts.
Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla/Chevron

Company L takes post around recruit training

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC
QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

“Halt, who goes there?” recruits yell at the approaching stranger. Late at night a group of recruits climb out of their racks and hurry to get dressed so they can take their post around base.

The recruits of Platoon 3251, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, patrol commonly-frequented parts of the base Dec. 16, such as the recruit Exchange, to make sure they are secure as part of interior guard training week.

Interior guard is an important week during recruit training. Every night, a different platoon is tasked with making sure that the base is well-protected. The recruits must learn to push through sleep deprivation in order to complete their assignment.

The recruits have spent significant time ensuring they were prepared for this new mission. With nightly fire

watch, they learn how to keep their own squad bay secure and report their post to anyone who enters.

The recruits receive classes by the drill instructors on how to take what they have already learned and apply it to real-life scenarios.

This training helps bolster their confidence, having to stand up to anyone that may approach, even the drill instructors, said Recruit Gerald Holman, Platoon 3251.

The recruits are taught challenge and pass procedures that must be used for anyone trying to gain access to secured areas. The recruits must then verify the identity of anyone that approaches their post to make sure that they have access to the area.

“This teaches them the practical application of the general orders they repeat over and over,” said Sgt. Sean A. Legaard, drill instructor, Platoon 3251. “They go out and see how it works, see what it means.”

There are 11 general orders that every recruit must learn that are the guidelines that must be followed when standing post.

Armed with M-16A2 service rifles, the recruits walk their posts for an hour each night, waiting for the drill instructor to bring their relief. When the new guards arrive relief comes, the recruits show that the rifles have no rounds and pass them to the next recruits to go on post.

Although the recruits are not given any ammunition for this event, they must show that they understand the importance of clearing a weapon before passing it on, and be able to demonstrate the proper procedures.

“We learn how to do it for when it actually counts,” said Recruit Jacob Bell, Platoon 3251. “When we are in combat, we have to defend our fellow Marines so they can sleep soundly and they can know they are protected throughout the night.”



Recruits are tasked with waking each other for their shifts as interior guards. They take turns with one-hour shifts on guard to ensure their squad bay, belongings and weapons are safe and secure.
Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla/Chevron



Sgt. Sean A. Legaard, right, drill instructor, Platoon 3251, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, marches recruits who are relieving the recruits on post. The recruits walk different posts throughout base.
Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla/Chevron



Recruit Gerald Holman, Platoon 3251, Company L, quickly dresses for his upcoming shift on interior guard. The recruits have about 15 minutes to prepare for their upcoming shift.
Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla/Chevron