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ROAD CLOSURE

Fourth St. between Bourke and Brown Streets will be closed through Feb. 28.

QUIT SMOKING CLASS

Tired of spending your money on a smoking habit that makes your clothes and breath stink? The Health Promotions department at Naval Hospital 29 Palms can help you kick that habit. The next smoking cessation class will take place March 14, and if you can't make it to that one, there are eight others scheduled throughout the year. Your NCOIC will give you the time off to go to one of them if you ask. To register, or for more information, call Martha Hunt at 830-2814.

FREE CPR CLASS

In conjunction with National Red Cross Month, the American Morongo Basin Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a free Adult CPR class on March 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Joshua Tree Community Center. Pre-register immediately as enrollment is limited. Call the Red Cross Station Twentynine Palms at 830-6685, or call directly to the chapter at 366-5330 for further information or to register.

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COMING NEXT ISSUE

- New Messhall
- CG Volleyball
- Shades of Color fashion show

THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

Feb. 24, 1943

Marines were engaged in fierce battle with the Japanese on Iwo Jima Island.



Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, meets Marines of Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment prior to a fire demonstration.

Hagee visits Combat Center



Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks with Marines, Sailors and their families at an impromptu visit to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment's family day event at Victory Field.

"This is not just an exercise. This is not a game. This is absolute serious stuff."

—Gen. Michael W. Hagee

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

General Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, visited the Combat Center Feb. 16 and 17 to speak with Marines, Sailors and their families, and to observe training aboard the base.

The main purpose of the commandant's visit was to witness units undergoing new, experimental training, observe recent changes in the Mojave Viper combined arms exercises and speak with Combat Center units.

The morning of his arrival, Hagee met with Marines of 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, as well as representatives from the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory at the Quackenbush training area to observe Marines testing the new distributed operations warfighting concept.

Distributed operations is designed to empower small unit leaders and allow platoons and squads of Marines to operate more forward of their centralized command. It also gives them more options on the battlefield, including the ability to call for artillery, naval or aircraft fire support.

Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, supported 1/5's distributed operations test platoon and provided fire support

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MWSS-374 bids Combat Center adieu

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More than 400 Marines and Sailors of Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 departed from the Combat Center Tuesday and Wednesday for the unit's second deployment to Iraq. The squadron will call the Al Anbar province home for the next seven months as a part Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The "Rhinos" conducted multiple exercises aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., in recent months to prepare for this deployment. One of the main missions of the squadron in the combat zone will be the establishment and operation of forward arming and refueling points, or FARP.

"The basic concept of these sites is to allow aircraft to refuel and reload armaments so that they do not have to go back to the main airstrip," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Russell Johnson, officer-in-charge of Fuels Platoon, Airfield Company, in an interview while training in Yuma. "This way, the pilots can get right back into the fight to support the grunts without missing a beat."

Deployments can sometimes be difficult on families who remain behind, and can lead to added stress and strain. There are several organizations aboard the Combat Center that offer assistance to families of any deployed Marines and Sailors. One of the best places to turn is the Information and Referral Center, which can provide answers and referrals to basic problems and questions. The center is manned from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Their toll-free phone number is 1-877-727-5300.

Gunnery Sgt. Erik M. Steele will serve as the MWSS-374 Family Readiness Officer for the duration of the deployment. As the FRO, Steele serves as the direct liaison to the unit in Iraq for the family members. The duty phone number to reach him is 760-830-8712, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. After business hours families can leave a message and expect a prompt response.



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Loux hugs his two children, Avery and Parker, one last time before heading to Iraq with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374.



Sgt. Marco Franco holds his wife, Lory, before departing for Iraq with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374.



DENTAL CORNER



Did you know it is very important for parents to try and make tooth brushing a fun daily event? The Combat Center's 23rd Dental Company wants to remind you that it is not really important for young children to have good tooth brushing skills, but that they get into the routine of doing it. The skill will come with daily practice. Encourage your children to practice daily, and supervise the younger children until they start to get the basics down. Above, Lt. Kevin Hudson, 23rd Dental Co., instructs children on proper oral hygiene.

Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf

"...YES, ...YES..., You're a Pilot....Right?...And...., YES!...My crystal ball tells me that your call sign is ..Wait!!!....here it comes.. ..SLING BLADE!!!!"



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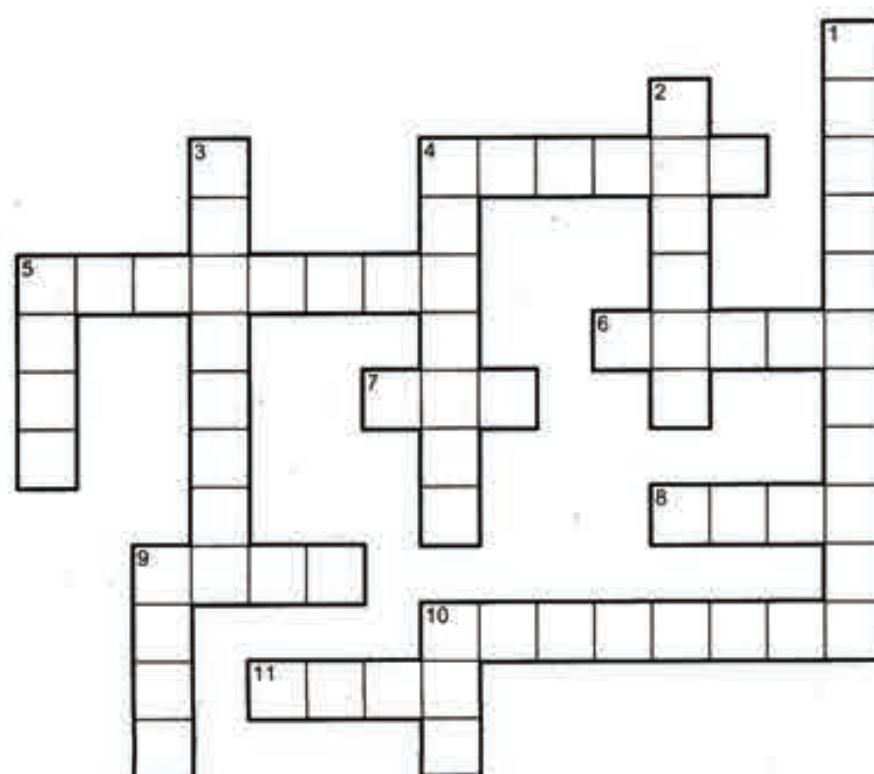
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WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH "Z"



ACROSS

- 4 A dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force.
- 5 A white crystalline oxide. Not to be mistaken for a diamond.
- 6 Referees in football and hockey are often referred to as this animal.
- 7 Animal kingdom.
- 8 Flavor or interest; piquancy. The outermost part of the rind of an orange, lemon, or other citrus fruit, used as flavoring.
- 9 A metallic element that is brittle at room temperature but becomes malleable when heated. Atomic number 30.
- 10 A rigid airship having a long cylindrical body supported by internal gas cells.
- 11 An area or a region distinguished from adjacent parts by a distinctive feature or characteristic; a segment.

DOWN

- 1 Animal constituent of plankton; mainly small crustaceans and fish larvae
- 2 A fastening device consisting of parallel rows of metal, plastic, or nylon teeth on adjacent edges of an opening that are interlocked by a sliding tab.
- 3 A variety of squash having an elongated shape and a smooth, thin, dark green rind.
- 4 Fervent; keen; fanatical; obsessive
- 5 The principal god of the Greek pantheon, ruler of the heavens, and father of other gods and mortal heroes
- 9 None; nothing; zip; zilch
- 10 A school of Mahayana Buddhism that asserts that enlightenment can be attained through meditation, self-contemplation, and intuition rather than through faith and devotion

[Solutions on A5]

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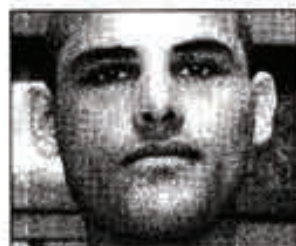
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PFC TY CRAIG

H&S Co., 1st Tank Battalion

"I wouldn't take money from Marines for the food they eat. Marines would eat for free."



CPL JUAN E. MORALES

BRAVO Co., 3rd LAR

"I would give Marines more chances to deploy to different countries to do more humanitarian acts."



CPL BRIAN REIMERS

1/25

"The first thing I would change is the fit-rep procedures for sergeants and above. I would try to bring in a combination of what the other services use by taking a test, as well as using a little bit of the current system."



1ST SGT. DAVID WALTERS

HEADQUARTERS Co., 1/14

"I would find a way for quicker implementation of current weapon systems across the board, especially for those already in, or going into the combat zone."

What's on your mind?

Centerspeak welcomes questions or submissions from service members, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

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Famed Iwo Jima flag raisers gone but not forgotten

CPL. MEGAN L. STINER
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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii — All Marines are familiar with the legendary flag raising on Mount Suribachi, but most could not name one of the six individuals in the famous picture taken during the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945.

Sgt. Michael Strank, Cpl. Harlon Block, Pfc. Ira Hayes, Pfc. Franklin Sousley and Pfc. Rene Gagnon are the five Marines in the photo and Petty Officer 2nd Class John Bradley was the Sailor who completed the group.

It was under Strank's leadership that the six men made the trek safely up the mountain in order to place an American flag high enough so, according to Strank, "... every Marine on this cruddy island can see it."

Unfortunately, shortly after the raising of the flag three of the young men would meet their fate on the same foreign soil where the famed image captured them standing as they proudly raised Old Glory.

Only Bradley, Hayes and Gagnon would live to ever see their beloved country again. They were unique young men from different backgrounds, ethnicities, religious preferences and character, but they all found themselves together in the military, unknowingly at the time, performing a task that would later stand as a reminder of courage and pride. Their images are displayed on monuments and stamps, in re-enactment ceremonies and memorial events, eventually becoming one of the most — if not the most renowned — military photograph of all time.

As an infant, Strank was brought to the U.S. from Czechoslovakia by his parents and grew up in Pennsylvania, eventually trying his hands as a coal miner before making the decision to join the military. According to <http://www.iwojima.com>, he was a studious learner with a photographic memory and a knack for leadership. He joined the Marine Corps at the age of 20 and quickly advanced through the ranks before eventually landing in Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945.

Block was born Nov. 6, 1924, in Rio Grande, Texas. According to the Arlington National Cemetery Web site, he was a superb athlete who grew up as a pacifist Seventh Day Adventist. Block joined the Marine Corps on Feb. 18, 1943, and was a member of the Parachute Replacement Battalion, 1 Marine Amphibious Corps and 2nd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division, with which he traveled to Iwo Jima.

Hayes was a Pima Indian born Jan. 12, 1923, in Sacaton, Ariz., on the Gila River Indian Reservation. Hayes became a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and also spent time as a carpenter before enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve Aug. 24, 1942. Hayes spent time in California, New Caledonia, Vella Lavella and Hawaii before embarking with his unit to Iwo Jima.

Sousley was born in Flemingsburg, Ky., Sept. 19, 1925. He was only 9 when he lost his father and took over the responsibilities as the man of the house. According to James Bradley, author of "Flags of

Our Fathers," Sousley was a "good old hillbilly" and a practical joker. He was a freckle-faced redhead who was raised on a tobacco farm before traveling in the Corps brought him to Iwo Jima.

Gagnon was the youngest of the men, as well as the most reserved. He was born in Manchester, N.H., March 7, 1925. According to the Arlington National Cemetery Web site, Gagnon was the one who actually carried the flagpole up Mount Suribachi at the age of 18.

Before joining the Marine Corps Reserves, March 6, 1943, Gagnon worked in a local textile mill. He spent time in South Carolina, Hawaii and California before landing on Iwo Jima with 2nd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment.

Bradley was born in Antigo, Wis., July 10, 1923. Shortly before joining the Navy, Bradley graduated from a 19-month apprenticeship course under the guidance of a funeral director. Bradley was the only Sailor out of the six men, and he is quoted for saying, "People refer to us as heroes — I personally don't look at it that way. I just think that I happened to be at a certain place at a certain time, and anybody on that island could have been there. We certainly weren't heroes — and I speak for the rest of them as well. That's the way they thought of themselves also."

Whatever brought the men together on the hill that day

was not enough to bring them all home alive.

Strank lost his life to a mortar round while he was diagramming a plan in the sand. He was the first in the group to die. He was quoted as having turned down a promotion two months prior to the battle in order to fight beside his brothers in arms. "I trained these boys, and I'm going to be with them in battle," Strank was 26-years-old when the mortar round ended his life.

With Strank gone, Harlon took command of his squad, but his leadership was short lived. According to the Arlington National Cemetery Web site, a few hours later, Harlon was sliced from his neck to his groin by a mortar round. His last words were, "They killed me," a phrase he uttered as he lay dying. Harlon was 21.

Sousley was the last of the flag raisers to die in the battle of Iwo Jima. According to the Arlington National Cemetery Web site, a sniper shot Sousley, and when someone asked him how he was doing, he replied, "Not bad. I don't feel anything." He then fell to the ground, lifeless. At the time of his death, Sousley was 19 years old.

Hayes left the battle with a heavy heart. According to the Arlington National Cemetery Web site, he spent the remainder of his life in and out of jail, suffering from alcoholism. His battle with drinking became a war he would not walk away from. He died at 32 from alcohol-related causes.

After Iwo Jima, Gagnon pieced his life together — more than Hayes had done, but was never able to live a stable, constructive life. He also battled with alcoholism and unemployment. Although he would live to be 54, Gagnon was unable to escape what he experienced during the Battle of Iwo Jima, and passed away from a heart attack.

Bradley was the only survivor who became successful and lived a long life after the war. The modest patron became the owner of a family business and often gave to local charitable causes. He had eight children and was married for 47 years. He died at the age of 70.

Although the image has become an icon, the people and reasons behind the flag-raising event are not as well known. Many Marines and other military members lose their lives during war and peacetime, but their stories are never told. If the camera shutter had not captured the picture that day, these men may not have ever been recognized for their courage and audacity.



TIMELINE: THE BATTLE FOR IWO JIMA

Feb. 19, 1945

Marines assault Iwo Jima

Feb. 23, 1945

Marines raise American flag on Mt. Suribachi

Mar. 26, 1945

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Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, views a simulated vehicle-borne IED at the Camp Wilson area.



Staff Sgt. Kelly M. Crawford explains the Camp Wilson IED training alley to Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, during his visit.



Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, talks with 1st Lt. David T. Russell, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, about his platoon's testing of distributed operations.



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for their training at Quackenbush.

Hagee visited Mike Battery's fire direction center and each gun section for a fire demonstration and to shake the hand of every Marine present.

"That was the first time I or my Marines have seen the commandant in person," said Cpl. John Albert, Mike Battery section chief whose Marines all received Hagee's personal challenge coins. "The Marines really loved it. It motivated the hell out of us. I didn't realize how big a deal getting one of his coins was until later on."

The commandant's next day was spent partially at Camp Wilson and Range 215, where he interacted with Marines and watched as they went through urban exercises for Mojave Viper training.

Later, Hagee spoke to Marines of 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, at the base theater before they began their Mojave Viper training.

"This is not just an exercise," said Hagee. "This is not a game. This is absolute serious stuff. We want the training you see out here to resemble as closely as possible what you are going to see in Iraq."

Marines and Sailors in the audience asked questions and Hagee also took time for photographs with each platoon in the battalion before he left.

Hagee also went to Victory Field for an impromptu visit during 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment's family day event, much to the thrill of the Marines, Sailors and family members gathered prior to his departure from the Combat Center.

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Saving lives with Marine Armor Kits at the Combat Center



LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

According to J.T. Coleman from the Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., vehicle accidents, involving both tactical and non-tactical vehicles, are the leading cause of non-combat fatalities in Iraq as of May 18, 2004. Most result from excessive speed and not wearing seat belts, he said in an interview with Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service.

Most accidents occurred during convoys in forward areas, with speed a factor in more than half of the accidents, and failure to use seat belts contributing to the severity of injuries in almost half of all humvee accidents, said Coleman.

The Marine Corps connected the problem to pre-deployment training, said Kyle E. Garvin, motor transportation maintenance supervisor, Exercise Support Division.

"Motor vehicle accidents continue to kill Marines in Iraq and during training," said Garvin. "We believe it is due to the added load Marine Armor Kit that has been installed in all humvees in Iraq. Drivers are not training with that load during pre-deployment training, and when they get to Iraq they have to adjust to the added amount of weight from more armor on their vehicles."

The MAK is to help shield service members in Iraq from the effects of improvised explosive devices and other ballistic battlefield dangers. Motor transportation mechanics and civilian contractors are now installing the MAK, and it is adaptable to both the two-door and four-door humvees. Components of the kit include reinforced doors with ballistic glass, flank protection kits, gunner shield kits and an air-conditioning system. The kit adds 3,500 pounds to the humvee's original 7,210 pounds — roughly 50 percent more weight.

"The priority focus with the kit is to get as many as we can on the humvees we have here," said Garvin. "It is not the same vehicle any more, and the Marines need to experience that before they operate them in Iraq."

Along with its increased protection comes the increased force from the weight and velocity it carries. Marines in Iraq can be slow to discover that the stopping distance and following distance during convoy operations must be increased, added Garvin.

"The difference is big between the humvees without the kit and the humvees with the kit," said Cpl. Jose D. Solis, motor transportation operator with ESD. "Yes, the humvee looks like it can survive some blasts and AK-47 rounds, but it is harder to maneuver. You can feel how much heavier the vehicle is. Now, the driver has to take more precautions. The acceleration is slower and the stopping distance is larger. There's more weight behind the wheel that can cause twice the damage. Dismounting and mounting into the vehicle could also take a bit longer as well because the doors are heavier. I think it's very important to train with these vehicles now, rather than learn the difference in Iraq. Time is on the line out there, and that can mean lives. It's a better vehicle that can also be dangerous to Marines."

The Marines executing Mojave Viper aboard the Combat Center are beginning to get the chance to test out the MAK, said Garvin. ESD is making efforts to provide the vehicles with the kit to every unit that comes to train in the month-long, pre-deployment exercise.

Ten civilian contractors and 20 Marines from Marine Logistics Division, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., were tasked with helping the Enhanced Equipment Allowance Pool here in putting the MAK on more than 80 vehicles, said Garvin.

So far, the Combat Center has roughly 50 vehicles completed for exercise purposes, and training for better vehicle handling and safety is already underway, added Garvin.

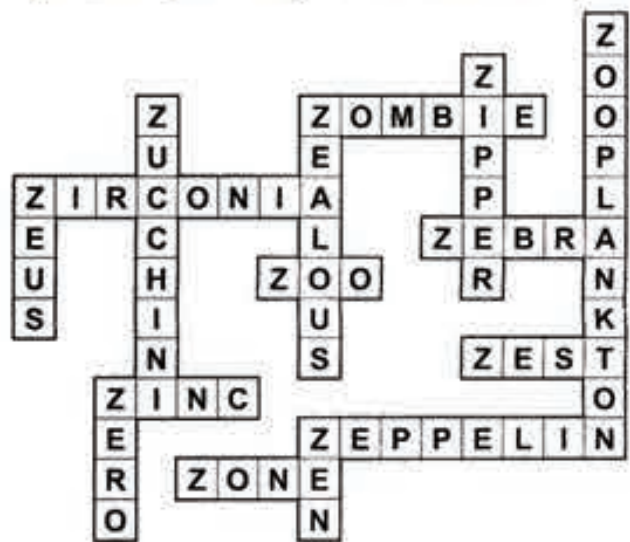
"Taking these vehicles out on training evolutions and convoy operations will definitely cut down on motor vehicle accidents in Iraq," said Garvin. "The mission is to make drivers aware of the weight difference, and eventually, handling the vehicles will become second nature to them again."

Lance Cpl. Steven Villa, a 19-year-old engine mechanic with 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, drills holes into the body of a humvee at the Exercise Support Division motor pool Tuesday.



Two Marines with 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, attach the driver side door with an extra armor kit on to a humvee at the Exercise Support Division motor pool Tuesday.

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1/7 Family Day provides unit, family integration



Lance Cpl. Ryan Stomberg, 1/7 Bravo Co., attempts to keep his balance after being hit by Pfc. Trevor Curtis, 1/7 Bravo Co., in a jousting match.

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Friends and family members of the Marines and Sailors of 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, gathered for the unit's Family Day at the Combat Center's Victory Field Feb. 17.

The unit recently finished months of training in preparation for a scheduled deployment next month in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This marks the end of our field training before our next deployment," said Staff Sgt. Phillip N. Johnson, 1/7 battalion mess chief, Headquarters and Service Company. "This is about getting the battalion together as a whole before we start other deployments preparations."

There were volleyball, basketball and tug-o-war tournaments between the unit's four companies throughout the day. Marine Corps Community Services provided an inflatable obstacle course and a Jupiter Jump for the children, and jousting for adults.

Food was provided by Marine Corps food services and included barbecue chicken, ribs, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, macaroni salad and condiments.

Cpl. Aaron Henehan, rifleman, Bravo Co., 1/7, stood in the long line to get some barbecue chicken and ribs.

"Good food always brings people together," said the 22-year-old native of Anchorage, Alaska. "This is a good chance for the families to get acquainted with the command who will be leading their husbands, sons, and so on, on their deployment, to build trust."

To get the families prepared for the unit's deployment, family readiness programs such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the American Red Cross, Lifestyles, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) and the 1/7-battalion chaplain were available to meet with the families and provide information on their services.

"This is a good opportunity to get all our information out at once and make connections," said Lori Rogers, 1/7 Key Volunteer Network coordinator, and wife of Staff Sgt. Jerry Rogers, who has deployed six times during his 10 years of service.

"We like to let people know we are here to try to make things easier," she continued.

The 1/7 chaplain, Lt. Richard A. Townes, who is scheduled to deploy with the unit, attended the family day to meet and greet the families.

"The importance of a gathering like this is to let families know they are not alone," said Townes. "It makes it more bearable to have contacts with other families while a family member is deployed."

The coming deployment was the last thing on minds while everyone enjoyed free food and activities, said Lance Cpl. Danny Grimaldi, a 20-year-old native of Garland, Texas.

"It's a morale boost," he explained. "Everyone's enjoying the free stuff with their families."

During the day's festivities, there was a surprise visit from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael W. Hagee.

Pfc. Luke Doty, a 19-year-old native of Albuquerque, N.M., got his picture taken with Hagee.

"That was awesome," said Doty, walking away looking down at his digital camera.



Lance Cpl. Ricardo Cardoso, 1/7 Bravo Company and Lance Cpl. Greg Fowler, 1/7 Headquarters and Service Company serve a helping of barbecue ribs to Cpl. Aaron Henehan, 1/7 Bravo Co.



Danny Marro, 5, tactically makes his way through the last part of the inflatable obstacle course he mastered after going through it five times.

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Col. Anthony F. Weddington presents an award to Debbie Considine for her service in the 2005 Toys for Tots Advisory Committee.

Toys for Tots campaign closes out with a bang in 2005

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Toys for Tots Advisory Committee gathered at the Combat Center's Reserve Support Unit Feb. 16 for a final meeting and award ceremony for services offered during the 2005 campaign.

The meeting began with awards presented to 11 committee members by Col. Anthony F. Weddington, center inspector, RSU.

The committee had a lot of work on their hands last year, handling donations and distribution from more than 6,000 square miles, two counties and more than 15 cities and towns, with a population of 500,000 people, according to the after action report discussed at the meeting.

The campaign started with more than 1,000 toys left over from the previous year. The number of toys collected in the local area exceeded 24,500; more than 5,500 toys were purchased from monetary donations and grants. Toys were also collected through other means, totaling more than 33,500 toys for distribution for fiscal year 2005.

More than 24,000 children received toys from the campaign, each receiving an average of 1.29 toys per child. There were more than 2,500 toys left over, mostly due to last-minute donations, said Maj. Mark D. Bodde, chairman of the Toys for Tots Advisory Committee, RSU.

Toys for Tots held more than 80 events to support their cause throughout the 2005 campaign using the signature barrels and boxes for their collections at each event and at specified locations during the holiday season.

The committee recognized their top five donors, which included Pulte Homes, Professional Golfer's Association of America West Country Club, the Toys for Tots Softball Tournament held in Palm Springs, Calif., on Dec. 5, 2005, the Palm Springs Holiday Concert and the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Toys for Tots Run.

Toys for Tots collected more than \$55,000 in monetary contributions and used more than 84

percent on toys, according to the after action report.

The campaign's major events were kicked off with the Combat Center's Toys for Tots Advisory Committee Luncheon in October. Also in October, Twentynine Palms High School played Yucca Valley High School in a football game opening the campaign to the public.

In November, the 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament got golfers involved in the campaign and Marines made a special appearance in the Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade in support of Toys for Tots.

With more than 160 donation locations and media support from three television stations, three local radio stations and four newspaper publications, in addition to the events held, the campaign exceeded 2004's number of 17,200 children receiving toys to 24,000 children in 2005.

The Combat Center's Toys for Tots Advisory Committee is ready to start next season's campaign with new ideas and aims to improve next year's outcome.

For the nationwide efforts in the 2005 campaign, the year was the second most successful campaign since the beginning of Toys for Tots, with Marines giving 18.4 million toys to 7.4 million children across the country. More than 520 communities throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico participated in the 2005 campaign, according to the official Web site of the Toys for Tots.

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31st MEU continues search and rescue efforts in Philippines

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SOUTHERN LEYTE, Philippines — More than 300 Marines and Sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Joint Task Force Balikatan are in St. Bernard City to assist in the search and rescue efforts of more than 1,000 Filipinos who are missing after a disastrous landslide that blanketed a nearby village Feb. 17.

The Marines and Sailors landed here aboard CH-46E Sea Knights and CH-53E Super Stallions from the USS Essex and

USS Harper's Ferry, which are positioned off the coast here.

The landslide came off the neighboring mountainside and buried Barangay Guinsaugon, a village of St. Bernard City. The cause, according to a local Philippine official, was weeks of heavy rains and two small earthquakes, which were registered before the landslide.

The Marines of Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment are currently assisting the Armed Forces of the Philippines, federal and international agencies, non-governmental organizations, and volunteers in the search and rescue efforts.

"We are glad that we are able to help the Filipinos here," said Lance Cpl. Cameron Vancott, 24-year-old mortar man and Freemont, Calif. native. "It must be very hard to lose a large part of their community."

Tomur Perkins, a former reconnaissance Marine, was on his honeymoon when he received word of the disaster. A friend with the Southern Leyte Search and Rescue Unit contacted him and asked for assistance.

"These guys have been working for over two and a half days, and they have located two bodies," said Perkins. "It is hard, but they will continue to search."

"I still keep hoping that my family is alive," said Venacio Mecado, a Guinsaugon resident whose daughter and niece were in the village's school at the time it was covered by the landslide.

"It is hard to keep hoping after four days," Mecado continued, "but my wish is that the digging continues."

Joint Task Force Balikatan, which the MEU and the Sailors of the Sasebo-based Forward Deployed Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) are part of, responded to the Philippine government's request for help and immediately dispatched forces and ships toward the island of Leyte.

Within 24 hours of the disaster, the JTF formed a humanitarian assistance survey team that flew from Clark Air Base aboard a Marine Corps KC-130 from Luzon to the affected area to conduct surveys and assess the needs of the people.

In addition to the assistance by the MEU and the ARG, the U.S. Agency for International Development has authorized immediate dispersal of \$100,000 to the Philippine Red Cross and is airlifting emergency supplies.

United States agencies, including the U.S. Embassy in Manila and the U.S. Pacific Command, are coordinating closely with the Philippine National Disaster Coordinating Council and stand ready to provide additional assistance as needed.

The MEU and ARG were in Subic Bay in preparation to conduct Exercise Balikatan 2006, a combined Philippine and U.S. military exercise designed to increase interoperability between the two allies, when the landslide occurred.



Marines with G Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, work Feb. 20 to recover casualties and search for survivors.

Rumsfeld: U.S. must outdo terrorists in public opinion battle

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WASHINGTON — The war on terror is unlike any conflict the U.S. has ever faced, and some of the most important battles are fought not on the ground, but in newsrooms around the world, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said yesterday in New York.

Never before has a war been fought in an environment as technologically advanced as today's, with scores of media and communication tools available to everyone, Rumsfeld said at the Council on Foreign Relations. Insurgents around the world have learned to use this media-rich environment to further their goals, and to successfully combat them, the U.S. government needs to adapt and use the technology that has proven to be so powerful, he said.

"We are fighting a battle where the survival of our free way of life is at stake and the center of gravity of that struggle is in the battlefield overseas; it's a test of wills, and it will be won or lost with our publics, and with the publics of other nations," Rumsfeld said. "We'll need to do all we can to attract supporters to our efforts and to correct the lies that are being told, which so damage our

country, and which are repeated and repeated and repeated."

Insurgent groups have their own media relations committees, which decide how best to manipulate public opinion using the media, Rumsfeld said. To combat them, the U.S. government is considering some changes to its communication strategy, he said.

An important change the government needs to make is to incorporate communications planning into every aspect of the war on terror, Rumsfeld said. The government needs to develop more

rapidly deployable communications forces that are trained to use all facets of the media, he said. Waiting too long to put communications teams into place can give the enemy a foothold in public opinion, as was proven in the early days after the major conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, he said.

"Let there be no doubt, the longer it takes to put a strategic communication framework into place, the more we can be certain that the vacuum will be filled by the enemy and by news informers that most assuredly will

not paint an accurate picture of what is actually taking place," he said.

Public affairs and public diplomacy forces deployed to a theater of operation need to be experienced enough to engage the full range of media that the world uses, Rumsfeld said. This will require an elevation in Internet operations, the establishment of 24-hour press operations centers, and training in other channels of communication, he said.

The U.S. government cannot rely on any other source for information, and it is bound by the truth, therefore it cannot move with the speed of the insurgents, who use lies to try to prove their ideology, Rumsfeld said. Even though the enemy is very skilled at manipulating the media, the United States has an advantage in its standard of truth, which will triumph in the end, he said.

"I believe with every bone in my body that free people, exposed to sufficient information, will, over time, find their way to right decisions," he said.

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Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, the Combat Center's commanding general, presents Lt. Col. Ronald A. Gridley, commanding officer of Headquarters Battalion, the Commanding General's Intramural Sports Trophy at the Command Suite here Wednesday. Gunnery Sgt. Robert W. Cole, Capt. Gary S. Liddell, Capt. Kenneth Parisi, Cpl. Adrienne Laman, Sgt. Maj. Victor H. Martin, and Manuel Rocha are all team representatives from Headquarters Battalion who also accepted the trophy. The battalion accumulated 353 points from all 2005 intramural sports and beat Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School who were the trophy winners for the past nine years.

Million Dollar Daddy: former Marine, Go Daddy CEO talks about his rise to success

MAJ. DAVID ANDERSEN
NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEW YORK — He's tripped a booby trap and tripped over business ventures, but always has kept moving into the fight and come out on the other side looking for a new challenge.

Bob Parsons, former lance corporal, rifleman and current owner of the largest Internet domain registry in the world, GODADDY.com, has had a life full of challenges and only attributes his success to his few years as a United States Marine.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the lessons I took away from the Corps is what has made me succeed in my life," said Parsons. "And I know for a fact that the Marine Corps is the only reason I graduated from high school."

Parsons enlisted in August of 1968 in Baltimore. He ended up with Company D, 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment and before he knew it, he was being medically evacuated from Hill 190 in Quang Nam, Vietnam.

"I can remember arriving on that hill in the middle of nowhere," Parsons said. "The night prior, the squad I was newly assigned to had been ambushed and most of them were killed. It wasn't that moment I got afraid. Later that night I sat on this wall of an old French fort and looked into this valley and thought — this is it...I'm going to die here and I accepted that and from then on I was OK."

Parsons then did something that he uses to this day.

"From the next day on, my only goal and I mean my only goal, was to simply make it to mail call. I figured that I would take small steps, tie them together, and it would get me to the finish line and that thought is what I use today to make GODADDY successful — simply get to the next day," said Parsons.

Parsons did get to the next day and with some style as his 2004 Superbowl commercial with the GODADDY girl has become one of the most popular and most controversial ads ever to be aired.

With her testifying in front of a congressional panel, she suddenly has a mock "wardrobe malfunction." Then the network does something that Parsons will thank them for forever.

"They pulled my second-half commercial and did not air it," said Parsons. "This was fantastic. It caused so much talk that our market share shot through the roof."

It was here that GODADDY took off and they became a leader in the industry.

"The Marine Corps taught me and gave me the sense of doing things right, and more importantly, I got confidence and that part of it is so important," Parsons said. "I decided to offer people a great product or service for a reasonable and fair price. It's that simple



LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

A Marine accesses GODADDY.com to check availability of a domain name for a Web site.

— make a small amount of money on a whole lot of people, treat them right and it will all fall into place."

With his never-quit attitude, Parsons returned to school and used some of that good ole Marine Corps determination to graduate magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore in 1975 majoring in accounting.

Stumbling into a bookstore on the Stanford campus in San Francisco prior to graduating, Parsons found a book on computer programming and read it on his way home. He started experimenting by writing programs with no instruction whatsoever — a computer programmer was born.

"My hobby of writing programs would soon become my career," Parsons said. "My first computer was a Radio Shack, then an Apple and finally I borrowed \$5,000 and bought the first IBM personal computers to come out."

Parsons developed a few programs and figured if it was good enough for him, then it was good enough for others and Parsons Technology was born right in his basement. With two dismal failures and some serious "lessons learned," on the third try, Parsons Technology grew to 1,000 employees with a market share of 5 percent; but there was still more change to come for this once lance corporal.

"I saw the writing on the wall as this industry was

shrinking, said Parsons. "So, I sold the company to Intuit for \$64 million, retired and moved to Arizona. Problem was that I could not sit still so in 1997, also just as a hobby or for something to do, I started GODADDY.com."

Yet again Parsons flirted with being totally broke with numerous circumstances being involved, but yet again, he credits the Marine Corps with pulling him through and certifies that his business is always about the service of its patrons.

"Since 1997, when I started Go Daddy, there was only one principle that I used to build the company. It's a simple one. Do the right thing for

the customers and provide them with as good a deal as possible. No smoke and mirrors — ever. The whole idea back then, and it continues today, is to make a little money from a lot of people. This differs from many companies who have just the opposite philosophy."

Parsons now enjoys a great company in GODADDY.com as well as having a weekly radio show and extremely successful and highly-visited BLOG on <http://www.bob-parsons.com>. It is a witty, respectful yet "in-your-face" approach to life and solutions and for all you Marines out there, ensure that you take a look at his annual Marine

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"Bob, I loved the Go Daddy commercials! Thanks for posting the storyboards and rejected commercials. They were very entertaining. I

have hundreds of domains with you guys for a reason — great customer service and support! Bottom-line, you guys are heads and shoulders above the competition and, "walk the talk," everyday! Keep up the great job," read the posting.

Cpl. Lameen Witter contributed to this story.

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The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is now accepting applications for their 2006-2007 Academic Year. Scholarships range annually from \$500 to \$10,000. Applications are available at the Education Center or at <http://www.mcsf.org>. High school seniors must submit applications by March 1. All other applications are due by April 15. Call the Education Center at 830-6881 for further information.

OFFICERS SPOUSES CLUB MARDI GRAS

The Officers' Spouses Club's annual Mardi Gras scholarship and grant fundraiser is March 4. Tickets are \$12.50 each and include heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. with a silent auction at 6:30 p.m. and a live auction at 7:30 p.m. You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club weekdays until Feb. 28. Call 368-3891 for more information.

STEAK NIGHTS

Hashmarks SNCO Club and the Officers' Club have Monday Steak Night. Attendees will receive grilled to order steaks, a baked potato, Texas toast and a salad. Prices are \$9.75 for members and \$10.75 for non-members. Reservations are requested no later than the Friday before. Call 830-6610.

BURGER TUESDAYS, TACO WEDNESDAYS

The Combat Center Officers' Club: Back by popular demand, Burger Tuesdays, burgers are \$2 for members, \$2.50 for Non-Members; Taco Night Thursdays, Tacos are \$1 for Members, \$1.50 for Non-Members from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 830-6610.

Did You Know?

The first Ford cars had Dodge engines.



Queen Scheherazade and her two princesses ride down Oasis Street during Monday's parade.



The American Legion color guard leads the parade up Miles Ave. to the right turn at Casa de los Piñatas.



One of three camel jockeys follows the Twentynine Palms Marine Band with his steed.



A little light-hearted tomfoolery is all that Skipper Dee Clown seems to offer during Monday's parade.



The Twentynine Palms Marine Band performs a warm-up set before stepping off in Monday's parade.

Arabian Nights means Fun Days in Indio

"The Date Tree, known by the ancients as 'The Tree of Life' has long been prized as one of nature's most generous gifts. Originating in ancient Asia, fossilized remains hundreds of thousands of years old have been found near Mount Ararat where the Bible tells us Noah's Ark landed."

— Taken from a mural on the corner of Mills Ave. and Oasis St. in Indio, Calif., just a few blocks from the Riverside County Fairgrounds

GUNNERY SGT. CHRIS W. COX
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INDIO, Calif. — The National Date Festival Parade took place Monday to observe not only its own traditions but also those of its annual co-celebration, the Riverside County Fair taking place at the fairgrounds here. In this procession through small-town America, it was only fitting that the leading musical entry on a sunny but breezy Presidents Day parade would be wearing our nation's colors. This is how the Twentynine Palms Band spent their holiday — trumpeting and drumming their way through the nation's largest producer of fruit dates in the United States.

The parade and festival commemorate the annual date harvest and take place here because the Coachella Valley harvests more than 30 million pounds of them annually. Just because the Festival and Fair celebrate the success of a fruit harvest doesn't mean they are boring, however. Visitors can still expect to see all those things every American might expect from a county fair, like prize-winning animals, farm equipment and a rip-roaring carnival.

What folks may not expect, however, are the ostrich and camel races, extreme motorcycle stunts, Monster Trucks, and the Legend of Queen Scheherazade, the storyteller in *"The Arabian Nights."* It is because of the date's ancient recorded beginnings in Southeast Asia and Northern Africa — the land of ancient Arabia — that the theme for the fair each year is *"Arabian Nights."*

Even though tomorrow is the last day for the Riverside County Fair, that doesn't mean the festivities are winding down. If you're a fan of 70's and 80's rock, make your way to the fairgrounds tonight because Styx plays at the Aladdin Concert Pavilion at 8 p.m. Tomorrow, two-time Grammy nominee artist Juan Valentin will headline the grand finale, a SuperFiesta of Latin entertainment that begins at 3 p.m.

General admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children over 5-years-old. Kids under 5 get in free. General parking is \$5. "Unlimited Carnival Rides" wristbands are \$20.

For more information about the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival, go to <http://www.DateFest.org> or call 1-800-811-FAIR.



French Horn player Cpl. Amy Long and the rest of the band's brass section blow out the funk during "Semper Fi".

Lifelong Learning Education Office helps sort it out

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marine Corps Community Services Lifelong Learning Education Office is flooded with information on education opportunities for troops and their families.

"It's really important to us to make Marines and Sailors aware so they can make the best of what benefits they have available to them," said Andrea Katolin, education services specialist. "We try to prove that they can go to school or earn a certificate on active duty."

Katolin is one of three counselors at the education office located at building 1524. Walk-ins are welcome between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

"We help people find their goals," said Katolin. "Then we can help them start accomplishing their goals with what their schedules allow. We know as a service member, schedules aren't very flexible."

Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. and Friday at 11 a.m., there is a Tuition Assistance brief held to familiarize troops with the available funding to further education. The Tuition Assistance isn't only for college, but can also be used for vocational programs, such as truck-driving, real estate or computer technology. As long as the service member is furthering their education, TA can be used, said Katolin.

The TA brief also goes over the Montgomery GI Bill Buy-Up program, where service members can pay \$600 and receive \$5,400 more in benefits. Service members

can sign up for this benefit anytime while on active duty.

For those who want to rack up quick college credits without taking a six-week long course, tests are available that can be taken in 90 minutes to count as credit for a subject. College Level Exam Program tests have a variety of subjects available, such as humanities, history, math, English composition, and science. The tests are free for service members, whereas they would cost a civilian hundreds of dollars to complete. More than 3,000 colleges accept the tests across the country. Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Subject Standardized Tests are similar to CLEP tests and are also available at the education office.

The office offers a few military specific tests as well. The Defense Language Proficiency Tests are for service members who know a second language; they can take the test in that language and receive credit in their service record book for it. The Defense Language Aptitude Battery tests the service member's ability to learn foreign languages.

The Military Academic Skills Program is a four-week long refresher course on basic math and English skills and starts every five weeks. This class comes in handy if the service member hasn't been in school for a while and is about to enroll, said Katolin. The next class starts March 27.

The education office also offers information on the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program available to all service members. Based on their military occupational specialty, troops can receive certification from the Department of Labor for the hours they have spent doing their job for the military. For more information, log on to <http://usmap.cnet.navy.mil>.

Because a troop may prefer to earn a degree in another state, it doesn't mean they can't attend that school.

"Marines and Sailors aren't limited to the schools on base," said Katolin. "The majority of colleges and universities have on-line courses or correspondence courses available."

"There's a lot of options out there, and we're here to help figure which ones suit you best," she continued.

For more information, go to the Education Office or call 830-6881.



Marines listen to the tips given to make the best use of their Tuition Assistance at a brief given twice a week at the Education Office.



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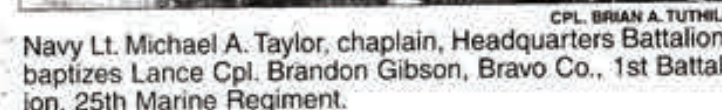
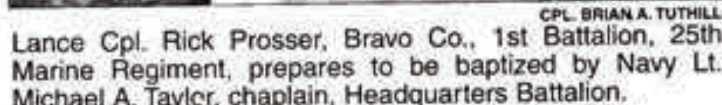
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Navy Chaplains use sword of the Lord to help Combat Center service members and families

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The Combat Center's Religious Ministries Directorate, housed at Building 1551, is the hub for most unit chaplains aboard the base and offers a wide variety of services.

"We want to be there for the Marines, Sailors and their families," said Navy Lt. Catherine V. Pace of RMD. "Most importantly, our services are completely confidential."

Although RMD's sign lists regular workings hours, Pace said she and her 18 fellow chaplains aboard the Combat Center are willing to listen and work after hours for anyone.

"We're here for them no matter what," said Pace. "People sometimes need services beyond what we offer, but we have a lot of resources and can point them in the right direction. The best way to find out about us is to just call."

Marines, Sailors and their families can call on a chaplain any time, said Navy Cmdr. Thomas E. Betts, deputy base chaplain.

"Some people still think you need a chit to see the chaplain," he said.

Not only does RMD supply information at pre-deployment briefings and manage worship services at base chapels, it also

has children's religious education programs, Bible studies, youth programs, choir and marriage and premarital enrichment classes.

"Our CREDO [Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation] program for spouses could easily be hundred of dollars in the civilian world," said Pace.

CREDO is a monthly off-base retreat designed for spouses to get away from it all and improve their communication and relationship. Spots for CREDO often fill soon after it is

relationship. Spots for CREDO aren't being aired until it is announced, said Pace.

Chaplains are also available to perform weddings, baptisms and other ceremonies, but requests should first go through unit chaplains with as much advanced warning as possible.

"A lot of chaplains here are from different faith backgrounds, so if one isn't able to perform a certain ceremony, we'll find someone who can," said Betts.

For more information about RMD's services and programs, call 830-6304.

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The One Source site has many purposes for service members as well as family members. Before the Web site was available, many of the resources were offered only through organizations or work sections on military installations.

With MCCS One Source, users are offered a variety of services — some of which may prove to be invaluable when a service member is deployed or away from home base.

"Marine Corps Community Service One Source was created in order to be able to

give information and referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Jennifer L. Starnes, Marine and Family Services' information and referral specialist, Marine Corps Community Services. "It was created by the Department of Defense for active duty, Reservist, National Guard members and dependents — each branch of service actually has their own source that comes from Military One Source."

According to Starnes, family members and service members can get information anywhere in the world from the One Source Web site or by phone.

"When a person calls MCCS One Source, they will always talk to a live person and never to a machine," said Starnes, a Washington, D.C. native.

What's more, Starnes said all consultants the call center speaks to through One Source have earned a master's degree and/or are veterans, retired service members or dependents of military service.

Since the consultants are all in some way connected to the military, they can relate to the issues a person interested in MCCA One Source may encounter, according to Starnes.

"One of the more common reasons someone will use One Source is to find a counselor while their spouse is deployed," Starnes said. "Marine Corps Community Services One Source can refer them to a civilian counselor and up to six sessions will be free of charge."

Service members and family members are both eligible to seek off-base counseling through One Source. Although counseling is available through medical and Marine and Family Services, these sessions may be especially desired by those who prefer to seek assistance elsewhere.

Service members and their families can file their taxes online through Military One Source, said Starnes. The Military One

Source Web site works hand-in-hand with Turbo Tax for a quick and easy way to prepare taxes, and one may get a return within 10 days, explained Starnes.

But the information offered through One Source does not end with counseling and taxes.

"Educational materials like compact discs and pamphlets can also be found on the Web site," Starnes said. "Everyone should take advantage of it because it's 100 percent free. So, why not?"

"We really are just out to give advice and help out our target audience," said Kim Gates, section head, Marine

Corps Family Team Building. Headquarters Marine Corps. "We're here for pretty much anything the person may need, whether it be financial help, TriCare information, parental information or child care."

Whether married or single

Marines, Sailors, and family members can find out more uses for One Source by logging on to the Web site.

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OPEN house, 7310 Del Monte Xst Yucca Tr., open daily 10-4, new homes from \$239,900, payments as low as \$1,040/mo. p.i. Call Wayne at O'Connor Development at 369-2724 (951) 743-9095

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5893 Marine Dr., 3 bdrm, 1.75 ba., \$990/mo. + dep., pets ok, 361-5334

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FREE room in exchange for housekeeping & some cooking 369-8213

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YUCCA VALLEY

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230 WANTED TO RENT

YUCCA VALLEY

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Employment
300-399

300 HELP WANTED

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MEDICAL Assistant, must be cert. & exp. a must for busy family practice. Fax resume to (760) 320-0499

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Go team, go!

The Combat Center's 7- and 8-year-old Cheer/Dance Team performs at a youth basketball game in new uniforms Feb. 17. This is the girls' second performance since the start of the season. They will perform five times at local games before their appearance at the Staples Center for a Los Angeles Clippers professional basketball game on March 25.



SPELL-A-THON

For all of you who love to spell and are willing to drag along your friends to participate in the annual MBCAL Spell-A-Thon, it is that time of year again. The 2006 Spell-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Helen Gray Education Center, on the campus of the Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree.

Co-sponsored by Hi-Desert Publishing, Publishers of the Desert Trail and Hi-Desert Star, the Spell-A-Thon raises funds for the adult literacy program so that we can purchase those ever-more-expensive books and materials that our learners and their tutors need to succeed in their goals, such as getting a better job or a driver's license.

Teams of three people will gather pledges for the number of words they spell correctly in an adult spelling bee. The pronouncer will give a word, team members will write it down, and one member will spell the word aloud. Two judges will decide any questions about whether the word is correctly spelled in the time allotment. Prizes will be given to the teams that finish first, second, and third and to the team with the most in pledges.

We're always glad to have spectators at the Spell-A-Thon, and they are admitted free of charge. Teams can bring their own cheering sections. Refreshments will be served, and there are drawings of door prizes for all attendees. For more information or to sign up to have a team, call Kathy at 362-4132, Bridget at 367-1146, Brett at 228-5461 or your local library by March 8.



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