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## HOT TOPICS

### COMMISSARY THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Mon., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Tues., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Wed., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Thurs., Nov. 22: - closed  
Fri., Nov. 23: - closed  
Sat., Nov. 24: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE CHANGE IN HOURS

Legal Assistance Office, Bldg. 1514 – Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the office will be closed at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 21 until 7:30 Nov. 26. There will be no notarizations, walk-ins or will executions on these dates. Please plan accordingly.

### FLU SHOT CLINIC OPENS

The Influenza Vaccine will be available at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital beginning Nov. 5 and runs through Nov. 21. Vaccines will be given Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is recommended that high risk patients receive the vaccination early. Please check in at the Family Medicine front desk at the hospital, no appointments are necessary.

### TOYS FOR TOTS MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN

The Toys for Tots Motorcycle Poker Run, sponsored by Hutchins Harley-Davidson, Z107.7 Community Radio, and the Rotary Clubs of Twentynine Palms & Yucca Valley, with special assistance from the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce, and the Combat Center's Headquarters Battalion, spread holiday joy to needy children Dec. 8. Entry fee to this year's Poker Run is at least one toy with a value of \$10 or more (sorry, no stuffed animal toys, please). Rider check in starts at 8 a.m., the ride will start at 10 a.m. After stops to collect their "poker hand", riders will end their run at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms at approximately noon. Post ride festivities will include free food prepared by the Joshua Springs Men's Ministry Group, a multi-class Bike Show, rockin'-tunes with a live remote from Z107.7 radio and presentation of the Poker Run winners' gifts, raffle prizes and bike show trophies.

### LINCOLN MILITARY HOUSING'S 1ST FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Victory Field, there will be food, games, prizes and fun. Everything is FREE!

## CG's golf tourney celebrates Marine Corps birthday



LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Desert Winds Golf Course hosted the annual Commanding General's Intramural Golf Tournament on the Marine Corps' 232nd birthday Nov. 10.

Todd Wade, director of golf and head golf professional, began by officially reopening the golf course after being closed for the month of October due to re-seeding.

The base is opening the golf course to the public.

The next month will be spent evaluating how best to facilitate guests.

The public is invited to call

See **TOURNEY, A5**



CPL. SHAWN SPITLER

Golfers practice at the driving range at the Desert Winds Golf Course to prepare for the 2007 Commanding General's Intramural Golf Tournament.



CPL. SHAWN SPITLER

The Combat Center Band plays for golfers at the annual Commanding General's Intramural Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course Nov. 10.



COURTESY MCCS

Patrons enjoy a fine dining experience after the Commanding General's Intramural Golf Tournament concluded.

## America Supports You: Golfers say game good for vets' bodies, minds

SAMANTHA L. QUIGLEY  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – A Maryland group is using its favorite game to positively affect combat-wounded veterans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Members of the Salute Military Golf Association believe the rehabilitative benefits of golf can improve the mental and physical condition of wounded servicemembers returning from combat, Jim Estes, the group's founder,

said on the organization's Web site.

"The SMGA believes that every (servicemember) matters and should be given the opportunity to learn and improve his or her golf knowledge and skill," he said. "The SMGA will provide a venue and mentoring to this end."

Earlier this year, Estes and several other area pros, specifically trained to work with wounded veterans, started formalized golf clinics for wounded soldiers. Future similar events near military med-

ical facilities in San Antonio and San Diego are in the works.

PGA of America and Disabled Sports USA sponsored the clinics. They are both supporters of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and corporations with military personnel and their families serving at home and abroad.

Salute Military Golf Association, which began as a therapeutic outlet for soldiers undergoing prolonged medical

treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here, is a new supporter of the Defense Department program.

Estes began accompanying Walter Reed patients on weekly dinner outings arranged by one of his clients in 2004. This interaction showed him that servicemembers were eager to get back to sports like golf.

"Jim learned that some of the soldiers found something in golf they really seemed to need," said Ellen Kay, the organization's secretary. "Since

(2004), many wounded soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan have been exposed to the rehabilitative properties of the game of golf through Jim's efforts."

In addition to providing veterans with instruction through clinics and personalized instruction, Salute Military Golf Association works to secure benefits like reduced or free green fees and access to public and private golf facilities throughout the country.

See **HEALTH, A4**

Friday  77/49 Partly Cloudy

Saturday  74/48 Partly Cloudy

Sunday  76/49 Sunny

A4: Plaque unveiled in Time Square for Medal of Honor recipients

A5: GIS Day teaches Marines about geography

A6: CCFD provides mutual aid to San Bernardino County

## Observations



Dorothy F. Irwin, a Marine Corps veteran, sits with her family at the Palm Springs Annual Veterans Day Parade.

## This Day in Marine Corps History

— Nov. 16, 1899:—  
Marines from the USS Castine and the USS Manila captured Zamboanga, Philippines





# C.O.P. Corner

## Community Oriented Policing



The proactive voice of crime prevention

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### Larcenies aboard MCAGCC

Larcenies have always been a big problem across the U.S. There has been an increasing problem of thefts aboard the base and especially in the barracks, which is an issue we have to strongly look at and find a way to address.

Here are the stats on how many larcenies we have had broken down by individual units in the barracks aboard MCAGCC:

Unit	Larcenies	Unit	Larcenies
7th Mar	3	MWSS-374	3
1/7	11	CLB-7	3
2/7	4	VMU-1	2
3/7	3	MCCES	12
3/4	5	HQBN	7
3/11	4	NAV HOSP	0
3rd LAR	9	23rd Dental	0
1st Tank Bn	4	Staff Housing	0
3rd AABN	3	Other	4
Grand Total	77		

Out of the 77 larcenies, almost all of them could have been prevented or been a lot easier to solve if the person who had their property stolen would have secured the items properly, kept receipts of the merchandise or marked or engraved their property with a property marking for identification purposes. Also ensure that you write down and keep a record of all serial numbers and other identifiers of high dollar or sentimental merchandise and keep that list in a secure location. Most pawn shops will not take property that has property engraving markings on them.

### DUI/DWI Update

Here are the stats on how many DUIs/DWIs that we have had aboard MCAGCC and off the installation:

#### MONTHLY TOTALS

Unit	Totals	On Base/Off Base	Ranks
7th Mar	9	2/7	1LCpl/6Cpls/1PO3/2nd Lt
1/7	13	8/5	1PVT/2PFC/7LCpl/1Cpl/1Sgt
2/7	6	4/2	1Pvt/1PFC/1 LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/1SSgt
3/7	5	2/3	1PFC/1LCpl/2Cpl/1HN
3/4	29	8/21	1Pvt/3PFC/12LCpl/7Cpl/2Sgt/1SSgt/1HN
3/11	9	4/5	1Pvt/1PFC/1LCpl/3Cpl/1Sgt/1HM3
3rd LAR	11	9/2	1Pvt/1PFC/4LCpl/5Cpl/2Sgt
1st Tank Bn	7	5/2	4LCpl/2Cpl/1SSgt
3rd AABN	4	2/2	1Pvt/2LCpl
MWSS-374	10	5/5	3PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/2Sgt/1SSgt/12ndLt.
CLB-7	16	4/12	2Pvt/3PFC/5LCpl/4Cpl/1Sgt/1PO3
VMU-1	1	0/1	1LCpl
MCCES	14	1/13	1PVT/2PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/3SSgt/1MSgt
HQBN	26	9/17	1Pvt/11LCpl/9Cpl/1Sgt/3GySgt/1Capt
NAV HOSP	0	0/0	
23rd Dental	0	0/0	
Other Mil	6	1/5	3Cpl/2Sgt/1GySgt
Mil Dep	7	7/0	6Wives/1Husband
DOD Civ	0	0/0	
Other	2	2/0	2 Civilian-NMA
Grand Total	176		

Out of the 176 DUIs/DWIs, all of them have lost or will lose their driving privileges for a minimum of one year.

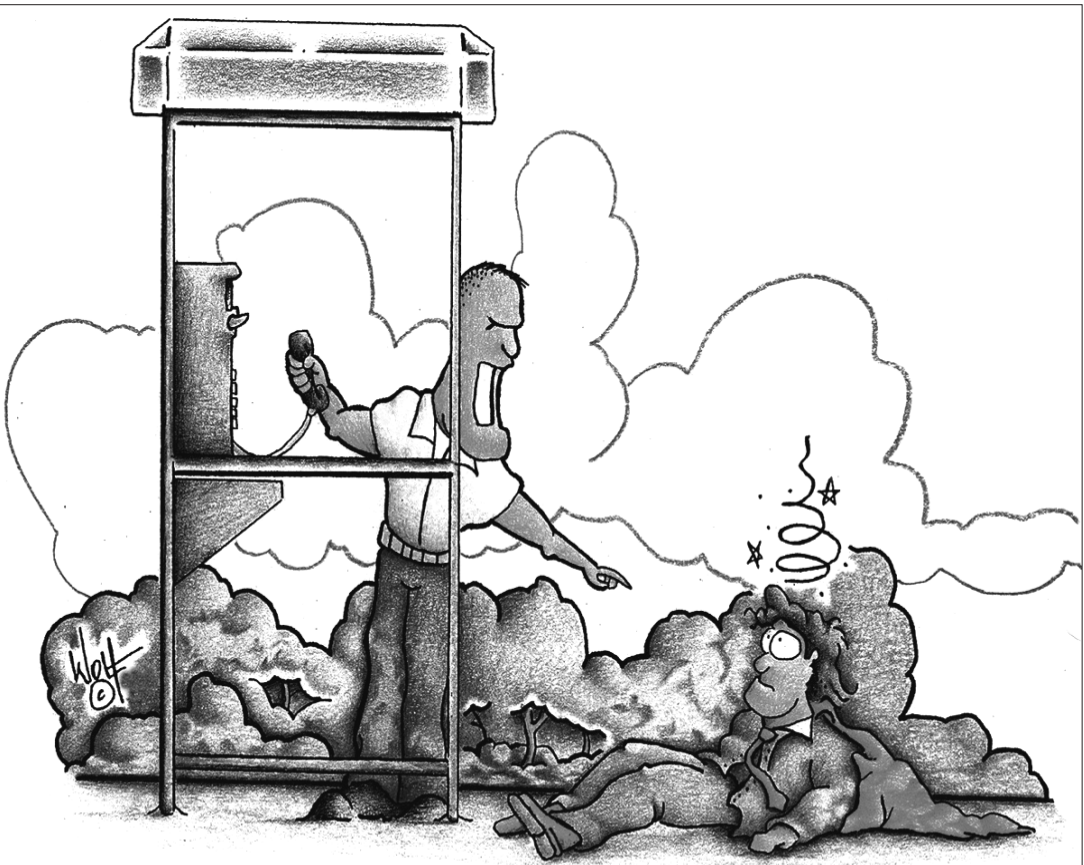
The following services are available to on-base personnel and residents through the Crime Prevention Section:

Literature, Briefings, Education, Crime Assessments, Safety Tips, Stranger Danger Program, McGruff the Crime Dog, Officer Friendly Program, Operation Identification (Property Identification), Child Identification and Fingerprinting.

For more information about the above services, contact the PMO Crime Prevention Section at 830-4561/6094.

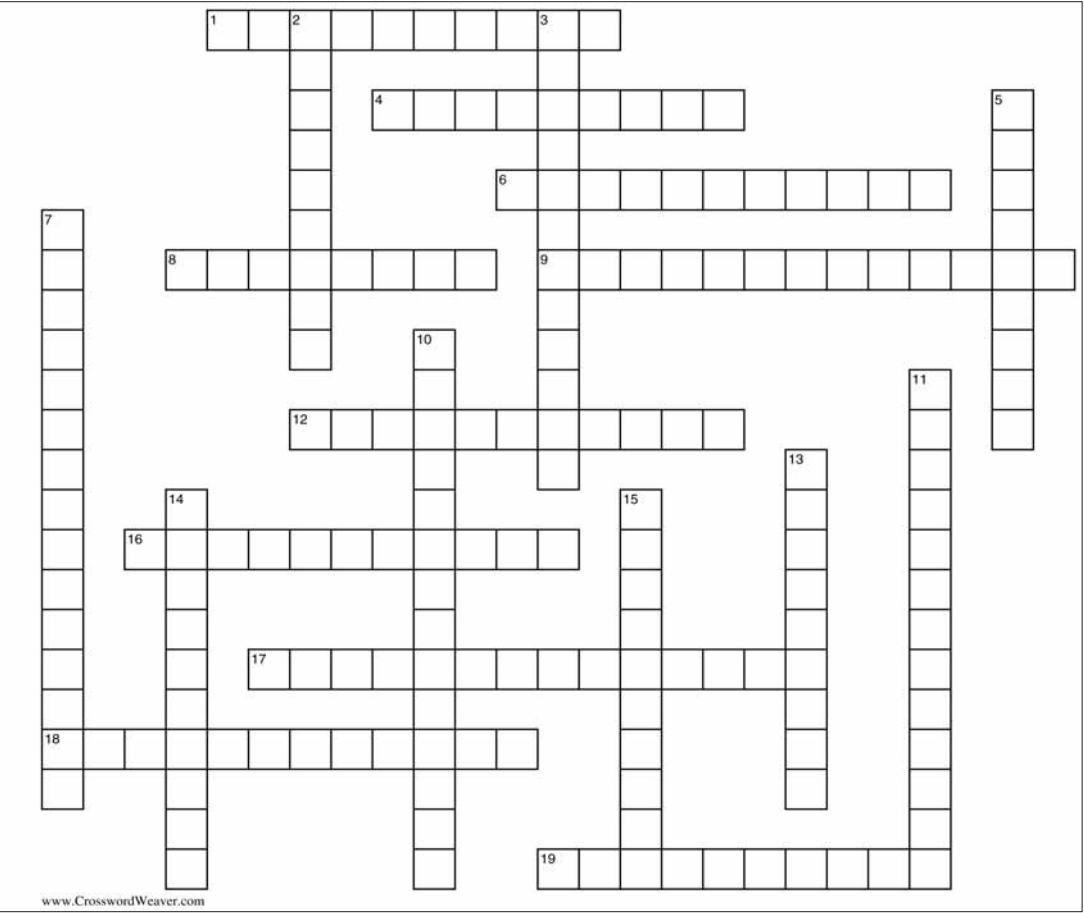
### Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



“ At ease Superman !, You may be bullet proof.....  
.....But there is no way you’re GRUNT PROOF!!! ”

### BAD SPORTS ROLE MODELS



#### ACROSS

- 1. The roid-record breaker
- 4. Habitual chair-thrower
- 6. Part of an underground dog fighting ring
- 8. Bet on his own team
- 9. Pothead Pro-bowler
- 12. The 2006 Tour De France doper
- 16. The original bad boy of tennis
- 17. “I am not a role model”
- 18. Nobody skated in her way
- 19. Intentionally stepped on an opposing player in a bowl game

#### DOWN

- 2. Started the Pistons-Pacers brawl
- 3. As bad as he wants to be
- 5. The “innocent” Heisman winner
- 7. Went from the top college RB to NFL denial
- 10. Shot his limousine driver
- 11. Smile, you’re on NFL hidden camera
- 13. Bit off a chunk of his opponent’s ear
- 14. The Colorado hotel cheater
- 15. The closer that can’t close his mouth

[Solutions on A6]

### Centerspeak

Where should the Marine Corps ball be held next year and why?

Opinions expressed in Centerspeak

are not necessarily those of the OBSERVATION POST, the Marine Corps or Department of Defense.



PFC. MORGAN RUFFIN  
3RD COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION



LANCE CPL. MICHAEL SMALL  
2ND BATTALION, 24TH MARINES



CPL. FRANCISCO GUZMAN  
1ST TANK BATTALION

“I think next year’s ball should be in Las Vegas, because I can’t think of a better reason to go back to Vegas.”

“I think the ball should be in Iowa next year, because it’s beautiful in the Midwest this time of year.”

“If we held the ball in Miami or any beach, it would be a good change for the Marines and give them something different to look forward to.”

### Notice to readers

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# LIBERTY CALL

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SNCO CLUB

## Bosses' Night

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Nov. 20  
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MARINE CORPS

### ADOPT -A- MARINE OR SAILOR PROGRAM

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**Sunday**

See page A12, for Movie information for the upcoming week at the Sunset Cinema

## Hi-Desert Nature Museum

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum Association will be hosting the Third Annual Holiday Open House at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum on Dec. 1 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The event is open to the public and will include a raffle, live and silent auctions, entertainment, and refreshments.

Silent auction items will be on display at the museum starting Nov. 27, for those interested in placing bids.

The Association is actively seeking donations from the community for auction and raffle items. To make a donation please contact the museum at (760) 369-7212. Proceeds from the Open House will support the museum's special exhibits and educational programs.

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum Association is a non-profit organization which funds programs, activities, and special events to promote interest in the museum through grants which enable more visibility and access to the museum for all those who would enjoy the unique natural history, culture and art of the Morongo Basin.

For more than 40 years the Hi-Desert Nature Museum has been dedicated to the process of education by exploring the natural, artistic and cultural heritage of the Morongo Basin and High Desert. The Museum seeks to

inspire wonder, discovery, understanding and responsibility in its community and visitors through exhibits, programs, and collections in the arts, history, and natural sciences.

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway. The Museum is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations support the educational mission of the Museum.

For more information, contact the Hi-Desert Nature Museum at (760) 369-7212 or see our Web site at <http://www.hidesertnaturemuseum.org>.

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November 16-23

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## Cinema 6

MOVIE TIMES 365-9633

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<b>Hitman</b> (R) Opens Nov. 21 Wed-Th: 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00	<b>Enchanted</b> (PG) Opens Nov. 21 Wed-Th: 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00	<b>**11/18** FREE MILITARY DAY</b>	<b>ALL SHOWS BEFORE 6:00 PM \$6.00 • ADULTS \$8.00 • SENIORS \$6.00 • CHILDREN \$6.00</b> <a href="http://www.cinema6theatre.com">www.cinema6theatre.com</a>

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# Plaque unveiled in Times Square for Medal of Honor recipients

**CPL. KARIM DELGADO**  
*NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS*

NEW YORK -- A bronze plaque listing New York state recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award for valor, was unveiled Nov. 10 in Times Square during a ceremony commemorating the

latest name added to the plaque: Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham. The ceremony was held on the Marine Corps' 232nd birthday, which is also Dunham's birthday. Marine Corps generals from the Pentagon, along with members of the New York Council of the Navy League of the United States, spoke of Dunham's

sacrifice, and award citation was read, all through a public address system for Times Square visitors to hear as well.

Dunham was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor earlier this year for actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom in April 2004. The plaque will be

permanently displayed in the heart of Times Square, at the site popularly known as Military Island. Additional information dedicated to Dunham's memory and the medal he was awarded can be found at the Marine Corps' official web site: [www.mcnews.info/mcnewsinfo/moh/](http://www.mcnews.info/mcnewsinfo/moh/).



Pictured, from left to right, are: Capt. Dan McSweeney, Marine Corps Public Affairs, New York City; Lt. Gen. Emerson Gardner, Jr., Principal Deputy Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation Division; Vic Gainor, past President, New York Council of the Navy League; Brig. Gen. John Wissler, Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense; Rick Kenney, Executive Director, New York Council of the Navy League; and Maj. James Bell, Director, Marine Corps Public Affairs, NYC.

# Professional books, papers, equipment

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 JOHN R. KNIPPLE**  
*TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICER*

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separately. Before signing the inventory by the movers check to make sure these items are listed properly and not simply as books or miscellaneous. The proper designation of these items and exclusion of the weight can be very important if you exceed your maximum weight allowance. The only instance when PBP&E will be credited after the fact is when the items were properly identified on the inventory, but the weight was not annotated.

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For clarification or further information related to PBP&E, please contact TMO at 830-6119.

## HEALTH from A1

The organization also tries to equip veterans who show a true interest and dedication to the game with properly fitted clubs.

Salute Military Golf Association was introduced nationwide when Brian Williams featured Estes and the group on the NBC Nightly News. Locally, the Fox News affiliate in Washington has shined its spotlight toward the program and its volunteers. Even the PGA has taken notice of the Maryland golfers' work with the wounded, acknowledging it in a service announcement during its 89th Championships.

Kay said the group hopes its recent affiliation with America Supports You will attract attention from those who wish to help extend Salute Military Golf Association's work.

"We are very excited about our new affiliation with America Supports You," she said. "Already, this has resonated with a number of our potential and current supporters as the America Supports You program is

well-respected and recognized for its tremendous positive impact."

## Stay Proud



**Stay  
Marine**

# Ugly Gown Ball

Presented by Operation Enduring Families  
honoring all MCAGCC Spouses

Prizes for Ugliest Gown,  
Other Categories, & Door Prizes

## November 17th

### 7-11 p.m.

**COMBAT CENTER OFFICERS' CLUB**

**\$5** Admission  
Hors d'oeuvres  
DJ & Dancing



# GIS Day teaches Marines latest geographic technology

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON  
*COMBAT CORRESPONDENT*

Marines and civilians gathered in interest looking at geographical and computerized maps during Geographic Information Systems Day outside the Main Exchange Wednesday.

GIS Day is held in November, on the Wednesday of Geography Awareness Week.

GIS Day is a global event when GIS members around the world open their doors to schools, companies, military installations and the general public.

According to their Web site, over 80 countries participated in the GIS day event holding open houses, showcases and hand-on events to teach people about what GIS is capable of.

The Web site states that many companies use GIS technology for choosing building sites, targeting market segments, planning distribution networks or responding to an emergency.

One of the main elements of GIS that many people have used is retrieving directions by

using an online map.

For the Combat Center, GIS has attached to several different units to ensure the highest level of safety and comfort for the Marines and sailors living aboard the base.

"GIS touches every aspect possible," said Rob M. Fleming, GIS and computer aided drafting specialist. "We hit utilities, route analysis, and incident tracking with the police and fire department. We can even do social tracking."

GIS provide training coordinators and range managers with maps and overlays containing geospatial information that is constantly being updated. The information GIS is constantly gathering helps establish safety guidelines for training Marines.

GIS also assists with communications and radio towers, ensuring they are built in the correct place so no matter what, units can keep in contact with each other and stay safe.

Marines deployed to Iraq receive route analyses from GIS, guaranteeing the safest traveling routes for moving Marines.

Incident and crime rate trackers are given to the Provost Marshals Office from GIS to help ensure the safety of Marines during their everyday life.

"The GIS in San Diego worked a lot during the fires," said Fleming. "They mapped out the fires and took digital imagery of all the damages and burned areas. After the fires, they kicked out a report stating the damages to homes, forestry and habitats for the majority of animals in the area."

GIS also helps people through the utilities used in houses. If an electric blackout occurs, the GIS will quickly track it to the source so the electricity can be turned back on.

"We take care of stuff so everybody else's job runs smoothly," said Fleming. "There is never a dull moment in GIS. There is always something new, something to check out and implement in our job."

For more information regarding GIS or GIS Day, visit their Web site at [www.gis.com](http://www.gis.com) or [www.gisday.com](http://www.gisday.com).

## TOURNEY from A1

the Desert Winds Golf Course at 830-6312 to reserve tee times.

Brig Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, kicked off the tournament by welcoming all of the participants and teeing off.

The tournament consisted of an 18-hole four-man scramble in which four-player teams used the best shot from all of the players and marked it in their final score.

"This was a great way to spend the Marine Corps' birthday, playing golf on this great course," said Robert Dubord, tournament participant.

The Marine Corps Community Services staff hosted the birthday dinner for all participants immediately following the tournament.

Spiese continued the tradition of cutting the birthday cake, and the Combat Center Band kept the dinner audience entertained

with jazz music.

Wade finished the day's series of events by announcing Anthony Russell, Bill Traquair, Russell Normandin and Ed Tennison as the tournament winners and presented them with their prizes.

The tournament collectively raised \$660 from all the participants to support the 2007 Toys for Tots program.

The golf course will present Toys for Tots with the donations at the annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament today.

# Knock, knock. Who's there? Solicitors over-stepping boundaries

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN  
*COMBAT CORRESPONDENT*

A problem seems apparent in the housing areas from time to time, solicitors knocking on the doors of the residents.

Soliciting, whether it be door-to-door or by telephone, is strictly prohibited aboard the Combat Center.

"We simply don't permit it and we want to protect our residents from it," said Ray Zapata, Lincoln Military Housing administration manager. "Not only do the residents not have to entertain it, but we encourage them to report it."

"It happens far less on base than anywhere else," he added. "Most of the time, it's a dependent on the base who either doesn't know the rules or just decided to disregard them."

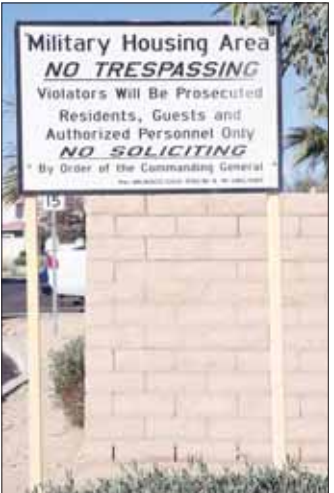
Zapata said the most recent reported case occurred approximately one month ago. Two solicitors selling vacuum cleaners were caught trying to sell their products door-to-door in the Vista del Sol housing area.

Records confirmed the company the pair worked for had been warned about trespassing in the past. Both solicitors were issued Department of Defense form 1805 for trespassing and escorted off base.

Wendy Latimore-Ferrell, Staff Judge Advocate paralegal review officer, said the form is the standard punishment for soliciting. Offenders will be escorted off the installation and risk being permanently barred from the base, which is defined by a persona non grata. Because of the

area, a persona non grata applies to all Marine Corps installations in southern California.

Solicitors who cause problems while on base or who are repeat offenders here risk



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The entrance to the Vista del Sol housing area off-base clearly states: NO TRESPASSING.

being subject to a fine and possibly jail time. All cases are handled by the federal magistrate in Joshua Tree, Calif.

The Combat Center's stance toward soliciting is not only highlighted in the housing manual, there are also signs at the entrances to the housing areas clearly stating that soliciting is prohibited.

Cases don't occur often; reports are filed an average of once every six months. However, Zapata feels more cases are occurring, but residents are not reporting the incidents.

"You simply cannot trust these people knocking on your door trying to sell you something," he said. "You never know what you're bargaining for."

In the event of a solicitor, residents are advised not to open the door to them and to report the incident to the Provost Marshal's Office and Lincoln Military Housing.

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The Combat Center Fire Department has provided years of dedicated service to the Combat Center.

In addition, they cooperate with local fire departments and San Bernardino County to bring aid to southern California.

"We provide every service we do on base; medical aid, hazardous material calls, structure fires, vehicle fires, traffic accidents, etc.," said Assistant Fire Chief Sam Moore, CCFD training and communications chief. "When the weather gets bad during the rainy months, we work with Twentynine Palms Public Services for things like house floods and swift water rescues.

"We provide a lot of mutual aid to San Bernardino County," he added.

The CCFD has helped the community many times throughout the years. Moore said the department averages at least three to five off-base calls every month.

Their most recent notable encounter was the 2007 California wildfires. The CCFD dispatched a four-man engine crew to Lake Arrowhead, Calif., to assist other fire departments from across the West Coast to combat the blazes that devastated southern California for nearly two weeks.

"Whenever there are wildfires like that, the state gets bro-



FIRE CHIEF RANDY S. LEAZER

Combat Center firefighters provide aid to the 2006 Sawtooth Complex Fire near Pioneertown, Calif. The fire burned 61,700 acres and destroyed 50 homes.

ken up into zones," said Moore. "Each fire department in the zones sends a strike team to help fight the fires.

"In the 22 years that I've been here, the farthest they've sent us is Malibu, Calif.," he added.

The department has also assisted Joshua Tree National Park rangers in Joshua Tree, Calif., by providing fire crews to help perform over-the-side rescues for stranded hikers and climbers.

The CCFD even sent an engine crew to Los Angeles during the 1992 Los Angeles Riots to help extinguish several fires that were started during the riots.

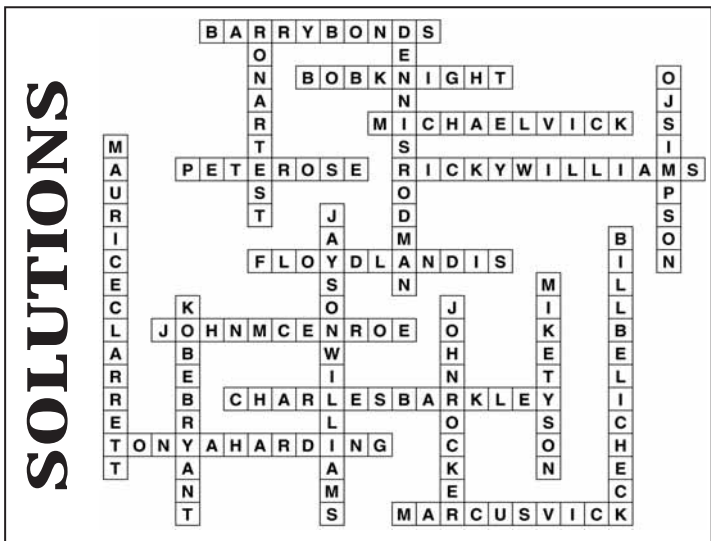
The Combat Center's ambulances also provide San Bernardino County with support similar to the work they do on the installation.

In addition to fire and medical assistance, the CCFD also participates in community events to help raise fire prevention awareness.

Moore said firefighters will go to the schools for career days and set up static displays of fire engines at parades and open houses throughout the community. They also have a

demonstration trailer used to raise awareness and provide information about fire prevention.

The CCFD has provided a tremendous amount of mutual aid to the Combat Center and San Bernardino County and will continue to keep southern California safe from fires and other dangers.



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# Editorial: Veteran’s Day

SGT. ROBERT FISHER III

November 11 marks a day of remembrance for those who fight for the betterment of this country and for the freedom of this nation. Unfortunately, I've seen too many people who take this day for granted. To some, it's a free day at the golf course or an extra day in their weekend to spend with family. Still others spend this day in front of a television or sitting in a bar.

Some miss the chance to celebrate having forgotten that this day is for honoring those who keep the blanket of freedom warm and the taste of independence sweet. Americans from across the globe who choose to face the atrocities of tyranny and terrorism give me the privilege of waking up each morning and seeing my wife's smiling face and hearing my daughter's beatific laugh.

Many aboard the Combat Center have paid the ultimate price for that freedom - each life important and given for a purpose. Let us not remember those spent lives lost, but as something gained for they paid their price willingly so others can enjoy the same freedom we Americans embrace daily.

To those who perished in the name of



freedom, I owe more than my life; I owe my family's lives.

Veteran's Day is more than just a day of remembrance; it's a call to action. This national holiday implores each and every American to embrace our liberty and acknowledge those who fight for it. The Marines and sailors, soldiers and airmen - these are the fighting men and women who keep our country safe. It is to them I offer my most humble appreciation and gratitude.

# Friends ease workload of Thanksgiving prep

KAY BLAKLEY  
DeCA HOME ECONOMIST

Dreams of mom's beautifully browned turkey and all your holiday favorites can give you a serious case of the homesick blues this time of year. Just remember that mom herself had to start somewhere—and you can do it, too! The dishes included in the traditional Thanksgiving meal are really pretty simple, but trying to do it all yourself makes for a lot of hard work. That's why my very first tip is...

1. Invite lots of friends and put them to work. If the gathering will be at your house, it's only fair to count the effort it takes to make the place presentable as part of your contribution. That and cooking the turkey is plenty for your fair share. Cook the turkey onsite if at all possible—it's safer than

having it transported in somebody's trunk, plus if it takes a little longer than expected to get done, it won't cause any great problem. Make a basic menu and ask each friend what dish they'd like to contribute. Be flexible—their favorites and yours might not always match. Need a recipe? Come to Kay's Kitchen on the Web at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Recipes for all the traditional favorites are ready and waiting for you. Have a few friends you'd rather not ask to cook? Assign them things they can get ready-made at the commissary—desserts of all kinds, including pumpkin pies, freshly baked breads from the bakery, or a fruit or veggie tray from the produce section. Don't have enough plates to go around? Assign that to a guest, too. Your commissary has plenty of paper and plastic plates, platters, utensils, even white paper tablecloths fit for a feast.

2. Buy the right amount. You will need about a half to three-quarters of a pound per person for a regular bone-in turkey, and about a third of a pound per person for a boneless breast or turkey roast. Allow a little more, if you want plenty of leftovers.

3. Buy ahead to allow for thaw time. Depending on the size of the turkey, you'll need about two to five days to allow for complete thawing. Place the frozen turkey on a tray in the refrigerator and allow five hours per pound to complete the thawing process. The night before your feast is not the time to be buying your turkey, but if you're caught in this dilemma, thaw by the cold water method. With the turkey in its original wrapper, place it in a large container and cover completely with cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes and allow one hour per pound total thawing time.

4. Waste not, want not. Having some leftovers to deal with once the meal is finished is a Thanksgiving tradition, too, so have clean containers on hand to divide what's left among the guests to take home. Keep these portions refrigerated until guests are ready to leave. If the turkey carcass will be used for soup or

stock, remove the meat from the bones immediately after the meal is finished and refrigerate separately. Prepare the soup or stock as soon as possible—even Thanksgiving night. The longer it sits in the refrigerator, the less likely it is to ever see the inside of a soup pot!

5. Put food safety first. To avoid contaminating other foods with harmful bacteria from the raw turkey, wash hands, cutting boards, utensils and work surfaces with hot soapy water immediately after coming in contact with the uncooked turkey. Roast the turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 degrees Fahrenheit, and use a food thermometer to check for doneness. Do this even if your turkey has a "pop-up" temperature indicator. A whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees. For quality purposes, allow the roasted turkey to stand for 20 minutes before carving, but refrigerate promptly—as soon as the meal is over. Discard any turkey, stuffing and gravy left out at room temperature longer than two hours. Divide leftovers into small portions, store in shallow covered containers and refrigerate promptly. Use refrigerated turkey and stuffing within three to four days and use gravy within one to two days.

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# Twentynine Palms honor Veterans with annual tribute at Stanley Park

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Retired and active duty Marines and sailors gathered together with community members for the annual Veterans Day Tribute 2007 at Gen. Ford L. Stanley Park, Monday.

Representatives from local organizations such as The American Legion, Reach Out Morongo Basin and the Kiwanis Club of Twentynine Palms and Buddy Poppy, attended the event.

They showed their support to the retired veterans by handing out "Support Our Troops" bumper stickers.

The Buddy Poppy organization handed out poppies to people while taking donations that go toward helping retired service members.

The Combat Center band performed for the growing crowd before the guest speakers were introduced.

A static display of military vehicles gave veterans the opportunity to approach and talk to active duty Marines, and

compare the differences between the vehicles of the past, to the vehicles the Marine Corps uses today.

Free hotdogs and hamburgers were available to attendees, cooked and served by the Joshua Tree Cavalry Church along with music provided by local radio station Z107.7 FM.

"We've been working on this event for the last two months," said Rob Fleck, event coordinator. "With everyone participating and the static display, it is going to be good to have a visible community."

Before the guest speaker was introduced, the color guard presented the colors, and the band played the national anthem while active duty and retired service members saluted the American flag together.

"Being a retired veteran from the Marine Corps myself makes everything here even more memorable," said Fleck. "This day is to give those who served before the acknowledgement that they deserve."

Joel Klink, Mayor of Twentynine Palms, opened the Veterans Day ceremony with

welcoming remarks thanking the active duty and retired Marines and sailors, their spouses and the surrounding community, explaining that Veterans Day is for celebrating old warriors as they pass down the torch to the new warriors.

"These new warriors will carry on this torch with honor," said Klink. "Our love gives them the strength to keep going. They believe in what they are doing to protect America."

Klink then introduced multiple guests from surrounding areas including Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, Combat Center sergeant major, and Brig. Gen. M.G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general.

Klink also read a few names from the community who have become service members themselves, recognizing their acts of bravery and love for their community and country.

"Around the world they risk their lives," said Klink. "When they do return home, I hope they are welcomed back in open arms."



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The Combat Center Band entertains the growing crowd while waiting for the guest speaker to arrive during the annual Veterans Day Tribute at Gen. Ford L. Stanley Park, Monday.



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Employee Spotlight



**Name:** Dr. Alex Pacheco  
**Organization:** Business Performance Office  
**Billet/Job Title:** Director  
**Job Duties:** Providing performance management solutions that improve installation capability to support the warfighter.  
**Hometown:** Deming, New Mexico  
**Hobbies:** Weight/Cardio Training, teaching graduate/undergraduate courses in business/human resources management and organizational behavior, and serving as a Gideon.  
**What do you like most about your job:** The privilege of working with talented professionals on various Command projects that have either a direct or indirect positive impact on the warfighter, civilians, and/or families.  
**One of the most significant achievements since you have been here?:** Successfully completed the five month Lean Six Sigma Black Belt course taught by NAVSEA and passed the comprehensive 4-hour examination.  
**Have you ever served in the military:** SgtMaj, USMC Retired (Dec. 1972 - Dec. 1996). Last two billets, SgtMaj, 3rd Bn 11th Marines and Director of SNCO Academy, Sergeant's Course, MCAGCC. Served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope. Combat veteran.  
**Time employed at the Combat Center:** Government Contractor with Computer Sciences Corporation/Cubic Applications 8 years (1997-2004) and U.S. Government General Service: 3 years (2004-present).

Shingles vaccine available to TRICARE beneficiaries age 60 plus

TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

PRESS RELEASE

FALLS CHURCH, Va. - Following a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation on October 19, TRICARE now covers Zostavax, the vaccine designed to prevent shingles for beneficiaries 60 and older.

Shingles is a painful viral disease that affects more than one million Americans every year. More than half of those cases happen in people age 60 or older. The CDC recommends a single dose of shingles vaccine for everyone age 60 and older.

In a shingles prevention study done by the Veterans Administration Cooperative Trial, run by Dr. Michael Oxman out of the University

of California, San Diego, Zostavax was more than 50 percent effective in reducing the incidence of shingles and more than 60 percent effective in reducing some of its associated symptoms. Even in people who suffer from the disease, most of those who were vaccinated experienced less pain.

"Offering this vaccine to our beneficiaries is further evidence of TRICARE's commitment to provide first-rate health care to Uniformed Service members and their families," said Army Major General Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. "We cover all immunizations recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and formally endorsed and adopt-

ed by the CDC."

Beneficiaries who receive the shingles vaccine after October 19, must have vaccinations administered in a provider's office. Zostavax is covered under the TRICARE medical benefit and is not reimbursable under the pharmacy benefit. Beneficiaries with coverage or claims questions should contact the TRICARE regional claims processor found on their beneficiary explanation of benefits (EOB) notice.

Shingles is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox in children. It remains in the body for decades, sleeping in nerve cells along the spinal column. A shingles rash usually appears on one side of the face or body and lasts

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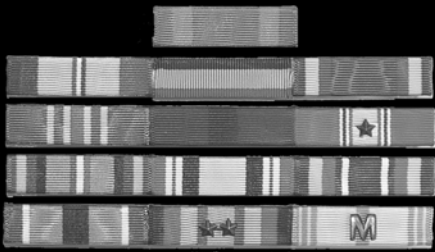
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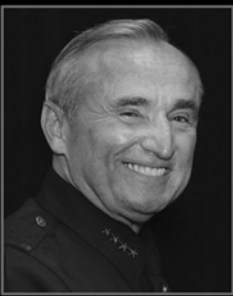
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Patrons of Sunset Cinema were very excited to see two sneak previews in the month of November. MCCS worked with the major studios to provide the sneak previews free of charge to MCAGCC personnel. The theater will continue to provide free sneak previews at every opportunity.

The Combat Center Officers' Club is working very hard to provide a large buffet dinner for all ranks on Wednesday. The turkey dinner buffet will feature a holiday menu complete with baked honey ham, pecan pie, and delicious side dishes. The Club expects that the buffet will be very popular and intend to offer special dining such as this in the months to come.

The Desert Winds Golf Course has undergone revitalization this month. The Commanding General's Invitational Golf Tournament was a huge success. "This was the best golf tournament I have ever played in," said Jim Harris, an area golfer. "It was an enjoyable day and I never heard a complaint. To the contrary, everyone had a

great time," he said. The Toys For Tots Golf Tournament and Turkey Shoot Golf Tournaments are shaping up to be some of the best the Course has seen in years.

MCCS has been responding to suggestions from patrons for more enhanced and expanded services. MCCS eligible patrons who would like to suggest opportunities for better quality of life programs and events are invited to make comments through the Interactive Customer Evaluation online at [www.mccs29palms.com](http://www.mccs29palms.com) or write to the Director of MCCS at MCCS, Bldg. 1522, MCAGCC, 92278. Marine Corps Community Services is here to serve.

### Five Fun Things To Do In Our Area

There are many fun and exciting things to do in the area. Have a great time while you're here!

Check out the Hi-Desert Nature Museum at the Community Center in Yucca. 369-7212

Chuck E. Cheese is just an hour away in Palm Desert, across from Toys R Us.

Take the Keyes Ranch tour at the Joshua Tree National Park. [www.nps.gov/jotr/](http://www.nps.gov/jotr/)

See at play at Theatre 29 in 29 Palms. 367-6563

Check out the fresh produce and baked goods at Joshua Tree Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings.

If you have discovered things that you would like to share in this article, please email [mccs29palmsinfo@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:mccs29palmsinfo@usmc-mccs.org).

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# OBSERVATIONS

NOVEMBER 16, 2007

## Combat Center supports local vets in parade



VIPs at the Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade salute the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps as they pass by the reviewing stand during the Annual Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11.

SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III



A car holding five former active duty Pearl Harbor survivors passes by a cheering crowd.

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE



Local boys wave American flags and cheer as Marines drive by in the annual Veteran's Day Parade.

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Kenneth Charles, a 71-year-old retired Army Captain, salutes the Pearl Harbor survivors.

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The last mounted color guard in the Marine Corps from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., kick off the annual Veterans Day Parade.

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Sgt. Jose Grajeda, band drum major, leads the Combat Center Band down Palm Canyon Drive during the annual Veterans Day Parade.

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Palm Springs residents cheered and waved small American flags while veterans stood and saluted the colors as they passed.

Marines from the Combat Center participated in the annual Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade in Palm Springs, Calif., Nov. 11.

The Combat Center Exercise Support Division provided two up-armored humvees, a light armored vehicle, a Mobile Command Post Vehicle from the Provost Marshal's Office and a color guard for the parade, which kicked off at Ramon Road, traveled north on Palm Canyon Drive and ended at Alejo Road.

A military fly-over featuring four types of aircrafts flew over the crowd as the parade kicked off at 3:30 p.m.

The parade crowd numbered in the thousands, including several military and Palm Springs city VIP representatives.

The military VIPs included Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, Combat Center sergeant major, Coast Guard Capt. James Sommer, Army Col. Joe Wallace, Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. George Pena and Army National Guard Sgt. Maj. Felix Soto.

City VIPs included Mayor Ron Oden, mayor of Palm Springs, councilmember Mike McCulloch, councilmember Ginny Foat, councilmember Chris Mills and City Manager David Ready.

Following the parade, the Combat Center Marine Corps Band entertained the crowd with a free concert on a portable stage on the corner of Amado Road and Palm Canyon Drive.

The band played each United States military service song, giving all veterans a chance to stand and be recognized.

The parade finale featured a fireworks show which launched off behind the stage where the band was playing.

The parade is the community's way of paying respect to those who signed a blank check to the government with the price being their lives.



# CompTIA creating Futures Program preparing military veterans for new careers in technology

STEVEN OSTROWSKI  
*COMPTIA*

Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., November 12, 2007-A program established and supported by members of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) is helping to address the nation's need for new employment opportunities for military veterans.

Creating Futures, an initiative of the CompTIA Education Foundation, is providing career opportunities to groups who have historically been under-represented in the IT workforce, including veterans transitioning out of the military. The program works with employers to identify their hiring needs, then tailors education and training programs to help individuals obtain the

skills employers are looking for.

Training and employment programs like Creating Futures are especially important today, as veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan leave the service only to encounter problems with housing, poverty and unemployment when they return home. The Veterans Affairs Department said earlier this month that it is bracing for a new surge in the homeless veterans in the years ahead.

"Veteran's Day is a time for reflection on the service and sacrifice that the men and women of the U.S. armed forces have given to our nation," said John Venator, president and chief executive officer, CompTIA. "Now, as many of these brave individuals return to civilian life, it is incumbent

on all industries to ease their transition by making employment opportunities available to them. Creating Futures is doing just that on behalf of the information technology industry."

In March, Creating Futures launched a pilot program in Jacksonville, Fla., to help transitioning service members prepare for their post-military careers. The program includes the following six steps: assessing an individual's skills level; offering a scholarship; providing training; providing certification testing; securing an internship; and helping individuals find full-time employment.

To date, 47 veterans have either completed the program or are now enrolled in online training. The goal is to expand such programs as the Jacksonville and online training

programs to train 200 or more transitioning military personnel a year and to duplicate the program in other cities with large military presences.

In addition to the

Jacksonville program, a small number of active duty personnel stationed in Germany are utilizing online training in IT skills in advance of their planned discharge from the

service in early 2008. Creating Futures is also working with a number of organizations, such as Wounded Warriors to

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## New Initiative Offers Education, Training Funds for Military Spouses

DONNA MILES  
*AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE*

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 2007 – Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates joined Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao today in supporting a new initiative to help military spouses get the education and other credentials needed to pursue careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations.

Gates praised the new Military Spouse Career Advancement Initiative as a "landmark program that will open the doors to our mili-

tary spouses for more fulfilling careers," even as they relocate regularly due to their loved ones' assignments.

The \$35 million demonstration program, co-sponsored by the Defense and Labor departments, sets up accounts for eligible spouses in eight states to cover expenses directly related to post-secondary education and training. Gates said during today's signing ceremony at the Pentagon.

These include costs for tuition, fees, books, equipment, and credentialing and

licensing fees required for careers in education, health care, information technology, construction trades, financial services, and other "high-growth, portable" fields, Chao said.

The program also covers the cost of renewing existing credentials and licenses due to a military move.

Beginning in January, the new program will launch at 18 military installations in eight states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, North

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CMC SAFETY DIVISION

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# DID YOU KNOW?

## FORCE PRESERVATION

❖ **Did you know?** According to the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) and 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

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❖ **Marine Corps facts:** (According to the [Naval Safety Center](#))

✓ There have been 30 mishaps involving multi-piece wheels in the Marine Corps since FY03.

✓ The Marine Corps experienced two Class A fatal mishaps due to tire explosions in 2007.

✓ Both fatalities were a direct result of the tire separating from the rim during maintenance.

❖ **For more information visit:**

✓ [Occupational Safety & Health Administration](#)

✓ [\(29 CFR\) Servicing multi-piece and single-piece rim wheels – 1910.177](#)

❖ **Also - Did you know?**

✓ There have been 5 Class A motorcycle mishaps, including 4 fatalities, already in FY08 – one month!

✓ The Marine Corps experienced its worst year on record in FY07 with 19 motorcycle fatalities for the year.

✓ We are currently on pace to reach 60 Class A motorcycle mishaps **this year**.

✓ Stop the madness! Join a motorcycle club at your command. Become a motorcycling mentor and save a life. If you're new to motorcycling, join a club and seek a mentor. Learn from a fellow Marine and save your own life.

✓ Visit the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation](#) web page to learn more about safe motorcycling.

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HABBANIYAH, Iraq -- Columns of dust rise from a pebble-covered expanse of sand as Iraqi men weave, sprint and maneuver a soccer ball to the end of the pitch toward a netted goal, manned by a lone goal keeper.

Only a year ago, this level of organization in a soccer game, called football in Iraq and everywhere else outside of the United States, would have been anything but ordinary in this small corner of Anbar Province, Iraq, called Habbaniyah. It was once the hiding place and terror grounds of an insurgency. Now, this area is an example for the rest of Iraq, and the soccer game is an Iraqi way to blow off steam after a hard day's work.

Approximately 20 teams from the communities around the Habbaniyah area, which is about nine miles west of Fallujah, have created a local soccer league, and recently began competing in their first soccer season here since spring, 2003.

The league is now a reality because of the peace that has spread throughout the region due to the increased capabilities of Iraqi Security Forces,

along with the guidance and aid of Coalition Forces.

"We work hard to make things safe in this area," said Omar Mohammed, an Iraqi

Muslim, 'I am Christian,' 'I am Sunni,' 'I am Shia.' It is, 'I am Iraqi.'

Iraq's love of football is no longer something to be shared

fielder for the Jimaylan football team.

"This is an old field. We used to play on this field 20 years ago, but in the past we



CPL. BRYCE MUHLENBERG

Hosham, the young goalie of Jamayla's soccer team, reaches desperately and successfully blocks an attempt for a goal by the opposing team during a Habbaniyah soccer league game here recently. The players in the league come from the surrounding area. The only requirement to join the team is a proven success, said Kemal Musceff, a 26 year-old center fielder for the Jimaylan football team. Just a year ago this game would have been anything from ordinary in this small corner of the world called Anbar, Iraq, which was once the hiding place and terror grounds of an insurgency. Now, this area is a shining example for the rest of Iraq, and the soccer game is just an Iraqi way to blow off steam after a hard days work.

policeman working out of a combined Marine and IP station. "We do it for the future of my family and friends. I do it for Iraq. It is no longer, 'I am

exclusively over piping hot, sugary chai in front of a television. It is now played in the open and for fun, said Kemal Musceff, a 26-year-old center-

couldn't play here because terrorists were in this area," said Musceff, as he wiped the sweat from his face with his blue and white shirt. "Now, it's safe, and

we can play and enjoy something we as a country love."

The players in the league come from the surrounding area where they all contribute to their community. They hold jobs ranging from Iraqi Security Forces personnel, to local construction workers or farmers. It doesn't matter how old they are either, said Musceff.

"No matter if you are 14 or 45, you just have to be very good at football," said Musceff with a wide smile and a thumbs-up.

They have all come together as a whole, in much the same way as they have come together to secure a brighter future in their communities, said Lance Cpl. Will S. James, a squad leader in third platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6.

"It's good to see that they are providing enough security on their own, so that their community is able to do something like this," said the 22-year-old National City, Calif. native. "They really have their stuff together. This year it's a lot better because people here are a lot more proactive about protecting their community. This year they let us help them and teach them. Even the guy standing guard

has quite a lot of interaction with the people. I definitely know more Arabic this year, just because we work with these people so much."

James, a 2005 Mar Vista High School graduate, said the Marines patrolled to the soccer game, not to provide security or to investigate any suspicious activity, but to attend and see how their Iraqi friends were doing.

"We patrolled there, setup our own personal security and talked to the people on the sideline," said James. "Everybody in the squad knows quite a few of these guys. I was talking to the guy I knew ... how (he) thought the recent combined medical engagment went, and made small talk about the Iraqi professional league. They are definitely happy about their pro league. You know, Saddam's brother used to torture the soccer players and their families if they lost. Now that Saddam is gone, the team is winning. They won the Asia Cup."

The game was getting very heated and the two teams were neck and neck for a win when halftime was called. They separated and headed to their benches, where the coaches gave pep talks and criticism. It was just like a soccer game in any other country, but here in Iraq, it meant so much more.

# Twentynine Palms community appreciates Combat Center

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People cheered with excitement and appreciation as the Combat Center Band and the base's military vehicles rolled by in the Twentynine Palm's Pioneer Day Parade.

During the parade, civilians were asked to comment on how the Combat Center has benefited the community of Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Local citizens say business and work is beneficial to the community.

"There are a lot more jobs available to us," said Eliza Stewart, a civilian employee aboard the Combat Center. "It really helps the civilians around here."

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too many retired military members previously stationed at the Combat Center.

"I have worked with military members all my life," said Ronald A. Stampfli, owner of Premier Carpet Care. "This is the cleanest military town I have been around. It is great for retired military members, and it has been a great home for me because of the Marines."

Marines have also volunteered their time to assist in the community. Many Marines have donated to local organizations.

"If there weren't Marine volunteers, there wouldn't be any sports," said Bradley White-Findeisen, Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 229. "I depend on volunteering Marines for scouting,

Half of the community services we have wouldn't exist without these Marines."

According to Randy Councell, the city community service director, the city coordinates with the Combat Center to ensure all youth sports have enough children for each team and the use of each others' training facilities.

The Marines also have volunteered with an organization called Reach Out Morongo Basin whose purpose is to network with local agencies to provide education, assistance or referral services to people in the Morongo Basin or local community area.

"Units coming back from deployment need to decompress," said Sandy Flack, executive director of Reach Out

Morongo Basin. "The chaplains send the entire unit out to do a group project to help unwind."

Volunteers may participate in minor yard work, simple home repairs, grocery shopping and errands or medical transportation to doctor appointments.

More than 100 Marines

have helped the community during the summer with Reach Out Morongo Basin.

"The Marines do a lot of backbreaking things we can't do," said Flack. "They do minor home repairs like building a wheelchair ramp. They get it done quickly because they are already good at work-

ing together."

According to Flack, many of the volunteers helping the Reach Out Morongo Basin program are senior citizens.

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