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HOT TOPICS

CHRISTIAN PREP CLASSES

The Religious Ministries Directorate CPREP Conferences will be offered twice a year Dec. 13 and 14, and April 24 and 25, 2008. CPREP will be scheduled on Thursday and Friday of the selected week. Lectures will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Only 6 hours of teaching will take place daily. Childcare will be provided free of charge to all participants. Point of contact will be Sandra Griesmeyer at 830-6464 for those individuals who want to sign up.

MANDATORY PEB RECIPIENT TRAINING SCHEDULE AT HOSPITAL

Attention all Physical Evaluation Board recipients. There will be a Vocational Rehabilitation Training evolution at the Base Hospital on Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. in Classroom 3. This is a mandatory class for any active duty member who has been or who will be referred to the Navy's Central Council of Personnel Boards for a Medical Fitness for Duty determination. Leaders, please ensure all Marines and Leaders, sailors with Medical Boards are scheduled to attend. POC in this matter is Mr. Rick DeLuna at 830-2031 or DSN:230-2031.

MANDATORY ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR:

To comply with DOD 6200.4 and OPNAVINST 6120.3, all permanent party active duty members of Headquarters Battalion and MCCES must schedule a Preventive Health Assessment (PHA) with the Adult Medical Care Clinic (AMCC) during their birth month. The PHA process takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Adult Medical Care Clinic maintains a database of PHAs performed and provides reporting of monthly compliance to unit commanders. To schedule a PHA, call 830-2621, email bradley.wiens@med. navy.mil, or stop by the clinic. PHAs are not performed on Thursdays.

MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Men's Varsity basketball tryouts will be held at the East Gym from 6-8 p.m. on Dec 10, 11 and 13. POC is Skip Best at 830-4092.

TOYS FOR TOTS MOTORCYCLE **POKER RUN**

Dec. 8 is the Toys for Tots Motorcycle Poker Run. 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. Riders will end their run at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms approximately noon. Post ride festivities will follow.

29 Palms time of Pearl Harbor Attack

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. **ERICKSON**

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

"December 7, 1941 –a date which will live in infamy," a quote from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a day after Japanese aircrafts terrorized the United States Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Sixty-six years ago, across the nation, Americans stopped their daily lives to turn on their radios and listen as reports of over 2,300 killed during the attack.

"I remember because I was at church and they interrupted the service," said Sue McMahan, a volunteer at the Old Schoolhouse Museum. "Someone had heard on the radio and announced that America had declared war."

The city of Twentynine Palms, Calif., at the time was inhabited by veterans from World War I, who worked together and founded the American Legion Post in Twentynine Palms by 1928.

Within an hour of hearing the news, the American Legion, with the help of the Army Air Corps who inhabited the base at that time, set up a Volunteer Aircraft Observatory.

"The whole town got together to plan what to do," said McMahan. "They were all patriotic since they were all veterans, and their children were the ones going to war."

The Volunteer Aircraft Observers was a 24-hour post where volunteering men, women and children watched the sky for any sign of aircrafts. A spotlight was used to illuminate the sky during the evening hours. Any aircraft spotted was to be reported immediately by telephone.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Set in a display case at the Old Schoolhouse Museum, old pictures, flags, newspaper clippings and military badges help portray Twentynine Palms, Calif., during World War II.

According to the Desert Trail newspaper archived at the Old Schoolhouse Museum, the entire city of Twentynine Palms would turn off their electricity in case of an air raid. A warning siren and flickering lights administered by the Wilcoff Electric Plant was the warning before the entire city was dropped into darkness.

The newspaper was a tribute to all the service members who were fighting in the war at the time from Twentynine Palms.

Among those service members was Troy L. Martin, a fighter pilot who died when his plane crashed in New Guinea. Martin was the first person from Twentynine Palms killed



Sue McMahan, An Old Schoolhouse Museum volunteer, unravels a flag portraying the sign of the American Legion in Twentynine Palms. The Legion was put together by World War I veterans in 1928.

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California State senator takes a look at MCAGCC



Senator Roy Ashburn stands with a crowd of Copper Mountain College and Marine Corps Community Services representatives at the ESD motor pool Nov 29.

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Roy Ashburn, California state senator of the 18th District, visited the Combat Center to get a better idea of base life Nov. 29.

Several other representatives, including Rex Moen, the senator's aid, several others from Copper Mountain College, Marine Corps Community Services and some small businesses, joined the

The group met at the Battle Command Center's classroom, where Jim Ricker, G-5 director, gave a brief and showed slides of the operations, training, programs and organizations on base as lunch was served.

After the brief, the group

was transported to the Exercise Support Division motor pool for a base tour.

There, several military vehicles were on display with Marines providing valuable information and answering questions.

The static display included an up-armored humvee, a 7ton truck, an M1A1 Abrams main battle tank, a Light-Armored Vehicle and an Amphibious Assault Vehicle.

ESD, winner of the 2005 Logistics Unit of the Year by Marine Corps Ground Logistics Award Board, is responsible for providing support to training units aboard the Combat Center by means of issuing, repairing, and maintaining equipment and supplies

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Last week, the Observation Post printed an article on the Naval Hospital and Headquarters Battalion Walk/Run Toy Drive and did not mention the drive was a joint effort by the Naval Hospital and HQBN. In fact, more than 90 percent of the participants and donors were from the Naval Hosiptal. See B2 for more information on this year's Toys for Tots drives.

A6: Copper Mountain College offers benefits to busy Marines

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

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This Day in Marine Corps **History**

— Dec. 7, 1941:— Japanese forces raid Pearl Harbor. A2 DECEMBER 7, 2007 **OBSERVATION POST**



C.O.P. Corner

Community Oriented Policing The proactive voice of crime prevention

Presented by the Provost Marshal's Office, Crime Prevention Section

Information current as of Dec. 1

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:

Larcenies	Unit	Larcenies
0	NATION OF A	_
3		5
11	CLB-7	3
5	VMU-1	2
3	MCCES	12
5	HQBN	7
4	NAV HOSP	0
9	23rd Dental	0
4	Staff Housing	0
3	Other	4
80		
	3 11 5 3 5 4 9 4	3 MWSS-374 11 CLB-7 5 VMU-1 3 MCCES 5 HQBN 4 NAV HOSP 9 23rd Dental 4 Staff Housing 3 Other

Out of the 80 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 is a total number of Marine related DUI's broken down by month.

Jan/10, Feb/14, Mar/12, Apr/17, May/20, Jun/19, Jul/17, Aug/15, Sept/27, Oct/20 Nov/23, Dec/1

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	11	2/9	1 PFC/1LCpl/7Cpls/1PO3/2nd Lt
1/7	13	8/5	1PVT/2PFC/7LCpl/1Cpl/1Sgt
2/7	8	6/2	1Pvt/1PFC/3 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	10	4/6	1Pvt/1PFC/1LCpl/4Cpl/1Sgt/1HM3
3rd LAR	11	9/2	1Pvt/1PFC/4LCpl/5Cpl/2Sgt
1st Tank Bn	9	5/4	4LCpl/3Cpl/2SSgt
3rd AABN	4	2/2	1Pvt/2LCpl
MWSS-374	11	5/6	3PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/2Sgt/1SSgt/12ndLt.
CLB-7	18	5/13	2Pvt/3PFC/7LCpl/4Cpl/1Sgt/1PO3
VMU-1	1	0/1	1LCpl
MCCES	16	2/14	1PVT/2PFC/3LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/4SSgt/1MSgt
HQBN	26	9/17	1Pvt/11LCpl/9Cpl/1Sgt/3GySgt/1Capt
NAV HOSP	1	0/1	1 Unknown Rank
23rd Dental	0	0/0	
Other Mil	9	2/7	5Cpl/2Sgt/1GySgt
Mil Dep	7	7/0	6Wives/1Husband
DOD Civ	0	0/0	
Other	4	4/0	4 Civilian-NMA
Grand Total	193		

Out of the 193 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.

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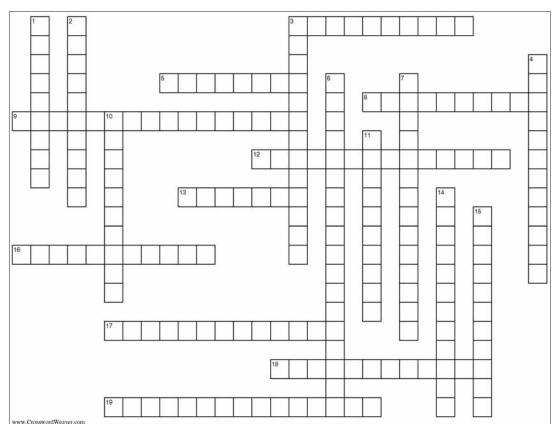
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CELEBRITY MEDIA TARGETS



ACROSS

- 3. Known for co-starring with Matt Damon
- 5. Co-star with his wife in Mr. and Mrs. Smith
- 8. Has a brother who also stars in comedies
- 9. The only NSync member to continue his
- 12. Has a younger sister who can lip sing
- 13. Has "upgraded" to Direct TV commercials
- 16. Her low-budget film wasn't very well-lit
- 17. Regrets the Billy Bob tatto on her arm
- 18. England's star soccer stud
- 19. One of the more successful stars from friends

DOWN

- 1. He can't handle the truth
- 2. They grew up in a "Full House"
- 3. Shaved her head this year
- 4. Rehab is her home away from home
- 6. Has recently packed on a few pounds 7. Began her career on the TV show "Alias"
- 10. No longer a newlywed
- 11. Knows how to lose a guy in 10 days
- 14. Has a famous pop star father
- 15. Gave birth to Tom Cruise's daughter

[Solutions on A5]

Centerspeak

What is your favorite part of the holiday season and why?

Opinions expressed in Centerspeak

are not necessarily those of the Observation Post, the Marine Corps or Department of Defense.



LANCE CPL. JACOB SWOFFORD MWSS-374

" My favorite part is presents, because I like getting free stuff.



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like going home, because it's a break from the Navy."



2ND LT. MATTHEW INGOLD

2/7

66 Tlike to spend time with **⊥** my family, because I don't always get the opportunity to."

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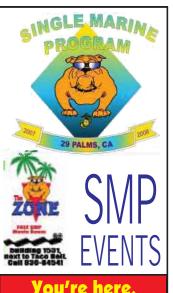
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'Holiday in the National Parks' celebrated at the White House

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS RELEASE

An ornament from Joshua Tree National Park is prominently displayed on this years official House White Christmas Tree. The tree is the centerpiece of elaborate decorations celebrating the theme of "Holiday in the National

"It is an amazing honor for the National Park Service to be selected as the theme for the White House holiday decorations by the President and Mrs. Bush," said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. "Mrs. Bush is the best champion for our national parks, and the beautiful decorations in each state room showcase the natural and historical treasures found in parks throughout the country."

The tree, located in the Blue Room, is adorned with handmade ornaments representing the country's 391 National Park Service sites. "Each ornament on the magnificent 18foot Fraser fir was designed by an artist selected by the park," said Bomar. "The ornaments tell the stories of our parks, just as our parks tell the stories of our nation."

Joshua Tree's ornament was made by Twentynine Palms

The Golden Compass

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Hitman

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4-HAUL RENTALS

MOVIE TIMES 365-9633

Enchanted

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12/14 - I Am Legend

12/21 - National Treasure: Book of Secre

12/25 - Charlie Wilson's War



Artist, Audrey Gillick, holds her hand-painted glass ball depicting a Joshua tree forest landscape under a full moon.

artist Audrey Gillick. The hand-painted glass ball depicts a Joshua tree forest landscape under a full moon on one half of the circular ball and under a sunny sky on the other half. She and her husband, Owen, attended the artists' reception hosted by First Lady Laura Bush at the White House on November 28.

The holiday displays incorporate the wide variety of natural, cultural, and recreational features preserved by the National Park Service. Models of icons such as the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the Statue of Liberty share space with paintings of scenic vistas from Grand Canyon, Zion, and Rocky Mountain National Parks. Holiday garlands inter-

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twined with park objects including seashells, pine cones, and gold aspen leaves add to each room's festive feel.

A highlight of the decorations is a scaled-down, but architecturally accurate, gingerbread reproduction of the south view of the White House, a unit of the National Park Service. The edible masterpiece includes Bush family pets Barney, Miss Beazley, and Willie frolicking on the lawn with moose, elk, raccoons, and other animals found in national parks.

"National Parks commemorate the people, places, and events that define American experience," Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne. "I am so appreciative of President Bush's efforts to recognize the important role of national parks in American society. Our country will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 and the President has been instrumental in establishing the National Park Centennial Initiative to prepare the parks for the next century."



2008 State tax exemptions

MCAGCC IPAC

The States of Connecticut, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, West Virginia do not tax service members claiming legal residence in those states if they meet criteria specific to each state. If you meet all the respective conditions for your state, please come to the Installation Personnel Administration Center (IPAC) customer service section to complete the prerequisite documentation to enact the state tax exemption.

Marines claiming legal residence in the aforementioned states must complete the required forms no later than Dec. 28 in order for the appropriate Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) entries post to the state of the new tax year. Marines completing these forms on time will be exempt from paying state tax for the entire year of 2008; however, Marines enacting their exemptions during tax year 2008 will be required to file a state income tax for the portion of the year in which state taxes were withheld. Retroactive adjustments cannot be made. CONDITIONS:

- a. Connecticut. Do not rate a state tax exemption if they reside in single-type government barracks, quarters on a ship, or any structure that contains only bachelor-type quarters and not facilities ordinarily found in a dwelling, such as facilities for cooking and bathing. If a Marine is a resident of Connecticut, they must file a resident return and pay any tax due unless they meet all the following conditions from the entire taxable year. Connecticut residents rate a state tax exemption if:
 - (1) The Marine did not maintain a permanent place of abode in Connecticut.
 - (2) The Marine maintained a permanent place of abode outside Connecticut.
 - (3) The Marine spent 30 days or less in Connecticut
 - (a) If the tax-exempt criteria is met, the following applies:
 - (b) Marine must complete a separate W-4 Form for federal tax and separate W-4 Form for state tax.

(4) The form for state tax must be a Connecticut State W-4 Form.

b. Minnesota. An individual on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces stationed outside of Minnesota will not be considered a Minnesota resident for Minnesota income tax purposes for the period of time the individual is stationed outside of Minnesota. This change is effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2000. With a "non-resident" tax status, the individual does not pay Minnesota income tax on his/her military pay. A DD Form 2058-1 must be completed and placed in the Marine's Service Record.

c. Missouri. If the military member's home of record is Missouri, his or her domicile is Missouri. In this case, the person is subject to Missouri income taxes on all income from whatever source including his or her military pay. The Missouri domiciled member can be exempted from state taxes if he/she files a sworn statement (Form MO NRI) that he/she:

- (1) maintained no permanent place of abode in Missouri during the tax year;
- (2) did maintain a permanent place of abode elsewhere; and
- (3) did not spend more than thirty (30) days of the year in Missouri.
- (4) If the above criteria are met, then the member is considered to be a non-resident for tax status purposes. With a "non-resident" tax status the individual does not pay Missouri income tax on his or her military pay. The following applies:
 - (a) Marine must complete a separate W-4 Form for federal tax and separate W-4 Form for state tax.
 - (b) Line out the word "additional" on line #6 of the State W-4 Form and replace with the word "specific", and
 - (c) Enter "None" in the amount block for line #6 of the State W-4 Form.
- (5) Complete a DD Form 2058-1 for the state of Missouri; place a copy in the SER-VICE RECORD and have the member mail the original to the State Taxing Authority.
- d. Montana. Residents are not liable for state tax, however, must file State W-2 Form and attach copy of current enlistment contract for verification of active duty status.
- e. New York/New Jersey. Do not rate a state tax exemption if they reside in single-type government barracks. They rate a state tax exemption if:
 - (1) they reside in either family-type government quarters or reside on the local economy,
 - (2) the member and/or dependents do not maintain a place of abode in the state during the tax year,
 - (3) they spend no more than 30 days in the state during the taxable year.
 - (4) If the tax-exempt criteria is met, the following applies:
 - (a) Marine must complete a separate W-4 Form for Federal tax and separate W-4 Form for state tax.
 - (b) Line out the word "additional" on line #6 of the State W-4 Form and replace with the word "specific", and
 - (c) Enter "None" in the amount block for line #6 of the State W-4 Form.
 - (d) Complete a DD Form 2058-1; place a copy in the Service Record and have the member mail the original to the state Taxing Authority.
- **f. Oregon.** Residents rate a state tax exemption if:
 - (1) they do not maintain a place of abode in the state during the taxable year or,
 - (2) they spend no more than 30 days in the state during the taxable year.
 - (3) If both tax-exempt criteria are met, the following applies:
 - (a) Marine must complete a separate W-4 Form for federal tax and separate W-4 Form for state tax.
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 - (c) Enter "None" in the amount block for line #6 of the State W-4 Form.(4) Complete a DD Form 2058-1 for the state of Oregon; place a copy in the Service
- Record and have the member mail the original to the State Taxing Authority. g. West Virginia. A member of the Armed Forces who is domiciled outside West Virginia
- is considered to be a non-resident of West Virginia for income tax purposes; therefore his/her military compensation is not taxable to West Virginia even though he is stationed in West Virginia and maintains a permanent place of abode therein.
 - (1) Marine must complete a separate W-4 Form for Federal tax and separate W-4 Form
 - (2) Line out the word "additional" on line #6 of the State W-4 Form and replace with the word "specific", and
 - (3) Enter "None" in the amount block for line #6 of the State W-4 Form.
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CCFD conducts annual HAZMAT obstacle course

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Marines and sailors regularly train and hone their skills to ensure a state of readiness for any situation.

The Combat Center Fire Department has adopted the same policy, regularly training new and veteran firefighters to keep them up to speed with any situation they may encounter on a call.

A recent example of Center Fire's training was the annual hazardous material obstacle course, which they conducted Nov. 19 at the CCFD training area.

"This training is designed for us to show new firemen what it's like to be in a fully encapsulated Level A HAZ-MAT suit," said Fire Lt. Grove Crank, CCFD firefighter and HAZMAT specialist. "It's a totally different environment. You sweat a lot and rely heavily on your personal air supply.'

Crank said the obstacle course, which consists of 10 different stations, puts someone through the stages of an actual HAZMAT call.

Some of the tasks the firefighters are asked to perform include a tunnel crawl, a pipe assembly, building dams and dykes to control the flow of contents leaking from a barrel, a water transfer from a barrel

to a bucket using a water pump and repairing leaks of a pipe tree with water blasting out of the leaks.

Although HAZMAT calls are rare now, Crank feels the training is still important for the firefighters.

"HAZMAT calls, although few and far between, can still occur," he said. "A new fireman could be asked to go in the suit relatively quickly for a call. However, they would be with a HAZMAT technician or HAZMAT specialist."

Crank said the most recent HAZMAT call was approximately two months ago in Rice, Calif. A train car was reported to have an ammonia leak and Center Fire was called in to investigate.

"It's nice to know we have the training in case something like that comes up," he said.

He added that one important thing to remember about being in a HAZMAT suit is the health and safety of the firefighters donning the gear. Before suiting up, the firefighters' heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature and respiration are taken by emergency medical technicians.

"It's important to monitor the baselines of the firefighters because of the conditions they experience inside the suits," said Crank. "We don't want anyone's baselines to fluctuate. If they do, they will be taken out of the suit for their safety



Firefighter John Hart repairs leaks on a pipe tree during the HAZMAT obstacle course Nov. 19 at Center Fire's training area.

and will not go back in."

Crank added that, on average, a firefighter in the suit will lose approximately two to three pounds of water weight while in the suit. Because of this, the EMTs monitor their baselines closely to ensure no one's health is at risk.

"It's different inside the suit," said Firefighter Bill

Foster, CCFD firefighter. "You create your own hot, humid environment."

"I think it takes adequate training to be effective in those suits because of the difficulty level involved," he added. "Keeping up with that training is good. I wish we had more like it."

In addition to the HAZ-

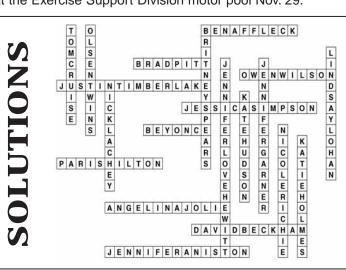
MAT obstacle course, the firefighters must also attend the HAZMAT Awareness and HAZMAT Operations courses. Crank said you must have at least HAZMAT Operations under your belt to be hired at Center Fire.

The department currently has 11 specialists and six technicians. Everyone else is certified to respond to HAZMAT calls at the operational level.

In order to effectively prepare for any situation they may encounter on a call aboard the installation and the surrounding community, Center Fire will continue to provide quality training to their firefighters in all aspects of their line of work.



LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE Roy Ashburn, California senator of the 18th district, listens to Lance Cpl. Jared Fox, Company B, Mojave Viper Support Division, as he talks about the M1A1 Abram main battle tank at the Exercise Support Division motor pool Nov. 29.







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for the Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group, the unit responsible for training Marines and sailors in Mojave Viper.

Ashburn, who was elected senator five years ago, serves as a chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Defense Aerospace Industry, according to his biography on extraordinarily important to mander and his staff for the

his Web site, http://republican.sen.ca.gov.

Ashburn is well known for his legislative highlights including after-school day care funding, ideas on reducing crime and fighting to protect communities from the devastating effects of military base closures, according to the Web

"This military base is

our nation as far as I'm concerned," said Ashburn. "It would be wrong for me to come here to the desert area without first coming to the military base and saying thanks to the extraordinary people who work and train on this base. This base was first and foremost on my list.'

"I appreciate the base com-

hospitality and to the men and women who work so hard," said Ashburn. "It's the work of freedom and it is greatly appreciated by me and the people I represent."

For those interested in finding out more information on where Ashburn stands on state issues, go to his Web site or to the American Chronicle Web site, which features many articles he has written.

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"We are a guest on this base," said Dr. James L. Arneson, the Associate Dean of Base Programs. "This is a volunteer educational office that Marines take on their own time."

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Friday, Dec. 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Joshua Tree Memorial Park

and family members must apply online and take a placement test in reading, writing and mathematics. After they are scored on their placement tests, they must attend an orientation meeting, which provides information regarding the college, degrees and majors offered.

"They have to have transcripts from previous colleges to get out of the placement tests," said Arneson. "You also receive college credits from your military occupational specialty and different military training."

According to the CMC Web site, military transcripts can be viewed online with the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcripts, where Marines and sailors can request an official copy to be sent to CMC.

CMC offers daytime semester classes from January to May during lunch hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Online courses are also available, along with hybrid classes, where students meet in the classroom and online once a week.

The most used course for students is the accelerated 5week evening courses on base where classes meet twice a week and two full Saturdays.

"This course is great for very affordable."

Marines who don't have time for a full load, but they can take the 5-week course." said Arneson.

A program offered through the Marine Corps for educational benefits is the Military Academic Skills Program.

MASP was developed to assist active duty enlisted military members in academic skills of reading, writing and mathematics.

Also available through CMC is the College Level Examination Program, which gives students a chance to take tests on class subjects to gain credits without taking the class.

Every college establishes a different score students must obtain to receive the credits for the class.

The emergency medical technician course on base teaches Marines and sailors first aid techniques. Students enrolled in the course must complete a set amount of hours of clinical work for emergency rooms and fire departments.

CMC does not require high school transcripts, and is inexpensive for military families.

"It is very easy to start college at Copper Mountain College," said Arneson. "It is



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in action. The American Legion Post was re-named after Martin in honor of his service.

The women of Twentynine Palms also united to help assist the city as the country

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marched to war.

Mothers participated in the Gold Star Mothers Club and hung a flag in their windows for their husbands and sons. The flags were adorned with blue or gold stars. A blue star represented a family member was

serving in the war; a gold star meant they had been killed in action. The Women Ambulance

Corps was formed where women took first aid classes once a week to help assist the medical services around the city. By Dec. 19, the American

Red Cross had organized two new services that were set up in the city.

Home service and Civilian Welfare Inquires were available to city members. Home Services helped service members and their families as they adjusted to the war.

Civilian Welfare Inquires assisted people wanting to find out about family members who were serving across the world.

Within one week after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the City of Twentynine Palms had organized many different organizations to help assist service members and families and to ensure the safety of the people in the town and nearby base.

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Sun 9 a.m. Faith Formation/CCD (Bldg 1551) Sun 9:15 a.m.

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Sun 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Sun 4 p.m. Choir Practice Sun 4 p.m. Life Teen/Youth Group Sun 4:30 p.m. Rosary Sun 5 p.m. Catholic Mass Sun 6 p.m. Cyrus Young Adult Group age 18-35, married or single (3rd Sunday of the month)

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MONDAY Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass

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5-7:30 p.m. Catechist Meeting (2nd Tues. of the month) 6 p.m. Baptism Class 1st Tuesday each Month

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11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room contact Chaplain Flint 830-6 p.m. RCIA (Bldg. 1551)

Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal 6 p.m. Pre-Service Food/ Fellowship 7 p.m. Lay-Led Gospel Bible Study 7 p.m. Praise & Worship Service.

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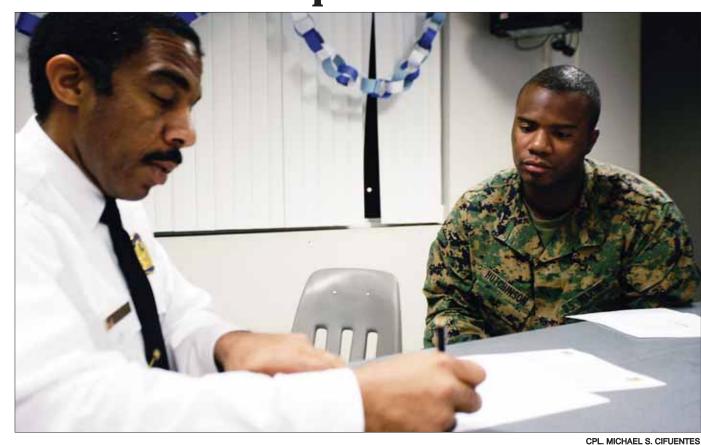
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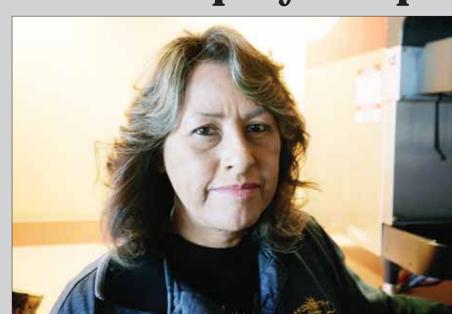
All are invited to the Christ Chapel for the "Barney Fife" Bible study at 6-7 p.m.

Top secret



U.S. Secret Service Officer Kevin Johnson with the Washington, D.C., recruiting office, interviews Sgt. David Hutchinson, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion, at the Community Center Dec. 5 for a position as a police officer in the Secret Service Uniformed Division. Applicants, all of which who were Marines approaching the end of their active duty service, took the Police Officer Selection Test and underwent the Secret Service's initial interview, which is part of the first phase of the hiring process. If recommended to continue in the hiring process, the applicants will go through a security panel interviews, a polygraph examination, a medical examination and a background investigation.

Employee Spotlight



Name: Delia Musick **Organization:** Base theater **Billet:** Food service worker **Hometown:** El Paso, TX

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies,

arts and crafts

What is your favorite part about your **job?** Being able to deal with the military What is one of the biggest achievements you've had working here? Being able to meet high-ranking people I wouldn't have normally come across.

Military ties: Father was a Marine Time Employed at MCAGCC: 5 years

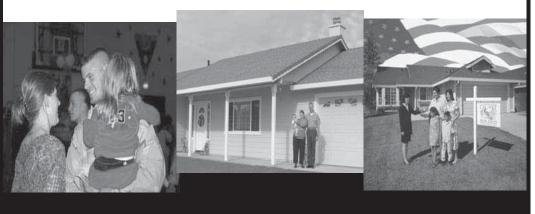
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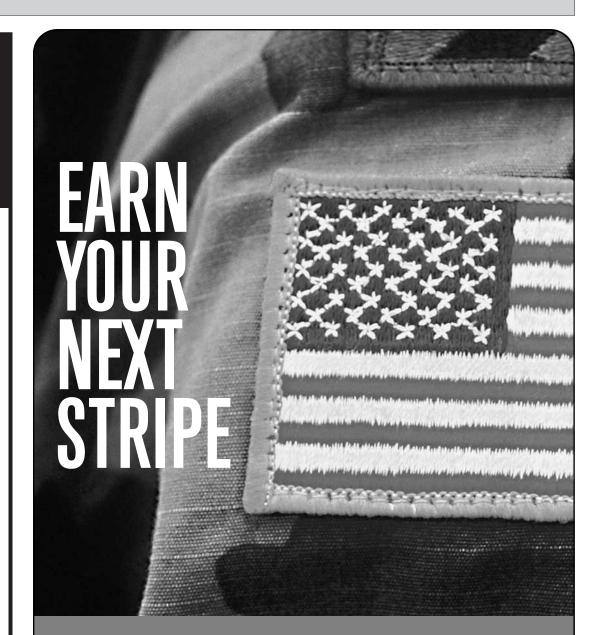
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OBSERVATION POST

Toys for Tots spends Santa Silvers donations



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Santa Clause showed up at the Marine Corps Community Services Home Store and helped the Toys for Tots staff and volunteers shop for toys Tuesday. The campaign volunteers spent \$9,600 in Santa Silvers that Marine Corps Exchange patrons donated to Toys for Tots to buy toys for needy children this holiday season. The first of three military distribution days began Thursday and delivered toys to families aboard the Combat Center. The volunteer-managed Toys for Tots hotline has generated requests for almost 2,200 kids in its first week and will continue to do so until the season ends. To contact the Toys for Tots hotline, call 830-9130, ext. 9131/9132/9133/9134. For more information about Toys for Tots, call 830-6861.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's Workshop

Santa Claus has recruited the
Combat Center's Fire
Department for toy assembly.
Bring your toy in need of assembly to the Fire Station @ building 1516 on the corner of 6th and Brown and Santa's Lil helpers will magically assemble your gift. You can just pick it up and deliver it to your loved one.

Santa's Work Shop Will Be Open for Business

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For more information call 830-6475 Please limit toys to two per household. No Gratuities Will Be Accepted.



MARADMIN 642/07 USMC PII Annual Policy Requirements

The Secretary of the Navy requires that every Marine Corps installation, command, and activity conduct training and compliance to safeguard personally identifiable information (PII) no later than Dec. 21. All military, civilian, and contractor personnel will participate.

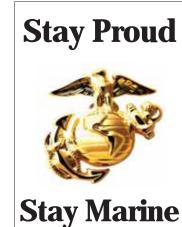
Headquarters Battalion will include a 10-minute period of instruction at the unit's safety stand downs on Dec. 10 and 13, which will meet the training requirement for those individuals, military, or civilian, who may not have access to the online training.

Commands must ensure that all noncommissioned officers and below, GS-08 or equivalent and below and contractor personnel complete USMC Privacy 100 Training. Officers, staff noncommissioned officers and GS-09 or equivalent and above are required to complete USMC Privacy 200.

Training modules are located on the Marine Corps PII Web site, https://hqdod.hqmc.usmc.mil/pii.asp, under "2007 PII Training."

The certificate of completion and acknowledgement, located at the end of each training module, will be retained by the command for audit purposes. Additional retention requirements will be published via SEPCOR.

For more information, log on to the Marine Corp PII Web site, or refer to MARAD-MIN 642/07 USMC PII Annual Policy Requirements.



UBSERVATIONS

DECEMBER 7, 2007

Years worth of generosity earns students day on base



LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

Students, chaperones and Marines share comradery. Equipment on display includes two field radios and a 50 caliber machine gun in the St. Francis room at the Combat Center Catholic Chapel. Students toured the base Nov. 30.

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

It may be easy to write off a erosity of the students. small and kind deed as one which will never be noticed. But for service members who live, eat, sleep and fight in hostile environments far from home, a memento from home can make a tremendous difference.

Last year, students from St. Theresa's Catholic Middle School started a small project which matured into an inspiring mission to bring hope to Marines, sailors and soldiers over seas, said Commander John T. Hannigan, 7th Marine Regiment chaplain.

More than 90 students in 6th and 7th grade paid a visit to the Combat Center Nov. 30, to see

what military life is like and to meet some of the Marines who were directly impacted by the gen-

"Before we [7th Marine Regiment companies here deployed in January of 2006 last year, the kids were already making various care packages for the Marines, soldiers, sailors and Iraqi children," said Hannigan.

Gifts included items such as hand sanitizer bottles, letters, magazines, blankets, sports gear and candy, as well as seasonal treats for the holidays.

Around March this year, Hannigan brought a slide show of the Marines in Iraq to the school to give the students a better picture of who they were helping.

"They seemed really excited so I

brought up the idea of them having a field trip to the base," said Hannigan.

When the students arrived on base, they brought with them 105 boxes of items including stuffed animals, snack food, blankets and hand sanitizer.

For their first activity, the students watched a demonstration of Military Police dog training given by the Provost Marshal's Office at Victory Field.

The students also had the opportunity to check out an up-armored humvee and 7-ton truck.

But due to inclement weather, the group moved to the Catholic Chapel where Marines showed the students several types of weapons and gear they use, including M16A4 service rifles, a 50-caliber machine gun, field radios, Kevlar helmets and flack jackets.

Following that, the students had lunch before they split into groups to continue the day's activities.

While two buses made their way to 1st Tank Battalion's motor pool, the other buses visited the Battle Simulation Center, a training facility used to train Marines and sailors by means of computer technology and simulation.

There, students were split into

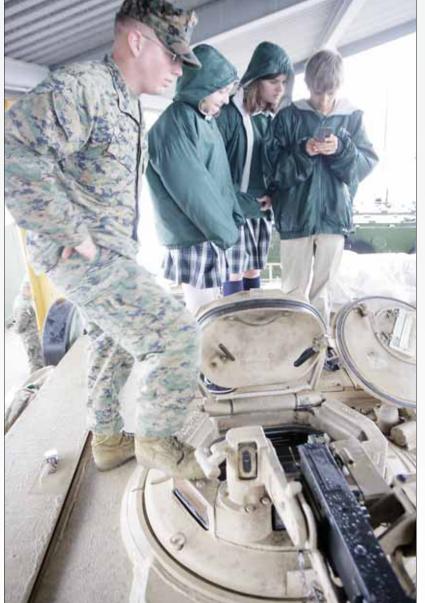
Brandon Bovee, a 6th grader at St. Theresa Catholic Middle School, emerges from inside an M88A2 Hercules Heavy Recovery Vehicle during a tour of the 1st Tank Battalion motor pool Nov. 30.

two groups. One was allowed to try the numerous computer programs while the other had a question and answer period with Marines who had actually received the childrens' care packages while

deployed.

Linda Patton-Hiatt, a history teacher from St. Theresa, said she believed that the question and

See SCHOOL, B2



LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE Sgt. Cecil R. Compton, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, with students on top of an M1A1 Abrams main battle tank during the tour.



Michelle Castrow, a 6th grader at St. Theresa Catholic Middle School, trys out a computer-simulated program used by Marines and sailors for training during the school's base tour Nov. 30.

B2 DECEMBER 7, 2007 **OBSERVATION POST**

PMO puts hiring plan into action

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M.

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center's Provost Marshal's Office recently instituted a new plan to strengthen ties between the base and the community, and create jobs for civilians in the area.

PMO will begin hiring civilian employees to perform military police duties aboard the Combat Center this coming

Master Sgt. Scott L. Pryor, PMO service officer, said the program targets civilians, retired and former service members, and government service employees in the area surrounding the Combat Center. However, military background is not a requirement to apply for a civilian police officer position here.

"A lot of smaller bases have gone to using civilian law enforcement," he said. "We will be doing something similar, but we will be integrating military and civilian employ-

Civilian employees will be hired for most positions currently filled by the military police. The only exemptions are the provost marshal and provost sergeant positions.

"We want to mold military and civilian personnel together in all aspects of the job," he said. "Having them working side-by-side will create a better working environment. Equal input from both parties will generate more success."

"They will receive the same training as our MPs," he added. "It will be a basic law enforcement package. There will be an academy established to train the personnel coming aboard."

Recently, PMO has been trying to generate interest in the program while the groundwork was laid out to get the program up and running. Pryor said more than 20 people have contacted him showing

interest in the program.

Now that Headquarters Marine Corps in Quantico, Va., has approved the program, the wheels are in motion to begin integrating the Combat Center's police force. Pryor said their goal is to hire 20 civilian police officers by the end of fiscal year 2008.

"As of right now, we're only hiring basic military police," he said. "Though the civilians will be trained and treated the same as MPs, this is going to be sort of an adjust-fire program for us to work out the kinks in the hiring process."

The Combat Center's Human Resource Office will assist PMO with recruiting, selection and in-processing of the applicants. In-processing will consist of the applicants' physicals, drug testing and background checks.

Civilian employees will eventually significantly reduce the number of Marines assigned to PMO through the

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Marine Corps civilian law enforcement officers get ready to begin patrol the Combat Center.

Fleet Assistance Program. However, Pryor said while the number of FAPs will be reduced, the program will still be available to Marines seeking a career in law enforcement.

Another change will be getting PMO personnel back into the deployment cycle. The addition of civilian employees

will result in a lighter workload for the military personnel, which will give MPs more chances to deploy overseas.

Perhaps the most important impact will be to improve the bond between the Combat Center and the community.

"PMO will continue to operate as we have in the past by assisting the community with law enforcement offbase as well as on-base," said Pryor.

If you are interested in providing law enforcement services to the Combat Center and would like more information about the program and how to apply, visit http://www.usmc cle.com.

HSSI offers jobs aboard Combat Center

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. **ERICKSON**

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Homeland Security Solutions, Inc. is teaming with the Career Resource Office aboard the Combat Center to bring more than 20 jobs to the base beginning in January and ending in March.

Scott Street, director of Department of the Navy programs for HSSI will be available 12-14 to brief tuition assistance program classes aboard the base.

HSSI is a small enterprise put together by a team of security professionals who provide training and information in security. They are planning on hiring 310 people Marine Corps wide within 120 days of contract funding.

"All the positions offered will be full-time," said Joanne Ferraro, employment development section, Marine Corps Community Services Career Resource Office. "They will be conducting interviews at the Base Education Office."

The HSSI Web site states that employees must have a law enforcement training, vulnerability assessment, electronic security systems design, and engineering and system integration.

HSSI is represented by former military, civilian, federal law enforcement and security specialists that have extensive knowledge in public safety and security management.

"We are pleased that Homeland Security Solutions is looking first to veterans and military members to fill positions here," said Virginia Sulick, the Career Resource Office.

Manager. "Many of the jobs are ideal for spouses and may be portable from base to base as the active duty service members move."

HSSI is also capable of responding to certain evolving Homeland Security requests.

According to a HSSI pamphlet, there is an urgent requirement for contract personnel to provide non-guard services aboard all Continental United States Marine Corps installations including Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The pamphlet also lists the widespread understanding in non-guard security jobs needed to be filled aboard the base. These jobs consist of dispatching, armory and readyfor-issue services, administrative support including traffic court services, pass and identification office, visitor control center, physical security services, supply and logistics, alarm monitor and impound lot services.

"Other jobs practically require military experience and might be ideal for service veterans wanting to stay near a military installation," Sulick.

Security and law enforcement trainer services will also be available, although applicants must have two years as a certified firearm, defensive tactics and other law enforcement instructor.

The trainers will cover all installation law enforcement and security training that includes police officer training, security augmentation force training, pre-service training and annual re-qualification.

HSSI will preview the applicants resume prior to meeting with the prospective employees.

For more information about HSSI, call 820-7225.

Naval Hospital supports Toys for Tots



The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital staff and volunteers have played an important role in supporting the Toys for Tots 2007 campaign this holiday season. The hospital sponsored the Naval Hospital and Headquarters Battalion Toys for Tots Walk/Run Toy Drive Nov. 29. A large majority of the participants at the event were from the hospital and donated most of the toys collected during the run. The Naval Hospital staff and their families also make up a substantial portion of the volunteers answering the phones for the Toys for Tots hotline this month. Thanks to the Naval Hospital and support from around the community, the Twentynine Palms Toys for Tots campaign has raised approximately \$2,000 every week since it began. For more information about Toys for Tots, call 830-6861.



Students from St. Theresa Middle School line up for their turns to get an up-close look at an M88A2 Hercules Heavy Recovery Vehicle Nov. 30.

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answer period was very beneficial to the children.

"They [students] learned a lot about what Marines do, how they train and how they

accomplish their mission," said Patton-Hiatt. "I think being able to talk to Marines who have been over to Iraq and ask questions was very important.'

"We truly appreciate all the

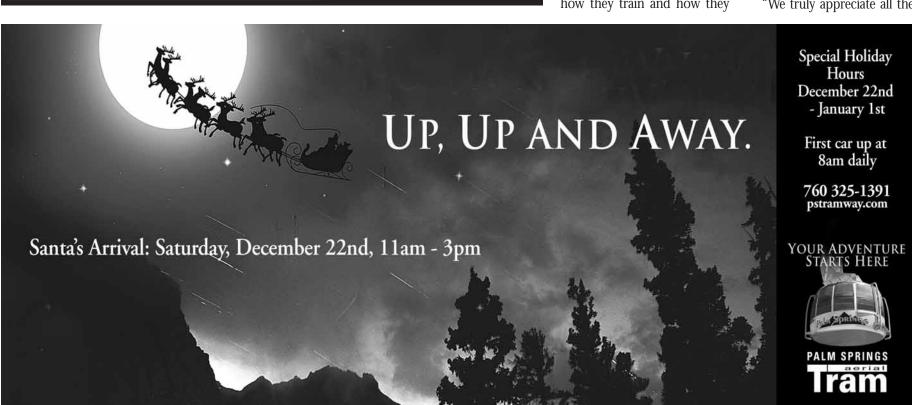
work that was done by Chaplain Hannigan and the Marines in order to make this trip possible," added Patton-Hiatt.

Hannigan said he over heard several chaperones say that the children were going to talk about this day for months to come.

"I noticed that the smiles on the childrens' faces reminded me of the smiles on the Marines' faces when they got the items the children worked so hard to send us," said Hannigan.

Although the 8th grade class was unable to attend the field trip, they are planning on making their own trip to the base some time this spring. Until then, the students plan on continuing with their mission of bringing hope and comfort for those who are fighting for it.





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Helmets-to-Hardhats program links troops with civilian careers

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Press Release

The federally funded Helmets to Hardhats program helps service members and military veterans put their training to use as they transition into the private sector after serving.

to Hardhats provides an important link between veterans, soon-to-be veterans and 15 building and construction trades organizations.

Collectively, these organizations represent about 82,000 contractors nationwide.

Under the program, Launched in 2003, Helmets apprentices in labor unions

get paid while they train, and former service members can supplement those earnings with their G.I. Bill benefits. After completing apprenticeships and advancing in their fields, workers in the building and construction trades can earn salaries approaching six figures.

Roger Ervine, a former U.S. Navy aviation electronics tricians' technician, called the Helmets to Hardhats program "an enormous benefit to those individuals who would like to find civilian employment and have a meaningful career when they get out of the Program, visit www.helmetstoarmed forces."

Ervine is currently an elecapprentice International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 639 in San Luis Obispo.

For more information on the Helmets to Hardhats hardhats.com.

Here are some useful holiday traveling tips

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Combat Correspondent

It's that time of the year again and the holidays are right around the corner. If the planning process hasn't started already, now is a good time to begin.

Presents, food and decorations are usually all important holiday factors, but for many of the Marines, sailors and families aboard the Combat

Center, travel plans are their ids, air in the tires and keep first priority.

Whether the path to visit loved ones this season is on the ground or through the air, it's beneficial to plan and practice the proper techniques to ensure a safe and timely arrival.

If grandma's house is over state lines and through December traffic, make sure the vehicle making the trip is in good working condition.

Be sure to check engine flu-

vehicle maintenance up to date.

After the vehicle is packed, ensure there is more than enough time to get to the destination. The estimated time of arrival may vary due to holiday traffic.

Get a healthy amount of rest before traveling and avoid eating big meals, as they can lead to drowsiness.

Safe driving habits are even more important during long trips, so wear safety belts, maintain safe distances between liquids at home, and use only vehicles, and don't drink and drive.

Extra blankets, food, water and a first aid kit are also good precautions to take in case of a bad roadside scenario.

If the journey home involves airfares, hotels and rental cars, book flights and reservations as early as possible to save time and money.

"The best days to book flights on are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for lower fares," said Nicole Tierra, Sato Travel site manager. "Try to avoid flying on Sundays because they are the busiest travel days of the week."

Some airlines charge money for extra baggage, so packing light for a trip can not only save time at the airport, but save money as well.

It's best not to wrap any presents before flying either, because the airport security staff will probably open it.

Although it is required to check in an hour before flight departures, it is recommended to arrive at the airport at least two hours early to wait in lines.

"Travel light by wearing less jewelry, leaving aerosols and carry-on bags to move through security faster," said Tierra.

December is not only one of the busiest travel months of the year, but an inclement weather month as well. Plan for flight delays and layovers, and bring something to stay entertained.

When collecting checked bags after a flight, always check for missing items immediately and don't wait to get home to file a claim with the airline. It's easy to get in a hurry to leave the airport, but it's more important to protect personal belongings.

It's highly recommended by many commands to designate transportation to and from the airport to avoid confusion and costly cab fares.

In addition to traveling, it's important to secure empty homes by locking doors and windows, setting light timers, and designating someone to collect your mail to repel burglars.

By planning properly and traveling smartly, this holiday season can be cheap, timely and safe. Happy holidays and have a safe return home.

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Future Tastes Bright at Officer's Club

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) provides quality of life services to Marines, sailors and their family members aboard MCAGCC. It is the mission of MCCS to have entertainment, recreation and quality shopping opportunities available throughout the year. Recently MCCS expanded services at the Combat Center Officers' Club.

The Combat Center Officers' Club has been offering delicious buffet lunches during the week for all hands. The Officers' Club turkey

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buffet was so enthusiastically received last month, that the Club will begin offering theme dinners on Monday, January 7, three nights a week. Monday nights will be an all hands Steak Night. Wednesday nights will feature pasta meals and Thursday nights will be a seafood night. A children's menu will be available.

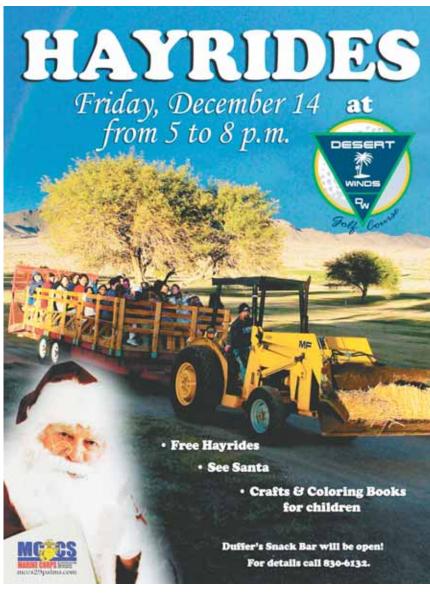
Sundays, the Officer's Club is excited to announce the return of the all hands Champagne Brunch. The buffet has been one of this base's most delicious dining experiences. The new

brunch will feature more gourmet items than ever before. The Officers' Club is planning for the brunch to be the greatest they've ever served. Still, the cost will only be \$15.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children. Brunch will begin being served on Sunday, January 6. For details about these new events, please call the Officers' Club at 830-6610.

For more information about all MCCS events and services, log onto the website at mccs29palms.com



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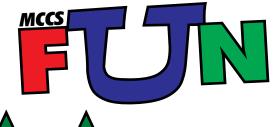






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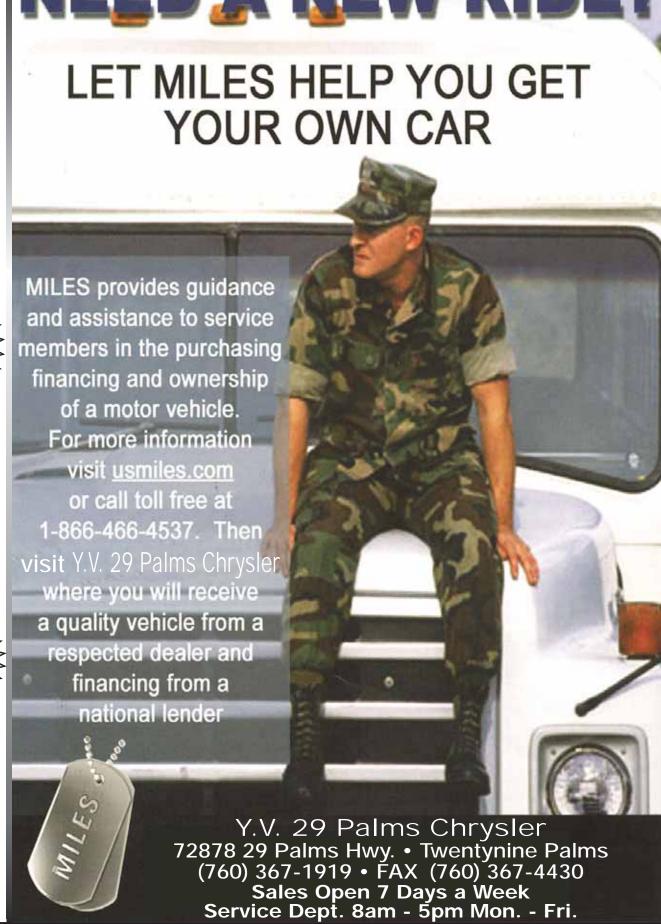


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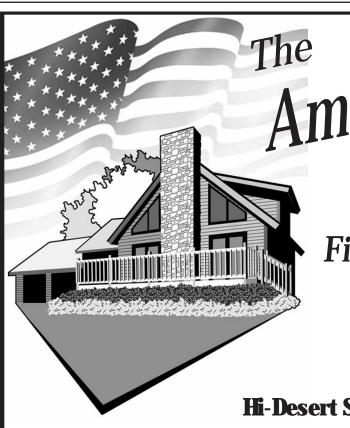
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