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# 2/7 Marines honored with Purple Hearts

#### LANCE CPL. MONICA C. **ERICKSON** Combat Correspondent

Five Marines from 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, were presented Purple Hearts for wounds received during their recent deployment to Iraq in a ceremony Dec. 6 at the Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field.

The five Marines from Mobile Assault Company presented the Purple Heart were:

Cpl. Howard R. Felts III, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lance Cpl. Brandon B. Steinmo, San Rafael, Calif. Lance Cpl. John T. Doody, Adams, Colo.

Lance Cpl. Dung V. Nguyen, Santa Clara, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Gary H. Huber, Allen, Ind.

One Marine was unable to receive his Purple Heart. Sgt. James D. Dodson, Mobile

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# Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visits Combat Center

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The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps commended and thanked the Marines and sailors of the Combat Center for their dedication to the Corps and their hard work.

Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, said this on his visit to the base Monday when he spoke in front of the majority of the Combat Center's units at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field.

"I thank you very much for what you do for our country and our Corps," said Kent as he stood in front of hundreds of active duty Marines and sailors.

He continued by thanking all the corpsmen and chaplains that are attached to Marine units.

"I have never seen a corpsman hesitate, especially when they hear 'corpsman up!'" said Kent, a native of Memphis, Tenn.

Kent talked about how the Marine Corps is growing significantly and the importance of keeping every career path open when a Marine is able to reenlist or get out.

He also got the Marines to crack some smiles and chuckles by sharing a comical story about his first visit to the White House.

"You know how I knew the President would see us?" said Kent. "We were there, and the president loves Marines."

Kent then spoke about the war in Iraq, and the positive changes he has seen since his last visit.

He brought up his nephew, a Marine who recently returned from his second deployment.

"I asked him, 'what is the difference from this deployment to your last one?" said Kent. "He said there was no one to kill, he is over there kissing

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LANCE CPL. MONICA C.

migrated to Asia. The group learned about the tribes of Native that Americans lived throughout the Twentynine Palms area. They looked at ancient Native American rock art, and learn how the Native Americans used certain types of rocks for weapons and tools. "I was very amazed at the rock art," said Cheryl Nankervis, executive director of Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce. After they toured the Curation Center, the group made a quick stop to the Home Store while Ricker spoke about the Marine Corps Exchanges aboard the base. Then, the group loaded onto the bus and moved to the base recycling and hazard waste munitions plant where Mike Quintana, supervisor of the plant, showed the group machines used to melt down and crush scrap metal picked up from training areas. The group was able to walk away with a handful of "brass balls," or .50 caliber

# VIP's tour Combat Center, visit ranges



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Jennifer Collins, a representative of Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce, climbs through a whole in the wall while touring Combat Center Ranges 200 and 215 during a VIP tour of the base Tuesday. The ranges are used for their mock Iraqi villages during Mojave Viper pre-deployment training.

Combat Correspondent

Five representatives from Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley Chambers of Commerce visited the Combat Center for a tour of the base Tuesday.

The group toured the base to get a better understanding of what the base is doing and how the surrounding communities can enhance their growing relationship with the Combat Center.

Filomena Spiese, spouse of Combat Center commanding general, greeted the group and joined them for the tour around the base.

Jim Ricker, G-5 director, who was the main guide throughout the tour, brought them to the Curation Center where John Hale, Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs archeologist, introduced the group to the area during the time of Native Americans.

Hale described the area to the group as land rich with green grass and trees, abundant with large animals native to the land before they

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A4: 2/24 takes on Mojave Viper **57/33 Friday** Sunny Deliberate Assault Course A7: MCCS holds fourth annual **60/34** Saturday Sunny Winter Festival A10: Combat Center begins CPI **59/35** Sunday 🗦 **Partly Cloudy** program



The Headquarters Battalion football team celebrates after a 28-26 victory in Best of the West Championship game.

#### This Day in Marine **Corps History**

— Dec. 14, 1941:— Wake Island defenders were left with one aircraft surviving Japanese attacks.



Information current as of Dec. 11

# **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:

7th Mar 4 MWSS-374	5 3
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Out of the 88 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/24, Dec/1

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

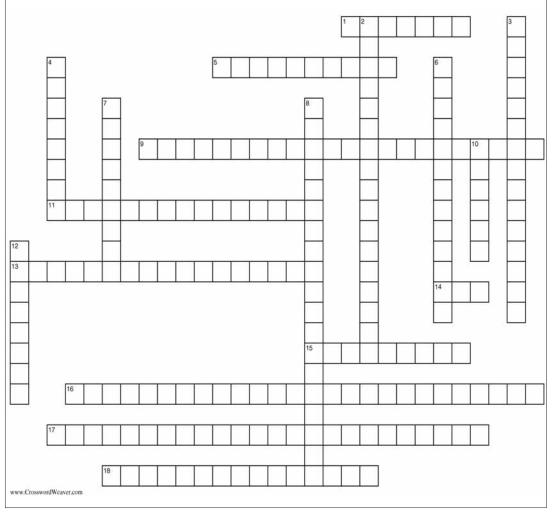
#### MONTHLY TOTALS

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	12	7/5	1Pvt/2PFC/3 LCpl/3Cpl/1Sgt/1SSgt/12nd Lt
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	19	5/14	2Pvt/3PFC/7LCpl/4Cpl/1Sgt/1PO3
VMU-1	1	0/1	1LCpl
MCCES	16	2/14	1PVT/2PFC/3LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/4SSgt/1MSgt
HQBN	27	10/17	1Pvt/12LCpl/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	200		



# **CHRISTMAS FILMS**



Out of the 200 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.

# **Centerspeak** What are your plans for the holidays?

Opinions expressed in Centerspeak are not necessarily those of the OBSERVATION POST, the Marine Corps or Department of Defense.



PVT. JACOB GUAJARDO

"I" be staying on base, but I'm trying to go on some trips with the Single Marine Program."



SGT. STEVE ARNOUX MIKE BATTERY, 3/11

"I'm going to go home and spend Christmas with my family."



MAJ. BRIAN CURRY MARINE CORPS TACTICS AND OPERATIONS GROUP

I'll be flying back to the East Coast to see family."

#### ACROSS

- 1. Bruce Willis dishes out Christmas in a unique way
- 5. Vince Vaughn's debut kids movie
- 9. All about the sad little tree
- 11. "God bless us, everyone!"
- 13. National Lampoon tackles the holiday season
- 14. Will Ferrel can be funny, even in a children's film
- 15. Joe Pesci gets embarrased by a kid in this flick
- 16. Dr. Suess's take on Christmas
- 17. Halloween meets Christmas
- 18. Where we learned it is possible to shoot your eye out

#### DOWN

- Every time a bell rings, an angel gets it's wings
- 3. The Governator vs. Sinbad
- 4. The Santa you wouldn't take your kids to see
- 6. "Happy Christmas! and Merry New Year!"
- 7. Michael Keaton reincarnates as a snowman
- 8. If we all believe, miracles can happen
- 10. It's a Denis Leary Christmas
- 12. Modern day comedy of a Christmas Carol

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# **Next OP January 2**

Thanks to approximately 703 of our readers who voted in our best front page design poll. Voting will end today. The best design will be announced in the Jan. 2 OP



## **HOT TOPICS**

#### FREE CHILDCARE

In the spirit of Christmas Season the First Baptist Church of Joshua Tree is offering free childcare Dec. 22 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Those interested are asked to call Lan Hammett at (760) 365-6177. The cutoff date to RSVP is Dec. 19. The church is accepting ages 4-12 and welcomes the opportunity to serve you during this holiday season.

#### MILITARY POST OFFICE OPENS ON SATURDAYS

Your Military Post Office will be open the following Saturdays in December for the holiday season; Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22 for package pick up only. The hours of operation will be 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. For further information call Staff Sgt. Christopher Eskridge at 830-7399.

#### RECRUITING SCREENING TEAM VISIT

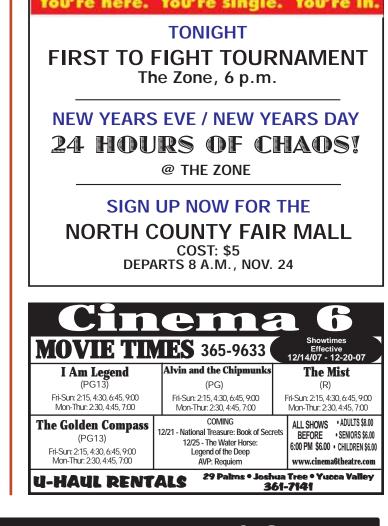
The Headquarters Marine Corps Recruiting screening team is coming to the Combat Center Jan. 24. The team will be screening all pre-designated Marines for this demanding special duty assignment. The screening will be at building 1707 classroom A 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All Marines preselected per CMC message R 240226Z NOV 07 will report in the Service "C" uniform for the informational briefing at 8 a.m. and subsequent screening sessions. Marines not preselected for screening but interested in assignment to

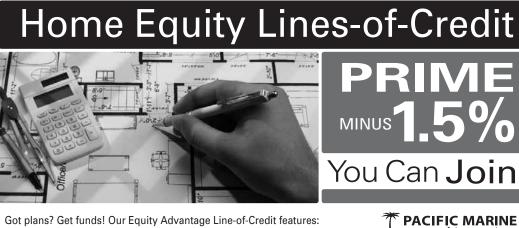




#### NOMINATIONS FOR **OUTSTANDING** MILITARY FATHERS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) is seeking nominations of outstanding military fathers to be considered for the 2008 NFI Lockheed Martin Military Fatherhood Award<sup>TM</sup>. The The Awardee will be announced Feb. 28, 2008.





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# 2/24 takes on Mojave Viper DAC

#### LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Combat Correspondent

The Marines and sailors of 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, completed the Deliberate Assault Course at Combat Center Range 210 Dec. 5-7.

The DAC brought 2/24 to their halfway point in the 30day Mojave Viper training evolution.

Fox Company, 2/24, ran through the DAC Dec. 6. Echo Company had completed the course the day prior. Golf Company would go the following day.

The assault began at approximately 8:30 a.m. with a combined assault from aircraft, mortars and artillery. During the bombardment, Fox Company staged a safe distance away in seven-ton trucks and amphibious assault vehicles, and waited for the order to "enter the breach."

Once the bombardment was complete, Fox Company moved into position to capture their objective. They dismounted their vehicles and immediately established a line of fire. The Marines and sailors moved by rifle squads, advancing on the bunkers they were assigned to destroy by the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group coyotes. While capturing this objective, the coyotes picked out Marines to be mock casualties to add adversity to the simulation. Several Marines and sailors were diverted to the aid and litter team to treat the casualties and load them onto vehicles or further medical aid.

Once the first objective was taken, Fox Company loaded back onto their respective vehicles and moved to Range 210 to capture their final objective, a Military Operations on Urban Terrain town.

From the second Fox Company dismounted, they began sweeping through the MOUT town, clearing the first few buildings quickly and efficiently. Once they established a foothold, they began to move up through the rest of the town, supported by tanks and AAVs.

Several obstacles were put in place by the TTECG coyotes while Fox Company assaulted the town. Pop-up targets and select buildings housing enemy combatants added a sense of realism to what the Marines and sailors may encounter in combat. These obstacles slowed Fox Company down a little, but did not stop their advance through the town.

During the onslaught, more Marines were designated as casualties. As before, Fox Company had to divert assets to assist the casualties. AAVs were called up to the frontline to load the casualties and take them back safely to the rear of the town for treatment.

After a half-hour battle, Fox Company neutralized all threats and captured the MOUT town at Range 210. Capturing the town signified the end of the Deliberate Assault Course.

Overall, it seemed Fox Company came together well and was able to successfully complete this portion of their training.

"You guys did a good job today," said Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Ledbetter, TTECG coyote. "The DAC is not designed to be run perfectly, but you guys will learn a lot more before Mojave Viper is over."

Ledbetter was responsible for 2nd platoon's debrief after Fox Company completed the DAC. He highlighted a few mistakes that were made, but still commended the platoon on a job well done. At the end of the brief, Ledbetter left 2nd platoon with some knowledge for the rest of Mojave Viper and their upcoming deployment.

"Remember to fire and maneuver," he said. "Maneuver without fire is suicide. Fire without maneuver is a waste of rounds."

The Marines and sailors of

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Cpl. Kyle Blades, team leader, 1st squad, 2nd platoon, Fox Company, 2/24, provides cover for Sgt. Juan Lopez, platoon guide, 2nd platoon, Fox Company, 2/24, while he retrieves a magazine dropped by another Marine.

Fox Company seemed to feel like they learned a lot from their training and will continue to gain knowledge through the rest of Mojave Viper.

"It's good training," said Cpl. Jason Blevins, 1st squad leader, 2nd platoon, Fox Company, 2/24. "It enables young Marines to see an overall picture of what a battalion-size operation in combat looks like."

Blevins said he's seen a lot of this before. This being his third deployment, he feels the training will help him and his junior Marines accomplish their mission when they deploy to Iraq.

Other Fox Company Marines feel the same way as Blevins. Even though they have experienced similar training in the past, they feel the DAC and Mojave Viper will further prepare them for their deployment.

"Mojave Viper is good training, but at the same time, I'm not having much difficulty with it," said Lance Cpl. Dan Schramm, squad automatic weapon gunner, 1st squad, 2nd platoon, Fox Company, 2/24. "I've been in for five years now and this is probably the best range I've ever run through. There's a lot of moving parts."

The Marines and sailors of 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, will continue their Mojave Viper training, completing their final exercise Dec. 20. Following Mojave Viper, they will go on block leave for the holidays. Their unit will deploy to Iraq from the Combat Center in January 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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machine gun rounds melted down and rendered useless.

The group made a stop at the Command Deck where they met with Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general.

Ricker also briefed the

group about the base and the training Marines go through before they deploy to Iraq.

After the brief, the group took the bumpy road to Combat Center Ranges 200 and 215, a military operations in urban terrain facility replicating an Iraqi village.

"I could imagine seeing the

Marines going through that," said Nankervis. "It made it even more real from what we see on the news."

The last stop the group visited was the Explosive Ordinance Disposal section. Maj. Michael R. Glass, EOD officer-in-charge, educated the group on the different types of improvised explosive devices.

"Being a civilian, I would never dream that a washing machine switch could be used as an IED," said Christina Dooley, executive director of Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce.

The group was able to walk through a simulated IED lane training exercise to try to find inert explosive devices. "After seeing that I was driving to work and saying 'oh, that could be an IED," said

Nankervis. The group ended the tour by operating the robots used over seas to identify and render IED's ineffective.

"I am just delighted I was included," said Nankervis. "It really de-mystified the base and what the Marines do here." Dooley agreed with Nankervis, stating the tour was an eye-opener.

"I can't even pick out a favorite part the entire tour was all exceptional and informational," she said.

Nankervis stated that she wished to make a reverse tour, and bring spouses and Marines families to Yucca Valley to show what their community has to offer the base.



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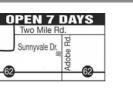
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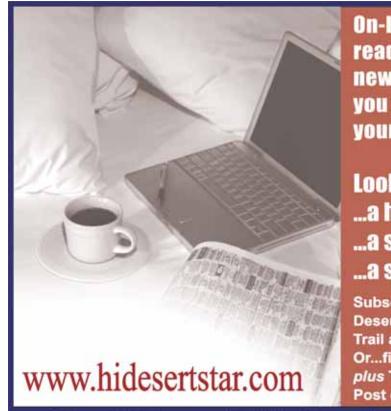
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LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON Dr. Cindy McVay feels the material of a protective jacket employee's of the base recycling and hazard waste munitions plant use when dealing with certain machinery.





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## **Moments in Time** Excerpts from book: U.S. Marines at Twentynine Palms, California

By the History & Museums Division HQ Marine Corps, Wash DC.

#### 1932:

Twentynine Palmswas one of three primary military glider schools established by the United States during the early days of WWII.

#### **1941**: Decision to locate the glider training center at

Twentynine Palms.

Lois Marlow Harz, a Twentynine Palms resident recalls that one day movie star -and by then lieutenant-Jimmy Sterwart flew in to look the place over.

1951:

In less than two months after August 20: Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Stewart Base Camp Pendleton came aboard, the Cuban Missile Crisis of October brought out the mount-out of many Marines from Twentynine Center, Palms. It amounted to the first Palms, was born. taste of a war-time footing for the desert base.

#### 1952:

Base Headquarters issued Post Order 343, and Marine Corps Training Twentynine

1957:

### Secretary of War Henry L. Stimpson signed authority for the U.S. Army Air

1941:

Corps to start a glider training school on the old dead lakes north of Dr. Luckie's health camp, where the World War I veterans-and a growing number of otherswere learning to live in good health beside the Oasis of Mara where you had to arrive on purpose, and stay with conviction.

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MARINE CORPS BASE 29 PALMS, PAST AND PRESENT

#### 1942:

December: Vinton Harz told an inquiring reporter from The Observation *Post* that he never met a Marine he didn't like. "But," he added, "I came close two or three times."

1957:

1979:

#### 1944:

The Navy took over (present day MCAGCC). The Navy hung on in Twentynine Palms until summer of 1945, and World War II ended

#### 1945:

Condor Field went into caretaker status for seven years the silent buildings stood silent. And about the name, Condor Field? Did condors once soar along those brown hills in the upslope lifts? "No," said an old time glider man. "Not that we know of. We named it that because we admired those birds. Best flying machine ever created.

#### 1960:

In late April the command put together "Big Shoot," which the press called "the largest artillery demonstration ever held here." The **Observation Post** reported some 1,500 guests were on hand to watch the shoot.



# In late June a violent desert wind and rain-sand-storm for

which Twentynine Palms is known for-caused the base to hunker down and hang on as best it could. There was much damage: the Staff NCO club said \$1,500 and the Exchange said \$1,000 for the roof of its "outdoor store."



#### 1962:

1989:

Feb: It was a momentous year. The prize-winning The Observation Post featured a story about the Marine aviator, Lt. Col. John Glen, who had a week earlier become the first earthling to orbit the earth.

#### 1967:

The Observation Post at year's end reminded one and all that the postal ZIP codes would be a must, effective 1 Jan. 1967; 92278 for base; 92277 for the town of Twentynine Palms. But that was all right, because by mid-year, Marines did not have to remember their old Marine Corps serial and file numbers any more, the SSN would do the trick.

#### **1993**:

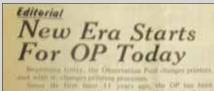
July 9: Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, a state-of- Oct. 1: After 21 years as the-art, 160,000 square-foot facility was commis- MCAGCC, the comsioned. The architectural firm who designed the mand was redesignated hospital was awarded the Secretary of Defense's as Marine Air Ground "Excellence in Design" award for a medical facili- Task Force Training ty in 1994.

# 1968

March: The Observation Post

first copy on record here.

A pleasant-and well deserved-surprise. After world-wide judging, The Observation Post was named the best Armed Forces letterpress newspaper for 1968, marked on content, layout, and makeup.



#### 2000:

Command, Twentynine

Palms, California.

February 16: Following

completion of the expedi-

tionary airfield, the base's

name was changed to

Marine Corps Air Ground

Combat Training Center

and changed yet once more

to Marine Corps Air

Ground Combat Center

(MCAGCC).

2006:

April: The Observation Post announces President George W. Bush visits the Combat Center.

Aug: Combat Center, community



#### It was also during this time that plans for the Combined Arms Exercises were conceived. Supplanting an earlier exercise known as Desert Palm Tree, the new CAXs were remarkable in two respects: the practice of combined arms, and live-fire and movement during the exercises were unprecedented in scale. Just as noteworthy was the creation of a Tactical Exercise Control Center with the primary purpose of controlling, instructing and critiquing the exercises. In the words of base historian, Col. Verle E. Ludwig, USMC (Ret.), "Twentynine Palms was to be a permanent 'combined-arms exercise college' for all of the Marine Corps."



ber of years in the desert community-since at least the age of bumper stickers-there has been a defiantly cocky little sticker which asks: Where the hell is Twentynine Palms?

May: The name had changed to 7th

Marine Amphibious Brigade. After

that, general officers at Twentynine

Palms were designated Commanding

General, Marine Corps Air Ground

Combat Center...For quite a num-



#### SGT. MAJ. from A1

babies."

As he finished his speech, he thanked all the Marines for what they do for the Marine Corps.

"He was very down to earth," said Lance Cpl. Kristie Scinto, Headquearts Battalion mailroom clerk. "He gave us a lot of information all the Marines here were curious about."

As the sergeant major spoke to all the Marines and sailors, his wife, Elizabeth Kent toured the base and visited with the Armed Services YMCA and other family oriented organizations around the Combat Center with Filomena Spiese, spouse of Combat Center's commanding general, and Daisy Johnson, spouse of the base sergeant major.

In the afternoon, the sergeant major visited the Marine Corps Communications-Electronic School, the largest formal school in the Marine Corps.

There he was invited to go on a formation run with the students and staff of the school.

The sergeant Major led hundreds of Marines through the Combat Center's streets and ridgelines for a good physical training session.

The Marines showed pride

and spirit, sparked by the Marine Corps' senior enlisted Marine, by raising and swinging their guidons in the air and shouting out Marine

Corps cadences as they ran.

After the run, Kent gathered the Marines in a school circle and addressed their individual importance to the Marine Corps, explaining they are the future of the Corps and every single one of them is needed.

"His visit to our base was awesome," said Scinto. "I thought he really informed us,

and inspired us to do our best for the Marine Corps."

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Although the sergeant major's trip only lasted a few hours, his visit brought the

Marines and sailors aboard the Combat Center a lift of motivation and an abundance of knowledge about the future of the Corps.



celebrates its 54th birthday with ribbon cutting.



Aug: Combat Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the 29 Palms planted along the main entrance to the base. Local government and city officials helped with the ceremony.

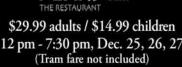
Dec: The Observation Post announces a new design for 2007.

#### 2007:

July: The Combat Center is awarded the 2007 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award.



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# Library hosts annual holiday celebration



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Nicole Austin, library program coordinator, hands out the first door prize at the Lifelong Learning Library's annual Holiday Celebration Dec. 7. The event attracted over 60 Marines, sailors and their families from aboard the Combat Center to come celebrate the season by singing holiday songs. Brownie troop 618 also made a special appearance and sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" for the crowd. The library invites everyone aboard the Combat Center to come and experience their next event at Fun with Science Night, Jan. 17. For more information concerning library events, please contact Nicole Austin at 830-6875.



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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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# **MCCS holds fourth annual Winter Festival**

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN Combat Correspondent

Marine Corps Community Services hosted Combat Center the fourth Annual Winter Festival at Victory

Field Dec. 8.

The festival, a part of **Operation Enduring Families**, ran from 12-6 p.m. and featured a variety of family-oriented activities.

events featured at the festi-

val were carriage rides, face painting, arts and crafts, hot food and beverage tents to keep the crowd warm, and street vendors selling a variety of goods. The Sunset Among some of the Cinema also played family Christmas movies all after-



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN The children of Staff Sgt. Casey McCullin, explosive ordnance disposal technician, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, Meghan, 7, Killian, 2, and Keeley, 4 months, pay a special visit to Santa Claus.

noon.

Several special guests arrived for the children that day, such as Frosty the Snowman, the Gingerbread Man, the Sergeant at Arms from the Nutcracker, Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer and Santa Claus.

Santa was a source of entertainment all afternoon in his traditional fashion. Children stood in line, waiting for their turn to sit on Santa's knee and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. MCCS photographers took pictures of Santa and the children, which were available to the families at no cost.

The Combat Center Band performed twice during the festival, entertaining the throngs of families with holiday music. A disc jockey from the radio station Z107.7 played music in between performances to keep entertainment going for the families.

Two groups of Christmas carolers provided musical entertainment for the families. The Desert Carolers from Palm Desert. Calif.. and Mixed Company from Orange County, Calif., walked around Victory Field dressed in 19th centucostumes signing ry Christmas carols for the masses. People stopped to listen to the carolers and took pictures with them after their short but joyful performances.

"We're very glad to be here," said Annie Bgorklund, member of Mixed а Company. "As musical performers, it's always nice to get a chance to do things like



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Kate Ford, daughter of Lt. Col. Todd Ford, Combat Center comptroller, gives a hug to Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer at the MCCS Winter Festival.

this for people."

The Desert Carolers also expressed similar feelings toward their line of work and their support for the Combat Center.

During the final hour of the festival, Santa Claus rode in to Victory Field on a fire truck. He lit a Christmas tree on stage and passed out candy to the children.

This year, more than 5,000 people attended the Winter Festival. Kelley M. Coe, MCCS special events

coordinator, said the number of attendees grows each year.

"This year's event was a huge success," she said. "MCCS is honored to host a holiday event for our MCAGCC family."

Plans are already underway for the fifth annual Winter Festival next year. MCCS will continue to support the Marines, sailors, civilian employees and military family members aboard the Combat Center.

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# Garma reopens marketplace

#### PFC. BRIAN D. JONES Regimental Combat Team 6

GARMA, Iraq (Dec. 12, 2007) -- Residents here celebrated a success for their livelihoods, with the grand reopening of a marketplace central to the city's economy, Dec. 1.

Marines with 3rd Battalion, Marine 3rd Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, and other Coalition Forces joined Garma citizens and local dignitaries in the celebration of the market reopening, marking progress toward economic growth for the community.

"It's a sign of progress and hope for a new tomorrow," said Capt. Quintin D. Jones, commanding officer with Company L. "The

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mayor and I wanted to make an immediate impact in the area by making goods readily available, helping improve commerce. Now, the market can work as a crossroad for Garma to tie back into other cities."

Sheik Mishen, a prominent tribal leader in the area, was the honorary speaker at the ceremony. He thanked Jones and other servicemembers for their dedicated work to helping the community.

The "Lollipop Market," named after it took the shape of what resembles a lollipop during reconstruction, was once a battleground between insurgents and Coalition Forces, and had suffered collateral damage during ground fighting.

'Six or seven months ago there were still gun battles being fought here," said Jones. "This shows how far we've come here."

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embedded provincial reconstruction team, staffed by Defense and State Department officials, financially supported the reconstruction to promote growth in the community through increased revenue.

Once the project had been approved, local contractors were awarded contracts for reconstruction.

Workers first repaired the roads filling in craters from improvised explosive device detonations. Street curbs were repaired, painted and a center roadway circle was added. Doors were replaced and new awnings were hung on the individual shop spaces. Workers removed dirt and rubble from the area. The planting of some grass and trees for the market were also managed into the budget.

An added benefit was revealed to the public during The market was proposed the ceremony. The main route leading into and out of the city. In agreement, an the market, which is current-



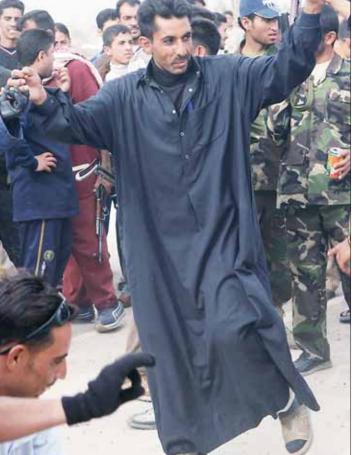
Sheik Mishen (second from left), a prominent tribal leader in Garma, speaks with Lt. Col. Nathan I. Nastase (center), the commanding officer of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, and Rear Adm. Patrick Driscoll (right), with Multinational Force-Iraq, through an interpreter during the reopening ceremony of the "Lollipop" Market in Garma, Iraq, Dec. 1. Coalition Forces joined Garma citizens and local dignitaries in the celebration of the market reopening, marking progress toward economic growth for the community. "It's a sign of progress and hope for a new tomorrow," said Capt. Quintin D. Jones, commanding officer, Company L.

ly only used for military traffic, will be opened to public traffic as the main avenue of travel from north to south through the city. The opening of the road will remove much of the overhead costs associated with shipping

goods for local merchants.

The reconstruction of the market was coordinated through the efforts over six weeks. Though there were few shops opened for business the day of the ceremony, all were optimistic, believ-

ing merchants would soon occupy the majority of the shops. Ending the ceremony, both locals and Provincial Security Forces joined in a circle and danced to the beat of a solo drum as they celebrated the event.





Garma citizens attended the reopening ceremony of the "Lollipop" Market in large numbers, Dec. 1. The market was proposed as an essential investment for the city. In agreement, an embedded provincial reconstruction team, staffed by Defense and State Department offi-

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PFC. BRIAN D. JONES

Both Garma citizens and men with Provincial Security Forces joined hands and danced in celebration of the reopening of the "Lollipop" Market, Dec. 1. The reconstruction of the market was coordinated through the efforts over six weeks. Though there were few shops opened for business the day of the ceremony, all were optimistic, believing merchants would soon occupy the majority of the shops.

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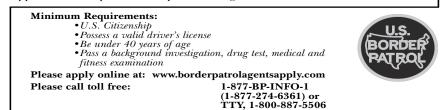
PFC, BRIAN D. JONES

Iraqi men with Provincial Security Forces danced in celebration of the grand reopening of the "Lollipop" Market in Garma, Iraq, Dec. 1. The market was once a battleground between insurgents and Coalition Forces. "Six or seven months ago there were still gun battles being fought here," said Capt. Quintin D. Jones, commanding officer of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6. "This shows how far we've come here."





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# **Attention: Information for Combat Center family housing members**

#### MILITARY HOUSING OFFICE

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Marines or sailors who repeatedly violate housing regulations, or allow their family members to do so, risk not only the privilege of living in government quarters, but also their careers. Although the government provides quarters, it is not required to do so by law. Remember, living in government quarters is a privilege, not a right.

Though most housing infractions are minor and can be easily resolved, serious and continued violations can result in termination of quarters and command-directed punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A copy of Combat Center Order P11101.12k (Instructions for Residents of Family Housing) should be in all quarters. Paragraph 2014 states; "Eviction from Quarters." Residents are urged to realize the seriousness of eviction action and its impact on a military family. It is strongly urged that sponsors and dependents familiarize themselves with this Manual and strive to avoid circumstances that might result in eviction. Sponsors are responsible for their own actions and the actions of their families and guests.

Reasons for Eviction can be for, but are not limited to:

• Unacceptable or wanton behavior of the sponsor, spouse, or any bona fide family members or guests as determined by housing authorities that is destructive to morale or the peace and harmony of the neighborhood, threatening to other residents or their property, or not considered in the best interest of the government.

• Unacceptable care or destruction of the housing unit assigned or related property and landscaping as determined by the proper authority.

• When a service member is removed from quarters by a temporary restraining order or other legal action.

• If a service member or any bona fide family member becomes involved with gangs as gang members, or in gang-related activities; if service member or his/her bona fide family members

or guests use or sell drugs; or any violence/disturbance occurs where a weapon is present.

• When the service member or his/her family members are found to be maintaining unregistered weapons in their quarters.

Removal from family housing may result in the service member being permanently declared ineligible for future housing assignments and the loss of Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) pay.

Marines and Sailors can avoid these negative consequences by behaving in manners consistent with Navy

and Marine Corps values and following the base housing rules.

Housing regulations are in place for the benefit of all residents. Sponsors should familiarize themselves with the Community Guidlelines and policies provided by Lincoln Housing and the Housing Office to ensure that not only they, but also family members and guests, adhere to them. If issues arise, take care of them promptly to avoid command involvement.

When in doubt, contact your local housing manager with any questions.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Lance Cpl. Dung Nguyen, mortarman from 2/7, receives his Purple Heart from Lt. Col. Richard D. Hall, 2/7 Battalion Commander, during a Purple Heart ceremony Dec. 6 at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field.

#### HONORED from A1

Assault Co., had undergone recent surgery and was still recovering at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

"It was something I never expected to happen," said Huber. "This is the one award I never wanted to receive. We all earned it, but I don't think anybody wanted it."

Present during the ceremony was Medal of Honor recipient, John Baca, an Army veteran from the Vietnam war. Baca had met and visited most of the Marines while he volunteered at NMCSD.

Jack Lyons, Vietnam veteran, Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient, was also present during and after the ceremony. Lyons and his wife, Barbara Lyons, volunteered with Baca at NMCSD, and had met most of the Marines and their spouses during their recovery.

Doody and Huber had asked Baca for his support during the Purple Heart ceremony, and if he would pin their medals on their chest.

"That hit me deep inside," said Baca. "I was honored to give them their Purple Hearts."

Doody and Huber had become good friends with Baca and Lyons while they were recovering for their injuries in the hospital.

"It is great to receive this honor," explained Doody. "John Baca pinned us with these Purple Hearts because he is a big part of our lives."

Lt. Col. Richard D. Hall, 2/7 battalion commander, awarded Nguyen, Felts and Steinmo their Purple Hearts.

After the ceremony, all the Marines present during the ceremony moved forward to congratulate and shake the hands of the five Purple Heart recipients, Baca, Lyons and his wife, knowing they were a big part in the Marines

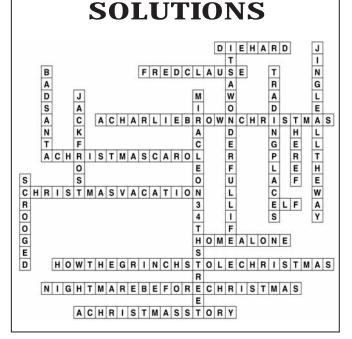
#### recovery.

"It is supposed to be some big macho ceremony," said Baca. "But I gave them all hugs."

Baca and the Marines feel that their friendship has bonded deeper than most friendships because what they have been through together.

"There are no words to describe what is inside," said Baca. "It is in their eyes, and you just get that feeling and you know we will always be in reach of each other if we need anything."

The Marines of 2/7 are preparing and anticipating for when Dodson recovers from his surgery and is released from the hospital to receive his Purple Heart.



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# **Combat Center takes step forward with CPI program**

#### DR. ALEX PACHECO

For a nation at war and a Marine Corps that is strategically balancing to maintain and enhance war fighting capability in an environment of resource constraints, the timing of the Department of Defense-wide Continuous Process Improvement initiative could not be more appropriate.

This DOD-wide initiative focuses on the application of proven principles and methods that will help achieve optimal levels of organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

The senior leadership

attended a two-day Executive Leaders Seminar on the initiative at the Protestant Chapel Dec. 5-6.

"This is the starting point for Twentynine Palms to support process improvement," said Kimberly Reath, CPI analyst for Headquarters Marine Corps. "This program will help units improve services and products to better support their war fighters."

The executive seminar equipped installation and training support leaders with an understanding of the Marine Corps' strategy for implementing the DOD-wide initiative as well as with knowl-

**Employee Spotlight** 

Name: Stephen Mann

my staff and my clients.

Oct. 17.

Hometown: Bogalusa, Louisiana

as a psychologist before I came here.

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Billet: Branch Head

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What is one of the biggest achievements you've

had working here? Accomplishing a complete turn-

Military ties: I had seven years active-duty Navy, six

years of civil service and six years in private practice

Time employed at MCAGCC: Two years as of

around in improvement of service to the Marines.

aboard the Combat Center edge in the deployment of methods and tools that will be used as they fulfill their roles in leading efforts in their areas of responsibility.

> "This training will help us identify our current processes and improve them to better serve our war fighters," said Lt. Col. Shawn Tatum, Exercise Support Division officer-in-charge.

> As the Combat Center embarks upon its implementation journey, it will be focused on improving the effectiveness of processes within its portfolio of installation support services to favorably impact war fighter readiness.

# **3rd LAR RBE Marines visit Shriners Hospital patients**



Sgt. Jody Davis, Cpl. Walter Bautista, Sgts. Ethan Aguello and Joseph Connelly, Remain Behind Element, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, visit a patient at the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital Nov. 7 while the main body of the unit is deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

#### LANCE CPL. SEBASTIAN A . FLUIERAS

While 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion's main body is helping Iraqi citizens in the Al Anbar province, the Remain Behind Element is also doing its share of service.

Along with other volunteer actions, they recently paid a visit to the Los Angeles' Shriners Hospital for Children.

The Shriners Hospital is the forefront of medical treatment and research in orthopedics, burn and spinal cord care. More than 80,000 young peo-

ple are able to lead better, fuller lives thanks to the medical services the hospital has provided.

Nov. 7, Sgts. Jody Davis, Joseph Connelly, Ethan Arguello and Cpl. Walter Bautista of Delta Company, 3rd LAR, visited the patients of Shriners Hospital. More than 45 people attended a presentation given by the Marines, including young patients, parents and nurses.

The presentation consisted of an insight into Marine Corps life, physical exercise, vehicles and aircraft. drill and ceremonies. Also included was a description of Iraq, with its living conditions, infrastructure, plants and animals.

Following the presentation, the Marines handed out small souvenirs and USMC rank coins. The patients with severe burns or injuries were visited in their rooms. Of these, a young girl from Arizona put on an outstanding display of optimism after just undergoing a spinal tap. Requiring intense care and supervision, she described herself as "a highmaintenance pancake." The impact of this event was reciprocal. "The smiling faces of these children, even while facing affliction, gave me the most rewarding feeling and I left the hospital knowing that our presence made their day, just as they had made ours," said Bautista.





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Davis shared similar feelings.

"The visit to Shriners hospital was an experience I will never forget. I learned just as much from the children there as they had learned from me," he explained.

"It was an honor and a privilege to visit young, high-spirited kids with a great outlook on life. I urge every Marine to make use of every opportunity to brighten a child's life," added Arguello.

Connelly also felt honored to spend that day with the children.

"The smiles on their faces and the interest they showed really made it an enjoyable experience. It something I would love to do again," he said.

The conclusion of this volunteer action demonstrated yet again the beneficial impact Marines can have in all areas, not only as warriors, but also as protectors and servants of this country.

# Observations

**DECEMBER 14, 2007** 

# MCAGCC beats Miramar in 28-26 shootout, garners Best of the West honors



Cordero Davis, Miramar running back, tries to avoid Headquarters Battalion's stingy defense at the Best of the West Football Championship at Felix Field Dec.8.

#### LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER

Combat Correspondent

The Combat Center hosted the annual Best of the West Football Championship that brought the Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar Falcons to face Headquarters Battalion at Felix Field Dec. 8.

The undefeated Headquarters team came into the game as the Combat Center intramural league champions, and the Falcons represented Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's league to wrap up their perfect season. Christine Anslow, Provost Marshal's Office, took the honor of starting the event by singing the national anthem.

Following a short return after the opening kickoff, the Headquarters offense wasted no time and gave the ball to Headquarters running back, Ryan Kennelly, for a 20-yard gain on the ground.

After three downs, Charles Jefferson, Headquarters quarterback, showed his composure on fourth down and ran the ball 30

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Daymian Brown, Headquarters Battalion head coach, and his team intently watch the current play from their sideline at the Best of the West Football Championship at Felix Field.



Charles Jefferson, Headquarters Battalion quarterback, celebrates after winning the game's most valuable player award at the Best of the West Football Championship.



The Headquarters Battalion football team celebrates after a 28-26 victory over the Falcons and receives the Miramar Best of the West Football Championship title.

#### FOOTBALL from B1

yards into the end zone.

The two-point conversion attempt failed but left Headquarters with a comfortable six-point cushion over the Falcons after their opening drive.

Despite a 30-yard return by Miramar running back Cordero Davis on the following return, the Falcons fumbled the ball on fourth down to point the possession arrow in Headquarters' direction.

The Falcons defense stood their ground on the next drive, the ball over on downs.

Eager to get on the scoreboard, Miramar running back Marcus Rosemond sparked his offense with a 25-yard run.

Davis fed off his teammate's intensity on the following play and ran 15 more yards into Headquarters territory.

Four plays later, Miramar quarterback Nick Kostelny moved his team from a fourth down situation to a first and goal by passing to tight end, Chris Spencer.

Rosemond sealed the score with a two-yard touchdown

causing Headquarters to turn run, and Davis added two points on the ground to put his team on top, 8-6, at the end of the first quarter.

> The second quarter started slow with both teams turning the ball over on downs and ending up in Headquarters possession.

> Miramar linebacker Timothy Wolanski was responsible for Headquarters' only turnover with an interception, but the Falcons gave the ball back after going four and out.

Headquarters running back Ron Hampton capitalized on his team's great field position



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Ron Hampton, Headquarters Battalion running back, stretches the sideline and runs past Miramar's defense to give his team the advantage at the Best of the West Football Championship at Felix Field Dec.8.

and ran for 20 yards to make it first and goal.

Jefferson stuck in the following touchdown with a short pass to Victor Runsewe and continued his dominating performance by scoring the two point conversion, coming off a quarterback draw.

Not to be outdone, the Falcons started plotting down the field with a wide receiver reverse sweep to Jeremy Rykard for 15 yards.

Davis added another first down with 10 yards on the ground, and Kostenly with a shovel pass to wide receiver, Vick Lee.

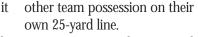
Rykard stayed in the offensive rotation with a 17yard catch near the goal line, and Rosemond pounded it up the middle of the defense the following play to tie the score 14-14.

The Falcons came up short on the two-point conversion when Headquarters wide receiver Dwayne McGeachy intercepted the ball in the end zone to deny any lead changes before halftime.

Although the Falcons had the strategic advantage of starting the second half with the ball, they were stopped short, going three and out.

Rykard surprised the Felix Field crowd by punting the ball into the end zone after a nonexistent kicking game in the first half.

Headquarters not only turned the ball over on downs the next drive, but gave the



Davis graciously accepted the defense's invitation to the end zone with a 25-yard touchdown run on the following play.

The Falcons did not convert after the score, but they did earn their first lead since the first quarter, 20-14.

Motivated to take the lead back, Jefferson and Hampton used their running ability to their advantage and set up their offense in Falcons territory.

Hampton swept past the defense in the red zone and ran down the sideline to even the score with an acrobatic move at the goal line.

Jay Kwentua, Headquarters running back and middle linebacker, stuck in the two-point conversion on the ground and put his team up 22-20.

The Falcons special teams had a major breakdown on the following kickoff, fumbling and turning the ball back over to a red-hot Headquarters offense on their own 45-yard line.

Jefferson kept the momentum rolling into the fourth quarter with a 30-yard first down pass to McGeachy on a fourth and long dilemma.

The Falcons defense continued to get picked apart by Jefferson's passing game with a long pass to Headquarters wide receiver Chris Heltebran and another to Runsewe for the quick score.

The conversion would not



go, but the 28-20 lead kept Headquarters where they wanted to be, midway through the fourth quarter.

The next two drives proved to be stalemates, and as the Falcons started to put another effort together, Kwentua stopped them in their tracks with an interception on the defensive end of the ball.

Confident with the game's momentum swinging their way, the Headquarters running game charged down the field and set up their special teams for a field goal on fourth down.

The Falcons rejected the nail in the coffin by blocking the kick and setting their offense up at midfield with three minutes left in the game.

After getting sacked the first play of the drive, Kostenly put his reserve on display and dropped a 40-yard bomb into the hands of Rykard in the red zone.

Davis didn't stray far from the game plan and kept the ball on the ground for a 12yard touchdown with one minute remaining in the fourth quarter.

Down 28-26, the Falcons needed a successful two point conversion to stay in the game.

With the game on the line and everyone at Felix Field on the edge of their seat, Kostelny handed the ball off to Davis for the go-ahead score.

What seemed like an open hole in the defense, quickly turned into Johnnie Sanders, Headquarters defensive coach and middle linebacker, who stopped Davis short of the goal line with the most important defensive play of the ballgame.

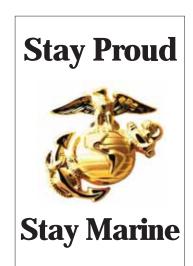
The Headquarters offense kept the clock moving on the next drive and sealed the team's spot in the history books with an undefeated season and a 28-26 Best of the West Football Championship victory over the Falcons.

"Our team performance has been outstanding all season long," said Daymian Brown, Headquarters head coach. "We spent a lot of time practicing the fundamentals, and it really came together in the second half of today's game." Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, took the field after the game and presented the teams and players with their respective awards. The Falcons named Van Black as their team's most valuable player, and Johnnie Sanders took Headquarters MVP honors after the gamedeciding defensive stop near the end zone, late in the fourth quarter. Jefferson was honored as the championship game MVP after scoring three touchdowns, a two-point conversion and collecting almost 300 yards of total offense. "We had perfect offensive execution and good ball protection this game," said Jefferson. "We went undefeated and proved we are the best of the West." With the likely return of Brown to the sideline next football season, Headquarters may continue to pose a threat for opposing football teams in 2008.

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