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Navy EA-6B 'Prowler' fixed-winged aircraft taxies into position for its retirement ceremony at the Palm Springs Air Museum, Nov. 21. The aircraft was part of Electronic Warfare Squadron 134 based out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington and had just returned from a deployment aboard the Nimitz-class Supercarrier USS George H.W. Bush in support of Operation Enduring

Navy 'Prowler' retires to PS Air Museum

BY LANCE CPL. JULIO **MCGRAW**

PALM SPRINGS — As the sound of two Pratt and Whitney jet engines echoed through the San Jacinto Mountain Range, one of the last four Navy EA-6B 'Prowler' fixed-wing aircraft still in service, made its triumphant final fly-by over the Palm Springs Air Museum, Nov. 21.

"It was truly an honor to see such a great aircraft make its final voyage," said Air Force veteran Don Broadhurst, ramp boss, Palm Springs Air Museum.

More than 300 people attended the retirement ceremony to witness the final flight of the aircraft that had been in service since 1987. The A-6 style fixedwing aircraft has been in service with the U.S. military since the 1960's and part of the Navy's aerial

fleet since 1971 providing electronic warfare support and attack capabilities.

"It was an honor to fly this piece of history, and I have a good feeling that [the museum] is going to take good care of the aircraft," said Navy Cmdr. Kirk Christofferson, executive officer of Electronic Attack Squadron 134.

VAQ 134 is an electronic warfare squadron based out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. The now retired aircraft, which was most recently part of the squadron, returned to the United States after being deployed aboard the Nimitz-class Supercarrier, U.S.S George H.W. Bush, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We received the aircraft on permanent loan from the Navy," Broadhurst said.

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LANCE CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenny Henry, pharmacy technician, Combat Center Naval Hospital, Petty Officer 3rd Class Veronica Lazaro, optometrist, Combat Center Naval Hospital, Seaman Turkoyel Thomas-Melson, labor and delivery corpsman, Combat Center Naval Hospital and Seaman John Butler, corpsman, Combat Center Naval Hospital, retire the colors during the EA-6B 'Prowler' retirement ceremony at the Palm Springs Air Museum, Nov. 21.

Tajikistan delegates view **MWTC** training services



Maj. Gen. Latif Fayziev, advisor to the minister, Tajikistan Ministry of Defense; Daler Safarov, attaché for American and European countries, Tajikistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Otabek Sindarov, interpreter, examine glacier climbing gear at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Nov. 19. The gear that was displayed is normally issued to service members while they are in training at MCMWTC.

BY LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE BRIDGEPORT — At approximately 6,000 feet above sea level, the sun begins to crest over the mountain tops of northern California as Marines demonstrate different mountain survival skills to Tajik delegates during an international visit to the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in

Bridgeportf. "We brought [the delegates] over to the U.S. to look at different training installations, in hopes we can get their government

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LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Col. Jahongir Nazaraliev, chief personnel directorate, Tajikistan Ministry of Defense, feeds a mustang at the base stables aboard the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Nov. 19. Horses such as mustangs are used for transportation and mules are used as pack animals for carrying heavy gear.

Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans vote for the week on the best photograph, posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This weeks top shot comes from Sgt. Jamean Berry.



He captured this image of Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit as they prepared to receive fire missions during an exercise at Camp Pendleton, California, Nov. 19.

Thousands help CFC reach fundraising goal

BY CPL. GRACE L. WALADKEWICS

Every year, thousands of service members and federal civilian employees donate to a variety of charities

through the CFC. The CFC is an annual charity drive targeted at federal employees. It allows participants to give to thousands of charitable organizations through a single charity campaign. The initiative was designed for federal personnel to have the opportunity to give back

to their communities. "The CFC is great because it is an easy way to reach out to people," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brook R. Kelsey, CFC officer for the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. "I'll admit, it takes time and commitment for the CFC representatives to meet our goal of 100 percent contact and present the forms and guide donors through the CFC book, but the work is worth it."

According to Kelsey, the CFC is important is because it's the single point for all organizations who are seeking federal government sponsorship for their causes. It allows the charitable organization to reach a broader audience.

"The CFC benefits everyone involved," said Kelsey. "The charitable organizations receive more donations, and the federal employees get a better knowledge of what charities are out there for them to donate to."

The United States is one of the most charitable countries in the world, said Kelsey. That is why the Combined Federal Campaign is so important - it's the federal employee's opportunity to contribute and be a small part of that.

"The CFC is my oppor-

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Pearl Harbor Sentry Now Heads Course at C&

A private first class on guard duty doesn't stand much of a chance against enemy air fire. Luckily, Edward A. Scharlach escaped the historic bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, without a scratch.

Scharlach, now a CWO-3 serving at Communication and Electronics Battalion, was with the 3rd Defense Battalion on the "Day of Infamy." He was on guard duty at the dry decks when the Japanese planes began their attack.

"It was shocking and surprising," Scharlach said. "Few people recognized who the planes belonged to, and when they did, it took a few minutes to recover."

Just a short time before the attack, United States and Japanese representatives had met in conference and things seemed fairly calm.

"When I recovered," Scharlach said. "I fired the rounds that I had with me. Then I remained at my post, until someone could get more ammunition."

When America's ship of the seventh fleet 1958, Scharlach served again in Japan. began to go down, Scharlach was close by.

"The Oklahoma had just come out of dry dock and was near-by loading supplies. It was hit, rolled over, and began to go down. Both the California and the Nevada ran aground when they were hit," Scharlach said.

Scharlach served with the 3rd Defense Battalion, whose colors are now in the museum at Quantico, on Midway, Guadalcanal and the initial landing at Bougainville.

He returned to the States in 1944, but this war was not the end of his combat career.

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During the Korean Conflict, Scharlach also saw action. This time with the 1st Marine Air Wing. Besides war duty, Scharlach served as an instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and here. In

Scharlach was promoted through the ranks to Master Sergeant and in March, 1956, he was appointed to Warrant Officer. CWO-3 Scharlach, on active duty since March 28, 1941, is currently serving as officer in charge, Ground Radar Repair Course, Sub Unit No. 1, C&E.

Scharlach and his wife, the former Lynn Hickey of Brooklyn, N.Y., have no material souvenirs of his war activities. But, that infamous day will always remain alive in the mind of Scharlach and all the men who were present at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

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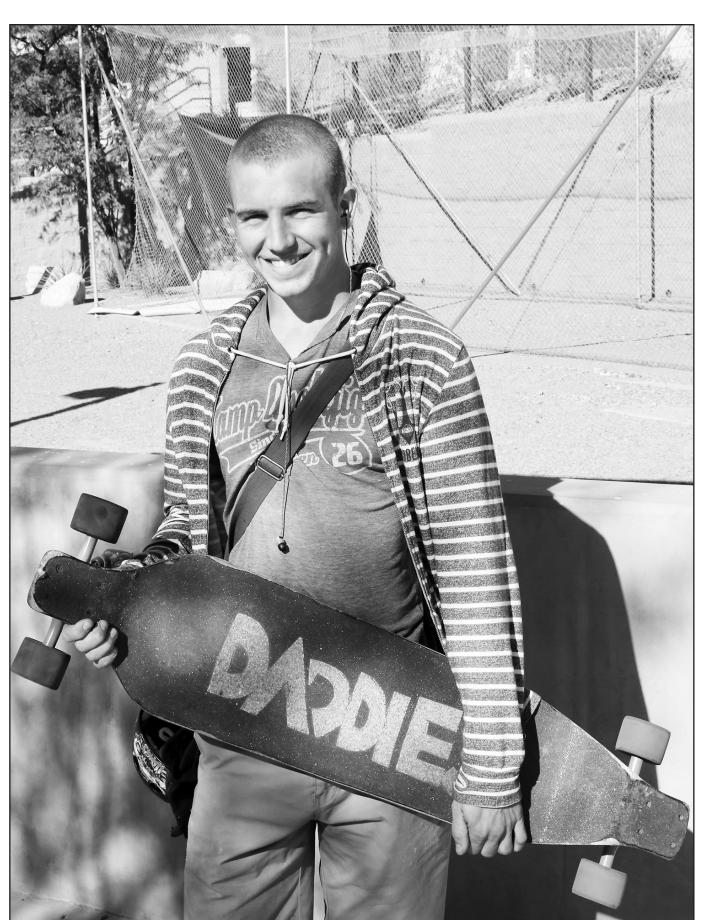
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Niccolo Lockport, Illinois Lance Cpl. Rifleman, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 20

BONOMO ENJOYS WATCHING ANIME TELEVISION SERIES AND COACHING CHILDREN'S SOCCER ON WEEKENDS. HE HAS RODE BOARDS FOR SEVERAL YEARS RIDING AT SPEEDS OF UP TO 50 MPH.

- > Longboarding to me is kind of like hope. It lets me attain things that I couldn't do without longboarding. I can go 50 mph on a long board, who else can say they can do that?
- > I started longboarding about two years ago when my brother gave me my first board. Then I grew into what longboarding really is.
- > It gives you a feeling of freedom. When you can skate, you feel the wind blowing and nothing's in your way.
- > I'd say it was about four months when I got really into it, then I joined the Chicago Longboard Society. It's a group of people in Chicago that just skate they do meet ups. They do sessions. We also have connections to other societies in Japan, California and some people in Germany.
- > It's an expensive sport. I'd say I put about a thousand dollars into long-boarding.
- > Longboarding uses roads and the environment of traffic. It consists of going downhill at really high speeds.
- > Longboarding provides me with an escape. Feels like flying. Right now I'm actually trying to find other long boarders.
- > I like shooting games and anything with a good story. I like the new call of duty and destiny.
- > I game with a lot of people that I know from home, and people that I've meet on the game. We've known each other online for so long that we're kind of good friends, but we don't actually know each other.
- > One day I was sitting in the Zone and there was an attendant cleaning up. I asked him if he needed any help, and then I just kept coming back. I do it for free and people appreciate what I do.
- > I volunteer everywhere on base
- > The Marine Corps taught me to be the best in anything I can do and I apply that to longboarding. Like with new hills, if I fall I just get back up, try to go faster and hit the hills harder.



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Chefs pay visit to Con

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

As Marines enter the mess hall, the savory aroma of bacon fills their nostrils. A clatter of cooking utensils and murmurs of hungry anticipation can be heard. As time progresses, the line of Marines grows longer and each one is there for one thing, Pink's gourmet hot dogs.

Sodexo's visiting chef program hosted Pink's franchisees chefs George Kapetsonis and Romulo Partido at Littleton Chow Hall, Tuesday.

"The chefs are visiting to bring more variety to the mess hall, so the Marines can experience different culinary styles," said Sgt. Jose A. Rojas, quality assurance evaluator, Headquarters Battalion. "It's something new for them to see, and it also provides them an opportunity to find out about the restaurants that come and support the military."

This is the first of many events Sodexo hopes to conduct with outside food vendors. The hope is that events like these will provide a change of pace for Marines who frequent the mess hall. The facilities run on a 21 day cycle. While these meals are nutritious, the cycle can get repetitive.

the civilian chefs come in and teach them about all different types of food," Rojas said. "They'll embrace the need for knowledge, trying new culinary techniques and improving themselves in their careers."

Events like this not only benefit the Marines who work at the mess hall, but the Sodexo employees. Through affiliation with outside sources, Sodexo employees receive an opportunity to learn how to provide different meals to Combat Center service members.

"We want to extend the business relationship and provide different things for the troops to eat," said Kapetsonis. "In the future, we are looking for people who get out of the military and are interested in the cooking profession. At that point, we can build a relationship and bring them on."

Sodexo plans to bring in civilian chefs periodically to share techniques with food service specialist.

"I think it's great to instill a little bit of excitement in people," said Kapetsonis. "Food is a very basic platform that everybody has in common, to come here and give these guys something new or a change of atmosphere is good for them."



"I think it motivates Marines when they have George Kapetsonis, Pink's franchisee, prepares a specialty hot dog at Littleton mess hall, Tuesday. Sodexo is planning to host the next outside food vendor event at Phelps hall in March.



Marines enjoy hot dogs during a visit from chefs George Kapetsonis and Romulo Partido to the Littleton mess hall, Tuesday. These chefs came to the Combat Center as part of Sodexo's food initiative.







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George Kapetsonis, Pink's franchisee, teaches a Sodexo employee how to properly prepare a gourmet hot dog at Littleton mess hall, Tuesday. Kapetsonis is also the sous chef at Harrah's Resort Southern California.



hot dog at Littleton mess hall, Tuesday.

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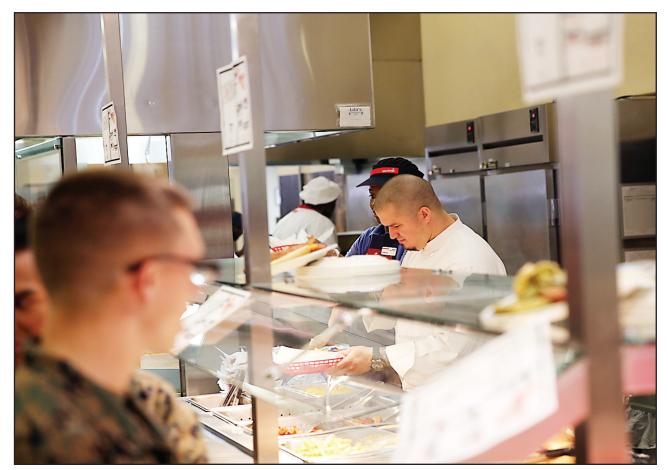
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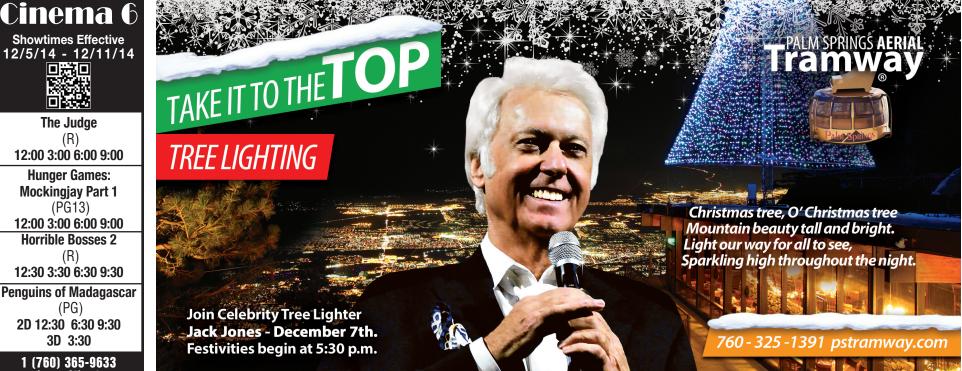
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to send over [officers] for training," said Lt. Col. Scott Maxwell, chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Tajikistan. "Tajikistan is a new country and we are trying to promote ourselves as one of the influential allies they can have."

The delegates toured various military across the country starting in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon, they also visited the National Defense University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Ft. Benning, Georgia, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterrey and Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport. They are scheduled to end their trip with a visit to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"This base is unlike the others we have seen," said Daler Safarov, attache for American and European countries, Tajikistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "This base seems more proper for Tajik service members to train. The mountainous terrain is very similar to Tajikistan's, which is 93 percent mountains."

The equipment used and the techniques they saw at MCMWTC proved to be valuable information to the delegates. They also saw different climbing and skiing gear used to train U.S. and international forces for mountain survival and combat in similar terrain.

"Our military should know how to climb and ski effectively to make our enemy ineffective," Safarov



LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Col. Jahongir Nazaraliev, chief personnel directorate, Tajikistan Ministry of Defense, climbs a rock face at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Nov. 19. This demonstration was part of a mountain assault training course.

said. "We were also shocked to see Americans use horse and donkey as an effective means of transport.'

The delegates also hope to teach the instructors some new ways to live and fight in mountainous terrain.

"Tajik soldiers know some techniques that the U.S. does not," Safarov said. "We would like to improve the U.S. techniques along with our own."

The Tajik delegates have seen several bases and understand how the U.S. keeps their service members ready for anything.

"Every soldier should be ready for any kind of condition or terrain, regardless of what their specialty is," Safarov said.

After the tour has ended, the delegates will bring what they have learned to their higher government in hopes of sending officers over to the U.S. for future training.

"We are going to write our reports saying how beneficial sending our officers over here would be," Safarov said. "It is important to us to be able to defend our borders should anything happen. This base is almost identical to the terrain we have in Tajikistan. We hope to be able to send our offi-

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LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD tunity to give back to the Maj. Gen. Latif Fayziev, advisor to the minister, Tajikistan Ministry of Defense, looks to see the age of a mule at the packing instillation at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport Calif., Nov. 19. The age of a mule can be checked through its teeth, rib

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play for the museum."

Navy Cmdr. Kirk Christofferson, squadron executive officer, Electronic Attack Squadron 134, signs a panel of the EA-6B 'Prowler' fixed-wing aircraft to represent his team as being the last crew to fly the aircraft during its retirement ceremony at the Palm Springs Air Museum, Nov. 21. VAQ 134 is an electronic warfare squadron based out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.



the Palm Springs Fire Department, during the aircraft's retirement ceremony at the

Palm Springs Air Museum, Nov. 21. The water arch is a customary farewell for retiring

LANCE CPL. JULIO MCGRAW The Navy EA-6B 'Prowler' fixed-wing aircraft taxis under a water arch, provided by

aircraft. cers here for training."

TOUGH MINDED **OPTIMISM** by Lou Gerhardt

spacing and the arch in their back.



Several weeks ago I told the members of my positive living seminar that I intended to share the following story with you at Christmas. So here it is.

When I think of the shepherds on that first Christmas night, I am reminded of a lonely Wyoming sheepherder who many years ago wrote to the conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony.

"Dear Mr. Toscanini," the sheepherder wrote.
"Each Sunday night I enjoy listening to you conducting the orchestra in New York City. It's lonely out here. My only comfort is my battery radio and my old fiddle. Winter is coming and then I won't be able to get into town. My batteries will be dead by spring.

This means that soon my only comfort will be my fiddle. However, it desperately needs a tuning. Would you be so kind as to sound the note 'A' next Sunday night so I can be sure my fiddle is up to standard pitch?

Toscanini's announcer read this letter over the radio the following Sunday, and said: "Now ladies and gentlemen, for the man in Wyoming, here is the note `A.'''

The pianist sounded the note and listeners visualized what was happening 2,000 miles away – a lonely man busily tuning four strings to match the pitch being sounded in New York City.

Dear friends, I know it is an extremely simple story. Yet after telling this story for many years I still find it is a beautiful example of how we belong to each other and are as one when we recognize and embrace that which we share.

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community that gives so much to us as service members," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Chad Antes, maintenance administration chief with the Aviation Logistics Division.

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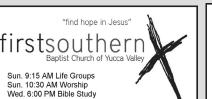
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MARSOC Multi-Purpose Canine Handlers Train for the Unforseen

PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. STEVEN FOX



A Multi-Purpose Canine handler with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command carries his canine up a grated ladderwell during training aboard Stone Bay, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejune, Sept. 16. As MARSOC continues to demonstrate their capabilities and versatilities, MPC handlers with the command are preparing themselves and their canines for new areas of operation in which they'll be operating.



A Multi-Purpose Canine handler, with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, fast-ropes with his canine aboard Stone Bay, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejune, Oct. 1.

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A Multi-Purpose Canine handler, with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, repels down a structure aboard Stone Bay, Marine Corps Base Camp Leiune Oct 2



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Headquarters Battalion conducts hike aboard Combat Center



Sgt. Maj. Abel Leal, Headquarters Battalion, leads Company A in an HQBN Non-Commissioned Officers hike aboard the Combat Center, Wednesday.



the Non-Commissioned Officers of the battalion at the half way point of a hike aboard the Combat Center, Wednesday. Leal re-enforced what the NCOs do for the Marine Corps and why it is so important.



Cpl. Tyler Hanson, logistics chief, Exercise Support Headquarters Battalion, carries Company 'C's' guidon during a Non-Commissioned Officers hike led by Sgt. Maj. Abel Leal, battalion sergeant major, aboard the Combat Center, Wednesday.



Officers hike, aboard the Combat Center, Wednesday.



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Sarah Benson, daughter of Ciara Benson, spouse, low crawls as part of a modified combat fitness test during the Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills' Combined Arms Exercise for Kids at Felix Field, Nov. 25. LINKS CAX for Kids gave military children a day-in-the-life perspective in order to see what their parents do.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

n a bright and sunny day, children from around the Combat Center could be heard running and playfully laughing across Felix Field during the Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills' Combined Arms Exercise for Kids at Felix Field, Nov. 25.

"The goal of the LINKS CAX for Kids is to show the children what their parents do on a day-to-day basis," said Amber Bilderain, LINKS program manager. "All of the children here understand their par-

ents are Marines but they might not understand the things they do as Marines."

This was the 8th LINKS CAX for Kids and the event is held twice a year in the spring and fall. More than 80 children attended the event that taught them several aspects about the Marine Corps, which included enlisted and commissioned ranks, close order drill, a modified combat fitness test, an inflatable bounce house obstacle course, samples of a Meal Ready-to-Eat, and a static display of military vehicles.

"I think this program is great, it's the second year that my son participated in it," said Staff Sgt. Adam Gamber, section chief, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment. "These kids get a hint of what I do and what their parents do."

At the event students from the Marine Corps Communication- Electronics School acted as squad leaders and mentors for the group of children and answered their questions throughout the day.

"We also want to show the children things like [Marine Corps] customs and history also life skills such as how to cope with their parents being deployed," Bilderain said.

The LINKS program also hosts an annual exercise for spouses that mirrors the CAX for Kids schedule. It teaches military spouses' about pre-deployment training, Marine Corps customs and courtesies, and several classes to educate spouses about when their service member goes on deployment.

For more information on how to participate call 760-830-1696.



A Mameluke sword and non-commissioned officer's sword are displayed during the Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills' Combined Arms Exercise for Kids at Felix Field, Nov. 25. LINKS CAX for Kids is a bi-annual event that teaches children about the Marine Corps.



Combat Center children attempt to carry a sea bag filled with military gear across a football field during the Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills' Combined Arms Exercise for Kids at Felix Field, Nov. 25. The children were taught everything from rank structure to Marine Corps customs and courtesies.

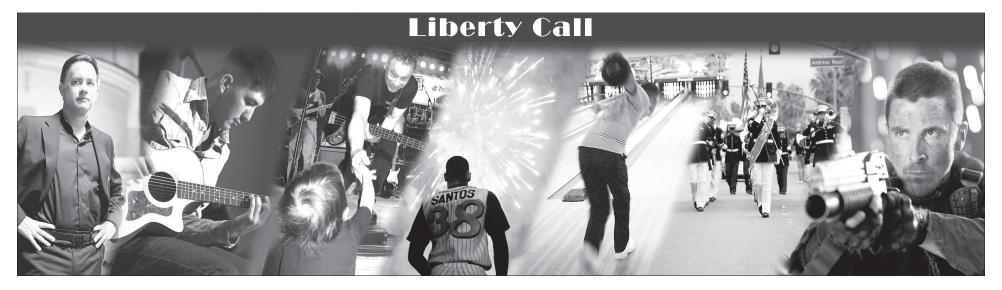


Cpl. Anna Steever, utilities technician, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, cheers on children while they run a modified combat fitness test during the Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills Combined Arms Exercise for Kids at Felix Field, Nov. 25.



Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School students Pfc. Kyle Keith, Pfc. Jesse Straub and Pfc. Edward Hacker lead children during their lesson of close order drill at the Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills Combined Arms Exercise for Kids at Felix Field, Nov. 25. Students from MCCES acted as squad leaders and answered questions the children had throughout the day.1

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Combat Center Events

The Main Exchange is going to host the Santa Extravaganza, Today from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Families can visit Santa Claus in the Book Department, and Marines and sailors can meet Santa with the 'Bud Girls' in front of the barber shop. For more information, contact 830-6163.

The Desert Winds Golf Course will be hosting the Festival of Lights, Dec. 12 starting at 5:00 p.m. Bring your family along, take in the festive decorations during a holiday hayride and enjoy cookies with hot cocoa. For more information, call 830-6132.

Throughout the month of December, Mameluke's Pub is hosting a 'Battle of the Units Competition.' Stop by to have your chip placed in your unit's jar for a chance to win a barracks bash for your unit. For more information, call 830-6922.

The Sunset Cinema will host the Commanding General's Holiday Show, Dec. 6. The show is free and will kick off with a choir performance at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a toy giveaway and photos with Santa Claus. There will be a second choir performance at 5:00 p.m. leading into a second holiday show performance.

29 Palms Inn is scheduled to host the Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition, Dec. 5 to 7. The exposition will feature 53 artists from across the nation who will present works inspired by Joshua Tree National Park. It will also host artist booths, music, BBQ, exhibits at the Old Schoolhouse Museum and more. For more information, visit www. jtnparts.org.

Sunset Cinema

Sunday, Dec.7

12:30 p.m. - Big Hero 6 3D, PG 3:00 p.m. – Oujia, PG-13 5:00 p.m. - Nightcrawler, R

7:30 p.m. - Dumb and Dumber To, PG-13

Monday, Dec. 8 6:00 p.m. - Fury, R

Tuesday, Dec. 9

5:00 p.m. -Big Hero 6 3D, PG

7:30 p.m. – John Wick, R

Wednesday, Dec. 10 5:00p.m. - The Best of Me, PG-13

7:30 p.m. – St. Vincent, PG-13

Thursday, Dec. 11

5:30 p.m. - The Book of Life, PG

7:30 p.m. - Fury, R

Friday, Dec. 12 6:00 p.m. - Big Hero 6, PG

8:30 p.m. - Nightcrawler, R

Jim Carrey & Jeff Daniels return to roles as clueless nitwits

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"Dumb and Dumber To"

Starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels Directed by Bobby and Peter Farrelly Rated PG-13

It's dumb, all right, more stridently dumber, even, than its predecessor, which made a dynamic duo of dummies out of Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels playing clueless, nitwit grownups stirring a raging sea of stupidity. Now, 20 years later, Lloyd (Carrey) and Harry (Daniels) are older, but certainly—most definitely not wiser.

Dumb and Dumber To reunites Carrey and Daniels with the directors of the original movie, Bobby and Peter Farrelly, who turned slapstick, gross-out gags, crude jokes and potty humor into a cinematic calling card in pretty much everything they went on to make, including There's Something About Mary, Kingpin and a big-screen reboot of The Three Stooges.

When the first movie came out, in 1994, Carrey's comedy star was already red hot, thanks to TV's In Living Color and the hit movie Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. Despite occasional forays into semi-serious comedy-drama, he continued to find that audiences connected with him best as a rubber-faced, looselimbed goofball.

Daniels' career sent him in a slightly different direction, through dozens of diverse film and TV parts and finally into his current Emmy-wining role in the TV political drama The Newsroom.

Together again here, they're a pair of 50-something

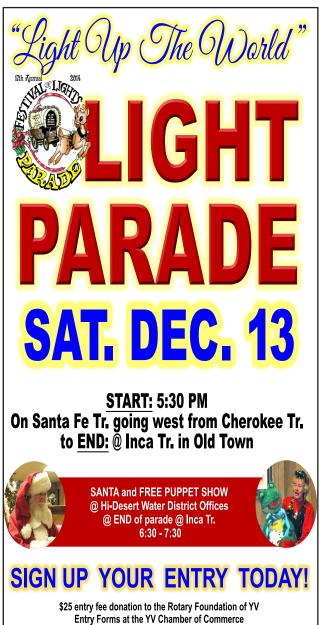
stooges on a cross-country comedy collision course which isn't to say that I didn't find some of it laugh-outloud funny. (But parents and other concerned citizens, take note: Even though it's rated PG-13, it seems to be straining to see how far it can nose into R-rated vulgarity without actually going over the line.) There's a cat that farts bird feathers, a little old lady in a nursing home who tricks a visitor into "feeling her up," and a steady stream of jokes about poop, pee, boobs and butt cracks. Are you laughing yet?

Twenty years ago, the idea of a couple of adults who acted like 10-year-olds in an otherwise "normal" world seemed like the latest bit of inspired idiocy on a long entertainment timeline running all the way back to silent movies. Now, with characters who've aged without maturing, in a story that seems sometimes too lazy to have tried to do much of anything different from the first time around, it just looks sad. And Carrey's character's clueless "craziness" now seems cruel and even pathologically twisted, taking advantage and making fun of people, insensitive to everyone and everything not just dumb, but loathsome, pathetic and truly crazy.

Carrey and Daniels are game for just about anything throwing themselves (sometimes literally) into all sorts of physical shtick. Rob Riggle is a hoot in a dual role, one of them as a special-ops assassin with special concealment skills. Kathleen Turner sends up her "sexy" image from the '80s. Rachel Melvin, who portrayed Chelsea Brady-Benson on TV's Days of Our Lives, plays a young woman who causes Lloyd and Harry to set out on a trip to a convention of brainiacs—where, of course, they cause quite a stink.

At one point, Lloyd is asked if Harry has Aspergers. "Probably," Lloyd replies. "I know he doesn't wipe very well." If that joke makes you grin, this may be your kind of movie. If it makes you groan, well, steer clearbecause there's a lot more like that where it came from.





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TWENTYNINE PALMS HIGH SCHOOL

Boys basketball

Junior varsity and varsity

Date	Time	Opponent	Site
TBA	5/6:30	Palm Desert (scrimmage)	Away
Dec. 2	5/6:30	Cathedral City	Away
Dec. 4	5/6:30	La Quinta	Away
Dec. 9	5/6:30	Citrus Valley	Home
Dec. 16	4/5:30	San Jacinto	Home
	De Anza I	eague play begins	
Dec. 18	3:30/6:30	Big Bear	Away
TBA	TBA	San Diego Tournament	Away
Jan. 6	4:30/7:30	Desert Hot Springs	Home
Jan. 8	3:30/6:30	Shadow Hills	Away
Jan. 13	3:30/6:30	Rancho Mirage	Away
Jan. 15	4:30/7:30	Desert Mirage	Home
Jan. 17	TBA	Palm Springs Showcase	TBA
Jan. 19	TBA	Los Osos	MLK
Jan. 20	4:30/7:30	Yucca Valley	Home
Jan. 27	4:30/7:30	Big Bear	Home
Jan. 29	4:30/7:30	Desert Hot Springs	Away
Feb. 3	4:30/7:30	Shadow Hills	Home
Feb. 5	4:30/7:30	Rancho Mirage	Home
Feb. 10	3:30/6:30	Desert Mirage	Away

Yucca Valley

Away

Varsity head coach Michael Schneider Junior varsity head coach Kevin Cole

4:30/7:30

Feb. 12

Boys soccer

Junior varsity and varsity

Date	Time	Opponent	Site
Dec. 2	3:15/5	Xavier College Prep	Away
Dec. 4	5	West Shores	Away
Dec. 9	3:15/5	Xavier College Prep	Home
Dec. 11	5	West Shores	Home
Dec. 16	3:15/5	Palm Valley	Home
Dec. 19	3:15/5	Banning	Home
Dec. 29-31	TBA	Loma Linda Tournament	TBA
	De Anza	League play begins	
Jan. 6	3:15/5	Desert Hot Springs	Away
Jan. 8	3:15/5	Shadow Hills	Home
Jan. 13	3:15/5	Rancho Mirage	Home
Jan. 15	3:15/5	Desert Mirage	Away
Jan. 20	3:15/5	Yucca Valley	Home
Jan. 29	3:15/5	Desert Hot Springs	Home
Feb. 3	3:15/5	Shadow Hills	Away
Feb. 5	3:15/5	Rancho Mirage	Away
Feb. 10	3:15/5	Desert Mirage	Home
Feb. 12	5	Yucca Valley	Away
Varsity head	coach Nathan	Niles	





Girls basketball

Junior varsity and varsity

Date	Time	Opponent	Site				
TBA	5/6:30	Palm Desert (scrimmage)	Home				
Dec. 2, 3, 5, 6	5 TBA	West Valley Tournament	Away				
Dec. 8-11	TBA	Rancho Verde Tournament	Away				
Dec. 15	5/6:30	Palm Springs	Away				
	De Anza	League play begins					
Dec. 18	3:30/5	Big Bear	Away				
Dec. 27-31	TBA	Ayala Tournament	Away				
Jan. 6	3/6	Desert Hot Springs	Home				
Jan. 8	3:30/5	Shadow Hills	Away				
Jan. 13	3:30/5	Rancho Mirage	Away				
Jan. 15	3/6	Desert Mirage	Away				
Jan. 20	3/6	Yucca Valley	Home				
Jan. 27	3/6	Big Bear	Home				
Jan. 29	3/6	Desert Hot Springs	Away				
Feb. 3	3/6	Shadow Hills	Home				
Feb. 5	3/6	Rancho Mirage	Home				
Feb. 7	TBA	Play 4 Kay Showcase	TBA				
Feb. 10	3:30/5	Desert Mirage	Away				
Feb. 12	3/6	Yucca Valley	Away				
Varsity head	Varsity head coach Tim Stanford						

Varsity head coach Tim Stanford

Junior varsity head coach Luis Barrazza

Girls soccer

Time

3:15

TBA

Date

Dec. 2

Dec. 4-6

Junior varsity and varsity

Dec. 9	3:15/5	Xavier College Prep	Away
Dec. 11	3:15	West Shores	Home
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Feb. 10	3:15/5	Desert Mirage	Away
Feb. 12	3:15	Yucca Valley	Away

Opponent

Xavier College Prep

Desert Mirage Tournament Away

Site

Home

Varsity head coach Megan Pfau



