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Staff Sgt. Brandon Dodson, platoon sergeant, Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines talks to the Marines of 1/7 during his homecoming at the Combat Center, Monday. 1/7 Marines lined the streets from the Combat Center’s main entrance to Dodson’s house, to welcome him home.

Staff Sgt. Brandon Dodson, platoon sergeant, Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines is welcomed by family, friends and Marines of 1/7 at the Combat Center, Monday. Dodson, a motorcycle enthusiast, was escorted to his house by a motorcycle brigade and when he arrived, he was warmly greeted by his company.

Staff Sgt. Brandon Dodson, platoon sergeant, Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines is welcomed by Marines of 1/7 at the Combat Center, Monday. Dodson was deployed to Afghanistan for six months when he stepped on a roadside bomb, costing him both legs.

Gunnery Sgt. Hector Jose Angulo, friend of Staff Sgt. Brandon Dodson, holds a plaque made in honor of Dodson during his homecoming to the Combat Center, Monday.

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Scenes from Staff Sgt. Dobson’s return

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The Navy Chaplain Corps traces its history to the Navy itself. The Continental Congress adopted the annual article of Navy Regulations on November 28, 1775, which provided for a division of land ships of 40 guns.

The article reads: “The Commandant of the Fleet, Thomas Oliveon Col. is to take care that decrees covering usage on land, and a warrant signed on Friday, 1775, had resulted in extraordinary accidents prevent.”

Join the Duke, recognizing the importance of chaplains aboard ship, went in 1775 seeking to obtain chaplains for the ships of the Continental Navy. Since then the Chaplain Corps has been responsible for the spiritual life of all for our seafaring men. Because of influence of chaplain, the Navy was hailed and various yellow and recreation programs came into being.

In 1807 Chaplain Robert Thompson corresponded with the Secretary of the Navy regarding a chaplain aboard the USS Franklin in the Mediterranean. The current Chief of Chaplains, Captain John B. Frazier, was appointed in 1977.

Since then the Chaplain Corps has been dedicated to creating a better way for the future of our military and civilian community.

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Walk boldly
6. Ernie’s buddy
10. “Leave it in,” to a record
19. Video
20. Counterpart
21. Section of town
25. Mother ___
30. Instruction
34. Gas used in drinking’s sound
35. Lion or tiger
39. Recipe
41. Counterpart
42. Video
43. Troll’s cousin
46. Sound of 36 gas used in cars
73. Words before a meal
81. Ancient
83. Windshield
84. Problem
92. Secret agent
93. Captain or general
94. Mother (Nobel Peace Prize winner)
95. Casper, for one
96. Effects
98. Comes in low, like a bird of prey
99. German automaker
100. Just fine and dandy
101. Breakfast-all-day chain
102. Split evenly
103. Used a train or plane

Down
3. Any point
5. Oregon
6. States out loud
12. Like a meadow in the morning
23. Get the idea Down
1. ‘For Pete’s ___’
2. Red fish
3. Parent
4. Open Night
5. Open Night with a stick
6. Music groups
7. ___ center (place for kids to sing)
8. God of love
9. ___ (idea)
10. ‘Stop right there!’
11. ‘All will be fine!’
12. Oklahoma city
13. Lots and lots
14. School bus
15. Apple’s center
16. ___ (ideal)
17. Room in your schedule
18. Detection
19. ___ to wear his vestments and to conduct his ministry in accordance with his faith which states, that he can function as a Naval Officer in the chaplain corps. To qualify, three special qualifications must be met for appointment as a Star navigator officer in the chaplain corps. First, a candidate must be a bachelor of arts, with a minimum of 120 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution.

The Navy Chaplain Corps is the ministry of the United States Navy and provides spiritual care and support to Navy personnel and their families. The Corps is responsible for providing religious services, counseling, and other support to service members and their families. The Corps also works to ensure that Navy personnel have access to spiritual care and support when they need it, whether they are at home or deployed.

Chaplains are considered one of the most important and specialized occupational groups in the Navy. They provide a wide range of services to sailors, marines, and their families, including counseling, spiritual guidance, and religious services. Chaplains are also responsible for overseeing the operation of religious facilities on Navy ships and installations, as well as providing spiritual support to Navy personnel during times of crisis or tragedy.

The Corps is made up of ordained clergy who are trained and licensed to provide religious services. They receive their training through a combination of academic and practical training, and are required to maintain a high level of professional competence.

The Corps currently has more than 2,500 chaplains serving on Navy ships and installations around the world. They are assigned to a variety of positions, including on the ships of the fleet, at shore-based installations, and at Navy hospitals and nursing homes.

Chaplains are unique in that they serve as both religious leaders and military officers. They are required to have a strong understanding of both religious and military doctrine, and are expected to provide spiritual care and support to service members and their families in a manner that is consistent with the values and traditions of the Navy.

Chaplains are also responsible for providing religious services to the families of Navy personnel, and are often called on to provide spiritual support to those who have lost a loved one in the service of the nation.

The Corps is committed to providing high-quality spiritual care and support to all Navy personnel and their families, and to maintaining a strong bond between the faith communities and the Navy.
Marquis Best is passionate about photography and cars. His favorite vehicles are imports because he enjoys their uniquely customizable parts.

> I went to a Lakers basketball game when I was 8 years old and ever since then I’ve been a huge fan. My other sports team is the San Diego Chargers. I’m a fan of them because I’m from Southern California.

> In high school, I ran track (participated in) the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, JROTC throughout high school. The program (initially sparked) my interest in the military. The other reason I joined was because I have family who also enlisted in the military.

> I was originally stationed at (Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.) but I’m on a (Temporary Assignment of Duty) aboard the Combat Center. I pretty much do the same thing there as I do here, just on a larger scale.

> I’m very passionate about cars. I’m a really big Acura fan and it looks really nice once it’s finished. My favorite car is the 1993 Acura NSX.

> I like to flip cars too. I recently got a 1996 Acura Integra and I’ve started working on it. It looks a lot better now, but I’ve put so much sweat, blood and tears into that car. I’ve spent a few (thousand) dollars on it.

> I’m also very interested in photography. I was a photographer before the Marine Corps in Oceanside, (Calif.). I did everything from scenery to family portraits for my friends and family.

> My favorite scenery picture is when I was in Oceanside and I was by the pier on the beach at sunset. The colors were just perfect and it’s been my favorite photo ever since.

> The best picture I ever took while practicing photography was my friend’s prom. It was just a big group of people having fun which captured the moment.

> I have a little sister who is 10 and she looks up to me because I am a Marine. She’s pretty smitten with me. I don’t think she wants to become a Marine, she’s a lot more girly and into dancing, which I am fine with.

Interview and photo by Lance Cpl. Olivia Day
Tank Platoon rolls out

BY CPL. PAUL S. MARTINEZ


The platoon set out to develop their collective critical skills and execute the tasks they will be evaluated on during their stay at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, scheduled for the spring.

“The intent here was two main goals,” said 1st Lt. Kenton Comstock, platoon commander, Tank Platoon, Co. B, GCEITF. “To build crew cohesion and proficiency; and to familiarize our Marines with the tasks essential for our platoon to operate, as well as tasks that we will be evaluated on in Twentynine Palms.”

Over the three-day training period, the platoon practiced tank recovery via land tow, raced the clock in crew evacuation drills and kept maintenance skills sharp by building and repairing the tracks of the M1A1 Abrams tank.

“The Marines are retaining what they have learned,” said Sgt. Gilbert Ibarra, tanker, Tank Platoon, Co. B, GCEITF. “It shows when they get this opportunity to train out here. It’s good for me and good for them.”

The platoon will continue building their crew-level proficiency before executing a live-fire event early next year.

“(The training) was productive,” Comstock said. “We’ve got junior Marines learning and senior Marines with experience in the tank, so it’s good for me and good for them.”

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The Combat Center’s head, Lance Cpl. Brandon Debolt, Combat Center Shooting Team, fires a Match M16 service rifle down range during the High Desert Regional Shooting Competition, Saturday. The third day, participants competed in the team 1,000-yard competition. On the third day, the 200-, 300- and 600-yard competitions for both individuals and teams were held. It was an explosion at the target line to start the third day when the shooter work towards their Excellence in Competition, where individuals can earn points toward a distinguished shooter badge with the distinguished shooter medal. Participants receive points through the services come together and compete with the Inter-service competition is where all the services compete with rifles and pistols in both team and individual matches. The team uses the individual competition where service members and civilians compete with rifles and pistols in both team and individual matches. The team and individual matches is during the team matches, the team can coach the person firing and tell him what they believe will get the shooter a better score. In the individual match, the competitor is left alone.

The team used the individual competitions to prepare themselves for the team matches,” Gallagher said. “They take the individual matches to find out what they need to do to improve for the team matches.”

After the four days of shooting, the competition was concluded. For those who are interested in becoming part of this shooting team, contact the Marksmanship Training Unit at (760) 830-6700.
BY LANCE CPL. JOHN BAKER

Marines with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, set security around a CH-53E Sea Stallion helicopter for a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel training mission during the Integrated Training Exercise aboard the Combat Center Nov. 8. The purpose of the mission was to simulate recovering a downed pilot.

Marines with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, set up communications during a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel training mission aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms Nov. 8. The purpose of the mission was to simulate recovering a downed pilot.

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MARINES PRACTICE REHEARSAL OF CONCEPT AT ITX 1-15

BY LANCE CPL. JOHN BAKER

Marines Corps leaders at Integrated Training Exercise 1-15, gathered for a rehearsal of concept drill for the Motorized Assault Course aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 7. The purpose of the drill was to discuss the Marine Air Ground Task Force commander's intent for the Integrated Training Exercise's Motorized Assault Course.

First Lieutenant Brian Parker, a platoon commander for Company C, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, participates in a practice brief before a rehearsal of concept drill aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 7. The purpose of the drill was to discuss the Marine Air Ground Task Force commander's intent for the Integrated Training Exercise's Motorized Assault Course.

Master Sgt. Anthony Greene, the operations chief for 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, surveys a map before a rehearsal of concept drill aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 7. The purpose of the drill was to discuss the Marine Air Ground Task Force commander's intent for the Integrated Training Exercise's Motorized Assault Course.

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Powledge, the battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, asks a question during a rehearsal of concept drill aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 7.

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Middleton, operations officer for 7th Marine Regiment and DeSoto, Texas, native, starts the rehearsal of concept drill aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 7.

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Leaders from every unit participating in ITX attended the drill. Among them was Lt. Col. Timothy Powledge, the battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment.

"The rehearsal of concept drill is intended to bring the battalion together with the entire head- quarters to make sure everyone understands the Marine Air Ground Task Force commander's intent," Powledge said.

Once the MAGTF commander's intent has been discussed, the commanders will use that information to begin more detailed planning for the mission before moving on to the next step, which is the field level.

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NCOs is scheduled to leave Turkey Bowling at 10 a.m. Nov. 20, at Sandy Hill Lanes. The event costs $8 per person and includes three games or three hours of bowling, use of shoes and prizes. Registration for the event ends today. The event is open to all active duty service members, retirees, Department of Defense employees and dependents.

LINKE.CAX will be hosting ‘Black Wednesday’ at the Main Exchange, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 26. There will be door busters and all-day specials on the items in the store. Store hours on Friday will begin at 6 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. On Saturday the store hours will end at 6 a.m. and close at 10 p.m.

One hundred families from the Coachella Valley Country Clubs will hold 200 Marines at Thanksgiving dinner. November 27. The participants will leave the base at 9 a.m. to go to the Coachella Valley Country Clubs and dinner, November 27. The participants will leave the base at 10 p.m. On Saturday the store hours will begin at 5 a.m. and close at 11 p.m. On Sunday the store hours will begin at 6 a.m. and close at 10 p.m.

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MCCS is scheduled to host Turkey Bowling at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Felix Field. The event is open to all children ages 6 to 12 years old. Kids CAX teaches children about Troops Workshop from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 3. At the event, participants will enjoy games, crafts, and fun for a cause that is close to everyone’s heart. The troops will need to pick up their treats from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Main Exchange.

Sunday Sunset Cinema

Friday, Nov. 21
6 p.m. — The Best of Me, PG-13
8:30 p.m. — Uranida Untold, PG-13
11 p.m. — Katy
Saturday, Nov. 22
10:30 a.m. — Ice Age Continental Drift, PG
1 p.m. — The Book of Life, PG-13
3 p.m. — Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day, PG
5 p.m. — Orange
7:30 p.m. — The Judge, R
11 p.m. — Katy
Sunday, Nov. 23
11:30 a.m. — The Book of Life, PG
2 p.m. — The Judge, R
5:30 p.m. — John Wick, R
8 p.m. — Ouija, PG-13
Monday, Nov. 24
2 p.m. — The Nut Job, PG
4 p.m. — Adventures of Tintin, PG
6:30 p.m. — The Good Lie, PG-13
10:30 p.m. — The Best of Me, PG-13
Tuesday, Nov. 25
2 p.m. — Frozen, PG
4 p.m. — Ice Age: Continental Drift, PG-13
6:30 p.m. — Annabelle, R
9:30 p.m. — The Book of Life, PG-13
Wednesday, Nov. 26
1 p.m. — Brave, PG
3 p.m. — MacKenzie Foy in the movie “Interstellar” and the heavens, with a thumping heartbeat driving the power of love, Matthew McConaughey plays a family man space traveler on a mission to save the Earth. As it turns out, unlike some in the not-so- distant future, our planet’s resources have not all been exhausted; the world’s a big dust bowl. McConaughey’s character, Cooper, a former moon-exploring astronaut, sets off on a hazardous journey to the outer reaches of the cosmos. Along the way, we’re introduced to some loopy concepts: Are we alone in the universe? Is it possible to go forward and backward in time, or to make it stand still? Is love a quantifiable force? Nolan让您从一个全新的视角了解这个世界，然后用惊人的视觉效果和深刻的思想启迪，为您呈现一部前所未有的视听盛宴。

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Nolan, whose other films include “The Dark Knight” trilogy and the mind-scrambling “Inception,” has come off an explosion of images and ideas as the role unfolds both on the “ground” and “out there.” We’re taken through a space “wormhole,” a spherical reverse-compressing and expanding space and time, to what reads as every hour count for seven years of

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