

What does INDEPENDENCE DAY mean to you?

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS BY PFC. LEVI SCHULTZ



When I think about the Fourth of July, I think of everyone who has served in the military and how we have grown to be where we are now. I feel it's really great that we have come so far.

Thereatha Volney, library aide, Combat Center Library

In 1776, America's forefathers brought to life a vision of an independent nation in which life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness became the right of all people. Two hundred and thirty-nine years later, our nation still stands on the ideas and values set forth by men like Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

On Independence Day, Americans celebrate an agreement that was signed in order to declare independence and forge a new path for one nation united. Combat Center patrons reflect on the meaning of Independence Day and its significance in their lives.



Independence Day is where the United States established itself as an independent nation. I feel like the patriotic spirit is just as strong in some people as it was back then.

Cpl. Javier Sanchez, news clerk, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment



It's a celebration of our independence and people tend to sort of overlook that. Now it's become an opportunity to spend time with your family, enjoying the summer and appreciating the freedoms we have in this country.

Capt. Daniel Williams, instructor, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School



It's the United States' Independence Day. It celebrates the day we kicked butt, took over and gained our independence and freedom.

Michael Rey, retired Chief Warrant Officer 2



It's exciting that this weekend he's going to be off and we will get to spend time as a family.

Louise Connor, spouse of 1st Sgt. Keith Connor, battery 1st Sgt., 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, and their son, Jordan Connor

Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This week's top shot comes from Photo by Sgt. Orlando Perez.



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Tyler R. Garretson, a crew chief assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 263, monitors the flight line out of the rear of a MV-22B Osprey after completing fast-rope and rappelling training with Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC), near Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., June 23, 2015.

NREA educates on water conservation



Chris Elliott, water resource manager, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, educates local water authority officials and community members during a water conservation symposium at the Coachella Valley Water District, in Palm Desert, Calif., June 26.

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PALM DESERT, Calif.— Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reached out to local water authority officials and community members during a water conservation symposium at the Coachella Valley Water District, in Palm Desert, Calif., June 26.

NREA attended the Drought and Urban Water Conservation Symposium, hosted by the Colorado River Basin Region Water Quality Control Board in order to better educate the community on the Combat Center's progressive water conservation efforts and achievements.

Throughout the event, representatives from various

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Marines in space soon, says Corps chief of staff

Rocket travel for Marines? Sub-orbital flights at speeds of up to 4,000 miles-per-hour? Battalions moved 6,000 to 7,000 miles in a little over an hour?

Don't look now, but these are just a few of the possibilities in the Marine Corp's future according to predictions by Lt. Gen. Wallace M. Greene, Jr., Marine Corps Chief of Staff.

General Greene brought these things to light in Atlanta during the 1963 Marine Corps Reserve Officer Association Conference.

General Greene predicted that rockets will be used to transport Marines, equipment and supplies within five to seven years. He said smaller rockets will be used to move small groups of Marines several hundred miles on suborbital flights at speeds up to 4,000 miles per hour.

Not many years after this initial breakthrough, big rockets like the Saturn will move whole battalions distances of 6,000 to 7,000 miles, he said. For example, a battalion of Marines could board

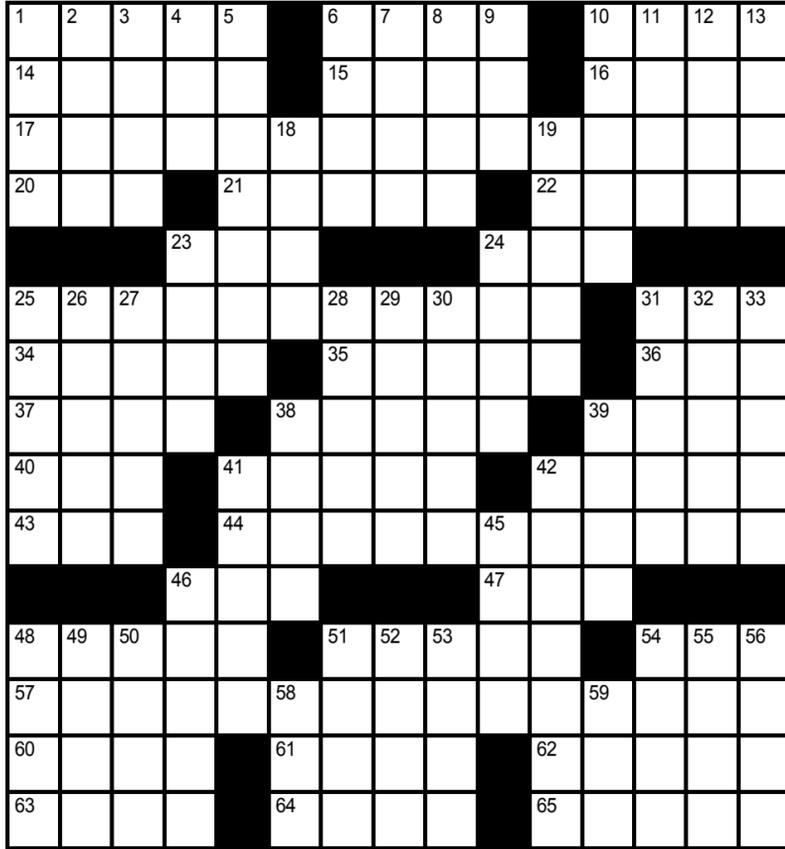
a rocket at Camp Lejeune and land in the center of Africa 80 minutes after takeoff, he predicted.

Discussing the advent of Marine space travel, General Green conceded the cost is prohibitive now but that future development of rockets will whittle the cost to where rocket transportation of Marines will be justified.

General Greene, who said he was speaking his own personal opinion, pointed out the rocket flights would be used only for "High priority" troop movements.

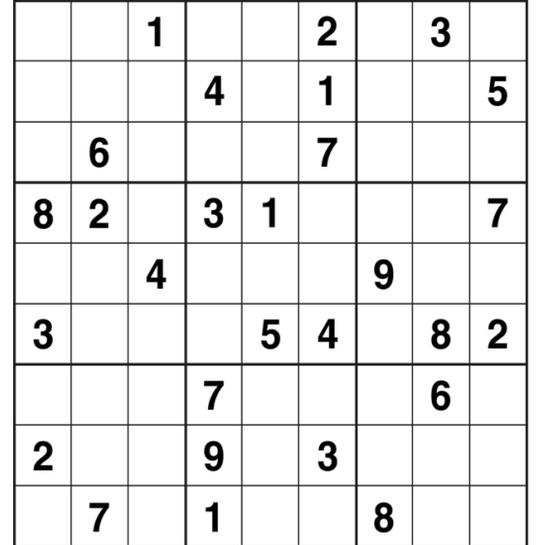
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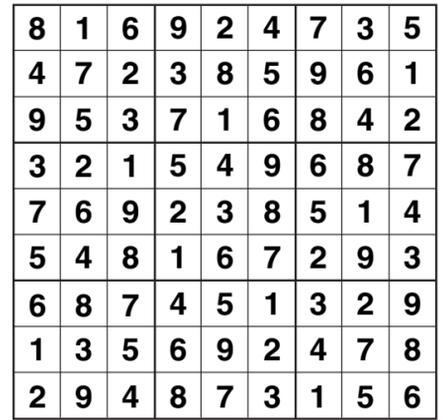


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HUNTER

Hunter has a passion for art which he developed at an early age. When he gets out of the Marine Corps, he hopes to pursue a degree in architectural engineering.

>I've been in the Marine Corps for two years.

>My interests include basketball, writing, and art.

>I love basketball. I played all throughout high school. As a freshman and sophomore I really didn't play much, but by my junior year I was playing nearly every day.

>I've been playing basketball since I was about eight or nine. I learned from my friends, my cousins and my uncles. Pretty much anyone who I was constantly around who was older than me.

>You're always active in basketball. It works your whole body and it's a fun sport to play.

>Writing keeps me active too, but in a different way.

>I like to write creatively. The topics I write about range from small ideas to more elaborate ones. I have a very active imagination. My writing is dependent on how I feel at the moment.

>Writing heals me. When I have things on my mind or something that is weighing on my heart, I'll get a pen and some paper and it'll calm me.

>I mostly keep the things I write to myself. But I'll share my art with others.

>I love drawing and I'm very versatile. I can draw something really simple or something really elaborate it doesn't matter. If I put my mind to it I can do it and my prod-

ucts are dependent on my mood.

>I've drawn a few of my tattoos. I'm not the best artist, but if it's something I know I can draw, I'll figure out a way to do it.

>A vast majority of the techniques I've learned have been self-taught. Drawing is something I picked up along the way. I love the fact that art is a form of expression; whether you're happy or sad you can grab a piece of paper and a pencil and just have fun.

>I joined the Marine Corps to get away from the way I was living at home.

>It was hard growing up in Chicago. You were either doing well in school or you were in the streets causing trouble. I was doing half and half. When I was younger, I was in school doing what I had to do. As I got older I started hanging out in the streets.

>I started looking into the military my junior year of high school. I knew I wasn't going to college anytime soon so I looked at all five branches of the military and finally decided to join the Marine Corps.

>What stood out to me about the Marine Corps was the challenge it presented.

>I'm undecided on whether or not I want to stay in. I think if I do re-enlist I'd try security forces.

>One thing that I've learned over these past two years is the



importance of forming bonds with other people. If you don't have people around you that you can rely on, then you don't have anything.

>Since I've joined, my work ethic has improved. I've learned how to work hard and strive to be

the best at what I do.

>I've become more knowledgeable and I've learned skills that will carry on with me throughout the Marine Corps as well as the other things I decide to pursue.

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drought-affect organizations addressed the audience of more than 40 community members. Their presentations conveyed different strategies being used to meet the restrictions on urban water use as set forth by the state of California, made effective June 1, 2015.

"The objective of the symposium is to provide an opportunity for the state water resources control board and drought-affected agencies and organizations to share information, perspectives, and strategies being implemented to address the governor's mandate for statewide reduction of urban water use," said Gita Kapahi, director, Office of Public Participation.

Serving as the representative for the Combat Center, Chris Elliott, water resource manager, NREA, delivered a presentation on the installation's drought response policy and the different ways the base is working to conserve water.

"The Combat Center is being proactive with its water conservation program and is committed to exceeding the requirements associated with water conservation, not just meeting them," Elliott said. "We want to do everything we can without impeding the mission of the Marine Corps."

During his presentation, Elliott explained various methods the Combat Center has been implementing to meet

the water conservation goals set in place.

"We were able to save 62 million gallons of water from Oct. 2014 to May 2015, compared to the previous fiscal year, when we saved 54 million gallons," Elliott said. "We attribute this to the Water Conservation Task Force that was recently set in place."

Following the presentations, an open-microphone session provided attendees the opportunity to ask questions about water conservation and how it affects the community.

"I learned a lot today because I didn't know about all the things the base is doing for water conservation," said Ellen Way, board chair, CRBRWQCB. "If there is a correct behavior, the military should lead by that example, and I was very proud of everything that the base is doing to preserve water."

Elliott answered questions from the community about how the installation better cares for the environment, which helps to ensure the Combat Center remains the Marines Corps' premiere training venue.

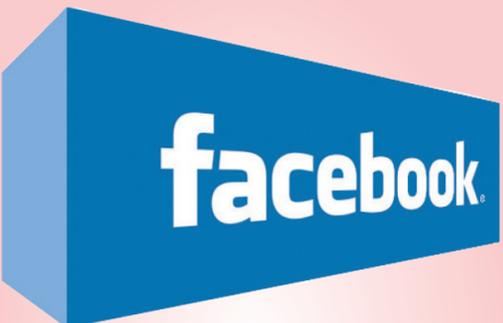
"It's very important that we communicate what we are doing from a water conservation perspective to the outside community," Elliott said. "Opportunities like today are a great way for us to reach out and show people that that base is doing great things with, not only training, but for the environment as well."



Chris Elliott, water resource manager, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, informs audience members about water conservation strategies utilized by the Combat Center during a water conservation symposium at the Coachella Valley Water District, in Palm Desert, Calif., June 26.



Brian Macy, general manager, Indio Water Authority, answers questions about water conservation strategies during a water conservation symposium at the Coachella Valley Water District, in Palm Desert, Calif., June 26.



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MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is proud to present our 2014 Consumer Confidence Report. This edition covers all drinking water testing completed from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. As always, we are committed to delivering the best quality drinking water to all personnel aboard MAGTFTC, MCAGCC. Through continued vigilance, we meet the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while ensuring the needs of all our water users are met.

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This report was compiled by the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Water Resources Office. For more information about this report or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please contact Chris Elliott, Water Resources Manager, at (760) 830-7883 or email chris.elliott@usmc.mil.

Monitoring Requirements Not Met

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Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

No Drugs Down The Drain

Pharmaceutical waste remains a threat to water supplies. One way to reduce this threat is to dispose of all over-the-counter drugs and prescriptions properly. **DO NOT FLUSH DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN.**

Old medicines can be taken to the San Bernardino County Community Household Waste Collection Center located at 62499 29 Palms Highway, Joshua Tree, CA. The hours of operation are the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on proper disposal of unwanted medicines, please visit www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org.

Contaminants In My Drinking Water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminates that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA and the California Department of Public Health (Department) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water Conservation

Water is a precious commodity, especially in our environment, which is why MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is doing all it can to ensure this resource isn't just going down the drain. California is experiencing an unprecedented drought with no relief in sight. Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency and the state adopted new legislation to impose restrictions on water use.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is committed to water conservation to ensure the sustainability of this precious resource and is leading the charge with the issuance of the Commanding General's Water Conservation Policy. Through the Commanding General's Policy, the Water Conservation Task Force (WCTF) has been established and is charged with seeking new methods of conserving water and educating everyone who lives and works aboard the installation. The WCTF has implemented a number of water conservation practices across the installation, resulting in significant water savings. In addition, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC per-capita water use is 75 gallons per person per day with potential for further reductions.

With everyone's continued support, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC will continue to increase water conservation. The WCTF will work to establish MAGTFTC, MCAGCC as the installation model for water conservation within the DoD by reducing water consumption to the maximum extent possible while still meeting the Marine Corps mission.

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Program Spotlight

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC conducts training for all U.S. Armed Forces. As part of the training, the release of hazardous materials can occur. NREA has an Abatement Section that works to minimize hazardous material releases and the effects of these releases on the environment.

The Abatement Section operations include stopping releases, containing spills, removing contaminated soil, back filling with clean soil, taking spill reports, and making notifications to outside agencies, if they are required. Once removed, contaminated soil is transported to the Contaminated Soil Storage Area (CSSA) and sifted to aerate the soil and remove debris. It is stored at the CSSA until the volume of soil is sufficient to develop the next Bio Pile.

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The Bio Pile operation provides a huge cost avoidance/savings as cleaning the soil costs approximately \$27 per ton, while shipping that same soil off-base to a Treatment Facility would cost \$64 per ton. In 2014, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC processed approximately 810 tons of contaminated soil. Remediating that soil at the Bio Pile cost \$21,870; however, shipping that soil to a Treatment Facility would have cost \$51,840. The Bio Pile operations provided MAGTFTC, MCAGCC a significant cost avoidance/savings of \$29,970 solely in 2014.

For questions or information on the Bio Pile, contact Thomas Connors at thomas.r.connors@usmc.mil.

Where Does My Water Come From?

All domestic water supplied to MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is groundwater from the Surprise Springs sub-aquifer of the Twentynine Palms Ground Water Basin. This water is extracted by production wells at depths between 500 and 700 feet located in a protected and isolated area of the Sand Hill Training Area.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC's drinking water system consists of 11 production or potable water wells and multiple reservoirs that serve the military and civilian work force through a series of pipelines that extend over 84.2 miles of service area.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC's drinking water is consistently of such high quality in nature that it routinely meets or exceeds all USEPA and Department primary and secondary drinking water standards without any treatment required (other than basic disinfection) before distribution. Basic disinfection is required by the Department as a safeguard against possible microbial contamination due to repairs or maintenance of the system.

Investing In Our Future

Challenges facing MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Utilities are similar to those faced by other utilities in the area: water supply, aging infrastructure, and population growth. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC issued multiple contracts to repair and improve the operation and quality of the water system.

Lead Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Arsenic Information

While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. USEPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects, such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Earth Day 2015 Activities



As part of Earth Day 2015, NREA along with the WCTF sponsored a host of clean-up and water conservation awareness activities aboard the installation. These activities focused around this year's theme: "Think green, save blue" and included a poster contest to engage the kids at the local elementary schools. This year's grand finalist is Kate Bobadilla - her poster is featured as the cover of this year's CCR!

Round of applause for this year's finalists:

First Runner-Up - **Madison Fulcher** (see inset)
Second Runner-Up - **Sara Willis** (see inset)

Finalists:

Hailey Beck, TPES, 5th grade
Mitchell Klich, Condor, K
Bryce Newland, TPES, 4th grade
Patricia Ochoa, Condor, K
Isabella Ramirez, Condor, 3rd grade
Jesse Williams, TPES, 4th grade

Big THANK YOU to all the Teachers at TPES and Condor for participating in the inaugural year of this annual event!



First Runner-Up
Madison Fulcher
Condor
Ms. Dellinger 2nd Grade



Second Runner-Up
Sara Willis
Twentynine Palms
Elementary School
Mrs. Stepp 5th Grade

Water Quality Data

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC conducts extensive water quality testing. Last year, as in years past, no contaminants were found at levels higher than USEPA or Department standards. As a result of the continued commitment to bring the safest, best quality water to everyone at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, our water continues to meet or exceed all primary drinking water standards and most secondary standards.

The table below is a snapshot of last year's (2014) water quality. The table shows details about what your water contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table are from testing done in the calendar year of the report. USEPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change.

Substance (Unit of Measure)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Detection Value		Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source
			Average	Range			
Primary Drinking Water Standard							
Antimony (mg/L)	0.006	0.006	< 0.006	ND - < 0.006	2012	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Arsenic (mg/L)	0.01	0	0.004	0.0020 - 0.0080	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (mg/L)	1	1	< 0.1	ND - < 0.1	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (mg/L)	0.004	0.004	< 0.001	ND - < 0.001	2012	No	Discharge from metal refineries
Cadmium (mg/L)	0.005	0.005	< 0.001	ND - < 0.001	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium VI (µg/L)	10	0.02	11.086	4.1 - 21	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits or industrial discharges
Chromium (mg/L)	0.05	0.05	< 0.011	0.0063 - 0.022	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (mg/L)	0.15	0.15	< 0.1	ND - < 0.1	2012	No	Wastewater discharges or industrial emissions
Fluoride (mg/L)	2	1	0.660	0.4 - 0.9	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Haloacetic Acids (mg/L)	0.0027	NA	< 0.0060	0.0020 - < 0.0036	2014	No	By-product of system disinfection
Mercury (mg/L)	0.002	0.002	< 0.001	ND - < 0.001	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits or industrial discharges
Nickel (mg/L)	0.1	0.1	< 0.01	ND - < 0.01	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits or industrial discharges
Nitrate (NO ₃) (mg/L)	45	45	4.671	3.5 - 6.8	2014	No	Natural deposits or agricultural runoff
Nitrite (NO ₂) (mg/L)	1	1	< 0.1	ND - < 0.1	2012	No	Natural deposits or agricultural runoff
Perchlorate (mg/L)	0.006	NA	< 0.004	ND - < 0.004	2012	No	May be found naturally or manufactured for industrial use
Tot. Coliform Bacteria	1	ND	ND	ND - 1	2014	No	Naturally present in the environment
Tot. Trihalomethanes (mg/L)	0.08	NA	0.008	0.00057 - 0.024	2014	No	By-product of system disinfection
Secondary Drinking Water Standard							
Aluminum (mg/L)	1	0.2	< 0.05	ND - < 0.05	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride (mg/L)	250	250	18.600	8.1 - 32	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Color (CU)	15	15	NA	< 3 - 3	2014	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Copper (mg/L)	1	NA	0.240	< 0.05 - 0.24	2012	No	Plumbing corrosion
Foaming Agents (MBAS) (mg/L)	0.5	NA	< 0.05	ND - < 0.05	2012	No	Municipal and industrial waste discharges
Iron (mg/L)	0.3	0.3	0.220	< 0.1 - 0.22	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (mg/L)	0.5	0.05	< 0.02	ND - < 0.02	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Methyl-tert-butylether (mg/L)	0.013	0.013	< 0.003	ND - < 0.003	2014	No	Leaking underground storage tanks
Odor (TON)	3	NA	< 1	ND - < 1	2014	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Silver (mg/L)	0.1	NA	0.010	ND - 0.01	2012	No	Industrial discharges
Sulfate (mg/L)	500	250	27.000	16 - 34	2012	No	Naturally present in the environment
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	1000	500	179.000	120 - 330	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	5	NA	0.504	< 0.20 - 1.2	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Zinc (mg/L)	5	NA	< 0.05	ND - < 0.05	2012	No	Naturally present in the environment
Detection of Lead and Copper							
Copper 90 th Percentile	1300	170	20	5.9-26	2012	No	Plumbing corrosion
Lead 90 th Percentile (ppb)	15	2	4	ND-19	2012	No	Plumbing corrosion

Substance (µg/L)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	MCAGCC Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Requirement
UCMR 3							
1,2,3-trichloropropane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires USEPA to establish criteria for a program to monitor unregulated contaminants and to identify no more than 30 contaminants to be monitored every five years. The purpose of monitoring for unregulated contaminants in drinking water is to provide data to support the USEPA Administrator's decisions concerning whether or not to regulate these contaminants in the future for the protection of public health.
1,3-butadiene	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
chloromethane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
1,1-dichloroethane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
bromomethane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
chlorodifluoromethane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
bromochloromethane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
1,4-dioxane	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
vanadium	NA	NA	5.9	ND - 18	2014	No	
molybdenum	NA	NA	1.8	ND - 5.9	2014	No	
cobalt	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
strontium	NA	NA	94.2	ND - 250	2014	No	
chromium total	NA	NA	4.5	ND - 13	2014	No	
chromium-6	NA	NA	12	ND - 13	2014	No	
chlorate	NA	NA	368.5	94 - 890	2014	No	
perfluorooctanesulfonate acid (PFOS)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
perfluorheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2014	No	

Table Definitions

ND (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Unit: Standard unit of measurement for this constituent.

NA: Not applicable.

ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

PHG (Public Health Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

PDWS (Primary Drinking Water Standard): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as indicators that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present.

CU: Color unit.

TON: Threshold odor number.

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Palm Desert hosts appreciation day for 'Magnificent Seventh'

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Marines, sailors and their loved ones gathered for 7th Marine Regiment's Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.

The City of Palm Desert hosted the appreciation day in an effort to provide Marines and sailors of 'Magnificent Seventh' with some down time and to recognize them for their contributions to the unit.

"The appreciation day is really the first big opportunity for the City of Palm Desert to show their appreciation for the Marines and sailors of the regiment," said Lt. Col. Jared Spurlock, executive officer, 7th Marine Regiment. "The regiment was adopted by the City of Palm Desert back in December and they have spent the last couple of months organizing this great event."

This is the first appreciation day that the City of Palm Desert has held for the regiment, and with support from local vendors, there were plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. The 7th Reg. patrons enjoyed a water dunk-tank, a petting zoo, a rock climbing wall and an inflatable bounce house. The event also featured a static display, which included M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles from 1st Tank Battalion, Light Armored Vehicles from 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, and Amphibious Assault Vehicles from 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion.

"I like family oriented events where you get to see everyone come together and be happy. We're able to teach the families about our vehicles, which gives them a better understanding for what we do," said Cpl. Deshon Llerenas, assault amphibious vehicle crewman, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion. "When we have events like this it brings the families together and shows that the military cares."

Approximately 75 volunteers participated in the event, serving food and drinks free of cost to all in attendance. The volunteers also assisted in set up and clean-up of the event. The Reflexx, an '80s new-wave tribute band based out of Orange County, Calif., performed as well. Later in the day, Marines and sailors were given an opportunity to compete in some friendly sports competitions.

"I think events like these are great because they bolster unit cohesion and foster camaraderie," said Ashley Mead, spouse of Staff Sgt. Clinton Mead, platoon guide, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "It's just a great chance for the families and the regiment to all come together."

The appreciation day gave members of the regiment a chance to have fun but it also gave Marines and sailors an opportunity to learn new things. Through various vendors, information was provided on education and health benefits as well as what the local community and the base have to offer. The regiment is planning another day specifically for the families of deployed Marines in August.

"We look at this to be a long term relationship with the City of Palm Desert," Spurlock said. "It's a great day for the regiment, and I'm glad to be out here."



Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Berry, corpsman, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, answers questions about the amphibious assault vehicle for his son Caleb, 3, during the City of Palm Desert hosted 7th Marine Regiment Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.



Marines and sailors from 7th Marine Regiment, play a game of flag football during the City of Palm Desert hosted 7th Marine Regiment Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.



Children wait in line to get their faces painted during the City of Palm Desert hosted 7th Marine Regiment Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.



Cpl. Christian Carpenter, data network specialist, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, plays soccer with his son Knox, 1, during the City of Palm Desert hosted 7th Marine Regiment Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.



The Reflexx, an '80s themed band, performs during the City of Palm Desert hosted 7th Marine Regiment Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.



Cpl. Eryck Alleyne, maintenance management specialist, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, plays a game of ring toss with fellow Marines during the City of Palm Desert hosted 7th Marine Regiment Appreciation Day at the Desert Winds Golf Course, June 26.

Liberty Call



Combat Center Events

Come visit Sandy Hill Lanes Bowling Center. With well-maintained lanes, large screen televisions, and a digital jukebox, it's a great facility for indoor recreational fun and relaxation. Tournaments are offered regularly and cosmic bowling runs every Friday and Saturday evening. For more information, contact 760-830-6422.

Visit the Sand Trap Grill at the Desert Winds Golf Course. The Grill brings back old favorites like the charbroiled hamburger, salads, hot dogs and breakfast. Their expansive seating accommodates large groups of people. For more information, contact the golf course at 760-830-6132.

To keep your mind active this summer check out the Combat Center Library's Summer Reading Program. The six week program runs from June 22 to August 3 and is open to all hands. The event will conclude with prize drawings to those who have completed all five reading levels. Visit the library for the complete Read to the Rhythm Guidelines and schedule of events. For more information, contact 760-830-6875.

Sign up for tackle football to compete for the number one team aboard the Combat Center. Registration will be open until July 31 with the season lasting from September 1 to November 2. All entry forms must be approved by the unit commanding officer and leagues will be limited to the first six teams that register. For more information, contact 760-830-4092.

Take your spouse out for an evening of tropical island themed fun with Couple's Date Night. The event will be held at the Frontline Restaurant on July 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. Couples will enjoy a luau complete with Polynesian themed food, music and dance. Tickets are 20 dollars per couple and will be available and the Information, Tickets and Tours Office.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, July 03 3:00 p.m. – Spy, R	Tuesday, July 07 5: 00 p.m. – Aloha, PG-13
Saturday, July 04 12:30 p.m. – San Andreas, PG-13 3:00 p.m. – Entourage, R 5:30 p.m. – Poltergeist 2015, R	7:30 p.m. – Poltergeist 2015 (3-D), PG-13
Sunday, July 05 12:30 p.m. – Mad Max: Fury Road (3-D), R 3:00 p.m. – San Andreas (3-D), PG-13 5:30 p.m. – Spy, R 8:00 p.m. – Entourage, R	Wednesday, July 08 5:00 p.m. – San Andreas (3-D), PG-13 7:30 p.m. – Spy, R
Monday, July 06 6:30 p.m. – Tomorrowland, PG	Thursday, July 09 5:00 p.m. – Pitch Perfect 2, PG-13 7:30 p.m. – Mad Max: Fury Road, R
	Friday, July 10 6:00 p.m. – Jurassic World (3-D), PG-13 9:00 p.m. – Entourage, R



Mission: Hilarious

Melissa McCarthy shines in spy-spoof espionage romp

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"Spy"
Starring *Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, Jude Law & Rose Byrne*
Directed by *Paul Feig*
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Finally, Melissa McCarthy has struck gold—in a movie gives her everything she needs to shine as the movie comedy star she was meant to be.

After a promising debut in the supporting cast of the 2011 breakout hit *Bridesmaids*, the Mike and Molly TV star shared the billing with Sandra Bullock in *The Heat* (2013) but couldn't quite get the traction she needed in the sputtering, sophomoric gags of *Identity Thief* (2013) and *Tammy* (2014). But this hilarious spy-spoof-ish espionage romp marks

her ascension to bona fide marquee status.

And she makes the most of every minute of it as Susan Cooper, a CIA operative toiling away in the bowels of the bureau, feeding intel into the ear of dashing field agent Bradley Fine (Jude Law) as he trots about the globe on his 007-ish assignments. But when Fine disappears, Susan is selected by her boss (Allison Janney) to go undercover and pick up the trail of his latest mission.

Excited to finally be a real spy, she's a bit overwhelmed by the frumpiness of her bureau-issued disguises, and her customized gadgets disguised as rape whistles, super-size hemorrhoid pads, and stool softeners.

"I'm just missing a shirt that says, I'VE NEVER FELT THE TOUCH OF A MAN," she sighs.

And she's told, in no uncertain terms, to only observe—to stay out of sight and to "not engage." Of course, that doesn't happen.

Rose Byrne, one of McCarthy's *Bridesmaids*' co-stars, is superb as a frosty Bulgarian arms smuggler. Bobby Cannavale plays a double-dealing weapons trader. Jason Statham, with a send-up wink to the tough-guy roles into which he's usually cast, has a blast as a ridiculously rough, gruff veteran agent who resents Susan's intrusion on his turf—and who can't stop reminding her about his mucho macho espionage exploits. "I once drove a car off a freeway

on top of train while I was on fire," he says during a sidesplitting litany of his death-defying derring-do.

A couple of lesser-known actors also get plenty of room to bring the funny. As Susan's CIA backup, gangly British actress Miranda Hart becomes an integral part of the second half of the movie—and brings some huge laughs. Same for Peter Serafinowicz, another Brit, who's had small parts in dozens of TV shows and films. You may not remember him as Aldo, the amorous Italian with the roving hands—and some other skills, too!

The cast is first-rate all around, but the movie truly belongs to McCarthy, whose synergy with writer-director Paul Feig (*Bridesmaids*, *The Heat*) is clearly firing on all cylinders. The dialog sparkles and zings, the scenes deliver one-after-another ka-pow punches of laughter and action, and the performances are fine-tuned bits of comedic, clockwork perfection.

And McCarthy both keeps it anchored and sends it soaring, with fresh, feisty slaps of unbridled, R-rated fun and a message of female empowerment set against a rolling backdrop of scenery in Paris, Budapest and Rome. Spy sends Susan Cooper around the world, and it brings Melissa McCarthy up to where she belongs, to the top of the movie-comedy heap.

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U.S. Marines Cpl. Ryan Clancy and Lance Cpl. Richard Munoz, with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force—Crisis Response—Central Command, engage simulated enemy fighters during a security patrol portion of the unit's Mission Readiness Exercise in Southwest Asia, June 24. The Marines and Sailors of SPMAGTF-CR-CC provide the commander of USCENTCOM with a flexible, task-organized set of solutions to emerging crisis within an area of responsibility spanning 20 countries.



U.S. Marine Sgt. Sean Turner with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force—Crisis Response—Central Command, signals members of the security patrol to cross an open space during the unit's Mission Readiness Exercise in Southwest Asia, June 24.



U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Julio Bustos with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force—Crisis Response—Central Command, provides security during a patrolling portion of the unit's Mission Readiness Exercise in Southwest Asia, June 24.

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by Lou Gerhardt



I am an early riser and I start the day, seven days a week, reading three daily newspapers—The Los Angeles Times, The San Bernardino Sun and The Desert Sun.

I always begin by reading the comics. I don't read every strip or cartoon but I read all the funny ones. My favorites include Blondie, Peanuts, Beetle Bailey, Family Circus, Dennis the Menace, and Ziggy. I also enjoy the clever cartoons in our two local weeklies.

This is not only a delightful habit but it also increases a person's life span. Serious studies from the University of Wisconsin reveals that people who read the comics before the obituaries have markedly longer life spans. It makes sense to me!

A sense of humor is a powerful attribute that can do much to improve the health and well-being of any person who makes the concerted effort to develop this inherent gift from the Creator.

That's one of the reasons I never miss the daily newscasts on radio Z 107.7 FM. Gary Daigneault and Pat Michaels always provide a joke for the morning and other light-hearted banter that gets my day off to a good start.

No less an authority than the renowned theologian Reinhold Niebuhr led me to believe that humor and laughter are both basic to the development of a truly satisfying religious life. It was Dr. Niebuhr who wrote, "Humor is a prelude to faith and laughter is the beginning of prayer. Pass it on!" Well, I have spent a lifetime living the advice of my brilliant contemporary and passing it on. I have always kept humor and genuine laughter at the heart of all I say and do.

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