



The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert B. Neller, and Combat Center Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, discuss the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Program with Combat Center leadership at the Commanding General's Conference Room, Tuesday.

# Commandant visits Combat Center

STORY AND PHOTOS  
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The 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert B. Neller, and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green visited the Combat Center, Oct. 6.

Neller spoke to I Marine Expeditionary Force and Combat Center units about the future of the Corps at the base theater. He also gave advice to leaders.

"Be a fair leader, always be there for your Marines, and show them compassion," Neller said. "That Marine came to you for a reason, so be there for them. If you are not, you will lose them."

Neller succeeded 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford on Sept. 24. In the Message from the Commandant he released the same day, Neller said that all previous guidance is still in effect to sustain and continue to improve the Corps. Green shared the same sentiment and



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller talks to the Marines of 1st Tank Battalion during his visit to the Combat Center, Tuesday.

explained to the Marines and sailors to always prepare and be prepared.

"We are a team that never goes into the locker room or the sidelines," Green said. "All of the other services, once they are done deploying somewhere, they come home, but not us. We have Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Forces, Marine Expeditionary

Units and we guard every U.S. Embassy across the globe. We are never on the sideline."

In addition to improving the Corps physically and mentally, Neller spoke about the technology that the world is experiencing and the different kind of battle that we are facing in cyberspace.

"We are in a new age of technology," Neller said.

"Today you probably have more processing power in your smart phone than a main frame computer did 15 years ago."

Earlier at the Commanding General's Conference Room, Neller discussed the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Program with Combat Center Commanding General, See **Visit pg. A6**

## NREA receives DOD sustainability award

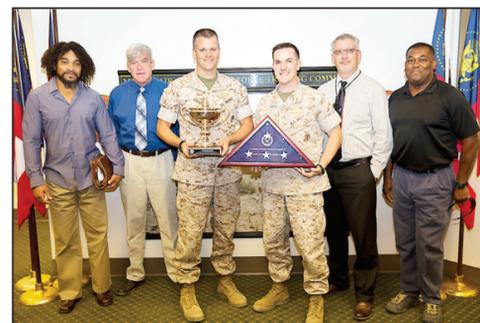
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The Department of Defense awarded the Combat Center the 2015 Secretary of Defense Sustainability Award in the non-industrial installation category, at the Combat Center Commanding General's Conference Room, Oct. 1.

Members from Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs, and Public Works Department, joined Combat Center Commanding General Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta and Combat Center Chief of Staff Col. James F. Harp, in the official award ceremony. The DOD selected the Combat Center for the award March 23, 2015.

Achieving the award involved noteworthy accomplishments from Oct. 1, 2012, through Sept. 30, 2014. According to Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, NREA, exceeding DOD goals included working with the Water Conservation Task Force and various organizations within the Combat Center's Qualified Recycling Program.

"We were able to achieve a 45 percent water intensity reduction since 2007," Pochop said. "As of this month, we achieved a 48 percent reduction in



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The Combat Center's 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award winners stand together at the Combat Center Commanding General's Conference Room, Oct. 1.

solid waste diversion."

Pochop said NREA plans to continue education on water conservation while progressing in storm water treatment and reuse techniques.

"One of our next projects includes installing a wastewater treatment plant to save on evaporative loss and improve use of recycled water," Pochop said.

The Combat Center also installed additional solar photovoltaic systems to surpass DOD standards in energy reduction. Lt. Cmdr. James Stewart, public works officer, said installing an additional co-generation plant in 2014 increased self-sustainability.

"We now have about nine megawatts of energy installed through our PV systems," said Stewart.

Gary Morrisett, base energy manager, added, "We're up to the point where we generate over 90 percent of our own power."

This year, along with receiving the Secretary of Defense Sustainability Award, the Combat Center also received the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award, which recognized the Combat Center for its efforts in environmental awareness efforts in natural resources and sustainability throughout 2014.

## FAP supports Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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The Combat Center's Family Advocacy Program held a Domestic Violence Awareness Month kick-off at the FAP building, Oct. 1.

Approximately 30 people from the Combat Center and the surrounding communities attended the event as an opportunity to learn various strategies to prevent domestic violence. Some of the organizations in attendance were the Child Development Center, Families OverComing Under Stress, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, FAP and Morongo Basin Unity Homes.

"The purpose of today was to bring all these different entities from the community and the base together and kick-off the first day of Domestic Violence Awareness Month," said Michele Godfrey, prevention education specialist, FAP. "This event also allows for these different offices to make

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Michelle Bergey, deputy district attorney, Office of the District Attorney, San Bernardino County, speaks during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kick-off Event at the Family Advocacy Program building, Oct. 1.

## 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 Lance Cpl. Jacob Snouffer.



U.S. Marines with the 1st Raider Battalion Multiple Service Operation Test (MSOT) 8123, conducted vehicle interdiction with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR). The raiders conduct exercises to sustain and improve MSOT's abilities.



## WHAT I'VE LEARNED

# Cecil

Monroe, Ga. Student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, Age 25

# MARTIN

Martin has a background as a physical trainer and regularly refines his skills in photography. He hopes to one day start a business in action photography.

>**I grew up in small-town, Monroe, Ga.,** and have always been into various types of arts. I acted in theatre and took photography and art classes.

>**In high school** I played varsity soccer and was lucky enough to travel back and forth to England multiple times. I was able to see different cultures and have new subjects to photograph.

>**I'm a huge fan of culture** and I feel like there's no better way to express culture than to capture a photo of it. The most unique aspect of photography is everyone has a different viewpoint on what they're capturing.

>**Twentynine Palms is a great place** for me to improve my photography skills. Whether it's the natural landscapes or animals, I've been able to capture a lot of good shots.

>**Growing up, I embraced** landscape and action photography because I was always around it. Whether I was rock climbing, traveling, or meeting new people, I always took my camera with me.

>**I enjoy using digital software** like Photoshop and Lightroom, but to get the best photo, you have to be in the right place at the right time. Sometimes I'll wait all day just to get good natural lighting.

>**When I was 18,** I started working at a local recreation department. At age 20, I became the athletic coordinator. I was able to cut program costs by using my own camera instead of hiring photographers to take team photos.

>**I started a personal training busi-**



ness when I was 21. It ended up helping me prepare physically for the Marine Corps.

>**I'm close with my family.** My father was apprehensive about me joining the Marine Corps at first, but my parents and two older sisters have been continually supportive.

>**I'm training as a cyber networks specialist** because it transitions really well into the civilian world. I'm looking forward to building a good foundation on being technologically proficient.

>**I've learned how** to associate and identify with people from different backgrounds and the Marine Corps has also been a great tool for networking.

>**There are many Marines I look up to** and there's always something new to learn from them.

>**Once my military career is done,** I plan to move into photography. My goal is to travel while experiencing more cultures and capturing as much as I can.

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# Marines volunteer with Desert Arc camp



Pfc. Ilesha Gillison and Pfc. Kayla Young, ammunition technicians, Center Magazine Area, help Desert Arc Sports and Recreation campers paint bisque ware at Camp Ronald McDonald, Idyllwild, Calif., Saturday.



Cpl. Markchristopher Miral, operations clerk, Center Logistics Division, plays bocce ball with participants of the Desert Arc Sports and Recreation Camp at Camp Ronald McDonald, Idyllwild, Calif., Saturday.



Cpl. Markchristopher Miral, operations clerk, Center Logistics Division, and Sgt. Heather Keasler, administration clerk, Center Personnel Office, help the Desert Arc Sports and Recreation campers at Camp Ronald McDonald, Idyllwild, Calif., Saturday.

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Combat Center Marines from Headquarter Battalion worked as volunteers during the Desert Arc Sports and Recreation Camp at Camp Ronald McDonald, here, Saturday.

The Marines helped campers with various activities such as arts and crafts, archery, fishing, painting, basketball and bocce ball.

“We participate in this event because it gives our Marines and sailors a chance to interact with the people they are working to defend,” Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Baker, chaplain, Headquarters Battalion. “We have participated in this event before and campers love to have the Marines here with them.”

Desert Arc helps physically and mentally challenged people with enhancing the quality of their daily lives. The program serves more than

600 clients throughout the Coachella Valley and Morongo Basin. Some of the services Desert Arc provides are vocational training, job placement and independent living.

“We host this event to bring our clients out of their usual environments and allow them to have a little bit more freedom for the weekend while still keeping them in a safe place,” said Lisa Lester, volunteer counselor, Desert Arc. “The campers always have a great time, no matter what they’re doing here.”

Eight Marines from the Center Personnel Office, Protestant Chapel, Center Logistics Division and Center Magazine Area participated in the event this year.

“Coming and helping the campers today was a lot of fun,” said Sgt. Nicholas Frausto, chaplain’s assistant, Protestant Chapel. “I would gladly come out here to do this again.”



Heather Frausto, wife of Sgt. Nicholas Frausto, chaplain’s assistant, Protestant Chapel, helps a camper use a bow at the archery station of the Desert Arc Sports and Recreation Camp at Camp Ronald McDonald, Idyllwild, Calif., Saturday.

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PALM DESERT (Calif.) SEPTEMBER 25, 2015— Desert Best Friend's Closet (DBFC) announced today that it will again provide ball gowns at no cost to the wives of servicemen and activity duty personnel for the Annual Marine Corps Ball. DBFC anticipates it will give away more than 100 gowns.

“This program is our way of honoring the military families that serve our country. We’ve given away more than 500 dresses since we started this program and are excited to continue this service for a sixth year,” says Connie Golds, Executive Director of DBFC.

The gown giveaway will take place over one weekend, on October 16, 17, and 18, 2015, at the Rabobank Regional Business Center in Palm Springs. It is conveniently located across from the Palm Springs Airport and City Hall. Women in need of a dress need to contact DBFC directly by calling 760-776-9975 or emailing [cgolds@bfcloset.org](mailto:cgolds@bfcloset.org). Each woman will need to show a valid military ID card to receive a dress. There is no charge for this service and the dress is theirs to keep.

“We can serve up 6 – 8 women for each appointment slot, so women are encouraged to carpool to Palm Springs,” says Golds.

Donations of formal dresses are always accepted and may be dropped off Desert Best Friend's Closet in Palm Desert, 74040 Highway 111, Suit F. All dresses must be contemporary, dry cleaned and on hangers. Items cannot have tears, stains, broken zippers or missing buttons as there are no funds for repairs. Volunteers are also needed to act as ‘personal shoppers’ for the Marine wives. Those interested in volunteering should call 760-776-9975 or email [moreinfo@bfcloset.org](mailto:moreinfo@bfcloset.org) to request a volunteer application.

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# Fire department hosts 18th annual Chili Luncheon



Samantha Vagelatos, firefighter, Combat Center Fire Department, operates the ice-cream machine at the 18th Annual Fire Prevention Week Chili Luncheon at the Fire Station 451, Wednesday. The fire department holds the event every year during the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Prevention Week. All proceeds are donated to the Combined Federal Campaign.

Tony Kompier and Shad Murphy, firefighters, Combat Center Fire Department, serve a bowl of chili to Bob Piirainen, traffic safety manager, Combat Center Safety Office, during the 18th Annual Fire Prevention Week Chili Luncheon at Fire Station 451, Wednesday.



Combat Center Fire Department volunteers serve homemade firehouse chili to guests at the 18th Annual Fire Prevention Week Chili Luncheon at the Fire Station 451, Oct. 7, Wednesday.

Coy Benedict, firefighter paramedic, Combat Center Fire Department, directs a patron to the seating area during the 18th Annual Fire Prevention Week Chili Luncheon at Fire Station 451, Wednesday.

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Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert B. Neller, and Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green, talk to Sgt. Shannon Ohlinger, maintenance chief, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, during their visit to the Combat Center, Tuesday.



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller talks to 1st Lt. Nathan Gent, platoon commander, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, about the gear he uses during the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps' visit to the Combat Center, Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, and other installation leadership. Neller also spoke about the Installations recent land expansion into Johnson Valley, which for the first time allows the Marine Corps to train at a Marine Expeditionary Brigade level.

"We have been trying for years as our weapons have longer and longer ranges to maneuver our forces. I remember I came here for [Combined Armed Exercise] in 1981, we didn't have long range rocket artillery, and high precision munitions," Neller said. "I talked to Maj. Gen. Craparotta about Johnson Valley and it's a great opportunity to expand the range. The bigger we can make our maneuver space, the more options we have to train our forces."

After the town hall, Green and Neller visited with and spoke to the Marines and sailors of, 1st Tank Battalion and 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion and one of Neller's previous units, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. The Commandant served as the commanding offi-



Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green briefs Combat Center Marines and sailors at the base theater, Tuesday.

cer of 3rd LAR, known then as 3rd Light Infantry Battalion, during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

"It's great seeing both of them interacting with us out here," said Sgt. Shannon Ohlinger, radio maintenance chief, 3rd LAR. "They have some of the heaviest weight when it comes to change. For them to be out here seeing the force and the

equipment first hand gives them more insight on the strengths of the force as a whole."

The Commandant ended his town hall speech by thanking the Marines and telling them to sustain, prepare and improve themselves for future conflicts. Green also left the Marines with a message.

"I had the oppor-

tunity to go to Mount Suribachi," Green said. "When that flag was raised there so many years ago, the Secretary of the Navy at the time said 'The raising of that flag on Mount Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years.' So Marines; ensure that our Marine Corps lasts another 500 years and beyond. Semper Fidelis."

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some connections for future projects."

Domestic Violence Awareness month started in 1981 and takes place every year during October. Throughout the month, people are educated on the different types of domestic violence and how to prevent them.

"We wouldn't be able to do our job without the different resources from both on and off the installation," Godfrey said. "We hope to bring all the different groups together so we can put a stop to domestic violence."

During the kickoff, Michelle Bergey, deputy district attorney, Office of the District Attorney, San Bernardino County, spoke to explain the purpose of her office and a few words of encouragement to those in attendance.

"It is awesome to be here and see that we are not the only ones fighting for the people of domestic violence cases," Bergey said. "People often ask 'Why do you care about the little cases, where there are no bruises or blood?' We do it because the matter only gets worse if we don't stop it."

Domestic Violence Awareness Month began as a way to decrease the amount of domestic violence cases throughout the country. The Combat Center takes this month as an opportunity to teach Marines and sailors how to prevent domestic violence and about the resources available to them.

"All the people who work in these programs are here to help the families on base," said Allen Sackett, program manager, FAP. "We try to teach the different things that people often overlook that are actually domestic violence."

For more information about domestic violence awareness contact the FAP office at 760-830-6345. If you suspect that someone has become a victim of domestic violence please contact a victim advocate using the 24/7 help line 760-362-9837.



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# Hiring our Heroes workshop comes to Combat Center



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Hiring Our Heroes provided an employment education workshop to Combat Center Marines at the Officers' Club, Wednesday.

Hiring Our Heroes is a nationwide initiative to assist veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses find meaningful employment opportunities. The presentation gave Combat Center Marines the opportunity to receive valuable information that prepares service members for leaving the military and fulfilling their goals outside the Marine Corps.

Medal of Honor recipient, Dakota Meyer, talks to Marines about different career paths after the military during an employment education workshop at the Officers' Club, Wednesday. Meyer is one of three Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipients during the Global War on Terror.



Lance Cpl. Christian Ashley, light armored vehicle crewman, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, fills out a questions and answer sheet after a presentation during the Hiring Our Heroes employment education workshop at the Officers' Club, Wednesday.



Cpl. Matthew Hinson, rifleman, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, talks with his fellow Marines as part of an exercise during the Hiring Our Heroes employment education workshop at the Officers' Club, Wednesday.

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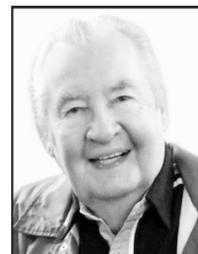
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by Lou Gerhardt



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I asked Steve to write the following brief essay. "Recently, in just four days we went around the world on a Carnival Cruise ship. In that short time, we experienced five continents.

Our dutiful cabin steward, Sutinan, hailed from Bangkok, Thailand, in Southeast Asia. His colorful stories introduced us to his family, Thai food, tuk-tuks, and exotic floating markets.

A shy waiter, Anton transported us to his hometown of Brasov, Romania. Vicariously, through his tales we visited Dracula's castle in Transylvania and the People's Palace in Bucharest.

Kayla, which means "bright" in her native country of Botswana, brought breakfast to our room each morning and regaled us with memories of wild animals, the Chobe River, and African culture.

Every afternoon at happy hour we dropped anchor, so to speak, in Sydney, Australia, where that city's native son Liam poured us drinks at the ship's Violin Bar. Boy, did his vivid descriptions of local hangouts in the Land Down Under make us want to go!

Our chats with the pool attendant, Maria, from Peru reminded us of how much we loved that South American country. Homesick, she looked forward to returning to Lima and llamas after eight months at sea.

We didn't observe one other passenger interact with Carnival's international crew. Pity. Probably their focus was on the ship's two ports of call, Catalina and Ensenada."

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U.S. and Spanish Marines establish a combined security perimeter during an interoperability demonstration to U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, Tuesday, aboard Morón Air Base, Spain. Carter emphasized the importance of working with partner nations and to continue fostering relationships through such training exercises.

A U.S. Marine Corps AH-1Z Viper assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One fires its M197 Gatling cannon and employs countermeasures during an offensive air support exercise at Mt. Barrow, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Tuesday. The exercise is part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor 1-16, a seven-week training event hosted by MAWTS-1 cadre.

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U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Dillon J. Bailey, team leader, with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, sights in during platoon movement to contact drills at Crow Valley, Philippines, during Amphibious Landing Exercise 2015, Oct. 2. PHIBLEX 15 is an annual bilateral training exercise conducted with the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

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# Belle

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# Ball

## *prepares spouses for Birthday Ball*

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball has developed from its humble origins in to an iconic, professional occasion celebrated by Marines in all corners of the world. Just as Marines look forward to this proud tradition, so do those who dutifully serve by their side, Marine wives.

For some, the elegant displays and formal ceremonies can be an intimidating experience. To help put spouses at ease, the Military Spouse Community Leadership Association hosted Belle of the Ball, an informational walk-through of a Marine Corps Ball, at the Combat Center Officer's Club, Saturday.

"The goal of the event was to give spouses as much information about the ball as possible so they understand why it happens every year," said Angela Davis, public relations coordinator, Board of Military Spouse Community Leadership Association. "It's more than just getting dressed up and looking pretty for a night. We want them to understand the history and tradition behind it."

Throughout the event, spouses learned about proper ball etiquette, how to dress, and what to expect during the ceremony and celebrations.

"For spouses who have never been to a ball, we wanted to provide them a walk-through so they can be more at ease during the ball," Davis said. "It lets them know that it isn't just a ceremony and they will have fun as well."

Many of the spouses at the event were preparing to attend their first ball and were unsure of what to expect.

"I was kind of nervous at first, so coming here really helped," said Haleigh Gooding, military spouse. "So many people get to their first ball and think they are going to wing it but it is really important to be prepared. It makes you more comfortable and you can enjoy it more."

In the past, Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skill organization put the Belle of the Ball event together. The MSCLA, a new organization on base, took over the event this year.

"This year, the MSCLA held the event with assistance from LINKS volunteers," Davis said. "We also coordinated with Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School and Combat Logistics Battalion 7 for Marine volunteers. The Headquarters Battalion Color Guard also came out for the ceremony."

With the Marine Corps Birthday Ball fast approaching, the Marines and their spouses look forward to celebrating another year of honor and tradition in the Marine Corps.

"We definitely want to keep this going in coming years because we think it is important to put people at ease going into their first ball," Davis said. "Being that it is a formal military event they might be nervous and our organization feels the more information we can give to spouses the more they will be able to support their military member."



The Military Spouse Community Leadership Association hosted Belle of the Ball at the Combat Center Officer's Club, Saturday. MSCLA held the event to provide information to spouses on what to expect at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.



Moriah Pugliese, spouse and mother, attends the Military Spouse Community Leadership Association hosted Belle of the Ball at the Combat Center Officer's Club, Saturday.



Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School students cut the Marine Corps Birthday Cake during a demonstration birthday ball ceremony as part of the Belle of the Ball event at the Combat Center Officer's Club, Saturday.



The Headquarters Battalion Color Guard participates in a Marine Corps Birthday Ball Ceremony demonstration during the Belle of the Ball event at the Combat Center Officer's Club, Saturday.

## Liberty Call



### Combat Center Events

**The Combat Center Library** is hosting a pumpkin decorating contest, Oct. 1 through Oct. 29. Drop off your own painted, decorated or bedazzled pumpkin to the Combat Center Library. There will be a grand prize winner for each age group. For more information, contact 760.830.6875.

**LINKS Combined Arms Exercise for spouses** provides an interactive environment for spouses to learn more about the Marine Corps. The event is scheduled to take place at 8 a.m. on Oct. 14. Spouses will have the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of being a Marine including customs, courtesies and dress regulations. Registration for the event is required. To register go to [tinyurl.com/LINKSforSpouses](http://tinyurl.com/LINKSforSpouses).

**Family Advocacy program** is hosting weekly Lunch and Learns, Thursdays through the month of October, at Lincoln Military Housing Community Centers and Naval Hospital for Domestic Violence Month. The next Lunch and Learn is Oct. 15, at the Ocotillo Community Center from 11:30 to 12:30. For more information, contact 760.830.6345.

**The Commanding General's Golf Tournament** is scheduled to take place at the Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 16. The tournament is a four person scramble the event costs \$60 and includes prizes and food. The event is open to the public. For more information, contact 760.830.6132.

**Operation Live Well** presents "Fight the Enemy" video contest. Submit your best 29 second video that advocates against tobacco and electronic cigarettes. Open to ages 13-18. Prizes will be awarded for the top three videos. To enter and view contest rules, go to [health.mil/FightTheEnemy](http://health.mil/FightTheEnemy).

### Sunset Cinema

#### Friday, October 9

6:00 p.m. – Hitman: Agent 47, R  
8:30 p.m. – The Perfect Guy, PG-13

#### Saturday, October 10

12:30 p.m. – War Room, PG  
3:00 p.m. – Sinister 2, R  
5:30 p.m. – American Ultra, R  
8:00 p.m. – The Visit, PG-13

#### Sunday, October 11

12:00 p.m. – No Escape, R  
2:20 p.m. – The Perfect Guy, PG-13  
5:30 p.m. – SNEAK PREVIEW  
– Bridge of Spies, PG-13  
8:30 p.m. – Hitman: Agent 47, R

#### Monday, October 12

4:00 p.m. – The Visit, PG-13

#### Tuesday, October 13

7:00 p.m. – A Walk in the Woods, R

#### Wednesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. – Sinister 2, R

#### Thursday, October 15

7:00 p.m. – Hitman: 47, R

#### Friday, October 16

6:00 p.m. – Maze Runner: Scorch Trials, PG-13  
9:00 p.m. – Black Mass, R



# Love & Work

De Niro, Hathaway put mature 'seasoning' on workplace rom-com

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*"The Intern"*

*Starring Robert De Niro & Anne Hathaway*

*Directed by Nancy Meyers*

*Rated PG-13*

"Love and work, work and love, that's all there is," says Ben (Robert De Niro), paraphrasing Sigmund Freud in the opening moments of *The Intern*.

Ben's a 70-year-old retiree, adrift in Brooklyn after the death of his wife of 40-some years. He longs for purpose and connection that Mandarin Chinese lessons, tai chi in the park and morning treks to Starbucks can't provide. When he sees an ad for a "Senior Intern Program" at a hip new e-commerce clothing company, he thinks it could be just the thing to bring his decades of experience, loyalty and passion for productivity back into play.

After a humorous round of interviews with the start-up company's young "talent acquisition" team, Ben gets the job, assigned directly to the busy-bee founder and president, Jules (Anne Hathaway), a mile-a-minute micromanager who barely has time to even notice him.

How long will it take for the geriatric guru to go from invisible to indispensable?

Writer-director Nancy Meyers is best known for the frisky romantic comedies *Something's Gotta Give*, *It's Complicated* and *The Parent Trap*. There's both romance and comedy in *The Intern*—there's no mistaking the soft, rounded

edges of Meyers' humor and the sunny storybook optimism of her feel-good style. But still, it's not what you might think.

Ben doesn't fall—at least romantically—for Jules. They both grow ever closer in their relationship, and even end up literally "in bed" together, but it's all business, building a genuine friendship.

De Niro, a double Oscar winner, is well known for playing tough, so it's always great fun to see him working whimsical. But shades of some of his former, heavier performances are always around, lurking—Ben has a "mirror" moment that might be seen a silent spoof of "You talkin' to me?!" from *Taxi Driver*, and a comedic house break-in feels like it might morph into *Goodfellas* parody, if only there were a body in the trunk and a walk-on by Joe Pesci.

Hathaway, 32, another Oscar winner, plays Jules with sensitivity for her character's strengths as well as her struggles—which include a frazzled home life with her husband (Anders Holm, from TV's *Workaholics*) and their precocious young daughter (JoJo Kushner), and conflict about how her company has grown so much it may need to bring in a CEO, someone above her, to run things.

Renee Russo plays a frisky "older" staff masseuse who rubs Ben the right way, and three younger interns (Jason Orley, Zach Pearlman and Adam DeVine, also from *Workaholics*, as well as the *Pitch Perfect* movies) form male bonds with their much older, more stylish, infinitely wiser coworker.

*The Intern* won't win any awards. But for some hearty laughs and touching cross-generational life lessons from a couple of "old pros," it'll make for a decent date night, especially with audiences who often search in vain for movies of any kind—particularly comedies—seasoned for more "mature" tastes.

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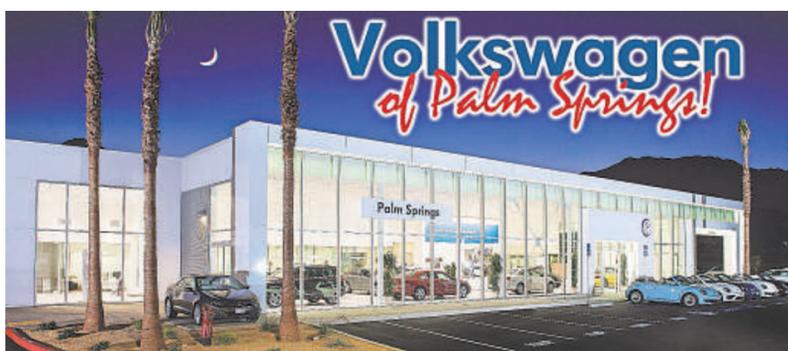
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# Newspaper owner leaves legacy in hometown news

POWAY — William J. Brehm Sr., owner of the parent company of the Hi-Desert Star and Desert Trail and a benefactor to many projects in the Morongo Basin, died Sunday in his home in Poway after a long battle with cancer. He was 89 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mona; their children, Tina McDonald, of Poway, Bill Brehm Jr., of Poway, Barbara Schuyler, of Fallbrook, and Cindy Melland, of Yucca Valley; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Loyd Brehm and Del Miller and his sister Dianne Howard.

Brehm was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Nov. 1, 1925, the son of William and Lola Brehm. In World War II he served in the Navy Air Corps and was attending universities in Missouri, North Dakota and California. At war's end he was planning to attend the University of Southern California to earn an engineering degree. However, he took a detour and went to work as a printer's devil at the Bell-Maywood Industrial Post in Los Angeles in 1946. This is when his passion for newspapers began.

By 1950, he had become a publisher in the McGiffin Newspaper Company, taking on a corporate role. In 1960, he became president of the company, which had been owned by his father-in-law, Bill McGiffin, who died in 1955. The company was renamed Brehm Communications, Inc. in 1981.

In 1962, Brehm and his wife began buying newspapers, starting with the weekly Los Baños Enterprise and the Auburn Journal in 1965, adding to the 17 weekly and two daily suburban newspapers and printing company in

the Los Angeles area, as well as the Fort Madison (Iowa) Daily Democrat, where the company began.

After selling the LA area newspapers, he bought and sold many additional newspapers. The company is now in seven states and has more than 50 publications, 40 websites and five printing facilities.

In the Morongo Basin, BCI operates Hi-Desert Publishing Co., which includes the Hi-Desert Star and The Desert Trail and prints the Observation Post. "As the publisher of our local papers, I would describe Bill Brehm as a community newspaper icon. His integrity, high standards and belief in community and local news were unsurpassed," Cindy Melland, president of Hi-Desert Publishing Co., said.

"As his daughter, there are no words to express my gratitude and admiration. He taught us by example with his tireless work ethic, his endless devotion to family and community, and his unbelievable fighting spirit. My son described it best: 'Grandpa was all-in.' No matter the task — buying and running newspapers, philanthropic endeavors, taking care of his family or leisure time — Bill Brehm did it with passion and tenacity."

Brehm remained active in the company the rest of his life, with the help of his wife and three of his children: Bill Brehm Jr., who serves as president of BCI; Cindy Melland, who is publisher at Hi-Desert Publishing Co. in Yucca Valley; and Barbara Schuyler, who oversees the real estate division of the company.

Brehm believed local newspapers were the heart and soul of a community and over his nearly 70 years in the business, his company was involved in ownership of more than 100 publications.

Bill Sr., as he was known by his friends, was well respected for his passion for newspapers, fishing, golf, gardening and family.

Brehm also loved to work with youth, coaching numerous years of Little League and youth basketball. He spent many working and leisure hours in the Morongo Basin, attending community and sporting events over the years and even playing in the annual Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge.

Brehm and his wife partnered with the Basin Wide Foundation as major donors to design and build a 12-acre family park with soccer fields, baseball fields, a special needs ballpark and facilities. Brehm Park Family Recreation Center was gifted to the town of Yucca Valley this year. Most recently, he achieved a lifetime goal of developing and owning a golf course, Hawk's Landing in Yucca Valley, which opened in March.

"His shoes are entirely too big to fill, so the rest of us will just have to follow the huge trail he blazed the best we can," Melland said.

Over the years, Brehm was honored with numerous awards, including being recognized by his national peers in the Suburban Newspaper Association in 2011 with the Dean S. Leshner Lifetime Achievement Award.

Brehm and his wife, Mona, were honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Basin Wide Foundation.

He was one of the earliest supporters of several organizations including Copper Mountain College, Hi-Desert Medical Center, the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert, incorporation and the Morongo Basin Pipeline, to name a few.

A celebration of life will be held at Hawk's Landing Golf Club in early November in honor of his 90th birthday.



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