



Pvt. Norberto Raya and Pfc. Julius Reed, riflemen, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, prepare to clear a building during Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training as part of Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015 at Range 220 aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.

## Combat Center hosts Exercise Dawn Blitz 15

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
 LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Marines with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, conducted Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training as part of Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015 at Range 220 aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 3 to Sept. 8.

“Kilo Company was involved with Dawn Blitz as an experimental company landing team for the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab out of [Marine Corps Base] Quantico, Virginia,” said Capt. Ben Phillips, company commander, K Co., 3/5. “Our mission, in support of the [1st Marine Expeditionary Brigades] mission, was to secure

the [Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field] aboard the Combat Center to facilitate the flow of supply and logistics to the main force.”

The operations performed by ‘Dark Horse’ tied in with Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015, tasking the Marines to perform an aerial insert utilizing MV-22 Osprey and CH-53E Super Stallion fixed-wing aircraft and securing the area limiting national enemy influence through stability and counter insurgency training.

“The SELF was identified as key terrain; our support of the overall mission was to secure that terrain,” Phillips said. “It’s a small portion of the pie, but this enables

the MEB operations to have a forward staging point approximately 120 miles away from the sea base where it is located.”

This year was the third iteration of Dawn Blitz, a multinational amphibious training exercise held in southern California. The exercise is designed to train U.S. Navy’s Expeditionary Strike Group 3, 1st MEB and coalition forces from Japan, Mexico and New Zealand in maintaining sea bases, amphibious landing and command and control.

“Dawn Blitz is an opportunity to demonstrate and assess the Marine Corps’ amphibious capabilities,” Phillips said. “In addition, it

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## DEERS: Unreported SSN could result in IRS fines

BY THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE ENROLLMENT  
 ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM

Approximately 430,000 military households that are missing Social Security numbers in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System could be forced to pay fines to the Internal Revenue Service if they don’t update their information by January.

Troops were notified about the missing information through letters sent by DEERS starting Aug. 13. Social Security numbers are either missing or unverified for about 484,000 military dependents, Defense Department officials said.

The Pentagon is required to report healthcare coverage given to service members and their dependents as part of the Affordable Care Act beginning this year. But to do so, they need to have each dependent’s SSN verified in the system, the letter said.

“The IRS will collect fees from individuals who don’t have minimum essential coverage,” it states. “Tricare verifies and reports minimal essential coverage status based on DEERS records.”

Social Security numbers are not required for DEERS registration. For example, military child dependents often do not have their Social Security numbers in DEERS because their parents register them in the system as infants before the card is issued. Parents must return to DEERS later with the Social Security number to update the system -- a task that is often overlooked.

Fees for not holding the required minimum health care coverage depend on income and household size.

All Tricare enrolled active-duty service members and retirees meet the coverage minimums, provided all their dependents’ Social Security numbers are up-to-date in DEERS. Those covered under purchased Reserve Select, Reserve Retiree and Tricare Young Adult also meet the requirement.

But some Tricare users don’t meet the minimum coverage requirement and will face fines if they do not purchase additional coverage. Guard members and reservists who are receiving Tricare-provided line of duty care for an injury received during service do not meet the minimum through Tricare alone. Also, some dependent parents and parents-in-law receive Tricare as part of the Tricare Plus program, which allows them to use some military treatment facilities, but does not meet the minimum coverage requirements.

Tricare beneficiaries who had minimum essential coverage for any part of 2015 will be sent IRS Form 1095-C or 1095-B by Jan. 31, 2016, which will be needed to complete their 2015 tax returns, officials said.

Troops’ mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and the name and birth dates of dependents can be confirmed online. Social Security numbers must be added or verified in person at a military ID office. Military spouses can update the information in DEERS on their service members’ behalf if they have a valid special Power of Attorney.

## Combat Center stays cool with extreme-heat awareness

STORY BY LANCE CPL.  
 MEDINA AYALA-LO

During the second week of September the Combat Center continues to take part in America’s Prepare-A-Thon. Each week highlights a new topic in order to better educate Combat Center patrons on how to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and man-made incidents. This week’s topic is extreme heat.

“It usually takes 8-12 weeks to get acclimated to the temperature here,” said Michael Quintana; chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear representative; G-7 Mission Assurance. “We always talk about being prepared for earthquakes or floods but we also need to think about the heat, especially here.”

According to [www.ready.marines.mil](http://www.ready.marines.mil), extreme heat can be very dangerous. In high humidity and extreme heat, evaporation is slowed and the body is forced to exert itself in order to maintain a normal temperature. When that happens, the body can be pushed beyond its limits.

“When you’re in charge of people, knowing some of the signs and symptoms of heat stress is very important,” Quintana said.

“Being aware of your environment and taking into account the time of year plays a huge role when it comes to avoiding heat related incidents.”

The most important step in being prepared is staying informed, learning different heat terminology, listening to local weather forecasts, and making a plan to keep oneself and loved ones safe from the effects of extreme heat.

When preparing or dealing with an extreme heat situation, it’s important to:

- Avoid strenuous activity
- Insulate air ducts, weather-strip doors and window sills to keep cool air in
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles
- Drink plenty of water
- Stay inside as much as possible
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothing

According to Quintana, the installation will continue to have information booths set up at the main exchange, every Friday in September at 10 a.m. For additional information on properly planning for extreme heat situations, visit [www.ready.marines.mil](http://www.ready.marines.mil) or contact the G-7 Mission Assurance branch at 830-1884.

## 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 Sgt. Hector de Jesus.



A Marine with Company “G”, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, provides suppression fire during a platoon attack mission during Realistic Urban Training Exercise (RUTEX) at range 410 Alpha aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 1.



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# CFC 1970 kickoff Tues.

Fund-raising for the 1971 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) begins Tuesday. The drive, which eliminates needless duplication of effort in raising money for worthy charities, will continue through Oct. 30. Funds raised during the six-week drive are divided among charities organized under national and international health agencies, the American National Red Cross and community service agencies.

The participating agencies in Twentynine Palms are the Salvation Army, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America and the United Service Organization.

This year's drive is being coordinated by Lt. Col. Brian B. Kent and chaired by Maj. Eugene H. Zimmerman.

Contributions to the CFC drive are made simple and painless since payroll allotment methods are used. The amount you contribute does not depend on your ready cash on hand and may even be as small as 50 cents a pay period. This is not much of a bite, but it comes out to 12 dollars a year's end.

Other methods of contribution include a straight pledge donation, with billing from CFC Headquarters, or a direct payment. A confidential donation may also be made, with the unopened envelope being delivered directly to CFC Headquarters.

If the contributor wishes, his donation may be aimed at any of the organizations joined in the com-

bined campaign. Thus, if you wish your entire contribution to go to say, the American Cancer Society, you can simply indicate this on your pledge cards.

The cards will be available from the keymen of the various units aboard Base, who will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

In encouraging participation in this year's campaign, President Nixon has said that the "The concept of voluntary action, of community action, of people banding together in a spirit of neighborliness to do those things which they see must be done is deeply rooted in America's character and tradition.

"Through the Combined Federal Campaign we have the opportunity, which comes only in a free society, to show our individual concern for those who need help. This campaign's contributions support those agencies that help make our community a better place in which to live; the alleviate pain and suffering and seek cures for dreaded diseases; they bring help and hope to those in overseas lands.

"Generosity and concern for others has always been a proud tradition of all who serve in the United States Government. I feel confident you will continue this tradition and welcome the opportunity to be of service through your contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign."

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Katie Karen Stanek**  
Born August 20, 2015  
Born to Jacob and Madeline Stanek

**Cainan John Boonarchuk**  
Born August 24, 2015  
Born to Matthew  
and Taylor Boonarchuk

**Samuel Joseph McIntyre**  
Born August 28, 2015  
Born to Stephen and Erma McIntyre

**Alarie Ethan-Floyd Irons**  
Born August 29, 2015  
Born to Ethan and Crystle Irons

**Penelope Korin Rehbein**  
Born August 29, 2015  
Born to Milton and Sondra Rehbein

## CROSSWORD

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  - 14 Son of Isaac
  - 15 Celtic Bird
  - 16 Apple leftover
  - 17 Starting point
  - 18 Broadcasting
  - 19 \_\_\_ d'amore
  - 20 Wholesale children's clothing site
  - 23 Raiding grp.
  - 24 Down and out
  - 25 1964 Presley flick
  - 31 Hanukkah pancake
  - 32 Seesaw
  - 33 Letters after R
  - 36 Pulitzer writer James
  - 37 Parts
  - 38 Bakers' wares
  - 39 Mafia boss
  - 40 Beau
  - 41 Abandons at the altar
  - 42 Bail jumper's pursuer
  - 44 In the company of
  - 46 Blond shade
  - 47 Ice skating Olympian of '84
  - 52 Stalk
  - 53 Trail
  - 54 Laddie's love
  - 57 Director Preminger
  - 58 Fit to be tied
  - 59 Shed
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  - 61 A chorus line
  - 62 Alluringly attractive

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  - 3 Neighbor of Earth
  - 4 Simulated shot, as in basketball
  - 5 Latin hymn
  - 6 Captain, e.g.
  - 7 Asian sea name
  - 8 French cheese
  - 9 Hospital supplies
  - 10 Monkey Trial defendant
  - 11 Passing play?
  - 12 O. Henry specialty
  - 13 Cheat, in a way
  - 21 Au fait
  - 22 Getting warm
  - 25 \_\_\_ the Impaler (Dracula prototype)
  - 26 "Otello" baritone
  - 27 Dodge Ram engine
  - 28 Pass out
  - 29 Hotel employee
  - 30 Each's parnter
  - 33 Delta deposit
  - 34 French head
  - 35 "Back in the \_\_\_"
  - 37 Does without creature comforts
  - 38 Tiny openings
  - 40 Habit
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  - 42 Keister
  - 43 Horse restraint
  - 44 Intense
  - 45 \_\_\_ Carlo
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  - 55 Half a dozen
  - 56 Place for a pig

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## WHAT I'VE LEARNED

# Hannah

Kansas City, Mo. Combat videographer, Combat Camera

# CARLSON

Carlson has run track competitively for ten years and swimming for seven. She hopes to one day start a business in photography.

>**Growing up**, I competed in cross country, track and swimming.

>**My dad inspired me** to run track and he still holds his high school track record.

>**My goal in high school** was to set my own track record in hurdles and compete in the Olympics.

>**I placed in the top 25** in the school district and made it to section finals.

>**I enjoyed running track** because it helped me test my limits.

>**I got into swimming** when one of my best friends convinced me to try a summer program with her. I competed in breast stroke, butterfly, backstroke, and relays.

>**I enjoy swimming** because it gets your body using different muscles than the ones used for running or lifting. Now I lead the Marines I work with during our swim training.

>**I prefer playing individual sports**, because you rely solely on your own training and not on teammates.

>**While I was studying** in community college, I got an unexpected call from a Marine Corps recruiter. He told me I could become a photographer for the Marine Corps.

>**My recruiter talked about the way Marines** are taught to behave. Simple characteristics for example: Marines never lie, cheat, or steal. The Marine Corps' ideals are the same morals I was raised on and the more I learned about it, the more it seemed right for me.

>**I didn't tell my parents** I was considering joining the Marine Corps. Actually, I only told them four minutes before my recruiter got to my house.

>**We talked for two hours** and my recruiter answered all of my parents' questions. Afterward,



my dad said it would be stupid not to join. My parents were very supportive.

>**At [military occupational specialty]** school I became a videographer. At first I was disappointed, but I ended up liking videography more than photography.

>**I enjoy living in Twentynine Palms.** I have family nearby and I'm lucky to be stationed in California.

>**I've always wanted** to live in California. My goal is to study photography and make a career of it.

>**I plan on running a marathon** next year, so I'm going to start training with my boyfriend in Bridgeport, California.

>**The Marine Corps** has given me a lot of confidence, especially in communication. When I first arrived at the Combat Center, I was shy and nervous. Now, I'm comfortable helping clients with what they need.

>**When I get out** of the Marine Corps, I want to start my own photography business. I've gained a lot of experience I couldn't have gotten anywhere else.

INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY LANCE CPL. CONNOR HANCOCK

**You Tube**

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# Buy smart, take caution



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## What is the danger of buying a car "as is?"

It means the dealer doesn't trust the car. You shouldn't trust it either. Often, a car dealer will say, "We'll take care of the car if it has a problem," but then "as is" gets written on the contract. Do not expect them to keep their promise to repair the vehicle. Read what you sign no matter what has been said!

## Won't the Lemon Laws always protect me?

Not if you buy the car "as is." The Lemon Law only applies to vehicles, even used vehicles, that come with a warranty.

When you buy a car with a warranty, the seller has a "reasonable number" of attempts to make a repair. If they are unable to do so, they must repurchase or replace the vehicle they sold you under the Lemon Law.

## What's a "reasonable number" of attempts to repair my vehicle?

Over four attempts for the same issue or 30 days out of service for multiple issues within the first 18 months or 18,000 miles is just a presumption the car is a lemon. Most cars qualify under the Lemon Law because of repairs made after the first year and after the first 18,000 miles. It's based on the circumstances, so keep records!

Insist upon getting a Repair Order

that states what your complaint was as well as the date. When you pick up the car, get another Repair Order that tells you exactly what the dealership did to correct your complaint.

## What else should I do before I buy a vehicle?

Use Kelly Blue Book to get a price estimate. In California, you can agree to pay significantly over the Kelly Blue Book value of a vehicle if you are not careful.

Ask questions! You cannot ask too many questions: "Has it been in an accident? Have you inspected the vehicle? Have you serviced the vehicle? Who was the previous owner? Where did you get the vehicle? Was it ever a rental car?" The dealer has a responsibility to tell you the truth,

and they can be held liable under The Vehicle Code if they lie.

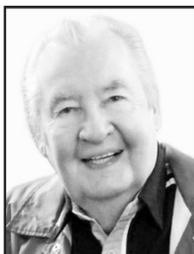
Inspect the vehicle. Carfax is great, but you should also have your own mechanic inspect a vehicle before you buy it. It is worth the roughly \$45 to get a second set of eyes on your purchase.

Finally, bring the contract to Legal Assistance. We are here to go over a contract with you before you sign it. Always know what you are signing.

This article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. If you are in need of legal advice, make an appointment with the Legal Assistance Office at building 1514 or call (760) 830-6111.

## TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM

by Lou Gerhardt



I want to re-introduce to you a tough minded optimist. Her name is Frieda Burdette. I have had the joy of knowing her almost 18 years. She's a wonderful person with a genuine concern for the welfare of others, a generous supporter of many worthy causes that make a practical and pragmatic difference for the good in many lives.

Frieda is truly an amazing person at 75 years old and has earned a well deserved reputation for her leadership in sharing the beauties of our incredible world with her well publicized and documented group titled "Frieda's Happy Hoofers."

"Frieda's Happy Hoofers" have been hiking together since 2008 and they have visited many areas of great interest.

Frieda invites everyone of any age, Ethnicity, sexual orientation, church membership, political affiliation, etc. to join the group and simply enjoy. No pledge of regular participation is required. Why not give it a try.

The first is September 14, and they will hike around Bluff Lake, then to Big Lodgepole Pine tree, back to Bluff Lake—an easy short hike. Lunch is at the Log Cabin Restaurant. Meet at the parking lot between Carl's Jr and O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store, Yucca Valley, 8 AM.

The next hike is September 28, High View Nature Trail, Joshua Tree National Park, Black Rock in Yucca Valley—2.3 miles, 355' elevation. Lunch at the La Palapa Restaurant. Meet at the Black Rock Campground Ranger Station, South on Joshua Lane to the end, turn right, follow the signs, 9 AM.

Frieda's telephone number is 1-760-364-2872. Join the fun!

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Call 760-367-4185 for more information

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Marines with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division use a compass to determine their left and right lateral limits on the beaches of Camp Pendleton, Calif., during Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015, Sept. 5.

# Exercise Dawn Blitz hits Camp Pendleton

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
LANCE CPL. DAVID STATEN

United States Marines and sailors, along with service members from Japan, Mexico and New Zealand, executed an amphibious landing on the beaches of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton as part of Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015, Sept. 5.

Dawn Blitz is a multinational, amphibious training exercise intended to refine the Navy and Marine Corps' ability to effectively operate together as a cohesive crisis response force, as well as strengthen the international military relationships through crisis action planning, cooperation in amphibious operations, and command and control capabilities.

"As our Marines come back from spending the last 14 years very involved in a land war, it's critical that we take the time to exercise together and ensure that we are good as we can be, and that all of those [amphibious] missions that our countrymen expect us to do around the world are done," said Vice Adm. Nora Tyson, commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet.

During the amphibious landing, the Marines, sailors and coalition partners used a variety of ways to get troops and supplies ashore. Amphibious assault vehicles, combat rubber raid crafts, landing craft air cushions, CH-53E Super Stallions, MV-22B Ospreys, and Japanese CH-47 Chinooks were all used during the landing.

"Amphibious operations are really complex," said Lt. Gen. David Berger, commanding general, I Marine Expeditionary Force. "As we train today at sea and ashore, make no mistake, our men and women in uniform are motivated and eager to become the best warfighters they can be to support and defend this great Nation."

The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and partner nations were in communication throughout the landing to ensure that all movements were in sync.

"Dawn Blitz is a great opportunity to train with the nations we are partnered with," said Berger. "For 2015, we are honored to have Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, Chile, and Colombia working closely with us again to further enhance our combined ability to conduct complex amphibious operations. I've seen them first hand, working alongside coalition partners, broadening their perspective of the world and learning what it means to be an expeditionary force in readiness."



U.S. Marine Corps amphibious assault vehicles assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibious Battalion come ashore on the beaches of Camp Pendleton, Calif., during an amphibious landing in support of Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015, Sept. 5.

A U.S. Navy Landing Craft Air Cushion maneuvers to exit a Camp Pendleton beach and return to a ship during Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015, Sept. 5. Dawn Blitz is a multinational training exercise designed to enhance Expeditionary Strike Group Three and 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade's ability to conduct sea-based operations, amphibious landings, and command and control capabilities alongside Japan, Mexico and New Zealand.



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Pfc. Julius Reed, rifleman, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, clears a building during Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training as part of Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015 at Range 220 aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.

Pfc. Julius Reed, rifleman, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, provides security on a window during Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training as part of Exercise Dawn Blitz 2015 at Range 220 aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.

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During the exercise, the Marine Corps worked closely with the U.S. Navy, showcasing the ability of amphibious forces to rapidly move to a position to influence potential crises while limiting escalation.

"The exercise requires us to work side by side with the Navy to receive support from ships and aircraft, which requires a great deal of communication from both sides," said 1st Sgt. Oscar Ornelas, company first

sergeant, K Co., 3/5. "It's reality. It provides a great opportunity for the junior Marines to see the Marine Corps concept from both land and sea."

The Combined Arms MOUT facility aboard Range 220 and more than 60 role players provided K Co. Marines with a realistic and reactive setting to prepare the unit for future deployments.

"This training is critical because a lot of the junior Marines haven't been to Iraq and Afghanistan or experienced real combat in urban situations," Ornelas said. "While aboard the Combat Center, we can get them the best training the Marine Corps has to offer."

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# Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr. Memorial Service

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Guests sign books before the memorial service of retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr. outside the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 3. Petersen, the first African-American Marine Corps Aviator and General in history, passed away Aug. 25.



U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, deputy commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations, escorts Alicia Downs Peterson, widow of retired Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr., after his memorial service at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 3. Petersen, the first African-American Marine Corps Aviator and General in history, passed away Aug. 25.



Frank E. Petersen III and Frank E. Petersen IV, son and grandson of retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr., speak during his memorial service at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 3. Petersen, the first African-American Marine Corps Aviator and General in history, passed away Aug. 25.



Members of the U.S. Naval Academy Choir attend the memorial service of retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr. at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 3. Petersen, the first African-American Marine Corps Aviator and General in history, passed away Aug. 25.



Pallbearers with the National Montford Point Marines Association escort the body of retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr., during his memorial service at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 3. Petersen, the first African-American Marine Corps Aviator and General in history, passed away Aug. 25.

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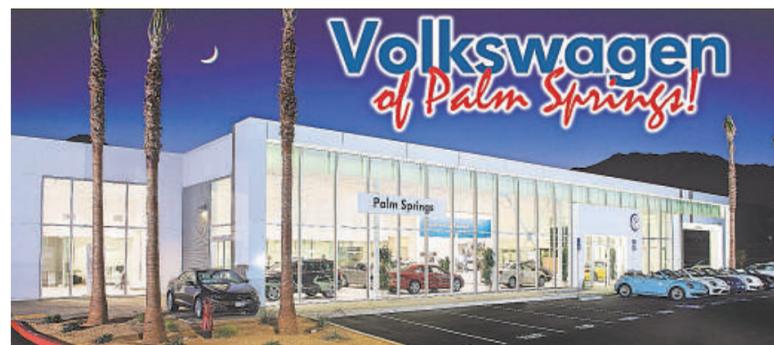
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# Promotions in our ranks



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Col. Jay D. Wylie, assistant chief of staff, G-4 Installations and Logistics, Headquarters Battalion, MAGTFCTC, shakes hands with Combat Center Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, during his promotion at the Officer's Club, Sept. 1.



LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Combat Center Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, congratulates Lt. Col. Bryant O. Gilchrist, assistant chief of staff, G-8 Comptroller, after promoting him to the rank of lieutenant colonel at the G-8 conference room, Sept. 1.

BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Combat Center Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta promoted Col. Jay D. Wylie, assistant chief of staff, G-4 Installations and Logistics; Navy Capt. Stephen M. Lee, assistant chief of staff, Religious Ministries; and Lt. Col. Bryant O. Gilchrist, assistant chief of staff, G-8 Comptroller, during ceremonies held aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 1.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Lt. Col. Bryant O. Gilchrist, assistant chief of staff, G-8 Comptroller, is pinned by his wife, Tracy Gilchrist, and daughter, Alicia Gilchrist, during his promotion ceremony at the G-8 conference room, Sept. 1.



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# Marines wake up Phoenix



Cpl. Drew Blincoe plays morning reveille at Civic Space Park in Phoenix, Wednesday, part of Marine Week Phoenix. Marine Week Phoenix gives the people of Phoenix an opportunity to see Marine Corps history, traditions and values.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. CUONG LE

Community member's mornings were stirred by the sound of a lone Marine bugler at Civic Space Park, Phoenix, Wednesday. The Corps provided their wake-up call as part of the opening for Marine Week Phoenix.

"Events like this are important because they show the community what the Marine Corps does," said Lance Cpl. Dakota Barricks, with 11 A Company from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. "What better way to show the community what we can do,

then to have them become a part of it?"

The local community members were treated to morning reveille and Marines conducting physical training. Locals could join the Marines in a session of pull-ups, burpees and sprints.

Marine Week Phoenix is an opportunity for people of the greater Phoenix area to see the Marine Corps tradition, history, and values.

"It is an honor to meet these men and women who serve our country and it is an honor to have them visit our town," said Julie Favila a community member from Phoenix. "I could not keep up with

them by any means, they definitely are fit and it takes a lot of training to get to where they are."

This is one of the many events Marines will be hosting during Marine Week Phoenix to showcase the capabilities of the Marine Corps.

"I believe we will have left a positive impact on how the community sees the Marine Corps by the end of Marine Week Phoenix," said Cpl. Joshua Kennedy with 11 A Company from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. "I think that the people of Phoenix will have a better understanding of what a Marine is."



Cpl. Drew Blincoe takes his position at the center of Civic Space Park in Phoenix, Wednesday, before sounding reveille as part of Marine Week Phoenix.



Gunnery Sgt. Orlando Flamenco, a member of a combat logistic regiment at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., drops down to do a burpee during a physical training event at Civic Space Park on Wednesday, as part of Marine Week Phoenix. The event allows members of the community to join in and conduct the exercises alongside the Marines.



A Marine Corps color guard prepares to raise the colors at Civic Space Park on Wednesday, as part of Marine Week Phoenix.





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# Forever Brothers: Remembering Company H, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. JUSTIN BOLING

In America's history, there have been times when heroes were forged from all walks of life and brought together to accomplish a task larger than themselves.

Surviving members of Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines from all over the country gathered for a remembrance ceremony, held at the Marine Corps War Memorial in the heat and humidity of Arlington, Va., Sept. 3.

"It is the goal of any captain to lead his Marines into battle and I got the honor of leading Hotel Company," said Lt. Col. Charles O. Broughton, Ret., who served as the commanding officer of the company during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968.

The War Memorial immortalizes the iconic scene of the Flag Raising of Iwo Jima made famous by photographer Joe Rosenthal. To the Marines of Company "H," the Iwo Jima Memorial reflects the hard fought struggle of their unit to take the Island of Iwo Jima some 40 years before they carried the battle colors during the Vietnam War.

"1945 may seem like a distant memory," Broughton said. "Look at the helmets and the K-Bar knives, they had not changed much during our time in the 1960's."

Broughton recalled a few of the men, who did not make it home, chronicling their experiences and their heroism. The lives of a corpsman, a chaplain and a com-

bat photographer and numerous warriors, who gave the measure of their lives.

"It is a honor to share in this day," said Rear Adm. Brent W. Scott, the Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps. "This past year, I have travelled the world hearing stories about courage.

"Courage is bold and bright and pushes through fear to achieve a purpose greater than yourself," Scott continued. "Not only does [the company] have the courage to serve, but the courage to remember."

The company was activated at Camp Pendleton, California, and was deactivated after serving four years of the Vietnam War. In 1967, the 26th Marines stood against a surrounding communist force during the siege of Khe Sanh. The unit was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for its actions during the Battle of Khe Sanh.

"We joined today to not only celebrate accomplishments during the war but the strength it took to deal with the animosity they received after coming home," Scott said. When Scott concluded his remarks, the ceremony closed with a wreath laying at the memorial. Both Broughton and Scott presented the wreath as the 74 names of the Marines and sailors who did not come home were read aloud and accompanied by the ring of a ship's gong.

"Their images burn into our soul," Broughton said. "We were honored to serve with them, and there is no greater tribute we can give to these men than remembering their duty."



A Marine Corps color guard posts the National and Marine Corps colors during the Remembrance Ceremony for Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines held at the Marine Corps War Memorial at Arlington, Va., Sept. 3.



Lt. Col. Charles O. Broughton, USMC Ret., delivers a speech during the Remembrance Ceremony for Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines, held at the Marine Corps War Memorial at Arlington, Va., Sept. 3.



Members of Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines and Rear Adm. Brent W. Scott, the Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps, return from laying a wreath during a Remembrance Ceremony held at the Marine Corps War Memorial at Arlington, Va., Sept. 3.



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