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PMO aims to halt speeding on base

STORY BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Here at the Combat Center, it is our mission to not only conduct training that prepares our fighting forces for what they may encounter while forward deployed, but to ensure the best possible quality of life for Combat

Center patrons and all who call our installation home. In order to ensure the safety of pedestrians, drivers and children, the Combat Center is beginning its first phase of a zero-tolerance speeding policy, which will be outlined in Combat Center Order 1630.8F, the new guidance on traffic safety.

"The speed limit in all residential areas is 15 mph because we have children, pets and family members who live in the housing areas," said Lt. Donald Albers, chief traffic crash investigation officer, Provost Marshal's Office. "15 mph gives you enough time to avoid an object [or

person] in the road, but if you exceed the speed limit it can reduce your reaction time and that's when it becomes a hazard."

Per the direction of Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, Combat Center Commanding General, Combat

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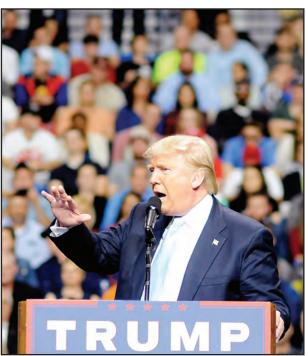
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Per the direction of Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, Combat Center Commanding General, the Combat Center is beginning its first phase of a zero-tolerance speeding policy. Patrons who are caught speeding in residential areas will be served a citation with a date to appear in court or immediate 30 day suspension of their driving privileges, depending on how severely they violated the speed limit.

Donald Trump becomes 45th president today

Donald John Trump became the 45th president of the United States today before a substantial crowd. President Trump shared his hopes for America's future as onlookers listened with anticipation. President Trump hails from Queens, NY and is most known for his global success as a business man in real estate, hotels, golf and television.

"We showed America the silent majority is no longer



Donald Trump addresses the crowd on March 9, 2016, in Fayetteville, N.C.

silent. Today, we created an America that wins again. Today, we made our hopes, our dreams, our limitless potential, a reality. Today, we made history. Today, we created a government that is once again of, by and for the people."

For more on President Trump's policies see A4 and A5

Combat Center promotes Eagle Eyes program

STORY BY PUBLIC **AFFAIRS OFFICE**

In today's world, many threats around us remain at large. However, there is a program used throughout the Marine Corps which can help prevent potential offenses. That program is called Eagle Eyes and it gives members of the Combat Center community the tools needed to keep themselves and their loved ones

Eagle Eyes is a website designed to serve as a terrorism and terrorism-related crime "neighborhood



watch" program created to promote community awareness and involvement. It gives service members on and off the Combat Cen-

ter the ability to identify preliminary indicators of a potential attack and report

"The purpose of Eagle

Eyes is an anti-terrorism and anti-criminal tool used by the community," said Michael Burns, Combat Center force protection supervisor,

G-7 Mission Assurance. "With this tool the community can call in suspicious activity to help put a stop to any criminal activity."

According to Burns, the Department of Homeland Security created the program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crimes, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper authorities.

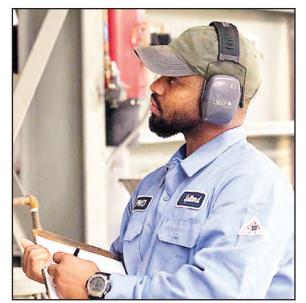
"After someone reports suspicious activities the information gets reviewed and then used to 'connect the dots' to any other activity that may have happened," Burns said. "There

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Publics Works Division's goal is to keep the Combat Center operational

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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. Zachery Laning.



U.S. Marines with Alpha Battery, Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 4th Marines, fire their M777 Lightweight 155mm Howitzer during Exercise Alligator Dagger, Dec. 18. The M777 provides timely, accurate and continuous firepower in support of Marine infantry forces. Live-fire, scenario-based training is crucial to ensure proper preparation and readiness for situations across the range of military operations.

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First born at the Combat Center 2017



Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital saw its first birth of the New Year at 3:56 a.m., Jan. 1. Anna Flores gave birth to her son, Axel, who weighed six pounds, nine ounces. Axel is son to Sgt. Ernesto Hernandez, food service specialist, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLIOPE QUINN RAFFERTY Born on Dec.14, 2016 Born to Michelle and Henry Rafferty

PERSEUS ALEXANDER **STOBER**

Born on Dec. 20 2016 Born to Richard and Monique Stober

KENZIE MAE HILLYARD

Born on Dec. 21, 2016 Born to Brandon Hillyard and Cayla Peyton

ASHTON MARC TARBANGDO

Born on Dec. 22, 2016 Born to Shermelyn and Jean Tarbangdo

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Born on Dec. 23, 2016 Born to Diana and Anthony Watson

NATALIE STELLA YOUSEF

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Born on Dec. 24, 2015 Born to Brandon and Stefnie Howley

CAROLINE ANN BUTT

Born on Dec. 24, 2016 Born to Andrea and Jonathan Butt

MARK WILLIAM MAXWELL

Born on Dec. 25, 2016 Born to Markell and Coco Maxwell



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Former DI, Toma is tough on drugs

CPL. G.H. CURETON

David Toma, a celebrated lecturer, crime-fighter and former Marine drill instructor, spoke with 1200 area teenagers in the Yucca Valley High School Gymnasium Tuesday about the danger of drugs and alcohol and asked for commitment in fighting drug addiction on high school campuses.

The program attracted students, parents, counselors and administrators from throughout the high desert, including many from the Combat Center.

"My mother was a loving and caring woman. She often went down to the jails to talk to and pray for inmates. That stuck out in my mind," he added. "It made me more committed."

The commitment led Toma

to become a Newark, N.J., police officer at the age of 21. "I wanted to help people and get the scum off the streets. No one cared about the police I tried to save. All they (the police department) wanted were arrests," Toma said. "The more you got, the better in their eyes you were."

After five "unhappy and frustrating years," Toma set his sights on becoming a detective. His exploits as a detective are well documented in two television shows, Toma and Baretta.

Toma stressed to the overflow crowd that it is not what is said that makes a difference but how it is said. "I'm here because I love you, and I know what I'm talking about."

After the two-hour presentation, Toma challenged the audience to help each other, and stop using drugs and alcohol.

He returned 20 minutes later to explain the horrors that he has seen drugs cause. "I remember one day police entered a home and a man was sitting in a chair stoned. He couldn't talk, he just made a jerking motion. They continued to search the house, and in the kitchen a woman stood at the oven. Upon closer examination, they discovered that this woman had cooked her infant," he said. "Only drugs can make you do something that stupid."

He gave a few more examples of drug-induced, irrational behavior that received sighs of disbelief and disgust from the audience. But the major thrust behind the encore discussion was to let teenagers know that the first step in fighting drug

and alcohol addiction is admitting the problem exists.

He also suggested that getting rid of questionable "friends" helps. "If you hang around garbage long enough, you start to stink," he said.

The highlight of the morning came when students who were former drug and alcohol abusers approached the stage and spoke with their fellow students. Tearfully, a 14-yearold girl told the audience how her marijuana smoking almost destroyed her family. "I hurt the people I love, especially my little sister and brother. I'm getting it back together, because I love them; and I want them back," she said.

Toma had reached his audience and given high desert teens something to think about. "I think he helped to change some people's points of view," said 16-year-old Dawn Haaq of Twentynine Palms High School. "Drugs are not glamorous, Toma definitely showed that."

"I think he got people to sit back and analyze themselves. Using drugs and alcohol is a decision that can ruin your life," said Carri Pecorella, a junior at Twentynine Palms High School. "Toma stressed that people shouldn't let others influence them."

According to Toma, drugs are not the problem. People are the problem. "When we are concerned for each other, give the right examples, and learn to love each other and ourselves, we won't have a generation of young people turning to artificial stimuli. We'll be 'high' on life."

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Across

5. Acquiesce

River

20. "C'___ la vie!"

23. Conk out

24. Lying, maybe

38. Acclaim

40. "Guilty," e.g.

41. Egg: Prefix

Street"

43. A large species of

all military personnel.

Twentynine Palms

Highway, Yucca Valley

Barstow

1. Panhandles

10. Stone 14. A dissolute man

15. Discover

16. City on the Yamuna

17. Paying in fixed

amounts at specified intervals (2 wds)

21. Speech problem

22. Familiarize

25. Sprawled out

30. de deux

33. Parenting challenges

34. ___-bodied

35. "Buona ____" (Italian

greeting)

36. "-zoic" things

37. Longing looks

39. Anger, with "up"

42. "A Nightmare on _

mammal (2 wds.)

45. Coin opening

46. Afflict

47. Fur pieces

50. Chooses, with "for"

52. Affirmative vote

55. Buckle

58. Song and dance,

e.g. 59. Coach

60. Buddies

61. Shrub

62. Black

63. Sort

Down

1. Cheese on crackers

2. A long, long time

3. Burst of wind

4. Undertake, with "out" 5. Joined by treaty

6. Hair goops

7. Alternative to steps

8. "... ___ he drove out of sight"

9. Confers titles of nobil-

10. Fleet

11. Eye

12. ____-grape juice 13. German philosopher 18. Assumed name 19. Certain surgeon's

"patient"

23. Crowded 24. Radiant

25. About 1.3 cubic

yards

26. Danger

27. Camelot, to Arthur 28. Young raptor

29. Less inept

30. Necklace item

31. Come to mind

32. Corporate department

35. Bar

37. Completely different

41. Trick-taking game 43. Knocked off, in a way

44. Wet

45. Splash around 47. Attempt

48. By way of, briefly 49. Crumbs 50. "Beetle Bailey" dog

51. Relating to sound

52. "Shoo!"

53. Canine cry

54. "... or ___!" 56. Center

57. Decide to leave, with

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- Puff's Tobacco, 57063 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley • Yucca Tobacco Mart, 57602 29 Palms
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- Seventh Street, Victorville • Angelo's Kars, 222 & 226 S. Coast

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 - Dream Crystal, 1536 Highland Avenue,
 - Sports Auto Sales, 1111 National City

- Club Mustang, 2200 University Avenue, San
- Diego • Get It On Shoppe, San Diego
- Trolley Stations, Palomar Street & San Ysidro, San Diego • Vulcan Baths, 805 W. Cedar Street, San Diego
- National City
- Boulevard, National City

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Compton, Ca. Boiler plant operator, Public Works Division

SPILLARD

SPILLARD ENJOYS BUILDING AND ASSEMBLING COMPONENTS AND HAS PLANS TO STUDY ENGI-NEERING IN JAPAN. SPILLARD, A FORMER MARINE INTELLI-GENCE SPECIALIST, IS LEARNING JAPANESE WHILE HE SAVES UP TO GO TO COLLEGE.

>Before I joined the Marine Corps I did a lot of skateboarding. Now that I have more time, I have gotten back to doing it again. I thought that it would be hard but I got right back on the board like I never got off.

>Cooking is another thing that I have gotten into. It's an entertaining thing to do and I enjoy it. I did learn how to make sushi, which is cool.

> I didn't really have a person who made me want to join the military but I knew that I wanted to join the military. I joined the Marine Corps very soon after high school. No one really affected my decision to join. I didn't know there was a difference between any of the branches. I wanted to join the military and the Marine Corps contacted me, which is why I chose them, oddly enough.

> started getting really into swimming once I joined the Marine Corps. I thought that I should practice it so that I would be able to use it if I needed to. I wanted to be strong enough to save someone if the time ever came.

> I ended up with a [military occupational specialty] in intelligence. It was a good experience but I knew that it was not something I could keep doing. I did get to learn about the different places and topics that I wrote about. It was interesting to learn about those things.

>Shortly after I joined, I got married and my wife and I spent my entire time in the Marine Corps here in Twentynine Palms. I had known my wife for about 12 years before we got married.

>We love it here. We are both from a city and when we came out here it was like everything slowed down.

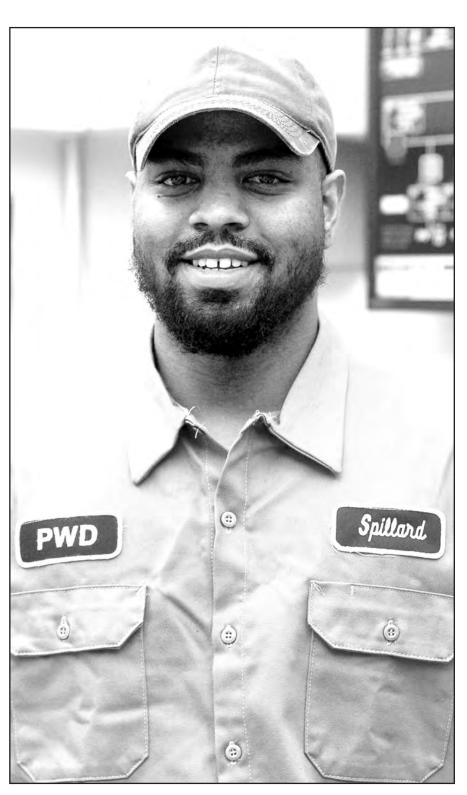
>Now I have two kids and I'm beginning to follow the things that I always loved. I was always interested in building things. I have always wanted to be an engineer. Building things and creating things have always been one of my favorite things to do. I have always like to figure out how things work and see what I could do if put things together in a certain way.

>Right after I got out of the Marine Corps, the base asked if I wanted to work for them doing some of the background checks. I took the job and it wasn't until about a year later that I met a person who worked at the co-generation plants.

>He took me to one of [the plants] and I realized that I wanted to work here. Everything that happens in this plant is giving me the knowledge of engineering I want. I get to learn about different machines that I work with. I asked what I needed to do to work here and he said that I could come by and learn about all the different things that happen at the co-gen plants.

> went every day to learn about all I could. One day they started looking for people who wanted to work at the plants and I got the job. I couldn't have been happier.

that I find awesome.



>This is the best job I could > I plan to keep working ing there. Also, a large amount ask for to start my career in engi- here until I can save up enough of new things are made there. neering. I have been able to look at to go to Japan and go to college Everything is engineered and I turbines and various other objects for engineering. There is a great want to be around that for at least college that I can study engineer-

a while.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Thomas Mudd



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Trump sworn in as 45th President of the United States



Donald J. Trump

President Trump has over 25 million followers on social media. He frequently uses this platform to advocate for conservative causes, Republican candidates and to educate the public on the failures of the Obama administration. Mr. Trump appears on Fox and Friends on Monday mornings and devotes much of his time to media interviews in order to promote a Free Market, the importance of a strong family, a culture of life, a strong military and our country's sacred obligation to take care of our veterans and their families.

President Trump has long been a devoted supporter of veteran causes. In 1995, the fiftieth anniversary of World War II, only 100 spectators watched New York City's Veteran Day Parade. It was an insult to all veterans. Approached by Mayor Rudy Giuliani and the chief of New York City's FBI office, President Trump agreed to lead as Grand Marshall a second parade later that year. Mr. Trump made a \$1 million matching donation

to finance the Nation's Day Parade. On Saturday, November 11th, over 1.4 million watched as Mr. Trump marched down Fifth Avenue with more than 25,000 veterans, some dressed in their vintage uniforms. A month later, President Trump was honored in the Pentagon during a lunch with the Secretary of Defense and the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In New York City, the Trump signature is synonymous with the most prestigious of addresses, among them the world-renowned Fifth Avenue skyscraper, Trump Tower, the Trump International Hotel & Tower, Trump World Tower at the United Nations Plaza, 40 Wall Street, and Trump Park Avenue. His

portfolio includes the historic Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida and his ever expanding collection of award-winning golf courses (seventeen thus far) which span the U.S from Los Angeles to New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and Florida, and internationally from Scotland and Ireland to Dubai. He recently added the iconic golf resorts of Turnberry, Scotland, and Doonbeg, Ireland, to his portfolio and Trump National Golf Club Washington, DC, has been highly acclaimed. The Trump Hotel Collection has grown to include properties in Chicago, Las Vegas, Waikiki, Panama and Toronto in addition to Trump SoHo/New York and the acclaimed Trump International Hotel & Tower on Central Park West which once again won the coveted Mobil Five-Star Award as well as the Five Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. The Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago was awarded the #1 Hotel in the US and Canada by Travel & Leisure Magazine. Recent acquisitions include the iconic Doral Hotel & Country Club (800 acres) in Miami, and the historic Old Post Office

Building in Washington, D.C. which is being developed into a world class luxury hotel. Seen as a generational asset by the Trump family, the redevelopment plan will infuse the building with new life. Groundbreaking was in July of 2014.

President Trump is the Emmy-nominated star and co-producer of the reality television series, "The Apprentice" which quickly became the number one show on television, making ratings history and receiving rave reviews and world wide attention. "The Celebrity Apprentice" has met with great success as well, being one of the highest rated shows on television. The Apprentice's record fourteenth season premiered in January, 2015. "You're fired!" is listed as the third greatest television catchphrase of all time. In 2007, Mr. Trump received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and he is among the highest paid public speakers in the world. The Apprentice has raised over \$15 million for charity.

President Trump was born in Queens, New York. He is married to Melania Trump and father to Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka, Eric, Tiffany and Barron. He is a proud grandfather of seven.



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TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM





As we watch President Donald Trump accept the reins of government from former President Barack Obama this week, I am reminded of an incident that occurred many years ago.

In 1952 Dwight Eisenhower was elected president with a landslide victory over Adlai Stevenson. The night of the election he received a beautiful telegram from his defeated opponent that contained these words from the Bible:

"May you make the dale of trouble a door of hope," Hosea 2:15.

The "dale of trouble" is a deep ravine near Jericho. After a rain it becomes a foaming torrent and the raging waters rush down so swiftly as to engulf the unwary traveler.

It was in this valley that Achan had been stoned to death in penalty for his dishonesty. It was altogether a place fraught with unhappy association: The dale of trouble.

But it was through this very ravine that some of the Hebrews made their way to the Promised Land. For them the dale of trouble had proved to be a door

My dear friends, my thought comes down to this: Accentuate the Positive. Always be optimistic. As the blind Helen Keller wrote:

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed to an uncharted land or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

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Today, the 45th President of the United States was sworn into office. Here are some of the initiatives President Trump plans to tackle during his time in office.

Foreign Policy and Defeating ISIS

- o Peace through strength will be at the center of our foreign policy. We will achieve a stable, peaceful world with less conflict and more common ground.
- o Advance America's core national interests, promote regional stability, and produce an easing of tensions in the world.
- o Ensure our security procedures and refugee policy takes into account the security of the American people.
- o Work with our Arab allies and friends in the Middle East in the fight against ISIS.
- o Pursue aggressive joint and coalition military operations to crush and destroy ISIS, international cooperation to cutoff their funding, expand intelligence sharing, and cyberwarfare to disrupt and disable their propaganda and recruiting.
- o Establish new screening procedures and enforce our immigration laws to keep terrorists out of the United States.
- o Suspend, on a temporary basis, immigration from some of the most dangerous and volatile regions of the world that have a history of exporting terrorism.
- o Establish a Commission on Radical Islam to identify and explain to the American public the core convictions and beliefs of Radical Islam, to identify the warning signs of radicalization, and to expose the networks in our society that support radicalization.

National Defense

- o Work with Congress to fully repeal the defense sequester and submit a new budget to rebuild our depleted military.
- o Increase the size of the U.S. Army to 540,000 active duty soldiers.
- o Rebuild the U.S. Navy toward a goal of 350 ships, as the bipartisan National Defense Panel has recommended.
- o Provide the U.S. Air Force with the 1,200 fighter aircraft they need.
- o Grow the U.S. Marine Corps to 36 battalions.
- o Invest in a serious missile defense system to meet growing threats by modernizing our Navy's cruisers and procuring additional, modern destroyers to counter the ballistic missile threat from Iran and North Korea.
- o Emphasize cyber warfare and require a comprehensive review from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and all relevant federal agencies to identify our cyber vulnerabilities and to protect all vital infrastructure and to create a stateof-the-art cyber defense and offense.
- o Pay for this necessary rebuilding of our national defense by conducting a full audit of the Pentagon, eliminating incorrect payments, reducing duplicative bureaucracy, collecting unpaid taxes, and ending unwanted and unauthorized federal programs.

Veterans Affairs Reform

- o Ensure our veterans get the care they need wherever and whenever they need it. No more long drives. No more waiting backlogs. No more excessive red tape. Just the care and support they earned with their service to our country.
- o Support the whole veteran, not just their physical health care, but also by addressing their invisible wounds, investing in our service members' post-active duty success, transforming the VA to meet the needs of 21st century service members, and better meeting the needs of our female veterans.
- o Make the VA great again by firing the corrupt and incompetent VA executives who let our veterans down, by modernizing the VA, and by empowering the doctors and nurses to ensure our veterans receive the best care available in a timely manner.

Donald J. Trump's 10 Point Plan to Reform The Department of Veterans Affairs

and present these findings to Congress to spur legislative reform.

- 1. Appoint a VA Secretary whose sole purpose will be to serve veterans. Under a Trump Administration, the needs of D.C. bureaucrats will no longer be placed above those of our veterans.
- 2. Use the powers of the presidency to remove and discipline the federal employees and managers who have violated the public's trust and failed to carry out the duties on behalf of our veterans.
- 3. Ask that Congress pass legislation that empowers the Secretary of the VA to discipline or terminate any employee who has jeopardized the health, safety or well-being of a veteran.
- 4. Create a commission to investigate all the fraud, cover-ups, and wrong-doing that has taken place in the VA,
- 5. Protect and promote honest employees at the VA who highlight wrongdoing, and guarantee their jobs will be protect-
- 6. Create a private White House hotline, which will be active 24 hours a day answered by a real person. It will be devoted to answering veteran's complaints of wrongdoing at the VA and ensure no complaints fall through
- 7. Stop giving bonuses to any VA employees who are wasting money, and start rewarding employees who seek to improve the VA's service, cut waste, and save lives.
- 8. Reform the visa system to ensure veterans are at the front of the line for health services, not the back.
- 9. Increase the number of mental health care professionals, and allow veteran's to be able to seek mental health care outside of the VA.
- 10. Ensure every veteran has the choice to seek care at the VA or at a private service provider of their own choice. Under a Trump Administration, no veteran will die waiting for service. https://www.donaldjtrump.com/about/







44th President Barack H. Obama



His story is the American story — values from the heartland, a middle-class upbringing in a strong family, hard work and education as the means of getting ahead, and the conviction that a life so blessed should be lived in service to others.

With a father from Kenya and a mother from Kansas, President Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. After working his way through college with the help of scholarships and student loans, President Obama

moved to Chicago, where he worked with a group of churches to help rebuild communities devastated by the closure of local steel plants.

He went on to attend law school, where he became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review. Upon graduation, he returned to Chicago to help lead a voter registration drive, teach constitutional law at the University of Chicago, and remain active in his community.

In the Illinois State Senate, he passed the first major ethics reform in 25 years, cut taxes for working families, and expanded health care for children and their parents.

President Obama and his wife, Michelle, are the proud parents of two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

The Obama Administration

- o VA has dramatically increased access to care for our veterans, completing approximately 57.84 million appointments from June 2015 through May 2016, and completing nearly 97% of the appointments within 30 days.
- o Authorized a strike in Pakistan that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden, the leader of al Qaeda.
- o VA has increased its total clinical work by 10% over the last ten years. That translates into roughly 20 million more hours spent providing care for veterans.
- o Ended the combat mission in Iraq.
- o 90% of veterans surveyed are either "satisfied" or "completly stisfied" with the timeliness of their care.
- o Ratified a landmark nuclear arms treaty with Russia, New START.
- o VA has reduced the disability compensation backlog by nearly 90% over the last three and a half years, taking the number from a high of over 610,000 to under 80,000
- Overall veteran homelessness has decreased by 47% since 2010, and unsheltered homlessness has decreased by
- o Developed a comprehensive new strategy on Afghanistan and Pakistan and authorized deployment of more than 33,000 "surge" troops to Afghanistan.
- o The veteran unemployment rate has now dropped to 4.2%, compared to a high of 9.9% in January 2011.
- https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/president-obama

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Speeding From A1

Center patrons who are caught speeding in residential areas will face serious repercussions.

"Anyone who is caught driving between 16-19 mph [in a residential areal will be issued a citation with a traffic court date," Albers said. "Anyone who is caught going 20 mph [in a neighborhood]

or higher will have their driving privileges suspended for 30 days on the spot. The individual will be asked to park their car and someone else who can drive aboard the installation will be asked to remove the vehicle."

Combat Center residents are also encouraged to keep in mind the speed limits of 25 mph on main roads, 35 mph on Del Valle and 45 mph toward Camp Wilson as well as the policies regarding tailgating and pedestrians' right of way explained in existing CCO 1630.8E.

According to CCO 1630.8E, the Combat Center's motor vehicle and traffic regulations will conform to the California Vehicle Code which states that 'the driver of any motor vehicle, prior to driving over or upon any sidewalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian approaching thereon.

"Make sure that regardless of where you are, you're practicing safe driving," Albers said. "Don't be an aggressive driver and ensure you're keeping a safe following distance from the person in front of you. The speed limits were established for a reason. Speeding on base will affect not only the lives of the person caught, but those around them."







Eagle Eye From A1

are a lot of people who use social media to talk about what kinds of suspicious behaviors they see. Eagle Eyes gets that information to the correct people first and faster."

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aboard the Combat Center, Eagle Eyes aims to enhance security awareness and improve the understanding of terrorist and criminal pre-attack surveillance and intelligence

"It's a great tool," Burns said. "The more people we have using it the better it becomes. Members of the community can call or use the website to send any information they have through the Eagle Eyes

program and it helps us keep an eye out for any potential dangers."

Burns claims it is essential for everyone to understand that reports made on Eagle Eyes can effectively prevent a terrorist or major criminal attack from happening.

'The Combat Center has limited resources," Burns said. "Extra 'eyes and ears' help us keep all the people aboard the installation safe. If you have a gut feel-

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ing that something seems out of place, go to the website and report it."

To report any suspicious activity, visit the website at www.usmceagleeyes.org or call the hotline at (760) 830-EYES (3937).

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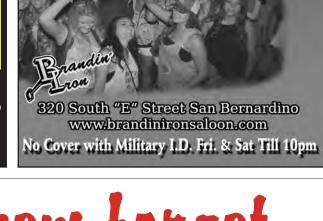


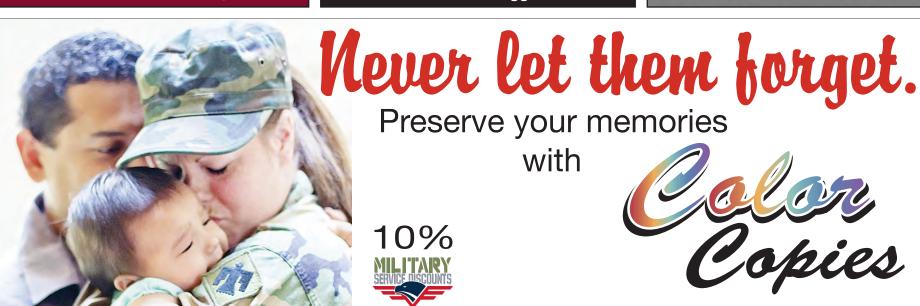
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PWD works to improve Combat Center

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On New Years' Eve, amidst the festivities, anticipation and delight of ringing in a New Year, the Combat Center lost its power during a lightning storm. After lightning struck a power pole, the Publics Works Division sent five professionals to fix the problem, requiring them to leave their homes and celebrations to bring power back to the residents of the Combat Center. In less than two hours, they found and repaired the problem.

"There are a lot of things that could go wrong during a lightning storm," Grubbs said. "It can be dangerous for the people repairing the issue, but regardless of the fact, they worked as fast and efficiently as they could to bring the power back."

The goal of the Publics Works Division is to continuously improve the installation's infrastructure and facilities to make the Combat Center a rewarding and satisfying place to live and work. The PWD teams responds to problems caused by aging infrastructure and works to ensure the quality of life for Combat Center patrons by fixing those issues as quickly as possible.

"The people at PWD are always going out to fix one issue or another," said Glenn Grubbs, deputy public works officer, PWD. "Plenty of different buildings deal with loss of cooling units or an issue with getting power to the buildings. We want to fix that."

Recently PWD began a micro-grid expansion project to better distribute energy throughout the Combat Center. This micro-grid will allow the installation to stay powered if the flow of electricity from Southern California Edison, the utility serving the Combat Center and surrounding communities, is disrupted.

"This micro-grid will allow the base to go into island mode," said Gary Morrissett, utilities and energy



Garry Morrissett, utilities and energy management supervisor, Richard Birt, Kelly Trippa and Bill Motzko, mechanics, Public Works Division, hold the broken transformer that caused a power outage aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Jan. 12. Morrissett, Birt, Trippa and Motzko were among the five men who worked to repair the power outage on New Years' Day.

management supervisor, PWD. "This mode will make the base completely self-sufficient with its power supply. Since we would be able to function without SCE, we would no longer have to worry about losing power. We could continue to function even without an outside energy source."

PWD has also purchased a 650T portable chiller that can be used to keep buildings cool while work is done on the cooling units.

"We bought the portable chiller so that buildings can stay at a comfortable temperature while we work on their cooling systems," Morrissett said. "Because we have a limited number of people to work on the problems that arise on base, we need to ensure that when we work on a problem we do it quickly while keeping everyone as comfortable as possible."



Mike Spillard, boiler plant operator, Public Works Division, checks the turbine of a cogeneration plant aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Jan. 12. Spillard was one of the five men who helped return power to the Combat Center on New Year's Day.









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Lincoln Military Housing residents aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., utilize the Resident Energy Conservation Program. The program has made progress in achieving its goal of reducing DoD residential energy consumption in the U.S. by 20 percent.

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Reading (Kwh)

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BY CPL. CONNOR HANCOCK

Like most people, I dread having to pay the electric bill, especially during the summertime. That's why I thought it sounded too good to be true when Lincoln Military Housing announced that I could get paid for being energy efficient. I was skeptical at first, but after a month of deliberately reducing our energy use, the bill arrived- not with an

amount due, but with a check inside.

This is an incentive included in the Resident Energy Conservation Program. Implemented by the Department of Defense in 2012, it is the driving force that encourages military members to practice energy conservation while living in privatized family housing. Since its inception, the program has made progress in achieving its goal of reducing DoD residential energy consumption in the U.S. by 20 percent.

RECP's first study of the program's effects on energy consumption was measured at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The program helped reduced energy consumption there by nine percent over a 12-month period, saving the base approximately 1.3 million dollars in energy costs in 2012, according to RECP.

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The program works by placing homes in like-type groups. This means that energy use is gauged and compared to the average energy use of homes with similar square footage and age.

Less Energy Used	Grace Zone	More Energy Used
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Last Month		
Previous Balance	9	\$0.00
Payments Receive	ved	\$0.00
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This Month		
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My bill indicates our monthly usage, and indicates whether we fell in one of three categories: less energy used, the grace zone, or more energy used.

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remaining cost.

The program has made me and my wife more conscious of our energy con-

sumption. Here are some helpful tips that can make a difference in saving

- Only wash full sets of laundry and dishes.
- Use a power strip to cut all power to electronics. Many continue to draw a small amount of power when they are switched off.
- Keep the thermostat between 78 and 80 degrees in the summer and between 65 and 68 degrees in the winter.
- Keep blinds, drapes, or shades closed in the summertime. During the wintertime, open them.
- Whenever possible, keep unnecessary lights, televisions and other electronics off. These generate heat as well, and at the same time use unnecessary energy themselves.
- Switch to Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs.

Combat Center residents can find more information on the program at lincolnrecp.com.



Combat Center Community Calendar

	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday	Saturday
Jan 27	Jan 26	Jan 25	Jan 24	Jan 23	Jan 22	Jan 21
	Star Party- Combat					
	Center Library					
	6:30-8 p.m.					
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Feb 3	Feb 2	Feb 1	Jan 31	Jan 30	Jan 29	Jan 28
		Blind Date with a				
		Book- Combat				
		Center Library				
		Dodgeball League				
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Feb 10	Feb 9	Feb 8	Feb 7	Feb 6	Feb 5	Feb 4
Couple's Date			Passport to			
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Frontline Restaurant			9-11 a.m.			
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Friday – January 20, 2017

5:00 PM - Sing (3-D) PG

7:40 PM - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

11:00 PM - Assassin's Creed (3-D) PG-13 Saturday - January 21, 2017

12:00 PM - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (3-D) PG-13

3:00 PM - Collateral Beauty PG-13

6:00 PM - Passengers (3-D) PG-13

9:00 PM – Allied R

11:40 PM - Office Christmas Party R Sunday - January 22, 2017

12:30 PM - Sing (3-D) PG

3:00 PM - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

6:00 PM - Assassin's Creed (3-D)

PG-13

Monday - January 23, 2017

6:30 PM - Passengers (3-D) PG-13

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Applications must be received at City Hall by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017.

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ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS

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Bid sale items may consist of:

- Scrap metal (ferrous and non-ferrous) · Scrap wood, including unusable/unserviceable
- Scrap plastics
- Appliances (unusable/unserviceable) Used furniture (non-repairable, unusable/

The proceeds generated from the QRP bid sales can help fund the following efforts aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC).

- · Recycling initiatives
- · Energy conservation projects · Pollution abatement
- Occupational safety and health activities · Moral, welfare, and recreational projects

Reutilization program

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