



Pfc. Dante Garza and Lance Cpl. Omar Irizarry, riflemen, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, ride a ski lift during a trip to Bear Mountain Ski Resort in Big Bear Lake, Feb. 23.

## 'War Dogs' take on the mountain

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
 CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif.—Marines and sailors with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, enjoyed a day of snow filled fun at Bear Mountain Ski Resort in Big Bear Lake, Feb. 23.

The trip was provided to them courtesy of Operation Adrenaline Rush, a program established by Headquarters Marine Corps and executed by Marine Corps Community Services, which is aimed toward reintegrating Marines and sailors who have just come home from deployment through empowering small unit leaders, maintaining combat readiness, reinforcing unit cohesion and contributing to an improved climate perception.

"When Marines and sailors are in their unit environment, there's a connection," said John Murdock, coordinator, OAR. "But when we get them together outside of work, we have officers, mixed in with enlisted and junior Marines, so there's a connection across the board."

During the trip, Marines and sailors had the opportunity to snowboard or ski. The complimentary trip included a rental voucher for the



Pfc. Dante Garza, rifleman, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, snowboards during a trip to Bear Mountain Ski Resort in Big Bear Lake, Feb. 23.

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## Combat Center EOD visits Painted Hills Middle School

PHOTOS BY CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Marines with Combat Center Base Explosive Ordnance Disposal paid a visit to Painted Hills Middle School students during the school's career day Feb. 23.

Sgt. Alexander Strait and Staff Sgt. Robert Bouchard, EOD technicians, talked to 8th grade students about the Marine Corps, their

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Staff Sgt. Robert Bouchard, explosive ordnance disposal technician, explains how an inert munition works at Painted Hills Middle School during a career day in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., Feb. 23. The purpose of the visit was to further the installations commitment to the community and help inspire children to begin thinking about their future.



Sgt. Alexander Strait, explosive ordnance disposal technician, talks to Painted Hills Middle School students during a career day in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., Feb. 23.

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Marines, sailors bond at father daughter dance

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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 Cpl. Aaron Patterson.



Col. Christopher D. Gideons, 1st Marine Regiment commanding officer, fires the M777 Lightwight 155mm howitzer during Integrated Training Exercise (ITX) 2-17, aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Feb. 11. ITX is a combined-arms exercise which gives all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force an opportunity to utilize capabilities during large scale missions to become a more ready fighting force. Col. Gideons leads the MAGTF conducting this exercise.



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# 13th Marine Exped. Brigade to deter Merlin Gurrillas

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. — Exercise SILVER LANCE moved into high gear Tuesday, Feb. 23, as Marines of the 1st Marine Division and the Third Marine Aircraft Wing started loading aboard 27 ships of the amphibious task force in four Southern California ports.

The 35-ship Maritime Control Force put to sea this morning from San Francisco, San Diego and Long Beach. This group has the task of protecting the amphibious task force.

The amphibious task force is made up of one amphibious assault ship (LPH), two amphibious force flagships (AGC), eight attack transports (APA), four attack cargo ships (AKA), six landing ships dock (LSD), two high speed transports

(APD) and four landing ships tank (LST).

This task force is commanded by Vice Admiral J. P. Colwell, USN, Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

The 1st Marine Division and Third Marine Aircraft Wing are the major components of the landing force, which is commanded by Lieutenant General V. H. Krulak, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, who serves as Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Corps in Exercise SILVER LANCE.

The Navy-Marine Corps team will conduct landings at Camp Pendleton on March 1 and 5.

Exercise SILVER LANCE is based on the scenario involving the mythical

nations of Lancelot and Merlin. Lancelot is a small nation being undermined through subversion by its more powerful neighbor, Merlin.

Merlin guerrilla forces operating in Lancelot have gained control of sections of Lancelot, creating a state of Chaos in the country. Lancelot appeals from assistance from the United States. In response, elements of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, under the command of Brigadier General Hunter Hurst, USMC, will land at Camp Pendleton from seven ships of the amphibious task force on March 1.

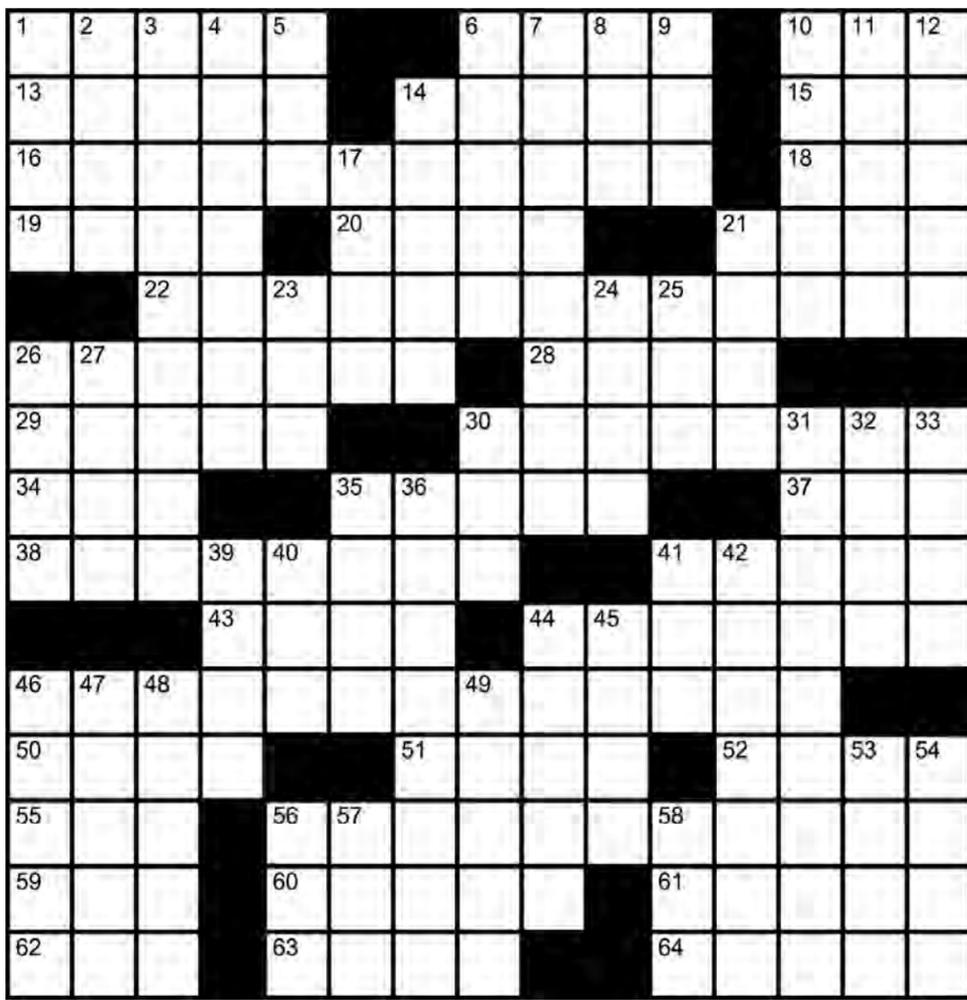
The mission of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Brigade will be to assist Lancelot in suppressing guerrilla activities, to

provide personnel to her Armed Forces, to assist in restoring law and order, to protect American lives and property and to prepare for the evacuation of American nationals if necessary.

This force of some 6,000 Marines will become isolated by a large invading force from Merlin. On March 5, the remainder of the III Marine Expeditionary Corps will make a full-scale opposed landing on Camp Pendleton's Beaches to come to the aid of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, defeat the aggressor force and restore the country to its normal national control.

More than 60 ships and 50,000 Navy and Marine personnel are participating in Exercise SILVER LANCE.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1. Grassland plain in South America
- 6. Monetary unit of Ghana
- 10. Big wine holder
- 13. Basket material
- 14. Coffee break snack
- 15. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- 16. Marrying again
- 18. Brouhaha
- 19. Cardinal
- 20. A chip, maybe
- 21. Air
- 22. Short opening act
- 26. French navigator Jacques
- 28. Farmer's place, in song
- 29. Unfair treatment of old people
- 30. Rich
- 34. Morgue, for one
- 35. Passionate
- 37. Free from, with "of"
- 38. Strong and deep in tone
- 41. Bear
- 43. Artificial Intelligences
- 44. Early pirates
- 46. Making something required

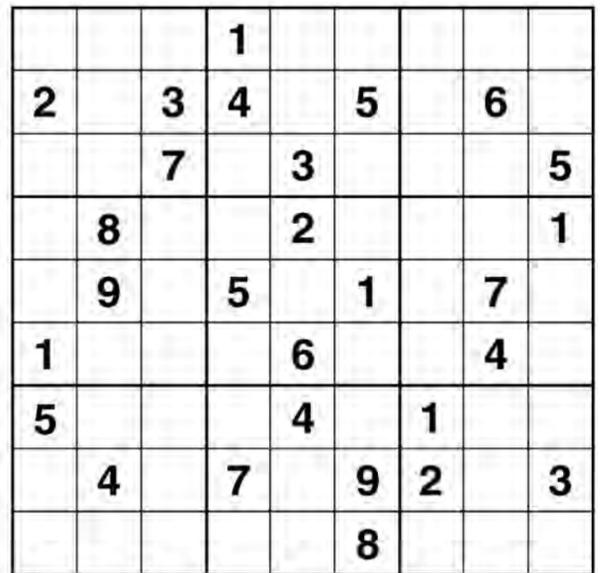
- 50. Mysterious: Var.
- 51. Battering wind
- 52. Castle part
- 55. Victorian, for one
- 56. To consider
- 59. Kipling's "Gunga \_\_\_\_"
- 60. A Christian adhering to an Eastern rite
- 61. Alternative to a convertible
- 62. "Comprende?"
- 63. Back
- 64. Clarification lead-in

### Down

- 1. Base of a crocus stem
- 2. Fishing, perhaps
- 3. Copies of other's behavior
- 4. Small change
- 5. "Catch-22" pilot
- 6. Cousin of a raccoon
- 7. Bring about
- 8. Directly
- 9. "\_\_\_\_ alive!" (contraction)
- 10. Computer woe
- 11. "Home \_\_\_\_"
- 12. Eiffel \_\_\_\_
- 14. Void
- 17. Miles per hour, e.g.

- 21. Knight fight
- 23. Backboard attachment
- 24. Bank
- 25. "Is that \_\_\_\_?"
- 26. "The Alienist" author
- 27. Chill
- 30. All \_\_\_\_
- 31. Citrus drink like lemonade
- 32. Little dent
- 33. "What are the \_\_\_\_?"
- 35. Saturated substances
- 36. A badge of honor or authority
- 39. Comply with
- 40. Discouraging words
- 41. Schuss, e.g.
- 42. Passed urine (child saying)
- 44. Hotel employee
- 45. Any thing
- 46. Demands
- 47. Like "The X-Files"
- 48. Construction site sight
- 49. Golden Horde member
- 53. Flight data, briefly
- 54. Confined, with "up"
- 56. Backguard
- 57. "\_\_\_\_ moment"
- 58. Chi follower

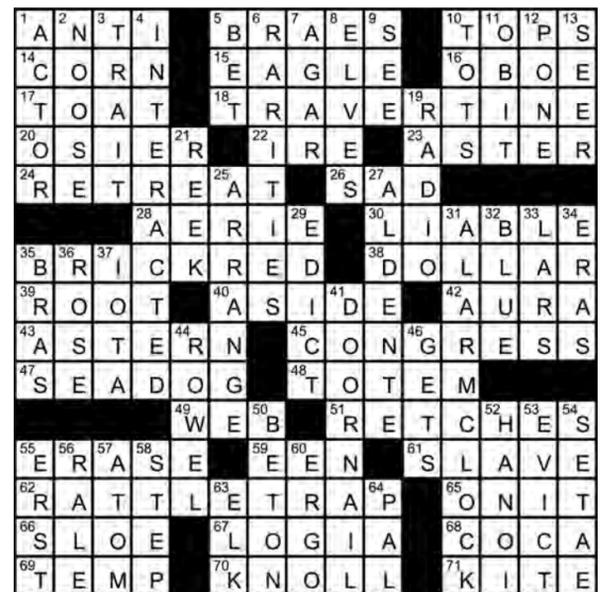
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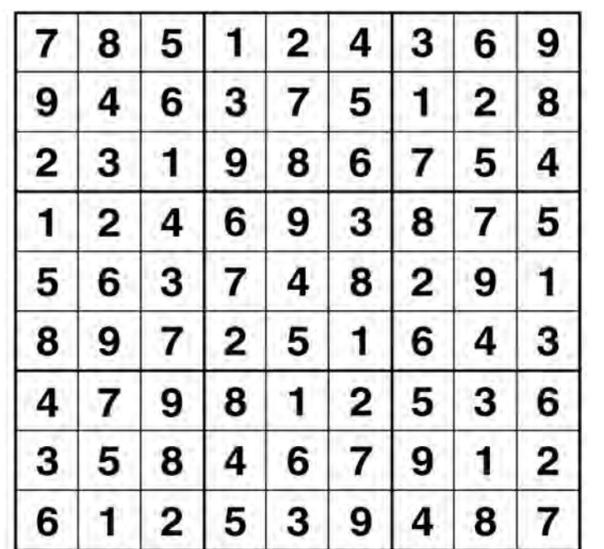
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Last week's answers



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## WHAT I'VE LEARNED

# Kenneth J.

Austin, Texas Corporal, food service specialist, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion

## NARTIA II

NARTIA LIVED IN MANY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND WROTE FANTASY STORIES GROWING UP.

**>My mom had a seizure** while I was being born; I came out as a 10 pound baby. My mom and I are really close, especially now that I'm in the military.

**>I also have a sister.** She is about a year younger than I am. We were close until middle school when sister started to branch away from me and do her own thing.

**>We moved a few times** while I was growing up. I was born in Los Angeles and lived there for about three months. After that we moved to Fort Worth Texas.

**>After that we moved** to northern California. I even lived in South Carolina while I was about five or six years old. We stayed there for a little while and we made our way back to North California. We only stayed there for a year and then we made it to Austin, Texas I was 12 years old at the time. After all that I still consider Texas to be my home.

**>My family has had** several people in the military. My dad was in the Navy, but he had gotten out before I was born. My aunt was Marine and my grandfather was in army.

**>Summer before my senior** year of high school I got a phone call from Sgt. Timothy Lemon Creg. He was the one that convinced me to join the Marines.

**>My dad had went on** website and filled out the paperwork for me. I wasn't doing well in high school and I had no plans to go to college, so I figured 'Why not.'

**>The Marine Corps Recruiter** was first one to call me. If the Air Force

had called me first I would have probably joined the Air Force.

**>Dad wasn't expecting** for me to actually accept even though he was the one who filled out the paperwork. My mom didn't know what to say at first. She didn't want me to leave her.

**>My first recruiter got into** trouble so I ended up with a new recruiter. She didn't sit down with me and explained the jobs to me; she just gave me a binder and told me to pick out my top five. Cook wasn't my first choice but she said if I put it down then I would definitely get. I didn't care so I put it down.

**>I wasn't rebellious like most** teens. I was rebellious about normal society and how everyone was the same.

**>Marilyn Manson is different** than most singers and not afraid to let people know. His music is about expressing his opinion and being himself.

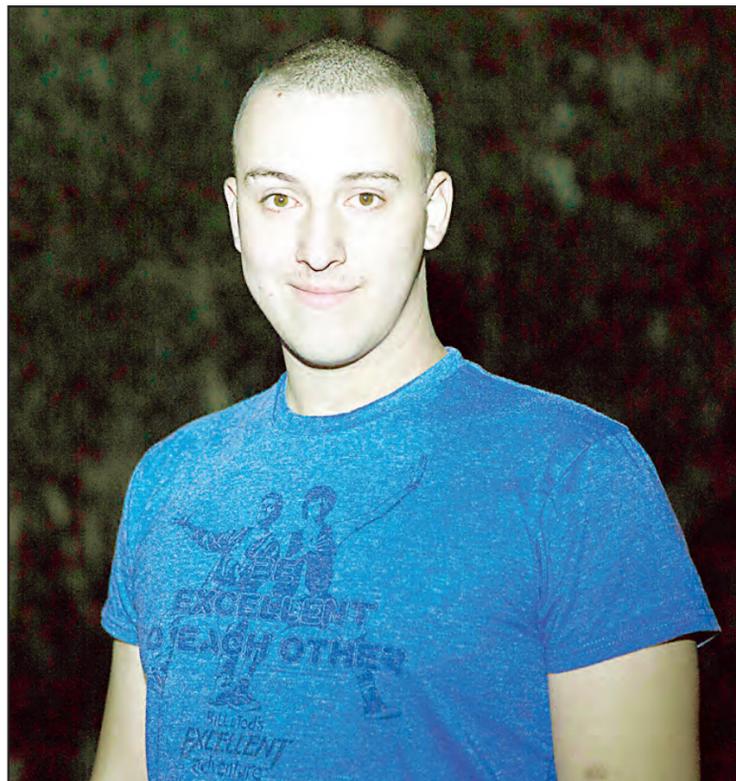
**>I think I'm still same person** I was in high school. I never felt like I had to change other than a haircut.

**>My favorite part of the corps** is the friendship. Here you hang out all the time because you're forced to, but that builds a deep camaraderie.

**>I used to write short** stories but my critics thought they sucked. Fantasy is my favorite genre.

**>I wrote a short story** when I was in 7th grade, about a vampire and on his birthday, which was Halloween, he would go kill people, and every year he would go out and try to kill more people than in the previous year.

**>I've always loved cooking** and I've thought about going to culinary school when I get out.



**>My tattoo is about the** music I listens to. The different fonts 90% of the time you can't read them but it looks cool.

**>Being a husband took away** a lot of my freedom and most activities involve my wife or are centered on her. I love the fact that I am a father and husband.

**>My favorite part of being a** Marine is how everyone else is in the same boat as everyone else and that

they will try to keep you out of trouble.

**>"There are certain people** you shouldn't trust and certain people you should trust. Every time someone asks for a favor like spare change or a car ride I always imagine what if that person is god and you say no?"

**>I'm not religious; I just** think you should be nice in general. I always think 'what if I'm out in the street and ask someone to give me a ride.' Do to others as you do to you.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo



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STAFF SGT. TERRANCE PAYTON

Soldiers of the Chadian Army raise the flags of partner nations participating in Flintlock 17 during the opening ceremony 17 Feb. 27. Flintlock is an annual special operations exercise involving more than 20 nation forces that strengthens security institutions, promotes multilateral sharing of information, and develops interoperability among partner nations in North West Africa.

# Pentagon Spokesman Discusses ISIS Preliminary Plan, Budget Amendment

BY CHERYL PELLERIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 2017 — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis will present a preliminary version of the Pentagon's new plan to rapidly defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria during a meeting of the White House Principals Committee today, Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said here this morning.

The Cabinet-level senior interagency forum, which usually does not include the president, already has received copies of the classified report, which Davis described as a framework for a broader global plan. President Donald J. Trump requested the plan in a Jan. 28 presidential memorandum.

"This is not just a military plan," he told reporters during a briefing. "It draws upon all elements of nation-

al power -- diplomatic, financial, cyber, intelligence [and] public diplomacy, and it's been drafted in close coordination with our inter-agency partners."

Davis added, "This plan is truly transregional. This is not just about Iraq and Syria, it is about defeating ISIS around the globe," and other transregional violent extremist organizations, such as al-Qaida.

"From the secretary's

standpoint," Davis said, "he is very committed to rebuilding readiness and is looking for us to find ways to do that quickly and in ways that reflect our being good stewards of taxpayer dollars."

**2017 Budget Amendment**

Davis also said the Pentagon is working with the Office of Management and Budget to finalize Defense Department budget amendment numbers.

"We are not able at this point to confirm specific numbers, the captain said, "but stay tuned to what OMB has to say. Once we've settled on the numbers we are postured to provide OMB with our budget amendment material as soon as possible in order to meet their goal of March 1."

As Mattis has empha-

sized, he added, the budget amendment will focus on meeting warfighter needs and addressing critical readiness shortfalls.

"The highest priority for the fiscal year 2017 budget amendment is on programs and efforts that can be executed in the remainder of [fiscal year 2017] ending on Sept. 30," Davis said. "Items that cannot be reasonably expected to be executed in this fiscal year will be recommended to be deferred [for placement] in the FY 2018 base budget."

Exercise Flintlock 2017

Also during the briefing, Davis said that beginning today about 2,000 service members from 24 African, European and North American partner nations will participate in Flintlock 2017 -- U.S. Africa Command's premier special operations forces exercise. It

takes place in seven nations throughout North and West Africa.

"This year," Davis said, "Flintlock is being hosted by Burkina Faso, Chad, Cameroon, Niger, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia."

The exercise bolsters partnerships among African, European and North American special operations forces, increasing their ability to work together in times of crises, Davis added.

According to Africom, participating nations include Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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Members of various battle staff elements work to visualize their warfighting functions as part of a User Defined Operational Picture during Cyber Quest 2016 at Fort Gordon, Ga., July 20, 2016. Led by the Army Cyber Center of Excellence, the event's goal was to conduct experimentation to accelerate capabilities that address Army Warfighting Challenge #7 to 'Conduct Space, Cyber Electromagnetic Operations and Maintain Communications.'

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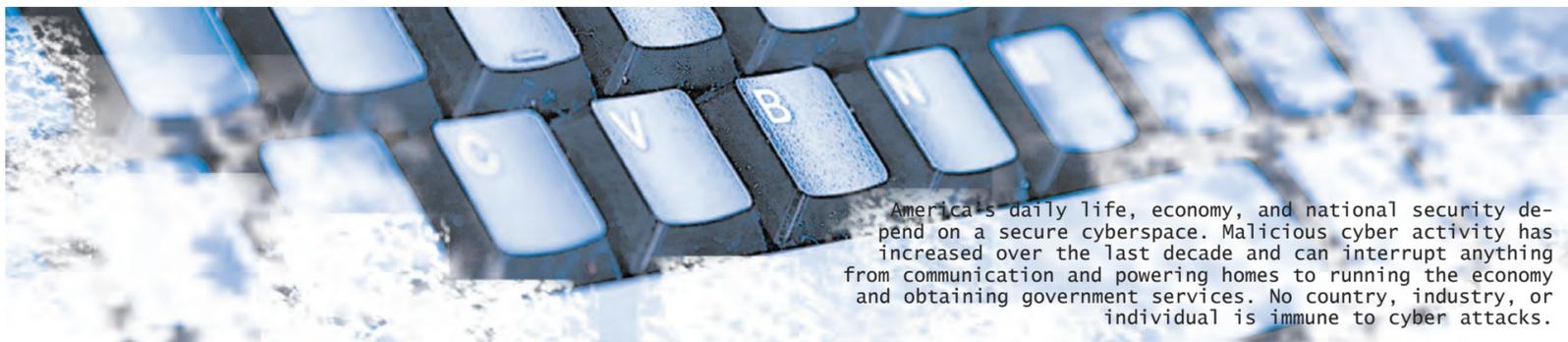
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# Rogers Discusses Near Future of U.S. Cyber Command

BY CHERYL PELLERIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 2017 — Navy Adm. Mike Rogers, the chief of U.S. Cyber Command, discussed the command's future over the next five to 10 years yesterday at West 2017, a sea services event in San Diego co-sponsored by AFCEA International and the U.S. Naval Institute.

AFCEA is the international information technology, communications and electronics association for professionals in government, industry and academia.

Rogers, also director of the National Security Agency, fielded questions from moderator retired Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, who's now dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He's also chairman of the board of the U.S. Naval Institute and a senior fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Topics included integrating cyber at the tactical level of warfare, modeling Cybercom after the structure used by the Special Operations Command, the Cybercom workforce, and the relationship between Cybercom and the private sector, all in the five-to-10-year horizon.

"Here's what we need to build toward — in the immediate near term, elevating Cyber Command to a combatant command," Rogers said, adding, "I think the potential for that happening in the near term is high."

Cybercom today is a component of U.S. Strategic Command.

## Tactical Cyber

Over the next five to 10 years the admiral said he would like to see cyber integrated offensively and defensively "down to the operational tactical level."

Offensive cyber in some ways is treated like nuclear weapons, he added, "in the sense that their application outside a defined area of hostilities is controlled at the chief-executive level and is not delegated down."

Rogers said he hopes that over the next five to 10 years Cybercom can engender enough confidence in decision makers and policymakers that they feel comfortable pushing offensive cyber activities to the tactical level.

"We should be integrating [cyber] into the strike group and on the amphibious expeditionary side. We should view this as another toolkit that's available ... as a commander is coming up with a broad schema of maneuver to achieve a desired outcome or end state. That's what I hope," the admiral said.

## Special Operations Model

Rogers and Stavridis likened the journey of cyber to that of special forces, whose members in earlier times were called in only for special occasions and their use was highly controlled. Today, they said, combatant commanders have component commands from each service and from special operations.

"I would create Cyber Command much in the image of [U.S. Special Operations Command]," Rogers said. "Give it that broad set of responsibilities where it not only is taking forces fielded by the services and employing them; it's articulating the requirement and the vision and you're giving it the resources to create the capacity and then employ it."

SOF also provides a theater special operations commander across all nine combatant commands, said Rogers, adding, — that's "a model I think we should drive to."

## Fighting for Talent

The cyber force, based on Cybercom billet structure, is about 80 percent military, 20 percent civilian, Rogers said. On the NSA side, he added, it's 60 percent civilian, 40 percent military. Recruiting and retention, he said, is "a little bit harder on the civilian side."

On the military side, the Cybercom leadership is finding that what motivates a young man or woman to be a Marine Corps rifleman, to work the flightline in the Air

Force or to be a deck seaman in the Navy also motivates cyber warriors.

They want to be part of something bigger than themselves, they like the ethos and culture of the military, he said.

"That's a real selling point for us right now," the admiral said. "The self-image of this workforce is that they are the digital warriors of the 21st century. The way they look at themselves — we're in the future, we're the cutting edge, we're doing something new, we're blazing a path."

As a leader, Rogers said, "you cannot underestimate the value of that."

Rogers says he reminds recruits that as cyber warriors they'll be able to do things in uniform, within the defense and Law of Armed Conflict application, that they can't do anywhere else, and they'll gain responsibility as they show proficiency in the job.

"Everybody responds well to that," he said. "Retention is good right now."

## Public-Private Cooperation

In its work with the private sector over the next five to 10 years, Rogers said he would like to see Cybercom and tech companies "get to a level of integration where we have actual physical collocation with each other."

The admiral says that in his military experience, "when we create [command-and-control] structures, when we create analytic and command-and-control nodes ... we try to bring all together as much data, as many different perspectives and as many different elements in the broad enterprise that are necessary to achieve the outcome. I think we need to do the same thing" with the tech sector.

Rogers said he'd like to see Cybercom, for one thing, take advantage of the sector constructs that are in place for the 16 segments in private industry that Presidential Policy Directive 21 designates as infrastructure critical to the nation.

These sectors are chemicals, commercial facilities, communications, critical manufacturing, dams, defense industrial base, emer-

gency services, energy, financial services, food and agriculture, government facilities, health care and public health, information technology, nuclear reactors and materials, transportation systems and water and wastewater.

"How do we take advantage of that and integrate at that level? Because as an execution guy, my experience teaches me that you want to train, you want to exercise, you want to simulate as many conditions as you can before you actually come into contact with an opponent," Rogers said.

## Help from the Tech Sector

On the cyber defense side, the admiral said, he'd like help from the technology sector to get to machine learning at speed and automation, and through this technology to help Cybercom free-up human capital. He'd also like the sector's help with human capital development.

"People love to talk about the technology, but our greatest edge isn't technology; our greatest edge is that motivated man or woman with the intellectual capacity to anticipate, to be innovative and to be agile," Rogers said. "Because ... what we're dealing with is driven by a man or woman somewhere in the world sitting at a keyboard. There's a human dimension in all of this. It's not just about the machine."

On the offensive side — speaking for himself rather than the department, he said — there are things Rogers is trying to come to grips with.

"In the application of kinetic functionality — weapons — we go to the private sector and say, 'Build this thing we call a [joint directed-attack munition], a [Tomahawk land-attack munition]. Fill in the blank,' he said.

"On the offensive side, to date, we have done almost all of our weapons development internally," Rogers said. "And part of me goes — five to 10 years from now is that a long-term sustainable model? Does that enable you to access fully the capabilities resident in the private sector? I'm still trying to work my way through that, intellectually."

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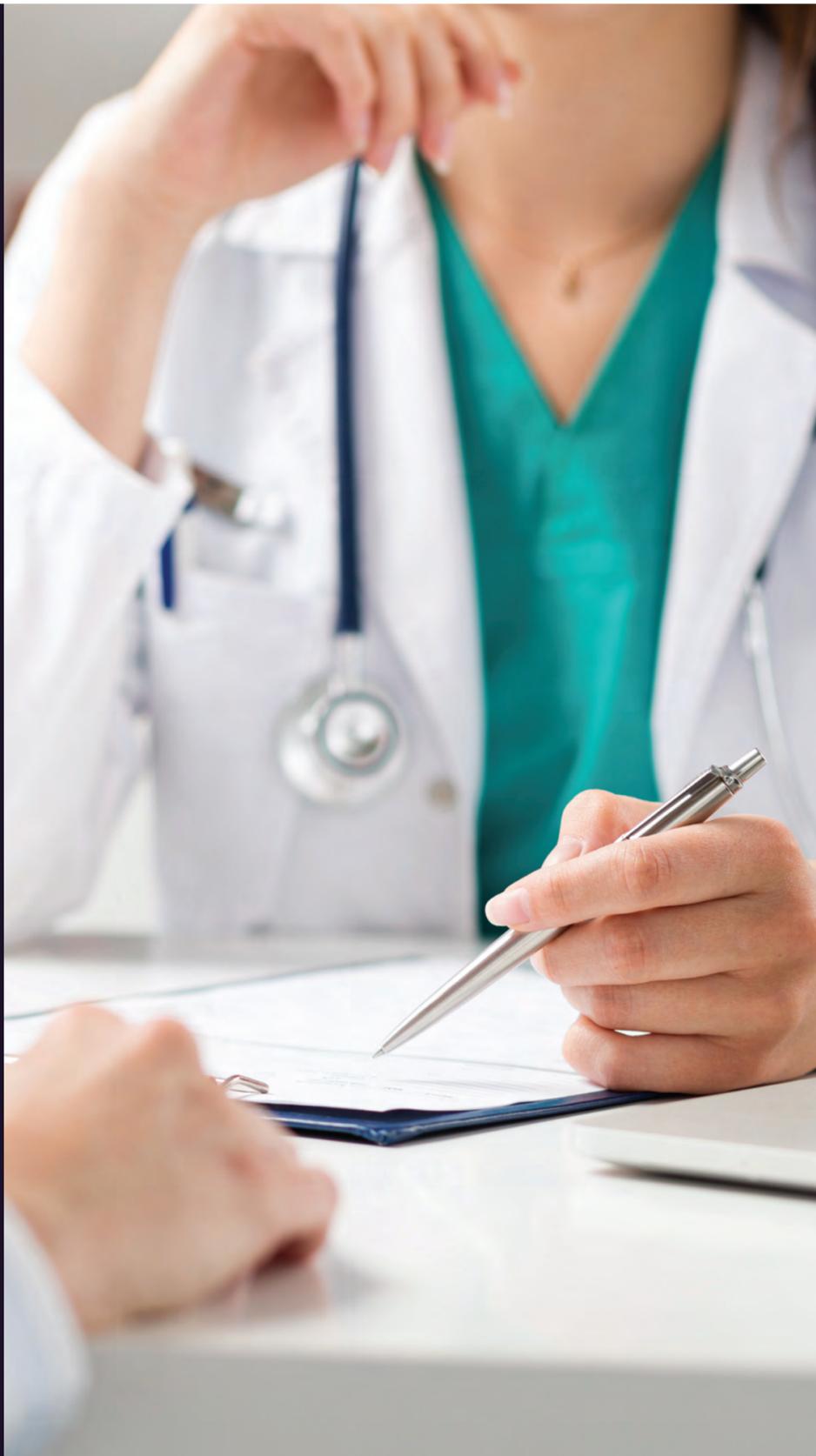
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# War Dogs From A1

equipment they needed, 2 hour lessons for beginners and lunch.

“At first I didn’t think it was going to be fun but then we got there and started learning,” said Lance Cpl. Omar Irizarry, rifleman, 2/7. “It was a really cool experience and I’m glad I got the opportunity to come. It’s a good time, it relieves stress, gets you away from the barracks and gets your mind off work. I would definitely try it again.”

While OAR is not offered to individual Marines, it is provided to units who have recently returned from deployment. Activities offered include kayaking, surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, snorkeling, outdoor rock climbing, fishing, archery and mountain biking.

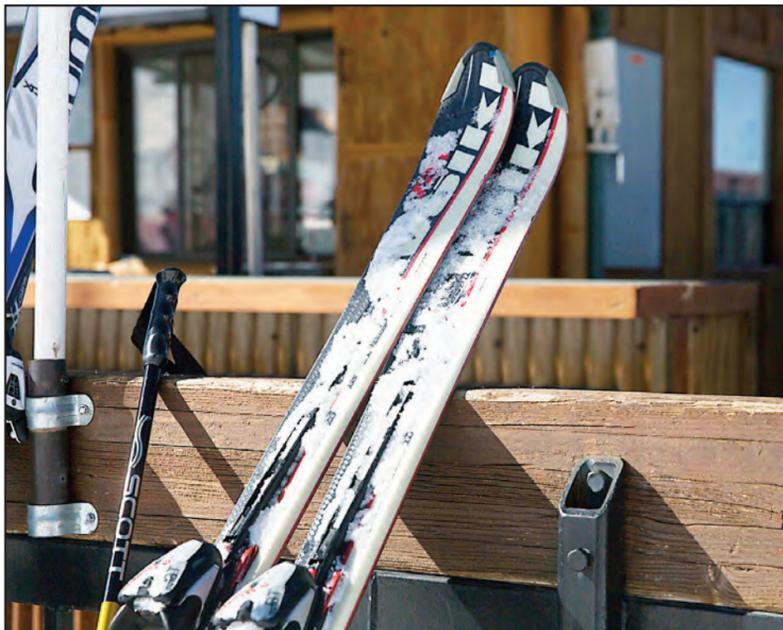
“This program is hopefully introducing them to a tool to deal with the everyday stress,” Murdock said. “From carrying out their daily tasks, to training out in the field, to preparing for deployment, it’s stressful for these guys. I think it’s a good program and we want to involve as many units as possible.”



Lance Cpl. Omar Irizarry, rifleman, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, snowboards during a trip to Bear Mountain Ski Resort in Big Bear Lake, Feb. 23.



Pfc. Dante Garza and Lance Cpl. Omar Irizarry, riflemen, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, practice snowboarding during a trip to Bear Mountain Ski Resort in Big Bear Lake, Feb. 23. The trip was provided to the unit courtesy of Operation Adrenaline Rush, a program aimed toward reintegrating Marines and sailors who have just come home from deployment.



A pair of skis rest on a building during 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment’s trip to Bear Mountain Ski Resort in Big Bear Lake, Feb. 23.

# EOD From A1

specific military occupational specialty, and explained the different tools and inert ordnance they handle as EOD techs.

The purpose of the visit was to further the installations commitment to the community by helping inspire the children to begin thinking about their future.



Staff Sgt. Robert Bouchard, explosive ordnance disposal technician, answers Painted Hills Middle School students question during a career day in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., Feb. 23.

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Cars are displayed at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms during the Twentynine Palms Car Show and Street Fair, April 16, 2016. **CPL. JULIO MCGRAW**



During an auto skills class at the auto hobby shop garage on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., service members and their spouses examined the internal parts of an engine in an effort to better understand automobile maintenance and upkeep, March 20, 2014. The course primarily focused on how to conduct an oil change, but also included the basic fundamentals of car care in a friendly environment. **CPL. URIEL AVENDANO**

Lance Cpl. Paul Gordon, a motor transport mechanic with Exercise Support Division, searches for a tool while fixing a humvee at his unit July 21, 2009. Gordon said he enjoys working on cars and trucks in his spare time so fixing things as a Marine is a bonus.



**CPL. LOGAN KYLE**

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Technicians at the Combat Center Auto Skills Center hosted an automotive education course called 'Fun with Fluids', Feb. 24.

The class covered the various types of fluids that help motor vehicles operate, what they do, and how to choose the right fluids for a specific vehicle. The idea for the class came to life in the Combat Center's 'Make the Stumps Better' Facebook group, which aims to improve the quality of life for all patrons aboard the base.

After the class a drawing was held and one attendee of the class won the materials for one free oil change. The individual will be able to perform their oil change with the supervision of a center technician. More classes are scheduled in the coming months at the auto skills center.

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CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Staff Sgt. Robert A. Bouchard, EOD Technician, holds his daughter, Tenley, 3, as they dance during the annual Father Daughter Dance at building 1707 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday. Marine Corps Community Services hosted the event to provide an opportunity for Marines and sailors to spend time with their daughters.

## Marines, sailors bond during **Father Daughter Dance**



LANCE CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS

Cpl. Justin Falcon, automotive organizational mechanic, 7th Marine Regiment, smells a rose presented by his daughter, Madelyn, 4, during the annual Father Daughter Dance at building 1707 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.

BY LANCE CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS

Combat Center Marines and sailors spent a night of magic and dancing with the special little ladies in their lives, their daughters. MCCS hosted more than five-hundred Marines, sailors and their daughters at the annual Father Daughter Dance at building 1707 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

Marine Corps Community Services hosted the dance to provide active duty fathers with the opportunity to spend an unforgettable night with their daughters.

“An event like this is really important because a lot of the time the majority of the fathers who [attend are those who] deploy often and are not around very much,” said Jill Weber, special events manager, Marine Corps Community Services Marketing.

Each ticket allowed the service member to bring all of his daughters, and also granted them access to an unlimited amount of candy and popcorn from the buffet. A disc jockey provided a wide selection of fun songs, as well as two slow songs, to which the participants danced. A live entertainer sang princess songs with the girls in attendance.

“Events like these show the community that there are other things for Marines to do. We’re all in the field quite a bit so this is a good chance to bond with our daughters,” said Gunnery Sgt. Jason Grotberg, tank mechanic, 1st Tank Battalion.

As the young girls, elaborately dressed for the formal affair, held their father’s hand or hugged his neck as they left the event, they carried with them a memory of their father showing just how much love they have for their little girl.



CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

A Marine NCO dances with his daughter during the annual Father Daughter Dance, Saturday.



CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Cpl. Justin Falcon, automotive organizational mechanic, 7th Marine Regiment, escorts his daughter, Madelyn, 4, into the reception hall of the annual Father Daughter Dance at building 1707 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.



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Marines are offered hats by their daughters during the annual Father Daughter Dance at building 1707 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.

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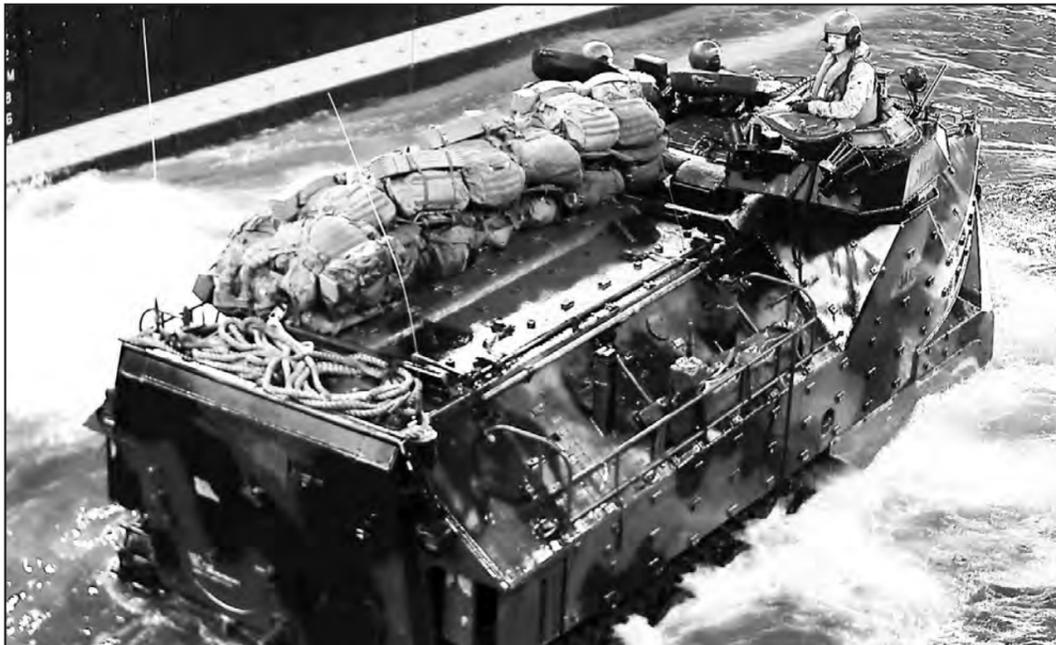
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# Exercise Iron Fist



CPL. ALVIN PUJOLS

Sergeant Hiroki Urushihara, an assault amphibious operator with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, throws a rope to an adjacent AAV during Exercise Iron First 2017 aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 13.



LANCE CPL. ROBERT ALEJANDRE

U.S. Marines from 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, embark the USS Anchorage by sea Feb. 21 during Exercise Iron Fist 2017.



LANCE CPL. JEREMY LABOY

U.S. Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, fly's over head in support of a Supporting Arms Coordinating Center Exercise during Exercise Iron Fist 2017 San Clemente Island, Calif., Feb. 22.



LANCE CPL. TYLER BYTHER

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Samuel Koontz, front, a fire team leader in Company "C", 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, directs Pfc. Eleazar Valero, a rifleman with Company "C", to the next objective during fire and maneuver drills as a part of Exercise Iron Fist 2017, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 15.

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CPL. MELISSA MARTENS

Gunner Sgt. Stacie D. Crowther, drum major for Marine Corps Band New Orleans, Marine Forces Reserve leads the band as they perform in the Krewe of Druids parade during Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Feb. 22.



LANCE CPL. JACK RIGSBY

Gunner Sgt. Maurice S. Sabater, part of the 6th Marine Corps District enhanced marketing vehicle team, assists someone attempting to use the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Training program at the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Fan Fest at the Charlotte Convention Center on Feb. 23.



LANCE CPL. KOBY SAUNDERS

Cpl. Juan Sierra, a crew master assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 234, observes an aerial refuel training operation from the back of a KC-130J Hercules on Feb. 23.



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CHRISTOPHER

A Royal Thai Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal diver, with the Royal Thai Navy Diving Training Center, works on an improvised explosive device training aid during Cobra Gold 2017 in Sattahip, Chonchuri, Thailand, Feb. 22.



LANCE CPL. KOBY SAUNDERS

A CH-53 Super Stallion assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 464, carries a Humvee during an aerial refueling training operation with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 234 on Feb. 23.

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## Neighborhood Safety

1. Know that route that your children take to and from school. Point out the places your child can and can not go along the way to include safe places that will have a



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suspicious.

3. Get to know your neighbors. Good neighbors are one of your least expensive defenses against crime and one of your most effective.

4. Make sure children left alone outside to play are mature enough to make safe decisions (i.e. remember their address, not talk to strangers, stay out of the street, etc.)

## Around the Yard

1. Make sure your house number is clearly displayed so police and emergency services can find your

- home quickly, if necessary.
2. Secure gates and storage and shed doors with high-security laminated padlocks.
3. Use high-quality locks on bicycles, lawn mowers, and other possessions, or keep them inside a secure garage shed or in the home.

## Protect Your Property

1. Keep an inventory of your furnishings and valuables, such as televisions, stereos, and computers. For identification, keep a record of all serial numbers, make and model. For jewelry have it appraised or keep the receipt and take a close up picture of the item.
2. Engrave or write with a permanent marker an identification mark on bicycles and scooters. Put at least one or all identification marks such as last name, house address or phone number.
3. Keep a copy of your inventory stored securely off-site. Update it at least once a year.



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## PRE-OWNED CAR SPECIALS

 2007 Volvo V50 2.4i Stock # 293893, 2.4L 5-Cylinder MPI DOHC, 5-Speed <b>\$7,716</b>	 2012 Volkswagen CC R-Line Stock # 514801, 2.0L Turbo TSI, 6-Speed Automatic <b>\$7,987</b>	 2015 Dodge Challenger-SXT Stock # 821462, 3.6L V6 24V VVT, 8-Speed Automatic <b>\$17,897</b>	 2015 Toyota Corolla L Stock # 285724, 1.8L I4 DOHC Dual VVT-i, 4-Speed <b>\$12,987</b>
 2011 Volkswagen GTI Base Stock # 107924, 2.0L I4 TSI DOHC 16V Turbocharged <b>\$9,447</b>	 2015 Dodge Journey SXT Stock # 743470, 3.6L V6 24V VVT, 6-Speed Automatic <b>\$16,987</b>	 2015 Volkswagen Jetta 1.8T SE Stock # 291114, 1.8L I4 DOHC Turbocharged, Automatic <b>\$12,878</b>	 2013 Volkswagen Beetle 2.5L Stock # 612852, 2.5L 170 hp, 6-Speed Automatic <b>\$11,957</b>
 2012 Dodge Durango SXT Stock # 173047, 3.6L 6-Cylinder SMPI Flex Fuel DOHC, Auto <b>\$16,917</b>	 2014 Jeep Patriot Sport Stock # 690312, 2.0L I4 DOHC 16V Dual VVT <b>\$11,987</b>	 2015 Mazda Mazda3 i Stock # 263451, SKYACTIV®-G 2.0L 4-Cylinder DOHC 16V <b>\$12,987</b>	 2015 Subaru Forester 2.5i Stock # 516594, 2.5L 4-Cylinder DOHC 16V VVT, 6-Speed Manual <b>\$21,020</b>
 2015 Audi A3 2.0T Premium Stock # 1002390, 2.0L 4-Cylinder TFSI, 6-Speed S tronic® Auto <b>\$22,487</b>	 2015 Volkswagen Passat 1.8T Limited Stock # 034525, 1.8L 4-Cylinder DOHC, 6-Speed Auto <b>\$13,874</b>	 2014 Volkswagen Tiguan SEL Stock # 558861, 2.0L TSI, 6-Speed Automatic with Tiptronic <b>\$20,980</b>	 2014 Audi A4 2.0T Premium Stock # 084932, 2.0L 4-Cylinder TFSI DOHC, CVT with Multitronic <b>\$23,987</b>
 2014 Volkswagen Jetta GLI Stock # 221690, 2.0L TSI DOHC, 6-Speed DSG Automatic <b>\$19,270</b>	 2014 Volkswagen Beetle 2.5L Stock # 614312, 2.5L 170 hp, 6-Speed Automatic <b>\$13,683</b>	 2013 Volkswagen Passat 1.8T Wolfsburg Stock # 052593, 1.8L 4-Cylinder DOHC, 6-Speed Auto <b>\$11,987</b>	 2014 Volkswagen Tiguan SE Stock # 556074, 2.0L TSI, 6-Speed Automatic with Tiptronic <b>\$19,311</b>
 2014 Volkswagen Tiguan S Stock # 554780, 2.0L TSI, 6-Speed Automatic with Tiptronic <b>\$15,112</b>	 2013 Volkswagen Beetle 2.0T Fender Edition Stock # 683925, 2.0L 210 hp, 6-Speed Automatic <b>\$17,712</b>	 2015 Volkswagen Passat 2.5 SE Stock # 064003, 2.5L 5-Cylinder DOHC, 6-Speed Auto <b>\$12,987</b>	 2013 Volkswagen CC Stock # 547632, 2.0L Turbo TSI, 6-Speed Automatic DSG <b>\$13,388</b>



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