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Pfc. Sean Sitek, bulk fuel specialist, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, reloads during a live-fire range aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., March 3, 2017, as part of Mountain Training Exercise 2-17. MTX is a service-level training exercise focused on the technical aspects of mountain and cold weather operations.

MCMWTC elevates force in readiness

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MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, Calif. — The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center located near Bridgeport, Calif., trains service members to survive and fight in cold weather and mountainous environments across 46,000 acres of the Toiyabe National Forest. The center was established in 1951 and provides Marines with the advanced skill training necessary to conduct military operations in any climate or place.

“The role of the [MCMWTC] is to conduct training on individual skills and battalion-level collective training to allow Marine Corps infantry battalions to operate in mountainous, high-altitude and cold weather environments,” said Maj. Paul Mann, operations officer, MCMWTC. “Training here was initially focused on allowing Marines to operate in cold weather environments such as those experienced during the Korean War. From there, it’s evolved into service-level training teaching the skills needed to operate in this environment in any season.”

Mountain Training Exercise, held six times annually, is centered



LANCE CPL. DEVIN ANDREWS

A Marine with 7th Engineer Support Battalion sights in while taking a shooting position on skis aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., March 3, 2017, as part of Mountain Training Exercise 2-17. MTX is a service-level training exercise focused on the technical aspects of mountain and cold weather operations.

on training infantry battalions to be proficient in techniques such as skiing, rock climbing, avalanche search procedures, and survival. Two iterations take place in the winter and four in the summer; one of which is conducted by the Marine Corps Reserve.

“We make the scenario as realistic as possible,” Mann said. “We’ve designed it so the staff has to take

into account adjacent battle spaces, other units operating in their environment, higher level assets both division, regimental and joint-level, as well as a near peer hybrid threat. They are not just fighting a static enemy; they’re fighting a thinking enemy that may be coming for them, day or night, from any place in the

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Always Faithful: World War II Marine turns 100

SGT. IAN LEONES

his pride for the Marine Corps never faded.

With more than 16 million Americans who served in World War II, only a fraction of them still live today. Even fewer can claim to have reached the age of 100. John J. O’Leary, a retired

“The first time I met him I was immediately impressed by his love for the Marine Corps,” said Col. Thomas M. Fahy, commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 4, 4th Marine Logistics Group,



SGT. IAN LEONES

Retired 1st Lt. John J. O’Leary sits in front of birthday balloons at the Evergreen Community of Johnson County, Olathe, Kan., Dec. 21, 2016. O’Leary fought on Guam and witnessed the bombardment of Iwo Jima as a member of 3rd Joint Assault Signal Company.

Marine first lieutenant, is one of the lucky few.

He celebrated his 100th birthday at the Evergreen Community of Johnson County, Olathe, Kansas, Dec. 23, 2016.

O’Leary saw combat on Guam and witnessed the bombardment on Iwo Jima. Even after the war ended,

Marine Forces Reserve. “We are losing World War II veterans every day. I think it is important to have their stories memorialized.”

Fahy learned about O’Leary through a website his unit was using to promote their 241st Marine

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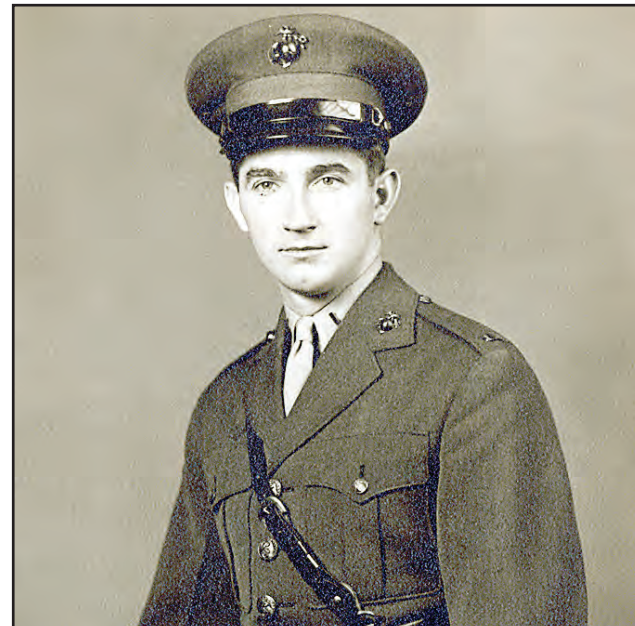


Photo depicts Retired 1st Lt. John J. O’Leary, a Marine veteran of World War II, date and location unknown. O’Leary fought on Guam and witnessed the bombardment of Iwo Jima as a member of 3rd Joint Assault Signal Company. He celebrated his 100th birthday on Dec. 23, 2016.

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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 Sgt. Isaac Ibarra.



U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. William Pearn, a Shohola, Pennsylvania native, crawls toward his objective during exercise Forest Light at Somagahara, Japan, March 10. Forest Light is one of various bi-lateral training opportunities conducted by Japan Ground Self-Defense and deployed U.S. Marine forces to demonstrate the enduring commitment by both countries to peace, stability, and prosperity across the region.

Shamus and Famous rock Saint Patrick's Day



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Shamus and Famous play during the Saint Patty's Day Jamboree at the Frontline Restaurant aboard the Combat Center, March 17. Shamus and Famous have played at the jamboree since 2016 and do so to create fun that everyone can enjoy.

Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, plays the guitar for his band, Shamus and Famous.

Capt. Christopher Mulkey, tactical communication division officer in charge, G-6 Communications and Information, plays the drums for his band, Shamus and Famous, during the Saint Patty's Day Jamboree at the Frontline Restaurant aboard the Combat Center, March 17.

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battle space."

While MTX is an intensive exercise in its own right, the MCMWTC also holds a wide variety of courses for different capabilities such as mountain communications and medicine. Unique in the Marine Corps, Animal Packer's Course provides training in the utilization of horses and mules to enable logistics to make it through difficult terrain where vehicles cannot go, while Assault Climbers and Scout Skiers Courses provide their units with advanced mobility.

"As an instructor up here, you can really see a difference from when they get here to the end product," said Capt. Scott Gornall, engineer officer, MCMWTC. "There are a lot of things they haven't experienced before such as dealing with hypothermia, frostbite and altitude sickness. I personally believe that this is the place in the Marine Corps to test small unit leadership. If you don't have team leaders and squad leaders checking on their guys, those human factors when you're cold or tired can take over and you can become combat ineffective."

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Corps Birthday Ball in November. O'Leary reached out to the unit and Fahy traveled to the Evergreen Community to meet him.

"I knew we had to have him as the guest at our birthday ball," Fahy said. "He is very enjoyable to be around, he is very sharp and he has a great sense of humor."

With his wife Dixie accompanying him as his date, O'Leary attended the ball as the oldest Marine present and the only person in attendance to have served in World War II. His story dates back almost 75 years.

When John J. O'Leary enlisted in the Marine Corps in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he had no idea what was in store for him.

"I didn't know anything about the military," O'Leary said. "I was the first of three brothers to serve in World War II. I joined because of all the good publicity the

Marine Corps was getting at the time."

In 1942, after attending recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and radio operator school in New York, O'Leary volunteered to be part of the newly formed 4th Raider Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California. There O'Leary served as Col. James Roosevelt's personal radio operator.

"He was the president's son," O'Leary said. "He was a nice guy and a good officer."

However, O'Leary was not fated to stay with the Raiders. The colonel learned O'Leary had a college degree and sent him to officer candidate school in Quantico, Virginia.

"I was a private first class and had been in the Corps for 18 months," O'Leary said. "Our entire class was made up of all enlisted men."

In June 1944, after finishing all of his training, O'Leary was sent among the first replacements for

the 3rd Marine Division in Guam. He was assigned to take over a shore beach party with 3rd Joint Assault Signal Company. His company was there through the retaking of the island from the Japanese.

"I had to become a good ducker," O'Leary said with a wry smile. "I spent a year and a half on Guam. That's a long time. I have a lot of memories."

On Feb. 19, 1945, O'Leary was assigned to 3rd Marine Regiment and waited from a troop ship to land on Iwo Jima. What he didn't know at the time was that his regiment was the only regiment out of the nine present that was held in reserve. Although he witnessed the battle from the sea, he never saw the shore.

"His ship became a hospital ship," Fahy said. "Many of the dead and wounded from Iwo Jima were transferred to his ship."

As the battle continued, O'Leary witnessed tables in the galley converted into operating tables.

"Those were rough times," O'Leary said. "There were a lot of dead and injured."

In his room, among images of friends and family, hangs an original copy of the photograph of the second flag-raising on Iwo Jima, signed by photogra-

pher Joe Rosenthal.

"One morning on Guam, after Iwo Jima, I looked out my tent and saw a small guy signing photographs which he had just made of the flag raising," O'Leary said. "At the time, I didn't know how significant the photo would become."

More than 70 years after the photo was taken and the war ended, in a small retirement home room, O'Leary still holds the Marine Corps and his memories of his service close to his heart.

"His love of his country and his love of his Marine Corps is undying," Fahy said. "I'm very proud to have met him and honored to have spent the short amount of time I have spent with him. I look forward to seeing him at our next birthday ball."

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve. By the end of World War II, Reserve Marines made up 70 percent of total wartime Marine Corps personnel, including O'Leary. Having witnessed generations of Marines put on the uniform after him, O'Leary is confident that the Corps is still in good hands.

"The Marine Corps is a great organization," O'Leary said. "It's full of a lot of dedicated individuals. I'm very proud of my time as a Marine."

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First HAWK fired here this week

The 1st Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion is now firing an undisclosed number of HAWK missiles here for the first time during a Field Firing Exercise this week.

This is the third time that an antiaircraft missile has been

fired at this Artillery and Missile Base. Last September and again in February the 1st Medium Antiaircraft Missile battalion fired the Terrier missile here.

The 17-foot-long Hawk is designed specifically as a defense against low-flying,

supersonic aircraft. It is powered with a solid fuel propellant and is equipped with a homing device guidance system capable of seeking and destroying targets flying from tree-top level to above 38,000 feet.

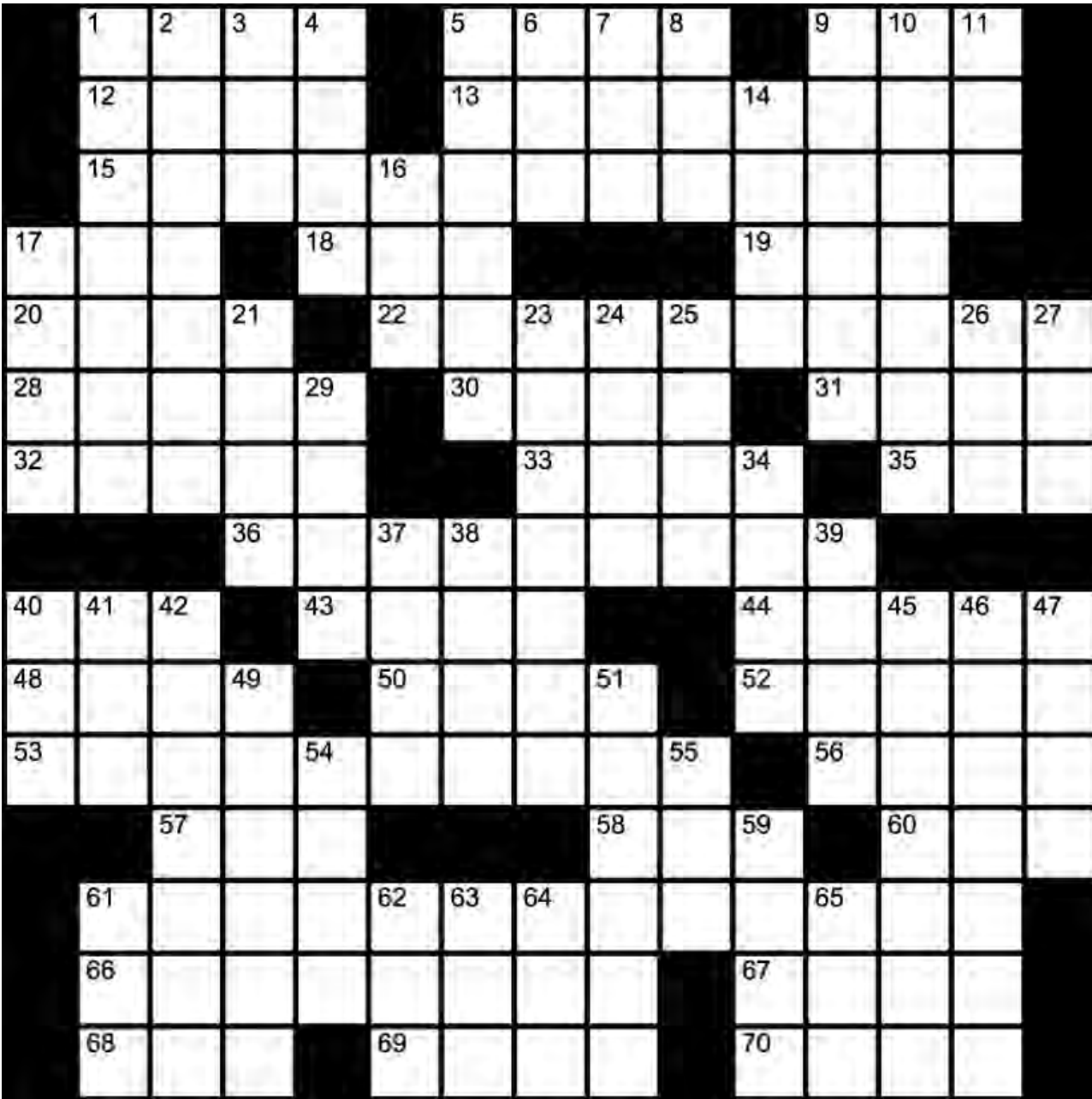
Under the command of

Lieutenant Colonel H. E. L. Zastrow the HAWK Battalion departed for the firing sites last Thursday and Friday. Prior to the shooting of the missiles the four firing batteries will make numerous "dry runs" on jet aircraft from the Marine Corps Air

Station, El Toro, Calif.

The Marines of the 1st Light antiaircraft Missile Battalion have undergone HAWK missile training at Fort Bliss, Texas. Before completion of the training there, they fired sixteen of the missiles.

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1. Ices
- 5. Hideous
- 9. Trick taker, often
- 12. Chimney channel
- 13. Coastal flier
- 15. Synonym for mortuary
- 17. Be in session
- 18. Follow
- 19. "___ lost!"
- 20. Battery contents
- 22. Sheets and blankets
- 28. Pool contents?
- 30. Fodder holder
- 31. Arid
- 32. A crude tartar
- 33. Breed
- 35. Convened
- 36. A farm with all its buildings
- 40. Aluminum coin of Burma
- 43. Grimace
- 44. Contraction or pain in a muscle
- 48. Bang-up (hyphenated)
- 50. Arm bone
- 52. Coach
- 53. Various types of scarabs
- 56. Coal site

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

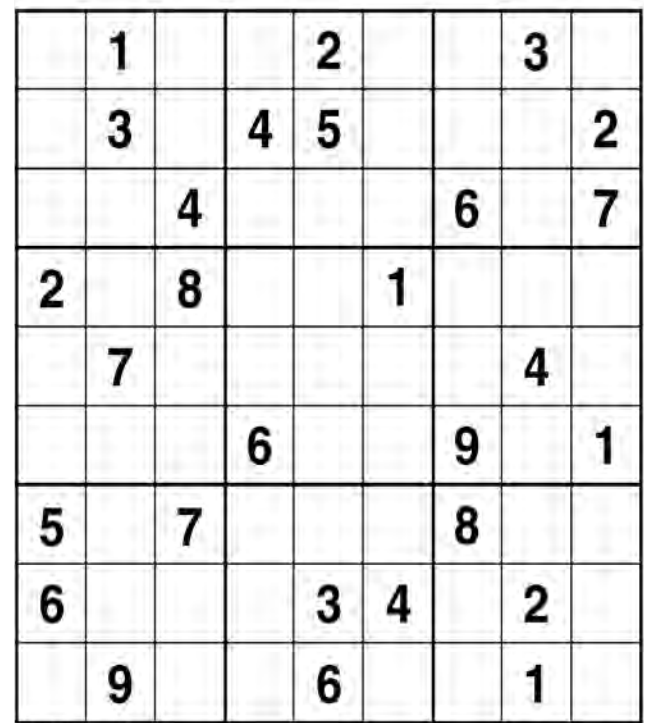
- 58. 100 qintars
- 60. Bit of a draft
- 61. The state of having an abundance
- 66. Laugh in a restrained way
- 67. Egg
- 68. Infomercials, e.g.
- 69. See stars, maybe
- 70. Flower fanciers

Down

- 1. Cop
- 2. Something with ornamental grooves
- 3. Good times
- 4. Lentil, e.g.
- 5. Conventions
- 6. Come together
- 7. Drink from a dish
- 8. Assent
- 9. Shoelace tips
- 10. Attire
- 11. Always, in verse
- 14. Cornstarch brand
- 16. Burple
- 17. "Roots," e.g.
- 21. Like Beethoven

- 23. Disagree with
- 24. Coagulate
- 25. Elders' teachings
- 26. Victorian, for one
- 27. Undertake, with "out"
- 29. Brickbat
- 34. Boor's lack
- 37. A dissolute man
- 38. Stubborn beast
- 39. Percussion instrument
- 40. Crash site?
- 41. "___ rang?"
- 42. Segmented worm of a specific phylum
- 45. Under debate
- 46. Theory that reality consists of a single element
- 47. Get ready, for short
- 49. Marsh birds
- 51. Refer
- 54. Bowed
- 55. Moray, e.g.
- 59. Door feature
- 61. "Harper Valley ___"
- 62. Two-year old doe
- 63. Bank offering, for short
- 64. Casbah headgear
- 65. "The Three Faces of ___"

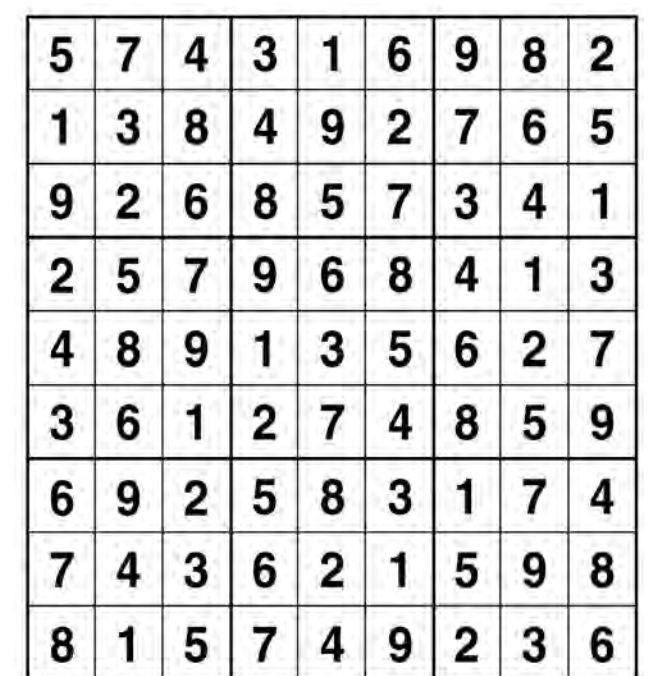
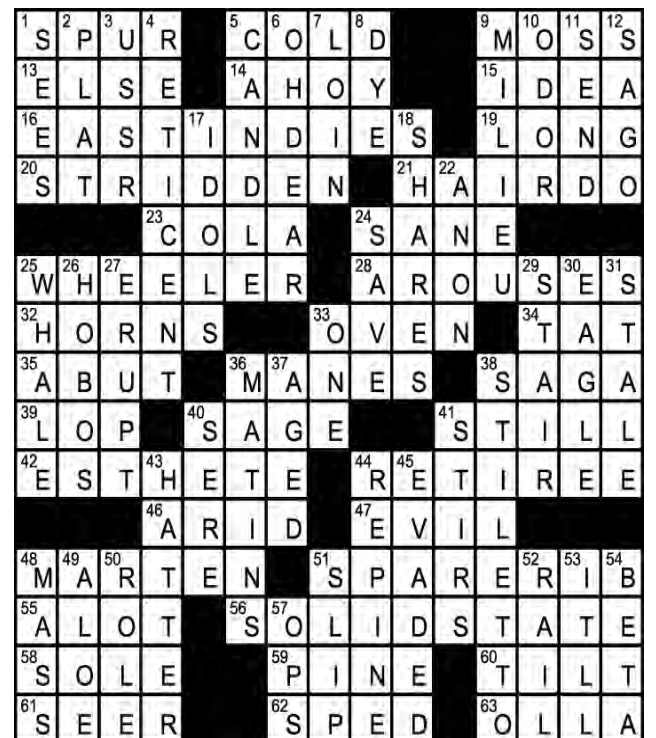
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Jason Prince George, Va. Aide-De-Camp, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command

SAMUEL

>I am the third of four boys. Growing up, we moved around different places in Virginia but Prince George is where I spent my formative years.

>We were very close growing up. We were homeschooled K through 12 so it was just us four boys, going out in the woods, shooting BB guns, setting up target ranges and blazing trails. I remember connecting those old radio shack walkie talkies and sticking metal clothes hangers on them to see what kind of communication you could hear from other places. We did a lot of stuff together.

>We didn't participate in organized sports as a family however, any chance we could get to go outside and play basketball, football, even baseball to a limited extent, we were outside doing something. So we were very active kids even though we weren't training.

>We were involved in Boy Scouts as well. My brother and I always wanted to play football against other Boy Scout troops and we had our own little play that we would run, that would always confuse the heck out of the defense. We even designed camping trips around the ability to play snow football.

>Another one of my pastimes was reading. I've been reading since I was four years old. I enjoyed video games too, but whenever we made a library run, Madden paled in comparison to what I had in my hands. I had a college level reading ability when I was 8 because I read anything I could get my hands on. I like to learn, that's why I enjoy reading because it keeps me informed.

>Our parents decided to home school us in part due to religious reasons and also to try to give us the best education they could. They felt that they could take care of us better and that we could learn better at home.

>My family and I were very involved in the church. Growing up in the church has influenced every decision I've made because understanding that Christ is my sole purpose, motivates and drives me to do things in a different way; to live out my faith as a Marine, a husband and a person. It influences absolutely every aspect in my life.

>I have a very non-traditional educational path. I graduated high school at 16 and then I went to community college. I went to community college for a couple of years got my associates degree but then I did my bachelor's degree online. The first time I actually really had a traditional educational experience was when I went to law school at [Pennsylvania State University].

>During the time I was in commu-



nity college is when I also joined the Marine Corps. I ended up having an extra semester added on because I joined the Corps in the middle, as a reservist, and then went back to college.

>I don't come from a military background at all. I am the first Marine in my family. I was always a bit interested in military service however, my branches of choice were Army, Airforce, not the Navy and definitely not the Marines.

>I was working at Dunkin Donuts while I was in school and one day a recruiter came in. He saw a military aged male in reasonably good shape and he started talking to me. I didn't really commit to anything then, but that night I felt God's peace saying, "you're going to join the Marine Corps." I knew I was going to join that night but it took several months before I followed through with the process.

>When I told my parents I wanted to join, my dad was hesitant but my mom was fairly supportive. I was 17 when I joined so both of them had to sign on the dotted line and they've been really proud Marine parents ever since.

>My little brother was also a Marine. He was the one we all thought would end up in the military because ever since he was young, he wanted to play with GI Joes and Army Men and that sort of thing. Whether he would've joined the Army or Marines, who knows, but I think me joining the Marines and him seeing that's the best of the best absolutely motivated him to join the Corps and go infantry.

>It feels good to know that I was an influencing factor in my brother's decision to join. He enjoyed his time but he's ready to do something different now. It's kind of cool to set a good enough example of being a Marine to where your brother

thinks he can do it too.

>Music was a very big thing for our family, all of us played an instrument at some point. In our family we all had to learn to play piano and then we all played a string instrument. My other three brothers played the violin and I played the cello because I wanted to be different. I have another brother who played trumpet and I played clarinet but the other brothers didn't pick up anything else.

>Piano is probably my favorite instrument because that's the one I'm best at. Through the years I've also picked up a smattering of other instruments. I've had the opportunity to play for memorial services and it makes a huge difference to folks to hear some of the favorite hymns and songs of their loved one played.

>I got a chance to play at a memorial service for a Marine who was killed at The Basic School and his family was desperate to have somebody to come in and play a little bit of music. The fact that I was able to play for what was really a packed memorial service of folks was very much appreciated by the family and by the commanding officer and that makes me feel good.

>Music brings people a lot of comfort, it can address moods, bring back a lot of memories. If you can play it well then it makes a difference in people's lives.

>My wife and I lead worship together at the Protestant Chapel traditional service, and from time to time I am called upon to lend my vocal skills and I enjoy doing that. I refer to myself as a choir singer. I much rather sing in a group, but if need be I'll

SAMUEL GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE WAS 16 YEARS OLD AND HAS SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS FOR NEARLY A DECADE. IN HIS FREE TIME, SAMUEL GIVES BACK TO THE CHURCH THROUGH MUSIC.

sing solos.

>I've been in the Corps for 10 years come May. I think I'll get to 20, in what capacity I don't know, but I think I'll get to 20.

>When I went active duty, I did so as an officer. Once I joined the Marine Corps enlisted, I thought there's no other branch that I'd want to be an officer in or else I'd feel like I chickened out.

>I kind of always wanted to be an officer, but I didn't have a degree when I enlisted. I've wanted to be an attorney since I was young and when I found out the Marine Corps had a judge advocate program, it didn't take much convincing to sell me on that.

>I'm currently serving as the Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General. My [officer-in-charge] told me about the position and encouraged me to submit my name. I did, not thinking I would get it. Then I interviewed with the Chief Of Staff and he made a recommendation to the previous commanding general and I was hired to be [Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III's] aide.

>It's been a great experience. I'm getting to do a lot more than I ever thought possible. I love traveling so I get to do a fair bit of that and this position is a challenge in other ways. There are parts of me that miss lawyering right now, but I'm also getting to see a much broader spectrum of the Marine Corps than I would have, or had seen, up until this point.

>My favorite thing about being a Marine is the challenge. I like that there's a challenge to becoming a Marine, officer or enlisted, and there continue to be challenges as you move throughout your career to do different things.

>I didn't know that I could graduate recruit training, but I went for the challenge. I didn't know I could graduate [Officer Candidate School], but I went for the challenge. I went through The Basic School and that was also a challenge. All throughout my career I've been faced with challenging things and the Marine Corps has a great way of pulling stuff out of you that you never knew was possible.

>Something that will always stick with me is the importance of mission accomplishment in any task that you take. Seeing it through to the end and not being a quitter. In life and the Marine Corps, getting the job done matters.

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1st CEB gets elevated

Photos by Cpl. Connor Hancock



Marines with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion ski downhill after detonating explosives at Levitt Training Area aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., March 15. The engineers climbed a 10,000 ft. peak to detonate an avalanche.



Cpl. Rodrigo Reyes, squad leader, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stands with his company's guidon at Levitt Training area during Mountain Training Exercise 2-17 aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., March 15.



Marines with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion climb a 10,000 ft. peak aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., March 15.



Cpl. Bradley Roberts and Cpl. Charlie Elia, combat engineers, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, take a break in their snow cave during Mountain Training Exercise 2-17 near Levitt Training Area aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., March 15.

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There is no greater story teller than a veteran of war. However, it is often difficult for them to articulate the things they had seen in a way that the average civilian might understand. Sometimes the story gets lost in the details. Sometimes the humor or significance of a certain situation is lost on the listener. The term "you just had to be there" is far too often an understatement. Damaso Sutis found a friend to share his story. In fact, he found two.

Retired Gunnery Sergeant Damaso Sutis began his day boarding a bus heading to Camp Pendleton for the 72nd Battle of Iwo Jima Commemoration Tour. The tour made stops at the Santa Margarita Ranch House and the Mechanized Museum that houses military vehicles past and present.

It was here that Sutis met a Camp Pendleton fire captain that happened to be assisting with the tour. Jonathan Charfauros was there at the Mechanized Museum to assist with any of the veteran's potential health issues. These veterans, although battle hardened and war seasoned, are pushing 90 years old.

And those are the "young ones."

Charfauros, standing in the dusty-old warehouse amongst old tank-like vehicles and trucks and newer up-armored humvees and light attack vehicles was approached by Sutis. Sutis,

proudly wearing his black Iwo Jima Survivor baseball hat and a red silk jacket with multiple military unit patches, asked Charfauros where he was from.

"I walked up to this young man in the blue uniform and I asked if he was Guamanian, that was my first battle, Guam," said Sutis.

The Battle of Guam was part of the Pacific Campaign to regain Japanese-held strongholds in the Mariana Islands. More than 7,000 Americans were wounded, 3,000 killed in action.

Meeting a hero brings out a certain feeling that cannot be replicated. Charfauros smile was infectious; from ear to ear. There were briefs and explanations from tour guides around them. There were other veterans shuffling around the old vehicles. But Charfauros and Sutis did not leave each other's side. Both gentlemen were engaged to tell their story.

Charfauros shook Sutis' hand and thanked him for his service and sacrifice. He began to tell the veteran about his family's story, and how he wouldn't be here had it not been for the 3rd Marine Division liberating Guam.

"When I was young, I noticed my grandfather had these scars on his back that he would never tell us kids where they came from," Charfauros said. "After he passed away I asked my father, and he finally told us what happened. He said when the Japanese occupied Guam,

they would use the locals to build their fighting positions and basically do any other labor they needed. Afterwards the Japanese would lock them in bamboo cages, stab them and leave them to die. Had the Naval Corpsman not saved him, I wouldn't be here today."

Sutis told Charfauros all of his war stories from his time in Guam. Sutis then gave Charfauros one of his challenge coins.

The challenge coin in itself is a unique military memento. In the past, service members would carry a challenge coin given to them by someone of higher rank or authority. If a service member was in a bar and had a challenge coin from their sergeant major, another service member could put their commanding officer's challenge coin down and the lesser of the coins buys the other a drink.

Charfauros was given a challenge coin by a Marine veteran.

That Marine veteran was retired Gunnery Sgt. Sutis who fought in World War II and is also a Battle of Iwo Jima survivor.

Charfauros was proud to receive this honor. He knew the implications of what that coin really meant. Marines just don't give out these coins whimsically. And the old-timers definitely don't.

As Sutis and Charfauros were sharing their moment, another veteran came by and caught their attention.

Gene Bell was also at the Battle of Guam as a young



GUNNERY SGT. LEO SALINAS

Damaso Sutis and Gene E. Bell reminisce about their experiences during World War II. Camp Pendleton hosted a tour for Iwo Jima veterans, commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

corporal. Bell's career as a Marine and a police officer has taken him many miles away from the Battle of Guam. Bell thought that he was one of the few, and possibly the only, Marine veteran on the tour who was at the Battle of Guam. Service members that were in during World War II and part of the Battle of Guam are known as the Liberators.

It was then that Bell had found another veteran, who was at the same battles. He found another Liberator. However, they were not only on the island together, they even went on the same ship.

"Come to find out, we both went overseas on the same tramp steamer," Sutis said.

"Oh, that was a terrible thing!" Bell said.

"Terrible thing, absolutely," Sutis said.

"He's the only other guy I've met that was on the same 28th replacement draft going overseas the first time we went to Guam," said Bell.

Although the Battle of Guam was a site of heavy loss, the men were able to recall the good times they



LANCE CPL. KEELY DYER

Damaso Sutis and Gene E. Bell reminisce about their experiences during World War II.

had during their deployments and the fulfillment it brought them.

Bell was eager to tell Sutis about his stories and Sutis the same. They began to trade each other coins and lapel pins. Inside this warehouse, two war veterans found a sanctuary to tell their stories that otherwise will be forgotten when they pass. These stories included getting drunk on coconut milk and old buddies that did not make it back and how one of the biggest and deadliest battles in our Nation's history is experience by a 17 year old kid.

Bell explained how their company clerk died and his

platoon was asked if anyone could type. Bell took three years in high school and that was enough for him to be the new clerk. A story that someone would pass off as a minor detail, but it made both laugh. For a moment, both veterans weren't in their 90s with their secrets. They were 17 again sharing their stories.

The reminiscing was cut short as everyone was rounded up for group photos. But for a few precious moments, reminiscing about their time as Battle of Guam liberators and Iwo Jima survivors, made them happy.

Happy to tell their stories.

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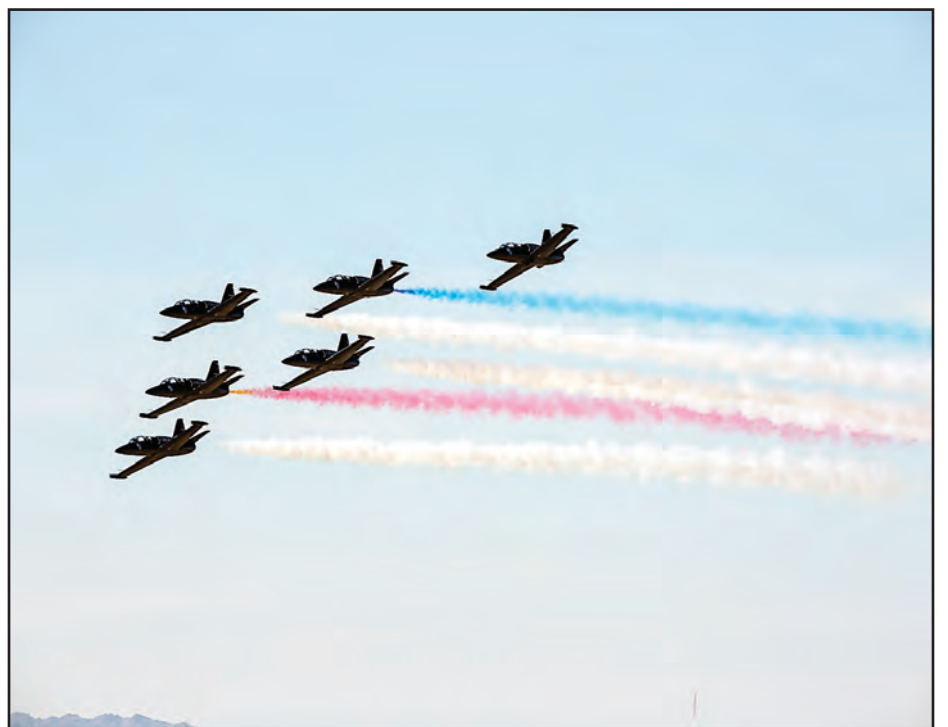
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**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
 LANCE CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS**

Combat Center Marines and community members displayed their vehicles during the 17th annual Car Show & Street Fair in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.

The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce hosted the show, consisting of vendors, music, food, a soap-box derby and hot air balloon rides.

Marines with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, and Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School set up static displays of different military vehicles for street fair attendees to board. Marines also answered questions on what they used the vehicles for and how to operate them.

"The base is part of the city, and the city is part of the

base," said Gunnery Sgt. Adam Creel, vehicle commander, 3/11. "To the civilians this is magic; to the Marines working with these vehicles it is normal. It shows appreciation when people come up and ask us what we do."

Retired military personnel, civilians and Combat Center patrons also brought a wide variety of antique vehicles to display to other car enthusiasts. For Marines aboard the installation, it was an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon with the community.

"It's essential for us to get along with the community, especially the one we operate and live in," said Cpl. Johnathan Dowden, 3/11. "It's important to let them know who we are and what we can do to help them in the community."



Community members look inside an antique car during the 17th annual Car Show & Street Fair in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, explain the mechanics of a Light Armored Vehicle to a Twentynine Palms resident during the 17th annual Car Show & Street Fair in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.



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Youth drug use prevention organizations looking for participants and volunteers

The Drug Education For Youth organization is seeking participants and volunteers.

DEFY is a one-year program consisting of two-phases (mentoring and leadership camp). It focuses on team-building, age appropriate goal-setting, good character building and life resiliency skills for children ages 9-12.

Mentoring Phase will run during the school year starting in September 2017 to June 2018.

Events are built around a curriculum module and are structured to provide reinforcement of skills and techniques taught during this phase. Snacks and refreshments will be provided to participants.

Leadership Camp is a six-day residential train-

ing camp in July structured to provide quality training while still permitting a fun environment and memorable experience for participants. Transportation, berthing and meals are provided.

We are looking for kids ages 9-12 to be youth participants and teens ages 13-17 to serve as Junior Staff Mentors (JSM). Active Duty and family

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If you are interested in signing your kids up or volunteering as a mentor, please contact LT Maureen Sosa at maureen.a.b.sosa@mail.mil or call 760-830-2417. Application deadline for Staff Mentors is April 28. Youth and JSM application deadline is May 26.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, March 24

6:00 p.m. – The Space Between Us, PG-13

9:00 p.m. – The Great Wall, PG-13

11:30 p.m. – Get Out, R

Saturday, March 25

11:00 a.m. – The LEGO Batman Movie, PG

1:30 p.m. – The Great Wall (3-D), PG-13

4:00 p.m. – Rock Dog, PG

6:00 p.m. – Rings, PG-13

8:30 p.m. – John Wick: Chapter 2, R

11:30 p.m. – Fist Fight, R

Sunday, March 26

12:30 p.m. – Rock Dog, PG-13

2:30 p.m. – Fist Fight, R

5:00 p.m. – The Great Wall, PG-13

7:30 p.m. – Get Out, R

Monday, March 27

6:30 p.m. – The Great Wall, PG-13

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 p.m. – Get Out, R

Wednesday, March 29

5:00 p.m. – Rock Dog, PG

7:00 p.m. – John Rock: Chapter 2, R

Thursday, March 30

5:00 – The Space Between Us, PG-13

7:30 – Rings, PG-13

Friday, March 31

5:30 p.m. – The Lego Batman Movie (3-D), PG

8:00 p.m. – Get Out, R

10:30 p.m. – Logan, R



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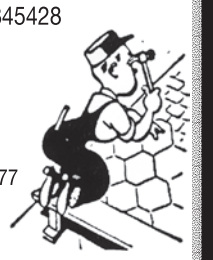
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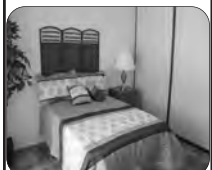
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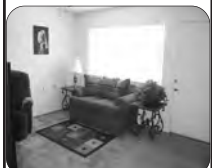
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- A 2016 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ with EyeSight[®]
- SUBARU STARLINK™ Safety and Security with Automatic Collision Notification¹⁹
- No other midsize sedan has more total interior volume¹²

0% APR Financing

on all new 2017 Legacy models
Now through
March 31, 2017

HAD



2017 SUBARU OUTBACK 2.5i PREMIUM

- Standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive + 32 mpg hwy³
- A 2016 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ with EyeSight[®]
- SUBARU STARLINK™ Safety and Security with Automatic Collision Notification¹⁹
- Available Blind-Spot Detection/Rear Cross-Traffic Alert²²

0% APR Financing

Now through March 31, 2017
on all new 2017 Outback.

HDD



2017 SUBARU FORESTER 2.5i PREMIUM

- Standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive + 32 mpg hwy⁴
- A 2016 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ with EyeSight[®]
- SUBARU STARLINK™ Safety and Security with Automatic Collision Notification¹⁹
- 17-inch alloy wheels

0% APR Financing

on all new 2017 Forester models
Now through
March 31, 2017

HFE/HFF



2017 SUBARU CROSSTREK 2.0i PREMIUM

- Standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive + 33 mpg hwy⁹
- A 2016 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ with EyeSight[®]
- SUBARU STARLINK™ Multimedia with Pandora[®] app integration and SiriusXM[®]
- Standard heated front seats

1.9% APR Financing

on all new 2017 Crosstrek models
Now through
March 31, 2017

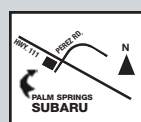
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