



1st Lt. Margo Smutnick, manpower officer, Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force adjutant, races another competitor on the 10-yd low crawl during a High Intensity Tactical Training Athlete Championship at the 11 Area Football Field, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., August 30. The fast paced competition challenged participants mentally and physically to become fit and adaptable Marines that they can be capable of fighting in any clime and place.



Lance Cpl. Mason McGuff, administrative specialist, air control training squadron, Marine Corps Communications Electronics School, performs kettlebell swings during a High Intensity Tactical Training Athlete Championship at the 11 Area Football Field, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., August 30.

Combat Center's strongest compete in HITT

STORY AND PHOTOS
 BY PFC. MARGARET GALE

MARINE COPRS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif., -- Marines from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms Calif., competed in the Third Annual High Intensity Tactical Training Athlete Championship at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., August 28 to Sept. 1, 2017 along with fellow Marines from across the Marine Corps.

HITT athlete championship challenges Marines in seven foundational movements: squat, press, lunge, plank, rotate, pull and push. The

movements are designed to enhance operational fitness levels and test the Marines in a potential combat situation. The fast paced competition challenges participants mentally and physically to become most fit and adaptable Marine.

During the competition, Lance Cpl. Mason McGuff, administrative specialist, air control training squadron, Marine Corps Communication Electronics School, and 1st Lt. Margo Smutnick, manpower officer, Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force adjutant, represented the Combat Center against 16 male opponents and 15 female opponents.

"[HITT] is structured to fit the

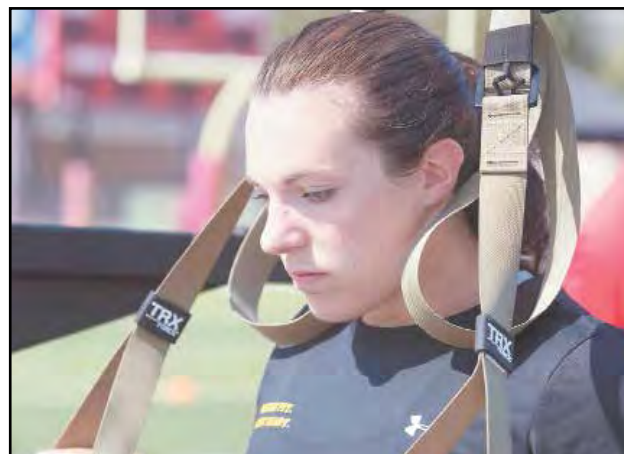
Marine Corps and our individual demands as a force," said Smutnick.

Physical fitness is important for not only a healthy lifestyle, but mission readiness as well. Some Marines use physical fitness as a way to relieve stress from work, while others make it a lifestyle.

"Fitness helps keep me sane," said McGuff. "It's a meditation for me, and it's something I can call mine."

McGuff first caught wind of the HITT program in his early stages of becoming a Marine through his recruit training senior drill instructor.

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1st Lt. Margo Smutnick, manpower officer, Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force adjutant, readies herself before starting the first tactical movement of the High Intensity Tactical Training Tactical Athlete Championship, Aug. 30.

Being proactive, not reactive, with National Preparedness Month

STORY BY
 CPL. DAVE FLORES

As a part of the Presidential Policy Plan Directive-8: National Preparedness, a directive passed in 2011, the Combat Center has become involved in September's National Preparedness Month. During the first week of September, G-7, Mission Assurance, has focused on building emergency kits and creating a

communication plan. When it comes to being prepared, having a sound communication plan is a key part of being proactive, and not reactive.

"One of the most important tools that every individual and family can have to protect themselves in possible emergencies is a family emergency preparedness plan that is tailored to their location," said Michael Quintana, chemical, biological, radiological

or nuclear defense protection officer, G-7. "Your plan should address the needs and care of family members with special needs and pets, as well as safely shutting off utilities. Ensure all information is documented so everyone in the family can use it during an emergency."

Another important part of keeping yourself, your family and your fellow Marines and sailors safe is an emergency kit, which

can be used in the event of a natural disaster or any other threat to our Nation. For starters, kits should include items such as: water, enough for one gallon per person per day; food, enough for three days; a first aid kit; personal sanitation supplies; a flashlight and a local map.

"Having a plan is the first step in protecting your family. Don't assume that someone will be there to help you and your fam-

ily immediately," said Quintana. "Remember that you could be on your own for quite a while. As we all know, a disaster can strike at any time and being prepared as much as possible can help families survive when things get difficult."

For more information on National Preparedness Month,ss or a template on building an emergency kit and communication plan, visit ready.marines.mil.

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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. Alexis Schneider.



Marines with the Maritime Raid Force, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, board a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (Reinforced), prior to conducting a night raid operation during Realistic Urban Training at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., Aug. 25. RUT provides the MEU an opportunity to train in unfamiliar environments in preparation for an upcoming deployment at sea.



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Eyes Front

STORY BY LANCE CPL.
RON MONTGOMERY

Summer driving is bad at best. Heat, crowded highways, ill tempers all add to hazardous driving conditions. There are many accidents.

And to make matters worse they are accompanied by more accidents of a particular type – the ‘rear-ender.’

Rear-enders happen anywhere – city, country, turnpike. They are more prevalent in congested city traffic. And they’re

dangerous, too. Hard rear-enders can crack the necks of those in the car ahead.

This type of collision often results in a chain-reaction pile-up as following vehicles ram into the halted cars.

What causes mass rear-enders? One word answers that: ‘tailgating.’

The National Safety Council points out that the surest way to avoid a rear-end collision is to keep your distance.

What is that distance? A distance equal to the length of your vehicle for each 10 miles per hour of speed is a

bare minimum, and not even that in fast expressway traffic. When pavements are wet and slick even more leeway should be given. Ice requires 3 to 12 times more stopping distance.

And here’s a good thing to remember. Tightly packed traffic makes keeping the proper interval difficult. Also remember that small vehicles can stop more quickly than large ones.

When you know you have to stop, don’t put it off. Start stopping at once. Delayed braking is doubly dangerous

because, if you can’t stop as short as you thought, you ram the car in front. Even if you do stop short, you may get clouted from behind.

Statistics are valuable when it comes to understanding a car’s braking power. For instance, the stopping distance is estimated at 188 feet for a car going 50 mph; 125 feet for a car going 40 mph; and 78 feet for a car going 30 mph. If you’re going 70 mph – look out – it takes 381 feet to stop. And that’s a nice hunk of ground.

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- Across**
- Small shelters
 - Church part
 - Bit of sweat
 - Bunches
 - Bridget Fonda, to Jane
 - Pool site, maybe
 - Came untwined
 - Engine sound
 - Relating to tears
 - Swiss wooden house
 - ___ 'n Span (Clean)
 - Holy symbol
 - Tennis great Gibson
 - Deer ___
 - Churchill's “___ Finest Hour”
 - Come to mind
 - In favor of
 - Pack (down)
 - Swings around

- Banquet
- Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
- Horse harnessed alongside shaft
- Allotment
- Sensible
- Flamed up suddenly
- Bother
- Rag
- First settlers/explorers
- Assortment
- Florida fruit plant
- Phobos, to Mars
- Open, in a way
- “___ quam videri” (North Carolina’s motto)
- The “B” of N.B., Latin
- Flip, in a way
- Adjusts, as a clock

- Down**
- Cart
 - Arm bone
 - Ancient neck ornament
 - Jefferson ___ (band)
 - Lack of vigor
 - Air freshener option
 - Be a snitch
 - Trick taker, often
 - Relief provider (2 wds)
 - Go around
 - An agent causing a suspension of one liquid in another
 - “God’s Little ___”
 - Blowgun ammo
 - Deadly snake
 - Cheat, slangily
 - Whiner
 - ___ of roses
 - ___ apso (dog)

- An urge
- Barbaric
- Present
- Avarice
- Put to rest, as fears
- Disease dealing with abnormal sugar levels
- Corn ___
- 747, e.g.
- Chant
- Like Kermit
- Feasts
- ___ of the Unknowns
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- Dad; affectionately
- European language
- Medical advice, often
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Last week's answers

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West Orange, N.J. Legal service specialist, base legal, Headquarters Battalion

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MCNAIR WAS A CHILD ACTOR FOR ONE YEAR WHEN HE WAS 11 YEARS OLD. MCNAIR ACTED ON THE T.V. SHOW 30 ROCK, AS WELL AS IN THE MOVIE FREAKANOMICS.

>Home to me is West Orange, New Jersey, with my four siblings and grandfather.

> I grew up sleeping with all four of us in one bed. As we grew older we got bunk beds and when I reached high school we were able to get our own beds.

>I moved around a lot with my mother. All the neighborhoods we moved to were never good ones. I was always surrounded by violence. Because the towns were never good, I always went to a school in a different town than the one I lived in.

>My dad was never a part of my life. In middle school he tried get in touch with me and my siblings. Seeing him didn't affect me. I grew up not knowing him so he was just another man to me who was trying to buy me back.

> When I was a sophomore I moved to Georgia and attended three different high schools. At this point education and friends didn't mean too much to me because I knew I was just going to move again.

>I went to a high school called Meadow Creek High School, everyone called it "Ghetto Creek." That was the worst school I attended. I witnessed the other students stealing, beating the teachers and fighting.

> My mom was a nurse during my childhood years, but once we moved back to West Orange she decided she wanted to be a police officer.

>She was a police officer in one of the worst towns in New Jersey, East Orange. It is a dangerous neighborhood but I knew she would be able to

hold her own because she had good aim with a gun.

>All my siblings are in different branches of the military. After my older sister joined the Army my mom realized how beneficial the military is and wanted all her children to enlist.

>During my junior year of high school I had really bad conduct and fought with two of my teachers. At the same time, my older brother was a poolee for the Marines his senior year. After my second fight happened my mother made me put my energy towards something more constructive, working out with the Marines. So, reluctantly I went.

>Physical training was easy for me. I was always strong in running and staying fit.

>The day after I graduated high school I went to MEPS and was given a ship date. That summer my older brother came home from boot camp and told me it was easy, trying to convince me to go to boot camp.

>My role model growing up is my favorite rapper, L'A Capone. I looked up to him because his music was very relatable to my life. I also enjoyed how he was young and close to my age. He went through a lot of things I did but also knew his goal in life was to help the people close to him obtain a better life.

>A quote I live by is, "separate myself" by L'A Capone. At the end of the day, no matter who you surround yourself with, you have to separate yourself. Not everyone wants the best for you despite what you think. Someone will always have a price for a relationship.



Interviewed and photographed by Pfc. Margaret Gale

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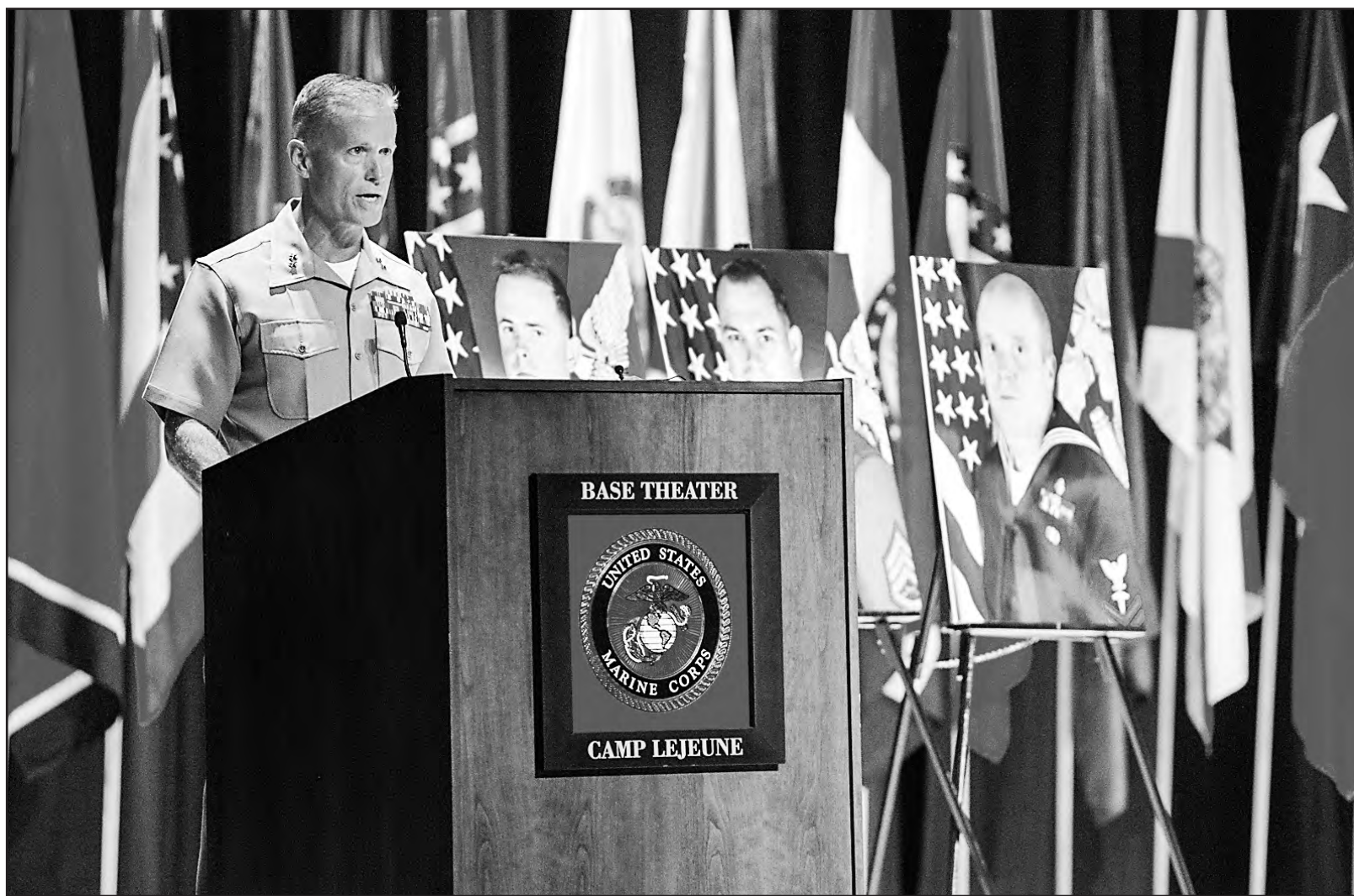
Seven fallen raiders honored

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY SGT. SALVADOR
R. MORENO

Marines, sailors and family members gathered to remember and celebrate the lives of six critical skills operators and one Navy special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command during a celebration of life ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 31.

The seven Raiders, from 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, and nine Marine reservists from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 452, were killed July 10 when their KC-130T Hercules transport aircraft crashed in Leflore County, Miss. The aircraft was delivering the seven MARSOC Raiders to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., for pre-deployment training.

The Marines and Sailors of 2nd MRB paid tribute to their fallen brothers in a solemn ceremony with fond memories shared for each of the men. The six Marines and Sailor were: Staff Sgt. Robert Cox, 28, from Hampstead, N.C., Staff Sgt. William Kundrat, 33, from Frederick, Md.,



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Sgt. Chad Jenson, 25, from Redondo Beach, Calif., Sgt. Dietrich Schmieman, 26, from Richland, Wash., Sgt. Joseph Murray, 26,

from Jacksonville, Fla., Sgt. Talon Leach, 27, from Fulton, Mo., and Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Lohrey, 30, from

Middletown, Ind. "Anytime you lose anyone, whether it's one person or whether it's 16, it's not easy," said 1st Sgt.

Jordan L. Freeland, a 2nd MRB company first sergeant. "Any loss that we have is tough on every-

body, not only the families but the unit itself and the guys they worked alongside on a day-to-day basis." The service members have already been laid to



Maj. Gen. Carl E. Mundy III, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command commander, speaks with the family of one of the seven fallen service members before the celebration of life ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 31. The ceremony honored the seven MARSOC service members lost in a KC-130T Hercules transport aircraft crash, July 10. The fallen were Staff Sgts. Robert Cox and William Kundrat, Navy special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman, Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Lohrey, and Sgts. Chad Jenson, Dietrich Schmieman, Joseph Murray and Talon Leach.



A critical skills operator with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, hangs the dog tags for one of seven fallen service members onto 2d Marine Raider Battalion's soldier's cross display at a celebration of life ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 31. Each person who spoke on behalf of one of the fallen service members, hung their respective dog tags onto the cross, which will be displayed at 2d MRB's headquarters building. The ceremony honored the seven MARSOC service members lost July 10 in a KC-130T Hercules transport aircraft crash, including Staff Sgts. Robert Cox and William Kundrat, Navy special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman, Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Lohrey, and Sgts. Chad Jenson, Dietrich Schmieman, Joseph Murray, and Talon Leach.

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rest at Arlington National Cemetery and others closer to their hometowns. The celebration of life however, serves as a way for friends, family and fellow service members to remember the great things of each of their lives. One service member spoke on behalf of each of the fallen, recalling humorous memories, their many honorable qualities, and what set each man apart from others, commemorating the lives they lived.

MARSOC Commander, Maj. Gen. Carl E. Mundy III, offered his condolences to the families and his thoughts on honoring them and their sacrifices in the years ahead.

"I have witnessed some tremendous examples of resilience and strength because each of you modeled it with grace and dignity in the wake of this tragedy," said Mundy, as he addressed the families. "Their lives were sadly cut short, and there's nothing we can do about that, except to let their lives and the ways they lived them serve as an inspiration for all of us - to live as they did. They lived life full bore, with a sense of

joy and meaning that only derives from service and sacrifice."

He continued to say the Marines and Sailor lived intentionally and fully, not safely or by avoiding hardships.

"Their lives were spent fulfilling a distinguished purpose, each a life well-lived," he said.

Army Gen. Raymond A. Thomas III, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, Marine Gen. Glenn M. Walters, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Brig. Gen. Bradley S. James, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing commander, and Marine Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Osterman, deputy commander, USSOCOM, met with the families and fellow teammates prior to the ceremony to express their sympathies.

"The Marines are going to respond how their leadership responds," said Freeland. "The biggest thing that enables us to push forward is that leadership aspect - to understand that we just went through a traumatic piece but at the same time there is still work ahead of us."



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LANCE CPL. RODERICK JACQUOTE

Marine Corps Col. Jaime Collazo, the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, describes a static display to the students from the Columbian War College's General Staff Course at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Wednesday.



TECH. SGT. JOSEPH HARWOOD

Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit convoy troops and supplies during Alligator Dagger – a two-week exercise that prepares incoming Naval Amphibious Forces, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Amphibious Readiness Group/Marine Expeditionary Unit teams to integrate and synchronize warfighting capabilities in the U.S. Central Command's area of operations. Approximately 2,000 sailors and Marines from the America-class amphibious assault ship USS America, the command ship for Amphibious Squadron 3; USS Pearl Harbor; USS San Diego; USS Lewis B. Puller; Battalion Landing Team 1/5; Aviation Combat Element VMM-161 (reinforced) and the Logistics Combat Element CLB-15 are participating in the third iteration of this exercise.



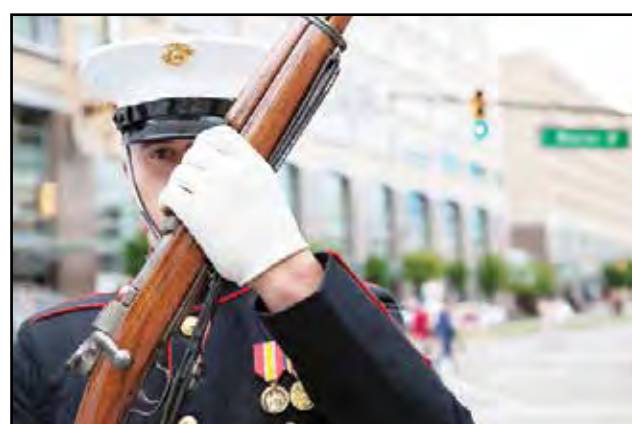
LANCE CPL. CRISTIAN RICARDO

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Carey D. Edwards, a martial arts instructor from the Martial Arts Center of Excellence, teaches Detroit citizens basic Marine Corps martial arts techniques at Cadillac Square during Marine Week Detroit, Thursday. Marine Week Detroit is a chance to reconnect with our Marines, sailors, veterans and their families from different generations.



LANCE CPL. JEREMY LABOY

A Landing Craft Air Cushion approaches USS San Diego during exercise Alligator Dagger 2017. The LCAC is a high-speed, over-the-beach, fully amphibious landing craft capable of traversing snow, marsh, ice, tundra and sand.



LANCE CPL. SAMANTHA BRAY

Michigan local, Lance Cpl. Charles Woods with the Official Color Guard of the Marine Corps practices his drill manual leading up to the opening ceremony at Marine Week Detroit, Wednesday. Marine Week provides an opportunity for the Marine Corps to visit a city that normally doesn't have opportunities to interact with Marines on a regular basis.

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tem is individually based, but there was an abundance of team support among the fellow competing Marines. Each Marine received encouragement from their coaches and other Marines despite the struggles they faced throughout the week.

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"It's amazing being able to represent the Combat Center," Smutnick said. "It's a point of pride and it's good to see the comparison between each base."

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Lance Cpl. Mason McGuff, administrative specialist, air control training squadron, Marine Corps Communication Electronics School, charges into a 100-meter round trip in the water during a High Intensity Tactical Training Tactical Athlete Championship aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Aug. 30.

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Airmen of the 105th Airlift Wing observe a moment of silence during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Stewart Air National Guard Base on September 11, 2016. The ceremony marked the 15th anniversary of the deadliest act of terrorism on American soil.

Sixteen years later: where were you on 9/11?

STORY BY LANCE CPL. JONAH LOVY

BEAUFORT, S.C. - Sixteen years have passed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Service members around the world look back on that horrible day and remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news. The younger generation to enlist and serve may be too young to remember the tragic events but still feel the weight of 9/11 on their shoulders.

That tragic day, two planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers, one into the Pentagon and one in the fields of Pennsylvania, killing nearly 3,000 people. United Airlines Flight 93 crashed before reaching the terrorists target in Washington, D.C., because of the heroic actions of passengers on board.

Sgt. Maj. Paul T. Davis, the Sergeant Major of Marine Aircraft Group 31 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, clearly remembers the events that day.

"At the time, I was a drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island," said Davis. "I remember the day. The recruits were in the base theater receiving a class from the bank. I went next door to the Exchange and saw it on the TV. I thought it was a movie that was coming out soon, until I realized it was live news of the attack."

As a Marine, Davis knew that this attack would affect him directly and that the years ahead would be long and difficult.

"I was very upset," said Davis "It also made me realize and understand how important it is as a Marine to be combat ready."

The Marine Corps

would go on to play critical roles in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, calling more and more Marines to the battlefield.

"It stretched the Marine Corps thin with back to back deployments," said Davis. "It also proved that we are still the most deadly force in the world. I believe our role has not changed. It has only increased. So have our capabilities."

Some Marines have no recollection of the attack but grew up in a nation at war with an often unknown enemy.

Lance Cpl. Phillip Coleman, an administrative clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron aboard MCAS Beaufort, was too young to understand what was happening on Sept. 11. All he knows is the fourteen years of aftermath changed this country forever.

"I remember all the heightened security at airports and sports games," said Coleman. "It doesn't seem like there was as much attention to those concerns before the attack."

Coleman grew up with images of terrorism and war on the news eventually inspiring him to enlist in the Marine Corps.

"It seems like Marines are always in the position to do something about terrorism," said Coleman. "I wanted to be part of the solution and to make the world a safer place to live." Looking towards the future, both Davis and Coleman are optimistic about the continued safety of the nation.

"A lot has been put in place since 9/11," said Davis. "The FBI, NSA, State Department, and CIA have all stepped up their game along with the Marines. If the call is given we will continue to go do what we do best and be the world's protectors."



AIRMAN SHAWNA KEYES

A helmet and bell are front and center at a 9/11 Remembrance ceremony, Sept. 11, 2016, at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. The helmet bears the date of 9/11 and the number 343, representing the number of first responders who perished at Ground Zero.



LANCE CPL. TROY SAUNDERS

Sailors and Coast Guardsmen participated in a joint-service reenlistment and promotion ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza, May 26. One World Trade Center, also known as Freedom Tower, is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere and was built in 2014 to commemorate the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.

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7:40 p.m. — The Glass Castle, PG13

10:10 p.m. — Annabelle: Creation, R

Saturday, Sept. 9

12:00 p.m. — The Emoji Movie, PG

2:10 p.m. — The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature (3-D), PG

4:10 p.m. — Atomic Blonde, R

6:50 p.m. — The Glass Castle, PG13

9:30 p.m. — The Dark Tower, PG13

Sunday, Sept. 10

12:00 p.m. — ADVANCE SCREENING — American Assassin

2:30 p.m. — The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature (3-D), PG

4:30 p.m. — The Glass Castle, PG13

7:20 p.m. — Annabelle: Creation, R

Monday, Sept. 11

6:30 p.m. — Atomic Blonde, R

Tuesday, Sept. 12

6:30 p.m. — Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets, PG13

Wednesday, Sept. 13

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Thursday, Sept. 14

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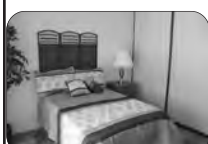
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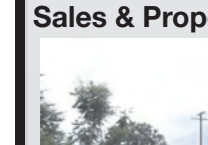
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