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# **HOT TOPICS**

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ROAD CLOSURE Fourth St. between Bourke and Brown Streets will be closed through Feb. 28.

MESSHALL CLOSURES Mess hall's 1610 and 1630 will close permanently after the dinner meal on Feb. 10. Mess hall 1460 will be the only mess hall open to provide support to the Combat Center on Saturday and Sunday, Mess hall 1660, the new Combat Center mess hall, will begin operations on Monday at 5:30 a.m. for the breakfast meal. The points of contact are CWO Tidwell at 830-7017 and Capt Knowles at 830-6822.

#### MARINE SECURITY GUARD SCREENING TEAM VISIT

The MSG screening team is coming to the Combat Center on Feb 21. The team will be screening all interested Marines for the demanding duty with the State Department. The screening will be at the Protestant Chapel from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All Marines to be screened will report in their Charlie uniform and have a completed Officers Commanding Screening Checklist (Phase 1), a completed Financial Worksheet, and their Medical and Dental records. For more information, contact the base Career Retention Specialist Gunnery Sgt. Whitaker at 830-6171 or speak to your unit CRS.

#### HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE HIRING FOR "HOT JOBS"

MCAGCC Human Resources Office is currently seeking veterans or other appointment eligibles to fill "hot jobs" aboard the Combat Center. We currently employ hundreds of civilians in a wide variety of occupations in support of our mission. Some of the available positions include Laborers, Maintenance Workers, Telecommunication Mechanics, Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairers and Microwave Technicians.

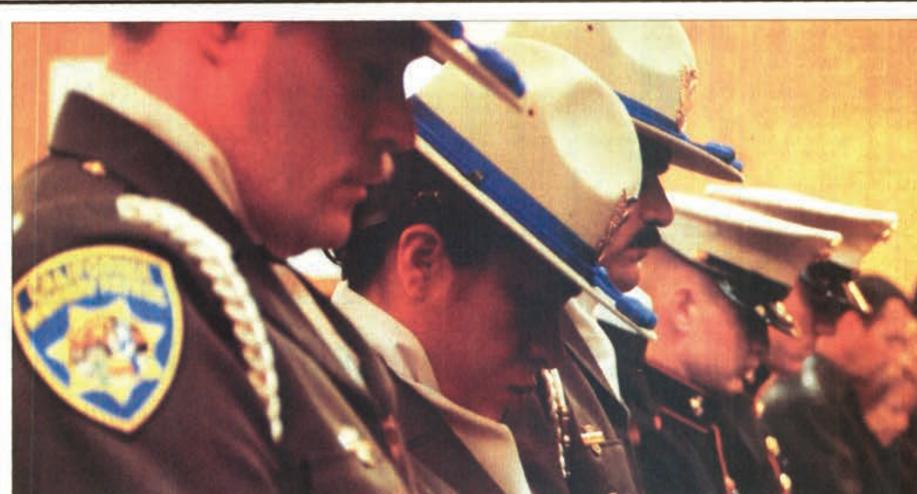
In addition to a competitive salary, we offer paid vacation time and sick leave, a portable retirement plan with government contributions, matching affordable health and life insurance plans, as well as health and wellness services. Please stop by or bring a resume to the Human Resources Office located in bldg. 1551 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **COMING NEXT ISSUE**

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- Great American Voices
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## THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

Feb. 10, 1971 Marines prepared for Phase III of Operation Dewey Canyon, during the Vietnam War



In a prayer of remembrance, police officers are joined by Combat Center Marines in Palm Springs at a memorial service during the 29th Annual California Police Chief's Association conference, which honored those who were killed in the line of duty.

# California police remember fallen officers, Marines

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Nearly 600 police chiefs and officers, family members, guests and Combat Center Marines gathered Jan. 31 for the 29th Annual California Police Chief's Association conference at the Palm Springs Convention Center.

These senior police officers gather annually at various locations around California to give thanks to continuing efforts and to honor the fallen. Last year, the conference took place in Sacramento. This year, fam-'ily members of 18 police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty were also present for the event. The CPCA also took time to remember Combat Center

Marines and Sailors who lost their lives in the past year in Iraq. Marine and police color guard units were combined as a symbol of unity between their organizations.

Distinguished guests included, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Palm Springs Mayor Ronald Oden, Brig. Gen. Douglas Stone, Combat Center commanding general and Assistant Secretary of the Navy retired Col. Harvey C. Barnum, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As a finale for the conference, attendants gathered outside and watched, police and Marine honor guard details sound dual 21-gun salutes to

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pay tribute to fallen Combat Center Marines and California police officers while the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band echoed the stirring notes of "Taps."

During the playing of the Marine's Hymn, seven Marines, clad in desert utilities and field gear, sprinted to the front of the crowd carrying an American flag on a long pole. The detail recreated a "living sculpture" of Joe Rosenthal's famous photograph of the flag-raising atop Mount Suribachi to thunderous

This gathering is an observance — a memorial to the many lives lost," said retired Maj. Patrick Coulter, who served as master of ceremonies for the event. "We will not forget."



LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES Lima Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, strut on to the Combat Center's Victory Field Monday night in a four-column, battery-formation, after returning from Okinawa, Japan, as part of a unit deployment program.

# ima Battery, 3/12, returns from Okinawa

ANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

The Combat Center's Victory Field held a small crowd with enormous cheer Monday night with balloons, banners, and families and friends screaming with excitement as their favorite artillery battery, Lima Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, returned home from Japan.

Lima Battery, who deployed to Okinawa in August as part of a unit deployment program, showed the crowd their pride and honor when they arrived to Victory Field, strutting, as they marched in a battery formation with Lt. Col. Douglas H. Fairfield, the battalion's commanding officer in front. Capt. David L. Padilla, the battery commander, stood in front of Fairfield to report the battery's presence. Families and friends, who anxiously waited, watched the formation march in and report, as a three-year-old family member, Nyaire Moore, son of Cpl. Donte L. Moore, screamed loudly, "Hi, daddy!" over and over on a microphone.

Fairfield gave the command to Padilla to dismiss the battery, and at that moment, the Marines and Sailors of Lima Battery reunited with their loved ones, and picked their lives back up from where they had left it.

The waiting crowd clashed into the formation in a frenzy to find their Marine or Sailor. Wives and girlfriends jumped on their loved ones, as parents and other family members made similar efforts. The six-month deployment felt too long for some, like Andrea Moore, wife of Cpl. Moore, and mother of Nyaire.

"This was my first deployment experience with Donte," said Andrea. "This was such a great day for me though. The day was finally here that I get to see

him in person. My heart couldn't stop beating. I'm glad I can talk to him in person, even though I did talk to him a lot during the deployment, which made me feel better."

"Yes, we talked a whole lot," interrupted Moore. "We just about went through a five-hour phone card everyday. I know it was tough on her so I did everything I could to keep her happy. No one could get through a deployment without the support from family, and I love and thank my wife for it all."

As soon as the battery commander dismissed the formation, Nyaire rushed to his father.

"Hey, daddy, you did it!" yelled Nyaire as he jumped into Moore's arms. The Moores, who are Milwaukee natives, are expecting their second baby in April. Cpl. Moore was excited to return home so he can continue his plans of expanding his home and family with his wife, he said. They hope for a girl in April, but are keeping it a surprise,

Also waiting anxiously, yet patiently, for her Marine's safe return was Sally Dragomir, Dragomir has big plans with Sgt. Merrick M. McKenzie, she said.

Two months before Merrick left, he proposed to me," said Dragomir. "We're going to get married tomogrow, and I have been waiting for this day since the day he left."

Prior to the battery returning to the Combat Center, Dragomir expressed how she felt during her wait.

"It's hard to deal with a deployment when you are with the one you love all the time, and then not having him in front of you for six whole months," she

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# **Marines needed for** recruiter assistance

Want an opportunity to earn promotion points and spend up to 30 days at home without taking leave?

The Marine Corps Recruiting Station in

Pittsburgh, Penn., is looking for motivated Marines to serve as recruiter assistants. RS Pittsburgh covers the following counties in Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Center, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Elk, Fayette, Forest, Green, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence, Lycoming, Mercer, Miflin,

Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Union, Venango, Washington and Westmoreland.

This is the perfect opportunity to earn those extra points you need to excel past your peers and gain your next promotion. Up to 100 points toward your promotion can be earned during time spent on recruiter assistance.

During your time on RA you can expect to spend time with recruiters talking to young

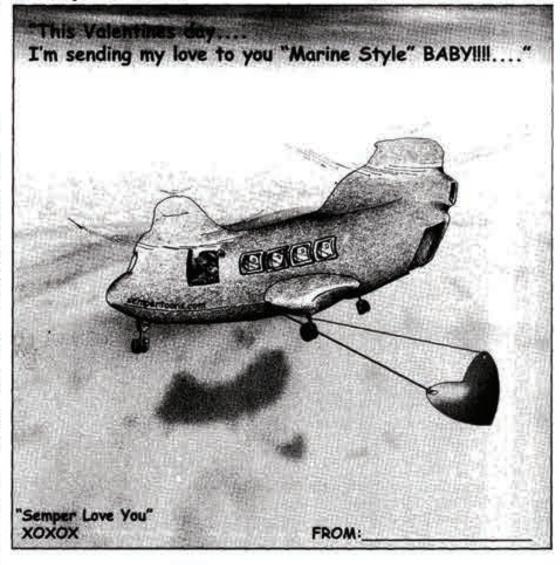
> men and women around town, at the mall and even at your old high school. You will speak with people about your experience in the Marine Corps and what to expect once they've decided to join. You will also work with poolees on physical fitness, knowledge and more.

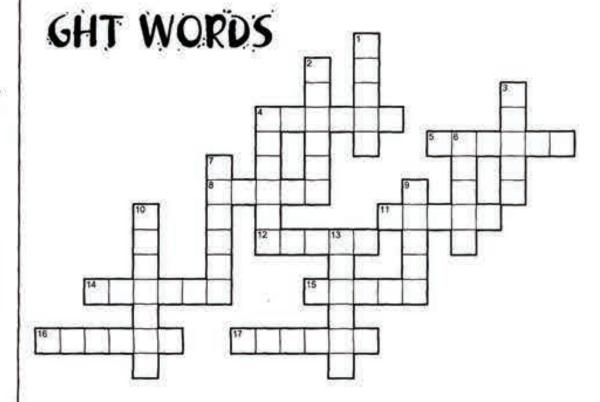
For more information about the recruiter assistance program in the Pennsylvania area. contact Staff Sgt. Ronald L. Samuel at (412)

To find out more information about recruiter assistance in hometowns across America, visit the Web site: https://web.mcrc.usmc.mil/PTAD.htm.

## Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sqt, Charles Wolf





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## **Traffic Citations**

Have you had a traffic citation on base? Did you know if you don't call the traffic court clerk or report to traffic court by the date and time indicated on the citation, your base driving privileges will be suspended? This applies to all military, dependents and civilian employees aboard the Combat Center.

PMO Traffic Court can be reached at 830-5461.

The following services are available to on-base personnel and residents through Crime Prevention: literature, briefs, education, crime assessments, safety tips, the Stranger Danger program, McGruff the Crime Dog, the Officer Friendly program, the Property Marking program, and the Child Identification and Fingerprinting program. For more information call Crime Prevention, 830-6094/5457.

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ACROSS

- 4 Fear; terror; anxiety; horror.
- 5 Brilliant; Vivid.
- 8 Used to indicate obligation or duty: to work harder than that."
- 11 Brawl; clash; battle, "First to \_
- 12 Fixed or fastened firmly in place. No slack,
- 14 A situation, especially a bad or unfortunate one.
- 15 The period between sunset and sunrise, especially the hours of darkness.
- 16 "The pop-fly was \_\_\_\_\_ by Gary Sheffield.
- 17 A measure of the heaviness of an object.

#### DOWN

- The ability to see.
- 2 A medieval tenant giving military service, Sir Arthur; Paul McCartney,
- 3 The power, force, or influence held by a person or group. Physical strength.
- 4 A scheduled airline run or trip.
- Two wrongs don't make this.
- Purchased something.
- "Allow me to shed some \_\_\_\_\_ on the situation."
- 10 Goods carried by a vessel or vehicle, especially by a commercial carrier; cargo.
- 13 The distance from the base of something to the top.

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# Centerspeak

"Do you have a Valentine and if so, what is your gift or date plan?"

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CPL. MANUEL CONTRERAS-SOSA

TTECG, HEADQUARTERS BATTALION

y Valentine's in ▼ Arizona so I'm going to send her some flowers and chocolate. Then I am going to contact her local radio station and send a shout out to her.'



CPL. JOHN CULPEPPER ENGINEER Co., MWSS-374

66 am going to buy Lmy wife a massage at a spa in Palm Springs, but the night of Valentine's Day, 1'll probably cook her my specialty - pasta and wine."



LANCE CPL OSCAR MIRANDA-ANGEL

LIMA BATTERY, 3RD BATTALION,

don't have a Valentine this year, but if I did I would get her some jewelry."



GUNNERY SGT. ROBERT WALKER ENGINEER Co., MWSS-374

"My wife is my Valentine. Her present is a surprise."

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# What's on your mind?

Centerspeak welcomes questions or submissions from service members, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Address submissions to: Commanding General Public Affairs Office (Attn. Press Chief) MCAGCC Box 788200 Twentynine Palms, CA 92278-8200 Or E-mail to: evan.eagan@usmc.mil



Cpl. Donte L. Moore, cannoneer with Lima Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, reunites with his wife, Andrea, and his son, Nyaire, Monday night at the Combat Center's Victory Field

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said. "It's the worst when I woke up and forgot that he was in Japan. But, he made his best effort to call every day. I passed the time by hanging out with my friends and renting a whole lot of movies. I'm glad this day came. I will be more glad when tomorrow comes."

The Dragomir-McKenzie wedding was held Tuesday in San Bernardino. The couple plans to visit McKenzie's hometown in Detroit, and then Cancun. Mexico, the following week for their honeymoon.

"We are trying to have a baby real soon," said Dragomir. "I didn't want to go through a pregnancy while he was gone, so now is our time. Even though I know being a Marine is a real demanding job and anything can happen at any time, I will always support him, and I know he will do the same for me. We both are excited to start a family together."

A lot of battery members weren't just met by wives, fiancés or girlfriends but by parents and other Marines.

Larry Cunnally traveled from Virginia City, Nev., to meet with his son, Pvt. Jesse A. Cunnally, coming back from his first deployment.

"Unfortunately, Jesse can't travel back home with me," said Larry. "But, he plans on coming home real soon. I hope to spend a lot of time together with him like how we used to. He'll also introduce me to his girlfriend today. I'm very proud of him and that's why I had to be here today. I just can't wait to be with him again and spend more time with him when he comes home."

After accomplishing the mission of setting a presence in Japan's Pacific Ocean and being able to provide support to any deployed unit, the battery returned to the Combat Center to continue with missions they left at home. Aside from continuing the primary mission, the Marines and Sailors of Lima Battery have plans for their future, whether it is starting a family, expanding their family, or reuniting and catching up on old times with their family and friends.



Cpl. Robert E. Miller with Lima Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, is welcomed by his girlfriend Monday night at the Combat Center's Victory Field after returning from Okinawa, Japan.

# Consumers Affairs IDs hot consumer issues

PRESS RELEASE

Scam-Fighting Resources Highlighted for National Consumer Protection Week

The California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has released its list of "Five Hot California Consumer Issues" to highlight National Consumer Protection Week (Feb. 5-11) and help Californians navigate one of the world's leading economic marketplaces.

"Scam artists and unfair dealers shouldn't get the time of day, much less one single penny of your hard-earned money," said DCA Director Charlene Zettel. "This National Consumer Protection Week, we're warning Californians about some of the top scams and concerns, and pointing consumers to resources they can use to make good choices and spend every dollar wisely."

DCA's Five Hot California Consumer Issues are:

- "Phishers" Trying to Trick You Into Giving Up Personal Information: Don't get hooked by scam artists when they phone or e-mail you to "confirm" account numbers and passwords.
- Credit Card / Debit Card Fraudsters Looking to Rip You Off: Keep "skimmers" and PIN
  snatchers from stealing your credit or cracking into your checking account. Be aware of the
  customer protections offered for each type of card, and check account statements frequently.
- Tax Refund Anticipation Loans That Gouge You With High Interest: Make sure your tax preparer complies with the new California law that protects consumers. Tax preparers must advise customers these loans are not "instant tax refunds" and disclose details on costs.
- Charity Scammers Taking Advantage of Your Generosity: The holidays or disasters like Hurricane Katrina can increase bogus charity pitches, but consumers should always be wary of high-emotion, high-pressure solicitations throughout the year.
- Unlicensed Individuals Posing as Licensed Professionals or Businesses: Help shine a light on the underground economy by always checking that professionals and businesses are properly licensed.

More information about each of these Hot California Consumer Issues and tips on how to keep from getting burned can be found in a related fact sheet available on the Department of Consumer Affairs Web site, <a href="http://www.consumer.ca.gov">http://www.consumer.ca.gov</a>.

"Consumer Protection? It's the Name of the Game" is the theme for National Consumer Protection Week 2006, which highlights consumer protection and education efforts around the country. The Federal Trade Commission will release the "Grand Scam Challenge," a series of interactive online games to help people test their consumer savvy. Go to http://www.consumer.gov/ncpw for details,

# SELECT PROCEEDINGS OF MARINE CORPS UNIFORM BOARD NO. 208

The proceedings of Marine Corps Uniform Board No. 208 were signed Jan. 20. Some of the highlights include:

- At the individual's discretion, female Marines may wear the ruffled evening dress shirt until no longer serviceable. The pleated evening dress shirt remains the standard shirt for the female evening dress uniform.
- Sailors who wear the Marine combat utility uniform must wear it in accordance with Marine Corps uniform standards as well as abide by Marine Corps grooming and accessory regulations.
- The new female garrison cap will be phased in beginning fiscal year 2007, as the inventory of the old cap depletes.

For more information refer to MARADMIN 031/06 or visit http://www.marcorsyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcutb.

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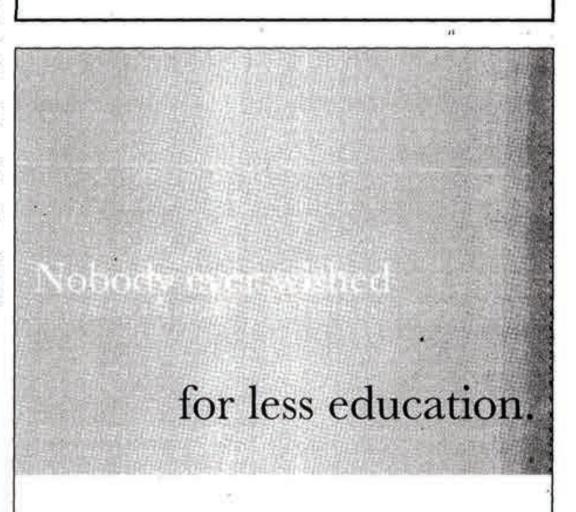


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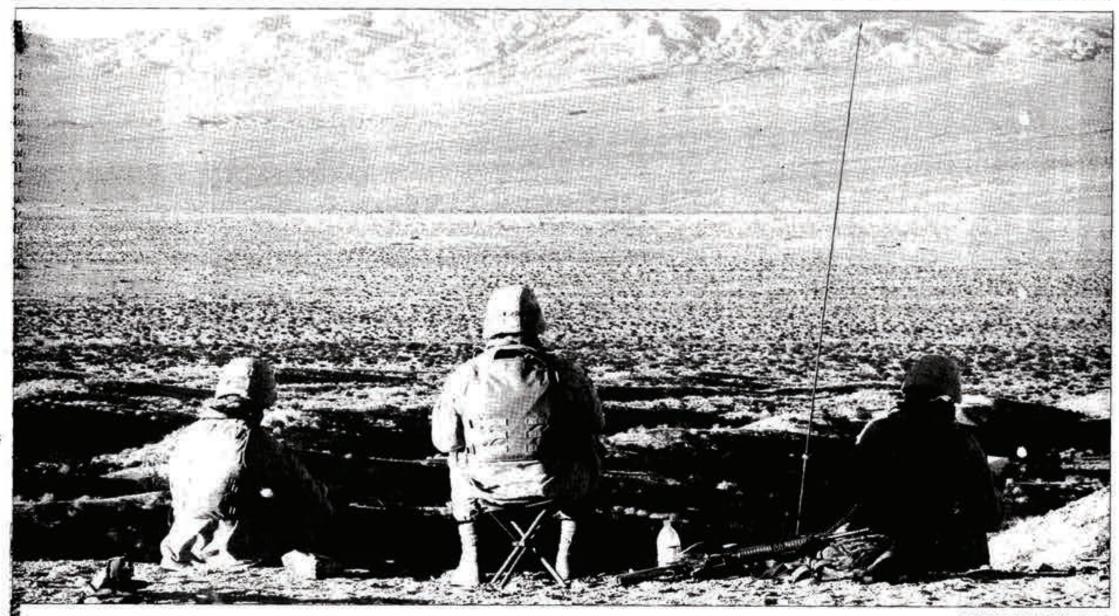


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ree observers with Mike Battery Liaisons, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, watch for incoming artillery rounds at the Combat Center's Quackenbush training area Jan. 31.

# Nike Battery, 3/11, call for destruction in the training area

ANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

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See below for detail

Adelphia

GET, WATCH, DO, WHAT YOU WANT,

The Combat Center's Quackenbush training area was devastated with explosions Jan. 30 to Feb. 3 during a tactical air control party shoot, conducted by students from the Expeditionary War-

fare Training Group Pacific and Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment's liaisons. The devastation was a result of an array of heavy ammunition drops and fires on different tarets in the Quackenbush Valley.

An AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter fired missiles at the targets, followed by a UH-1N Huey delicopter shooting .50 caliber rounds from it's mounted GAU-16 .50 caliber machine gun. treaking through the sky F/A-18D Hornets, swooped toward their targets and dropped heavy

Mike Battery, 3/11, played a significant role in the destruction. The battery shot rounds from their M777 Lightweight Howitzers creating ruins on the terrain and demolishing the steel targets, which were unserviceable battle tanks.

Looking on at the chaos created in the Quackenbush valley were the students from EWTGPac, earning and calling in firing missions, as Mike Battery liaisons, acted as the fire support men.

In all firing missions, the fire support men, who are known to the battery as scout observers, are Marines who coordinate the firing missions. This liaison party spot targets, call in firing missions,

record where the rounds impact and correct and adjust the coordinates for the next firing mission. It is necessary to have liaisons standing at an observation post, looking down at the targets for every TACP shoot, said Sgt. Aaron C. Shirley, firing support man with Mike Battery.

Unfortunately for the liaisons, the battery is understaffed, and the liaisons are operating with four Marines less than they should be. Since the battery's return from their deployment to Iraq in October, they have only been staffed with one forward observer, two firing support men and three field radio operators pulling weight for all tasks in the liaison party.

"This is my third time conducting a TACP shoot," said Shirley. "I was trained to perform these missions with a full staff. Now, being understaffed, we all have to pull our own weight with all the tasks.

The battery picked up their training as artillerymen in December. Since then, they've had three live fire field exercises. During this shoot the battery succeeded in filling those empty scout observer billets by growing their own scout observers from the ranks of their experienced radio operators.

"I volunteered for scout observing training when I heard the liaisons needed them," said Lance Cpl. Dennis O. Young, field radio operator with Mike Battery, acting: a fire support man. "It's a challenging job. It sets us apart as artillerymen and radio operators. I sense the feeling that I'm controlling the battlefield from up here. The liaisons are the eyes of the battlefield, and without us, the battery can't destroy targets."

While this shoot offered a different perspective for some, most of the Marines in Mike Battery are refreshing themselves as artillerymen. The battery went from serving as a provisional rifle platoon in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2, to serving as provisional corrections specialists in OIF 3.

"I'm glad I got the opportunity to serve as a scout observer when coming back and serving as a firing battery," said Lance Cpl. Daniel M. Martin, field radio operator with Mike Battery, acting as fire support man, "I love the change. It's great being up here and calling in firing missions. The responsibility I have up here is greater than what most people with my MOS [military operational specialty] have. We were taught well by our sergeant. We all caught on quick over the short amount of time we had.

"I know we're understaffed, but I feel no difference because this is how I learned the job," he continued. "The team I have is the only team I know. I know it's a demanding job, but we're definitely accomplishing the mission. I look forward to more firing missions.'

Shirley feels the battery is in good hands with the liaison party observing in the distance.

"I'm very impressed with the way we handled the shoot," said Shirley. "The [EWTGPac] students accomplished their missions with the support of our battery, and more importantly, with the support of our liaisons. It was our third field exercise as scout observers, and I feel they've learned everything. Still, I know they are capable of being more proficient in the future."

The battery returned to what their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Douglas H. Fairfield, said is the most experienced artillery battalion in the Marine Corps, training more as "cannon cockers," The rest of the battalion will have their chance to show their destructive capabilities next week during their battalion field exercise.

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# ICE allows opinions to be voiced online

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Speedy service at the sandwich shop? Clothing store helpful with new regulations? Crooked haircut? Bad bagel?

Not many people are aware of the Web-based feedback system for services and organizations aboard the Combat Center that can let a patron's opinions be heard by leaders.

Department of The Defense's Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, was implemented in 1998 to cut costs by replacing cusfeedback cards throughout military installations.

ICE is tailored to each base's specific sections, represents more than 260 locations, services and departments aboard the Combat Center and is available to anyone with Internet access.

"|Marine Corps Community Services] is a service organization more than a business and we want our services to be the best that they can be," said Maj. Matt Baker, deputy director of MCCS, who said response to ICE comments is usually very quick. "We'd like to get input from everyone aboard the base so we can give them the best possible services."

To leave a comment using ICE, log on to http://ice.disa.mil and locate the Twentynine Palms link. From there, base services are grouped into categories such as dining, shopping or communications.

The ICE Web site can also be accessed on the Combat Center's homepage at http://www.29palms.usmc.mil.



CPL BRIAN A. TUTHILL The Interactive Customer Evaluation system can be accessed at http://ice.disa mil

excellent, good, OK, poor and awful for any of the six listed customer service categories. Those categories are facility appearance, employee/staff attitude, timeliness of service, hours of service and overall satisfaction. There is even a field to leave a paragraph of personal comments.

Although ICE can be accessed completely anonymously. Baker said contact information and the more details given, the better the end result will be.

"The best ICE comments are the ones where people take the time to give us their contact number so we can find more details," said Baker, "Something as simple. as a phone number or e-total address is all we'd tike. That way we can follow up and make sure everytimy o right.

Comments posted through ICE are reviewed usually on the same or next day, then sent to corresponding leaders so action may be taken as soon as possible, said Philip Fultz, management analyst with the Business Management Directorate, who helps manage the ICE system locally

"ICE gives forks who deliver the services here some feedback, as well as feedback to their bosses up the chain, Users can leave ratings of an idea of how they are doing," said Fultz.

Another perk of using the ICE system is it allows for a comprehensive comparison of different services in addition to how well an organization did during a specific timeframe.

The nice thing about it is that it gives the mangers and leaders the ability to compare weeks, months, years - any time - based on the feedback received during that time," said Fultz.

Although ICE may seem like an avenue for complaints, users can voice their praise about someone or something on base or give suggestions on how to improve specific

"We do get a few positive comments, but it'd be nice to read a few more of those," said Baker, "At MCCS we have a goal of world-class customer service and that is really what we are working toward. ICE is a way for us to improve that."

ICE is also a good way to give thanks to that unsung hero who helps people out in a snafu, said Fultz.

"ICE can let the entire chain of command know that you've got a good person working there," said Fultz. "We don't hear enough about them so this is the way to let the world know there is a good guy out there, too,"

Service members who are changing duty stations soon may find ICE valuable to get phone numbers of locations, building numbers and view user ratings for various spots around their new base.

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# Dog tags: history and mystery

CPL. JUSTIN J. SHEMANSKI

MCRD/ERR PARRIS ISLAND. S.C. — To many, it is just another piece of the uniform. Each morning, Marines slip shiny identification tags over their heads and tuck them beneath their olive-drab undershirts without giving them a second thought.

But, every now and then, these iconic military symbols come up in conversation, along with all the myths and rumors that accompany them. So what really is the story behind dog tags and the myths that accompany them?

The first recorded use of such tags came from the battlefields of the Civil War. Many soldiers feared if they were killed in action, they would run the risk of being buried in an unknown grave. After all, 42 percent of the Civil War dead remain unidentified to this day. To put their minds at ease, many of them took up the practice of marking all of their belongings with paper tags, and some of them fashioned their own "dog tags" by carving chunks of wood, which was worn on a string around their neck.

Needless to say, the practice caught on, and by 1917, it was mandatory for all U.S. combat troops to wear circular aluminum discs attached to chains around their necks.

By World War II, the tags had evolved into the size and shape recognized today. The only difference in the tags of yesteryear, is they came with a notch in the end of them. which is the source of one of the most popular dog tag rumors around.

"I've always heard about the notch in the [World War II] era tags being used to place' the tag in a fallen soldiers mouth," said Dennis Yackus, director of education and collections at the Great Lakes Museum of Military History. "It was

sort of cerie to me." To go into a little more detail, the myth Yackus referred to states that when a troop had been killed in combat, his comrades would take one of his tags and insert it into the mouth with the notched end between the two front teeth. Then, with a kick or nudge to the jaw, the tag would be come lodged between the teeth, ensuring it stayed secured for future identification.

Of course, the real story behind the notch is far less gruesome. This style of tag was used up until the early 1970s, and the notch only existed because of the type of embossing machine used during that period. It allowed the machine to hold the blank tag while it was stamped out. Current machines do not need the notch to hold the tags in place; hence the smoothsided tags service members are issued today.

"Now that I have done a little looking, the notch makes perfect sense," said Yackus.

It seemed though, that during research, one dog tag story led to another.

"Before I looked into the notch myth. I never heard about the chain being symbolic for 365 days," said "So. while Yackus. 'debunking' one myth, I found another."

The next rumor is tied in with prisoners of war. Facts are few and far between on this particular piece of folk-

lore, but it is said that "official" issued dogs tags are attached to a 365-bead chain for the first tag and a 52-bead chain for the secondary one. These numbers represent the days and weeks in a year. If this was indeed true, a prisoner of war would be able to use his tag chains as a means of keeping track of the days held in captivity. But, again, research can neither confirm nor deny this creative, but clever rumor.

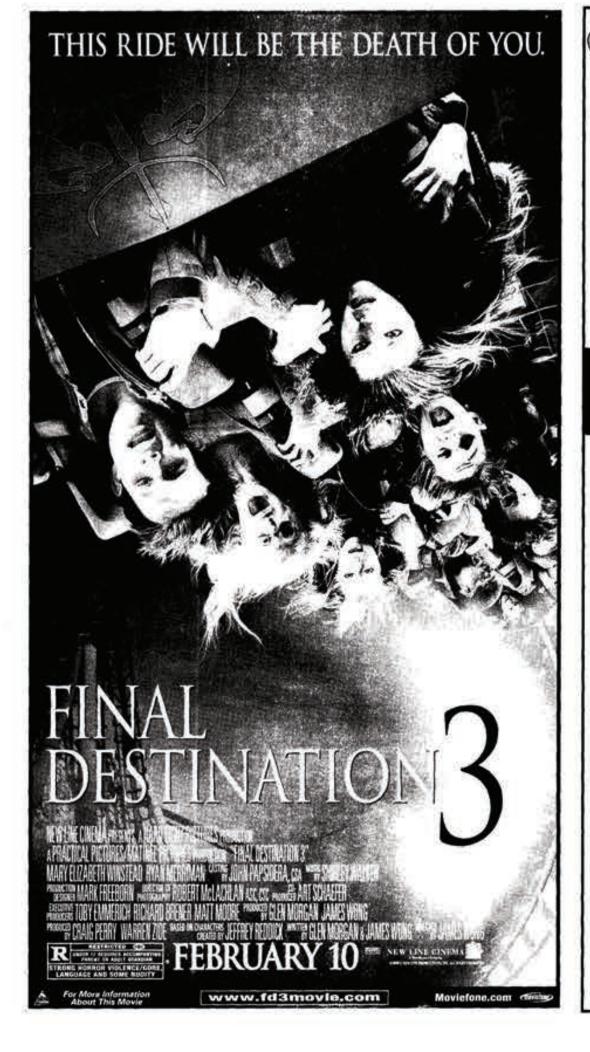
These are just a couple of the most common myths that are currently swirling around the Marine Corps uniform and accessories, and the stories certainly are not limited to dogs tags.

Next time you hear a group of Marines arguing and carry ing on about the significance of a certain piece of gear or uniform item, do a little research of your own. The answers could be surprising;



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# Combat Center volunteer agencies provide free childcare tips and gifts

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The Marine Corps has helping hands held out in all directions to benefit its troops and their families, but many service members are unaware of the free services available through the countless agencies aboard every base.

An example of free services open to all ranks, with few requirements, are the services available to expecting parents.

The American Red Cross, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the New Parent Support Program are among the agencies that provide gifts, classes, and information to any interested service member and their spouse.

The American Red Cross has a baby layette program for service members who have deployed. A layette is a complete set of clothing and bedding for newborn babies. These are donated through the American Red Cross by an outside baby clothing company, said Susan Cangemi, layette program chairman.

To receive a layette from the American Red Cross, there are a few steps and guidelines to follow:

- Fill out an application on the back of the fliers handed out at the delivery waiting room at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, pre-deployment briefs, the New Parents Support Program's Baby Basics Class or at the American Red Cross office located in the Village Center, building 1551.
- Along with the application, a copy of the baby's birth certificate and proof of deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom are required. Accepted proofs of deployment include, but are not limited to, leave and earning statements showing deployment pay, a letter from the deployed service member's command, a copy of deployment orders or a copy of a citation from an awarded medal during the deployment. The proof is seen and verified only by an American Red Cross representative, who is obligated to keep this information confidential.
- The American Red Cross will then send the application to their national headquarters, which sends a certificate to notify the applicant of approval to the layette program. This certificate asks for the baby's current information to be sent back so the layette can be tailored to fit each baby. The baby must weigh no more than 20 pounds to receive the layette.

Cpl. Jason Ness, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, deployed in 2004, which qualified him and his wife, Christine, to receive a layette through the American Red Cross when their first baby, Jaden Damien, was born eight weeks ago.

"Its not as complicated as it sounds," said Mrs. Ness. "It was worth it. It came in a neat gift wrapped package with items I didn't think of as a new parent."

The layette came with bibs, diaper covers, baby tee shirts, pajamas and clothing for when the baby gets a little bit older, she explained.

"We were very pleased with the layette," Mrs. Ness continued. "We received the certificate a week after we sent the application and within a week of sending the certificate back, we received the layette."

For more information on the American Red Cross Layette Program, visit their office at the Village Center, or call 830-6685.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides a different kind of assistance to new parents. Twice a month, NMCRS holds a one-time, two-hour Budget for Baby Class where parents learn

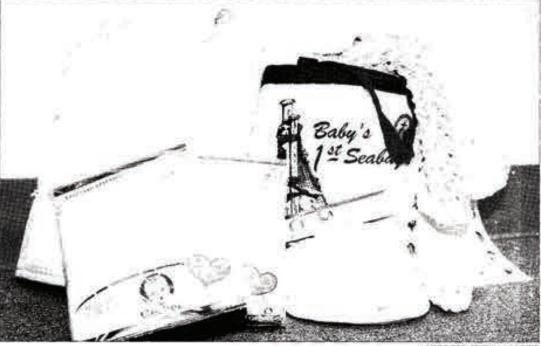
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After completing the class, the parents receive the 'Baby's First Seabag,' a layette prepared by NMCRS with donated homemade items and brand new baby supplies bought with donated

how to plan for the expenses of a new baby, said Rebecca Snoke, NMCRS assistant.

funds, averaging \$150 per



A layette called 'Baby's First Seabag,' from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, has a homemade quilt, blanket and booty socks along with crib sheets, baby clothing and rags. and is free to participants in the Budget for Babies class offered by NMCRS.

bag, said Snoke.

Homemade items include quilts, knitted blankets, booty socks and beanies, Bought items include crib sheets, bibs, parents' resource baby book, baby's first book, washcloths and rags.

The class is free, open to all ranks, and requires the expecting parent be at least three months pregnant and no more than one month postpartum. The class is held the first and third Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both parents are welcome, but are not required to ; come. The maximum capacity is 10 couples per class, so reservations are required in advance.

"We show new parents how to stretch the dollar," said Ray Caldwell, director, NMCRS, "No one really realizes the impact a new baby has on their income."

"We also provide information to other services available to new parents, like our Visiting Nurses and the New Parent Support Program," he added.

For more information or to reserve a seat in the Budget for Babies class, visit the NMCRS at the Village Center or call 830-6323. Community members interested in volunteering for the NMCRS, refer to the same contact information.

For almost any type of help with newborn babies or children, the New Parent Support Program keeps its doors wide open for questions, and is also available for office and home appointments, said Secret Brown, administrative assistant, NPSP.

The New Parent Support Program offers a home evaluation to families that provide helpfultips to ensure an appropriate safety environment for children. The staff is well prepared to help. with issues from potty training to transitioning from baby food to solid foods or from the bottle to a cup, and tips on how to care for fussy babies.

The program also provides an eight-hour crash course in basic care of a new baby. The class covers details on the labor, delivery, postpartum, breastfeeding and safety for the baby during and after pregnancy. Fathers learn how to bathe, diaper-change and soothe a crying baby.

Registration is required prior to the Baby Basics class given on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, to make an appointment, or to register for the class, call 830-7622 or visit NPSP in building 1438.

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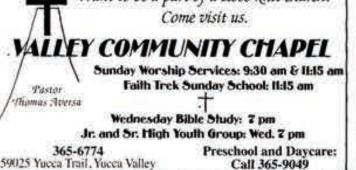
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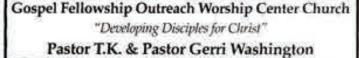
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Wearing proper reflective gear, Pfc. David Venzor runs to catch up with Cpl. Frankie Rivera and Pfc. Chris Rainey during a physical training session Wednesday morning. Marines are required to wear reflective gear before 8 a.m. and after evening colors while exercising outside.

# Proper protective equipment not optional at the Combat Center

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

Marines and Sailors don't think twice about wearing a flak jacket and Kevlar when going into combat training, but they have second thoughts about, and even disregard, wearing reflective safety gear during physical training.

Although an \$8 belt that lasts a lifetime doesn't make a troop look as tough as the flak jacket and Kevlar, it saves lives and is a direct order from Headquarters Marine Corps and the Combat Center.

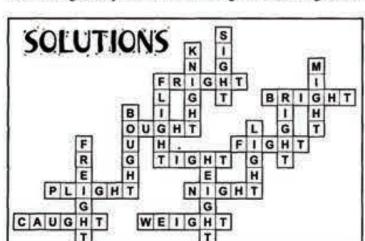
Not only is it required to wear reflective safety gear during physical training, but also any time military personnel are subjected to automotive traffic during their assigned duties, such as controlling traffic, repairing roadways, working construction and repairing telephone or electrical lines on or near roadways. according to Marine Corps Order 5100.19E.

These orders apply before morning colors and after evening

colors, when light is limited.

Individuals are not allowed to walk, jog or run on roadways during high traffic density, and installation commanders are required to designate and publish which roadways and time periods apply, according to the MCO.

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- A red reflector on the rear, visible from 500 feet when directly in front of a vehicle with its front headlights on.
- White or yellow reflectors on each pedal visible from the front and rear of the bicycle from 200 feet.
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Violators of these orders are subject to punitive action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The biggest thing is safety," said Sgt. Maj. James M. Ricker, Combat Center sergeant major. "It's about survivability of Marines and Sailors and using common sense."

A unit leader takes on the responsibility of fellow troops and it can be considered neglect when a unit leader doesn't ensure his troops have all required safety gear. Ricker explained.

"It comes down to, What will the investigating officer say," he added. "It's a tragedy to have to explain an incident you could have controlled."



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# Toastmasters helps conquer fear of public speaking



Staff Sgt. Raiph Rosario, a guest and instructor at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, speaks about a vacation story during the impromptu speeches at the Toastmasters Club meeting Feb. 3 at the Village Center.



LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

We make the butterflies fly in formation," said Debbie Bullen, president, Toastmasters Club 2793.

The butterflies in your stomach, she explained.

One of the most common fears among the average person is public speaking. The Toastmasters Club's mission is to create a supportive and positive learning environment, in which every member receives the opportunity to develop the confidence and skills needed to overcome their fear, said Bullen.

The Toastmasters Club 2793 held a meeting at the Combat Center's Village Center Feb. 3, welcoming interested community members to attend and learn communication and leadership skills associated with public speaking.

The club meets the first and fourth Wednesday of every month in a semiformal procedure, practicing basic presentation and speaking skills throughout the 30- to 45-minute gathering.

There are key roles played by the members at each meeting, who are introduced by Bullen at the beginning of each meeting.

Bullen holds the role of general evaluator of speeches, being the most experienced in public speaking and the Toastmasters Club.

Perry Ford, an education and prevention specialist, Marine Corps Community Services, kept time by using a stopwatch and a lighting device to signal speakers how much time they had left to deliver their speech.

Ford was also the table topics master and word master, who picked the word of the day and the topics that must be the focus of the one- to two-minute impromptu speeches.

Grammarian and 'ah' counter, Cliff Kuhnly, civil service worker at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, dinged a bell and kept count of every time a speaker said 'ah,' 'um,' 'uh,' or took a long pause between words, which is reported at the end of

After the roles of each club member were described Bullen introduced the two speakers of the day, Kuhrily and Randy Meyer, senior management analyst, MCCS finance office.

Kuhnly and Meyer had five to seven minutes to deliver their speeches. The time length varies on how many speeches the members have given and the type of speech the members chose to write.

Once each speech was over, the audience wrote constructive criticisms and gave them to each speaker.

When both speakers were finished, the audience voted for the best speaker. who was recognized at the end of the meeting in a brief award ceremony.

Next, all members and guests gave impromptu speeches. The word of the day was 'yearn' and the topics, written on small pieces of paper, were picked from a fishbowl. The ways of choosing topics varies depending on the creativity of the table topics master.

Following the impromptu speeches. the audience voted for the best speaker in this category.

To close the meeting, Bullen gave each prepared speech evaluations, and then presented awards to the speakers with the best prepared speech and the best impromptu speech.

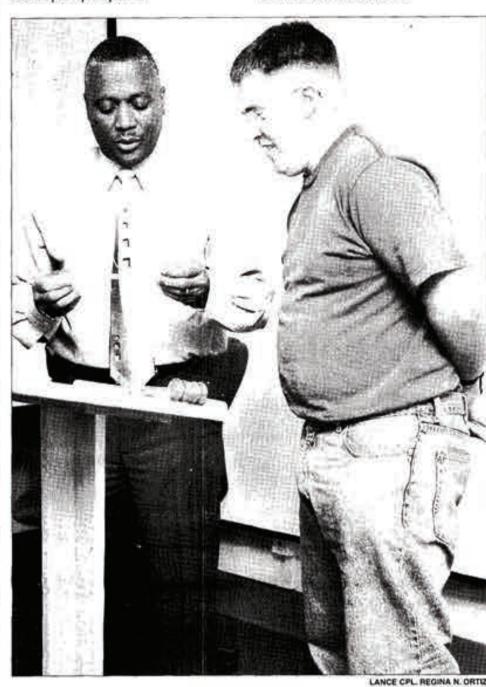
Then she asked each guest to give their opinion and if they will be attending. future meetings. Some guests were recommended to join the club by their col-; lege instructors, and some attended to better themselves in their current occupation.

"I feel there is always room for .improvement," said Staff Sgt. Ralph -Rosario, instructor at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School.

The Toastmasters is an international club with more than 200,000 members and 10,000 clubs in 80 countries,according to the official Web site. http://www.toastmasters.org.

The club's main focus is to give people the communication skills to become : successful leaders, said Bullen.

For more information on the Toastmasters Club and how to join visit the Web site or call 830-6533.



Perry Ford, Toastmasters member and table topics master, reads a randomly selected topic to Robert

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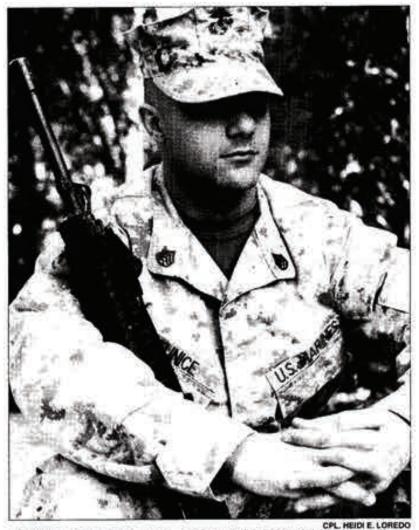
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# RCT-8 Marine receives Copernicus Award



Staff Sgt. Matthew Eunice, tactical data network specialist, Regimental Combat Team 8, 2nd Marine Division, is a recent recipient of the Copernicus Award, given for excellence within the communica-

tems or information warfare.

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — The 2005 Copernicus Award recognized Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military and civilian personnel who significantly contributed to naval warfare in the areas of command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, information sys-

Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Eunice of Regimental Combat Team 8, 2nd Marine Division, was recently recognized for excellence in the communication field with his selection as a Copernicus Award recipient.

The annual awards honor 16th century astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus, each year by presenting Sailors,

Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians who show similar forward-thinking. It is co-sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and U.S. Naval Institute.

As a tactical data network specialist for RCT-8, Eunice, of Virginia Beach, Va., is responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of a network which comprises half of the ground combat power for the Marine Corps in Iraq. This includes the physical maintenance of all servers, routers and switches, implementing software upgrades and monitoring and updating all virus definitions and software.

He is also tasked with designing and implementing system upgrades, architecture modification and engineering and implementing additions to these networks.

"Eunice is a technically superior Marine who possesses an impressive ability to lead, a strong work ethic and the initiative necessary to combine his talents to improve the system architecture," said Maj. Robert R. Brunkalla, S-6, RCT-8, who nominated Eunice for the award. "[He] continually seeks to improve the network design supporting the regiment of more than 4,200 Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Soldiers."

Eunice, who was recently promoted to his present rank, considers himself lucky to receive the award since there are many Marines involved in accomplishing the daily

"People don't understand the complications involved with our job," said the 26-year-old. "Many people put a lot

of effort in enabling the basic things such as e-mail. I'm grateful to receive this award, but I wish more people could receive it. Anyone involved deserves it. Not enough people are recognized."

Brunkalla said Eunice is the epitome of a Marine [staff noncommissioned officer) and has established himself as the go-to individual within the regiment for all data related prob-

lems and questions.

"There can be 190 things that

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-STAFF SQT. MATTHEW J. EUNICE

"His thirst for knowledge, refusal to be limited by paradigms, ability to envision the possible network improvements coupled with his vast technical knowledge make [him] a combat multiplier to the regiment, the division and the [communications] community as a whole on this modern battlefield," said Brunkalla.

Eunice engineers and tailors mission-specific circuits required in support of combat operations beyond the line of sight throughout the entire area of operations covering thousands of square kilometers in Al Anbar province.

The challenges placed before Eunice keep him on his toes and makes this deployment a rewarding experience for him.

"There is always something new," said Eunice. "There can be 190 things that will go wrong and I have to figure out how to fix them. Sometimes you just have to learn on your own. No one knows all of it so you have to go out

# 1st Marine Division welcomes new sergeant major

LANCE CPL. ALEC KLEINSMITH MCB CAMP PENDLETON

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - The leathernecks of 1st Marine Division welcomed their new sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Frank E. Pulley, and parted ways with Sgt. Maj. Wayne R. Bell in a relief and appointment ceremony held Feb. 2 at the 11 Area Parade Field here.

Bell, who served as the division sergeant major since July 2003, deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom throughout 2004 until early 2005, serving as the senior enlisted advisor to Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis and Maj. Gen. Richard F. Natonski.

During his speech, Bell gave endless praise to the Marines under him for their tireless efforts in the Global War on Terrorism.

"Marines, your performance during my tour of duty has been nothing less than exceptional," said Bell, from Washington, D.C. " You are my heroes, and I truly do love you all."

Bell will move on as the Marine Corps Installations West sergeant major.

Pulley brings with him years of experience from the Fleet Marine Force. In his last assignment. Pulley was the sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and the Western Recruiting Region from April 2003 until February 2006.

In his career, Pulley has taken on numerous assignments. Pulley served as platoon sergeant for Battery 13, 12th Marine Regiment,

but was later nominated to serve as the regimental career planner for the 12th Marines while stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

In August 1990, Pulley received orders to Drill Instructor School at MCRD San Diego. Graduating sixth in his class, Pulley was subsequently assigned to Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, where he served as a drill instructor and later as a chief Dl.

Pulley's personal decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with three gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine (with a gold star). Pulley is low throughout the year.

also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara Medal for lasting contributions to field artillery.

Pulley promised to take care of his Marines just as well as Bell did.

"It is an absolute honor to be serving as the [1st Marine] Division sergeant major, and I vow to take care of my Marines and Sailors," said Pulley, from Spring-

The 1st Marine Division is supported by Marine aviation and force service support units, and is prepared to be an integral part of the Marine Expeditionary Force. Several units from the 1st Marine Division recently deployed to Corps Achievement Medal Iraq and more units will fol-



Sgt. Maj. Frank E. Pulley salutes Maj. Gen. Richard F. Natonski, commanding general for 1st Marine Division, during the 1st Marine Division relief and appointment ceremony at the 11 Area Parade Field here Feb. 2.

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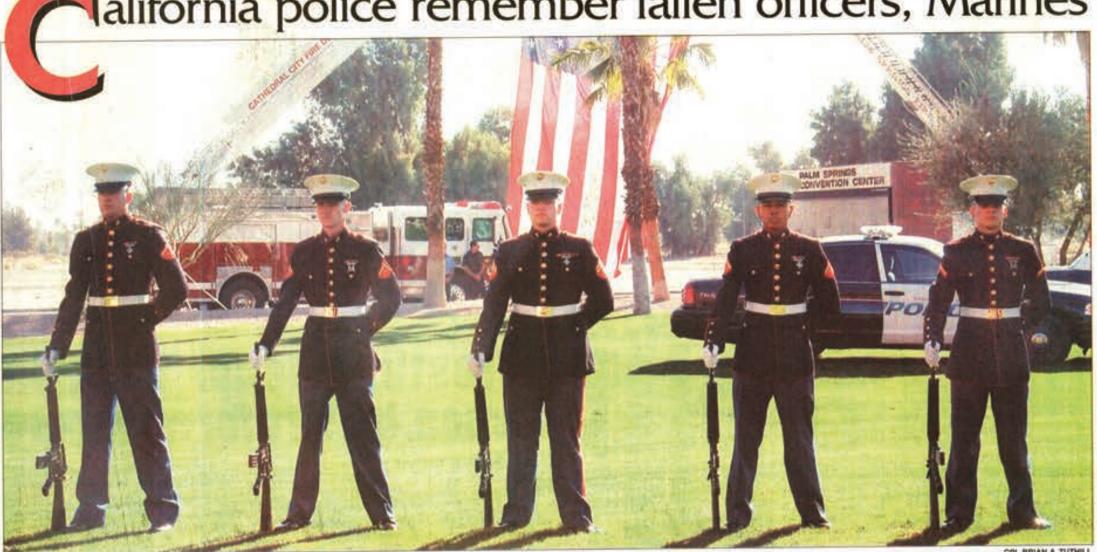


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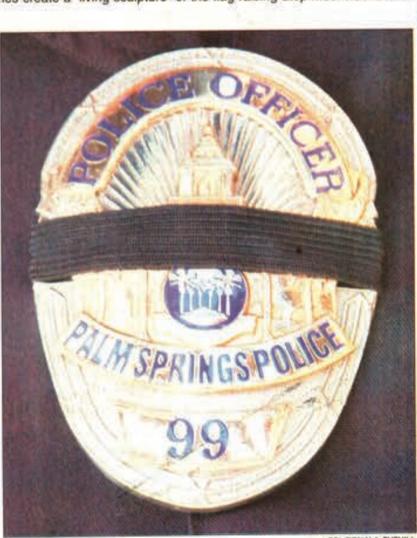


Combat Center Marines carrying an American flag run in to position before creating a "living sculpture" of the flag raising atop Mount Suribachi.



Combat Center Marines create a "living sculpture" of the flag raising atop Mount Suribachi.

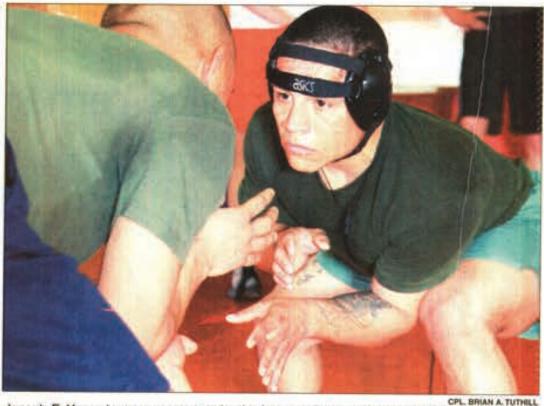




Police officers from across California wore mourning bands such as this to memorialize those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Police officers salute while Staff Sgt. Jeffrey A. Frank plays "Taps" after a dual 21-gun salute.





Joseph E. Yeampierre prepares to take the legs out from under his partner, Nathan Wada, at wrestling practice Wednesday.

# Wrestling team back in action, hungry for members

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

The "world's oldest sport" has returned to the Combat Center and is looking for more members of all experience levels to represent the base.

The wrestling team, sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services Sports, is back after a year's hiatus and began practicing last month.

Currently 24 Marines strong, the team is looking to grow significantly in coming weeks, said Stephen Campbell, head coach.

"This is open to any Marine aboard the Combat Center," said Campbell, 31, who has wrestled since the age of 5. "We have all different levels of experience with us and welcome everyone. We have guys who have never wrestled a day in their life to guys who have wrestled on a team for 15 years. One Marine actually wrestled on the All-Marine team not long ago."

Campbell said he plans to maintain the team year-round, as well as enter Marines in upcoming tournaments.

"We will compete in California and will shoot for some post-season tournaments to get in to," said the Coral Springs, Fla., native.

For anyone who might be interested in joining, it's as easy as showing up to a practice. "We practice Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6 a.m. at the Tank Battalion classroom, building 1710," said Campbell. "Just show up. I'll get you in shape, I promise. [You] just need to be there in PT gear and be ready to work hard,"

Most Marines already have the skills required to become a wrestler, even if they don't realize it, said Jordan James, assistant head coach and wrestler for more than 8 years.

"To be successful as a wrestler, you need to be both mentally and physically tough," said James, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native. "You have to have discipline and stick to a training schedule, make it to practice, and if you just go through the motions, you won't be good at it."

Marines pride themselves on being physically fit and few sports out there are more physically challenging than wrestling, said Campbell.

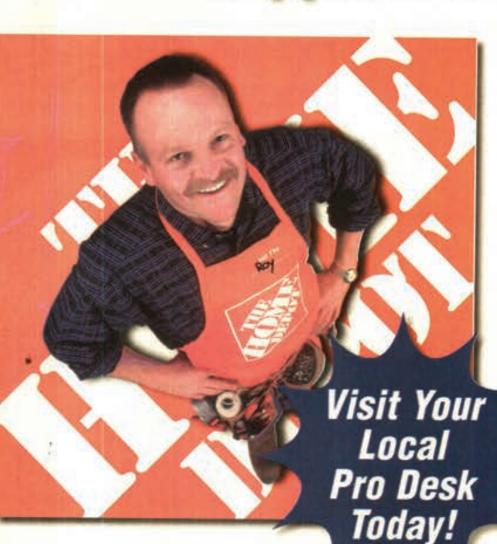
"Something wrestling gives you that most sports don't is true mental toughness," Campbell said, "Wresting makes you tough because it's just you and your opponent out there on the mat. You can only rely on yourself.

"It is an individual sport with a team concept," Campbell continued. "You can't get any better without a team, but once you get out there, you're on your own."

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3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, is hosting an Operation Enduring Families Valentines party Feb. 11 from 6 to 11 p.m. in the Mesa room at the Officers' Club. There will be a karaoke machine and appetizers. Tickets are \$5. Contact the Officers' Club for more information at 830-6610.

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The Officers' Spouses Club's annual Mardi Gras scholarship and grant fundraiser is Mar. 4. Tickets are \$12.50 each and include heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. with a silent auction at 6:30 p.m. and a live auction at 7:30 p.m, You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club weekdays until Feb. 28.Call 368-3891 for more information.

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The Officer Spouses Club will host 29 Palms 101: History and Art of the Desert, Feb. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The morning will start with a tour of the Old Schoolhouse Museum followed by a tour of the 29 Palms Art Gallery and ending with lunch on the gallery patio. The cost is \$10. Please make reservations by Feb. 13th by calling Lylah at 368-9352,

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# **MCCES Team 1 schools Naval Hospital**

# Continues winning streak

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Team 1 treated Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital for a loss at the West Gym Monday night as the Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League continued its fourth week of the season.

Lead by coach Ananias Hawkins, MCCES won their fourth game in a row, beating Naval Hospital 65-52.

Early in the game, Naval Hospital took the lead.

Ironically, a lack of communication made MCCES 1 fall behind in the first half, said Jerry Anderson, a player with MCCES.

The first half ended with Naval Hospital leading by nearly 10 points. "We weren't feeling each other the first half," said Nick Patterson, a MCCES player. "It's probably because we rarely practice together as a team. With this unit, it's hard to find time during the day when everyone can get on the court together. When we show up, it may take a while, but things will come together. That's how it's been happening for us."

Patterson was a big asset to the team, making several three-point shots throughout the game and making most of his free throws.

"No one on base has a better jump-shot than Patterson," said Hawkins. Hawkins contributed as coach and player, grabbing many rebounds for MCCES.

Toward the end of the game, frustration arose with Naval Hospital as MCCES caught up, broke their lead and peeled away with the game.

"We found our chemistry in the second half," said Jerry Anderson, a MCCES player. "That's what usually makes us win - our chemistry, and that is why we're on a four-game winning streak."

Naval Hospital tried to get MCCES off their game by playing more aggressive, but MCCES capitalized on their breakdown and continued putting points on the board.

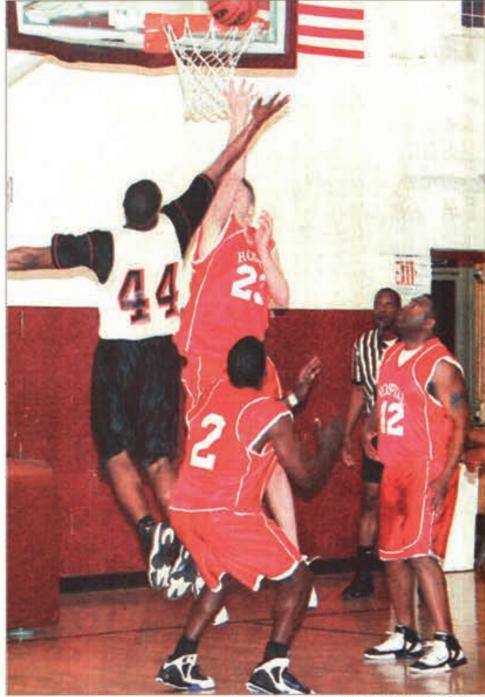
"Everyone likes to work together as a team on MCCES," said Patterson. "And we're just a very quick team. It shows at the end of

"We came off a little rusty at the beginning of the game but we were doing well," said Clifton Logan, a Naval Hospital player, "We haven't been getting together much for practice so that itself is a bad start. We need to put in work on the court and gain more intensity, then we can start winning games again."

MCCES' coach foresees more games like Monday night's.

"Everyone in this league has to get through us if they want to start winning," said Hawkins. "We're the best team on base. If you want to be the best, you have to come through MCCES."

With the win, MCCES Team 1 has a record of 4-2, with Naval Hospital at 3-3.



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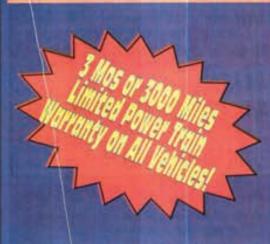












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Tappy Valentine's

Shannon, Haley, & Aubrey, ILove you 3 w/ ALL my Heart. Shannon you mean everything to me and I thank the LORD for you and the girls every day.

Patrick



Happy Valentine's Dayl We love you! Mom and Dad

To my wife: Happy Valentine's Day! You are my inspiration! Love Richard

To my firstborn, Steven "Andrew: Chavez. I am proud of you. Congratulations on Air Force Reserves boot camp graduation (324TRS/ ight 186, Lackland AFB) Love always, Mom



## Makayla & Briauna



We love you both more than words could say, your smiles remind us how blessed we really are. lappy Valentine's Day Girls! Hugs & Kisses, Mom & Dad



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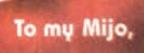
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To my best friend - who I talk with, walk with and laugh with.

This is our first Valentine's day as husband & wife! You have filled my heart with more love

than I ever thought possible, love for you, love for the Lord and love for our kids - Thank you for making my life complete! Love you. Cindy

Happy Valentine's Day also to our little Eddie and the rest of the gang! We love you!



I love you forever. Your wife, Adela



Meredith, You've been so kind to me and have always been there for me. I enjoy every second 1 spend with you. Happy Valentine's Day. ♥Always, Danny



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You have been our mascot for 4 1/2 years. Thank you for all the joy & laughs! Love Ma & Pa

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Pat

Roses are red, Vicilets are blue, It's been a great year, and I'll always love you!

Brian

Come live with me and be my love, And we will all the pleasures prove

> To WC from KS with love now and forever

Rcon, To a renewed love, vou are the best friend I fell in love with. I love you with all my heart. Cherie

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Dear Guy, Happy Unniversary Happy Valentine's Day! To my "Dreain Come True." I love you. Always & forever, Corinna

Ray, I'm so g lad we are still "Happy In Love" as we were in this picture 11 years ago. Your best friend ar id loving wife, Carol





Ruth, The Love of Christ in your wonderful smalle, your eyes of beauty show his spirit. Genesis 2:24 All my love e vermore in Him.

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Love, Cheryl