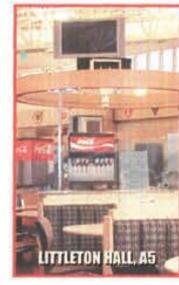


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ROAD CLOSURE

Second Street will be closed for repaying March 6-17. The Bourke and Brown intersections will remain open while the Sturgis and Griffin intersections will be closed.

DOG LICENSING AND PET VACCINATION CLINIC

The town of Yucca Valley will host a dog licensing and vaccination clinic on Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the community center courtyard. The clinic is offered to Yucca Valley and San Bernardino County residents. Lowcost rabies vaccinations will be available as well as the canine DHLPP booster, Lyme, Bordetella, feline 5way booster and feline Rccp. Dog licensing will also be available at the clinic. Bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers to the event. Fees for the services provided by Dr. Woodring and San Bernardino County must be paid in cash. Checks will be accepted only for town of Yucca Valley licensing. For more information, contact the town of Yucca Valley at 369-7207.

QUIT SMOKING CLASS

Tired of spending your money on a smoking habit that makes your clothes and breath stink? The Health Promotions department at Naval Hospital 29 Palms can help you kick that habit. The next smoking cessation class will take place March 14, and if you can't make it to that one, there are eight others scheduled throughout the year. Your NCOIC will give you the time off to go to one of them if you ask. To register, or for more information, call Martha Hunt at 830-2814.

FREE CPR CLASS

In conjunction with National Red Cross Month, the American Morongo Basin Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a free Adult CPR class on March 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Joshua Tree Community Center. Pre-register immediately as enrollment is limited. Call the Red Cross Station Twentynine Palms at 830-6685, or call directly to the chapter at 366-5330 for further information or to register.

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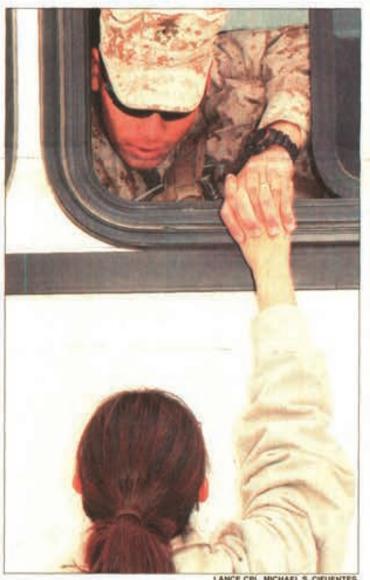
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gunpowder.



Marines with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, load packs for members of their battalion Monday at the Combat Center's Del Valle parking lot, moments

1/7 deploys to Iraq for third time



A Marine with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, says goodbye from a bus at the Combat Center's Del Valle parking lot

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

More than 900 Marines and Sailors with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, began their seven-month deployment to Iraq during the final three days of February.

The unit departed the Combat Center in three waves from Sunday to Tuesday morning, boarding buses at the Del Valle parking lot.

Family members of the servicemen joined the battalion on their final day at the Combat Center to say goodbye and wish their loved ones a safe return.

The battalion has been training since their return from Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 in March 2005, focusing on stability and support operations and maintaining their overall com-

bat readiness.

This will be the battalion's third deployment to Iraq in support of the ongoing global war on terrorism.

According to the battalion's Web page, 1/7 began its march toward Baghdad during OIF I in March 2003 and saw significant combat action along the way and in the streets of the Iraqi capital.

In August 2004, the battalion deployed to western Iraq in support of OIF 2. There the battalion conducted security operations in cities and roadways along the Euphrates River and Syrian border.

Upon arriving to Iraq this time, the battalion will be split up into smaller units operating in different cities in western Iraq, again in Al Anbar province.

They will be tasked with conducting operations with Iraqi Security Forces in support of OIF.

Some battalion members are familiar with combat deployments, such as 22-year-old Lance Cpl. Andrew D. Surovec.

Surovec, an infantryman with Baker Company, deployed to Iraq twice with 1/7 and is eager for his third and final deployment, he said.

"I feel like I am more than ready for this deployment," said the Millhall, Pa., native. "I've been on two deployments with this unit and I'm comfortable going into this. I know it won't be like our last two, but I'm sure I won't see anything that I haven't seen before. My unit is ready for any situation that we get into. I trust the men I'm going with from the most senior Marine to the junior Marines.

"We trained hard for this day," continued Surovec. "We raided military operations in urban terrain facilities here. We had a combined arms exercise evolution that I've never seen in all my years here. We had every combat element training with us. We are well prepared for the deployment and have the ability to be successful out there. I'll miss home and talking to my parents but our camaraderie is definitely an added bonus. We're going to Iraq to do what we do best, which is win fights and take names."

Other members of the battalion haven't had the experience of a deployment, such as 19year-old Pfc. Luke N. Doty, a machine gunner with Baker Company. His older brother, Jordan Doty, came to the Combat Center to say goodbye to him and show him support before his first combat deployment.

"I told my brother how proud of him I am for doing this," said Jordan. "This is his first deployment and I know he's ready for it. I'm

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3/4 mourns loss of new Marine

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Saddened Marines and Sailors aboard the Combat Center gathered at the Protestant Chapel Feb. 24 for a memorial service mourning the loss of a Marine with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

Pfc. Richard Keith Weaver II, who was an infantryman with India Company, 3/4, died Feb, 22 during a morning physical training run with his platoon.

The 19-year-old Muskegon, Mich., native joined the battalion Feb. 17, enjoyed the 72-hour President's Day liberty period, and began his occupation in the fleet Feb. 21.

The Protestant Chapel was filled with service members who came to celebrate the life of Weaver and share sorrows of his loss. Pfc. Thomas H. Bertram, another infantryman who joined the battalion from the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., with Weaver, spoke of him during the service.

"Pfc. Weaver was my best friend – I knew him from SOI," said Bertram. "He was a good person. He was very easygoing and a fun person to hang out with. I have a few memories with him, one of which when we spent a few days in San Diego. He was talking about going to Sea World one day, and I mentioned there was going to be a hockey game in town. Immediately he said 'Cool, let's go to the game.' And that's what kind of person he is. He'd just rather spend time with a good friend, doing something that would just be a good time. He was always around to help other people and always there to talk.

"It's going to take a while to face that my best friend will no longer be here training alongside me anymore," he added. Lt. Matthew Weems, the battalion chaplain, spoke during

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Marines with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, pay their final respects at the Combat Center's Protestant Chapel Feb. 24 to the life of Pfc. Richard K. Weaver II, who was a 19-year-old infantryman with India Company.



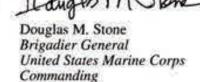
A letter to the Combat Center family,

During the month of March the Combat Center will conduct an aggressive education and enforcement force protection program addressing driving under the influence (DUI). Our campaign, "STOP THE MADNESS," will feature Observation Post articles, posters across the base, random checkpoints at gates-incoming and outbound, and a sundry of other tools to raise awareness about the dangers and consequences of DUI.

DUI can result in death and serious injury to the driver, passengers and innocent victims in other vehicles. DUI can ruin a career-in today's military a DUI can prevent promotion and reenlistment. A DUI can be expensive. Though laws and penalties vary from state to state, on average a DUI can cost close to \$5,000attorney fees, court costs, insurance increases and sundry other expenses ranging from vehicle towing and storage to completing alcohol education programs-it all adds up. And, there is the added expense and potential loss of personal freedom by losing your license-a year is not uncommon.

"STOP THE MADNESS" will succeed if we work as a team. Everyone, whether wearing a uniform or not, must make the responsible decision to not drink and drive, Military leadership, especially our NCOs, carry the biggest responsibility to set the example, engage their Marines and hammer home the "don't drink and drive" message and supervise-closely. As an incentive, I will award a 72-hour liberty period to any company aboard the Combat Center that goes through the month of March without a DUI.

The simple solution to solving the DUI problem is for each one of us to make a responsible decision: If you are going to drive do not drink! Through individual responsible behavior, good decision making, engaged leadership and teamwork we can "STOP THE MADNESS!"



C.O.P. Corner



Community **Oriented Policing**

The proactive voice of crime prevention



Presented by the Provost Marshal's Office Crime Prevention Section Unattended Children and Animals in Vehicles

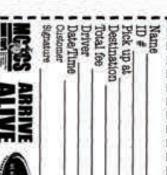
That quick trip in the store with your children or animals in the vehicle could result in the loss of life. A recent study showed that with outside temperatures at 72 degrees, the temperature inside a vehicle with the windows closed rose another 40 degrees over the course of an hour. The locking or leaving a child or pet unattended in a car is not only a violation of the Combat Center Order, but could cause serious harm or death.

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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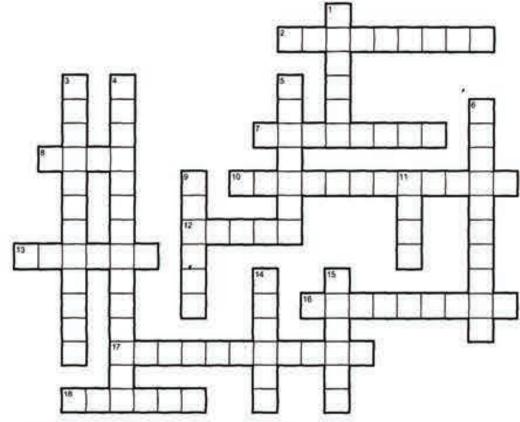
Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf

"...MORE @#!\$ AMMO.., A LITTLE &*%\$ SUN BLOCK,... A HOT #@\$% MEAL EVERY ONCE AND AWHILE ... AND MOST IMPORTANTLY MORE 15@#% MAIL Other than that,.... I am proud to serve my Corps and Country, Thank you for asking.... SIR!" SEMPER FIDELIS

When Marines are allowed to speak Freely -

MARCH HISTORICAL EVENTS



ACROSS

- 2 Alexander Graham Bell made the first call March 10, 1876.
- __ prison emptied prisoners by the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy March 21, 1963.
- The United States _ __ produced its first coins made by a press March 23, 1836.
- Banner was adopted as National Anthem of the United States March 3, 1931.
- 12 The Battle of the ended after 13day siege March 6, 1836.
- 13 President Ronald was shot in chest & wounded in Washington, D.C., during an assassination attempt March 31, 1981.
- 16 Thomas became Secretary of State under President Washington March
- 17 Puerto Ricans where granted United March 2, 1917.
- 18 Meat, butter and were rationed as a result of WWII March 29, 1943.

DOWN

- Largest oil spill in United States history happened in _____ March 24, 1989.
- was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus an Cassius March 15, 44 B.C.
- 4 The took place March 5, 1770.
- ___ erupted in Bali, killing 1500 people March 19, 1963.
- 6 RCA produced the first color March 25, 1954.
- was sold to United States by Russia March 30, 1867.
- 11 President George Washington and Congress created the United States _ March 27, 1794.
- 14 The planet_ was discovered by Sir William Herschel March 13, 1781.
- 15 Texas declared independence from March 2, 1836.

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Centerspeak

"How has the Marine Corps changed your life?"

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LANCE CPL JONATHAN QUIROGA

H&S Co., 3RD LAR

66 Tt has provided me with a more structured life. When there are things that need to be done, I get it done. I used to just do whatever I wanted to do, instead of what I had to do."



SGT. DANIEL NOVAK HEADQUARTERS Co., MWSS-374

66Tt's made me more responsible in general, but most of all, it's taught me to take responsibility for other people and watch out for their needs. I'm also able to manage a group of people."



VALERIE HENNESSEY MARINE SPOUSE

66 The Marine Corps made him calm down and become a family man. People say the pay isn't that great but with all the benefits, such as the commissary and medical, we have our finances in order."



PFC. KYLE JONES HEADQUARTERS Co., 1/14

66 The Marine Corps teaches me something new everyday, about how to become a better leader, a disciplined person, how to talk to other people. It keeps on giving.'

> Or E-mail to: evan.eagan@usmc.mil

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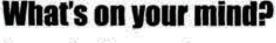
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Combat Center site to aid threatened desert tortoise

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The mission of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center is to conduct live-fire combined-arms training that promotes the readiness of operating forces, and to provide facilities, services and support responsive to the needs of the tenant commands, Marines, Sailors and their families. The Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division helps the Combat Center fulfill the mission, while also protecting our natural and cultural resources.

MCAGCC is home to one of nature's most fascinating animals: the desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii). The Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division and the United States Marine Corps are committed to protecting this unique species.

In 1990, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the desert tortoise warranted legal protection, so the current status of the desert tortoise is "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

The desert tortoise is at risk of becoming an endangered species if we don't do all we can to protect them. Tortoises face many survival challenges in their lifetime, such as wild dogs, coyotes, traffic, either on-road or off-road activities, abduction from the wild, and release of captive tortoises into the wild.

Tortoises are especially vulnerable to predation during the first five years of their life, before their shells harden. During this time, ravens, roadrunners, kit foxes and coyotes can easily penetrate the shells of young tortoises.

The Combat Center is establishing a facility to help guard hatchling and juvenile desert tortoises from these threats. Our Tortoise Research And Captive Rearing Site aims to contribute to the recovery and eventual delisting of the desert tortoise by protecting hatchling and juvenile tortoises from predation. This will eventually allow for the release of the healthy juveniles and their natural reproduction in the wild. All the operations described in this article are being done in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and similar activities are taking place at Edwards Air Force Base and Fort Irwin. The Department of Defense is clearly taking the lead in these desert tortoise recovery efforts.

The Tortoise Research And Captive Rearing Site will have an outer security fence and three enclosures that will be subdivided into sections. In each of the three enclosures, there will be at least 16 individual tortoise pens. The fences will keep rodents, feral dogs, coyotes and other potential predators out. It's also important to keep the tortoises from coming into contact with each other. The enclosures will also be covered with nets to keep ravens and other birds from preying on the juve-

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nile tortoises. When the construction of TRACRS is completed, biologists will locate female tortoises in the Sandhill training area and x-ray them to see if they are healthy and gravid (carrying eggs). If a healthy female is gravid, biologists will move her to TRACRS, and keep her there until she deposits her eggs. The female tortoise will then be released in the same area where she was collected, and will not be moved again until the next calendar year. Eggs take approximately 70 to 90 days to hatch; after hatching the juvenile tortoises will be raised in the enclosures for a period of three to seven years. You might wonder if taking the female tortoise away from her eggs will harm them or the hatchlings. The answer is no, because tortoises don't provide any significant maternal or paternal care to their offspring.

While at TRACRS, the juvenile tortoises will be closely monitored to assess their growth and development. Other than the protective fencing/netting and irrigation to promote native plant production, the tortoises will live in a natural setting with little to no help or human interaction.

Raising tortoises at MCAGCC will not only benefit the species by helping to raise their numbers in the wild, it will also help us to learn more about this threatened animal. Studies on the transmission of Upper Respiratory Tract Disease from the female tortoise to her eggs will be conducted (tortoise researchers think that ill tortoises will produce healthy hatchlings, but still need to confirm this belief). Biologists will also be conducting genetic experiments to determine if each clutch of eggs is fertilized by just one male, or more than one. There are also several non-native plants at MCAGCC, and biologists will monitor the effects of these plants on tortoise diets. Many other exciting things will result from this project, so look for additional information here in the Observation Post.

DoD launches campaign against domestic violence

PRESS RELEASE

The Department of Defense, in partnership with the National Domestic Violence Hotline is launching a national public awareness campaign to "Take A Stand Against Domestic Violence.

The campaign is designed as an intervention message to educate service members and their families about domestic violence and provide a vital link to life-saving services by connecting them to the hotline.

Educational materials will be distributed at military installations, as well as in key public places in surrounding civilian co.nmunities. In addition, this campaign will include public service announcements in military media outlets.

Department of "The Defense is not immune to the broader societal problem of domestic violence and has a responsibility to act when it occurs," said David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. This campaign effectively calls to action those in our military population to assist victims of domestic violence."

Chu said the launch of the campaign is another in a series of initiatives undertaken by the department during the past two years to strengthen its response to domestic violence. The DoD has worked closely with Congress to update and revise key legislation, issued numerous domestic violence poffcies, engaged in domestic violence coordinated community response demonstration projects and sponsored numerous domestic violence training conferences for more than 1,000 military and civilian personnel.

The dynamic partnership offers one more option to DoD's broad-based approach to reach the total force and

their spouses. The NDVH offers access to domestic violence programs across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Hotline provides crisis

intervention, information, and referral to victims of domestic violence and their friends and families 24-hours-a-day, 365days-a-year, in more than 140 different languages, with a

teletypewriter line available for the disabled. The hotline's phone number is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) and the Web site is: http://www.ndvh.org.

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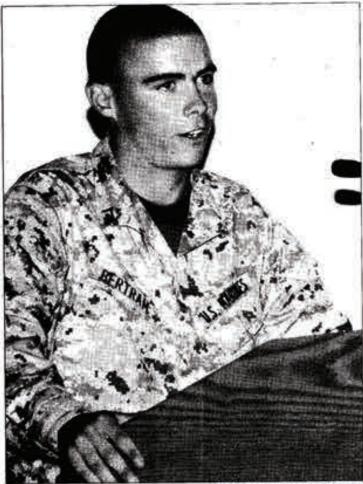
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Pfc. Thomas H. Bertram, infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, speaks of his best friend, Pfc. Richard K. Weaver II, during Weaver's memorial service Feb. 24 at the Combat Center's Protestant Chapel.

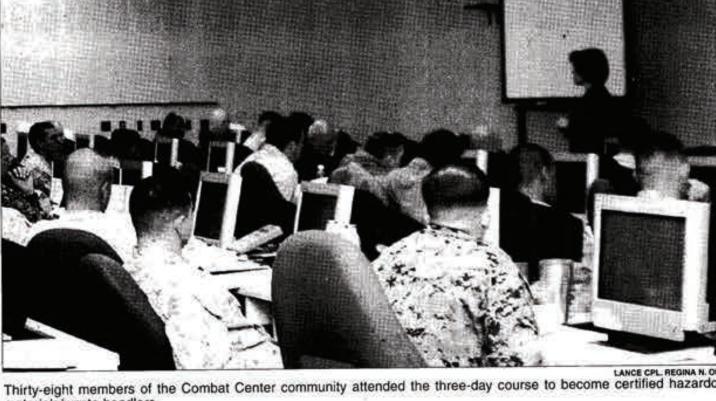
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the memorial service as well. He spoke to Weaver's mother before the service to comfort her and explain the incident. Weems said his mother was at first confused how a Marine could die when they're not in combat or deployed. She still understood why it could happen, said Weems.

"She [Weaver's mother] told me he died doing what he wanted to do since 10th grade," said Weems, "We think these things are only supposed to happen in the battlefield, but it doesn't. Weaver was just following the plan of the day. He was doing his job and trying to achieve the goal of his unit. We don't know why these things happen. It's unfortunate,

"He was known to be a shy, young man, yet steadfast," continued Weems. "If he was here today, he would tell us to keep going. He would ask us to not look back and focus on our future."

The ceremony concluded with the playing of "Taps."



Thirty-eight members of the Combat Center community attended the three-day course to become certified hazardous

Combat Center troops certified to handle hazardous materials/waste

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

All ranks were present to become nationally certified as a hazardous materials/waste handler at the annual threeday Defense Hazardous Waste Materials/Waste Han-Course Tuesday through Thursday at the Combat Center.

Diana Rasnick, an instructor at the U.S. Army Logistics Management College, travels from Fort Lee, Va., around the globe to give troops the opportunity to complete the course and earn another military occupational specialty qualification.

Throughout the military. many jobs require the use of a variety of hazardous materials, so there has to be a certified hazardous material/waste handler aboard some units, said Rasnick.

"It is required by law that there is someone continually trained to hold this billet in each unit that works with hazardous materials," she said.

The course began with a brief description of the role hazardous materials and waste have on the environment. There are environmental and health issues that arise if there is neglect to the proper disposal of such materials, said Rasnick.

The course also covered pollution prevention of hazardous gases and vapors.

Videos were played to give students a break from the textbook they had to read throughout the course, she

explained.

Laws, regulations and policies are some of the most important topics covered. There is prison time and large fines charged to someone who improperly handles hazardous waste and materials, Rasnick explained.

Students also learned to identify and label hazardous materials, how to manage an accumulation of theses items and how to make a contingency plan.

There was a quiz at the end of each class on the material covered that day.

The three-day course is the initial class of the training requirements of a certified hazardous materials/waste handler. Once certified, there is an annual refresher course provided by Rasnick as well,

she said.

Knowing how to properly handle hazardous materials and waste isn't only important for those who work closely with these types of materials, but it also important for the average person.

There are federal laws each state must abide by as well as state laws that are important for everybody to follow, said Rasnick.

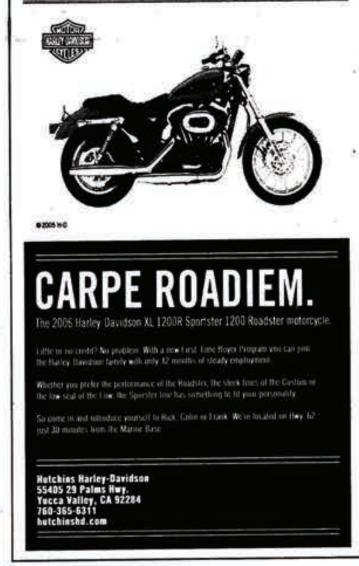
Batteries, cleaning products, paint and paint remover, automotive oils and fluids, fluorescent light bulbs, electronic devices and medical waste are among the common hazards in everyday life that are not allowed to be discarded into the trash.

Community members living in the Combat Center housing area are required to take items to the red 'Household Hazardous Waste' bins at designated areas. For those who reside in the barracks, take items to the unit's Satellite Accumulation Area, safely transport them to the Hazardous Waste Accumulation Area on Rifle Road, or contact the respective Environmental Compliance Coordinator. For those who live off base, hazardous materials and waste must be taken to the San Bernardino County Household Collection Point in Joshua Tree, according to the California Environmental Regulation.

There needs to be someone available everywhere to be fully aware of handling these types of materials," Rasnick said. "I certify those

people." For more information on the course, Rasnick can be reached at (804) 765-4116, or e-mailed at rasnickd@lee.army.mil. The school's Web site is http://www.almc.army.mil.

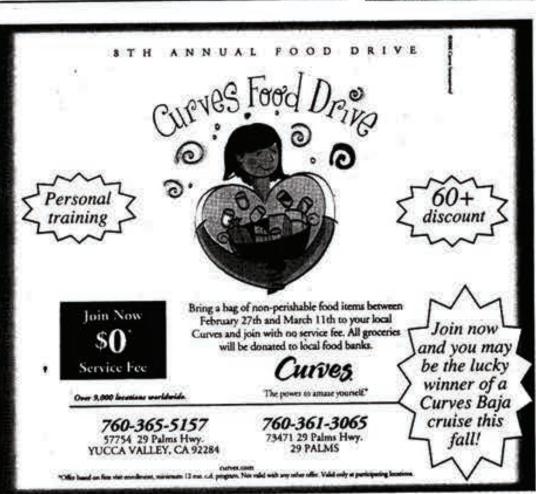
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Littleton Hall makes debut at the Combat Center



Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, Combat Center commanding general, and Todd Korte, president of Korte Construction Company, cut the ribbon in front the new Littleton Hall.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the Combat Center Feb. 23 to officially open and dedicate building 1660 as Littleton Hall, in honor of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Pfc. Herbert A. Littleton.

The president of Korte Construction Company, Todd Korte, and the Combat Center's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, were on hand to cut the ribbon in front of Littleton Hall and welcomed guests inside for a full view of the new messhall.

Korte Construction Company was awarded the military construction contract in March 2004 for \$11.2 million. The first meal in the new messhall was served Feb. 13.

The former Littleton Hall, building 1650, was demolished last winter to make way for the new structure. Buildings 1610 and 1630 will be demolished in the spring to make way for other structures on base.

"Littleton Hall is the second super messhall built at the Combat Center," said Lt. Cmdr. Kevin M. Norton, resi-

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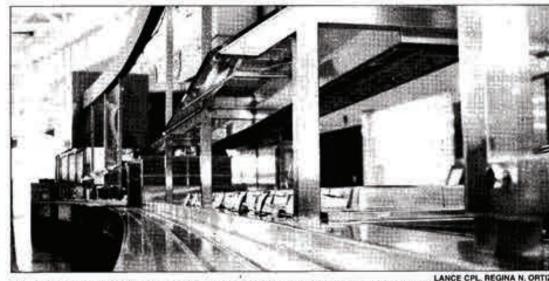
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The kitchen setup is designed to get Marines and Sailors in and out as quickly as possible, while displaying the many choices given at mealtime.

dent officer-in-charge of construction. "It consolidates three smaller and outdated mess halls into one facility."

In the past, there were six messhalls aboard the Combat Center. Each had plumbing and drainage problems, were unable to meet capacity demands, had unreliable electrical and mechanical systems and had extensive corrective maintenance requirements, costing the Combat Center hundreds of thousands of dol-

lars, said Norton. Joel Voneida, logistics director, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, and former Combat Center facilities maintenance department planning officer, conceived the plan 10 years ago for the two messhalls, 1460 and 1660, to replace the original six messhalls built in the 1950s.

"The old messhalls facilitated only two-thirds of the capacity and cost about \$300,000 to maintain," said Voneida. "The new messhalls are able to meet the capacity needs and only costs twothirds of that amount to maintain."

"Littleton Hall has the ability to serve up to 2,000 Marines and Sailors per hour," he explained. "Every detail of this facility was designed to get Marines in and out as fast as possible."

To accommodate service members throughout the day, Littleton Hall has a carryout side located at a separate entrance of the building. The carryout side is open non-stop from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Physical training uniforms are authorized to be worn in the carryout side and at the picnic tables outside. This is great for those who miss regular messhall hours due to conflicting schedules, said Voneida.

More than 560 troops can be seated in the main service area, 40 in the carryout side, and 40 can be seated at the picnic tables outside.

The messhall wasn't built for fast service alone: the interior design makes the mess hall an enjoyable eating environment. There are 13, 42inch flat screen televisions, durable decorative carpeting and Marine Corps murals throughout the building.

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Marines build berm around troubled city in western Iraq

SGT. STEPHEN DEBOARD

AR RUTBAH, Irag - In an attempt to curb insurgent and criminal activity that has gripped this remote western Iraqi city, Marine engineers here have constructed an 8-foot dirt berm along the city's perimeter.

Now, insurgents can't freely travel in and out of the city, which has been a breeding ground for smugglers and foreign fighters making their way into Iraq for years, said Col. Stephen Davis, commander for Regimental Combat Team-2.

"We now have an exclusive walled compound down there [Rutbah], with three entry control checkpoints, that's been getting rave reviews from the population down there," Davis told reporters during a Pentagon press briefing Feb. 11 at the Marines' camp at Fallujah. "[lt's] one more step in making western Al Anbar a prohibitive environment for the insurgents and terrorists to operate in."

Rutbah is a strategic location for insurgents and smugglers, since it is located astride two main supply routes — one from Jordan, and one from Syria, said Davis. Exit through Rutbah and travel east, and the supply routes lead to the heart of the Sunni Triangle — Ar Ramadi, Al Fallujah, and Baghdad.

"This town had the unfortunate occurrence of being strategically placed there - very convenient for smugglers, terrorists, insurgents to operate in and out of there," said Davis,

That's changed, thanks to the engineers' efforts.

To gain access to or leave this city of 25,000, vehicles must pass through one of three traffic control points, which are manned by Iraqi soldiers. Marines from the Camp Pendleton, Calif.,-based 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion who have spent the past six months patrolling Rutbah and other locales along the Jordanian and Syrian borders — supervise the

"The berm will force any vehicle that wants access into the city, or wants to leave the city, through the TCPs [Traffic Control Points]. This will also force the insurgents to find a new way out of the city," said Capt. Jerry DeLira, RCT-2 engineering officer.



SGT. STEPHEN M. DEBOARD Marine engineers use a D9 bulldozer to shear through sheetrock lying just below the loose soil while constructing

an 8-foot high dirt berm around Ar Rutbah, Iraq. Now, with the berm in place and American and Iraqi forces controlling all vehicle movement into and out of the city, insurgents are denied free movement in and out of the city, said

DeLira describes the beefed-up security here as the "next phase of operations" for Marine and Iraqi forces - after months of hunting down insurgents throughout Al Anbar province, they are seeking ways to force insurgents out of hiding; disrupt and destroy their logistical capabilities; and prohibit their free movement in and out of western Iraq.

DeLira and other Marine engineers spent the better part of three weeks constructing the new security and control measures, which was no easy task, according to the engineers.

To complete the project, the Marines trucked in bulldozers and other engineering equipment from other units located throughout western Al Anbar province — a 30,000 square mile slab of desert west of the Euphrates River valley.

The earthmoving operation presented the Marine engineers with difficulties right from the start, said Sgt. Richard L. Brown, 28, maintenance chief with Company C, 1st CEB,

The Marines spent their first few hours cutting through the cement-like sheetrock on the surface of the ground — creating an especially challenging dig for the Marines, despite the use of D9 bulldozers.

"There's sheetrock about a foot deep here," Brown said, shin-deep in the ruts of the massive, up armored D9 bulldozer on loan from the Army.

Eventually, the Marines used "the Ripper," a device attached to the back of the D9, to shred the sheetrock and pry up large rocks from the ground. It was a bumpy ride for the dozer oper-

"My brain feels like mush from jostling around so much," said 31-year-old Eauclaire, Wis., native Lance Cpl. Jeff Smith, heavy equipment operator, Company C, 1st CEB.

Now fully constructed, the eight-foot-high wall of earth also has more subtle effects on the insurgents, who in recent weeks have planted improvised explosive devices inside the town a cause of concern for Marines and Iraqi soldiers operating in the area, according to DeLira.

'Right now, they [insurgents] don't really know what we're doing," said DeLira on the first day of the operation, "but they're slowly going to realize this berm is going up around their city. This is going to have a huge psychological effect, frustrating the insurgents. We're going to trap the ones inside and prevent new ones from reinforcing."

The added security measures may seem like a lock-down of sorts for residents here, but that's not the case. In fact, residents have been thanking the Marines and Iraqi soldiers for "ridding the town of the bad guys," said Davis.

"The greatest source of our intelligence are the Iraqi people in these towns," said Davis. "They have no love for the foreign fighters. The foreign fighters have absolutely nothing to offer the future of Iraq. The people know that. And the people are the ones who give them up to us."

America Supports You: Marine dad offers online help to families

PAUL X. RUTZ

WASHINGTON — Andrew Lubin knows what it's like to worry. Now this Marine dad is going online to share what he has learned to help others whose sons, daughters and spouses are going into combat.

Beginning Tuesday, Lubin is online regularly at Military Family Network (http://www.emilitary.org), a Web site devoted to working with community groups, local governments and businesses to support military families.



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He answers questions from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays, and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays. If all goes well, he will add more time during weekday evenings in April.

'There are a lot of people who feel the same way," he said. "Get on the computer, reach out to us, and we'll make sure that we take care of you."

Lubin, a professor of economics, logistics and political science at American Military University, is the author of the book "Charlie Battery." It details one Marine unit's training, deployment and frontline combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His son, Philip, a Marine artilleryman, has done two tours in Iraq.

Lubin said he hopes to accomplish two major goals with this online forum: to "dispel rumors" and "hold people's hands" when bad news comes.

"If I can get online at whatever time and say, 'OK folks, this is awful, but it happened in ... wherever,' parents who have got kids in other parts of the country, ideally (are) going to know that their young men are safe," he said.

Supporting the troops through the Web has become natural to Lubin over the past few years, he said. Since the initial 2003 push into Iraq, he has maintained a Web site, called "Bravo

Battery in Iraq," for his son's unit. Through that site, he has

found ways to foster public support for service members and begun several fruitful connections with other people working to do the same. "Corporate and individual America can't be more supportive

of the troops," he said. "Once they're asked, they can't respond quick enough." Caroline Peabody, president of Military Family Network,

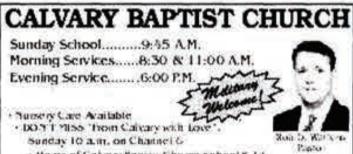
first contacted Lubin through his Web site, he said. Her group needed a volunteer to run the Marine Corps side of her site, and Lubin said he saw potential for better communication through that arrangement.

"Caroline has a great organization, and I'm pleased to be a part of it," Lubin said.

The network is a member of America Supports You, a Defense Department initiative facilitating grassroots and corporate support for the nation's troops and their families.

Son of two former Marines and father to one currently deployed, Lubin said his reasons for volunteering with Military Family Network are clear.

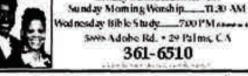
"I get asked all the time, 'Do you support the war?" he said, "Immaterial, I support the troops, I support my son and his group. ... When your kid goes offshore, that's a whole different mindset,"



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SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Combat Center residents can now take advantage of extended hours at local exchanges started by Marine Corps Community Services last Wednesday.

The MCX received comments and customer input about extending hours, and they accommodated those requests by extending the hours of business at Marine Palms Exchange, Ocotillo Exchange and C&E Exchange.

'One thing we looked into was our location stores - extending their hours of operation," said Dave Lewis, MCCS retail head.

The C&E Exchange's new hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the week, and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The new hours for Ocotillo Exchange will be 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week, and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marine Palms Exchange's new hours planned for Friday and Saturday are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Business hours during the week will remain the same.

"We have been running this trial period since Nov. I," said Lewis. "Most importantly, it will be open this weekend.

"So if you happen to be in the area over at Marine Palms, or if you happen to be in the area over at Ocotillo... you don't have to run to the seven-day store," Lewis said.

Several employees remarked on how they like the new hours.

The new hours are reasonable," Dina Belcarris, an employee at the Marine Palms exchange. "We get to claim more hours. Residents have more of a chance to come here.

Brandy Davis, employee at the Ocotillo Exchange, further mentioned, "The new hours are compatible and convenient for those inside our base."

We will be monitoring the activity of each location to ensure people enjoy our reaction to their request, said Lewis.

"I'm sure the residents will respond positively," he said.

A few Combat Center residents think the new hours are a good deal, and they look forward to the change.

"The change in hours is a good idea," said Stephanie Payne, spouse of Lance Cpl. Anthony Payne, India Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. Under the old hours "it closes to early. This is more of a chance for people to go to the MCX."

The Marine Corps Exchange staff strives to ensure customers remain content with the service provided to them at the Main Exchange and location exchanges.

"Based on customer input and comments... we're happy to react to any business operation or opportunity out there so that the customers want to do business with us," said Louis.



Karen Passot, Anthony Castruita and Brandy Davis, Marine Corps Exchange employees, stand in front of Ocotillo Exchange.

New campaign by NASD Foundation to provide financial education tools and training to military

PRESS RELEASE

NASD INVESTOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON — The NASD Investor Education Foundation today launched a comprehensive new campaign to deliver financial education tools and training to members of the military and their spouses. The campaign is designed to help military personnel and their families manage their money with confidence by providing financial education programs, information and publications, as well as a new Web site - http://www.Save-AndInvest.org.

Many service members report having difficulty covering expenses and saving for the future. Research conducted in June found that only 29 percent of military personnel who currently invest received a passing grade on a quiz about basic financial knowledge. However, 58 percent of survey respondents said that it was very important to them that they become more knowledgeable about saving and investing. Sixty-two percent indicated that they plan to increase their investment levels in the next year.

"We know that military personnel want and need objective, unbiased information to help them make sound financial decisions," said Robert R. Glauber, Chairman of the NASD Investor Education Foundation, who also serves as Chairman and CEO of NASD, "The NASD Foundation is pleased to launch our new campaign to provide financial training and tools to military families and to be working in this effort with the Department of Defense and all branches of the military."

The Foundation, through partnerships with organizations already working with the military community, will provide financial training programs for spouses as well as for on-base financial counselors. The Foundation will also fund the development of publications and resources aimed at providing military personnel with information relevant to their unique needs and lifestyles. A new Web site, http://www.SaveAndInvest.org, will cater to the military community and provide useful tools and up-to-date information.

"Family separations resulting from duty stations changes and deployments away from home often put additional financial stress on military families," said Mary Schapiro, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors and also Vice-Chairman of NASD, "Given the fact that military families are often on the move, we are committed to making sure service members and their spouses have access to easy-to-use tools and financial education materials wherever they are."

"Financial preparedness is a key component of military readiness," said David S.C. Chu, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, "Equipping service members with the tools and resources they need to make sound financial decisions is integral to both military readiness and the strength and stability of our service members and their families."

The Foundation's military financial education programs are being funded by fines levied against First Command Financial Planning, Inc. for misleading sales practices related to the sale of systematic investment plans to military personnel. Over \$5 million in restitution was paid to individual investors and the remaining funds are being used to fund education and training programs for military personnel and their families.

The NASD Foundation has joined forces with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Military Family Association (NMFA), the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE), the InCharge Education Foundation, the National Endowment for Financial Education, the American Savings Education Council, CincHouse.com and the Consumer Federation of America to develop programs, provide training, and distribute information and resources to the

military community. Program and services are aimed at both servicemembers and their spouses.

"Our collaboration with the NASD Investor Education Foundation will expand and enhance the opportunities we offer our military families," said Tanna Schmidli, NMFA Chairman of the Board, "With their support, we have worked with the AFCPE to launch the Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial CounselorTM program. This wonderful Fellowship will provide spouses with the education necessary for entry into the financial counseling and education field. We have already seen tremendous interest in the program and look forward to implementing the Fellowship

The NASD Investor Education Foundation, established in 2003, supports innovative research and educational projects that give investors the tools they need to better understand the markets and the basic principles of saving and investing. The Foundation has awarded more than \$3.7 million in grants for educational programs and research projects targeting the underserved segments of the population. For details about grant programs and other new initiatives of the Foundation, visit http://www.nasdfoundation.org.

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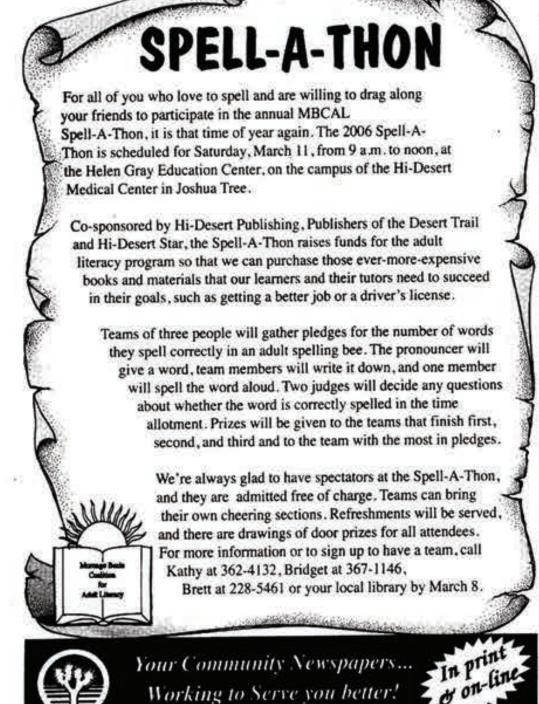
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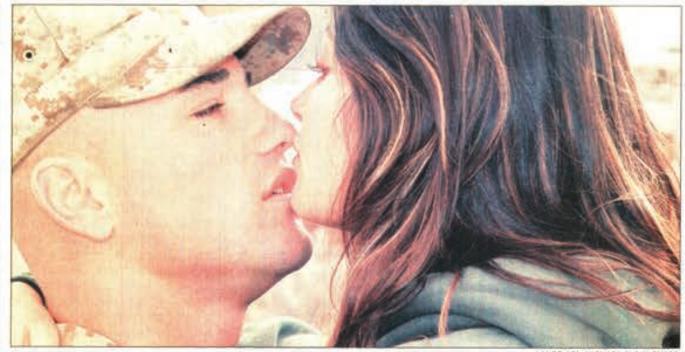
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LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES Family and friends say goodbye to their loved Marines and Sailors with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, as they depart from the Combat Center's Del Valle parking lot Monday morning and head out to Iraq for seven months.



A Marine with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, receives a goodbye kiss Monday morning at the Combat Center's Del Valle parking lot, moments before the battalion deployed to Iraq for the third time.

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going to send him plenty of e-mails to cheer him up a bit. I have been trying to spend weekends and hang out with him before he goes. I'm very proud of all his friends here and the Marines and Sailors who volunteered for this."

After the buses departed from the parking lot and exited the Combat Center's main gate, family members walked away with tears, longing for the day they will hug their Marines and Sailors again.

"Right before he left I asked him not to be a hero and make sure he just comes home," said Kristin Pereyra, wife of Staff Sgt. James C. Pereyra, a platoon sergeant with Baker Company. "I told him he was already a hero to his family. It's a heartbreaking day. These deployments never change for our family. We'll write him everyday. Byron [Pereyra's son] and I snuck a few letters in his pack already."

Eleven-year-old Byron comforted his mother as they walked away from the parking lot after the battalion left.

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MCCES MARATHON

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School will be holding a marathon, a half-marathon and a 10K run, March 25. Entry for each is \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively. All military, DOD employees and dependents are welcome. The race begins and ends at MCCES. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers. You may register in advance or at 6 a.m. on race day. For more information call Capt. Perrone at 830-6147.

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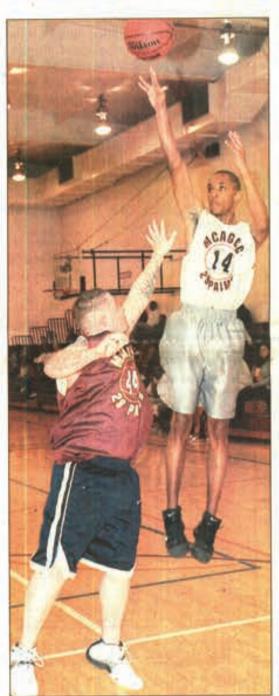
TENNIS TOURNAMENT The Pacific Life Open Tennis Tournament opening ceremony is March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Opening night is entitled, "Salute to Heroes" night. Entry is free to active duty service members and one guest. After the ceremonies, matches will be played. The organizers are also providing transportation up to two buses or vans for those who need it. The provided transportation will depart the Zone at 4 p.m. and the approximate time of return will be midnight.

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MCCES 2 zaps Headquarters Battalion 2

Tanks return defeat to Naval Hospital

STORY & PHOTOS BY SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Another night of basketball action lit up the West Gym Monday night as the Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League continued.

Headquarters Battalion Team 1 lost the first game of the night against 1st Tank Battalion 61-55.

Headquarters Battalion 1 took the lead early in the game and held it for most of the first half. Towards the end of the half, Tanks took the lead and sustained a point-for-point game to finish the first half 27-23.

Late in the second half, Headquarters Battalion 1 came close to taking the lead 51-50.

"I thought we could do it, but we missed several shots," said Lance Raymond, Headquarters Battalion I coach.

They continually struggled to reclaim the lead but Tanks strongarmed the rest of the game to finish 61-55.

Headquarters Battalion Team 2 faced defeat in the second game of the night against Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Team 1, 67-38.

Headquarters Battalion 2 took the lead early in the game and held it for 10 minutes.

Shortly after, MCCES I solidified their strategy and relentlessly pounded Headquarters Battalion 2 to finish the half 36-15.

"The league and the championship is ours," said Jerome Commanding General's Intramural Basketball Competition 2006 Team Standings as of Feb. 28

THE PARTY NAMED IN	WON	LOST
1. 1st Tank Battalion	7	1
2. HOBN (1)	6	2
3. MCCES (1)	5	3
4. Naval Hospital	4	4
5. MCCES (2)	3	5
6. HQBN (2)	0	8

Hawkins, MCCES 1 coach. "Talent-wise, we are the best team on the base. If you want to be the best, be MCCES."

MCCES 1 continued raining fire throughout the rest of the game to finish 67-38.

"We started the season terrible but want teams to know MCCES will have something to bring to the playoffs," said Jerry Anderson, member of MCCES 1.

Anderson said the game is not about crushing every opponent, but more about enjoying the game and having respect for the game.

"It was rebounding that won the game," he said, "We play our game with respect. We're trying to build a respectful game because we want respect."

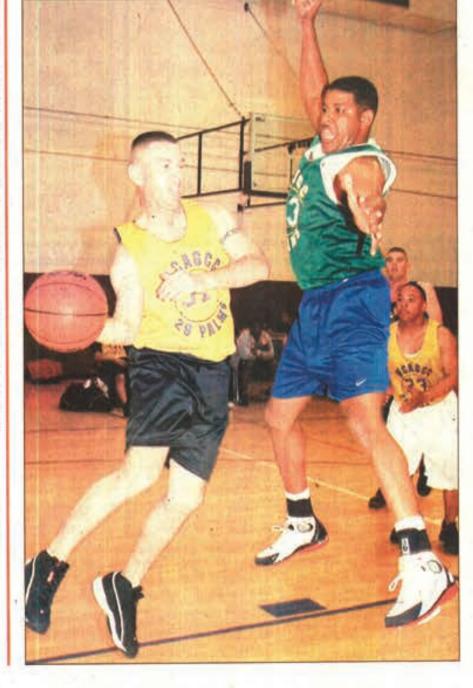
On Jan. 30, Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital dealt a crucial defeat to Tanks. In the last game of the night, Tanks returned to battle Naval Hospital again — this time crushing Naval Hospital's defense to take the win 54-37.

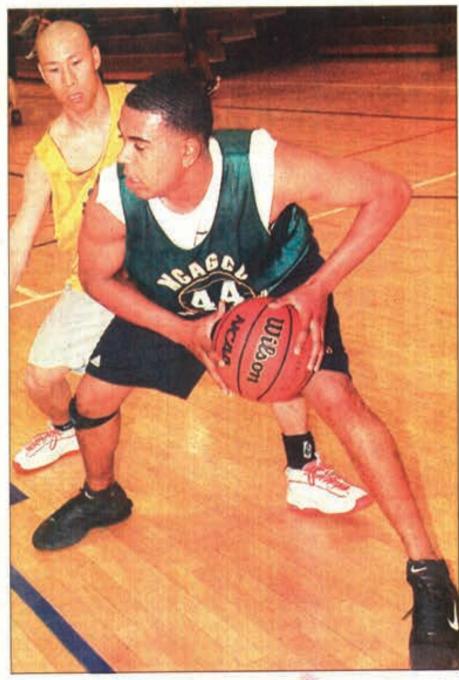
With the season ending soon, coaches have little time to formulate their game plan before teams step onto the court for the playoffs.

Stay tuned to the Observation Post for continuing coverage of the CG's Intramural Basketball League.

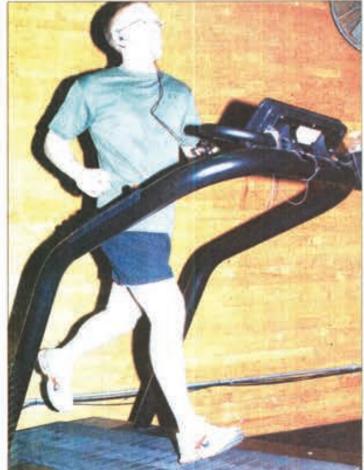
INSTANT REPLAY! (Upper left to lower right)

- Julian Salazar, Headquarters Battalion Team 1, goes for a layup Monday night in the Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League.
- Armelius Haynes, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, puts a shot up in a game against Headquarters Battalion Team 2.
- 3. Jeff Frank, Headquarters Battalion Team 1, makes a quick pass away from Eric Cooke, 1st Tank Battalion.
- Antonio DeLeon, 1st Tank Battalion, keeps the ball away from Austin Yu, Headquarters Battalion Team 1, in a game at the West Gym.





Marines, Sailors keep fit, pumping at the gym



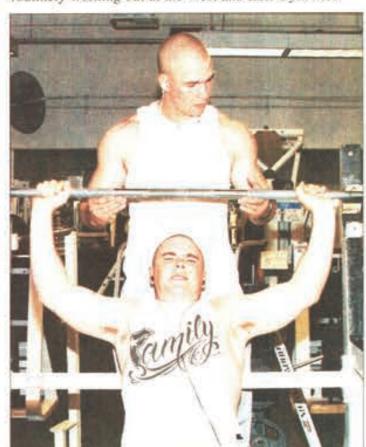
Cpl. Richard Dembinski, a 22-year-old intelligence specialist with Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, and a Des Plaines, III., native, runs on a treadmill at the Combat Center's West Gym Tuesday night. La Toscana Resort & Spa Relax • Renew • Rejuvenate Bring this ad & enjoy Swedish Massage Mim Facial

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LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Marines and Sailors aboard the Combat Center are keeping healthy through their diet, physical training and

Some units physically train together at some point during the course of the day. Because of training or scheduling conflicts, other units do not have that time. Still, Marines are maintaining their strength and endurance by routinely working out at the West and East Gym here.



Pfc. Lucas Carter, an 18-year-old infantryman with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, and a Seattle native, pumps weight on the inclined bench press as Pfc. Michael Garcia, a 19-year-old student with Alpha Company, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, and a St. Louis native, spots him at the Combat Center's West Gym Tuesday night.

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Cpl. Chris Von Tersch, a maintenance management specialist with Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, keeps a consistency in his physical training, mainly to stay healthy.

"I work out at least five times a week just to be healthy, fit and look good," said Von Tersch. "I lift weights for an hour and do cardiovascular exercises for at least 15 minutes. I want to maintain my first-class physical fitness test score and the gym helps me do that. I zone out to my music and just try to reach goals that I've been setting, My goal now is to bench press 300 pounds.

Many service members aboard the Combat Center share the same drive when going to the gym to get a workout. Other than maintaining a certain level of physical fitness, most Marines work out for personal reasons, said Capt. Joe Tamminen, an Expeditionary Warfare School student, stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

"I focus a lot on cardiovascular exercises and lift weights four times-a-week," said Tamminen, "I've been maintaining this personal standard since high school, to never get out of shape."

Tamminen's fellow student, Capt. Walt Carr, shared his

Training in the gym is mostly for personal gratification for me," said Carr, who along with Tamminen are at the Combat Center for the hot weather training portion of the EWS, "I was a bit skinny when I was younger and I wanted to gain weight. So, I made it a habit to go to a gym and work out. For an hour and a half, four times a week, I just get in 'the zone' and work out. It's important for every Marine to do the same somehow."

Pvt. Earl Nixon, a student with Alpha Company, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, began his regimen of weight training before joining the Marine Corps last year, he said.

"I weighed 275 pounds when I wanted to join the Marine Corps," said Nixon. "I started a mix of workouts, which included intense weight lifting. Other than running PT with my platoon, I go to the gym for my own personal physical training. My friend and I try to push each other to work hard and achieve goals, but it's mostly inner motivation. I dropped my weight down to 205 pounds. and I am still working on trying to achieve a 300-point PFT score. I think every Marine should be in the gym whenever they have the chance."

A lot of Marines have already familiarized themselves with the gyms and their facilities. New service members on the base and old service members, who haven't had the chance, have been slowly making physical training at the gym a routine.

"It's been a while since I've gone to the gym," said Pvt. Brian Wheeler, an infantryman with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "I came to get into better shape than I am now, I know it keeps me healthy, and I want to look fit by the time summer arrives. I have set some personal goals, and slowly I will achieve them. After working out here I should go home sore, but it's definitely worth it."





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CG's Volleyball begins, MCCES leads, leaves Hospital in the rear

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

In the first night of the Commanding General's Intramural Volleyball League, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School defeated Hospital in a best of three games match at the Combat Center's West Gym Feb. 22.

Every Wednesday, the five volleyball teams aboard the Combat Center are scheduled to meet at the West Gym starting at 6 p.m. to compete for the top.

On opening night, MCCES was the only team to play two matches and ended the night undefeated. They took on Tanks in the first match, sending them home early by winning the first two games.

Headquarters Battalion showed no mercy to the Provost Marshal's Office in the second match of the evening, dominating the court with two back-to-back wins.

The night was going quick with the first two matches over after only four games, but Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital showed up determined to give MCCES a challenge.

In the first few minutes of the game, there was no sign of who would take home the win. Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School's Dave Moore spiked the ball in the center of the court, leaving Hospital diving unsuccessfully to the ground to keep MCCES from scoring the first point of the game. Sticking with what works, MCCES continuously aimed their powerful spikes in the holes left open by Hospital's defense.

The points kept pouring in for MCCES, when Hospital's Roman Blas couldn't stay out of the net, giving away three points to add to MCCES' 9-1 lead at the first timeout called in the game.

Not much changed after the timeout. Hospital managed to score four more points, but MCCES scored the remaining points to end the game 25-5.

There was a short break before the next game, giving Hospital a chance to work out their kinks.

"We've decided to communicate more this time," said Hospital's Amanda "Pretzel" Netzel. "We're definitely coming back this time."

Maybe losing badly in the first game was part of Hospital's strategy, but the first timeout of the second game was called by MCCES when they realized they were losing 12-10.

Hospital realized blocking would be the key to shutting down MCCES' offensive game. Kelly Netzel and Robert Stone stepped up the Hospital defense at the net, blocking multiple spike attemps from MCCES' outside hitters. Netzel's prediction came true when Hospital defeated MCCES, 25-20, in the second game, leading to the tie-breaking third game.

The score stayed close, with neither team letting the other team get ahead by more than one point at any time in the first half of the game. Then, MCCES pulled out a secret weapon. While MCCES' Robert Taylor faked oncoming spikes, Brian Gryn jumped up behind Taylor to deliver ground-shattering spikes, scoring the remaining points of the game.

The game ended 15-9, giving MCCES their second win of the evening.

"I had [substituted] in some more inexperienced players of the team in the second game," Eric Aisoff, MCCES coach, explained about the loss, "But I put the more experienced players back in for the last game."

"Our goal is to come out undefeated this year," he said. "We've been practicing for three weeks before the season even started."

three weeks before the season even started."

Although Hospital went home defeated,

spirits were still high.
"We'll get better," said Netzel. "We didn't

even practice, so now we know we have to."
"Overall, we'll be number one this season,"
she predicted.



Hospital's Roman Blas attempts to block a hard spike from MCCES' Samuel Paulk in a game Feb. 22 for the top spot in the Commanding General's Intramural Volleyball League.



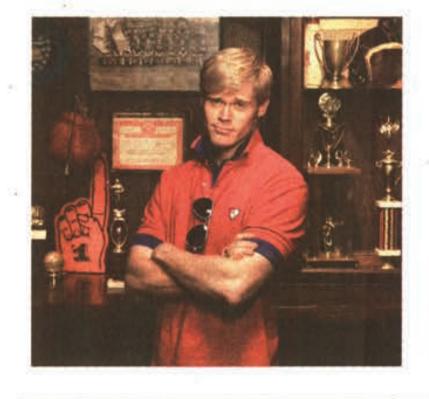


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Some of the most common items are listed here.

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- Electronic devices. Includes televisions and computer er monitors, computers, printers, scanners, keyboards, DVD and CD players, stereos, radios, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, cordless phones, pagers, answering machines, and microwave ovens.
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- Electrical switches and relays. These typically contain about 3.5 grams of mercury each. Mercury switches can be found in some chest freezers, pre-1972 washing machines, sump pumps, electric space heaters, clothes irons, silent light switches, automobile hood and trunk lights, and ABS brakes.
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- Pesticides and herbicides. Many pesticides and herbicides cannot be disposed in the trash. Consult the product label.

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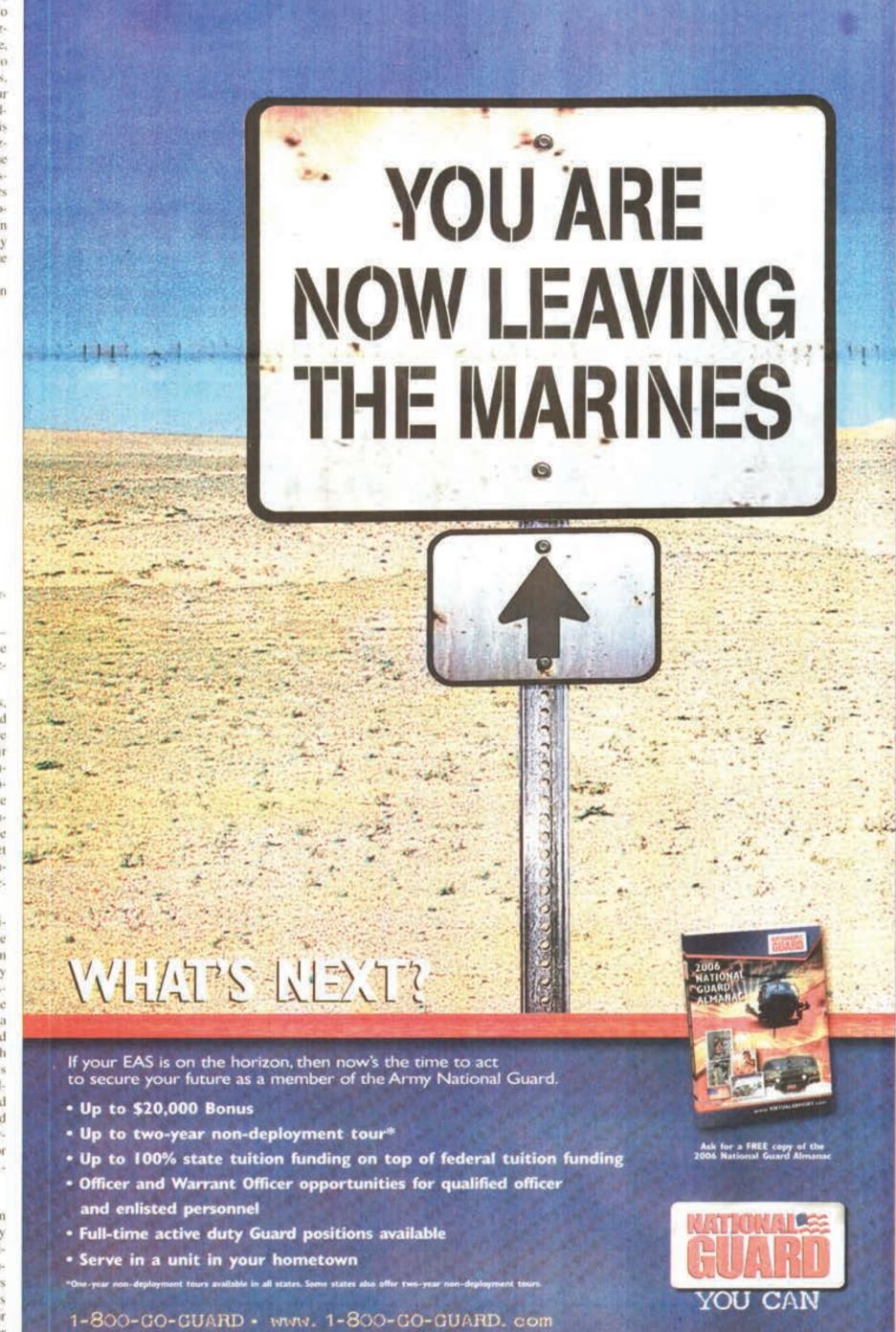
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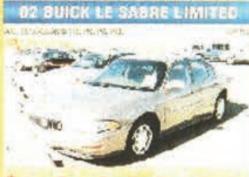


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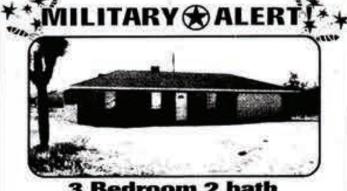
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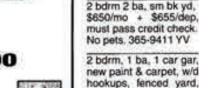
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