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#### ROAD CLOSURE

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#### **COMING NEXT ISSUE**

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#### THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

March 10, 1965

Marines of the 9th

Marine Expeditionary

Brigade continued to

land at Da Nang,

Vietnam.



Marines and Sailors of 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion wait for the command to load onto the buses for their third deployment to Iraq Saturday.

# **Wolf Pack sets out on third deployment**



Cpl. Matthew C. Buchanan, native of Kansas City, Mo., hugs his girlfriend, Michelle Durrant, a native of Chino Hills, Calif., before his departure with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion Saturday.

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

Family and friends gathered at the Combat Center's Unit Marshaling Area to bid farewell to the Marines and Sailors with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion who left in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.

The Wolf Pack was separated to leave over the course of three days for their third deployment since the first

The unit returned less than a year ago from their last deployment under the same mission.

"The unit will support and conduct humanitarian efforts for the freedom of Iraqi people," said Gunnery Sgt. Larry C. Bivens, 3rd LAR logistics chief, explaining the mission.

Bivens has been with 3rd LAR three different times during his Marine Corps career, taking part in all of their deployments, but will stay behind this time.

"I was wounded during the last deployment, but I wish I was going with these boys" he said. "We are family, and my spirit will be with them."

"We live by our unit's motto, 'the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf," he explained.

Pvt. Oscar Boveda, a 19-year-old Miami native, joined the unit a little more than a month ago, and will learn the ways of the Wolf Pack family on the frontlines during his first deployment.

"I haven't even got settled in with this unit or this town yet," he said. "But I knew it was part of joining the Marine Corps, and I am ready just as much as anyone else to go."

His wife, Tatyana, does not like the

fact Boveda is deploying so quickly.
"I don't like it," she said. "It's hard because he just got done with training.

and they're putting him straight onto the bus to Iraq."

But like any other spouse of a service member, she knows it was bound to happen sooner or later, and is forced to accept and make the best of it, she said.

"That's why I bought her the puppy," said Oscar, pointing down to the 8-week old mixed breed puppy sitting at Tatyana's foot. "We don't have any kids yet, so I got her a puppy to spend her time with.'

Tatyana will stay in Twentynine Palms with her puppy, Daisy, until Oscar returns.

Not all spouses plan to stay around the Combat Center, such as Kelly Smith, wife of Lance Cpl. Trevor G. Smith, both 20-year-old natives of Puyallup, Wash.

"I'm going to go back home, to my old job," said Kelly. "This will be our first time apart since his training."

See WOLF PACK, A4

# After 26 years of honorable service, **Marine Corps** retires leader

"I had no idea I was going to be in the Marine Corps for this long. I was obligated to serve one term, and 26 years later I'm retiring as a colonel. It has gone by really fast."

Col. Anthony F. Weddington

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Every Marine past and present is an honored part of the Marine Corps family, responsible for handing down its values and ideals. From oldest to youngest, America knows "once a Marine, always a Marine."

It has been 26 years, six months and 13 days today since one of the Combat Center's most distinguished leaders, Col. Anthony F. Weddington, Combat Center inspector and safety inspector, and the officer-in-charge of the Reserve Support Unit, has been serving in the Marine Corps and executing the Corps' mis-

Weddington has been aboard the Combat Center since September 2002, two months after being promoted to colonel. After serving many billets in the Marine Corps on both active and reserve duty, he will retire from his honorable service in the Corps today on the commanding general's parade field at 3 p.m.

See WEDDINGTON, A6



After 26 years, six months and 13 days, Col. Anthony F. Weddington concludes his honorable service, retiring from the Marine Corps today.



## Birth announcements Sempertoons

TYRA BENET McNEIL Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Derrick McNeil Born Jan. 12, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 19 inches

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ISAAC JUDE LARKIN Son of Lt. j.g. and Mr. Elissa Larkin Born Jan. 14, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 21 inches

JERSEY ANN BERRY Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. James Berry Born Jan. 14, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19.7 inches

EMMA ELIZABETH SANTIAGO Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Adam Santiago Born Jan. 15, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches

TRINITY STARR ELIAS Daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Arturo Elias Born Jan. 16, 2006, weighing 5 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 18.7 inches

ASHLEE NEVAEH COHEN

Daughter of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Dannie L. Born Jan. 20, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 19.5 inches

JOHN VINCENT CORE Jr. Son of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. John Core Born Jan. 25, 2006, weighing 9 lbs. 7.2 oz. and measuring 23 inches

EMILY JEAN ALLEN Daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Jerry W. Allen

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Son of Sgt. and Mrs. James Aiken Born Jan. 26, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21 inches

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Son of Cpl. and Mrs. Kyle Rusie Born Jan. 26, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 20.6 inches

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By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



# C.O.P. Corner



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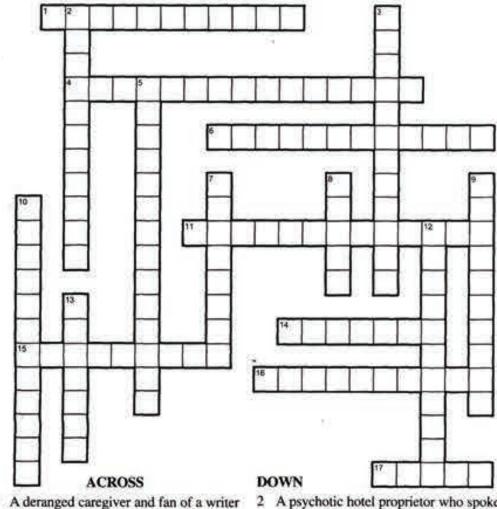
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# Doctor brings trauma experience to Naval Hospital Helps to heal Marines again

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

Growing up in a small Pennsylvania town nestled in the Pocono Mountains and dreaming of becoming a doctor, Joe Strauss would have never predicted he would be the lead resident physician at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., during one of the Marine Corps' bloodiest battles in Iraq.

Now a Navy lieutenant commander and an orthopedic surgeon, dealing with musculoskeletal injuries at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, Strauss said his past experience helping wounded Marines allows him to better serve Marines and Sailors aboard the Combat Center.

"Right when I became the lead for the trauma service is when Fallujah was," said Strauss about the Battle of Fallujah in Iraq in November 2004. "That was when Bethesda saw the highest volume in its history of patients returning from war. From November until I left in July 2005 we must have treated over 300 Marines with complex upper and lower extremity injuries and

"Now with Kevlar, more people are surviving and the injuries are the extremities that are exposed," said the 34-year-old Nesquehoning, Penn., native. "Because of that, over 70 percent of the injuries coming back to us were orthopedic-related."

Strauss was commissioned a Navy ensign in January 1994 through the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program. After he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1997 and completed undergraduate work at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Strauss made his first visit to Bethesda Naval Hospital as an intern for a year.

From there he went on to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, as a flight surgeon before transferring to NAS Willow Grove, Penn., from 1999 to 2001,

"My orthopedic residency at Bethesda began in July 2001," said Strauss. "When Operation Iraqi Freedom began, we learned a lot about IEDs [improvised explosive devices]. We learned how IEDs work, the different types and things like that.

"These injuries are amazing in the amount of soft tissue and bone abnormalities that can occur with them because it's just putting shrapnel into a bomb. Nothing has been written like this before in any text book on how you need to manage these patients. It's really just learning as you go, so to speak, and developing procedures," he said,

Working with the injured Marines was a source of personal inspiration for Strauss as he constantly saw wounded warriors who wanted nothing more than to get back in the fight.

"The morale of Marines there was very inspiring," he said. "Marines were still trying to get back despite having severe upper and lower extremity injuries. I think just the motivation that the Marines have is very impressive.'

Helping Marines get back in the fight is still a primary goal for Strauss at Twentynine Palms. Coming from the place where injured Marines came back from war to the place they train prior to deploying is a twist of fate he revels in.

Because of his skills gained from handling those severe cases at Bethesda, Strauss said he feels more prepared to help patients aboard the Combat Center without deferring them to other

"I think the confidence I gained in dealing with the complex surgeries and developing confidence in your own abilities that you are able to tackle the more challenging cases," said Strauss, That has helped me in coming out here, is when there are trauma cases that do occur on this base, we are able to handle them here vice sending them out to another hospital. All the book knowledge isn't as powerful as the actual surgical experience which helps foster your growth. We are able to manage some of the more complex injuries without referring them elsewhere."

Strauss' interest in medicine began early in his youth as he built relationships with local doctors in a town of about 5,000 people.

"I grew up in a really small, rural town where community and family medicine was key," said Strauss. "I had a good rapport with some of the doctors there and kind of inspired me to go into medicine. Working with them and seeing how one individual can really impact the community

During surgeries, Strauss wears his Pittsburgh Steelers head wrap to show support for his favorite team, is a self-proclaimed die-hard sports fan, and even plays basketball for the hospi-

tal during the intramural season. "My career in athletics and my multiple sports-related injuries sort of led me to get into ortho-

pedics," he said. Lt. Scott Schoeb, an orthopedic surgeon, said working alongside Strauss at the R.E. Bush

Naval Hospital for the past six months has been both rewarding and challenging. "We have a great working relationship," said Schoeb, whose orthopedic residency was at a civilian hospital in New York. "Our training and experiences compliment each other well here,

It doesn't always work out this way in the field where people have so many things in common. "He's seen a lot more trauma than I have so it's certainly nice to have him around to do certain procedures," continued Schoeb about working with Strauss in one of the busiest clinics with over 400 patients seen monthly. "It's nice for me to have someone who has that experience to help me learn. It helps things get done better and improves patient outcomes."

Although a possible permanent change of duty station next year may land Strauss at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., he has mixed feelings about leaving the Marines and his fellow staff at Twentynine Palms.

"I've got another year and might be stationed at NAS Jacksonville," said Strauss. "It's hard because my 4-year-old-son, Logan, lives in Maine. Being stationed on the east coast next would be good so I can see him more.

The other side though is that I love working with Marines," continued Strauss. "There is nothing quite like it. You see how they really take care of their own, and that is great. I just don't know if I'll have another opportunity quite like this again. It's been extremely rewarding."

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Lt. Cmdr. Joe Strauss came to the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., after serving as the leading senior resident in charge of trauma services during the Battle of Fallujah in November 2004.

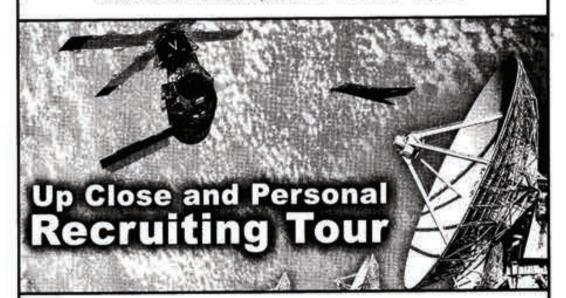


Lt. Cmdr. Joe Strauss and Navy Lt. Scott Schoeb surgically repair a dislocated wrist.

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Pvt. Oscar Boveda kisses his wife, Tatyana Boveda, as she watches over the new puppy he gave her before he left to Iraq with 3rd LAR Saturday.

#### WOLF PACK, A1

Kelly sobbed as she slipped a letter into the breast pocket of Trevor's desert camouflage blouse.

"I wrote him something for him to read when he gets there," she said as Trevor walked to the unit's final formation before the buses arrived.

"We went to rival high schools, but we met at the town's movie theater and been together ever since," she reminisced as she watched him join the ranks of his unit.

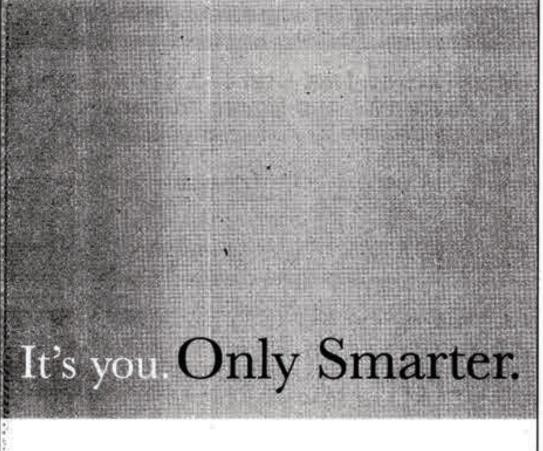
The first time seeing a loved one deploy is hard, and the second time isn't much easier, said Maria Mendez, wife of Cpl. Miguel Mendez, a Houston native,

"This is round two," they both agreed.
"It is months and months of worries," said

Maria.

The couple has an 18-month-old son, Miguel Mendez III. Maria will be busy caring for their son, and Miguel will keep him in his thoughts, looking forward to returning to him, they said.

Friends and family of the Wolf Pack comforted each other as they waved to the buses carrying their beloved Marines and Sailors away, 8,208 miles to Iraq. They will keep busy as their heroes keep them safe.



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# 3/7 Marine continues to march forward despite loss of left leg

GERRY J. GILMORE AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Cpl. Jordan S. Pierson, 22, is an unquestionably loyal and determined Marine. Despite the loss of his left leg due to combat injuries sustained in Iraq Dec. 7, Pierson is set upon returning to active duty.

"I just re-enlisted on Jan. 7. I'm ready to get back to the fleet and start working," Pierson told American Forces Press Service during a recent National Guard Youth Foundation-sponsored dinner here.

Pierson has served three tours of duty in Iraq. During his most recent deployment there, his convoy was returning from an operation near Ramadi when it was attacked with two roadside bombs. The second explosion mangled both of Pierson's legs, killed a comrade and severely wounded several other Marines.

Pierson's left leg was so damaged it had to be amputated in Iraq. His Iraq tour with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, had ended. The stricken Marine was sent stateside — first to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., for about a month and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Center here — to heal.

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush visited Pierson during his stay at Bethesda shortly before Christmas. The president presented the Marine with the Purple Heart Meda', as Pierson's mother, Candace, and his fiancee, Kirstin, watched.

Pierson first served in Iraq during the push to Baghdad in March 2003 and departed in September of that year. He returned in February 2004 for another tour of duty that ended in September 2004. He returned to Iraq in September 2005 for his most recent tour.

Some might think that experiencing three dangerous tours in Iraq and the loss of a leg would be enough to put a person into a permanent funk. Not Pierson, who these days gets about on a prosthetic leg. "I'm moving around — with a cane right now, but I'm moving around," the Sturgis, Mich., native said.

"He's coming around really fast, a lot faster than they'd expected," said Pierson's mother, Candace, who attended the National Guard dinner with her son.

Candace, who lives in Florida, couldn't help beaming every time she looked at her son in his crisp Marine dress uniform. "I don't even have words to say how proud I am of him," she said.

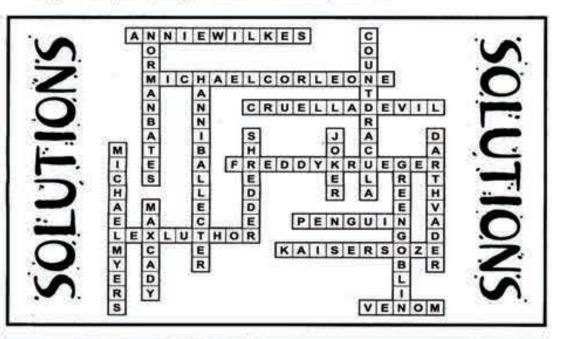
Army Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, Pierson's escort and a guest speaker at the dinner, also had good things to say about Pierson, who joined Youth Challenge, a National Guard youth achievement program, to get his general equivalency diploma before he enlisted in the Marines shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

"I think he's a national treasure," Blum said of Pierson. "You talk about the 'greatest generation' and you usually think of World War II. I'm not so sure you're not looking at the greatest generation in Jordan Pierson."

Pierson plans to teach Marines about his hard-earned combat lessons gained during his deployments to Iraq.

"I got three tours' [worth of] experience," Pierson said, "I can prepare other Marines to get them ready to go back. That's what I'm going to do.

"If I get to one person, I may be able to save their life," he said.



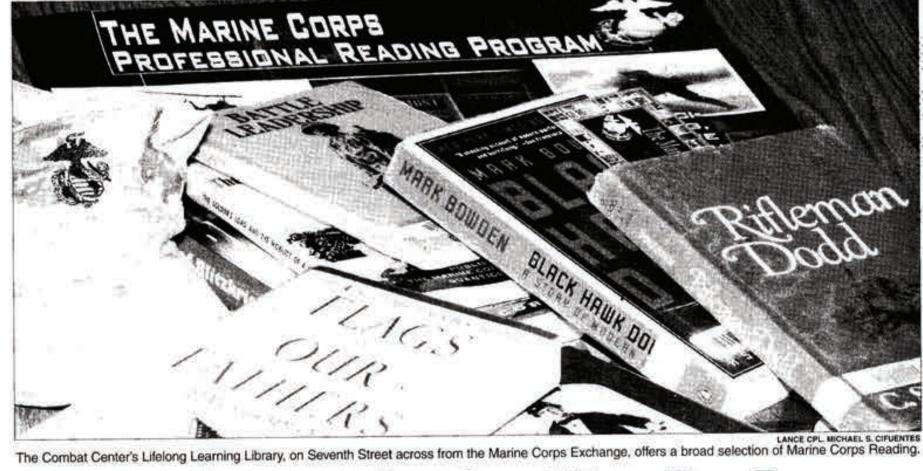


66 Professional education serves as a bridge between an understanding of the strategic landscape and the unique decision-making requirements for each combat situation. Today's strategic environment, characterized by uncertainty and lethality, requires leaders at all levels that are mentally as well as physically agile and capable of making difficult, timely decisions in the midst of complex and stressful situations. Repetitive and varying decision-making opportunities create competent judgment, flexibility, and adaptability. Field training and exercises are just one means to improve thought process.

"However, these opportunities will always be limited. The tremendous experiences that men and women have gained over the ages concerning the nature and conduct of war can, if properly studied and understood, serve as an important force multiplier providing myriad opportunities to 'experience' decision making in war. Discussions with leaders during our recent operations in the Global War on Terrorism confirm this assertion.

"As Gen. Alfred M. Gray stated, 'success in the battle depends on many things, some of which we will not fully control. However, the state of preparedness of our Marines is in our hands. The study of our profession through selected readings will assist each Marine's efforts to achieve operational competence and to better understand the nature of our calling as leaders of Marines."

 Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, in a Marine Administrative Message passed in February 2005.



# Marine Corps Professional Reading Program offers strength through knowledge

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. **CIFUENTES** 

In 1989, a Marine Corps established Marine Corps Professional Reading Program in support of the new professional military education program for noncommissioned officers, staff noncommissioned officers and officers. In order to increase the depth of the Marine Corps professional

education, Gen. Michael

W. Hagee reinvigorated

the program.

The purpose is to initiate actions that will accomplish that goal, contribute to the growth of aggressive and informed leaders, and ensure that the Marine Corps' main, effort as serious practitioners of the profession of arms, remains excellence in war

fighting, said Hagee. Gen. Alfred M. Gray. 29th commandant of the Marine Corps, recognized six objectives of the program in his initiating order to provide a range of study for all Marine leaders. These objectives are to impart a sense of Marine values and traits, increase knowledge in the Marine Corps profession, improve analytical and reasoning skills, increase capacity of using printed media as a means of learning and communication, increase knowledge in the nation's institutions and the principles upon which the country and way of life were founded, and increase knowledge of the world's governments, culture and geography.

The professional reading list is an element that serves as a standardized guide, providing a common understanding throughout the Marine Corps and stimulates intellectual curiosity. The books on the reading list are segregated into ranks with recommendations for each.

"Not only is the reading list for personal enhancement. but for military enhancement among individuals as well," said Sgt. Maj. Victor H. Martin, sergeant major of Headquarters Battalion. "For instance, 'Rifleman Dodd' is about a soldier separated from his unit, but continues to fight and carries on his mission, A book like that is good for young Marines who are making big decisions, interpreting the commander's intents.

"For senior Marines or leaders, reading books in accordance to their rank can follow up on Marine Corps leadership, morale, and courage, and it gives a tool that they can relate to," he explained.

A better education and a

firmer understanding of life in the military service is what the program is about, said Sgt. Maj. James M. Ricker, sergeant major of the Combat Center.

"I believe the commandant wanted to implore Marines how important self education is," said Ricker, "Reading the books on the list is not only for self worth, but it values what prior Marines did for our country. 'The Constitution' is very important material to read that is on the list, being we swore an oath to it."

"The intangible thing is what is learned, such as courage and ethics," said Martin. "The camaraderie that we hold so dearest is what we get from reading these books. Tactics and battle schemes are what staff noncommissioned officers learn from the books on their list... Marines should be encouraged to read because it willdefinitely help them succeed and get promoted in the Marine Corps."

"Life is what you put into it," said Ricker, "You'll find yourself not advancing if. you do not take the initiative to read."

"All Marines must develop" a disciplined approach to studying, thinking, and discussing our profession," Hagee demands, from a Marine Corps Professional Reading Program poster. "The selected books will facilitate a common understanding, stimulate intellectual curiosity, and bolster professional education within our ranks to make the crucial decision upon which future victories will rest."







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LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES Friends and coworkers treat Col. Anthony F. Weddington to a retirement cake that reads "Best Wishes in Retirement" Tuesday at the Reserve Support Unit command post.

#### WEDDINGTON, A1

Weddington was born in Moses Lake. Wash., but was raised in Burlington, N.C. His father was an enlisted Airman and ended his service in the Air Force as a staff sergeant after 10 years. Weddington graduated from Hugh M. Cummings High School in 1975. He continued his education at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and achieved a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979.

During his time at UNC, his younger brother went to Officer Candidate School through the Marine Corps' Platoon Leader's Course. Weddington was so intrigued by his brother's experience that he made it a point to meet with a Marine recruiter, who he saw walking through his campus.

"I walked up to the campus's recruiter, who was a Marine captain, and I was very impressed with him and what he had to offer," said Weddington. "I was probably most interested because my father and some relatives served in the military before me.'

Weddington went to OCS in January 1980, graduated in April and went to The Basic School the following week, after having a weekend to relax, he said. The week after he com-

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pleted TBS, he went to Infantry Officer's Course, concluding his initial training in November 1980.

"Being an infantry Marine was an independent decision for me," said Weddington. "I initially joined the service to become a bombardier, but that did not work out. I had the choice to walk away, but I felt that if I couldn't fly, I would be an infantryman."

Weddington reported to his first duty station, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, N.C., in December 1980. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, as a rifle platoon commander, then as a weapons platoon commander, he said. His first deployment was to the Mediterranean Sea during the time the president of Israel was assassinated. His battalion was part of a Marine Amphibious Ready Group, or a force in readiness.

After three years serving in Camp Lejeune, he was assigned to serve at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., as a series commander for 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. He later became commanding officer of Delta Company.

"My duty in Parris Island was the most memorable experience in my Marine Corps career," said Weddington. During his service as series commander in October 1983, a recruit died while asleep due to heart failure. "Recruit Hurst was a 17-yearold recruit, and he had only been on the island for three weeks. I was a first lieutenant when he died, and I took my duties very seriously. There were 15 drill instructors I was in charge of and roughly 250 recruits under my command. The experience changed my life. I realized a bit more that day, that as a Marine officer, I must always be conscious of what's going on with our procedures and our people because I'll never know when lightning will strike."

Weddington served three years at MCRD Parris Island.

"It's an incredible thing to witness, the amount of time drill instructors put into recruit training," said Weddington. "It's a phenomenon watching drift instructors turn American citizens into Marines and form them into units where they will fight alongside each other. The drill instructors really leave their mark. If a recruit or Marine falls short, it's the drill instructors at fault. They make sure they are ready for anything they will encounter in the fleet. Everything is done by the numbers in boot camp, and that is why I feel that MCRDs are the purest environment in the Marine Corps. There is never compromise in training. The Marines today are every bit as good as I first encountered. Officers and staff noncommissioned officers couldn't have been more proud to witness this."

After serving at MCRD Parris Island, he was sent to the University of Mississippi as a Marine officer instructor in the Naval Science Department. He was tasked with training and

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As a reservist, Weddington became a combat artist for Headquarters Marine Corps. He was tasked to create several hundred drawings of recruit training at Parris Island, he said.

In the spring of 1996, Weddington was introduced to the Active Reserve Program and later was reassigned to Manpower and Reserve Affairs in Quantico, Va. In 1999, he was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans as director of reserve Marine Corps Community Services programs, determining their budget and requirements.

In September of 2002, Weddington checked in to the Com-

"My time here at the Combat Center has been really enjoyable, and it's good to be with Marines that are training to carry on the Marine Corps mission," said Weddington, "I really enjoy the professional relationships and camaraderie among my colleagues.

"I had no idea I was going to be in the Marine Corps for this long," he continued, "I was obligated to serve one term, and 26 years later I'm retiring as a colonel. It has gone by really fast. Weddington will continue his hobby in the painting business from his Yucca Valley home, living with his wife, Linnea.

"He's definitely excited about continuing his business in painting and playing golf," said Linnea, who has been married to Weddington for 20 years in May, "I'm glad the time has come, and I am very proud of him. He has certainly served his country.

"As his business manager and his number one critic. I know he's ready for this day. He's a man with a lot of integrity and a great sense of humor, so I know he will continue to be happy," she added.

Weddington's reason for coming back to active duty was he missed being around Marines, he said. He really has no intention of leaving the Marines, just the service.

Throughout my career, I loved being around people who made a conscious decision to volunteer and be a Marine," said Weddington, "It's only something Marines can understand and appreciate. You like Marines because they want to do well and you cannot pull wool over a Marine's eyes. They will tell it like it is and go through great lengths to get the job done. You can tell a Marine what you want done and get out the way, they will surprise you. I never knew a Marine who gets up in the morning and says 'I'm going to fail today.' It's impossible. Marines will always make the Marine Corps look good. There is no correlation between rank and intelligence. That's why we have faith in the Marine Corps.

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LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES Cecily Spicer bids on a 'bed and breakfast' package that was auctioned at the Officers' Club Saturday night.



With unscripted comedy, Capt. Robert J. Engelhardt, and Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone's banter kept guests

## OSC Mardi Gras auction raises money for grants, scholarships

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Marines, Sailors and their spouses joined members of the community wearing beads and masks at the Officer's Club Saturday night for the Officers' Spouses' Club's annual Mardi Gras

Benefit Auction. The occasion brought a night of food, good spirits and a live and silent auction to benefit Marine Corps and Navy families, and the local businesses that serve and support them.

All proceeds from the auctions went to scholarships for military dependents and grants for local organizations that support the Combat Center community. The auction event was the OSC's biggest fundraiser of the year, said Jessica Pinkerton, Mardi Gras Benefit chairperson.

All items and gift certificates in the silent auction were donated by businesses from the Morongo Basin and surrounding communities.

The spouses aboard the base donated baskets and packages that were auctioned off during the live auction. "The spouses of our battalion put together a 'weekend at the

Hamptons' package which included wines, dishes, cheese and meats," said 1st Lt. Dustin Elliott, logistics officer with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.

"We have some very creative and extravagant baskets this year," said Pinkerton. "We are very thankful to all the ladies and units who participated in this year's auction and we're also thankful for all the businesses and local artists who have donated their items. We could not have an auction without their gra-

The silent auction began at 6:30 p.m., giving guests an opportunity to browse through the packages being offered, and place their first bids. The winners of the silent auction weren't determined until the end of the night.

At 7:30, the silent auction was put on hold, and the real fun began with the live auction.. Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, commanding general of the Combat Center, and Capt. Robert J. Engelhardt, commanding officer of Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, acted as auctioneers for the evening.

The two gave a lively and detailed description of the items up for bid, entertaining the guests with a few jokes in

"Last year, the Mardi Gras Benefit Auction raised \$12,000 in proceeds," said Pinkerton. "This year we just wanted to raise more than last year."

More than \$20,000 was raised by the end of the night.

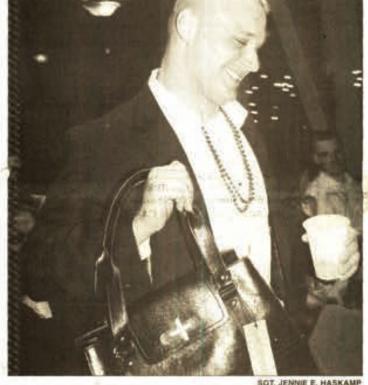
'The highest bids went to a basket called 'heaven between the sheets,' which was donated by Combat Logistics Battalion 7," said Pinkerton. "It was two separate packages of bed sets, and each set sold for \$1,000. The command suite donated a basket that included a case of wine from the general's vineyard. That package sold for \$1,500."

The committee worked on the event for almost a year, said Pinkerton. They contacted local business as well as restaurants, resorts and golf clubs in Palm Springs, Calif. The committee also received monetary donations from businesses in the Morongo Basin.

"The event was very successful and everyone was really generous throughout the night, said Pinkerton. After seiting all 73 items, we made more than we imagined. We're very thankful for all the donations from the local community, and from the spouses' clubs from each battalion. On top of the fact that we raised a lot of money for the scholarships and grants, it was good to see Marines, Sailors and their spouses come out for a fun night. It was also good to see a variety of ranks. The auctioneers definitely added to the high spirits, and the night couldn't have been so fun without their liveliness. They had great chemistry together."



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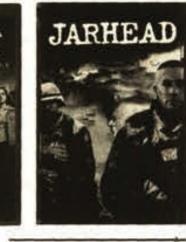
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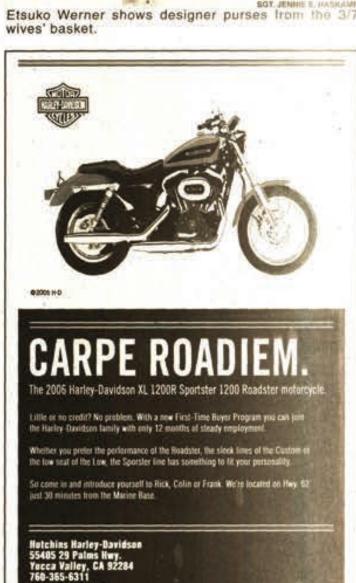
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# Bahraini airmen prepare to graduate MCCES

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

A dozen international military students from the Kingdom of Bahrain are nearing the end of their \*courses of study at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics school after months of

Twelve enlisted airmen of the Royal Bahraini Air Force arrived at the Combat Center in October to learn the intricacies of the AN/TPS-59 long range 3-D search radar at MCCES.

Prior to learning that system, though, they had to progress through a three-month long prerequisite class as would any other Marine or international student, said Staff Sgt. Harold F. Tew, radar instructor with MCCES' Charlie Company.

"They went through the basic electronics course, which teaches theory, before going through to us at the radar maintenance course," said Tew, who will remain the student's chief instructor until they leave March 20.

"It's been great teaching them," said Tew, who began with the Bahrainis on Jan. 31, "First off, their English is good, and they are a great group who are very willing to learn. It's fun to teach someone who is eager to learn. They have performed a little better than our regular Marine students. They have a good general knowledge of electronics coming in here and are older overall and grasp it well."

Although MCCES regularly bosts international military students, the current Bahraini group is the largest ever for the school, said John Coronado, international military student officer at MCCES. The purpose of their visit was to train personnel who are going to operate the AN/TPS-59 array the Royal Bahraini Air Force recently purchased.

"This is the largest group of international students we have ever received. Usually we'll only

have two or three at a time," said Coronado, "It's been a little challenging for us, but when they need something, they are not afraid to ask for it."

One thing that was asked for in particular was the establishment of a place of prayer for the students. Bahrain is a predominantly Islamic country and their visit to Twentynine Palms came during the height of the 30-day Ramadan holiday. By moving beds and furniture around and laying down carpet in vacant room, they soon had a designated place of worship.

'When they arrived, we helped them to create a prayer room in the barracks," said Coronado. "We set up the prayer room after they got here because we didn't know exactly what they needed. Initially we made arrangements to use a room in the chapel, but because it was right during Ramadan and the frequency of times throughout the day they would be praying, we found it was better to have it closer,"

In addition to accommodating needs, all 12 students were assigned sponsors from within the battalion instructor staff to act as escorts to help welcome and guide them in American and Marine Corps culture.

"It's been a good experience working with the instructors here at the school," said Sgt. Saleh Ahmed. "The Marines have been very friendly. We visited a lot of places like Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas and Palm Springs with them."

Although a gap in language and culture exists, Marines and staff working with the Bahrainis have said their experiences have been very encouraging throughout the entire six months of their tenure.

"All of the Bahrainis have been outstanding guests and are very friendly," said Coronado. "It's been a very positive experience overall for everybody. I'm actually going to be disappointed when they have to leave next week. I only wish we can host more students from Bahrain in the future."



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CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines - At nearly 10,000 feet high, all that separates the flying from the falling is one step out the back of a KC-130 Hercules aircraft.

Sixteen Philippine airmen and 133 U.S. Marines conducted bilateral jump training Feb. 25-27 as part of Exercise Balikatan 2006.

The combined service members performed either three High Altitude-Low Opening or three static jumps throughout the training exercise, depending on their

respective preference.

In HALO jumping, which is the more tactical of the two techniques, the parachutist opens their parachute at a low altitude after free-falling for a period of time; in static jumping, they are attached to a static line which automatically opens their parachute as they

leave the aircraft. For one parachutist with the exercise, the event wasn't training so much as lifeaffirming.

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"It was when I saw Mt. Pinatubo in the distance that I realized what I was doing," Beck said, "I'm skydiving in the Philippines. That did it for me. I'm set for the rest of this deployment."

Many Philippine airmen were just as excited to jump out of a U.S. airplane as the U.S. Marines were to jump into Philippine skies.

"Jumping from [the KC-130] fills my stomach with even more butterflies than other jumps," said Philippine Airman 2nd Class Rhonette Perez, an intelligence specialist with 710 Special Operations Wing, "There's a decline in the back of this aircraft that I'm not used to, It feels like I'm walking down a stairway leading me into a freefall."

Beyond the Corps' planes and blue skies, there was another aspect of the training that the airmen appreciated.

"I've jumped 19 times before, but this jump is dear to me," Perez said. "Now I can say I've jumped with U.S. Marines."

# Turret simulator keeps Marines on top of training

CPL. ROSE A. MUTH

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marines from 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion are moving ahead into the 21st century with new computer simulators to help refine combat skills and get more hands-on training.

The new turret trainer virtual simulator program was recently installed, but previous models were field tested by Marines from Alpha Company, 2nd AA Bn., 2nd Marine Division, prior to deploying to the Middle East in September 2005.

With three vehicles in a formation and only 150 meters of separation between them, the newly acquired technology helps simulate what Marines will be doing on a convoy or other mis-

"Last March we received a prototype and we had Marines use it and give their input on what they liked and didn't like, and what we could make improvements on," said Staff Sgt. Michael P. Connors, battalion gunner, Headquarters and Support Company, 2nd AA Bn. "The prototype program ended in July and Lockheed Martin came up with the final design. The simulators were just installed and now we're running a three-day trainer course. Then the Marines will come in and start using it."

Just arriving back from Iraq in October of 2005, Staff Sgt. Brian L. Sears, crew chief course instructor, H&S Co., 2nd AA Bn., is going through the three-day trainer course and acknowledges the benefits of getting the necessary training before deploying.

We might not always be able to get a range, so this is something we have in our backyard that we can use," Sears said. "We're not using the simulator to replace the range in any way. We just want the Marines to be prepared for combat and any other situations that might get thrown their way."

Having the new indoor trainer will make field training more productive and factors such as weather and range availability won't make an impact. Connors said Marines can practice a wide range of scenarios on the simulator and carry that knowledge over to field training exercises.

"Marines can practice different skills, formations and tactics with the simulators and see how their decision making skills worked or didn't work for them," Connors said. "The simulator can also calculate your accuracy on each weapon."

This is just one way that this new technology is helping AA Battalion amplify all of their skills, Connors said.

"Having the three new turret simulators will help us integrate all the elements used out at a field exercise in one room and allow the crewman and the chief section leader a chance to refine their skills on all levels," Connors said. "There are two different weapons on the Amphibious Assault Vehicles and switching between these weapons take skills. This also gives a junior Marine who hasn't had a lot of experience with weapons a chance to get a feel for the turret and get familiarized with the systems before they go out for a field training exercise."



Staff Sgt. Michael P. Connors, battalion gunner, 2nd Assault Amphibian battalion, sits inside the amphibious assault vehicle turret trainer during a mock training exercise Feb. 28.

Although the turret trainer is being used by Marines who work with AAVs at all times, a third crewman course is offered to help cross-train Marines and Sailors attached to the unit.

"We offer a course for Marines or Sailors to get familiarized with the turret and the weapons systems to be prepared for anything that might come their way just sitting in the back of the AAV during a deployment," Connors said. "That person will be prepared and will know what to do if stuff ever goes down and they have to take charge."

With the new turret trainer program being set up on other bases as well, the \$2.2 million program is already a huge success with Marines throughout the Corps.

"I think this is a great program to use for training and I'm glad that we were the ones who got a chance to test it out and see what the programs are made of," Connors said. "It's just another great training tool to use to be prepared for when the time comes to actually use the skills we do have, and we'll know that we are ready to take the challenges head on."

# Press exaggerations test American will

JIM GARAMONE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The will of the American people is the center of gravity for the war on terror, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said during a Pentagon news conference Tuesday.

Exaggerated reporting is giving the American people a false picture of what is happening in Iraq, the secretary said. "Interestingly, all of the exaggerations seem to be on one side," he said. "It isn't as though there simply have been a series of random errors on both sides of issues. On the contrary, the steady stream of errors, all seem to be of a nature to inflame the situation and to give heart to the terrorists and to discourage those who hope for success in Iraq."

Rumsfeld pointed to reporting that exaggerated the number of mosques attacked and the number of Iraqis killed in the violence that followed the bombing of the Golden Mosque in Samarra Feb. 22.

Fomenting a civil war was the impetus behind bombing the sacred shrine, and press

stories exaggerating the violence that followed played into terrorists' hands, he said. "It has been and remains a time of testing for the Iraqi people, but the Iraqis are meeting that test thus far successfully, I would say, and defying the seeming rush to ... proclaim exactly what the terrorists seek, namely a civil

war," he said. A recent poll shows most Americans believe Iraq is already involved in a civil war. Joint Chiefs Chairman Marine Gen. Peter Pace said the Iraqi people looked "into

the abyss" of civil war and stepped back.

The truth in the country is those who want civil war in Iraq are disappointed, the secretary said. "First, the Iraqi security forces have taken the lead in controlling the situation," Rumsfeld said, Coalition forces assisted Iraqi soldiers and police.

"Second, the Iraqi government leaders took a number of key steps that have had a calming effect in the situation," he said. "They imposed a curfew, and the leaders of most of the major parties have

stepped forward to publicly urge restraint on all parties."

Reports after the bombing indicated that sectarian groups had burned and sacked thousands mosques. This was wrong, the secretary said echoing information passed by Army Gen. George Casey, commander of multinational forces in Iraq. Further, contrary to reports, Iraqi security forces behaved well and provided security in Samarra, as well as in Shijte and Sunni areas of the country,

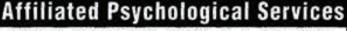
Overall levels of violence in Iraq have not increased substantially as a result of the Golden Mosque bombing, officials in Baghdad said. However, violence continues and continues to affect formation of the Iraqi government.

"In the coming months, Iraqis will face difficult obstacles in controlling illegal militias, and we know that," Rumsfeld said. "They're working to try to strengthen their

ministries, and we're trying to help them.

'And their effort to fashion a unity government that will represent all elements of their society is clearly being delayed by the situation in Iraq," he continued.

"Nonetheless, the leadership being shown by the Iraqi security forces, by the Iraqi government officials in the wake of these attacks against the shrine has to be seen as encouraging, despite the apparent unwillingness of some to accept it."

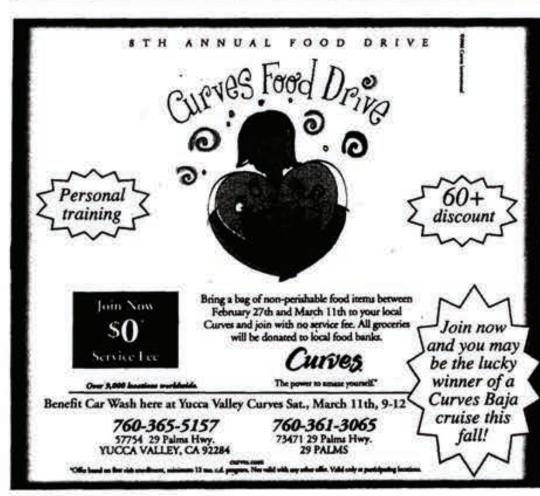


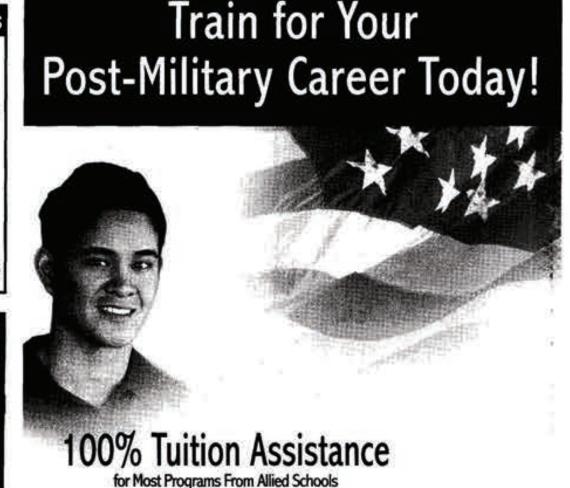
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The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center family is proclaimed a 'Donate Life Workplace Partner and in doing so, we acknowledge the lifesaving mission of the Donate Life California Registry and urge all our Marines, Sailors, civilians and family members to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation," wrote Stone in his citation to Vasilchak.





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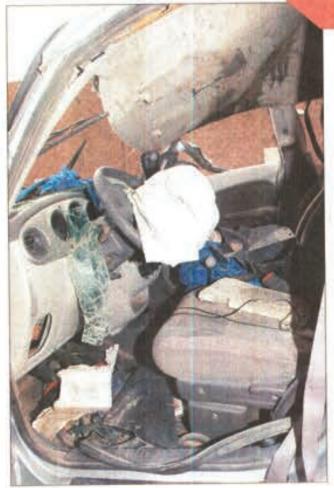
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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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- 3 years probation
- years with 2 points on driving record
- \$5199 in assessment, fees, and fines
- Ramifications from Uniform Code of Military Justice



LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ These cautionary signs are everywhere throughout the Combat Center, promoting safe and sober arrival to the base.

# **Combat Center sets** new costly, broader punishments for drunk drivers

Ladies and gentlemen of the Combat Center, beware: the Provost Marshal's Office is buckling down on traffic violators.

No longer will traffic law violators aboard the base be protected by the gates. There will be a new Combat Center Order in effect Wednesday that will open communication wires between the California Department of Motor Vehicles and PMO, said Staff Sgt. Michael J. Stahl, Combat Center's accident investigation chief.

With 158 drunk driving violations committed by Combat Center personnel in 2005, PMO felt it was time to make heavier consequences, said Stahl,

With the new order becoming effective, violators of not only drunk driving, but a few other traffic offenses, will face base and state penalties.

A tow truck will be called to take possession of a vehicle driven by a person who is drunk driving, reckless driving, driving with a base or state suspension, or anyone who is wanted for a hit-and-run accident, explained Stahl.

The tow companies in Twentynine Palms charge \$150 to take vehicles out of the impound lot, \$30 per day while the vehicle is in the lot and a \$75 gate fee to get vehicles after hours. The tow companies are

closed on weekends. If apprehended on base, the military police will report driving under the influence violations to the California DMV, where they are required to report the incident to the violator's insurance company. Insurance can be raised 400 percent, if the violator is even able to keep insurance. The offense will affect insurance premiums for three years after the incident,

said Capt. James P. Dollard, deputy provost marshal First time DUI offenders will face penalties from the county court and the DMV.

In court, the offender is charged a \$1,200 fine. three years probation, three to five days community service, three to six months in first-time offenders school and a 90-day license restriction following the DMV's license suspension for the offense.

The DMV will suspend the license while the vio lator is awaiting court hearings. After the drunk driver is convicted, the DMV suspends the license for four months, and then restricts the license for five months following the suspension. A restricted license only allows the driver to drive to and from

For more on the California DUI law, log on to http://www.dui.com/states/california/.

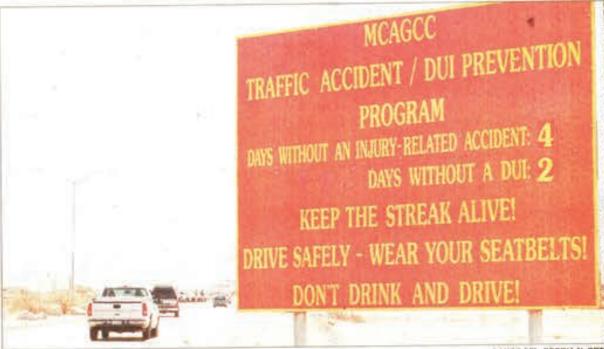
Current penalties from PMO are also still in effect. A one-year suspension of driving privileges is incurred, as well as punishment under the service member's command's discretion, said Dollard.

This new order will make DUIs a more costly and negative effect on one's record," said Stahl "Our intent is to eliminate drunk driving on and off

In the past, any traffic offense made on base was kept on base, not having any effect on a military member's civilian driver's license or insurance policy. This will not be true after Wednesday.

"We hope to deter any Combat Center personnel from even considering driving after consuming alcor-

hol," said Dollard. They used to say 'when you're on base, you're safe," he continued. "Meaning the punishment for drunk drivers wasn't too effective. But now, no drunk driver is safe."



The last message received when leaving the gates of the Combat Center is given by a sign urging the community to "Keep the streak alive!"

# Opera brings delight to children

SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Students and teachers at Condor Elementary heard the operatic talents of the "Fun with Opera!" show March 2.

Fun with Opera is an educational show created by Orange County, California's, Opera Pacific to introduce children to performing arts with a fun and interactive approach.

"It's a very good show, and it's very good for the kids," said Kristof Van Gryspeer, pianist, who is on his first season with the show. "I find it very interesting."

Throughout the show, children learned about opera. They also learned about the basics of opera, like how a story is told with music, the kinds of voices heard, and how much of the music has become recognizable. Every child got the opportunity to ask questions and voice their thoughts during and after the show.

The troupe performed pieces from various operas like "Rigoletto," "The Tales of Hoffmann," "Gianni Schiechi," and others. Many children talked excitedly about the music they recognized from hearing it on television, radio and even cell phone ring tones.

"I heard that song in running commercials," said one smiling child from the audience.

The singers said they enjoyed performing for the children and being part of a great opportunity to be a mentor to the children.

Brandi Samuel, one of the singers also in her first season, said the children will remember the singers and their music after they leave.

"It's nice knowing what we do will stick in someone's head for the rest of their life," said Samuel. "I can remember being 6 and 7 years old and meeting people who influenced me to be who I am today. It's nice to be able to give that back."

As the troupe packs up their stage, costumes and music equipment, they prepare to travel to another school. Each of them enjoys being a part of the show and seeing the children have fun while learning about opera.

"I really enjoy this show," said Samuel. "It's fun and it's really nice. The children bring out the child in you."



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Chad Berlinghieri, James Martin Schaefer and Christina Navarro, all opera singers with Opera Pacific, perform "Marriage of Figaro" for the students at Condor Elementary March 2.



Four girls watch singers from Opera Pacific perform at

Condor Elementary.



James Martin Schaefer leads Jamal Lowe, 4th grade student at Condor Elementary, as Lowe winds up Christina Navarro for her performance as a life-like, singing wind-up doll.





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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.

#### LT DAN BAND AT THE SUNSET CINEMA

The Lt Dan Band with Gary Sinise will perform Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the Sunset Cinema. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 830-5086.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT The Pacific Life Open Tennis Tournament opening ceremony is tonight 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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Table tennis balls have been known to travel off the paddle at speeds of up to 105.6 miles per hour.

# SPORT SHORTS MCCES 2 SINKS Naval Hospital WOMEN SOFTBALL

# Tanks dominates League

SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

The final, regular season games in the Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League came to a close Monday night at the West Gym.

The team from 1st Tank Battalion continued controlling the league in the first game of the night as they shut down Headquarters Battalion Team 2 65-45.

Headquarters Battalion started the game well with a two-point lead by the end of the first half 28-26. But Tanks took the lead in the second half and pulled away to finish with the win.

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Team 1 defeated Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital 66-52 in the last game before the playoffs.

After the tip-off, the game became quite fierce - neither team able to hold the lead or the ball for long. However, Naval Hospital came out better in the first half as they held the lead 29-24.

"We've got to calm down - we're arguing too much," said Jerome Hawkins, MCCES 1 coach.

Jerry Anderson, MCCES 1 player, said this game was not going the way they planned.

"We haven't used any of the strategy in the first half that we used to beat Tanks," said Anderson from Montgomery, Ala. "That's going to kill us."

However, Hawkins, from Hughes Springs, Texas, remained confident his team would still take the game, "We're going to win by 10 points," he said.

In the second half, MCCES 1 slowly pulled away to develop a 10-point lead with four minutes remaining. With Naval Hospital unable to close the gap, MCCES I walked away with the win 66-52.

"We made too many turnovers coming down the stretch," said Dempsey Tomblin, Naval Hospital coach and Willacoochee, Ga., native. "We were overaggressive, and they kept their composure."

Hawkins was all smiles at the end of the

"I told you we were going to win by 10 points," he said to his team.

With the regular season over, coaches now turn their attention toward the playoffs. The two most talented teams then have the championship ahead of them.

The playoffs and championship will happen Monday through Wednesday at the West Gym.

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

Commanding General's Intramural Basketball Competition 2006 Team Standings as of Mar. 7

	WON	LOS
1. 1st Tank Battalion	8	2
2. HQBN (1)	7	3
3. MCCES (1)	7	3
4. MCCES (2)	4	6
5. Naval Hospital	4	6
6. HQBN (2)	0	10



Tommie Harris, MCCES 1, soars through the air for a layup against Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital at the West Gym Monday.

The Marine Corps Exchange Unvites You... Friday, March 10th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Main Exchange. Guest Speakers include... Monica McBroom - from Informational & Referral Jany Wasdin - from Personal Financial Management Laure Mostettler - from ITT Brenda Leiva - Clinique Representative Price Drawings
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## Headquarters Battalion attempts to take top spot, MCCES keeps tight grip

LANCE CPL. REGINA N.

The undefeated spot in the General's Commanding Intramural Volleyball League was up in the air until Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School swept it away from Headquarters Battalion

Gym Considered the top teams of the season, HQBN and MCCES faced off in a battle of hard spikes and game saving digs in the second of three matches of the evening.

in a match Mar. 1 at the West

Tanks and Hospital warmed up the court with the first match,

Tanks showed Hospital how to counteract any attempt in their court, blocking their spikes and digging their attacks, to win 25-23 in the first game and 25-14 in the second game, ending the

Tanks now has a 1-1

Hospital tried to redeem their loss when they faced the Provost Marshal's Office in the last game of the evening. but PMO didn't allow it.

Provost Marshal's Office defeated Hospital 25-20 in the first game and 25-19 in the second game, cutting the night short.

Hospital went home with a 0-3 record, while PMO holds a 1-1 record.

As MCCES and HQBN took to their sides of the court, the word was out about the two competitors.

"These are the two top teams of the season," said Randy Husted, sports coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services Sports, "This should be a good game."

The first serve was attempted by HQBN and resulted in a side-out when the ball was served out of bounds.

The two teams enjoyed a few moments of free balling as no points were scored and the ball was bumped and dinked between the two sides. of the court.

Then, MCCES' Harold Tew broke the silence with a court-slapping spike, leaving HQBN scrambling over each other to try to counterattack the kill.

Headquarters Battalion called a time-out to regroup and get back on point, when they realized they were losing 12-2

For a while, the time-out helped HQBN get back into the game. Their simpler and softer defensive moves scored more points than their kill attempts. MCCES stuffed all spikes back into HQBN's side of the court, putting points on the board each time.

The first game resulted in a

25-8 win for MCCES. Headquarters Battalion seemed to get their game back in the first half of the second game. Hard spikes from Clayton Dooley and point-saving digs from Thann Sak, kept HQBN tied with MCCES, and a chance to get back in the game.

The game went back and forth until MCCES had enough playtime and took the game 25-20 to remain undefeated.

This match was definitely the most exciting thus far," said MCCES team captain Eric Aisoff. "Headquarters Battalion has a few players that can hit well, which gave our blocking and digging team the opportunity to block and dig a few balls,"

"Our team was in sync in the first game; everyone was playing great together. The second game was a little different," Aisoff continued. "Headquarters Battalion seemed to get warmed up and their big guy was doing a little damage."

"However, we composed

ourselves and started blocking balls coupled with a few errors on their side, and we pulled out the win," he explained.

The MCCES team plans on going undefeated for the rest of the season, said Aisoff,

Headquarters Battalion plans on staying at the top of the league, said team captain Cindie Blair.

"I think if we continue to work well together, the final game of the season will come down to MCCES versus Headquarters Battalion for the title," said Blair.

Headquarters Battalion didn't play their best and Blair pointed out the few kinks that needed to be worked out during the season.

"We need to work on communicating more to each other on the court and getting our serves in, since every serve counts," she explained.

The season has officially started, with teams taking stands and making reputations for themselves on the volleyball court.



Marine Corp Communication-Electronics School's Dave Moore attempts to block a spike from Headquarters Battalion's Jesse Silvas.

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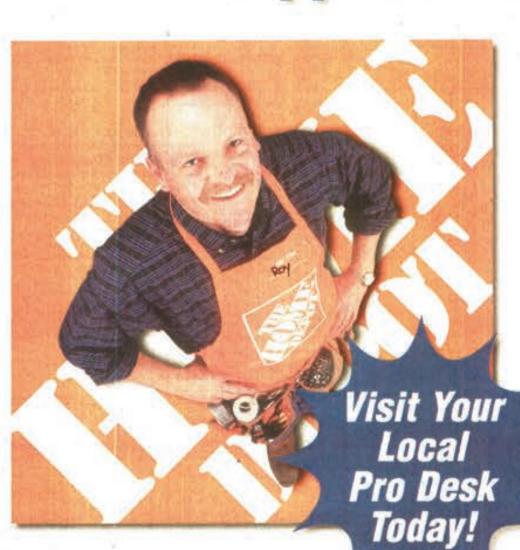
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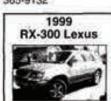
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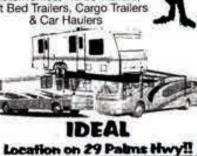
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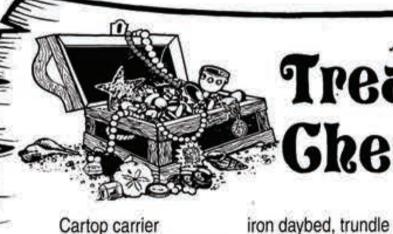
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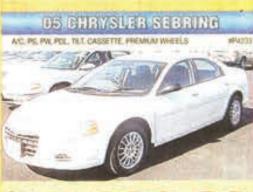


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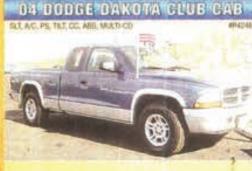


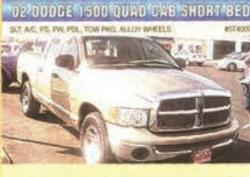




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