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This Issue

A5- 3/4 Weapons Company

A8- HQBN Change of Command

B3- MCAGCC Athlete of the Year

**"We
Salute
You"
celebration
coming
May 20**

4 pm
Event Begins:
Opening remarks
from MC

4 - 4:30 pm
Inflatable games
for all ages

4 - 5:30 pm
DJ plays

5:30 - 6:30 pm
MCAGCC Band
takes stage

6:20 - 7:30 pm
DJ plays

7:30 pm
Food
service/Inflata-
bles closed

7:50 pm
Introduction of
Lynyrd Skynyrd

8 - 10 pm
Lynyrd Skynyrd
performance

9:30 pm
Beer sales end

10 pm
Event ends

COMING NEXT ISSUE

• **Combat Vet
retention**

• **Driver's cellphone
misuse**

• **TAP classes**

**THIS DAY IN
MARINE CORPS
HISTORY**

May 12, 1975:

Marines were alerted
for rescue of the
Mayaguez crew and
assault on Koh Tang
Island, Cambodia.

Fox 2/7 masters MOUT



Before entering and clearing a room, Pfc. David Nava, Pfc. Kirk McPherson and Pfc. Lucas Norton, 2nd Platoon, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, stack up outside a building at Range 210.

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Patrolling through a desolate, dusty range far from civilization while wearing full gear in the sweltering desert heat, Marines of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, practiced their urban warfare skills over a two-day exercise to prepare them for their next deployment to Iraq.

The 140 Marines from three of the company's platoons departed Mainside Monday morning for an

hour-and-a-half ride to the isolated Range 210 urban training facility, which lies more than 25 miles northwest of Mainside, where they trained at both squad and fire team levels.

The 26-building sprawl provided Fox Company the perfect classroom for military operations in urban terrain, or MOUT, training.

Rotating through four different training evolutions throughout the first day, Marines learned and brushed up on their fundamental skills of movement outside of buildings, entering and room clearing,

inside movement through buildings and entry techniques.

The urban skills training was very important training for Fox Company, because of a recent influx of new Marines to the battalion straight from the School of Infantry, said Cpl. Corey L. Kerr, a squad leader with 1st Platoon, who helped instruct and guide his Marines through the courses and exercises.

See MOUT, A3

Mess hall named after fallen warrior

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Building 1460, commonly known as the 7th Marines mess hall, was renamed Phelps Hall during a ceremony in front of the facility May 4.

The renaming was in honor of Lance Cpl. Chance R. Phelps, an artilleryman with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, who was killed in action by a gunshot wound April 9, 2004, during combat operations west of Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the deployment, Phelps performed duties as an M240G medium machine gunner for 2nd Platoon, Lima Battery, 3/11. He was riding in the turret of a humvee during a convoy operation. His detail from 2nd Platoon was tasked with providing convoy escort to the assistant division commander. That evening, the convoy was hit with an improvised explosive device, which detonated approximately 100 meters in front of the convoy and caused the lead vehicle to slow down. The convoy was then

See PHELPS HALL, A6



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, touch the giant stone in which a bronze memorial of Lance Cpl. Chance R. Phelps was mounted.

Combat Center hosts Corps' senior leaders

CAPT. CHAD WALTON
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

The Commandant of the Marine Corps and most of the Corps' senior generals met here this week to discuss issues we will face in the future and see Marine units conduct Mojave Viper training.

The Executive Off-Site takes place quarterly and allows the Corps' senior leadership to exchange information and receive guidance for the future.

"All the three- and four-star star generals come unless they are off fighting a war," said Col. Jim Welsh, director, Marine Corps Staff. "The Commandant is able to receive feedback from the general officers here and then give his intent for the road ahead."

The schedule included updates on the Corps' involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, briefs from Marine Forces commanders, demonstrations of emerging technologies and observation of Marines training at Range 215. At Range 215 the general officers were able to see some of the key Mojave Viper training as Marines performed simulated cordon and knock searches, IED training and convoy operations.

Directors and other leaders from the Combat Center were able to meet and talk with the attendees of the EOS Monday night at the Officers' Club. During that time, General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, addressed the assembled guests and thanked the Combat Center personnel for all their hard work in support of the Marines.

The Commandant went on to say the Mojave Viper training offered here is the world's best at providing deploying units with a realistic environment to train for combat and stability and security operations. The training cadre here receive real-time feedback from Iraq or Afghanistan and immediately incorporate it into the current evolution, said Hagee. What you do here is not static, but

will continue to evolve as needed, he said.

"These off-sites allow the senior leadership to discuss the serious issues that will face our Corps in the months ahead," said Welsh near the conclusion of the meetings. "All the executive officers should leave here with the same goal in mind."



Marines of 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines met Gen. Michael Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Tuesday during their training at Range 215. The Commandant and other senior Marine Corps generals were there to observe Marine units training in preparation for deployment to Iraq.

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MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

Military Spouse Appreciation Day has been observed annually since 1984 to recognize the contributions, commitment, and support provided by the spouses of our men and women in uniform. This year, Friday, May 12th will be the day we reflect on the selfless service of our unsung heroes.

Our Marine Corps spouses are the underpinning of our Marine Corps family, and provide positive and valuable support to mission readiness. They boost the morale of our warfighters and their support is unwavering. They do this while concurrently managing frequent relocations, enduring lengthy deployments, and facing adversity and uncertainty with a calm assurance.

Silke and I extend our most sincere thanks to all military spouses. We encourage all Marines to take this opportunity to reflect on the patriotism and dedication of Marine spouses, as well as all family members.

Semper Fidelis and keep attacking.

M. W. Hagee

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

**Birth announcements**

CAROLINE LORENE WIELAND
Daughter of Sgt. Dean and Lyndsey Wieland.
Born March 14, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz.
and measuring 20.7 inches.

JERSEY MARIE LUZIER
Daughter of Cpl. Vincent and Rachel Luzier.
Born March 16, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz.
and measuring 20.3 inches.

MAKENSIE RENEE DEVAUL
Daughter of Cpl. Adam and Chelsi DeVaul.
Born March 16, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.
and measuring 20.3 inches.

EVAN THANE GALARZ
A Son of Cpl. Andre and Jessica Galarza.
Born March 17, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz.
and measuring 20.6 inches.

CARLY REBECCA GORDINIER
Daughter of 1st Lt. Ryan and Joni Gordinier.
Born March 17, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.
and measuring 20.6 inches.

HAMELTON STEELE SZEWCZYK
Son of Capt. Spencer and Rowena Szweczyk.
Born March 18, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 9.6 oz.
and measuring 20.5 inches.

RHIANNA VICKI-ELIZABETH LARKIN
Daughter of Sgt. Beura and Lizley Larkin.
Born March 18, 2006, weighing 6 lbs and
measuring 19.5 inches.

JESSE JAMES BAKER
Son of Capt. Anthony and Jennifer Baker.
Born March 19, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.
and measuring 19 inches.

JOSHUA MALACHI JAQUITH
Son of Lance Cpl. Joshua and Michaela Jaquith.
Born March 20, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

BRADLEY MICHAEL WRIGHT
Son of Cpl. Brandon and Candi Wright. Born
March 21, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and
measuring 20.9 inches.

TRENT WESTIN JONES
Son of Cpl. Travis and Jennifer Jones. Born
March 22, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and
measuring 20 inches.

CHRISTOPHER GONZALES
Son of Lance Cpl. Walther and Martha Gonzales.
Born March 22, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

KAELA MARIE MORA
Daughter of Petty Officer 2nd Class Ferran and Wendy Mora. Born March 23, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 11oz. and measuring 22.1 inches.

JILLIAN KAY LISBY
Daughter of Lance Cpl. Tim and Kat Lisby.
Born March 24, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 21 inches.

MASON CHRISTOPHER ASHCROFT
Son of Sgt. Bryan and Lindsay Ashcroft.
Born March 24, 2006, weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 20.3 inches.

BRANDON DOUGLAS TEW
Son of Staff Sgt. Harold Tew and Juanita Hudson. Born March 28, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

LEON EUGENE PIERCE II
Son of Cpl. Leon and Nikisha Pierce. Born
March 28, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 4.8 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

SEYLAH BELLE STEPHENS
Daughter of Lance Cpl. John and Laura Stephens. Born March 28, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 21 inches.

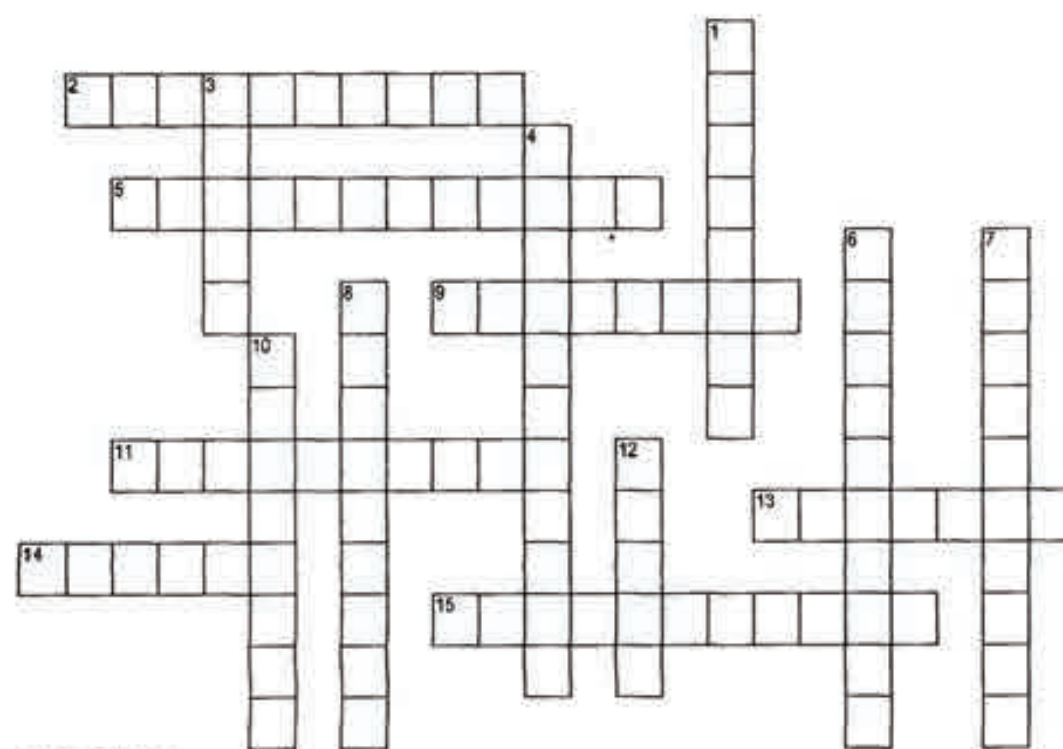
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5 First legal casino opened in _____, N.J., May 26, 1978.
9 Pope _____ II was shot and seriously wounded by Turkish assailant May 13, 1981.
11 The _____ Bridge was opened to the public in San Francisco May 27, 1937.
13 _____ surrendered to the United States May 7, 1945.
14 _____ and Mussolini signed a "Pact of Steel," committing Germany and Italy to a military alliance May 22, 1939.
15 Gangsters _____ and _____ were killed in Bienville Parish, La., May 23, 1934.

DOWN

- 1 _____ hit his 714th and last home run May 25, 1935.
3 Mt. St. _____'s volcano erupted in May 18, 1980 in Washington state.
4 Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for "Gone _____" May 3, 1937
6 The first _____ observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania May 10, 1908.
7 The _____ crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., May 6, 1937.
8 Capt. _____ landed in Jamestown, Va., May 2, 1607.
10 Clara Barton founded the American _____ May 21, 1881.
12 _____ and Clark's expedition began May 14, 1804.

[Solutions on A4]

Centerspeak

"How can the Marine Corps better retain its combat veterans?"

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LANCE CPL. GARY HILLHOUSE
LIMA Co., 3/4

"Give them what they want. Give good reenlistment packages and tailor them specifically."



SGT. TRAVIS JAAKKOLA
HEADQUARTERS BATTALION

"Improve barracks life. Marines aren't happy if they can't get away from work after they go home."



CPL. BRIAN CRAFT
BRAVO Co., 3RD LAR

"Provide more and better training for Marines to do when they are not deployed."



CPL. CHAD FULLER
HEADQUARTERS Co., 2/7

"Provide better incentives when they reenlist besides just another tour in Iraq."

What's on your mind?

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

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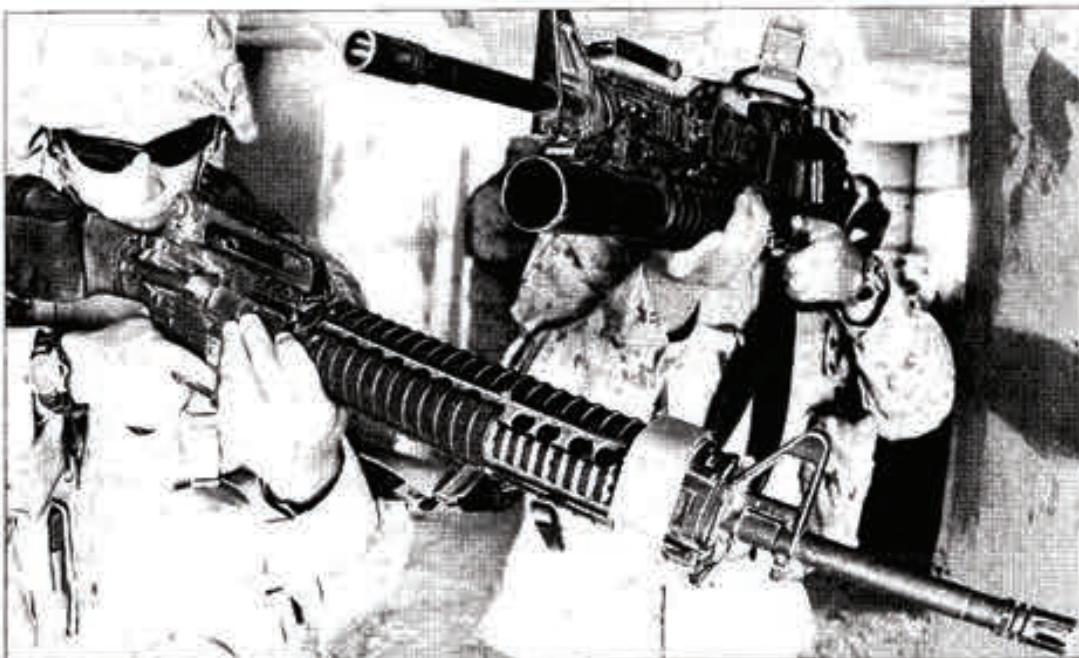
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Corporals Andrew Maus and Eric Harms, squad leaders with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, demonstrate how to maneuver through a hallway for their fellow Marines during urban training at Range 210.

MOUT, A1

"We covered essentially all aspects of MOUT here, and I was there after the initial classes to help the Marines through it," said the 20-year-old Chicago native who must help train his Marines before they deploy next year. "The Marines learned only the basics in SOI, and we build from that but we have little tricks here and there. We brush them up the way we want them to do it so when it comes game day and we go to Iraq, there is no question."

"One of the challenges we face is getting the Marines all on the same page," said Kerr. "Some of this is new material for them and this is the first time they have been in this type of environment, so we're trying to get the basics down well. With repetition comes confidence, and we want them more confident in this type of environment."

Instruction for the Marines came from numerous sources within the company; from their platoon commanders, platoon sergeants, squad leaders, fire team leaders and fellow Marines, said Capt. George Hasseltine, Fox Company commander.

"Sometimes you will have a team leader taking his fire team through a building as they learn or he's taking one Marine through at a time to familiarize them with the room," he said.

"Overall, this exercise is actually going very well," said Hasseltine. "You are starting to see the teams building and becoming more cohesive units. The experienced Marines take the new Marines under their wing and really mentoring them. So not only are the instructors teaching, but the Marines are teaching each other."

As the sun set over the desert, Marines took time to eat, clean weapons and pre-

pare for a set of nighttime exercises around the range. When darkness had set, Marines were issued night vision goggles and marched back into the town. Although the moon was bright enough to cast a shadow on the ground, the inside of buildings was pitch black, forcing teams to take advantage of their gear.

The night evolutions echoed those that had taken place earlier and included basic wearing and familiarization with night optics, clearing and moving inside rooms and searching buildings. Unlike the daytime exercises, Marines were briefed by their squad or fire team leader outside, who guided individuals through buildings.

"We're really learning a lot from the Marines who have experience with what works and what doesn't work," said Pfc. Zachary Kozisek, a squad automatic weapon gunner with 1st Squad, 1st Platoon. "The training we received [at SOI] really only gave us the basics, and these are things we need to know for Iraq."

Kozisek, a 19-year-old Minocqua, Wis., native, said he understands the emphasis put on MOUT training because many missions in Iraq are conducted within the

confines of cities. The communication and feedback available from veteran Marines in the company is invaluable, he said.

As day two began, Marines headed back onto the range for exercises similar to those conducted the previous day, but were at a faster pace and required the Marines to critique and correct themselves while instructors and leaders watched.

One major topic new to the schedule was the practicing of long security halts, which could potentially vary in length from a couple of minutes to multiple days, said instructors.

Marines were shown how to sweep the area during a foot patrol, how to set up hasty defenses, how to protect themselves inside of buildings and how to get into a "battle rhythm" when they are on long-duration operations in Iraq.

Although this training evolution was only the start for the company, Fox Marines are scheduled to conduct follow-on exercises in coming weeks and culminate with a final MOUT exercise May 23, pitting squad against squad at Range 215 using the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, said Hasseltine.

Basic Allowance for Housing Q & A

What is it? An allowance to assist members in defraying housing expenses, when a member is authorized to reside on the economy. The purpose of this allowance is to provide members accurate and equitable housing compensation based on housing costs in local civilian housing markets, and is payable when government quarters are not provided.

What is the reference? The reference for Basic Allowance for Housing is the DODFMR volume 7a Chap 26 (Department of Defense's Pay Manual).

Who is eligible for it? A member on permanent duty within the 50 United States, who is not occupying government family housing, is eligible for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), based on the member's dependency status, at the rate established for the permanent duty station's ZIP Code.

Got Spouse — What do I need to do? Report to the Customer Service Section of the IPAC with the following documents:

- CERTIFIED TRUE COPY or DUPLICATE ORIGINAL of Marriage Certificate (if in foreign language, a translated copy. If translation will not be available within a reasonable period of time — one week — call us)
- New spouse's BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, and a PHOTO I.D.

REQUEST BAH OWN RIGHT AT 29 PALMS

- Combat Center Order 11012.1H contains all the necessary direction and guidance regarding requesting BAH O/R.
- All personnel in the grade of E-6 and above have the option to receive BAH "own right" to reside off the installation. Personnel in the grade of E-5 and below may be authorized BAH only under certain circumstances; therefore specific written approval is required from the Commanding General (Bachelor Housing).
- Notes for BAH O/R: Once divorce proceedings have begun, and you are residing in the local economy, we recommend you begin the process for a 90 day extension of BAH O/R. Timely submission of and approval of your request will provide a smooth transition from BAH with to BAH O/R. Termination of your lease, due to upcoming deployment, also terminates your entitlement for BAH O/R. However, once you return from deployment and enter into a lease, your BAH O/R will be restarted.

BAH Difference Q & A

What is it? BAH-DIFF is a BAH entitlement to assist Marines who are obligated to pay child support.

Who is entitled to it? Members who become entitled to BAH based solely on their payment of child support (i.e., member does not have physical custody of the dependent) are entitled to BAH-DIFF provided their child support payments are equal to or greater than the BAH-DIFF rate for the member's pay grade. Members are not entitled to BAH-DIFF based solely on the fact that he/she has a dependent. If the member resides on the local economy, he may, if otherwise entitled, be eligible to receive BAH-With, effective 31 Dec 2005.

When is it payable? The entitlement to BAH-DIFF begins when the divorce is final and child support is directed or when a member starts making the appropriate child support payments for a child born out of wedlock (i.e., effective date of allotment), not the day the child is born unless payments were previously being made to the mother or began on that date. It is important to note that in order to be entitled to BAH-DIFF, proof of adequate support payments must be provided. Of course, an allotment is the best method of achieving this requirement. In the absence of an allotment, cancelled checks or money order receipts must be provided. When provided, this documentation will be affixed to the member's BAH Application and maintained on file in his service record.

What if I miss any child support payments? If a member fails to pay adequate child support (amount equal to or greater than the member's BAH-DIFF entitlement) for any given month then he is not entitled to BAH-DIFF for that month. The subsequent payment of back child support will not entitle the member to retroactive BAH-DIFF for a period of non-support or inadequate support.

What if my BAH rates change? It is important to note that members are required to increase their support payments when changes to BAH rates may create a new (higher) BAH-DIFF amount. Normally, these changes involve promotions or yearly pay increases. However, an increase in the BAH-DIFF amount may occur when a member is reduced. Currently, this will only occur when a reduction occurs from E-3 to E-2 however, member's in receipt of BAH-DIFF need to be aware of this possibility.

Is my child entitled to Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System enrollment? Children born out of wedlock and not in the custody of the member are not normally entitled to DEERS privileges. The exception is if a court has judicially determined paternity. See MCO P5512.11 for additional information.

What about Tricare Family Members Dependent Plan (FMDP)? Eligibility for Tricare FMDP is based on DEERS enrollment eligibility. Children ineligible for DEERS are also ineligible for Tricare FMDP.

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF BAH

What is Advance Payment of Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and how do I request it? Advance payment of BAH is utilized and made available to assist Marines and their families to defray the initial cost of moving into civilian lodging when authorized to reside on the economy. Members are authorized to draw this advance on their BAH, not to exceed the actual cost of moving in expenses or three (3) months of BAH at the PDS rate, whichever is lower. This advance will be liquidated over a twelve (12) month period. If the member vacates the residence for which the advance was drawn prior to the full liquidation, the remaining balance will be recouped immediately. To process a request, fill out a Request for BAH form or contact the Pay Section of IPAC.



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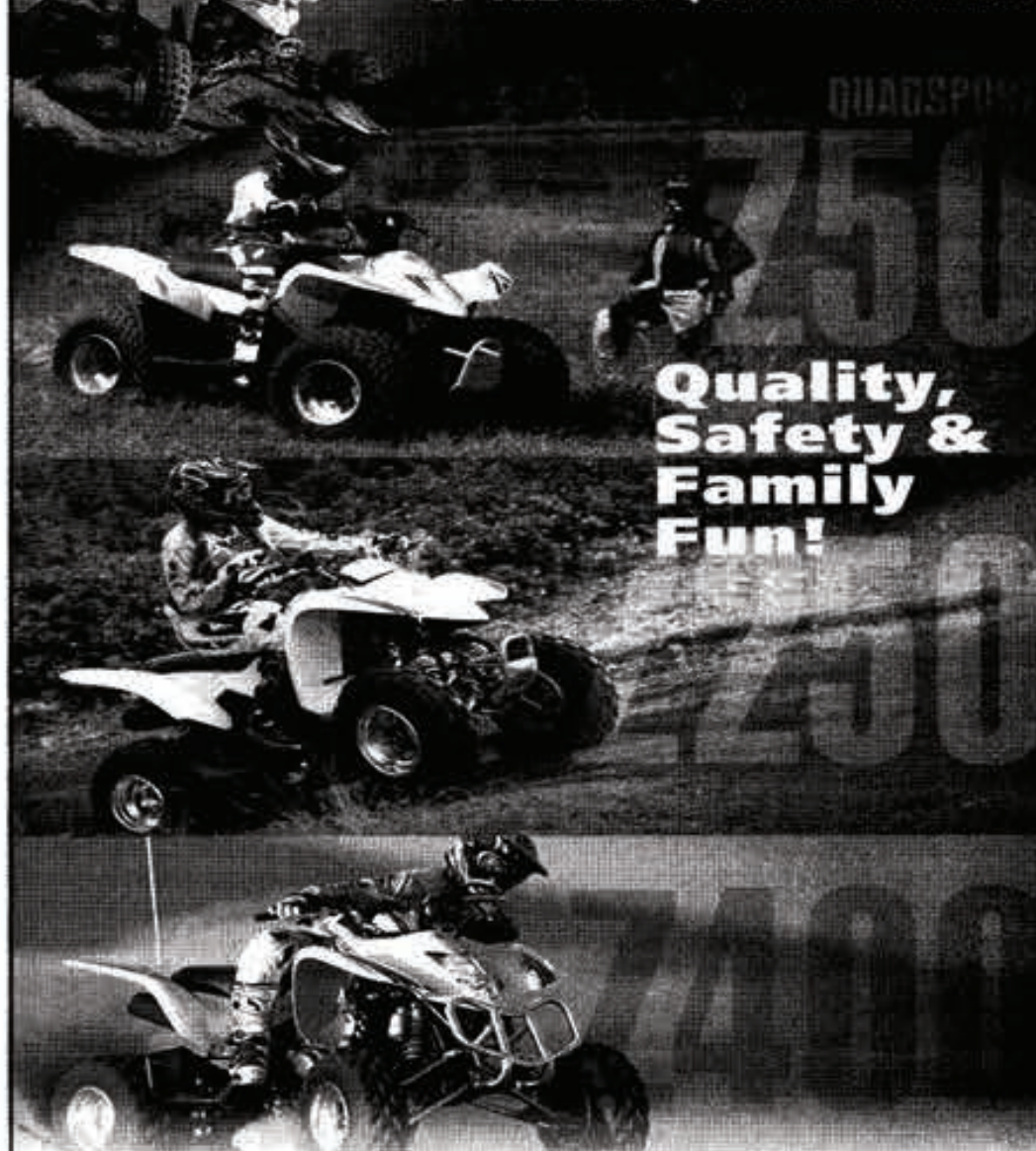
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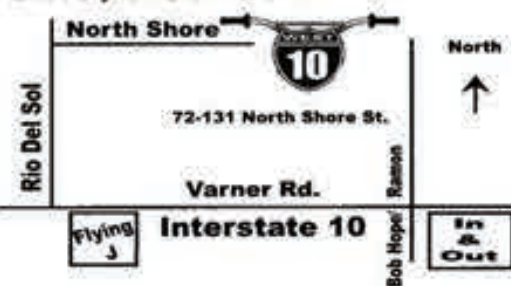


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New C.O. embraces the 'Darkside'

CPL. HEIDI E. LOREDO
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Lieutenant Col. Andrew R. Kennedy relinquished command of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines to Lt. Col. Scott C. Shuster, in a change of command ceremony here May 5.

Kennedy has served as the Darkside's commanding officer since July 2004. His next assignment will keep him aboard the Combat Center as the Deputy Assistant Chief G-3, Operations & Training.

Shuste has served as a platoon commander during the Gulf War, battalion adjutant, company commander, operations officer and was the plans officer for the 1st Marine Division. In this assignment he was responsible for planning a number of operations, including the successful assault on Fallujah, one of the largest urban offensives in Marine Corps history and also took part in planning the Iraqi transition to sovereignty in Al Anbar province in 2004.

"I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy for carrying on the tradition and contributing to the story and the history of this organization," said Shuster during the ceremony. "It is my honor and privilege to be accepted into the Darkside."

In January 2005, Kennedy led the battalion to success in Iraq as part of Regimental Combat Team 8. Upon their arrival into Fallujah, the battalion conducted stability and security operations in the southern half of the city and peninsula by manning entry control points and conducting daily patrols. Under Kennedy's leadership, the battalion successfully conducted seven offensive operations to defeat terrorist cells in their area of operations and subsequently detained more than 400 insurgents.

"The streets of Fallujah, the peninsula and Al Amariyah; you all know about those places, places with danger constantly at hand," said Kennedy speaking to his Marines. "You all know about the struggle to retain integrity and discipline of duties which are never easy."

"The only way for us to win this war is through one Arab mind at a time," continued Kennedy. "This is only going to be done by the disciplined action of every Marine, every patrol, every day through your entire tour."

Kennedy believes the Iraqi people fear and respect force, but the courage and discipline of his Marines enlightened the people. Their daily actions brought Iraqi leaders to seek cooperation with the battalion which enabled



Lt. Col. Scott C. Shuster accepts the battalion colors from Lt. Col. Andrew R. Kennedy, commanding officer, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, in a change of command ceremony here May 5.

their success and kept the neighborhoods safe.

"Tradition, brilliance in the basics, meant the death of our terrorists and the survival of our reputation," said Kennedy. "Your discipline and consistent applications day in and day out pushed the Iraqi people to help themselves, which was a lot easier than trying to push the Darkside."

Kennedy attributed the battalion's success during his time as the commanding officer to every Marine who fell under his command.

"In a world obsessed with self gratification, you sacrificed," said Kennedy. "In a place of ultimate danger, you take the longer breath and exercise restraint. In a model of deceit sur-

rounded by lies, you stand firm and consistent. No heroes here — but men, brothers in arms, professionals with a job to do. I salute each and every one of you."

And with an intense deep voice Kennedy

said farewell.

"I thank everybody; my guests, my friends, my wife and my God for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. I will always be a member of the Darkside. Semper Paratus."

SOLUTIONS



3/4 Weapons Company prepares for any mission

SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

"I'm up, he sees me, I'm down," screamed a group of Marines as they stormed the desolate dry lake bed near the physical fitness track. While a commonly used phrase for infantry units practicing squad rushes, it is one not often heard from a group of 81mm mortar men.

Marines from 81mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, conducted convoy training in the dry lake bed May 3.

The convoy training — while not a normal mission for Weapons Company — comes from a revised training schedule to prepare the Marines for a myriad of possible mission scenarios on their next deployment.

"I adapted their training to deal with what we'd possibly have to do in Iraq," said 1st Lt. Rosendo Garza, platoon commander, 3/4, Weapons, and Chicago native. "This is not outside their realm of training, it's just different than their MOS."

Sgt. Jesse Doze, acting platoon sergeant, told the squad leaders what he wanted accomplished each day for training and it became the squad leaders' job to ensure their Marines were properly trained.

"We're speeding them up on how a convoy works, and vehicle patrols in Iraq, how they work, and maneuvers such as assaulting through an element or turning around in a uniform fashion," said squad leader Cpl. Derek Greer a Houston native.

Doze expressed his confidence in his Marines' abilities and their willingness to train for whatever mission they may have to do.

"We may have a chance to become a CAAT [combined anti-armor team] and do convoy ops," said Doze, a Topeka, Kansas, native.

A CAAT is a mobile assault team consisting of humvees mounted with 50-caliber machine guns and tube launched optically tracked wire guided missiles.

"They're basically the ones annihilating everything," he said. "If we have to, we'll dismount and start doing rushes on the enemy. Everybody knows how to do it already, but we need to make sure they're focused on where their weapon is, you know, the basics of SOI [School of Infantry]."

The Marines of Weapons Company all had their own thoughts on the training, but the overall feeling among the Marines was motivation and enthusiasm throughout the day.

"I enjoy getting out, getting the blood going, breathing hard," said Lance Cpl. Matthew Biesman, mortar man and St. Louis native. "I just wish we could pop off some rounds every now and then."

From those who've been there before, the training will prepare the entire platoon, new blood and old blood, for whatever mission they get handed while deployed.

"It's good stuff as long as training is relevant to what we do over there," said Lance Cpl. Jeremiah Neusbaum, mortar man. "We're a mortar platoon, but we really don't do that over there. It's more like ECP [entry control point] or convoy or foot patrols. It's kind of good that we're starting to get more in depth with what we actually do over there, so it will become second nature."

"There are only two things we need to be focused on, what our job is going to be over there, perfect on that, and have everybody, not just one or two from the unit, but have everybody know the basic language of the country," said Neusbaum, a Coldwater, Mich., native. "Everyone should know their basic greetings, and commands like stop, step back, don't run, slow down, things like that."

With the face of the war on terrorism changing daily, a Marine's duties must change in accordance to each new threat. As such, training must also include the same concept of change if a Marine is to be fully prepared before their feet hit the dirt in a combat zone.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Cpl. Derek Greer, squad leader, Weapons Company, 3/4, commands his Marines doing rushes through the dry lake bed near the physical fitness track May 3.

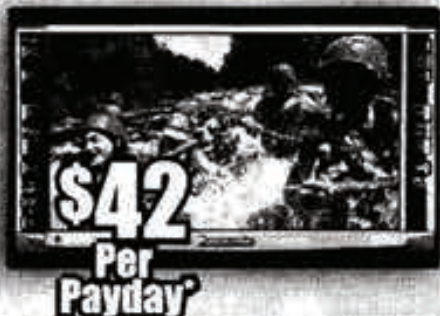
"That's the nature of the beast in this war," said Garza. "You never know, but the burden becomes making sure they're proficient at their MOS and proficient at everything other than their MOS, like convoys, patrolling, dismounting, and fire and movement."

Regardless of the difficulties in training for an unknown mission, Garza expressed his faith in his noncommissioned officers and junior Marines to handle the training and prepare for any upcoming mission.

"These guys have to learn everything and still be extremely good at their MOS, which they are — they rocked division schools," he said. "They did a great job out their. I have some amazing corporals."

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PHELPS HALL, A1

immediately engaged with a high volume of accurate machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire from three positions roughly 200 meters away behind covered areas.

The lead vehicle was caught in the kill zone and all three occupants of the vehicle were almost immediately wounded. As Phelps' driver moved his vehicle to a position of advantage, Phelps immediately began to suppress the enemy in order to relieve pressure from the Marines in that vehicle.

Exposing himself to a high volume of enemy fire, Phelps continued to fire his weapon effectively, as the enemy shifted their position. His fires were crucial to relieving pressure from his comrades so they could better engage the enemy, and convoy leaders could call for a quick reaction force and close air support.

As the initial engagement ensued, the Marines in Phelps' vehicle were preparing to dismount in order to better support the Marines in need of assistance. Phelps' was mortally wounded just as they dismounted.

For his bravery and heroism during the heat of the battle, that saved his fellow Marines' lives and cost him his own, Phelps was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V" posthumously.

Phelps, who was operating at the rank of private first class during the deployment, was also posthumously promoted to lance corporal.

Joining and participating in the mess hall dedication was Phelps' family. His mother, father and sister unveiled the bronze memorial, which was mounted on a large stone, and the

mess hall's new sign, "Phelps Hall."

Many came to honor the life of Phelps during the mess hall dedication, which included some of Phelps' fellow platoon members and Brig. Gen. John F. Kelly, who was the assistant division commander at the time of the convoy escort.

"I look at this day as a privilege to honor a fallen lance corporal," said Kelly. "It was a tragic situation. Combat: if you haven't been there, you can't understand what it's like. I never saw a single Marine hesitate that day. Lance Cpl. Phelps stood his ground until he went down. His valor was the most amazing sight to see, especially when another Marine took his place."

After returning back to their base, Phelps' unit stood proud and tall to serve in the same dreadful area alongside Phelps, said Kelly. His fellow platoon members spent a few quiet moments and told stories of him.

To the Marines and others who knew him best, Phelps was a very popular person. His sister, Kelley Orndoff, said he was a star athlete in high school. He made people smile and loved attention.

More so, he was always motivated, said Sgt. James G. Cooper, Phelps' vehicle commander during the convoy operation.

"He was the classic, tough and funny guy," said Cooper. "He always had a crowd around him wherever he went. He was always in a good mood and always trying to motivate everyone around him."

"Everyone liked him," he continued. "It was hard not to smile when he was telling one of his stories. It hit everyone pretty hard when he was killed. I was shocked. But we stuck together and kept his memory alive whenever we went back into operations and fought hard."



Kelley Orndoff (left), the sister of Lance Cpl. Chance R. Phelps, Gretchen Mack, Phelps' mother, and John Phelps, Phelps' father, unveil the 7th Marine's mess hall's new name, Phelps Hall, May 4 during a ceremony in front of the facility that honored the life of Phelps, an artilleryman who was killed in action during combat operations in Iraq April 9, 2004.

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"I think it's great that the chow hall is named after Phelps," said Cooper. "It's a great honor. I hope that everyone stays motivated around here and thinks of him, his parents, and their call of duty when they eat chow here. I only wish Phelps was here to eat chow with me again."

As the life of Chance Phelps ended that tragic afternoon on the battlefield, his story continued. His life has affected many people, including Lt. Col. Michael R. Strobl, a volunteer escort of Phelps' remains back to his hometown in Dubois, Wyo. Strobl wrote an account of his experience delivering Phelps to his hometown where he was buried. His journey lasted several days where he grew a close connection to the spirit of Phelps and to the love of Phelps' family.

"Chance Phelps was wearing his Saint Christopher medal when he was killed on Good Friday. Eight days later, I handed the medallion to his mother. I didn't know Chance before he died. Today, I miss him," read the opening paragraph of his story.

Strobl also joined the ceremony by speaking to the guests and service members.

"Today I am filled with pride... pride in taking Chance Phelps home, pride in the Marine Corps and pride in our nation," said Strobl.

Chance was a man who watched the cowardly attacks of 9/11 and stood up and said, "I'm going to do something about this," said Strobl.

"I hope you take some comfort that great warriors will come to Phelps Hall to continue the legacy," added Strobl.

Aside from a motivated Marine filled with camaraderie, Phelps was also strong member of his family, said his mother, Gretchen Mack.

"Chance lived life more in his 19 years than I think any of us in his family did," she said. "Our healing process is us telling stories about his comedy, his personality and his relationships with girls. He also used to imitate California's governor, Arnold, really well. When people had a bad time, he would take that moment and turn it into a 'Chance moment.'"

"Dedicating the mess hall to Chance is a good way to honor any service member and their families. Honoring him today represents honoring a lost Marines. Soldiers or Sailors in general. He represents all the lost lives and all the families who have lost a loved one."

Phelps' father, John, had similar feelings.

"Dedicating the chow hall to a fallen Marine is a great opportunity to show patriotism," said John. "This is like a footnote, or afterthought, of the war. And this fits the person he is and his style. It's very honorable how he died. He wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

To have the mess hall named in memory and dedication of Phelps was pushed by battalion leaders and their predecessors. Many did not know Phelps personally, but most knew his story, said Lt. Col. Douglas H. Fairfield, commanding officer of 3/11.

"We invested an interest in our own," said Fairfield. "After reading Lt. Col. Strobl's story, I had the opportunity to meet [Phelps] mother at our Marine Corps Ball. I was very impressed with how genuine his family is and how supportive they are of the battalion. After hearing that the base wanted to rename the mess hall, Phelps' name immediately came to mind. With the help of many Marines and the commanding general of the base, we were able to dedicate the mess hall to Chance."

"This does not just represent 3/11, but it represents every Marine," continued Fairfield. "There are several thousands who went through the same situation Phelps did, from private to lance corporal. He represents their stories. Personally, I am inspired for what he did, and others are too."

"I know there's a Chance Phelps in every one of us," said Fairfield. "I understand his confidence he had in Iraq, and we all share that same understanding. Chance is not a hero because he died, but because he lived. He chose to make a commitment in which our nation honors. I am pleased to dedicate this mess hall in his name."

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3/11 Marines honor 63 years of service

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LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The colors of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, were rededicated May 4 on the Combat Center parade field in honor of their 63rd year of service.

Sixteen streamers, representing the 16 awards the battalion has received since their activation May 1, 1943, were attached to the pike of the battalion color.

The battalion was activated in Victoria, Australia, as the 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment. During World War II, the battalion participated in the Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu and Okinawa campaigns. The battalion was redesignated 3/11 on May 7, 1944.

In December 1946, the battalion was attached to the 7th Marine Regiment. The battalion was relocated to Camp Pendleton, Calif., in January 1947 and was assigned on the 3rd Marine Brigade. The battalion was then deactivated September 30, 1947.

Three years later, the battalion was reactivated in August 1950, and participated in the Korean War. Since their reactivation, the battalion has participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the war in Vietnam.

In February, 1990, the battalion was relocated to its current home at the Combat Center. Since then, the battalion has participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 and 1994's Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

In 2003, the battalion deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion's timely and accurate fires proved to be crucial in allowing I Marine Expeditionary Force to quickly move deep into Iraqi territory and topple Saddam Hussein's regime in 21 days of major combat operations. Following the fall of Baghdad, the battalion took the mission of Provisional Infantry Battalion and began assisting in civil and military duties, as well as conducting security and stability operation patrols in the capital city.

In November 2003, the battalions again received orders to deploy to Iraq, but this time as a provisional military police battalion. The battalion quickly transitioned into its new job and deployed from February to September 2004. The battalion's motto of "Semper Flexibilis," always flexible, held true with the battalion participating in missions ranging from convoy escorts, combat patrols, humanitarian assistance, security force training, and controlling a battle space of over 40,000 square kilometers.

Currently the 3/11 mission is to provide direct support to the 7th Marine Regiment in times of conflict. That support may come in the form from everything from the traditional fashion of artillery support to maneuver forces, or by providing batteries to serve as provisional rifle companies. They also have the secondary mission of being the primary providers of Civil Military Operations, which is the activities of the commander that establish, maintain, influence, or exploit relations between military organizations, government and civilian organizations and the civilian populace.

Lt. Col. Douglas H. Fairfield, 3/11's commanding officer, expressed his wishes to continue the fine legacy the battalion has created over the past 63 years.

"Today's rededication is important," addressed Fairfield to the guests and service members. "Through the rededication, we commemorate the battalion's history, success in battle, and we show thanks to the heroes who came before us and stand with us today. I thank you all for your continuing support."

"Our battalion has certainly been blessed throughout the years," he continued. "The streamers we put on our colors today represent the combined efforts of the Marines and Sailors who have served here through blood, sweat, tears and heroic actions. Some Marines did not come home, and we stand proud here today to have served with them."

"Today is also a day to reaffirm our basic beliefs and Corps values of honor, courage and commitment," added Fairfield. "I'm proud to say that the Marines and Sailors standing before



Retired Lt. Col. William C. Vielhauer, former executive officer and commanding officer of the 11th Marine Regiment, and Cpl. Ruben Baldernero, artilleryman with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, place the Korean Service Streamer with four Bronze Stars on the battalion colors as the 3/11's commanding officer, Lt. Col. Douglas H. Fairfield, stands at parade rest in front of the battalion colors May 4 during 3/11's colors rededication ceremony at the Combat Center parade field.

you are ready... ready for any mission. We will continue to uphold this legacy."

Retired Marines who served in the battalion joined the rededication ceremony and some even participated. Retired Lt. Col. William C. Vielhauer, former executive officer and commanding officer of the 11th Marine Regiment, placed the Korean Service Streamer with one Silver and four Bronze Stars on the battalion colors.

"It's a pleasure to take part in this ceremony," said Vielhauer, who enlisted in the Corps in 1945 and was commissioned in 1951. "It charges up my batteries and brings me back to the good feel of the Corps. This is a very impressive ceremony. The history is all wrapped with streamers and colors, and these new Marines are now a part of that history."

One of the battalion's newest members, Pvt. Kevin D. Prein with Mike Battery, was pleased to be a part of the battalion's legacy, he said.

"I was very impressed to see how many awards the battalion has earned," said the artilleryman. "The ceremony was a great learning experience for me. I feel honored to be a part of this battalion. It's great to see some of the retired Marines pin on some streamers that they've earned when they were serving with 3/11. It keeps the tradition alive. I feel really motivated to be experiencing this legacy."



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The Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Battalion bid farewell to Sgt. Maj. Victor H. Martin and welcomed aboard their new sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Nicholas "Bo" Bourikas, in a relief and appointment ceremony at the Combat Center's parade field Tuesday.

Martin will continue his career as the sergeant major of 1st Marine Logistics Group at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Martin, a 43-year-old native of Tacoma, Wash., enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1985, and graduated boot camp from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Then he trained for the military occupational specialty, infantryman, at the Infantry Training School, Camp Pendleton. A few of Martin's assignments include Marine Security Guard, reconnaissance Marine, drill instructor and assistant Marine officer instructor at the University of Washington.

Throughout his career, Martin has completed scuba, jump, ranger and pathfinder school. He also has a bachelor's degree in social psychology.

Martin has been assigned to more than seven duty stations and participated in seven deployments, including two in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. Martin was frocked to

sergeant major in November 2005, and has been the Headquarters Battalion sergeant major since February.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, six Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Combat Action Ribbon and six Good Conduct Medals.

Serving as the Headquarters Battalion sergeant major was Martin's first experience leading Marines outside of the infantry field. He learned about another side of the Marine Corps, he said.

"I've learned more communication skills working with such a diverse group of Marines," Martin explained. "There are preconceived ideas about a support unit that a lot of Marines have, and serving with Headquarters has made me see the other side of it. Sometimes we forget about the Marines who run the day-to-day comforts the infantrymen come home to."

While speaking to the Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Battalion after a rehearsal for the post and relief ceremony, Martin reminded the young troops of how important their role is.

"Don't forget the impact you have in the Marine Corps and the mission," he said to the crowd. "You are the ones who make this base run. You all might not be the one in the news, but you support the training and the Marines in the news."



Sgt. Maj. Victor H. Martin, former Headquarters Battalion sergeant major, salutes the battalion's commanding officer, Maj. David Blankenship, while the new sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Bourikas waits to accept his sword of office.

Acquiring leadership skills during his 21-year long career in the Marine Corps, Martin found leadership styles vary by the Marines, he said.

"It has changed over the years," he said. "Your style must adapt to the Marines you're leading."

Martin looks forward to moving on and wishes Bourikas a successful tour with Headquarters Battalion, he said.

"Treat these Marines with firmness, fairness, dignity at all times and with patience and you'll be fine," said Martin, as his advice to Bourikas.

Since 2003, Bourikas served as the sergeant major of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 332 based in Beaufort, S.C., and was deployed once in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In March, he received orders to Headquarters Battalion.

Bourikas, a 42-year-old Orlando, Fla., native, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1981 when he was 17 years old. He graduated boot camp at MCRD Parris Island, S.C., and then trained to become a non-Morse intercept operator. Some of the billets he has held during his career include classic wizard operator, electronic warfare chief, and infantry controller.

Bourikas has served at

more than 12 different commands, including three tours at the Combat Center.

His awards and decorations include four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Bourikas is more than pleased to be back at the Combat Center, he said.

"This is home to me and my family," he said. "The environment here is great: the people, the Marines, all of it. Plus, it's the Marine Corps' premier training facility."

Bourikas has an 18-month old son, George Nicholas Bourikas II, who he looks forward to raising in the Combat Center community, he said.

As for the leadership role he will be playing for the troops of Headquarters Battalion, Bourikas has his ways set, he explained.

"I'm a firm, fair, consistent leader," he said. "I've learned if you treat your Marines as an adult, they will act like adults. We get our work done, and when there is no work to be done, go do something else."

"I look forward to working directly with the customer service Marines on a daily basis, he said. "This will be interesting and fun."

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'Suicide Charley' mourns fallen Marine in Iraq

CPL. ANTONIO ROSAS
1ST MARINE DIVISION

KARABILAH, Iraq — A two-time veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Lance Cpl. Aaron W. Simons was a Marine who could be counted on in any situation.

"He could've done anything he wanted to. He didn't have to be in the Marine Corps, but he chose to fight among us," said 1st Lt. Richard J. Cannici, Simon's platoon commander.

That "fight" took Simon's life, a 20-year-old team leader from Modesto, Calif., on April 24, 2006. The infantry team leader died during combat operations near the Iraqi-Syrian border in Iraq's western Al Anbar Province.

The Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, better known as "Suicide Charley," mourned the loss of Simons during a memorial service at the Marines' base here, or "battle position," as the Marines call it.

The service was held the day after he died.

The Twentynine Palms, Calif.-based Marines, partnered with an Iraqi Army unit, have spent nearly two months now conducting counterinsurgency operations in this region and mentoring their Iraqi counterparts to become a self-sustaining force.

As fellow Company C Marines from neighboring bases congregated for the memorial, they shared photographs and stories about Simons, the details surrounding his death, which was still fresh on their minds.

"He had those qualities you look for in young Marines," said Cannici, 26, recalling the day he met the young man. "He was very bright and always challenging others to excel."

As Simon's platoon leader, Cannici was always impressed with the Grace M. Davis High School graduate. "He had the ability to elevate the conversation beyond my understanding."

Others remembered Simons as the man with the aviator sunglasses, which he never took off.

"He always wore those glasses ever since our last deployment," said Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Humphries, a mortarman who served in Charley Company.

Those aviator glasses adorned the fallen Marine's Kevlar helmet alongside his service rifle, dog tags and combat boots at the service — a symbol representing the fallen Marine.

Many remember him for his guitar playing and sense of humor.

"He wasn't just good at playing the guitar, he was gifted at it," said Humphries, from Versailles, Ind., who hosted "jam sessions" with Simons using a pair of bongo drums during the battalion's deployment here last year.

Simons was someone who was always telling jokes and spreading laughter wherever he went, according to the Marines from his unit.

"The guy was very optimistic and funny," said Humphries. "Every time

things went bad in Iraq, he always had a joke about it."

Company C Marines said Simons was a person who could be counted on when it was time to strap on the body armor and leave the security of the Marines' forward operating base to conduct foot patrols through the city. Simons had done so numerous times during the battalion's last deployment to the same area of operations.

Iraqi soldiers who served alongside Simons also paid their respects at the memorial, standing alongside Marines and shedding tears for the fallen warrior they had served with on numerous security patrols with.

"The participation by the Iraqi soldiers was very impressive," noted Sgt. Maj. George W. Young, the battalion sergeant major.

Iraqi soldiers have also suffered casualties in this region while working hand-in-hand with their Marine counterparts.

The Iraqi Army soldiers serving alongside First Team's Marines have suffered their own casualties in recent weeks where a suicide-vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack occurred several hundred yards from

the Company C area of operations, according to battalion officials.

Following the memorial, the Marines wiped away tears and once again donned body armor to leave the security of the reinforced base. In Iraq's Al Anbar Province, where U.S. Marines have suffered hundreds of fatalities since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom three years ago, protection for U.S. troops here comes from not only from their body armor and weapons, but also from watching out for one another.

"You've got to take care of each other. You have to be physically ready for whatever comes your way," said Cannici. "We can't let something like this let us down."

After a few minutes of putting on their heavy loads — body armor with protective ceramic plates, Kevlar helmets, ammunition and various weapons, the Marines piled into their seven-ton trucks and headed back to their various bases — the Marines call them "battle positions" — to continue the fight against the insurgency in this remote corner of western Al Anbar.



Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, react during a memorial service for Lance Cpl. Aaron W. Simons April 25 in Karabilah, Iraq.

Before his death, Simons had an inspiration to make a unit t-shirt using a logo he designed, according to fellow Marines in the unit.

His unit will make good on

their fallen comrade's idea and complete the project upon their return to the United States, the Marines said.

"The shirt will be a way of representing the unit as well as

a remembrance of him," added Humphries, recollecting the moments he spent with Simons. "I'm really going to miss that guy. His presence always lit up the room."

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Shaken by the death of a platoon member, Lance Cpl. Jonathan K. Wilfawn, a rifleman with Charlie Company, 1/7, pauses for a moment, following a memorial service for Lance Cpl. Aaron W. Simons April 25 in Karabilah, Iraq.

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MWSS-374 Marines awarded Purple Heart in Iraq

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AL TAQADDUM, Iraq — Two Marines were awarded Purple Hearts May 1 for injuries received during an improvised explosive device attack in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

Staff Sgt. James N. Wheeler and Lance Cpl. Matthias E. Knudsen, both with the military police, sustained shrapnel injuries during an IED attack March 3.

"We were out on an IED call," said Wheeler, referring to the unit who provides convoy security for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit. "We were the lead vehicle and we received a stop call over the radio. We then hit a different IED while we were stopped."

Wheeler was hit by shrapnel in his wrist and sustained several minor burns on his forearms and face. Knudsen was the .50-caliber machine gunner in the turret of the same humvee. He was hit in the knee with a piece of shrapnel.

"When I got to the hospital I went into surgery right away," said Wheeler. "I stayed for three days and then returned to my unit where I was on light duty for a month."

Both Marines are with the Provost Marshal's Office of Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, Marine Wing Support Group 37 (Reinforced), 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, and will be deployed for another three to four months.

Wheeler is a native of Vernal, Utah, and is currently serving his third tour in Iraq. He has an 11-year-old daughter named Justice.

Knudsen is from McKinleyville, Calif. This is his first deployment.

According to 1st Lt. Jered Hemingway, military police platoon commander, MWSS-374, even with the injury, the Marines have adapted well to the environment.



Staff Sgt. James N. Wheeler and Lance Cpl. Matthias E. Knudsen received the Purple Heart May 1 at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, for injuries they received during an improvised explosive device attack March 3.

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T-Ball in full swing

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*With the bases loaded,
the last batter in the line-up
stepped up to home plate.*



Danny Marro rounds the bases for the Scrappers.

Were this any other game, this might make players, spectators and coaches tense.

Instead, laughter filled the bleachers at Felix Field Friday afternoon as the Sand Gnats played the Scrappers.

Players danced in the area of their assigned positions, some spinning in circles until they stumbled, taking a knee to recover only to start spinning again when they were able to stand up straight. Coaches and assistants took players by the hand, encouraging them to tag the base.

Halfway through the first inning, two Scrappers base runners ended up on second base at the same time, both trying to convince the second baseman he was in the wrong for still being there.

Unlike games with older players where tensions mount and time outs are called while coaches, players and often times parents argue calls and rules, everyone remained calm while the three-on-a-base situation was resolved.

This is T-Ball and while the fundamentals are the same as baseball, the rules are modified slightly to teach first-time players the fundamentals.

The game lasted two innings, there were no strikeouts, and the entire line up of 5- and 6-year-olds had an at bat each inning.

No one struck out, and no one won. Everyone played, and they were coached every step of the way from base to base, position to position.

For the kids, and even for parents in the stands and helping out on the field, winning wasn't part of the game.

"I signed Danny up because he loves baseball," said Chris Marro whose 5-year-old plays for the Scrappers. "It's about him having fun and learning the fundamentals at this age."

Marro said she believes focusing on winning at this age wouldn't benefit the players.

"How awful would it be," she said, "if you struck out and had to sit down at your first time at bat? Instead, he's learning how to play the game simply for the sake of playing."

Sand Gnats parents were equally unconcerned with winning.

Melissa Miagany said her son Zane, who turns 6 May 19, plays a different sport every season.

"I want him to try everything and have fun" she said, "while he figures out what it is he likes the best. In time, there will be competition and stress. For now, it's all about fun."

The T-Ball league, sponsored by the Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sports Program, has eight separate teams.

Nearly 100 children in this age group are enrolled in MCCS's youth sports program, according to Joe Rosselli, the program's director.

"This program teaches basic skill development, sportsmanship and teamwork in a fun environment," said Rosselli. "At this age, that is what is important."

Rosselli said parents and volunteers contribute to the overall success of the program. The Sand Gnats coach, Steven Sigafos, is one of those volunteers.

Sigafos, a 1st Tank Battalion Marine, volunteered to coach not only because he enjoys the game but also because it allows him to spend time with his 6-year-old daughter Caitlyn.

"We have a great support group," said Rosselli. "Without volunteers we cannot survive."

The next sport for kids of this age group is soccer. Registration starts in July at the community center for 4 through 7-year-old teams.

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Elena Alderete rounds the bases with a smile on her face.



With absolute concentration, a Scrapper takes his turn at bat Friday night.



Caitlyn Sigafos waits expectantly during a match up of the Sand Gnats and the Scrappers.



PMO's shortstop, Rynne Brandt, catches a pop fly from a Tanks' batter in a game in the CG's Intramural Softball League May 4.

PMO rolls over Tanks, 13-9, stays undefeated

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Provost Marshal's Office defeated 1st Tank Battalion, 13-9, in a game in the Commanding General's Intramural Softball League May 4 at Felix Field.

PMO locked on their win in the first inning when they scored eight runs and kept up their defense throughout the game.

In the second inning, PMO shortstop, Rynne Brandt, hit a double and Tanks' pitcher, Roy Cheeks, walked the next two batters. With the bases loaded, PMO's right-fielder, Brian "Douggy" Douglass, hit a single, sending Brandt home for a PMO 9-1 lead.

Tanks' shortstop, Preston Lazenby, and first baseman, Jeffrey Townson, stepped up their defense in the third inning. Lazenby stopped two grounders and fired the balls to Townson at first base, accounting for the first two outs.

Cheeks walked the next batter, PMO left-fielder, Roy Buchanan and with two outs and Tanks' waiting for the opportunity to get the third, Cheeks put it on hold when he walked another batter and loaded the bases.

Next to bat was PMO's Brandt, who knocked a double, sending home two runners. Then, PMO's first base-

man, Scott "Bonzy" Barnes, hit a single, bringing Brandt and Buchanan home. The third out was made when Tanks' left-fielder, Matthew Leonard, caught a pop fly hit by PMO's left-center fielder, Douglas "Big Country" Null.

The score was 13-1 until the top of the fourth, when Tanks finally showed up to the game, and PMO's pitcher, Michael "India Romeo" Stahl, left the game.

Stahl was saved by his infielders, Brandt and second baseman, Arturo "Sancho" Vela, when they made the first two outs, but then he walked three batters in a row, giving Tanks a chance to come back into the game.

Tanks' Leonard jumped at the chance during his turn at bat when he smashed a triple, bringing the three runners home. With a hard act to follow, Tanks' left-center fielder, Steven Santana, stepped up to the plate, hit a single to right-center field, while Leonard ran home.

Hanging in the fourth inning with two outs, Tanks' right-center fielder, Eric Azevedo, knocked out a double, sending Santana in for a score.

PMO's Brandt finally put a stop to the madness when he got their third out on the next batter, Tanks' second baseman, Steven Sigafosse, with a throw to first.

Commanding General's Intramural Softball League Standings as of Tuesday

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
PMO	6	0
VMU	5	1
CLB-7	4	0
TANKS	4	1
SJA	3	0
AAV's #1	3	1
3/11	3	1
MCCES	2	0
IPAC	3	2
HQBN (BP)	3	3
HQBN	2	3
HQBN #2	2	4
2/7	1	4
TANKS (Comm)	1	4
AAV's #2	0	1
ESD	0	4
HOSPITAL	0	4
TTECG	0	6

No big moves were made in the bottom of the fourth, fifth, or sixth inning. The score was 13-6 at the top of the seventh, the last opportunity for Tanks to come back.

The first batter up in the seventh was Tanks' Townson, who hit a grounder to PMO's right-center fielder, Anthony "Dozer" Mendoza, and made it to first.

The next batter was Lazenby who knocked out a double. Then Leonard came up to bat and hit a single, allowing Townson to run in for score.

Next, Santana stepped up to bat and hit a single, sending Lazenby home for another run, but Leonard was tagged out at second, the first out of the inning.

Azevedo, the next batter, knocked a single out to left field, while Santana ran home. With only one out and three runs scored, Tanks' chance of victory was within arm's reach.

But PMO put on all stops, stepped up their defense and took out the last two batters to end the top of the seventh inning.

PMO did not need to bat at the bottom of the inning, ending the game, 13-9.

For Brandt, who contributed a few of PMO's major plays, no luck was involved for PMO to take home another victory, adding to their 4-0 record.

"We have a pretty good team," he said. "We play well as a team. We know how to communicate."

This wasn't the case last season, he said.

"We came into this season as the under dogs," said Brandt. "No one really expected us to do as well as we have been."

PMO is one of four undefeated teams so far in the season and Tanks' record is 4-1 as of Tuesday.

Final scores from May 4 games:

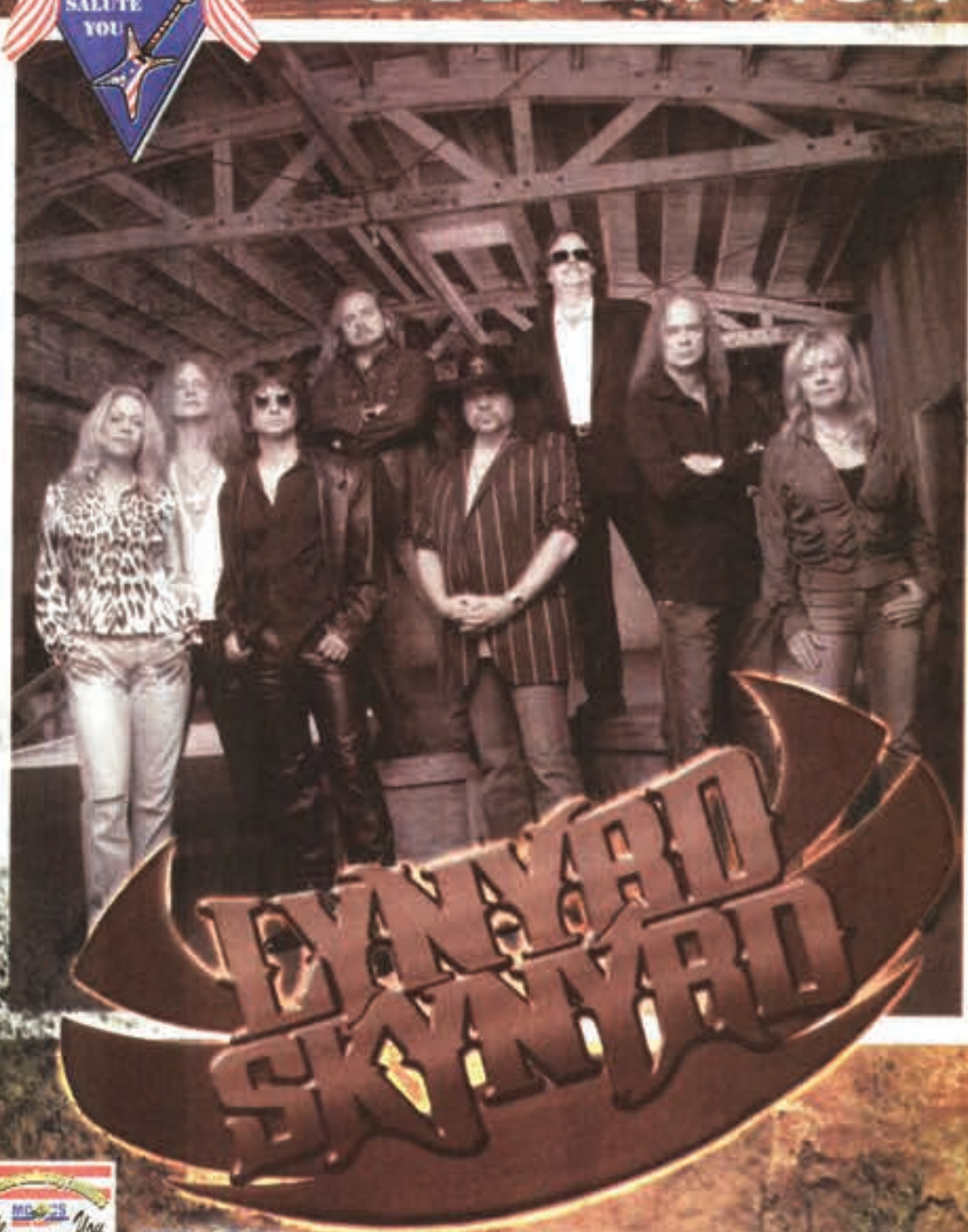
- 3/11 beat Base Tel, 16-1.
- HQBN 2 beat ESD, 24-20.
- CLB-7 beat TTECG, 28-8.
- HQBN beat IPAC, 13-12.
- 2/7 beat TTECG, 29-19.
- VMU beat Tanks (Comm), 18-12.

Final scores from Tuesday's games:

- CLB-7 beat HQBN 2, 9-5.
- Tanks beat VMU, 15-5.
- HQBN beat Hospital, 13-11.
- IPAC beat ESD, 14-9.
- PMO beat TTECG, 17-1.
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Santana, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native, joined the Marine Corps when he was 21 years old. He became a tank crewman, and his first duty station was 1st Tank Battalion, here, at the Combat Center.

there was a boost in morale and in the Marines' physical condition, he said.

Santana is coaching a Tanks' softball team in the Commanding General's Intramural Softball League and is getting ready to start a team for the soccer season. It doesn't matter if the seasons collide; Santana will be there at all games. That's why he is the Combat Center's 2005 Marine Corps Athlete of the Year.



Staff Sgt. Steven Santana, 1st Tank Battalion, was chosen as the Combat Center's 2005 Athlete of the Year for his participation in, and support of, sports programs aboard the base.

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LRG FENCED IN LOT. KITCHEN RECENTLY REMODELED. 49559 ROSELILA DR. CALL (800) 556-6613 FOR MORE INFO.</p> <hr/> <p>YUCCA VALLEY</p> <p>3 bdrm., 3 ba. + family rm., 2800sf, 2 car attached gar., in ground pool, 2.5 ac., fncd. By owner. \$339,000. 221-3687</p>	<p>100 HOMES FOR SALE</p> <p>CUSTOM BUILT</p>  <p>2 bdrm, 2ba, + bonus room, wet bar, 2 car garage, ceiling fans, frplc., sprinkler system, covered patio, central air, near Blue Skies, on cul-de-sac. \$315K Call Matt</p> <hr/> <p>GOOD YEAR REALTY</p> <p>(626) 441-1108</p>	<p>100 HOMES FOR SALE</p> <p>LOOKING FOR A CHANGE?</p> <p>If you are getting ready for retirement or just thinking about a change of scenery and a different life-style? We may have just what you are looking for! Maybe you're just tired of living the California Dream/Utah Winters? 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Combat Center Trader Ads

AUTOMOTIVE

'64 FORD - Restoration project need to be completed, 289-C4 engine completely rebuilt. \$3500 OBO 365-4564. 5/12/06

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160 ac JT/RC Zoning \$199,000

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Cabin on 5 acres. has electric, phone, underground water tank. Asking \$50,000.

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Lg 2 bdrm, 1 ba, 1 car gar, fncd bkdy, pav. rd, W/D hkups, (760) 365-8661 Morongo Valley

YUCCA VALLEY

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2 bdrm., 1 ba., 1 car gar, W/D hkups. No pets. \$650. + dep. Call (760) 799-8622

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2100 sq ft, 2 bdrm, 1 3/4 ba, lg den w/bar & pool tbl, huge dbl gar, frplc, built-ins, utility rm, bk fncd, a/c, swamp cooler, nat gas, d/w, Friendly Hills School, \$950. 366-8833

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MUSICIAN needed at local church for keyboard accompaniment, exp req'd. 367-9269

NEED temp construction help, must have reliable transportation. Please call 367-3320

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NEW business in 29 Palms, \$335/wk. Must be team player. No sales. (760)333-0002

YARD Work Call (760) 365-3322

300 HELP WANTED

NEWSPAPER Carrier need in 29 Palms, 7 nights a week 3:45a-6a, \$750/mo. with gas all. Call for more details (760) 365-5130

PT Desk Clerk wanted, exp. preferred, great for retired person, ref's req'd. Apply in person @ Hi Desert Motel in Joshua Tree, no phone calls please.

RECEPTIONIST: Full time. Good phone skills essential. Must have MS Office experience. Complete application at 54465 29 Palms Hwy or fax resume to 369-3691. Mueller Turner Company

RECRUITER F/T for local executive search firm. Phone savvy, computer comfortable & goal-oriented required. Healthcare industry exp. a plus. Commission with draw. Fax resume to Dave, (760) 365-6854

STELLAR Performance is seeking a Production Manager for their newly expanded facility in Yucca Valley. The candidate must be Master ASE Certified with L1. Diesel experience a plus but not mandatory. Must have superior communication skills and able to train technicians within your team. Meet weekly production goals and maintain a good clean and safe work environment. If interested Fax your resume and salary requirements to 760-365-2694 or stop by 7348 Fox Trail, Yucca Valley. Phone (760) 365-2692

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Avg. \$38 p/m - Loaded/Empty
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QUALIFICATIONS
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• We're large enough to have quality equipment, yet small enough to know you!
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305 KIDS KLASIFIEDS

Free Ads!
If you are between the ages of 12-17 and are looking for work after school, bring your ID to the Hi-Desert Star or Desert Trail office and we will give you a free ad in this classification.

2 - 16 year old hard working & dependable guys will do yard work and swamp cooler servicing. Call Sean @ (760) 668-0291 or (760) 228-0039

RELIABLE & honest and available to care for your pets, wknds, & after school, also watering plants, babysitting or anything you need done around your home. Call Justin 228-2876

RESPONSIBLE & reliable 17 year old with own trans. can babysit at my house or yours, any hours any days. Please call 366-9985

YARD WORK Any small job will do! Call Jesse at 365-5885

310 WORK WANTED

CAREGIVER for Seniors. Flexible days & hrs. Cleaning, cooking, errands, appointments, Mary Ellen - 365-5145

EXPD framing crew w/tools looking for work in Yucca Valley area. Call Mark @ 369-0571

HANDYMAN needs more work! Plumbing, auto, electrical & swamp. Ref's. 366-4697 or 368-7233 Jim

Room, board & laundry care for Seniors

In our Sky Harbor and Country Club homes. Vacations Included. \$800mo. (760) 660-1583 after 7pm weekends



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California State law requires that contractors, builders, and landscapers who perform work for \$500 or more, including materials and labor, must be licensed. License numbers should be so indicated in their advertising.

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The Desert Trail 367-3577

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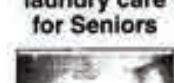
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410 SENIOR CARE & CHILD CARE

TLC Childcare has openings, before & after school (Yucca Mesa Elementary only), FT openings for all ages, summer programs include swimming, basketball, park outings, & crafts. Food program, CPR, 1st Aid. Off of OWS and Sunnyslope. Call Tracy 365-9323.

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\$11,259.2-\$15,142.4/hr. No benefits. Temporary Full-Time position up to 90 days. Under general supervision, this successful candidate will perform heavy physical work in the maintenance and repair of the Town facilities and perform all other work as assigned. Preferred qualifications include graduation from high school or equivalent, compliance with applicable local, county, state & federal health & safety rules & regulations; experience in public works maintenance; and ability to operate necessary tools and equipment. Job Announcement and Applications available at the Town of Yucca Valley and at www.yucca-valley.org. Closing date: May 12, 2006, 4:00pm. EOE/ADA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II

\$2,986-\$3,813 Mo.

Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County is seeking applicants with three (3) years of secretarial experience in an administrative, court or legal environment for work in the Joshua Tree District Court office. Application material and information can be obtained by phone at (909) 387-6894 or on the internet at www.sbcounty.gov/court/. Closing date Monday, May 15, 2006.

MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

367-9191/365-3394 ext 226

Is now accepting applications for:

R.O.P. Automotive Instructor \$20.59 per hour Full Time, 5 hours per day

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Has, or is qualified for appropriate Ryan Designed Subjects, Vocation Full-time (or part-time): Automotive Mechanics Credential.

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JUNE 1, 2006
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435 SERVICES

CONSTRUCTION Chimney sweep, fireplaces, masonry, waterfalls. Duda's Construction 228-0842 Lic. # 702827

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Desert Regional Tourism Agency looking for an experienced outside sales person to sell advertising space in the California Welcome Center in Yucca Valley. Must be self starter!

Computer skills: Word, Excel, and Internet Savvy, ACT a plus. Hourly +Commission.

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Teachers needed for special education/NPF Program. Req'd CA Special Education Credential or internship eligibility.

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Is now accepting applications for:

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION \$53,130- \$61,100 per year 11 months per year Excellent Benefit Package

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Experience with knowledge of practices, procedures, laws and regulations pertaining to student transportation and bus operations; supervisory experience; ability to develop and organize busing routes and time schedules.

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505 ARTS & ANTIQUES

527 ELECTRONICS

533 GARAGE SALE

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540 LIVESTOCK

550 Misc. 4 SALE

620 CARS

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In this key role, you will lead processes and provide expertise in any of the following: operations or maintenance, electrical, I&C or production assurance, environmental, or safety & training. Ensure the team/process is successful in meeting established goals and objectives. To qualify, you will need a Bachelor's degree in a technical field and 5 years of leadership experience in power generation or 10 years of power generation experience.

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522 CEMETERY

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523 COLLECTIBLES

IMAGINE that! Stained Glass. Stained glass service stars, tropical night lights and more. Located at the new All Fired Up store at 7350 29 Palms Hwy (760) 367-2088 Visit www.stainedglass.com for more information

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LOOKING for patio furniture? Call Classic Comfort! Adirondack Wood Patio Furniture. 760-368-1813.

Brand new sofa and loveseat with matching chair and footrest. Scotch guarded, earth tone colors, still in plastic wrapper. All for \$375, can deliver (760) 364-3621

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533 GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE SPECIAL \$20.00

Spring time is the perfect time to have a yard sale and make some extra cash!

Special includes (6 line ad in all 5 editions, plus a sale package with signs, pricing stickers, marking pen and directional arrows)

Call today to place your ad 365-3315 (Deadlines are Tues 11am Expires May 30th, 2006)

29 PALMS

MERLS Place Sat 5/13 8-11am. Computer tables, some of everything! 7359 Persia off Baseline off Utah Trl.

FLAMINGO HEIGHTS

YARD SALE May 12 & 13 @ 8a-3p. 833 Warnago Tr. Tracy Lots of antiques & misc. items.

YARD Sale- Fri, Sat & Sun, 5/12-5/14 7am-?? Collectibles, Street legal motor scooter and lots more! 55676 Napa off OWS Flamingo Heights

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YARD Sale 5/5-5/7 8am-?? Furn, TV's, DVD's & STUFF! 62575 Barbara Ln. Follow signs from Sunburst.

YARD Sale- 2 Fam. 5/4-5/8 8am-5pm Furn, tools, tractor & alot more! Off Aberdeen & Wesley

LANDERS

MOVING Sale 5/3 12mi. on OWS to Honda, left, across from Water Tanks.

MORONGO VALLEY

CLEARING Out Sale! 5/6 8am-3pm Furn, clothes, household items, odd & ends. 9130 S. Samuel Dr. MV

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FRI.-SAT. 05/12-13 & 05/19-20, 7-4p, furn., new spa equip., tools, TV, frig., filing cab., lots of misc. 7450 Valley Vista Ave. (X Pueblo)

FRI, SAT & SUN. May 12th, 13th & 14th 8am - 2pm No early Birds!! 56021 Navajo Tr. Yucca Valley

GARAGE Sale 5/6 & 5/7 8am-4pm Porcelain Doll & Ceramic Molds- Must see to believe! 10" Grinder- Parts Washer- Compressor- Hand Truck- Asst. Craft Supplies- Misc. Household Items and more! 7830 Arrowhead Dr. YV

GARAGE sale May 13th @ 9am-3pm. 58880 San Marino Dr. Xst Santa Barbara. Lots of misc. household stuff!

GIANT Yard Sale!! Sat & Sun. Something for everyone- no reasonable offer refused. 56155 Hwy. 62

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PUREBRED Nubian Goats, buckling and 2yr old doe. \$50 each. Doe does not give milk. 366-8028

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FOUND adult Female Rotweiler in JT. Please call (760) 365-7617 or (760) 413-7209 to describe.

LOST 5/1- Sm. mixed Breed, Lt. Brown, funny neck. By Onaga Elem. School/Yucca Tr. Call 369-7050

LOST Cockatiel, yellow with orange cheeks, family heart broken. If found please call (760) 228-9859

LOST male neutered black & white short haired cat, 4 yrs old with white face like Stewart Little, in the area of Copper Mtn. Mesa off Copper Moon Ln. Call (760) 819-5199

LOST May 1, 29 Palms Hwy between 29 Palms & Yucca Valley a Golden Retriever puppy, from major accident possibly injured. (951) 894-8773 or (951) 704-5080.

LOST- 4/11/06 Malamute mix, male, 7 mos. old, 55+ lbs, brindle colored, shaved back from injury, distinct facial markings like hawk, 2 blk rings on tail that go to tip-was wearing blue snap collar w/ silver band & I.D.-Answers to Hawk-eye. Lost in the area of Big Morongo Canyon & Hwy 62. \$100 reward for info. Call 363-7540

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555 Misc. WANTED

FILL dirt, soil, boulders, weathered wood wanted. Will pay fair price. Call 363-7176

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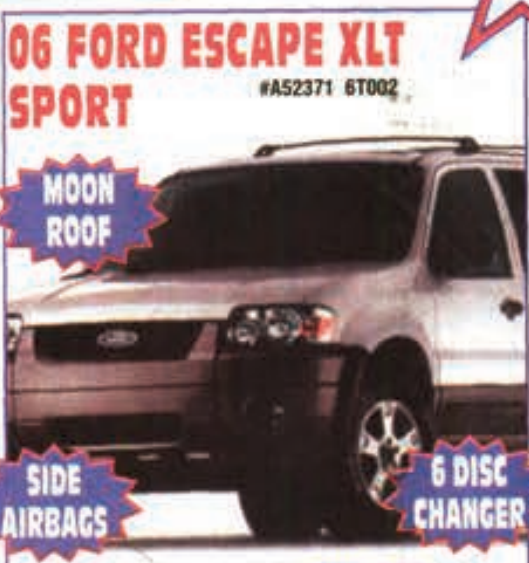
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