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### ROAD CLOSURE

Sturgis Road between Third and Fourth Streets will be closed from now until Sept. 8 during working hours. The post office will still be accessible from Fourth Street.

### MCCS QUALITY OF LIFE EXPO

Marine Corps Community Services will host the third annual Quality of Life Expo in the West Gym Sept. 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. This year's expo will feature MCCS facilities, the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, the Armed Services YMCA, the American Red Cross, Toys 4 Tots and more. Get great information on programs and enjoy free food, prizes and a Jupiter Jump for the kids. Come learn what your base has to offer. For more information call 830-5086.

### RED CROSS ACCEPTING DONATIONS

The Red Cross is accepting donations of used ball gowns, shoes and accessories. Please bring all donations to the Red Cross office in building 1551. These donations will be sold at a used ball gown sale with all proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross volunteer program. Please call the Red Cross office at 830-6685 if you have any questions.

### MESSHALL SCHEDULE FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Phelps Hall (1460): Closed Sept. 2-5 for the Labor Day Holiday. Littleton Hall (1660): Open to provide all subsistence support for the Combat Center during this period. 8 to 11 a.m. for Breakfast Brunch 3 to 6 p.m. for Dinner Brunch. Phelps Hall will reopen on Sept. 6 under normal hours of operation. The points of contact are Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tidwell at 830-7017 or Gunnery Sgt. Martin at 830-7017.

### COMING NEXT ISSUE

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- Sgt. Maj. Wilburn

## THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

**August 25, 1948**  
2nd Lt. John E. Rudder became the first black Marine Officer commissioned in the regular Marine Corps.

# Combat Center, community celebrate 54 years, 29 Palms



City of Twentynine Palms mayor Kevin Cole and Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone cut the ribbon of the first palm tree of 29 during a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating MCAGCC's 54th birthday and the bond between the base and the local community.

SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The sun rises on an empty strip of road marked only by 29 swaying palm trees. Not much is known about them except that they somehow represent the lasting bond between the Combat Center and the city of Twentynine Palms.

Combat Center personnel and several members of the Twentynine Palms community gathered at the front gate Aug. 18 to commemorate the 54th birthday of the Combat Center in conjunction with a ribbon cutting ceremony for 29 palm trees lining the entrance of the base.

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, former Combat Center commanding general, acquired the palm trees through a donation shortly before becoming the commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Speakers at the ceremony talked about the great history behind the base and the community and how they have grown together to become an integral part in each other's development, said Kevin Cole, Twentynine Palms mayor.

"We've always thought the entrance to the base not as a gate, but a bridge connecting the Marine Corps and Twentynine Palms, a symbolism of the integration and cooperation of Twentynine Palms and the base," said Cole. "When you have a living thing like a tree, it represents the continual growth of our relationship. It is also a living thing that will continue to grow just like the community and the base."

See 29 Palms, A9

# 3/11 remembers fallen warrior

LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Family, friends, and fellow Marines gathered at a memorial service in honor of Sgt. Stephen Carpenter, motor transportation, Kilo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, at the Combat Center's Protestant Chapel Aug. 16.

Carpenter was born February 1, 1980, in Sacramento, Calif., and lost his life July 31 after a jet skiing incident.

"Carpenter, his wife Tracy, and a friend all went out to Lake Elsinore on July 30 to go jet skiing," said Capt. Michael K. McAlinden, battalion fire direction officer and the investigating officer. "Carpenter took his turn on the Jet Ski and was found a little while later face down in the water by another boater. He was then transported to Inland Valley Medical Center where he passed away the next morning."

Marines who knew Carpenter, either through work or as a close friend packed the chapel to honor what many called a highly respected Marine.

"As a Marine, Carpenter was motivated," said Sgt. Jonathan Harlan, operations assistance. "He didn't get intimidated by anyone. He was heavy with the troops and he was all about mission accomplishment. He was there to take care of his Marines."

Carpenter, who carried heavy responsibilities, was a Marine his superiors knew they could look to to get the job done.

"He served as a platoon sergeant for Headquarters, a licensing noncommis-

sioned officer for the battalion, and he did dispatch. Basically Carpenter did everything," said Master Sgt. Christopher Tuttle, battalion truck master. "He was in Operation Iraqi Freedom one and two, and just returned from a unit deployment in Okinawa with 3/11, Kilo Battery. He was probably one of the most energetic guys I have ever met. He was a good guy."

After the invocation and scripture readings, a picture slideshow in honor of Carpenter was played along with a video of him skydiving. Many Marines shared the same opinion of Carpenter, who was remembered as a good friend and Marine.

"He was a very persistent, motivated and energetic guy," said Sgt. Brian Lawless, Headquarters Battery platoon sergeant.

At the end of the ceremony, First Sgt. Kenneth Cameron stood at attention and took roll call noting Sgt. Stephen Carpenter's absence. The Chapel was then called to attention as Taps was played. Following the ceremony, Marines were given the chance to talk to Carpenter's wife, Tracy, and tell her of the memories that bonded them and her husband.

"My fondest memories are times I spent with him at Super Bowl parties I hosted," said Tuttle. "Everyone would come out, including his wife, Tracy. Carpenter was an outspoken kid," said Harlan. "He wasn't afraid to speak out if something wasn't right."

Carpenter is survived by his wife, and his parents, Michael Carpenter and Kawaleen Ivey.



Marines stand at attention as Taps is played at a memorial service for Sgt. Stephen Carpenter at the Combat Center's Protestant Chapel Aug. 16.



# ARMED FORCES VOTER WEEK SEPTEMBER 3-9 2006

The deadline for submission of Federal Post Card Applications for absentee voting is Sept. 15 for eligible voters residing within the United States.

The following is a list of Unit Voting Assistance Officers who should be contacted to register or request an absentee ballot.

There is an online version of the Federal Post Card Application, and it is accepted by all states and territories except American Samoa and Guam. The form is available on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpa.html> in PDF format and can be filled in on-line, printed out, signed, dated, placed in an envelope with proper postage and then mailed to the appropriate local election official. The form requires Acrobat Reader 6 or higher.

In support of Armed Forces Voter Week the Combat Center will set up information tables at the following locations to provide answers to voting questions and assist in the completion of absentee ballots on site. This service will be provided to service members and their eligible family members.

Commissary Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Marine Corps Exchange Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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3/7	Capt. Schaffner	830-6136
3/4	Lt. Peoples	830-8563
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Naval Hospital	Lt. j.g. Panos	830-2903
MCCES	Capt. Roberts	830-6786
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## Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf

"Your next patient is a DI that got an object stuck in his throat while yelling at a recruit."

"What was the Object?"



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- Teach your child to never arrange a face-to-face meeting with anyone he or she meets online.
- Know your child's e-mail account and password.
- Inform your child that people are not always who they claim or appear to be online. Sometimes adults pretend to be children.
- Install software programs that filter or block access to certain Web sites.
- Find out about the internet safety measures that are used anywhere your child has internet access.

Remember, ultimately it's up to you to supervise your child's internet use.

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

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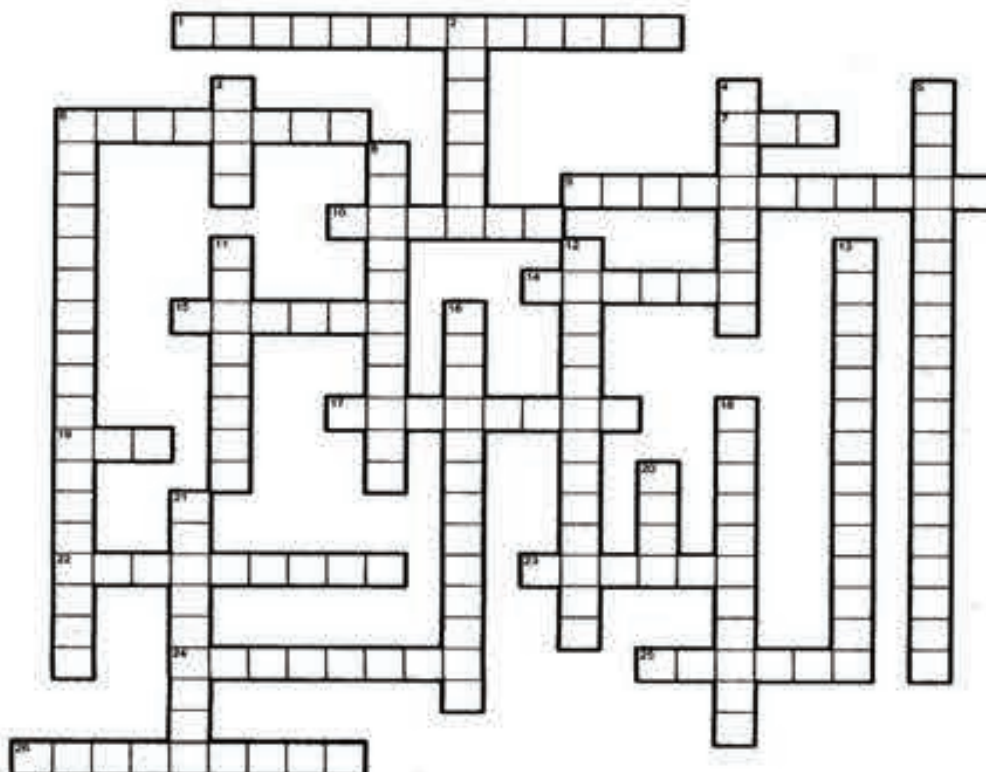
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## FOOTBALL



### ACROSS

1. Players who catch the ball
6. First down distance (2 words)
7. One point kick
9. "Sweetness" played this position (2 words)
10. A sack in the end zone
14. Protective head covering
15. First year in the league
17. The cage in front of the helmet (2 words)
19. The AFC and NFC combined
22. The biggest game of the year (2 words)
23. Converted soccer player
24. The football field
25. Technique of taking a player to the ground
26. Out of bounds

### DOWN

2. Touchdown area (2 words)
3. Big shoulders
4. Poles the ball is kicked between
5. Super bowl award named after Green Bay Packers coach (3 words)
6. Post touchdown scoring option (3 words)
8. Field general
11. Pigskin
12. Players trying to sack the quarterback
13. Two players defend the same opposing player
16. Players protecting the quarterback (2 words)
18. Defensive players covering wide receivers
20. Tackling the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage
21. Three points (2 words)

[Solutions on A10]

## Centerspeak

What do you think about the troop recall?  
Do you think it will affect you later on?

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1ST BATTALION, 24TH MARINE  
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"Those people agreed in their contract to be in the Individual Ready Reserve, it's not like it's a draft. If it does, it does. I signed the contract, I knew after my four years I would have four in the IRR."

"I think it brings to reality how big this war is. It lets us know we're in for the long haul. It's probably going to affect all of us."

"I think everyone knew it could happen. It's what we agreed to, we signed the contract. Well, I'm a reserve that got called up, so yeah I do."

## What's on your mind?

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

Address submissions to:  
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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

"It has only been a short time, but I am indebted with gratitude toward the Marines and sailors of 3/11," said Huxhold to his

As Huxhold left the front of the audience, he passed off the microphone to Tull with a handshake and a warm smile.

"I look forward to working with each and

Marines, sailors and guests of 3/11 were invited back to the battalion command post for a barbecue lunch and entertainment for the children.

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# MCAGCC Band at fever pitch, prepares for road shows



CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

The Combat Center Band drum line and tuba section moves to the music during a daily practice for an upcoming performance in Colorado.

**CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL**  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

After practicing countless hours marching and rehearsing each week, the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band will soon begin its highly-anticipated road shows around the country, in addition to supporting the base and local community.

The MCAGCC Band, who frequents locations such as San Francisco, Oregon, Colorado and Iowa during performances throughout the year in addition to local shows and concerts, have recently added more to their already full plate by filling in for other Marine Corps bands on the West Coast while they are deployed overseas.

Currently, they are focusing on polishing their large-scale field show for upcoming performances in Colorado in early September, said Master Sgt. Grady May, bandmaster, who helps deal with planning, operations and managing band personnel.

"Our field show can be put together in just about three weeks, but that's on a clear schedule," said May, referencing other commitments such as base events and local concerts. "For the field show, we easily put in thousands of hours of work. During the week, they practice marching

every day, and come in looking like they went on a formation run. It's pretty physical stuff.

"We are going to Denver to play for the 1st Marine Division Association and that's going to be a fantastic event," said May. "It's always great to play for those guys."

The MCAGCC Band will return from that trip Sept. 4, only to take off for the Centennial State again Sept. 6.

"If you add it all up, that's just enough time to do laundry," said May, who calculated the band would spend nearly two weeks of the month on the road.

Another challenge the MCAGCC Band has faced recently is an influx of new Marines into its ranks. Each Marine must learn to march and play as part of a Marine Corps band, but also memorize more than 20 pieces of music and learn the field show, which is unique and not taught to them at their military occupational school, said May.

"All of our new Marines have shown up with a great attitude and have become part of the band," said May. "They snapped right in, and that reflects very well on them because they have to memorize a lot of music when they arrive here. They've all come here and done fine. It was truly a trial by fire, and they came out unscathed."

One Marine who recently joined the band, Lance Cpl. Jarod Armes, said when he arrived three months ago things were very hectic and there was much to do and learn.

"It's been a great experience so far being here with this band," said Armes, a 20-year-old Federalsburg, Md., native. "I've had a lot of fun and gone a lot of different places. Things have moved fast, but after a while you get used to it and catch on."

"We've had a lot of new Marines here recently, but they have all been doing well" added Armes. "We have a lot of rehearsal and practicing for everything coming up. I think we will be more than ready to hit the road."

For more information on the MCAGCC Band or to find information about local shows and concerts, call 830-3763.



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Cpl. Kevin G. Oess performs a saxophone solo as the band practices Tuesday.

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# Tank mechanics crucial to Marines' efforts in Iraq

STAFF SGT. JIM GOODWIN  
1ST MARINE DIVISION

AL ASAD, Iraq — Leaning on an American tank in Iraq's Al Anbar province, Cpl. Manuel Morangomez said he doesn't need any medals or "atta boys" to help him get through a seven-month deployment.

The satisfaction of helping Marine infantrymen stay alive in arguably Iraq's most dangerous region is all the reward the 26-year-old Marine needs while serving in this combat zone.

"This tank is saving lives," said Morangomez, a tank mechanic with Charlie Company, 1st Tank Battalion. "This keeps grunts from getting killed. When we send these back into the fight, that's the reward."

The Dallas, Texas, native, along with the half-dozen or so other mechanics on this sprawling U.S. military air base, spend 12-plus hours a day, usually six or more days a week, repairing and maintaining the company's fleet of M1A1 Main Battle Tanks.

C Company is currently attached to Regimental Combat Team 7, the U.S. military unit responsible for providing security and mentoring Iraqi Security Forces in western Anbar — an area more than 30,000 square miles in size, or about the size of South Carolina, according to the Marines here.

Working in blistering heat, the mechanics have spent nearly two days now tearing apart one of the company's 68-ton, tan-colored tanks to find a damaged component, hidden well within the tank's underside.

The task seems tedious, but the mechanics seem used to spending countless hours tinkering and handling thousands of metallic parts to reach one broken component.

"If the mechs don't do their job well, these tanks don't roll — period," said Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey W. Hyrne, a 32-year-old from Louisville, Ky., and Company C's maintenance chief. "It could cost someone, or a crew, their lives."

In addition to supporting the regiment's infantrymen with massive amounts of firepower on the battlefield, C Company's tanks and their crews are considered an invaluable asset to Marines "on the ground" — they add an extra layer of protection for patrols and convoys traveling Iraq's bomb-laden roads.

They also provide added protection for U.S. and Iraqi military posts and patrols throughout the region, not to mention the "intimidation factor" a 68-ton tank rolling down a road can instill in insurgents.

But Iraq's blistering summer temperatures and rough terrain can take their toll on military vehicles, even tanks. C Company is also charged

with conducting resupply missions, adding more wear and tear on the tanks.

The mechanics collectively stated that for every hour a tank is operated, about six hours of regular maintenance is required to keep the tank operable, "give or take."

"There will always be something to fix, and when there are problems with it, troubleshooting can be extremely difficult," said Cpl. Travis P. Bellamy, one of C Company's tank mechanics who works with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment near the Iraqi-Syrian border.

"For example: a wire harness with 200 wires in it. If one of those wires is faulty, you have to figure out one by one which wire it is that's bad," continued Bellamy, a 22-year-old from Heppner, Ore.

As tank crews roll their tanks back onto the Company's wide-open lot, commonly referred to as "the ramp" by the Marines who work here, it's the mechanics' responsibility to perform both routine maintenance and assess and repair damage.

But working on a tank is not like cracking open the hood of a car and going to work, according to the mechanics.

An M1A1 has thousands upon thousands of various components and systems, which mean the mechanics are constantly learning as they work.

"The manual's not always going to tell you what's broke and how to fix it," said Lance Cpl. Robert S. Collins, who says he "learns something new every day" as a mechanic. "These tanks are logging in some time, and you are constantly working."

At 25, Collins is the group's junior Marine, and mechanic. He joined the Corps in October 2004, after returning to high school to earn his diploma. "The day I had all my credits in my transcript, I went to the recruiter's office," said Collins, a native of Atlanta, Ga.

Aside from "the Gunny," Morangomez is the crew's senior man — he serves as the "ramp chief" noncommissioned officer — a billet normally filled by a sergeant or staff sergeant. As such, he's responsible for the facilities and equipment used on the large, open lot where C Company houses and maintains their tanks and other vehicles.

Serving his third deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Morangomez says he's worked on about 60 tanks in his four-plus years in the Corps. Like the rest of the mechanics, he said he couldn't imagine doing anything else in the Marines.

"Where else can you go and work long hours?" he said. "Yeah, we're workaholics, (but) I love it. There's no other way to describe it."

By the end of their third day tearing apart this particular tank, the mechanics have discovered that the root of the problem — a dented fuel cell — is repairable, which saves the company from losing the tank entirely.

Tanks which can't be repaired by the mechanics have to be shipped elsewhere for repairs, or replaced all together. That means one less tank on Iraq's roads, which is unacceptable to the mechanics.

"These boys did a good job assessing it," said Hyrne, a 14-year Marine veteran and the mechanics' immediate supervisor. "We have to be able to get her up and running. You don't want a tank out there and it breaks down."

"The maintenance is required and cannot be put off like you can put off maintenance on a car," adds Bellamy. "If the work is not kept up daily, the tank will not run."

Hyrne gave a bit more blunt example. "If they (mechanics) made even little mistakes, the engine could blow-up, and the tank would not operate at all."

In addition to maintaining the company's tanks and various other military vehicles, they're also responsible for recovering tanks, trucks, and other vehicles which break down "outside the wire" — Marine-speak for pretty much any location outside the protection of a base or outpost.

Utilizing a large, treaded, tank-like vehicle fitted with a large tow crane and cable, the mechanics can tow a broken-down tank or other vehicle back to their base so they can assess any damage and immediately begin repairs.

Peering over his shoulder and breaking just long enough from his work on the tank to get a few words in, Cpl. Stephen R. Uniszkiewicz, of Centereach, N.Y., recalled the time the crew had to recover a tank which hit a mine and lodged itself into the side of a hill.

"It was brutal — 10 hours to get that tank moving," said



STAFF SGT. JIM GOODWIN  
Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey W. Hyrne, a 32-year-old from Louisville, Ky., and Cpl. Manuel Morangomez, a 26-year-old from Dallas, Texas, muscle a part into proper position while working underneath the tracked portion of an M1A1 Main Battle Tank at Al Asad, Iraq.

Uniszkiewicz, a 21-year-old who is slated to marry his girlfriend in New York next year. A first-time deployer to Iraq, he tries not to worry his family with too many details of what he's seen while serving in Iraq, he said.

"I'm not worried...but it's harder for the family," he said. "I've seen IEDs go off, and you get nervous, but your training kicks in. It's hard to explain that to the family though."

About five months into a seven-month deployment, C Company's mechanics all have family and friends back in the States eagerly awaiting their return — girlfriends, wives, mothers, children, parents.

But these Marines, whose once-tan coveralls and combat boots now carry grease stains and worn spots, try not to think about home too much or what they're missing back in the U.S. Instead, they stay

focused on the task at hand — keeping the Company's tanks up and running, so the Marines "on the ground" who daily combat a seemingly ever-present insurgency in western Anbar have a bit more firepower and protection.

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"I don't keep track of time out here," said Morangomez. "I keep track of how many tanks we fix."

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# Prepare to March: 7th Marine Regiment celebrates 89 years of history, heritage



The 7th Marine Regiment emblem-embossed birthday cake is displayed at the mess hall during a ceremony Aug. 14, in recognition of the unit's 89th anniversary.

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AL ASAD, Iraq — It wasn't a formal birthday ball with all the bells and whistles, but Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller would have been proud.

Hundreds of Marines, sailors and soldiers currently serving in Iraq's Anbar province with 7th Marine Regiment, paused for a couple of hours Aug. 14 to honor the unit's 89th anniversary.

The ceremony included a cake cutting, a reading of the reg-

iment's history and lineage, and comments from Col. W. Blake Crowe, the regiment's commanding officer.

"Battle of Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and others that this regiment participated in...you can sit up here for hours and talk about the valor that was demonstrated there," said Crowe.

Still, the regiment's heritage, history and traditions are more than just the achievements of past Marines who served, fought and sacrificed, said Crowe.

"The people who carry out those orders every day are those nameless Marines who sometimes don't get recognized," said Crowe. "This regiment belongs to the Marines. This is your regiment."

Part of 1st Marine Division, the regiment, designated "Reg-

imental Combat Team 7" while deployed to Iraq, and its subordinate units have spent the past seven months combating insurgents, mentoring Iraqi Security Forces, and providing security in western Al Anbar province.

The regiment's area of operations encompasses more than 30,000 square miles, stretching from the borders of Syria and Jordan, east hundreds of miles along the Euphrates River to Hit — a city about 70 miles northwest of Ramadi.

Crowe spoke of the regiment's past achievements through major wars and small conflicts alike. He also noted the 27 U.S. service members who've lost their lives serving with the regiment during the current deployment, as well as the unit's achievements since arriving in February of this year.

"We have 2,000 Iraqi police out there right now, and when this regiment got out here ... in February, there were zero," said Crowe. "What was the first regiment who came over here in '91? 7th Marines. What was one of the first regiments who got called out during OIF I? 7th Marines."

Formed in Philadelphia in 1917 during World War I, 7th Marine Regiment has participated in every major war in U.S. history since its inception. More than 30 Marines and sailors received the Medal of Honor for heroic actions in various wars

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and conflicts while serving with the regiment.

Such Marine notables as "Chesty" Puller, "Manila" John Basilone and Mitch Paige all served with the regiment.

"These battalion colors, regimental colors, all they represent is the history, traditions...and lineage, which belongs to every Marine in this room," said Crowe. "At the end of the day, these colors are yours."

## 7th Marine Regiment Lineage

(from the 7th Marines' official Web site):

- 1917-1919:
- \* Activated Aug. 14, 1917 in Philadelphia, Pa., as the 7th Regiment
  - \* Deployed during Aug. 1917 to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
  - \* Participated in the occupation of Cuba, August 1917-August 1919
  - \* Assigned during December 1917 to the 3rd Provisional Brigade
  - \* Detached during July 1918
  - \* Assigned during December 1918 to the 6th Provisional Brigade
  - \* Detached during June 1919
  - \* Relocated during August 1919 to Philadelphia, Pa.
  - \* Deactivated 6 September 1919
  - \* 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on active duty in San Diego Calif., 1 April 1921 until deactivated 1 September 1924.
- 1933-1934:
- \* Reactivated 6 September 1933 at Quantico, Va., as the 7th Marines
  - \* 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines deployed in Cuban waters
  - \* Regiment deactivated 17 January 1934
- 1941-1949:
- \* Reactivated 1 January 1941 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and assigned to the 1st Marine Brigade
  - \* Reassigned during February 1941 to the 1st Marine Division
  - \* Relocated during April 1941 to Parris Island, South Carolina
  - \* Relocated during September 1941 to New River, North Carolina
  - \* Attached during March 1942 to the 3rd Marine Brigade
  - \* Deployed during April-May 1942 to Samoa
  - \* Detached during August 1942 from the 3rd Marine Brigade and reassigned to the 1st Marine Division
  - \* Participated in the following World War II campaigns:
    - \* Guadalcanal, 18 September 1942 - 5 January 1943
    - \* Eastern New Guinea, 9 - 13 October 1943
    - \* New Britain, 26 December 1943 - 1 May 1944
    - \* Peleliu, 15 September - 30 October 1944
    - \* Okinawa, 1 April - 30 June 1945
  - \* Participated in the occupation of North China
  - \* September 1945-January 1947
  - \* Landed at Tangku, 30 September 1945
  - \* 3rd Battalion deactivated at Peitaiho, China - 15 April 1946
  - \* 7th Marines departed China 5 January 1947
  - \* Relocated during January 1947 to Camp Pendleton, Calif., and assigned to the 1st Marine Division
  - \* Deactivated 6 March 1947
  - \* 7th Marines reactivated 1 October 1947 at Camp Pendleton. Its composition consisted of only four companies.
  - \* Deployed in Alaska, 26 January - 18 February 1949
  - \* Company "C" deployed to China 2 May - 23 June 1949 to safeguard the withdrawal of Americans and was the last element of FMF to depart China.
- 1950-1964:
- \* The Regiment minus the 3rd Battalion reactivated 17 August 1950 at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and assigned to the 1st Marine Division
  - \* 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines reactivated 11 September 1950 at Kobe, Japan.
  - \* Deployed during September 1950 to the Republic of Korea
  - \* 7th Marines landed at Inchon, Korea, 21 September 1950 and began active combat operations against enemy forces.
  - Participation in the Korean War, continued until 27 July 1953. Operated from:
    - \* Inchon-Seoul
    - \* Chosin Reservoir
    - \* East Central Front
    - \* Western Front
  - Participated in the defense of the Korean Demilitarized Zone, July 1953-March 1955
  - The regiment departed Korea on 10 March 1955 relocating to Camp Pendleton, Calif., on 24 March 1955.
  - The 1st and 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis, 27 October - 14 November 1962.
- 1965-1970:
- \* Deployed during July - August 1965 to the Republic of Vietnam
  - \* The 7th Marines sailed for Okinawa 23 May 1965 arriving between 9 and 18 June, 1965.
  - \* The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines landed at Qui Nhon, Republic of Vietnam 1 July 1965. The first unit of the regiment to commence operations against the enemy in Vietnam.
  - \* The rest of the Regiment entered the Republic of Vietnam between 7 July - 14 August, 1965.
  - Participated in the war in Vietnam, 1 July 1965 - 13 October 1970. Operating from:
    - \* Qui Nhon
    - \* Chu Lai
    - \* Duc Pho
    - \* Dai Loc
    - \* Da Nang
    - \* Fire Support Base Ross
    - \* Landing Zone Baldy
    - \* Quan Que Son
  - \* The 7th Marine Regiment departed the Republic of Vietnam and relocated during 23 September - 23 October 1970 to Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was reassigned to the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade.
  - \* Reassigned during April 1971 to the 1st Marine Division.
  - \* Relocated during January 1990 to Twentynine Palms, Calif.
  - \* Participated in Operations Desert Shield And Desert Storm, Southwest Asia, August 1990 - March 1991
  - \* Participated in Operation Restore Hope, Somalia, December 1992 - April 1993
- 1995
- \* Participated in Operation Warrior, October 1995
  - \* Participated in Operation Vigilant Sentinel, August - November 1995
- January 2003 - Present
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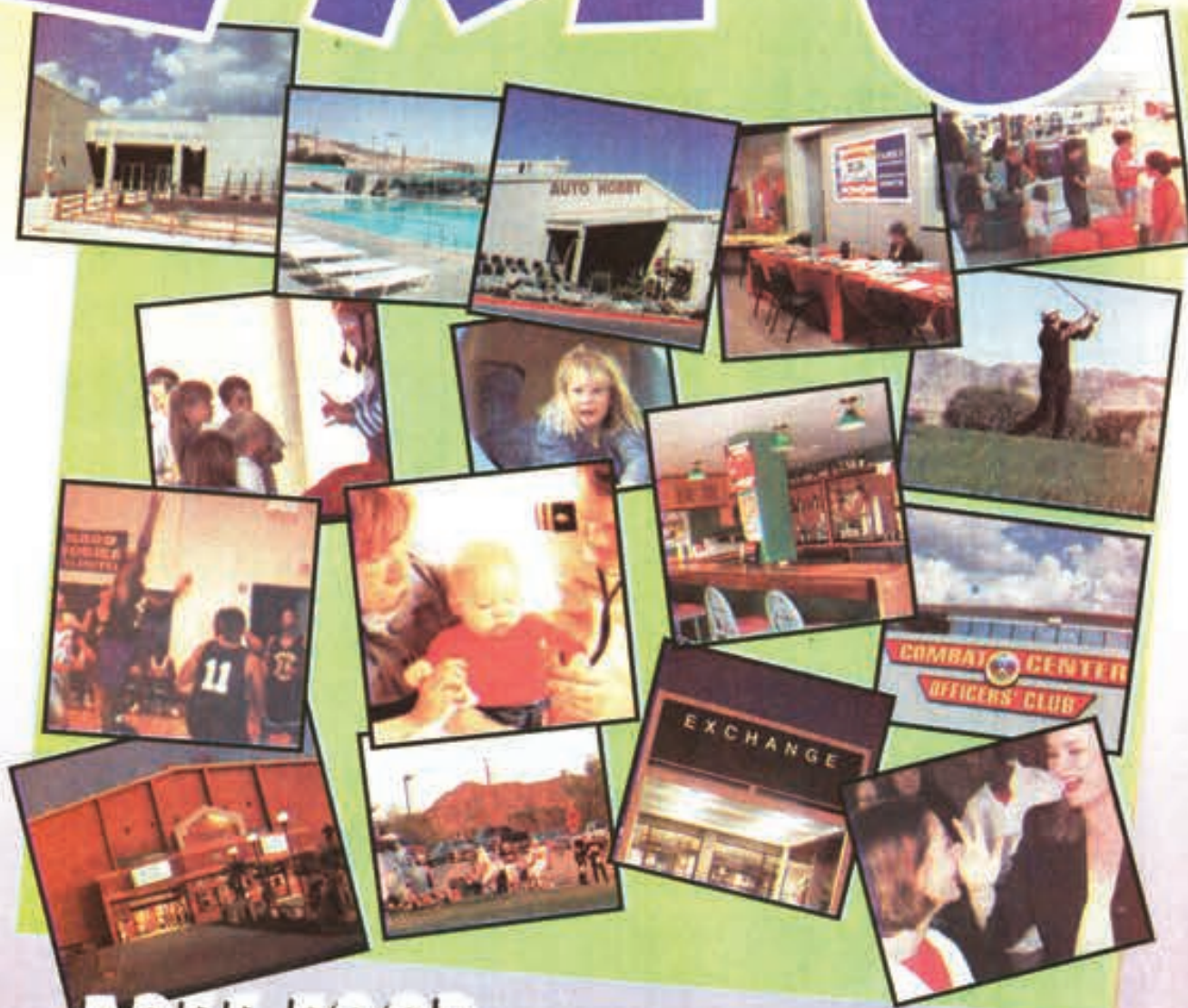


Marines and sailors from 7th Marine Regiment wait for the beginning of the ceremony Aug. 14, in recognition of the unit's 89th birthday.

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# Myspace profile taps into younger generation

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CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA, Japan — The Marine Corps has established a profile on the popular social networking Web site MySpace.com in order to spread interest and boost its recruiting mission, according to officials from Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

The Marine Corps recruiting profile features videos, desktop wallpapers and a link that helps visitors contact a recruiter through Marines.com, the Corps' official recruiting Web site.

More than 14,500 users have signed up as friends of the Marine Corps on the popular site, which boast 98 million registered users.

"The objective of advertising on MySpace.com is to generate awareness of the Marine Corps and direct interested men and women to the Marines.com Web site for more information," said Sgt. Brian J. Griffin, community relations chief for the Marine Corps Recruiting Command's Public Affairs Office.

The Corps' overall goal is to put individuals in contact with a Marine recruiter who can answer questions and screen interested potential recruits. Since its creation in February, the MySpace.com link has led 50,000 people to Marines.com, according to Griffin.

Over the years, Marine Corps recruiting has taken advantage of new technologies. In more recent years, a lot of focus has been placed on television and the internet. With the growing popularity of blogging and online social networking, the Marine Corps has stepped up to tap into the new medium.

In 2004, recruiters from Recruiting Station Los Angeles, Culver City sub station, would get 25-30 contacts a month through

Marines.com, according to Staff Sgt. Ernie Mena, a former recruiter with the station who is currently the armory chief for 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, currently serving as the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's battalion landing team. Mena said he has seen the Marine Corps' use of computers and the internet develop rapidly during his career.

"Most of us didn't have computers when I joined, but now they're everywhere," Mena said. "MySpace is a great tool to attract young adults nowadays because most of them spend a lot of time behind a computer."

"The Marine Corps and J. Walter Thompson [JWT], the Corps' contracted advertising agency, continually evaluate opportunities and mediums to spread our message of opportunity to young men and women," Griffin said. "The MySpace.com Web site came out of this process as an appropriate medium to reach our target market."

The Marine Corps also advertises on MySpace with banner ads.

The Army, which currently advertises on the site, has plans to launch a similar profile in the near future, according to a report by the Associated Press. The Air Force also advertises on the site but doesn't currently have any plans for creating a profile.

So far, the Marine Corps has spent \$112,000 on the Myspace.com advertising campaign, Griffin added.

MySpace, in its current form, was created in 2003 by Tom Anderson and was sold to News Corp. in 2005 for \$580 million. It is currently the sixth most viewed Web site in the world, according to Alexa Internet, a company that provides information on Web traffic.



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The first women's rights meetings were held in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. These meetings were a result of decades of a quietly emerging unified voice for equality among women. What a tremendous duty and long road it would be to winning the vote for women! It would be more than 70 years after the Nineteenth Amendment had passed that a woman's inalienable right to vote would be secured.

Some battles for woman suffrage were won state-by-state during the early 20th century. The American Civil War weakened the move-

ment's forward momentum that had begun in 1848. For practical, political reasons, the issue of black suffrage collided with woman suffrage and tactical differences divided the leadership. When the 15th Amendment was ratified, the National Women Suffrage Association (which included only women at that time), gave a stout opposition. It was the first time in American history that citizens were explicitly defined as male. During those times, women continued to provide active leadership in many social reform groups which included health reform,

prison reform and child labor law reform just to name a few. Their work in these groups helped build and demonstrate women's competence in the political realm.

Individuals like Julia Howe, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass and Frances Willard, helped pioneer women's right to vote. They demonstrated in front of the White House, picketing and staging marches and even going to jail. Thousands of ordinary women took part in these events to change the tide of history just as women today continue to strive for equality.

Everywhere in the United States, women continue to demonstrate their gratitude for what women in centuries past, have done for equality. Evidence of this change could be seen around the Corps such as the case of Brig. Gen. Angela Salinas, who will the first woman to command the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and recruiting command in San Diego.

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I've witnessed a couple cases of heat stress, and neither were pretty. The first was during a 10K race on a humid, 80-degree morning in Norfolk in June. The victim was one of my training partners, an extremely competitive runner. He didn't drink water during the race because it would cost him a few seconds each time he grabbed a cup. But his dehydration slowed him down even more, so, instead of beating me, which he easily should have, I passed him a hundred yards short of the finish line. He had a case of the jelly-legs and couldn't run a straight line.

The other case was after a round of golf one summer, and, again, the victim was someone who didn't see the need to stop and drink water. He discovered that a couple beers in the clubhouse didn't quite compensate, and he flopped right over in mid-swing.

The point is that it can happen to anyone, whether you're an in-shape runner or an out-of-shape golfer—or even a Marine, which shows that toughness isn't much of a prevention technique. After a 12-mile conditioning hike held by a battalion at Camp Pendleton, four Marines went to a hospital with heat stroke and five others with heat exhaustion. Another time, after a 10-mile hike during the hottest part of the day, 12 Marines from a rifle company had to go to hospitals with heat problems, and eight had to be admitted for treatment. In both cases, the Marines hadn't had enough to eat or drink, and supervisors didn't recognize the early symptoms.

Serious runners aren't going to take a day off when it gets hot. Needless to say, neither are Marines. For them, and for everyone else who breaks a sweat, here are some guidelines and pointers.

- Staying hydrated is critical—it keeps up your blood volume,

which helps your body regulate heat, and it helps you perspire. When you are dehydrated, you are less able to maintain a safe body temperature.

- Although you can get acclimated to heat, you can't "learn" to do without water. Just because you are acclimated doesn't mean you can drink less. Someone who is acclimated perspires nearly twice as much as someone who isn't; acclimated people start sweating more quickly, which allows them to dissipate heat sooner.

- Research has shown that, in hot environments, people won't voluntarily drink enough water to stay hydrated, because most people wait until they feel thirsty, and this is an unreliable guide in a hotter than normal environment. When thirst is used as a guide, people tend to maintain themselves at a level that is 1-2 percent dehydrated, which has been shown to impair performance and coordination.

- People who are aerobically fit are better able to pump more blood, which means better thermoregulation during heat stress. Regular, strenuous physical training (the kind that significantly raises your heart rate) will help you get acclimated.

- Heat stress is influenced by four environmental factors: air temperature, radiant heat, dew point, and wind speed. Humidity is a much more important factor than temperature, because it reduces the cooling effect of sweating.

- How much should you drink? If you are exercising strenuously in the heat, drink regularly all day long, not just during the workout. Most authorities recommend 6-8 glasses of water per day under normal circumstances. Drink before running and drink 6-8 ozs. every 20 minutes while you run. Carry water, or plan a route that takes you by water fountains.

- You can't count coffee, tea, beer, or other drinks contain-

ing alcohol in your daily total of fluids. They act as diuretics, producing a net loss of fluid.

- Because of how the body's metabolism works, normally, only a quarter of the energy produced by your body goes to actual muscular exertion; the rest produces heat, which is fine for cold weather but not so fine in the summer or in the desert.

- The first signs of dehydration are usually cramps, mild fatigue, or a headache. Don't keep exercising if you feel dizzy, faint, or nauseated. These symptoms may signal heat exhaustion, which means you are losing your ability to regulate your temperature. Rest in shade and drink water until you recover. If you don't, the next, more dangerous, step is heat stroke.

- You might want to rethink that singlet, which actually exposes you to more sun.

- Give yourself a week or two to acclimate to a new environment. Start by cutting the intensity of your workout in half and increase it slowly during the next couple weeks.

- You are hydrated when your urine is clear and you have to pee every two or three hours.

## References:

NAVMED references that apply to heat stress are operationally oriented but also apply to PT/PRT activities. NAVMED P-5010, Chapter 3, addresses heat flags, which apply "especially to personnel during training and recreational exercises in hot weather." Article 3-13 is "Practical Heat Stress Standards" and includes limitations on physical exertion. <http://www-nhc.med.navy.mil/prevmc/pubstat.htm>. Incidentally, the heat flags are not intended to prevent acclimated personnel from exercising whenever they choose. The intent is to provide commands and MWR facilities with a risk-management tool for when heavy, strenuous ops or command physical training should be halted.

## 29 PALMS, from A1

Before cutting the ribbons, everyone gathered at the Officer's Club to learn a little about the "great history of this institution" and that it was a ribbon cutting ceremony, not a tree cutting ceremony, said Stone. Retired Sgt. Maj. Ray V. Wilburn, former Combat Center Deployable Force Troops sergeant major from March 1968 to 1971, was issued orders to participate in the ceremony, and he presented himself to the commanding general to report for duty.

"It's the greatest honor that could be bestowed," said Wilburn, beaming with pride with a smile on his face. "It makes you feel like the Marine Corps still hasn't forgotten you."

Left dormant by the Army and Navy after World War II, the Marine Corps took charge of this empty, rugged plain, now known as the Combat Center, in 1952. Since then the Corps has called this tract of land home and currently trains about one-third of the active-duty and Reserve Marine force.

The 29 palm trees now lining the entrance and the joint civilian-military ribbon cutting symbolize the ever-growing relationship between the base and the town, which will not be forgotten, said Stone.

"As history goes, people will never remember who we are," he said. "But the 29

palm trees will not be forgotten. The trees will stand in proud recognition of our relationship with the city. That will not be forgotten."

Other military bases may be older and hold a long-standing relationship with their neighboring communities, but it is the harmonious kinship between the Combat Center and the small city of Twentynine Palms that is different.

"It's not just the traditions of the military, it's the traditions of the community," said Jack Brown, Stater Brothers chairman and chief executive officer. "No other communities have as close a part of a military base as Twentynine Palms. It's that value that's a strength. It's the military and the community working together for America."

The lessons learned from history, with its great leaders and greater mistakes, guide today's leaders to better shape the future. The Marine Corps now implements those historical concepts about ancient cultures to understand their enemies and allies from across the globe.

"If we forget that great history, we are likely to repeat it," said Stone. "Marines do the basics well. We have not forgotten that. They are also learning about a new culture. History is now a part of the way the Marine Corps fights today."

Although the people who

cut the ribbons, and where the trees came from, may be forgotten as time passes, the 29 palm trees will continue to sway in the desert wind to serve as a reminder of the continuing relationship between the base and the local community.

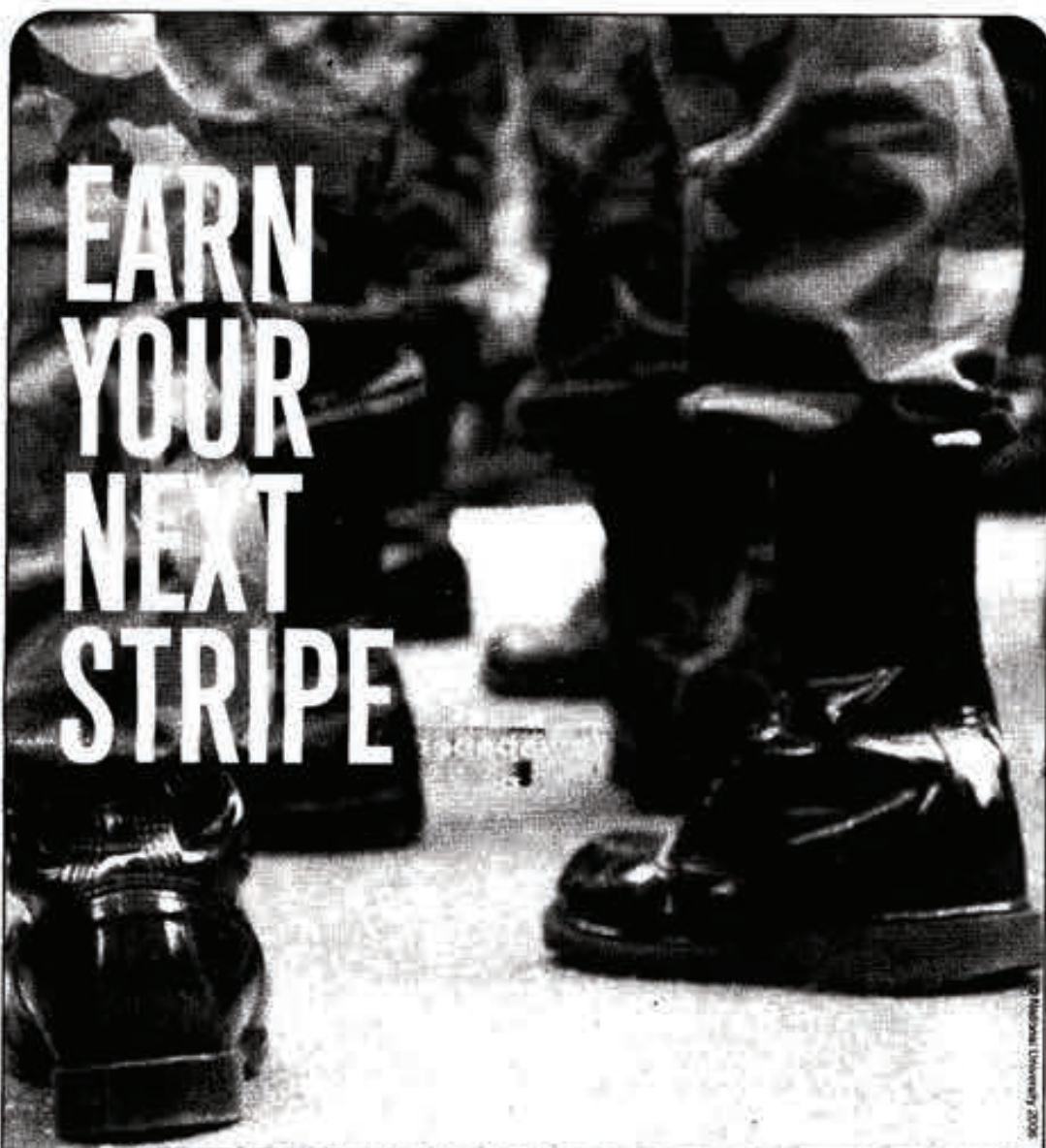
"One day, when you're 85 years old, you can still look at these trees," said Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, Combat Center sergeant major. "Only God knows how long these trees will be here."

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# Former 3/11 Marine earns Centurion Award for 100+ contracts

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CHICAGO — Persuading young men and women to join America's "9-1-1" force has been the easiest job in the Marine Corps for Staff Sgt. Keith A. Sandor.

So easy that it took less than four years to successfully contract more than 100 qualified Marine applicants into the Marine Corps, netting him the highly coveted title of "Centurion" during an awards ceremony recently.

The title of "Centurion," after Roman warriors who commanded 100 men, is bestowed upon Marine recruiters who successfully contract 100 qualified Marine recruit applicants during their recruiting tour.

"It's not as hard as everyone says. You just need to stay positive. Once you let negativity take over, you're done," said Sandor, Recruiting Substation Morris, Ill., noncommissioned officer in charge.

Sandor first recruited out of the DuPage South, Ill., recruiting substation in December 2002, where he replaced a Marine relieved from recruiting duty.

"I came out here, hearing that it was the hardest job in

the Corps, and that made me want to excel," said the former radio operator with the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.-based 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.

The Eatonville, Wash., native and his recruiters met resistance with some of the local high schools for the first six months. But after proving his devotion and motivation to the community beyond taking their kids and putting them in boot camp, the schools opened their doors and community support began flowing into the substation.

"I did a lot of volunteer work and had a lot of community involvement, including volunteer coaching for two of the high schools here," said Sandor, who, as a high school senior, lost a wrestling scholarship to Penn State University after breaking his ankle during the first game of the 1996 season with the Eatonville High School football team.

Sandor, 29, also volunteered his time organizing Marine Corps color guards for local parades and events.

Recruiting duty, with its arduous working hours and seemingly non-existent week-

ends, can impede on the family life. Sandor made it a point to incorporate his wife of three years, Christina Sandor.

"My wife knows every kid that I put into the Corps," Sandor said. "Whenever I go to the (poolees') birthday or graduation parties, she always comes along."

When he's not on the streets, canvassing for highly qualified applicants, he makes it a point to put forth the effort to meet Christina for a quick breakfast or lunch, putting forth the effort to keep a strong marriage in the face of a highly demanding job.

"She understands that I could easily be in Iraq right now," he said.

Another person Sandor attributed his success as a recruiter to is his former non-commissioned officer in charge and current MCRS Chicago recruiter/instructor, Master Sgt. Larry S. Pyles.

"He showed me how to protect my Marines, how to reward them, how to get them on their feet if they're having trouble, and the difference between work and play," Sandor said.

Three years after arriving to Chicago, Sandor was ready to move on with his Marine Corps career and change stations to Marine Corps Bases Japan. However, due to a manpower shortage, Sandor was involuntarily extended for six months here.

With 75 contracts to his name, Sandor was determined to become a Centuri-

on before his departure.

"It would've been easy to give up at that point, but I saw that mark of 100 and I went after it," he said.

Sandor contracted more than 28 applicants within the following eight months — more than some recruiters can accomplish in a year.

His 100th contract, 18-year-old Bryce Hening, was signed after some challenging and reverse psychology.

"Hening was originally interested in joining the Air Force, but he got a really low score on his Enlistment Screening Test. I told him that

he had to study and work hard if he wanted to do anything, and by Marine Corps standards, he was disqualified," said Sandor.

Hening took his challenge to heart, and studied until he passed the EST. Hening ships for Marine Corps recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., in October.

With the recent media spotlight on recruiter ethics, Sandor says it's important, now more than ever, for Marine recruiters to remember their core values and keep their honor clean.

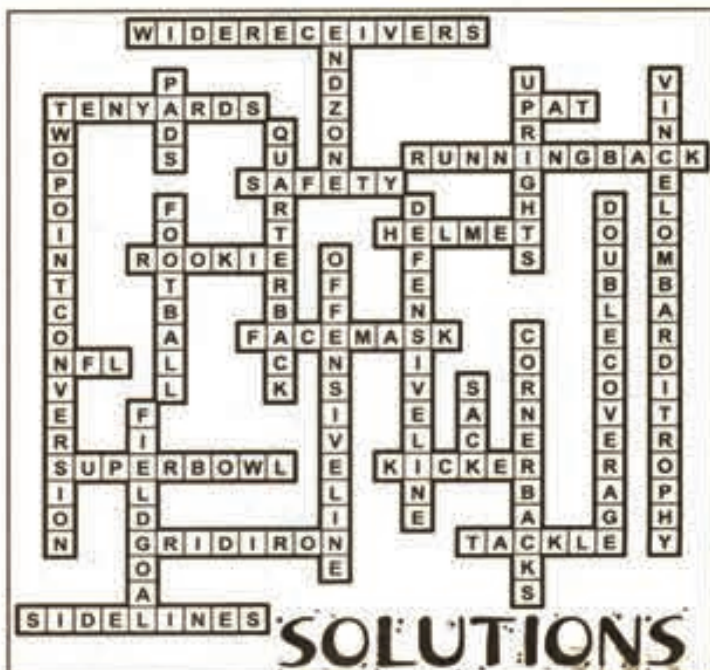
"Always remember never to lose your integrity. Stick to what you know, which is the Marine Corps," he said.

"Everyone has slumps. I might have a rough month, but I know that if I bust my butt next month, I'll have a good month, and keep having good months thereafter," said Sandor. "You lose your integrity out here, you lose the battle."

Sandor will now report to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he is expected to deploy to Iraq with the 2nd Marine Logistics Group sometime next year.



With more than 100 contracts to his name, Staff Sgt. Keith A. Sandor has established himself as one of the premier recruiters in the Midwest, earning the coveted title of "Centurion" at Marine Corps Recruiting Station Chicago, Ill.



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# 54 Years and 29 Palms

Local civilian dignitaries and their Combat Center counterparts cut red, white and blue ribbons Aug. 18 to dedicate the 29 California Fan palm trees along Adobe Road as symbols of the two communities' dedication to continue growing together.

## Looking back 54 years of MCAGCC evolution

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In honor of the Combat Center's 54th birthday, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to dedicate the recently planted 29 palm trees lining the entrance of the base.

What is now the largest Marine Corps training facility in the United States began as a military glider school for the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941. It was chosen for its terrain and temperatures that create thermal updrafts year-round.

After the Army left the area in 1944, the huge tract of desert land lay dormant until 1952 when the Marine Corps started using the land as a training center and began a building program that led to the official commissioning of Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms on Feb. 1, 1957.

Two years later, the base was designated the Marine

Corps Air Ground Combat Center. Shortly thereafter the Combined Arms Command was activated to be the headquarters for Resident Fleet Marine Force Units stationed in the high desert.

In 1967, the Combat Center picked up companies C and E of Marine Communication-Electronics School as they began to move their whole training battalion to Twentynine Palms.

On May 16, 1980, the command element for 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade was activated at the Combat Center, with the brigade becoming a principle component of the U.S. Central Command.

Less than two years later, the Combined Arms Command was deactivated with the establishment of the headquarters for the 27th Marine Regiment, which was later deactivated in 1987. The 7th MEB was incorporat-

ed into I Marine Expeditionary Force in late September 1990 and deactivated March 31, 1992. The former 7th MEB's ground combat elements were consolidated into what is now the 7th Marine Regiment (Reinforced) part of the 1st Marine Division.

On Oct. 1, 2000, the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center was realigned to fall under the Marine Corps Training and Education Command, residing in Quantico, Va., thus becoming the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command as we know it today.

Modern Marine Corps training that takes place at the Combat Center prepares units for deployment to locations overseas where they make use of the lessons taught here as America's front line of combat and humanitarian operations.



CPL BRIAN A. TUTHILL  
Sgt. Neal Paulo and Cpl. Esau Gonzalez-zuno present the colors at the Combat Center's 54th birthday celebration Aug. 18.



CPL BRIAN A. TUTHILL  
Cpl. Victor E. Davis plays piano while Cpl. Kenneth T. Applegate plays bass guitar at the MCAGCC birthday reception Aug. 18.



CPL CORY YENTER  
Jack Brown, Stater Bros. CEO, and Combat Center sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. William Johnson cut their ribbon Aug. 18.



CPL BRIAN A. TUTHILL  
Former Combat Center sergeant major Sgt. Maj. Ray V. Wilburn came out of retirement to celebrate the MCAGCC birthday.



# Meritorious promotion board selects leaders

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Company A, Headquarters Battalion, held their quarterly meritorious promotions board with three lance corporals and two privates first class at Alpha Company's barracks Aug. 17.

The Marines were competing for the chance to go to the battalion board, where the final selection for promotion to the next ranks will be made.

Marines are chosen by their work sections to represent as the most fit to earn the next rank.

"All the Marines here today are here for a reason," said Company A first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Wayne Anderson. "They have demonstrated qualities suited for the next higher rank."

"Just being sent in front of a board says a lot of great things about the individual Marine," he added.

There are different levels of the judging process. Before the Marine is presented before the board members, the board members look at each Marine's service record book. They look at the Marines' proficiency and conduct evaluation scores, physical fitness test score, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training level, rifle qualification score, swim qualification level, basic skills test score, Marine Corps Institute courses

completed and college education pursuing.

"This demonstrates that the Marine is consistently applying themselves in their career," said Gunnery Sgt. Mary J. Reid, board member. "Anyone can prepare for a board in a couple weeks and do well, but it shows a Marine's dedication when they are always doing well in all areas, all the time."

When the board members are finished looking at the Marine's service record book, the Marine enters the room to report into the senior member of the board. In some cases, the Marines will execute a hand salute.

Then, the senior member of the board calls drill commands for the Marine to execute. At that time, the board members are inspecting the Marine's uniform for proper fit, holes, stains and any other unserviceable defaults on the uniform.

Throughout the judging process, two factors are continuously tested. Confidence and bearing play a big role in the Marines' performance in front of the judges, said Gunnery Sgt. Jimmy Cortez, board member.

"We watch their every movement, eye contact, overall conduct, delivery of drill movements, if they put the snap-and-pop in the salute, everything," he explained.

The board members ask three questions to



Lance Cpl. Regina N. Ortiz is questioned by the board members during a meritorious promotions board Aug. 17.

each Marine. All of the questions are basic Marine Corps knowledge taught to each Marine throughout boot camp. This tests their initiative to continue to study after graduating from boot camp, said Anderson.

The Marines aren't only judged on giving right or wrong answers, but whether they keep their bearing.

The winners of the company level board are chosen after a deliberation between the judges. Then, they will represent their company in the battalion board against other companies' board winners.

For the lance corporals seeking meritorious promotion to corporal, the battalion board consists of a physical fitness test, uniform inspection, drill competition and another set of questions by a new set of board members. For the privates first class, there is only the questioning segment by the board members.

Lance Cpls. Emily C. Clay and Michael Trejo from Alpha Company were chosen to advance to the battalion board to compete for a meritorious promotion to corporal and Pfc. Atenas Martinez will be representing Alpha Company at the battalion board for the promotion to lance corporal.

"After my turn at the board I was pretty confident in my performance," said Clay, after finding out she won the company board. "I did not know the answers to all of the questions and I had some good competition, but I thought I had a good chance at winning the board."

Clay has been on two other company level boards, but this will be her first battalion level board, she said.

"To prepare for the next board I have been studying knowledge, learning how to drill a platoon, preparing my uniforms, running, and keeping a clear and level head, not trying to stress myself over it," she explained. "I am confident that I belong on this board, but a little nervous as well."

Trejo has been on six boards and has won two company level boards, taking him to battalion level twice, he said.

"I am confident because I've learned from my mistakes from the previous boards I have been on," he said. "It's nothing new to me, but I wasn't sure if I won this last board because I missed a lot of questions and almost lost my confidence."

"The hardest part is to just sell yourself to all the members on the board, letting them know you want it more than anyone who you are going against. Anyone could study knowledge and their job, but if you can't back it up, then hard confidence and bearing is the key," he added.

It's not common for Marines to win the first board they go on, but it isn't a reason for them to give up, said Trejo.

"All I can say is learn from your mistakes, study and always be ready. If you lose, do not quit, continue to fight," he said.



Lance Cpl. Velvet Dixon prepares her answer to one of the questions asked by one of the members of a meritorious promotion board Aug. 17.

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# Combat artist immortalizes slain Fallujan leader

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CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Maj. Alex J. Durr's latest piece of artwork won't hang in a museum. It's going to be on display for Fallujans to remember one of their martyred heroes.

Durr, a 45-year-old combat artist from the Marine Corps' Historical Division, recently put the finishing touches on a painted mural of Iraqi Brig. Gen. Khodeiri Obeid Abbas Al Janadi, Fallujah's former Deputy Chief of Police, who was gunned down by insurgents June 19. Durr was commissioned to do the piece by Col. Larry Nicholson, Regimental Combat Team 5's commander, to honor a "Son of Fallujah" who was killed protecting the city and people he loved.

The mural was painted on a concrete barrier and will be placed along a main route through the heart of the city. It will be on permanent display to honor the native Fallujan's sacrifice for his city and his country.

"I've done portraits, but nothing ever this big," said Durr, from Fort Worth, Texas. "It's pretty satisfying that this will be put to use immediately."

"To think this guy lost his life for his country—it's pretty humbling," he added. "That's gone through my head a couple times."

The nearly six-foot tall concrete barrier features a portrait of Khodeiri in the full uniform of an Iraqi Police officer, with the epaulettes of an Iraqi brigadier general. The inscription above him, written in Arabic, reads, "Son of Fallujah." Next to his face is written, "hero" and "martyr." Below him is his full name and the date he was slain.

Durr's involvement in the project was happenstance. He was traveling throughout the region since July when he lost a sketchbook on one of Camp Fallujah's buses. The driver later told him a Marine turned it into RCT-5. Durr checked in with Sgt. Maj. Melvin Roundtree, RCT-5's sergeant major, to see if it turned up. Roundtree immediately took him into Nicholson's office.

Nicholson was looking for an artist to paint the mural when he showed up for his sketchbook. Nicholson requested his help, and Durr got to work immediately.

"It's important to recognize not just American heroes, but Iraqi heroes," Nicholson said. "Khodeiri will always be a hero to me. He cared deeply for the city. He was a partner in every sense of the word. His loss had a deep impact on the city."

Durr had his work cut out for him. There were only a couple pictures on file of Khodeiri. He wanted to portray him in full uniform, but couldn't locate any photos of him wearing his black beret. So he improvised.

"They showed me a picture of an Iraqi saluting and a picture of Khodeiri," Durr explained. "I took the face from one photo and the position from another."

It wasn't just the photos to work from that Durr had to compromise on. He didn't have a complete supply of paints. He worked with the regiment's logistics Marines to acquire a couple buckets of paints in the primary colors, along with white, bright orange and purple — just in case. From there, he used cut-down water bottles to mix

colors to achieve the shades he needed. He used plastic plates from the camp's chow hall as a palette.

"It was a big group effort," he said. "I'm just the one putting on the paint."

Durr said painting the portrait, although done on a large scale, followed the fundamentals he learned years ago.

"What makes a portrait work is getting the eyes right and the position of the nose and mouth," he explained. "Get those right and people will recognize it as that person."

After that, he said, basic principals apply. It's just when painting big, everything is bigger. Durr said he used bigger brushes and bigger strokes.

"You just enlarge everything," he said. "You don't get bogged down in the details."

It's a skill Durr perfected nearly his entire life. He said he's drawn and painted since grade school. He studied art at Florida State University when he bumped into Marine recruiters. His family had a strong military tradition and he said the step into uniform was natural, even if it took him away from his passion.

Durr was trained as an aviator, flying F-4 Phantoms and eventually F-18 Hornets. Still he kept up with his artwork as a side hobby.

"I always did pictures for the squadrons," he said. "I was the guy who designed the squadron t-shirts."

It wasn't until the Gulf War did Durr get serious about combining his art skills with his call to service as a Marine. He looked into becoming a combat artist, but was turned down. About two years ago, though, Durr, now in the Marine Reserves, checked into becoming a combat artist again. Now, he's the officer-in-charge of the Historical Division's combat artists.

"I do a lot of watercolors and drawings," he said. "Big pieces are done as oil paintings."

Durr said he's working much along the same lines as Marine combat artists have since WWII. He said then artists would make sketches or take photos of fighting during the Corps' island-hopping campaign, go back to the rear lines, and put them to canvas. He said he's actually seen a painting done by a WWII combat artist with an address on the back of the canvas so it could be mailed home to his wife.

Little has changed more than 60 years. Durr still totes his sketch book. His camera now though is a small, palm-sized digital camera, complete with the Marine Corps' digital desert camouflaged pattern.

"It's usually up to the artist where he paints," Durr said. "The big paintings we do back home, when we want to put more thought and time. I can take a digital picture, blow it up on my laptop and do them there."

Durr said there's still a place for the paintings, even in today's technology of digital photos and instant transmission of video and images from the battlefield.

"Done right, an oil painting will last a thousand years," Durr said. "When I think of the guys out there, living in the dirt, it's the least I can do. We document and record how they're living and fighting. Maybe someday they come to the museum and see a painting and it jars their memory and they'll tell their kids how it was."



Maj. Alex J. Durr puts some of the final touches on a mural of the late Iraqi Brig. Gen. Khodeiri Obeid Abbas Al Janadi, Deputy Chief of Police in Fallujah.

Durr knows that this work will never be in a museum, but will be on display for more than 200,000 Fallujans. It will preserve Iraqi history — Fallujan history — for all to remember one of their own men who stood up for their pride against terrorists.

"What an amazing opportunity to have a piece of his work displayed so publicly," Nicholson said. "I told him, 'Not only are you recording history. You're making it.'"

Lt. Col. Frank Charlons, RCT-5's Police Implementation officer, said the portrait is satisfying to all those who knew and worked with Khodeiri. He worked hand-in-hand with him since January to grow and train Fallujah's police force.

"He was one of the 'Sons of Fallujah,'" said 40-year-old Charlons, from Charlotte, N.C. "His death has really affected the city. It had a big affect on the police."

Charlons said the mural will serve to honor one of the city's leaders, who saw Iraqis through tough times.

"It will serve as an inspiration to the police," he said. "It

will always be there to remind them of what it means to be an Iraqi and from Fallujah."

Durr said he saw his efforts on the portrait as just

another Marine pulling his weight to accomplish the mission in Iraq.

"This is for a good cause," Durr said. "Maybe it will help

them to understand their struggle against terrorism. It's part of the team effort. I'm lucky enough to do something I enjoy doing."

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## 223 ROOMS 4

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# 3/7 Weapons Co. celebrates Family Day



Family members look on as 3/11 Weapons Co. Marines play a game of softball at the 3/7 Weapons Co. family day at Victory Field Aug. 18

**LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER**  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Third Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment hosted a Weapons Company 3/7 Family Day and pie auction Aug. 18 at the Combat Center's Victory Field.

The day offered a chance for the different platoons to interact and compete against each other in various sporting events.

"We had softball, flag football, volleyball and they also played basketball," said Master Sgt. Charles Meyers, Weapons Company, operations chief. "In the end, 81's platoon left with a win and a wooden bulldog as the trophy."

The event was also a chance for 3/7 to raise funds for their upcoming Marine Corps Ball. Twenty pies were auctioned off for a specific person and the Marine with the highest bid got the chance to throw it in the face of the

Marine they bid on.

The highest bid pie was auctioned off for \$200 to Cpl. Chris Snell, and ended up in the face of Staff Sgt. Jose Carrero. The battalion sergeant major also received a whip cream pie in the face courtesy of Lance Cpl. Garvin Reid.

"The day was great," said Sgt. Maj. Douglas Smith, battalion sergeant major. "We raised a lot of money for the ball, I think the Marines had a great time smashing pies into other Marines' faces."

Family members who attended seemed to enjoy watching all the activities the Marines competed in, as they cheered for their Marine from the sidelines.

"It always feels good to be included," said Kahn Lanpolsaen, wife of 1st Sgt. Mike Lanpolsaen.

"It's good to come out and see all the guys play, not being so serious all the time,"

said Mary Kreutz, mom of Lance Cpl. Gary Kreutz.

Marines also enjoyed a barbeque as they engaged in the day's activities.

"It's been pretty relaxed," said Pfc. Zacharie Fowler. "It's a really nice chance for Marines to enjoy work time with their families."

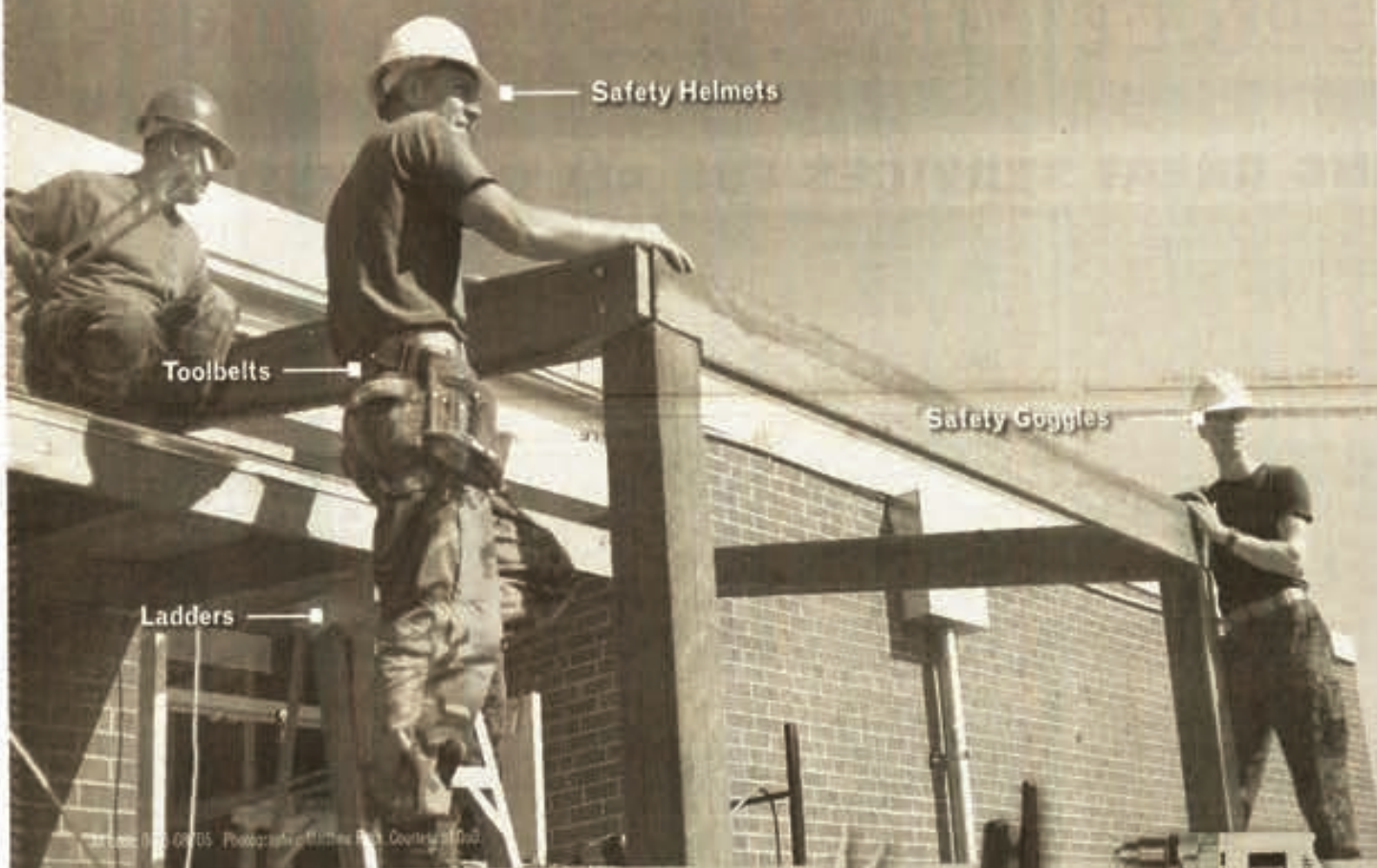
The event allowed many Marines to introduce their family members to their fellow Marines and take a breather from the busy work schedule.

"It was fun, and it's definitely a great way for the staff noncommissioned officers and officers to boost morale," said Lance Cpl. Michael Penney. "The pie in the face auction was sweet."

The event turned out to be a success, as everyone left after an eventful day away from work.

"It was cool, we should have more days like it," said Cpl. Larry Richardson.

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