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Combat Center parade deck redesignated LCpl Gray Field



Cpl. Johnny L. Sanders III, an instructor aboard the Combat Center's Urban Warfare Training Center, salutes the memorial of Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray, a rifleman with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, who was killed in action April 11 in Iraq.

CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

It has been roughly three-and-a-half years since coalition forces began their initial push to Baghdad, Iraq, initiating the Global War on Terrorism. Since then, all have given some, and some have given all in terms of self sacrifice. As of Columbus Day, 2,745 service members have given all. 2,192 of those service members were killed in action. One Marine out of that number was Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray, a rifleman with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, who was killed in action during combat operations in Iraq.

Gray was killed by enemy machinegun fire April 11, 2004, Easter Sunday, in Fallujah, Iraq. A year-and-a-half later, the life of Gray was remembered, honored and dedicated at the Combat Center's Parade Field Oct. 6.

A memorial was also unveiled at the dedication and naming of the field.

Gray's former platoon members, battalion commander and friends joined together to honor the dedication ceremony held between the commanding general's building and the Combat Center's main flag pole.

Combat Center commanding general, Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, Gray's former battalion commander, Col. Bryan P. McCoy; and his spotter on the day he gave up his life, Cpl. Ward A. Stone, christened the field by unveiling a black monolith engraved with Gray's face, name and Bronze Star Medal citation.

"Today we are here to confer unto this contented field a name, and by doing so, bestow from this day on, a visible memory of a hero's actions which we, today's Marines, choose that

See GRAY FIELD, A8

Eight heroes remembered

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The image of eight M-16A2 service rifles bayoneted into the ground with helmets perched on top of the butt stocks, dog tag chains dangling from pistol grips, and empty combat boots is a familiar and haunting picture. Below each memorial is a picture of each fallen hero; seven Marines and one Navy corpsman. All eight troops in this case were with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, and was remembered by the Combat Center Oct. 6.

Throughout their deployment, 3rd LAR spent almost all of their time assisting Iraqi Forces patrol and secure Al Anbar province, a region in western Iraq.

The following of the 3rd LAR Wolfpack were remembered:

- Sgt. Christen B. Williams, a 27-year-old from Winterhaven, Fla.
- Cpl. Phillip E. Baucus, a 28-year-old from Wolf Creek, Mont.
- Cpl. Adam A. Galvez, a 21-year-old from Salt Lake City.
- Lance Cpl. Anthony E. Butterfield, a 19-year-old

from Clovis, Calif.

- Lance Cpl. Jason Hanson, a 21-year-old from Forks, Wash.
- Lance Cpl. Shane P. Harris, a 23-year-old from Las Vegas.
- Lance Cpl. Randy L. Newman, a 21-year-old from Bend, Ore.
- Seaman Chadwick T. Kenyon, a 20-year-old from Tucson, Ariz.

Williams, Baucus, Butterfield and Hanson were killed July 29 by a vehicle borne suicide improvised explosive device.

Galvez, Newman and Kenyon were killed Aug. 20 when their humvee was caught in the blast of an improvised explosive device during a patrol.

Harris was killed Sept. 3 by a pressure plate IED.

The fallen Marines and sailor were represented by seven Marines and one corpsman who spoke on their behalf. Each speech gave brief, but powerful insight, into the lives of these fallen brothers in arms and the impact they had on those who knew them.

Lt. Col. Matthew L. Jones, the 3rd LAR commanding officer, said even though a memorial was held in Iraq he was glad to have the families

come out for this one.

"It's a good chance for them to meet the families," he explained about his Marines. "It also gives the families a chance to hear stories about their Marine. It's good for both sides."

The loved ones in the crowd showed many emotions during the memorial: grief, anguish and sorrow.

"This is our testament to these great men," said Jones. "I will miss them, but I am proud to have served with them."

Capt. Ripley Rawlings, the commanding officer for 3rd LAR, Company D, spoke these words in his speech addressing the crowd:

"I inscribe the names of our fallen warriors upon my soul ... they rise from the ashes like the phoenix to sit beside the warriors of old: Achilles, Alexander, Chesty ... for those about to ascend and join the eternal heroes of the Corps, I render our salute."

For those who have seen a memorial of fallen Marines, it is a lingering image that never loses its significance. To the lives these warriors have touched, they will not soon be forgotten.



Lance Cpl. Jose L. Garcia, a Midland, Texas, native, kisses the dog tags of one of his fallen brothers.

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

12 Marines awarded Purple Heart

see A5





C.O.P. Corner

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Domestic Assaults

Some victims of a domestic assault don't even admit it really happened. Then, they don't leave and it happens again and again and again. Domestic violence happens anywhere and everywhere. Most of the time it's because victims don't have the right information to help them.

Here are some tips to help prevent and keep verbal altercations from escalating into an Assault or Domestic Violence.

The first step is anger management. In order to keep situations from escalating you must control your anger.

Controlling Your Anger

- Admit you're angry: Talking about your feelings can help calm you down.
- Deal with it: Talk about the problem, or just count to 10.
- Don't brush it off: Ignoring your feelings can make anger worse.
- Identify and understand the cause: Figure out what caused you to get angry.
- Walk away: To keep the situation from getting out of hand, leave the area.

Redirect The Anger

- Find a hobby: Add something new to your usual routines, for example, take up painting or collecting things.
- Exercise: This will help you blow off some steam.

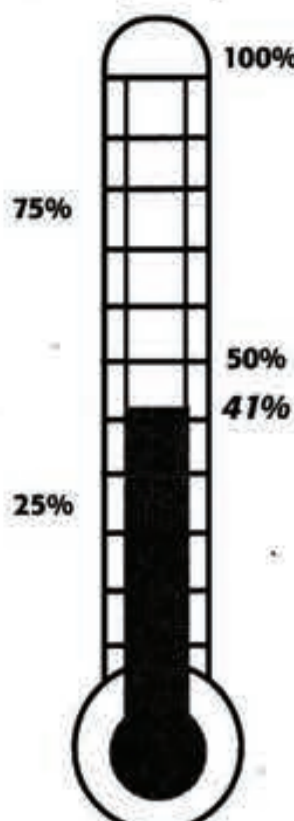
If you think someone is being abused, but aren't completely sure, here are some warning signs.

- Injuries and Excuses: When there are frequent injuries seen by others, the one being battered may talk about being clumsy, or have elaborate stories of how the injuries occurred. The truth about the source of injuries will not usually be told unless the one listening can be trusted and the victim wants help to end the relationship.
- Absences from work or school: When severe beatings or other trauma related to violence occurs.
- Accusations of having affairs: This is a common tactic used by batterers as an attempt to isolate their partners, and as an excuse for a beating.
- Personality changes: A very outgoing person, for instance, becomes quiet and shy around his or her partner.
- Fear of conflict: Conflicts with co-workers, friends, relatives, and neighbors can create a lot of anxiety.
- Blaming others for everything: For example, a simple drive somewhere could turn into a violent situation if the batterer blames the partner or children for getting them lost.
- Self-blame: You may notice someone taking all of the blame for things that go wrong.
- Aggressive or care-taking behavior in children: Often the class bully is a child who sees violence in his home (directed at mom, or at some or all of the children in the home). Children who seem very grown-up and are sensitive and attentive to others' needs may see violence at home as well.

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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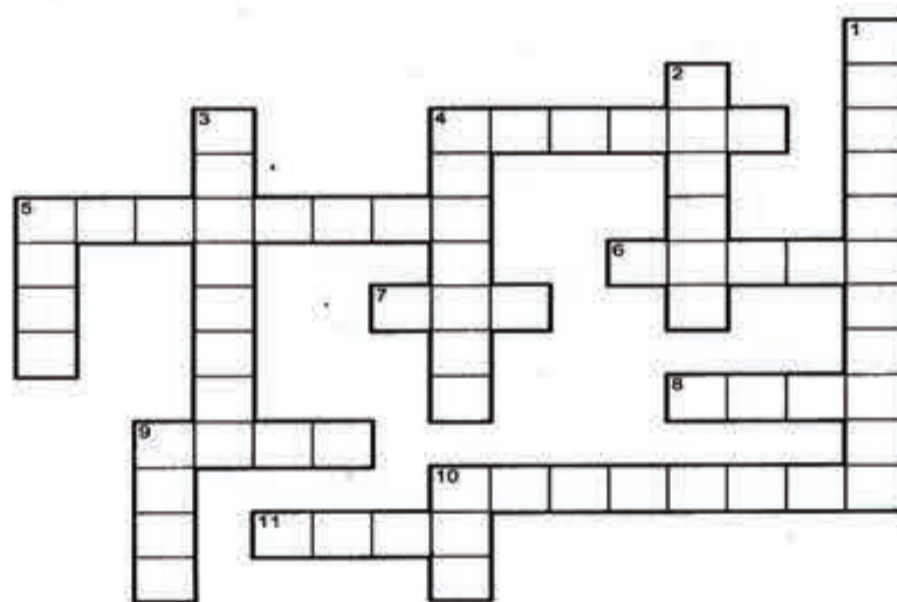


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WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH "Z"



ACROSS

4. A dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force.
5. White crystalline oxide. Not to be mistaken for a diamond.
6. Referees in football and hockey are often referred to as this animal.
7. Animal kingdom.
8. Flavor or interest; piquancy. The outermost part of the rind of an orange, lemon, or other citrus fruit, used as flavoring.
9. A metallic element that is brittle at room temperature but becomes malleable when heated. Atomic number 30.
10. A rigid airship having a long cylindrical body supported by internal gas cells.
11. An area or a region distinguished from adjacent parts by a distinctive feature or characteristic; a segment.

DOWN

1. Animal constituent of plankton; mainly small crustaceans and fish larvae.
2. A fastening device consisting of parallel rows of metal, plastic, or nylon teeth on adjacent edges of an opening that are interlocked by a sliding tab.
3. A variety of squash having an elongated shape and a smooth, thin, dark green rind.
4. Fervent; keen; fanatical; obsessive
5. The principal god of the Greek pantheon, ruler of the heavens, and father of other gods and mortal heroes.
9. None; nothing; zip; zilch
10. A school of Mahayana Buddhism that asserts that enlightenment can be attained through meditation, self-contemplation, and intuition rather than through faith and devotion.

[Solutions on A8]

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"If you can have anything dedicated in your honor, what would it be?"

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STAFF SGT. TROY HEINRICH
MWSS - 374

"Some kind of park, because it is something that can be used by anyone. It's considered a national treasure and it can always be remembered."



SGT. SCOTT THOMPSON
MWSS - 374

"A kid's sports complex. It provides children with activities that keep them out of trouble and it gives them a competitive spirit."



LANCE CPL. MICHAEL TURRELL
WEAPONS COMPANY, 3/7

"A race track, because I love racing."



PFC. DUSTIN OSGOOD
COMPANY A, MCCES

"A theme park, because I am entertaining."

What's on your mind?

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

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Daughter of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Archie Campbell
Born Sept. 12, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

KAEUM SULLIVAN LEE CURCIE
Son of Cpl. and Mrs. Elijha Curcie
Born Aug. 7, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches.

KENNEDY KELLY GARCIA
Daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Carlos G. Garcia
Born Sept. 4, 2006 weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 20.3 inches.

STERLING LEWIS STEINBERGER
Son of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Matthew Steinberger
Born Sept. 8, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 21.7 inches.

ANNABELLE ROSE JOHNSON
Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Jeremiah Johnson
Born Sept. 8, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 20.8 inches.

GAEL GABRIEL ALEJO
Son of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Angel Alejo
Born Sept. 12, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

ALEXA MAE COLMAN
Daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Clayton Colman
Born Sept. 12, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

IRIS LUNA McDURMON
Daughter of Petty Officer 3rd Class and Mr. Jessica McDurmon
Born Sept. 13, 2006 weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

RAELYN NICOLE WATKINS
Daughter of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Randy Watkins
Born Sept. 14, 2006 weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

To the Parents of Morongo Unified School District students

The Morongo Unified School District will be sending surveys to parents of enrolled students accompanied by a copy of the letter included below. Parents are asked by the district to fill out the survey and return it in a timely manner.

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Periodically the schools in the Morongo Unified School District conduct a survey of the employment of the parents of pupils enrolled in the school systems. We believe it will be helpful to you to have an explanation of the reasons for the surveys.

The federal government makes payments to local school districts which take the place of taxes on federally owned property. In addition to these regular payments, the government furnishes aid in construction of additional classrooms to help house the growing number of pupils enrolled in our school systems. The amounts of money received from the federal government in the past have been of great financial assistance to school districts of this county.

Since the federal government requires that a complete survey be made, and since only the parent can provide all of the information, it is necessary to ask you to fill out the reverse side of this card. A completed card must be on file for each pupil enrolled in our schools, regardless of the location of the parent's employment. The information which appears on the survey card is held confidential and is only used for this purpose.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation in the past, and thank you for your continued support of the Morongo Unified School District Schools.

Jim Majors
Superintendent

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
Sun 7:30 a.m. Rosary
Sun 8 a.m. Catholic Mass*
Sun 9 a.m. Faith Formation/CCD (Bldg 1551)
Sun 9 a.m. Military Council of Catholic Women (Bldg. 1551)
Sun 9:15 a.m. Confessions+
Sun 10 a.m. Rosary
Sun 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Sun 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sun 4 p.m. Choir Practice
Sun 4:30 p.m. Rosary
Sun 5 p.m. Catholic Mass
Sun 6 p.m. Cyrus Young Adult Group
18-35 years of age married or single (3rd Sunday of the month)
Fri 12:15 - 4:30 p.m. Exposition/Adoration Most Blessed Sacrament (1st Friday Each Month)

Ash Wednesday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses

11:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
11:30 a.m. Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Village Center
Sun 9 a.m. Military Council of Catholic Women*
Sun 9 a.m. Faith Formation/CCD

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Christ Chapel
Sun 8 a.m. Worship*
Tue 7 p.m. Praise and Worship*

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Christ Chapel
Sun 9:30 a.m. Worship

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST SERVICE

Christ Chapel
Sun 11 p.m. Worship

LAY-LED GOSPEL SERVICE

Christ Chapel
Sun 12:30 p.m. Worship

LAY-LED APOSTOLIC SERVICE

Christ Chapel
Sun 3 p.m. Worship
Christ Chapel
2 p.m. Study of Book of Acts

MID-WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass

Ocotillo Housing

7 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship
Call Lt. Cmdr. Faunce 830-6654 for location

TUESDAY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
5 - 7:30 p.m. Catechist Meeting (Second Tuesday of the month)
4 - 5:30 p.m. Children's RCIA
6 p.m. Baptism Class 1st Tuesday each month
Christ Chapel
9 a.m. Christian Women Fellowship*
7 p.m. Praise and Worship
C&E Mess Hall Bldg. 1660
11:30 a.m. Bible Study
Chaplain Flint 830-6187
Base Housing
6 p.m. All Hands Bible Study
Chaplain Taylor 830-7413 for location

WEDNESDAY

Village Center
11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room
Chaplain Flint 830-6187
6 p.m. Right of Christian Initiation for Adults*

Immaculate Heart of Mary

6 - 7 p.m. Life Teen/Youth Group#
Christ Chapel
5 p.m. IHM Choir Rehearsal
5 p.m. Protestant Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Lay-Led Gospel Bible Study

THURSDAY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
7 p.m. Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Christ Chapel

7 p.m. Lay-Led Apostolic Bible Study

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Wounded Iraqi police chief says key to safer Iraq is securing Al Anbar Province

SGT. ROE F. SEIGLE
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 7

AL ASAD, Iraq — Despite being wounded during an insurgent attack earlier this month, a prominent Iraqi police chief has vowed to continue his fight to keep Iraq's western Al Anbar Province safe.

Col. Shabban Barzan al-Ubaidi, chief of police for Baghdad, Iraq, says the fact that he survived the attack is "proof the enemy cannot take (his) life away, only God can, and God is not on the enemy's side."

Despite the attack, his police forces remain undeterred and Iraqis in the Al

Anbar Province are still willing to join Ubaidi's police forces, he said.

Baghdadi is a town of about 30,000 people located just miles south of Haditha along the Euphrates River.

Last month, another 200 Iraqi men were recruited to join the police forces in western Anbar and were sent to police academies in Baghdad or Jordan.

In August, U.S. military forces recruited more than 500 Iraqis for service in police forces in western Anbar. Marines here deemed it as the "most successful recruiting drive to date" in the region.

Lt. Col. David Little, the Marine in charge of the various U.S. police transition teams in western Anbar, says Ubaidi played a crucial role in recruiting efforts by organizing police recruiting events throughout the Haditha Triad and Baghdad.

"Col. Shabban is a person who looks past ethnic, tribal and clan divisions," said Little, 43, a native of Rocklin, Calif. "He is a nationalist; he wants Iraq for Iraqis and he wants security in the Al Anbar Province."

Currently, there are more than 2,000 police officers, who are a mixture of Sunnis and Shiites, in Baghdad and

surrounding cities, which is located in the heart of the Sunni-dominated Al Anbar Province, where Coalition and Iraqi forces have faced arguably the fiercest fighting in Iraq in recent years.

Along with a steady flow of recruits, Iraqi police officers have received much-needed gear in recent months, to include handcuffs, uniforms, batons and police cars to fight crime, oftentimes with Coalition Forces at their side.

Ubaidi said he is anxious to get back to Baghdad and continue fighting insurgents with Coalition Forces. He was wounded after insurgents fired at his police vehicle in a neighboring village, just minutes after giving chase to insurgents who previously lobbed several mortars at a housing complex in Baghdad Oct. 3.

One police officer was killed in the small-arms-fire ambush. Ubaidi was shot with an unknown caliber of weapon. Insurgents were going to set fire to his vehicle believing they had killed him, but Ubaidi said he managed to grab a machine gun and open fire on the insurgents, who fled after additional police arrived on scene and engaged the insurgents.

Ubaidi says he killed an unknown number of insurgents, and that several more were arrested by his police force.

Rumors and errant press

reports quickly surfaced throughout the region that Ubaidi was killed, but Ubaidi said he squashed those rumors when two of his officers visited him at Al Asad. He instructed them to pass news that he was going to survive and continue his fight against insurgents while continuing to build and train his police force.

Ubaidi, while recuperating at the U.S. military base here, also wrote a letter to his policemen to boost their morale. He wrote that he was "just another Iraqi" and "even if I die, keep fighting the enemy."

"Every time I look at these wounds, I thank God for them," said Ubaidi, through a translator. "These wounds are an honor for (my) tribe and the Iraqi people. I built the Iraqi police in Baghdad with every cell in my blood. No one is going to take it away from me."

Ubaidi said even though there are still insurgents in the Haditha and Baghdad areas, residents have become much more supportive of Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces.

He cites the fact that children used to throw rocks at military vehicles and residents would not speak to Marines or Iraqi soldiers and police.

Now, local children greet and shake hands with Marines, Iraqi soldiers and police, and many residents are

taking oaths to fight the insurgents by volunteering to become policemen — a "180" from just a few months ago.

However, these changes come with a large price tag.

"I am trying to save people from insurgents," said Ubaidi. "My wounds are an honor. I do not regret it."

This summer, more than a dozen police recruits were assassinated in a drive-by shooting in front of a police station in the Al Anbar Province and more than 20 police officers from the Baghdad region have been killed sporadically in the past year.

One of Ubaidi's brothers, also a police officer, was killed in March by a vehicle-borne suicide bomb in the Al Anbar Province, said Ubaidi.

Ubaidi said when he took the job as police chief last December that he knew he was "playing with fire" and would one day face the enemy.

"We took an oath to eradicate (insurgents)," said Ubaidi. "We will not accept any reason for the enemy to attack us or civilians and police."

Every insurgent attack will be treated as a criminal act, he added.

Ubaidi said he will soon be back on his feet and will continue to try to achieve his dream, which is to have a police force throughout the Al Anbar Province that is "strong, thriving and victorious."

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Col. Shabban Barzan al-Ubaidi, chief of police for Baghdad, Iraq, discusses police issues with a Baghdad police chief April 3, during a visit to Baghdad by Al Anbar Governor Maamoon Sami Rasheed al-Awani.

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1/7 decorates 12 Marines with Purple Heart

CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Twelve Marines with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, were awarded the Purple Heart at the base theater Oct. 5.

The awarded Marines, who recently returned from a seven-month deployment in Iraq, received America's oldest award for wounds sustained during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The decorated OIF veterans are as follows:

- Staff Sgt. Timothy A. Greene, Greer, S.C., Weapons Company
- Sgt. Scott J. Weibling, Lexington, Mo., Weapons Company
- Lance Cpl. Joshua S. Davis, Vail, Ariz., Weapons Company
- Lance Cpl. Peter J. Fish, Mosinee, Wis., Weapons Company
- Lance Cpl. Noel Reina, Bolingbrook, Ill., Weapons Company
- Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sanchez, Schertz, Texas, Weapons Company
- Lance Cpl. William D. Hyden, Little Rock, Ark., Company A
- Lance Cpl. Brandon L. Mansfield, Mesquite, Texas, Company A
- Lance Cpl. Nicholas R. Suppon, Peoria, Ariz., Company A
- Cpl. Nathaniel R. Isbell, Grape Vine, Texas, Company C
- Lance Cpl. Jason W. Greeley II, Chandler, Ariz., Company C
- Lance Cpl. Joel B. Mendham, White Lake, Mich.,

Company C.

Col. Nicholas F. Marano, 1/7's battalion commander, addressed to all attendees he was pleased to award the first batch of combat decorations to the battalion.

"We still have a number of awards to be giving real soon," said Marano. "I am glad that I can start awarding the Marines now. I want to see the Marines wear their awards they earned at the [Marine Corps] ball. I want to see those combat 'V's'."

According to a Web site, the Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for the decoration; rather he warrants the award upon being wounded or killed in a manner meeting specific criteria.

More so, the awarding of the Purple Heart is historical and a sacrifice that's been made by Marines for hundreds of years, said Sgt. Maj. George W. Young, 1/7's battalion sergeant major.

"We honor our Marines by publicly awarding them for their sacrifices," said Young. "These Marines were specifically awarded for wounds as a direct result of enemy hostile actions."

Current active duty personnel are awarded the Purple Heart upon recognition from their chain of command, stating the injury received and the action in which the service member was wounded. The awarding authority for the Purple Heart is normally at the division level. While the award of the Purple Heart is considered automatic for all wounds received in combat, each award presentation must still be reviewed to ensure the



Col. Nicholas F. Marano, battalion commander of 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, shakes hands with Lance Cpl. Joel B. Mendham, a rifleman with Company C, 1/7, after awarding him the Purple Heart at the base theater Oct. 5.

wounds received were a result of enemy action.

For example, Greeley, a rifleman with Suicide Charley, received the Purple Heart for wounds he sustained July 5 when an improvised explosive device detonated several feet away from him, sending shrapnel into his neck.

At the time, Greeley was conducting an insertion operation, dropping off a group of Marines to patrol a certain part of their area of operations. He was traveling in a

convoy on a main supply route. He was the machine-gunner riding in the turret of a humvee.

The convoy passed a hole in the road created by a previous IED blast. Just as Greeley's humvee neared the hole, a new IED detonated.

Greeley had his back turned to the blast, causing him to drop halfway into the turret as a reaction, he said.

The convoy halted as the Marines scanned the area for a possible ambush.

"Everything seemed calm after the blast and there was no sight of the enemy, so we pushed forward," said Greeley.

The convoy halted at an

intersection farther down the road to assess the casualties. Fortunately there were no serious casualties except for Greeley and a passenger in his vehicle.

"I didn't notice I was hit until I felt blood running down my neck," he said. "My squad leader jumped in the turret to replace me, and we headed back to base."

After being pinned on the 224-year-old award established by Gen. George Washington in Newburgh, N.Y., Greeley expressed his pride for such decoration.

"It's an honor," he said. "I'm going to wear this with pride. My wife's grandfather

was awarded one from fighting in WWII. It will be nice to tell him that I got one too. I can be just as proud."

Greeley's fellow battalion member, Reina, a mortarman with Weapons Company, also shared the same pride for the award.

Just like Greeley, Reina received shrapnel wounds from an IED blast eight days later.

"It's honorable," said Reina. "It feels great to get pinned on the Purple Heart. It shows that everyone cares and understands the sacrifices we've gone through. I am proud to say I am a Purple Heart recipient."



Twelve Marines with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, pose after being awarded the Purple Heart at the base theater Oct. 5.

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HQMC housing section head discusses BEQ Campaign renovations at MCAGCC

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ
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The Headquarters Marine Corps housing section head, Karen Ayers, visited with Combat Center billeting officials and toured the base housing areas Oct. 5.

Ayers' main objective was to discuss the bachelor enlisted quarters' \$1.7 billion initiative campaign with personnel aboard the base.

"The Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps are really pushing for a better quality of life for single Marines in the barracks," she explained. "This initiative will better their living quarters within the next few years."

The plan for the \$1.7 billion is to be spent building new, and renovating old barracks buildings, furnishings, collateral equipment and design. If the initiative is approved, the Marine Corps will be spending three times the amount they are currently spending on BLOs in 2008, and by 2012, the rooms will be up to the proposed standard, said Ayers.

The proposed standard for Marines living in the barracks are two Marines per room for the ranks of private through lance corporal, and one Marine per room for the ranks of corporal and sergeant. Staff noncommissioned officers are not required to live in the barracks. The rooms are planned to be at least 180 net square feet, with one bathroom, including a shower, two walk-in closets and new



Headquarters Marine Corps Housing Section Head, Karen Ayers, presents the Yard of the Month award to the Eckermans at their home in Vista Del Sol housing Oct. 5.

furniture, said Ayers.

The Marine Corps hires vendors to create furniture to fit the needs of Marines. Durability with plenty of storage space is the most important features in the design, as well as the look of the furniture, she said.

"There are a lot of complaints about the furniture having an industrialized look," she explained. "We want the rooms to be more personalized by the Marines living in them."

"There is a Marine Corps policy stating the rooms are allowed to be personalized with personal bed spreads, lamps, curtains. We have to remind some of the leaders that these are homes, while still focusing on good order and discipline."

The Marine Corps' proposal is at the Office of the Secretary of Defense Review level in the Defense Acquisition Challenge Program.

After the OSD Review, the proposal is either selected or not selected. If the proposal is selected, the project is then started. The proposal is expected to be determined and put into action, if selected, by 2008, said Ayers.

Ayers is also in charge of the family housing and transient billeting for Marine Corps bases. When the air conditioning issue of the Combat Center's Vista Del Sol housing was brought to her attention almost a year ago, she looked to her own air conditioning unit, suggested a resolution and provided the funding for stand-up air conditioners for every housing unit in Vista Del Sol, she said.

The only other issue left was the electrical drain the air

conditioners would cause. A new budgeting project scheduled to be implemented by next summer will enable an upgrade to the electrical capacity of the area. All residents of Vista Del Sol will have two standing air conditioners, plus a ceiling fan for the lower level of the home.

Throughout her stay, Ayers visited barracks buildings, the renovations at Adobe Flats, transient quarters, and the construction of Joshua Heights.

Ayers was impressed with the maintenance response to facilities on the base and the housing management, she said.

Ayers completed her visit with a luncheon with the housing, billeting and Lincoln employees at the Community Center.

For more information about the BEQ Campaign and housing issues, log on to Web site <http://hqinet001.hqmc.usmc.mil/>.

Marine Corps Systems Command buys Helmet Pad Suspension Systems

MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND
PRESS RELEASE

MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, Va. — Marine Corps Systems Command has purchased 89,000 sets of combat helmet suspension pads for immediate fielding. Previously, a sling suspension system had been fielded for Marine Corps combat helmets.

Early results of testing between the pad suspension system and the sling suspension system for Marine Corps and Army helmets indicate pads offer more protection. The Marine Corps and the Army recently participated in the Congressionally directed, independent, non-ballistic tests through the Department of Defense. In these tests, conducted by the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Lab, the pad system demonstrated greater non-ballistic blunt impact protection.

The Marine Corps and the Army fully agree as to the positive results of the tests. In light of this, the Marine Corps announced that the pad suspension system is now the only authorized suspension system for Marine Corps Helmets. Further, only pad suspension systems purchased by the Marine Corps via the supply system are authorized for use. These pad suspension systems are also used by the Army. Units will exchange their sling suspension system when the operational situation permits.

The Marine Corps had already approved the use of pads prior to the tests, and while these tests were underway, Marine Expeditionary Forces, in coordination with Marine Corps Systems Command, procured 39,000 sets of padded helmet suspension systems to meet immediate operational needs. MARCORSYSCOM purchased an additional 50,000 sets of pad suspension systems, which have been delivered to the Consolidated Issue Facilities and the Critical Asset Rapid Distribution Facility. The command also placed an order for 50,000 more.

Prior to the testing by the Army Aeromedical Research Lab, the Marine Corps completed tests at the University of Virginia and shared the results with the Army. These tests assessed the risk of ballistic induced backface trauma, and the results showed no significant difference between the sling suspension system and the pad suspension system.

The Marine Corps and the Army will continue to work together to ensure helmets provide optimal protection for Marines and soldiers in the field. We acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of "Operation Helmet" for their support in bringing these issues to the forefront.

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FLASHBACK

Webster: 20 years later



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Master Sgt. Douglas L. Webster enjoys each day as a Marine after having undergone successful, corrective open-heart surgery as a child.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Master Sgt. Douglas L. Webster sits with his advisor crew he deployed with to Nasiriyah, Iraq, in 2005.

SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The year is 1986. A military policeman named Sgt. Douglas L. Webster patrols the streets of the Combat Center, keeping them safe. He joined the Marine Corps as an anti-tank assault demolitionist and he graduated from boot camp as honor man. He runs a high first-class physical fitness test score between 270 and 280 and the Air Force rejected him for enlistment because he had open-heart surgery as a child.

The arterial septal valves caused a small hole to develop in his heart at birth and it continued to widen through his early life.

It wasn't until Webster's father, a senior master sergeant who retired after 27 years of service, had Webster re-examined and flown to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, where he underwent successful, corrective open-heart surgery.

Fast forward to today. Master Sgt. Webster still loves the Marine Corps and wouldn't change anything in his career.

"I still feel like I'm in my 20's, but I'm 47 years old. It feels like yesterday," said Webster.

He works at Mojave Viper Support Detachment as the assistant operations officer where he processes requests for gear, food, and transportation for the numerous Marines who

come through Mojave Viper before deploying to Iraq.

"The job he does here is about as fast paced as you can ever imagine," said Lt. Col. Dick Penley, operations officer. "In 6 months, he's supported the training of more than 6,000 Marines."

So where was he?

Webster got out of the Marines in 1988 and continued working as a Nevada state trooper but later returned in 1990 for the Gulf War. His unit, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, made it as far as Okinawa for their part in the war, where he served under, then, Maj. Douglas M. Stone.

He later became a Coyote with Tactical Training Exercise Control Group at the Combat Center in 1996 until 2001 when he went to the Inactive Ready Reserve.

Marine Corps Central Command contacted Webster in 2003 to become an advisor in Iraq. They wanted him to train an Iraqi Army battalion and take them into combat.

He returned to Iraq as an advisor again in October 2005, but this time with four female officers among their team to train 3,000 Iraqi soldiers.

"Within our team we had four females that were very much in charge of things," said Webster. "It was an experiment in the use of advisors. For an Iraqi Army unit ... to have a woman directing was

very unlike their culture, but it worked well. There were some bumps in the road, but it proved an experiment like that could work, at least in certain parts of Iraq."

He left Iraq in March 2006 and was placed in G-10, an advisor team awaiting their turn to go to Iraq. In the meanwhile, he works in the operations office for the Mojave Viper Detachment.

"I still wait for my turn," he said, knocking on wood. "If the call comes, I'm going. If I don't have to go, I'm just as happy because the family is hoping I don't have to go."

He doesn't look back with any disdain about refusal by the Air Force. Instead he looks forward

to every new day in the Marine Corps with his wife, Linda, and his five children, Angela, Robert, Brianna, Larrera and Amaya.

Webster's life proved that our goals can be reached, although maybe not through a direct route. One may have to "high-crawl" or "jump" to meet their challenges head-on, he said.

"This branch of service offers so much more on the level of pride than the others," said Webster. "You take the Marine Corps everywhere you go. You can be an average Marine and do well because Marines aren't average people. The average Marine is above and beyond."

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By Sgt. Robert L. Fisher III

Master Sgt. Douglas L. Webster, a Marine Corps master sergeant, is a combat correspondent for the Observation Post. He is a former Marine Corps advisor in Iraq and a former state trooper in Nevada. He is currently assigned to the Mojave Viper Support Detachment at the Combat Center in San Antonio, Texas.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

This is a clipout of the Jan. 31, 1986, article from the Observation Post about, then, Sgt. Douglas L. Webster.



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our future generations should remember, evoke and, by his example, emulate," addressed the general to all who attended. "Torrey's name and the memory of the deeds he performed will from this day on remain an inspiration to Marines current, unknown and yet unborn who are the Marine Corps' future."

Gray, an Indianapolis native, was 19 years old when he was killed. He was serving as a fire team leader with 2nd Platoon, Lima Company, 3/4, in a town north of Fallujah, during his final operation.

During a sweep through the town, his platoon found a large weapons cache in a building. The platoon met with a Combined Anti-Armor Team from the battalion's Weapons Company and established a look-out around the building, maintaining security around the Marines and the suspects they detained. Gray was tasked as a guardian angel, providing watch over the security element of their area in the top floor of a nearby tower. He directed, then Pfc. Stone to serve as his spotter.

According to the summary of action for his Bronze Star, later in the day three enemy machine gun positions directed fire towards his platoon. Gray returned fire, and ordered Stone to contact the headquarters element of his unit, report the situation and get ready to evacuate the building.

After doing so, Stone began to climb down a ladder from the tower and was struck in the chest and arm by enemy fire. Ignoring the enemy machine guns, Gray immediately moved to aid his wounded comrade. He pulled Stone back onto the tower platform and called his unit's headquarters element informing them of the casualty.

Gray instructed Stone to stay down because the enemy fire presented a greater threat



Col. Bryan P. McCoy, former battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Cpl. Ward A. Stone, rifleman with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, and Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, Combat Center's commanding general unveil a memorial and rename the parade field "Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field" Oct. 6.

to his life than his wounds.

Without regard for his own safety, Gray laid on top of Stone, using his own body to provide cover for his fellow Marine. The remainder of 2nd Platoon maneuvered to destroy the enemy threats while Gray provided cover fire from his position above. He was struck and fatally wounded as he was giving a situation report to his platoon commander over the radio.

Before succumbing to his wounds, Gray positioned himself so his own body would be used as cover for his wounded comrade.

Gray was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for his valor that day.

"A Marine willingly gave his life for a brother, and we

are awed at the commitment and bravery captured in the words of that citation," addressed McCoy to guests at the ceremony. "It tells a story of sacrifice and the love Torrey felt for his brothers. What it does not tell is the love and sense of loss we all felt at his death."

Today, in his memory, we rededicate ourselves to living our lives the best we can, and to carry forward the memories of our comrades that gave the last full measure — may they never be forgotten," added the Norman, Okla., native.

Because of Gray's bravery and initiative, Cpl. Stone is able to tell the story of a heroic Marine he knew very well.

"We knew each other for only about a year, but we

were good buddies," he said. Stone is an Alta Ville, Calif., native. "He was a great leader. He was hard on me but for good reasons. He taught me a lot out there. It was his second deployment and my first, so I learned everything from him. At the same time he talked to us a lot. I always stuck by him. He read me letters from his girlfriend. He was a mentor to me."

To Gray's other platoon members who attended the ceremony, the naming of the field means more than most think, said Sgt. Sam Minor, an instructor with the Urban Warfare Training Center aboard the Combat Center's training area.

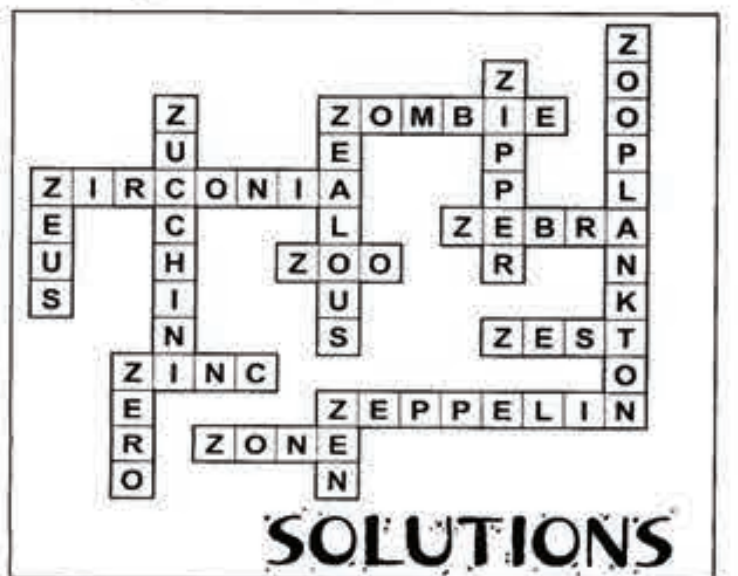
This is beyond medals," said the Traverse City, Mich., native. "This is dedicating

land space. It's huge. There's only one general's lawn on the Combat Center, and this is it. I feel extremely proud to have known him."

The day was bittersweet, said McCoy. But the name

Lance Cpl. Gray and his story will always live on.

God bless you Torrey Gray," concluded McCoy. "You may have fallen, but you are never forgotten, brother."



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FIRE DEPT 9TH ANNUAL CHILI LUNCHEON

The Combat Center Fire Department will host its 9th Annual Chili Luncheon Oct. 13 in building 1516 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Along with some mouth watering, wholesome chili, the department will also have an open house in the Life Safety Education Trailer, and station tours. \$1 pre-sale tickets are on sale now, which is good for one bowl of chili and fixins. \$2 will be collected at the door for one bowl of chili. Snow-Cones will be sold for \$1, and popcorn is free. Bring the kids along to enjoy the Jumbo Jump. Want to donate blood? Call ahead at 773-4190 for a reservation. Every blood donation will receive a free bowl of chili. All proceeds will be donated to the Combined Federal Campaign.

HQMC VISIT

HQMC will visit the Combat Center Oct. 26 and 27 to provide informational briefings, conduct personal interviews, and provide career counseling briefs targeting officers and enlisted Marines at every level. Military occupational specialty monitors will also be on hand to offer duty stations and career opportunities. For more information, contact the base career retention specialist at 830-6171 or your unit CRS.

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Posted on fences, walls, buildings, and even homes, along the route from the city of Twentynine Palms to the Combat Center's infamous welcome home point, Victory Field, are large signs carefully and diligently placed by friends and families of troops returning from deployment.

There are the traditional "Welcome Home" signs, the creative drawings or blown-up picture signs, the inside joke signs, and even offensive signs.

How could an attempt to make a Marine or sailor feel welcomed home be offensive, some might ask.

According to Sgt. Kyle Brown, a wire chief with 1st

Tank Battalion, some signs he has seen are distasteful and inappropriate, and have prompted him to speak out about the issue.

"One day, I was driving past Condor Elementary School and saw a huge sign posted on a garage of a completely naked woman, lightly covered with glitter," he explained. "I felt it was entirely inappropriate that close to a school."

Brown has noticed a trend of inappropriate signs, gradually getting worse from the beginning of the year until now, he said.

"It seems as if the next batch of signs are always trying to out-do the previous ones with sexually suggestive messages and material," said Brown.

These signs are viewed by the Combat Center commu-

nity, as well as the residents of Twentynine Palms and its visitors. Popular locations for signs include the street across from the town's Denny's restaurant, all over Adobe Road, and along the fence of Felix Field, where many youth sports take place. This causes a negative image of the Marine Corps, said Brown.

Maintaining a positive image of the Marine Corps off base is important, but it is more important to start controlling standards on base before portraying any image

at all to the outside community, said Combat Center sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. William Johnson.

"We need to clean our house first, before we can have a positive image off base," he said.

Johnson plans on looking into the issue and finding out if there needs to be a traffic regulation to ensure everyone understands what is appropriate for signs, he said.

"To me, its common sense what is appropriate to put on signs that can be seen by everybody," said Johnson.

"But there are always those few that try to break the boundaries."

The Provost Marshal's Office will remove any signs deemed inappropriate by the individual policeman or from a complaint, said deputy provost marshal, Capt. James Dollard.

Signs in base housing are included and can be removed by PMO.

The best course of action to take when there is an inappropriate sign in public, or even base housing, is to notify PMO, said Johnson.

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Video and computer games continue to be a popular pastime, captivating many with visual graphics, dynamic settings and realistic gaming scenarios. The Marine Corps is capitalizing on this technology by training a younger generation who grew up with computer graphics rather than the foreign language books and flash cards of the past.

"Younger Marines are accustomed to gaming," said Michael Mulcahy, simulations technician with Exercise and Simulation Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. "Our software takes a gaming approach to self-paced training for Marines and sailors."

The training software program is named Tactical Language and Culture Training System or Tactical Iraqi for short. Using computer and video game technology, ESD initiated a program to train Marines with the linguistic and cultural skills needed for missions in Iraq.

"I wish this was something we had three years ago," said Cpl. Joshua W. Zeigler, terminal operator with ESD and a Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided missile system gunner who served in Iraq during that time. "This is a great tool. It doesn't matter what your aptitude level is, you're going to learn some proficiency in the (Arabic) language."

The full course for Tactical Iraqi is nearly 80 hours long. Taken in two to four-hour increments, it is divided into three phases: Skill Builder Section, Arcade Game Section and Mission Game Section. Each phase increases with difficulty, with the second and third sections utilizing a first-person, cyber perspective during the scenarios and presenting tasks on the software.

"The best part is that it's done at your own pace," said Zeigler. "If you need to go back through a course or exam, you can do it again."

Trainees use keyboard and computer screens to participate in the course. A headset connected to the computer is utilized for audio and

verbal portions of the training, providing an essential learning tool to act upon and understand basic Iraqi Arabic and culture.

"Cultural sensibilities come into play as you move in a simulation attempting to accomplish a task," said Zeigler.

The mission of the Corps has changed considerably since Operation Iraqi Freedom began during 2003. Combat missions then focused on destroying the enemy's capability to fight.

Today the mission in Iraq requires a higher degree of linguistic knowledge and cultural diplomacy with the locals. What were once combat operations of destroying enemy forces is now securing, stabilizing and maintaining relations with communities and tribes in Iraq. Missions increasingly involve more civil affairs actions with locals, policing and working alongside Iraqi military and police, while maintaining vigilance against any threats.

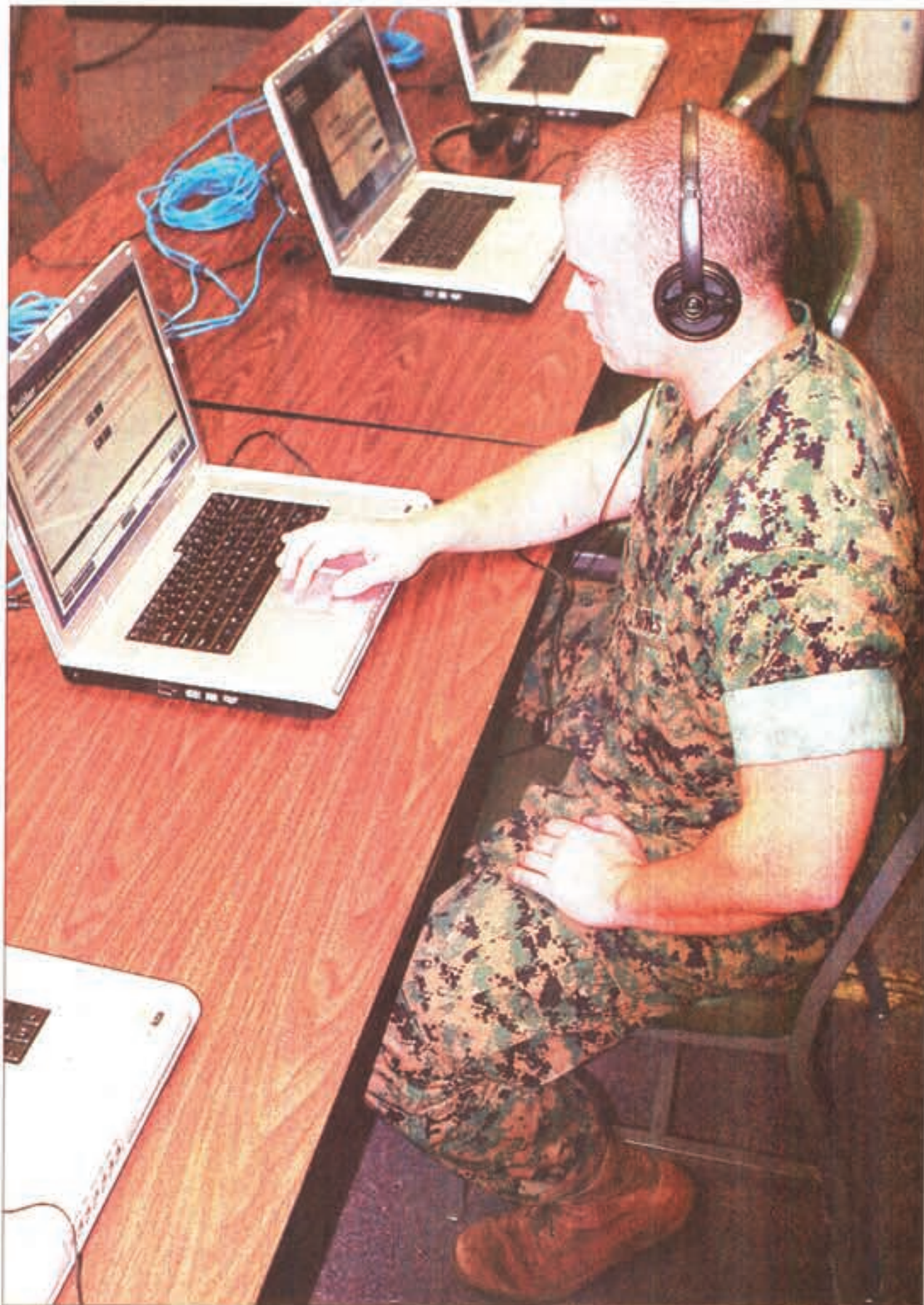
"When you look at a pamphlet, you're taking your attention from what's going on around you," said Cpl. Terry A. Reddinger, terminal operator, rifleman and Iraq veteran with ESD. "To be able to know some of the phrases without staring at a piece of paper helps you maintain situational awareness."

Trainers believe Tactical Iraqi provides a good start with language and cultural training.

"You're not going to be fluent in the language, but you will be able to communicate more effectively with people," said Zeigler. "It's basic stuff, but it's all you need to communicate."

Those at ESD hope more commanders and their Marines will take advantage of this learning tool, especially those deploying to Iraq soon. They note that units have the option of training in a classroom setting at one of their facilities, checking out a laptop with the software, or checking out the software itself, provided they have the necessary equipment for the program.

"I believe it is important that every Marine and sailor over there should know some aspects of Arabic phrases and Iraqi culture to be successful," said Mulcahy.



Cpl. Joshua W. Zeigler, a terminal operator and Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided missile system gunner with Exercise and Simulations Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, demonstrates the use of Tactical Language and Culture Training System or Tactical Iraqi.

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Marines blast into improved Fallujah ranges

GUNNERY SGT. MARK OLIVA
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 5

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Regimental Combat Team 5's gun nuts have a haven for letting loose with everything in the arsenal from 9 mm pistols to M1-A1 Main Battle Tanks.

Welcome to Eagle Range, the latest in "train-as-you-fight" forward thinking in the forward-deployed combat zone. Marines here now have a range complex that rivals some of the best at stateside Marine bases. It's designed to shoot everything Marines bring to bear against insurgents in the fight on terrorism and to keep Marines dinging targets out to 1,000 meters. And there's still room to grow.

"When we got here we literally had a grid coordinate and an azimuth for a direction to shoot," said Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Keith, a 37-year-old range chief for the regiment. "We started building it with the basics, and it grew into a monster."

Eagle Range complex now boasts eight separate ranges, including ranges for acquiring battle-sight zeroes for iron sights and rifle combat optics and running Enhanced Marksmanship Program courses, ranges for rockets, machine guns, 40 mm grenades and an unknown distance range. The complex also houses a hand-grenade pit and an elevated mound with a simulated guard tower for Marines on sentry duty to practice shooting from elevated positions.

Mortars, TOW missiles and tanks can even be shot. Marines mounted in humvees can even shoot on the move to simulate attacks while on convoy operations.

It wasn't always this way. The ranges were built just past existing ranges located by the now-closed Camp Mercury. When Regimental Combat Team 5 arrived, there were four basic ranges. It was a humble, expeditionary range.

"All it was those four ranges, Alpha through Delta Range," said Keith, from Houston. "You had to bring your own targets. There was no targeting. There was nothing for machine guns, for the gunners to use their traversing skills. It was nothing more than pulling triggers. That was the extent of the range."

The genesis of the idea for improved ranges came after Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gene A. Bridgman, the regiment's Marine gunner, noticed a trend in Marines shooting hundreds of rounds in fire-fights without seeing effects of enemy killed. It was traced back to the fact Marines didn't have the chance to refresh their skills.

"People were out here for five months and never firing," said Bridgman, a 43-year-old from Garden City, Kan. "We wanted something to sustain our skills."

So Bridgman and Keith got to work.

"We started out with functionality and started adding to it," Keith said. "We dragged tank hulls out there and then started building some of the shorter ranges."

One of the functionality improvements Bridgman and Keith pressed to implement was a range where Marines could fire everything they carried on a patrol outside the wire.

They could fire M-2 .50-caliber machine guns, but had to move to another range to fire the MK-19 automatic grenade launchers that were on the next vehicle in the convoy.

"There's a MK-19 in pretty much every patrol," Keith explained. "The unit would have to schedule two ranges and they couldn't employ them as a group. We put it together so the unit could train together."

They even went a step further, adding to the realism. Aside from adding a maneuver box for vehicles to move while gunners let loose with bursts from the guns, they designed the range so gunners could shoot across the entire zone.

"We wanted them to be able to drive and fire from the vehicles out to 1,000 meters," Bridgman said.

"Normally, you're discouraged to shoot across the range," Keith said. "Here, we encourage it. There's no saying where insurgents are going to be firing from out there, so that's how we want to train."

"It's what Bridgman called a 'big boy' range. He took a look at the range regulations and agreed to accept a certain level of risk because combat is inherently a risky venture."

"My experiences are that live-fire ranges are too sterile," Bridgman said. "We want them to think ... communicate and identify targets. We're in a war zone. We need to make this as realistic as possible. We're sustaining. It's always going to be safe, but combat's not that safe. I'm willing to take that risk."

The ranges are named after eagles such as Pallas and Whitetail and are used for shooting anything from 9 mm pistols and small arms to rockets. Boneli was designed specifically for BZOs and shooting EMP courses as well as shotguns and pistols. Golden is the unknown distance range, designed for Marines to use the RCOs with 30 steel targets at distances from 75 to 900 meters.

"I was given a tract of land to a build range complex on from scratch, and like a painter with a blank canvas, I could construct ranges that I always wanted to shoot on when I was a young infantryman," Bridgman said.

Even better, Bridgman didn't have to deal with environmental and other concerns that plague construction of ranges at U.S. bases, such as endangered woodpeckers, civilian and military aircraft or noise concerns.

"The colonel gave me 700 meters wide and 7,000 meters long," Keith explained. "We put something in that you can fire anything from the 9 mm to a tank."

Even better, the range didn't cost the Marine Corps one single shiny dime. Bridgman and Keith built the range with whatever they could find or make right here on Camp Fallujah. Much of it they constructed with their own two



Lance Cpl. Jonathan Levine rocks his M-2 .50-caliber machine gun at Camp Fallujah's Eagle Range during a recent training drill.

hands, filling more than 600 sandbags to reinforce the grenade pit.

The two dragged out the hulks of the former Iraqi Army's tanks and BMP troop transports. They reclaimed 55-gallon drums and even worked with Combat Logistics Battalion-5 to get man-shaped steel targets cut, a feature Bridgman uses to provide instant feedback to shooters so they know they're on target.

Bridgman encourages Marines to walk downrange and look at the effects their bullets have on the three-quarters and half-inch thick steel. At 300 meters, the rounds tear through the steel. At 500 meters, the 5.56 mm round penetrates through more than half the metal. Heavier rounds still punch through.

"It shows what the bullets do," he explained. "It's education. They can see the devastating effects of the round."

Eagle Ranges is already paying off for the regiment. Earlier this year, Bridgman brought units out to shoot 72 TOW IIB missiles. Of those, 20 malfunctioned. One missile had been in theater since the Marines' push to Baghdad. Other shoots identified that some non-infantry units didn't have working traversing and elevating mechanisms for their automatic weapons. They weren't reported. Bridgman identified it and got the needed replacements.

"Now we can identify bad ammunition or weapons that are malfunctioning," he said. "We're making it more safe for Marines by firing on these ranges."

So far, Marines are impressed with the improved training complex. Gunnery Sgt. Chris M. Shilling, the commander for RCT-5's Personnel Security Detachment, served tours as an instructor for the School of Infantry and Special Operations Training Group. He's got more time on ranges than some Marines have in their enlistments. Eagle Ranges, he said,

exceeds what he can find back at his home base in California.

"Compared to Camp Pendleton, this is far and above what we asked for," said the 35-year-old from Whitehall, Ohio. "The best part is you can do live-fire immediate-action and remedial-action drills. You can pretty much do what you want, accomplishing multiple tasks with driving and shooting."

Shilling added the unknown distance range allows Marine to practice using the RCO for what it was designed, estimating and ranging distance to targets.

"It builds confidence in the shooter," he said.

Sgt. Christopher C. Ritchie, a 24-year-old vehicle commander from Crandall, Texas, assigned to Shilling's PSD, said the ranges are a vast improvement over what was available to his Marines when the regiment arrived in February.

"It's about as realistic as you can get," Ritchie said. "It's limited to your imagination what you can do out there."

Ritchie said his favorite parts of the range are the unknown distance range and the liberal range rules. He

appreciated being able to employ all his guns on one range against multiple targets.

"In the real world, we're not going to fire in a line," he said. "We're going to fire what we have to until the target goes down. We can do talking guns and practice our drills. It allows us to get as realistic as we can."

Sgt. Jerrad J. Monroe is a 28-year-old machine gunner from Valentine, Neb., who knows the value of good gunnery skills. The section leader assigned to the PSD served as a machine gunner with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in Ramadi in 2004 through heavy fighting. He said his Marines need as much time as they can get, no matter how long they've been in theater.

"Ranges like that are absolutely necessary to do," Monroe said. "The majority of our gunners are not machine gunners by trade. Because of these ranges, they have a foundation of knowledge to use that weapons system."

Plus, range time is always good for bragging rights.

"There's always that pressure to beat the next guy," Monroe added. "That's just being a competitive Marine. It

adds a little stress, and anytime you can put stress on a Marine while he's shooting is good. When the bad guys are firing, all you think about is killing that guy. It's all instinctive and automatic."

That's the sort of range Bridgman and Keith wanted a range where Marines wanted to shoot rather than had to shoot.

"We tried to build for them a range where they would want to come out and fire," Keith said. "Just about every Marine is firing on their off-time. We wanted to make it worthwhile for them to come shoot."

The proof the ranges are a hit is on the constant traffic. The entire Coalition Force spectrum has been through Eagle Ranges. Iraqi Police, soldiers in M-2 and M-3A3 Bradleys and even Special Forces units have taken space on the ranges.

"We wanted to support every weapons system and all the skills sets in an infantry regiment," Bridgman said. "There's someone out there seven-days a week, for at least six-to-eight hours a day. We'll have three or four units roll in and roll out, shooting at the same time. It shows there's a need."

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Marines stand up to insurgent fire while patrolling Fallujah streets

CPL. BRIAN REIMERS
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 5

FALLUJAH, Iraq — For the Marines of Company C, engagements with enemy forces in the city are more common than not. A simple patrol through the city's souk district can quickly turn into something much more, and for the Marines on foot here recently, it did just that.

Marines from C Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, recently conducted a security patrol through the city's streets and received fire from insurgents.

Dismounted Marines followed close behind armored vehicles passing shops suddenly closing down as

local Iraqis fled the streets.

"It is always a key indicator when the streets start closing down," said Lance Cpl. Frederick O. Lohse, an assaultman, from Ridgefield, Conn. "At that point you just get ready and become extra vigilant."

The sound of a grenade exploding rang throughout the tight streets as Marines raised their weapons and searched for a suspect. Insurgents armed with AK-47 rifles fired sporadic bursts from buildings as the Marines pushed forward to start their assault.

"Things got tense quick," said Sgt. Jonathan B. Kahn, a turret gunner from Maplewood, N.J.

"Once the automatic weapons

start cracking, your training kicks in and you are ready to pull the trigger if the opportunity comes," 19-year-old Lohse said.

But the fire stopped after only a couple of bursts and the attackers seemed to have fled at the sight of the Marines rushing forward ready to fight.

It's an occasion that happens often. Insurgents shoot hoping to hit their targets — a hit and run tactic.

The souk is heavily populated with local Fallujans at any given moment, and the Marines take caution when firing back.

"It is kind of like a shopping mall on Christmas Eve with a traffic jam in the middle, only now there are

people shooting at you," 24-year-old Kahn said.

Although frustrated at times, Marines here are well aware of the enemy's tactics and wait for their chance to fight back.

"About one in four times that we go into the area we take contact," Kahn said. "But we don't just stop going into an area because of past instances. We keep pushing to deny the enemy the ability to operate openly."

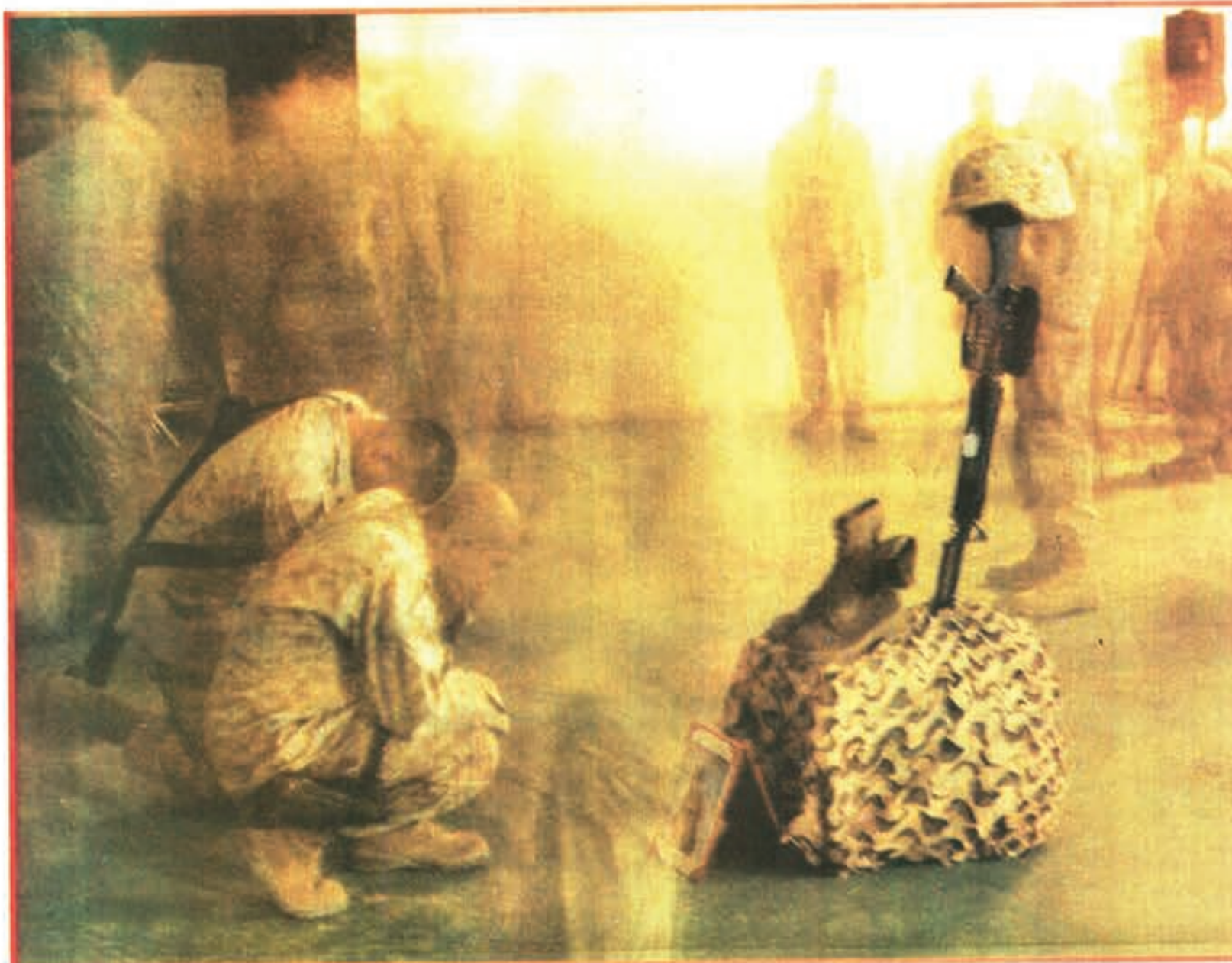
"When you are getting shot at, the first thing you want to do is shoot back," Lohse said. "But it is discipline that keeps you from doing that and potentially harming someone who is just caught in the crossfire."

The enemy here doesn't stand

up to Marines face to face. Instead they hide among innocent civilians and leave the area to fight somewhere else.

"The insurgents don't wear uniforms, and you are moving through an area with thousands of people," said 30-year-old Cpl. Marshall R. Collins, a fire team leader from West Hartford, Conn. "We stand out, they don't."

It's a balancing act of hunting insurgents, keeping Marines safe, all the while protecting the people of Iraq. Marines didn't find the shooter on this day or his rifle, but they did find the courage and discipline to keep moving and carry on with the patrol.



CPL. LUKE BLOW

Paying last respects

Marines and sailors from the Hawaii-based 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment pay final respects to Lance Cpl. James P. Chamroeun during a memorial service Oct. 1, in Haditha, Iraq. Chamroeun, a 20-year-old from Union City, Ga., died Sept. 28 of wounds received while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq.

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MCCES enjoys a day of friendly competition

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

In mass formations they traveled down the streets screaming cadences that echoed off the surrounding buildings letting everyone know they were coming. They packed the field ready to battle it out to see who would take home the trophy.

The Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School celebrated their 64th birthday with their 28th Annual Olympiad at Victory Field Oct. 6.

MCCES began as the Pigeon and Flag Handler Platoon in 1932. After several moves and re-designations MCCES was relocated to its present location Feb. 1, 1971.

The day began with a motivation 10k run from the MCCES barracks to Victory Field. From there, the students, along with faculty, participated in several competitions, trying to prove who was the best company.

Some of the competitions included tug-o-war, dizzy izzy, volleyball and an egg toss. The competitions gave students a chance to interact with their teachers and staff on a different level than the classroom setting.

"It's motivating to see all the officers and instructors participate in the events, especially when they pump out 29 pull ups," said Pvt. John Light, Company B.

One of the first events was the all-ranks relay race, in which teams had to have an officer, a

staff noncommissioned officer, a noncommissioned officer and a Marine who was a lance corporal or lower to compete. Bravo Company started off strong and took first place.

Not only was the event a chance for some friendly competition but a chance for Marines to interact with others.

"I'm having a great time," said Pvt. Ali Kobeissi, Company B. "The weather is nice, and it's a good time to meet up with buddies I haven't seen in a long time."

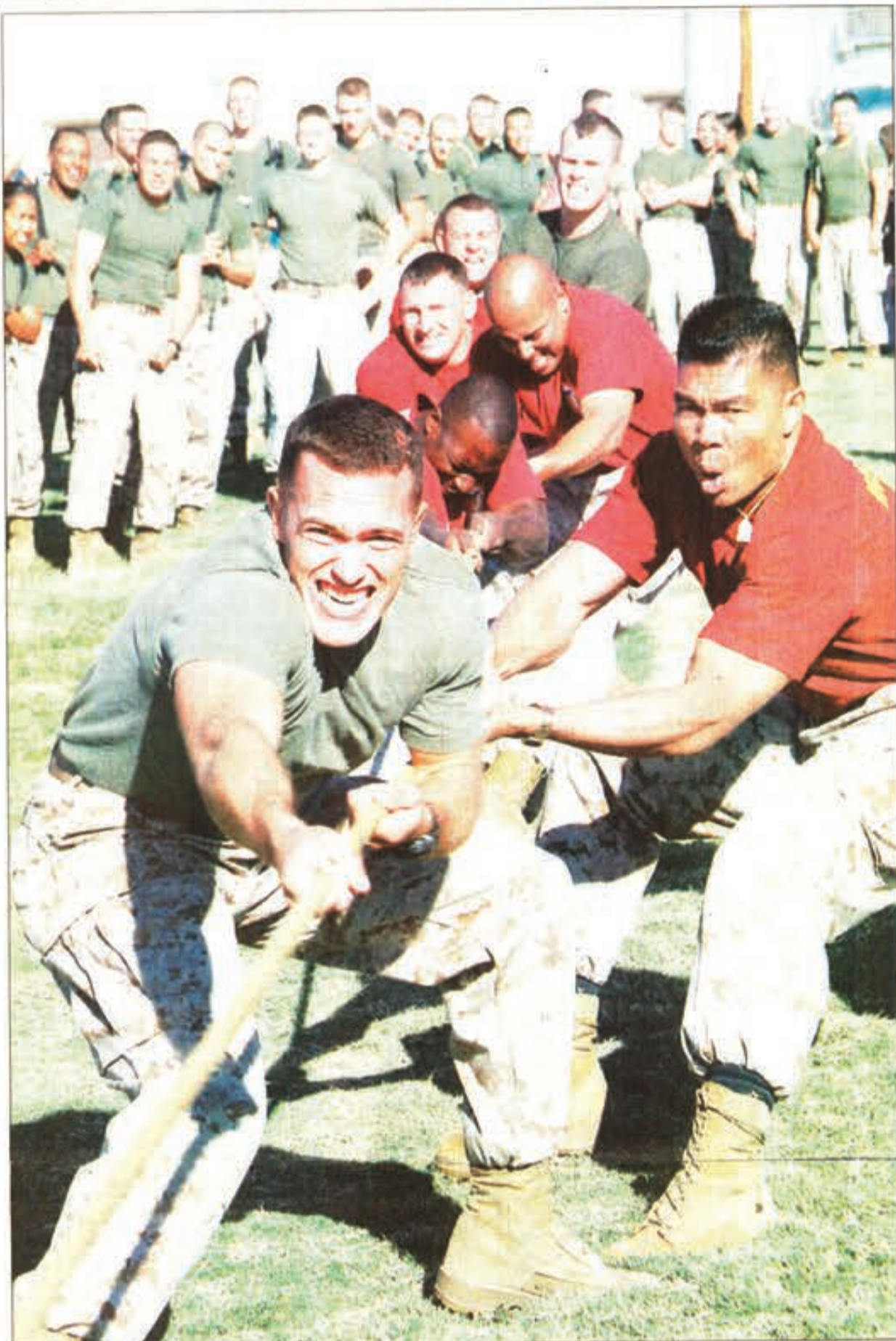
As the day came to a close the last event, the aardvark race, decided what order each company would place. It proved to be the most entertaining event of the day.

For this event Marines had to put an orange traffic cone over their face and use only the little hole to see to kick a golf ball to the end of the field. When this event was finished the Marines got in formation to wait and see who would take home first place for this year's Olympiad.

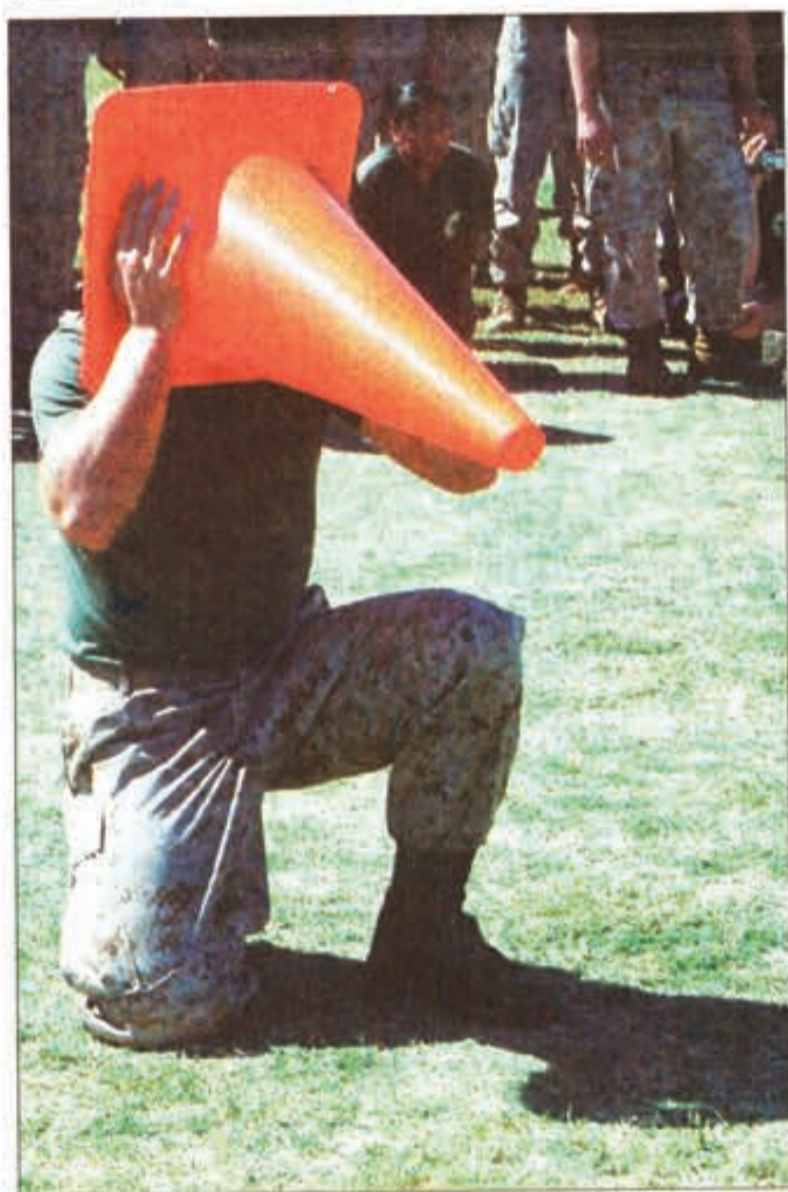
MCCES executive officer, Lt. Col. Donald Tolbert, awarded Company A the first place trophy for winning the competition. This is the second year in a row Company A has placed first.

"Today was all about camaraderie as a battalion," said Tolbert before he dismissed the battalion.

Following the dismissal MCCES students and staff got back into formation and did a formation run sounding off loud after a motivating Olympiad.



Company B Marines compete in the tug-o-war competition at the MCCES Olympiad.



Marines competed in several different events including the aardvark race at the MCCES Olympiad.



MCCES executive officer, Lt. Col. Donald Tolbert presents the first place trophy for the MCCES Olympiad to Company A's CO, Maj. Danny Morales.



Students and staff of Company A complete the run from the MCCES barracks to Victory Field to participate in the MCCES Olympiad.



Pfc. Michelle Bileck competes in the flexed arm hang portion of the MCCES Olympiad.

Lieutenant Colonel sets the pace for physical fitness

LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

On your mark! Get set! Go!
Physical fitness and the Marine Corps are two things that go hand-in-hand. A physical fitness test is an annual requirement to test your ability in performance. Without physical fitness, a healthy body and physique would be hard to obtain.

So when it comes to physical fitness, Lt. Col. Donald Tolbert doesn't back down or slack off. It's something he made sure he kept up when he was a kid, and will continue to do so for the rest of his life.

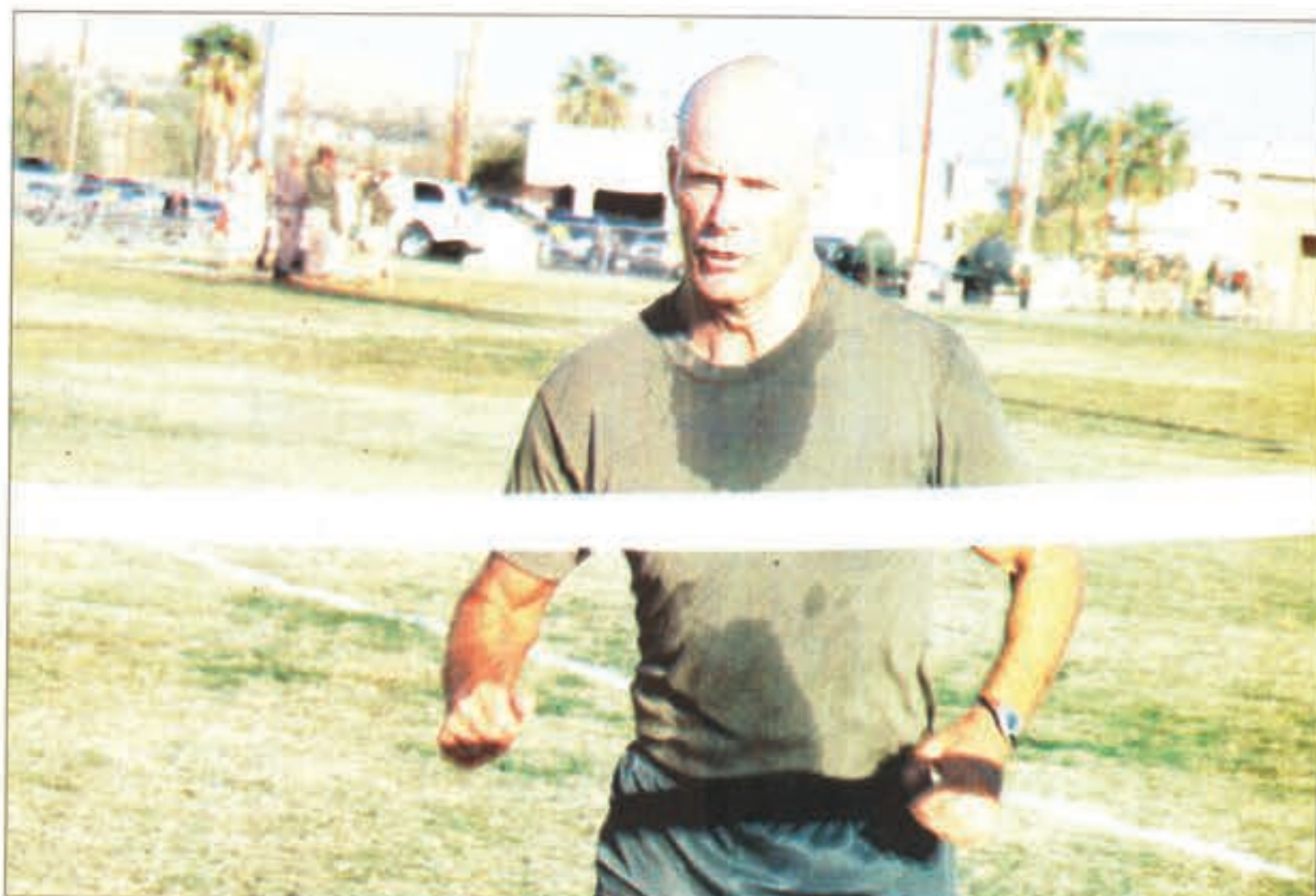
Tolbert came into the Marine Corps in May 1980 as an enlisted man. His military occupational specialty was radar technician and he achieved the rank of sergeant before transitioning to the officer corps.

While serving in Okinawa, Tolbert began his lifelong hobby of competing in triathlons.

"I used a mountain bike for my first race, during the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Tin Man," said Tolbert. "From there I caught the bug and worked through the short course circuit of sprints, Olympics and half's."

Tolbert, the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School executive officer, is an inspiration and role model to both junior Marines and fellow officers.

"Lieutenant Colonel Tolbert is a fantastic athlete," said Lt. Col. Michael



MCCES executive officer Lt. Col. Donald Tolbert crosses the finish line after a 10k run Oct. 6.

LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER

Stahlman, staff judge advocate for the Combat Center. "I've only known a couple of Marines who have had the success he has had, in any sport. His intensity has inspired many others to try and compete at his level," he included.

Recently Tolbert competed in the 8th Annual Las Vegas Sprint Olympic and Half Ironman Triathlon.

For this event, competitors

swam a mile-and-a-half without wetsuits, rode a 56-mile bike course and ran a 13.1-mile run. Tolbert placed first in the swim, second in the run and third in the biking portion. He took first place in his age division, but this title was nothing new to Tolbert.

"I was very satisfied to defend my first place title from last year," said Tolbert.

Because of his passion and knowledge of the

triathlon, Tolbert is the point of contact for the Twentynine Palms Triathlon Team.

"He has helped a lot of Marines with training, getting the right equipment, and tips on putting it all together for race day," said Stahlman.

Tolbert, who has the drive of a Marine, and a strong passion for physical fitness, will continue to train and compete until the point of physical exhaustion.

"Recently, a new medical term was coined for us baby boomers: boomeritis," said Tolbert. "Boomeritis refers to all the sports injuries we 'older folks' tend to acquire when we push too hard. What a bunch of hogwash. With proper training, technique, nutrition, hydration and rest, I plan to compete in athletic events until they lay me vertical."

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MCAGCC TO HOST 2006 WEST COAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

CPL. EVAN M. EAGAN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center's Men's Varsity Basketball team will hit the court Monday as they host the 2006 West Coast Regional Basketball Championship tournament.

The tournament, which lasts until Oct. 20, features teams from all seven west coast Marine Corps Bases Hawaii.

The teams participating are: Marine Corps Bases Hawaii; Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.; Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.; two teams from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz.; and the Combat Center.

Last year MCAGCC took second place in the tournament, losing to Camp Pendleton, however, this year coach Jerome Hawkins wants nothing less than the first place trophy.

Although there will be six other teams in the tournament, Hawkins said there is

only one team he is looking forward to playing: Camp Pendleton.

To get them ready for the tournament, and their rematch with Camp Pendleton, Jenkins has them on a strict practice schedule and has been "running the hell out of them," he said.

He is also guaranteeing

"We will win West Coast Regional's. Guaranteed."

— MCAGCC Coach Jerome Hawkins

victory.

"We will run regional's," he said confidently. "We will win West Coast Regional's. Guaranteed."

MCAGCC enters the tournament on a four game winning streak, due in large part to the team becoming comfortable in Hawkins' system, he said.

This is Hawkins' first season as the men's Varsity head

couch, but he gained experience as the team's assistant coach, and he also coached the Women's Varsity team last year.

Hawkins says the team is led by a strong backcourt of Armelious Haynes, shooting guard, and Miguel Bridges, point guard, as well as big man Derrick Gray in the low post.

"We have a young core of talent that hasn't been playing together for very long, but we have great guards, a strong post player with a great supporting cast, and an awesome coach to complement them."

"I guarantee we will be playing on Friday," Hawkins said, referring to the championship game that will be held Friday morning.

Games begin Monday at 2 p.m., with the final game beginning at 9 a.m., Friday. For a list of games times refer to the schedule provided.



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Mankind has thrived on competition since the beginning of time. In sports, man can force his competitive will upon an opponent to see who will win in the test of physicality, mentality and drive.

The Marine Corps has used intramural sports for years to allow Marines and sailors to unleash that fighting spirit in positive ways through friendly competition while allowing them to relieve stress and build camaraderie.

"Intramural sports are a part of life in the Marine

Corps," said Skip Best, Marine Corps Community Services athletics director. "It helps increase morale and Marine Corps esprit de corps."

Sports benefit Marines and sailors primarily through physical training and staying healthy while having fun. It also provides an outlet for unleashing pent-up stress and aggression.

"It builds morale for the units," said Randy Husted, MCCS sports coordinator. "They get to play as a unit and build camaraderie. They get to take time off of work and do something besides going

out and fighting a war. It gets their minds off what's going on in the outside world. They stay healthy and keep fit, and this goes hand-in-hand with the mission."

People play sports for a variety of reason, but not all of them are limited to the physical aspect. Sports participants can also pick up team skills and leadership traits.

"It's a leadership opportunity," said 1st Lt. Roy E. Cheeks, 1st Tank Battalion intramural football team coach. "A lance corporal can teach a gunnery sergeant. On the playing field, it's wide open. There's no rank

on the field. It's a bonding experience."

There are some who've never picked up a ball before, others who dabbled in some sport in their backyard as a child and some who've spent their whole lives immersed in the world of sports. For those who know the sport, it's their opportunity to take the reigns of leadership and teach those who do not.

Without intramural sports, Marines may look for other avenues to fulfill their passion for challenge. Some of these paths could prove dangerous for the Marine as well as the Corps.

"We need intramural sports. It's a stress reliever," said Staff Sgt. Brian Davis, Headquarters Battalion, Installation Personnel Administration Center. "It's something to do to take up time and keep Marines out of trouble."

While the Marine Corps will survive without it, those who need a healthy outlet for stress and aggression may suffer for its loss.

"The Marine Corps could survive without intramural sports, but it gives the Marines something to do in their off time other than going out and getting drunk," said Gunnery Sgt.

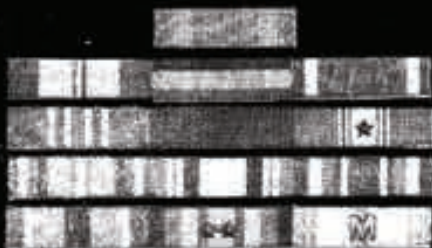
Robert Payer, 1st Tanks.

In Davis' 14 years of Corps life, he's been involved in several sports. He has coached youth flag football and the defensive line for the Headquarters Battalion intramural football team. It's made him a "better team player" and shown him how to look at the "whole team concept."

Having a team concept, a commitment to the team, is paramount in being a Marine as well as its Core values.

Intramural sports will continue to exist in the Marine Corps, for the enjoyment of the Marines and sailors and in molding our future leaders.

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Starting today at the base commissary, the Combat Center registered dietician will be giving guided tours once a month to help Marines learn healthy eating habits. The tours will help those who wish to choose a healthy alternative to the food they eat now.

"A lot of people want to get help with nutrition, but they don't want to go through the hospital or set up an appointment that way," said Lt. Michael Mero, base registered dietician. "This is a little more convenient in the aspect of me coming to you. The most common misconception is that it is more expensive to eat healthy."

The tours will be held on payday and will last two hours. They can be individual or group tours and appointments can be made. The tours will be available to military members, and all patrons that can use the commissary.

"A lot of people in the military are health conscious," said Mero. "This is a chance for them to see where they are going wrong in the way of nutrition. Anyone who wants to participate can bring in their grocery list receipt from their last shopping trip. Then we can go through it one-on-one and highlight the poorer food choices, and keep it cost efficient."

The tours can also be beneficial to Marines and sailors living in the barracks who are on commuted rations or ComRats.

"I can show them healthier items to put in their cupboards," said Mero. "If you bring home the right stuff and keep the healthy stuff available, then you will eat it. If you bring home unhealthy food and put it in your cupboards then you will eat it. It all starts at the grocery store."

Along with the commissary tours, the dietician also partnered with the east gym to offer his services every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 till 6:30 p.m. This will be available to anyone who utilizes the gym.

"Having the dietician here makes this kind of like a one stop for all fitness," said Missy Sauza, east gym acting manager. "It's nice because we have aerobics and yoga here, and DOD employees and civilians can use it without having to get recommended through the hospital."

Nutrition and exercise are becoming increasingly important measures in weight control. Nearly one-third of U.S. adults are obese, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Web site <http://win.niddk.nih.gov/statistics/index.htm#preval>.

The tours will also stress the importance on portion control, and eating in moderation.

"Another misconception is that you can't consume sweets," said Mero. "Nutrition isn't saying don't buy cookies, it's saying buy in moderation."

Anyone interested in participating in a guided tour should contact Mero at 830-2274.

Recruit turns down Disney job to serve in Corps

LANCE CPL. ALICIA SMALL
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MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO

Leaving behind the world of cartoon art and an opportunity of a lifetime to work at Disney/Pixar, Inc., one man chose to pick up an M16-A2 service rifle and train to become one of the few and the proud.

Pfc. Nathaniel W. Griggs, Platoon 2017, graduated from Marine Corps recruit training Oct. 6, to make his dream of becoming a Marine come true.

When Griggs was in the delayed entry program in his hometown of Moline, Ill., he entered a piece of art, created with ink pen and colored pencil, into a contest and won second place.

His artwork drew Disney/Pixar's attention and they offered him an apprenticeship as a cartoonist with their company. Although he was excited about the offer, Griggs decided to turn it down and stick with his decision to join the Marine Corps as a reservist while he furthers his education in art.

Griggs' family fully supported his decision to stick with the Marine Corps instead of taking the job offer with Disney.

He said his parents had always encouraged him to do

whatever it was that made him happy. He wasn't sure a career drawing cartoons would provide him with what he wanted in life.

When his recruiter asked him what he hoped to gain from the Marine Corps and life in general, Griggs said the most important things to him were education, professional development and challenge.

"Griggs knew what he wanted and showed a lot of contentment with his decision," said Sgt. Clemente J. Batista, Griggs' recruiter, from Recruiting Substation Quad Cities, Recruiting Station Des Moines, Iowa.

Griggs realized how much value the Marine Corps could hold for him and knew he could go to college anytime, but he wouldn't always have the chance to be a Marine, said Batista.

As a child doing projects in school, Griggs discovered his love of art. He polished up on his talent during high school art classes and started drawing on his own with encouragement from his father.

He said he tried to have either a camera or sketch pad on him at all times, so when he saw a subject he was interested in capturing, he could stop to do a sketch right away, or he could take a picture and draw the scene later.

As he developed his drawing

skills, he learned how to better express himself and become more creative with his artistic talent.

Throughout the last year and a half, before leaving for boot camp, he said he made a gradual turn from drawing mostly cartoons to composing more realistic compositions.

He became interested in artwork modeled after the armed forces, like the one he entered in the contest. Griggs said he believed being in the Marine Corps would provide him with a solid foundation to better express his thoughts of the noble aspects of military service.

Throughout training, Griggs continued to draw during his free time. He did sketches for the other recruits in the platoon and designed various items for the drill instructors as well.

Showing his creativity, Griggs also helped paint the range flag, which is a flag platoons carry for motivation during the rifle range. Platoon 2017's flag brandished a fox holding a standard issue service rifle, targets and the senior drill instructor's name.

During second phase, Griggs' senior drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Abraham C. Bueno, discovered Griggs' talent and was curious why he didn't let anybody know of his gift sooner.

"The main trait Griggs dis-



LANCE CPL. ALICIA SMALL
Pfc. Nathaniel W. Griggs, Platoon 2017, Company F, made the above art with colored pencils and an ink pen. This piece brought him attention from Disney.

played was esprit de corps," said Bueno. "I believe his love of conveying the Marine Corps and its history through art helped him maintain a positive attitude throughout training."

Griggs said he believes the values and traits instilled by the Marine Corps, such as discipline and integrity, will

help him with his art and aid him in his ongoing search for self-improvement.

"I think joining the Marine Corps was the best thing I could have done because it supplies me with the best way to find out the full potential of what I have to offer myself and others around me," said Griggs.

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FOUND Med. Size white male dog. Collar & no tags. 363-7664

LOST Brindle mixed Pitbull, approx. 60 lbs. Lost near Aberdeen & Yucca Mesa on Sat. 9/30. Call if any info. (760) 365-4794

LOST female fawn color Pug, 2 yrs old @ Shoshone & Poleline 29P, name Angel wearing pink collar w/name & phone #. Owner just had heart surgery & is heart broken REWARD call 362-0010 please!

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545 LOST & FOUND

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