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Mountain Viper initiated for OEF embedded training teams



PFC. ANDREW S. KEIRN

Marines of Embedded Training Team 4-2 provide security for the rest of their fellow Marines climbing out of the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer during their mounted operations training here, April 21-28.

PFC. ANDREW S. KEIRN

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marines have conducted pre-deployment training since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, but for the first time a new training program has been initiated that focuses on closing the gap between American assistance and Afghan self-reliance.

The Security Cooperation Training and Education Command is working in conjunction with the Mountain Warfare Training Center and Third Marine Division to conduct advisor-specific training, known as Block IV-A training, to “embedded training teams” deploying to Afghanistan.

Several ETTs from III Marine Expeditionary Force, 3rd Marine Division, conducted part of that training here April 21-28.

The mission of the ETTs is to train, mentor, advise and provide coalition effects for the Afghanistan National Army in support of the government of Afghanistan.

The teams finished Block I through II – “shoot, move and communicate skills” – April 15. Now they are completing their Block IV-A advisor-specific training through the Mountain Viper training program, which has three venues, including the Combat Center.

The teams’ nine days of training in the Mojave Desert were broken into five categories. During mounted operations training, the Marines were given the opportunity to use the Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer.

The VCCT is a trailer-sized trainer housing a full-sized non-operational humvee surrounded by projection screens.

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MWTC Marines take a load off with pack mules

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

HAWTHORNE ARMY AMMUNITION DEPOT, Nev. – When the long and winding road becomes the steep and impassable mountain ridge, vehicles topple, gear is grounded and operations come to a grinding halt. But if Marines have pack mules on their side, all but the steepest terrain can be overtaken. With the help of instructors from the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif., Marines learn to pack their mules and traverse some of the most rugged terrain the Sierra Nevada Mountains have to offer.

“The saying goes, ‘you can pack anything indigenous to an infantry battalion,’” said Anthony Parkhurst, a retired Marine master sergeant who has worked with the mules at Bridgeport and currently offers his skills and services with training evolutions. “A full compliment of mules can easily move an entire infantry battalion through the mountains.”

Bridgeport’s 27 mules are the only mules owned and operated by the Department of Defense, said Sgt. Arlen Gentert, stable noncommissioned-officer-in-charge and pack

master. “A mule is a cross between a horse and a donkey, and they pick up the good traits from both. They have the problem-solving skills of a donkey with the strength and size from the horse. Other countries around the world use mules in their militaries, but we are the only ones in the DoD. Most people don’t even know we exist.”

Gentert and three other instructors from Bridgeport rode 22 mules more than 45 miles over rough mountains to the Army’s Hawthorne Ammunition Depot, to assist with the “Mountain Viper” Afghanistan predeployment training program.

During normal training packages at Bridgeport, the team of instructors will train a few dozen Marines from a visiting battalion to pack, care for and use the mules. Here at Hawthorne, however, the training mission is different and the group is smaller, but they still receive exposure to being around and using mules in this terrain.

“Marines moving throughout Afghanistan will almost certainly encounter donkeys or some sort of domesticated pack animals,” said Gentert. “We not only give them [Marines] the exposure, but the packing training as well in case their

guide is wounded or something, they know what to do themselves and know what to look for if they have to buy something.”

Parkhurst said the mule program began in 1983 as an experiment in

response to the Afghan-Russian War, and was designed to only last five years. Since then, they have become a regular part of instruction and are even used in local parades.

“Another advantage to using mules

is they last a lot longer,” said Gentert, who grew up on a farm around animals in Wendell, Idaho. “You can work a mule for 20 plus years, so we get

See MULES, A5



LCPL DELUNAFELIX

Marines of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, guide mules heavily packed with gear as part of a field exercise in September during their summer training package. Marines train to pack, care for and use these animals in a tactical environment at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Center Bridgeport, Calif.

Weekend Weather

Friday		95/64 Sunny
Saturday		94/67 Sunny
Sunday		95/68 Sunny

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Observations




“We Salute You ‘07” rides into town Saturday

This Day in Marine Corps History

— 1902 —

Marines from the USS Ranger landed in Panama City to protect Americans.



C.O.P. Corner

Community Oriented Policing

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Drinking and driving can cost you

With Memorial Day approaching, service members can look forward to an upcoming 96 hour liberty. Some people may choose to stay at home and barbecue with family, while others may choose to go drink to have a good time.

With drinking comes a lot of responsibility, such as obeying the legal drinking age of 21 and not letting anyone under age drink, as well as not drinking and driving. Drinking and driving can cost you a lot of money, wasted time, and possibly your career.

Did you know that the penalties for DUI or DWI in California (Maximum), are:

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• Drivers license reinstatement fee	\$125
• Car insurance increase	
• (3-year mandatory insurance requirements)	\$1,000 per year
• 1st offense DUI fine	\$1,400 to \$1,800
• Assessment for the court system	\$816
• Community service fee	\$150
• DUI victims fund	\$100
• Alcohol abuse education fund	\$50
• DUI classes	\$550
• DUI Victims' Impact sessions	\$20
• Time payment charge	\$35
• Public transportation for one year	<u>\$500 to \$800</u>
Minimum total fees, fines, and assessments	\$8,240*


* If you use an attorney, the initial consultation could range from \$750 to \$1,000

After these charges you will also be subject to punishment under the UCMJ, which may include loss of pay or pay grade. Be smart and don't drink and drive.

For more information go to the Web site www.dmv.ca or <http://www.dui-help.com>.

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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0369, (SSgt-Gunnery Sgt.)

0621, (Lance Cpl.-Sgt.)

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U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Centerspeak


“What band would you like to see perform at the Combat Center ?”

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STAFF SGT. JUSTIN CARR

VMU-1



SGT. EDWARD FULTON

MWSS-374



SGT. RICHARD H. DEMBINSKI

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“Stonesour. I just think they are really good.”

“Hell Yeah. They're from Texas, which is a patriotic state and they play good music.”

“Rage Against the Machine, because I just missed them when I was coming back from Iraq.”

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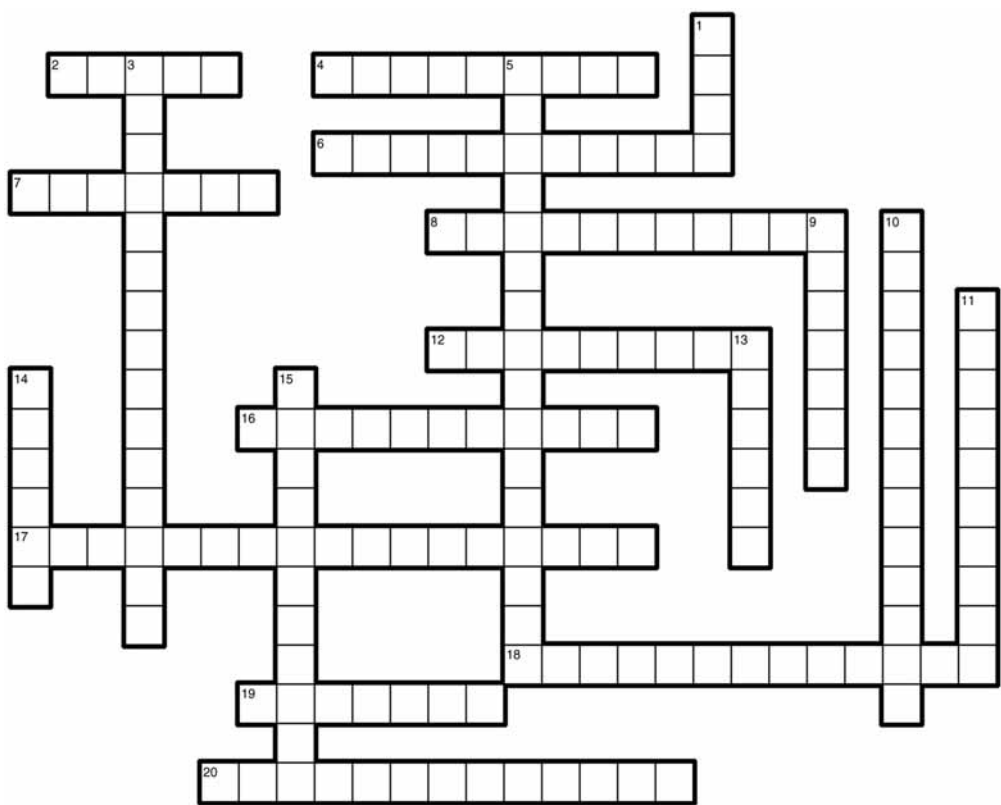
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Centerspeak welcomes questions or submissions from service members, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Call Cpl. Evan M. Eagan at 830-5472

Or e-mail to: evan.eagan@usmc.mil

MOVIE TRIVIA



ACROSS

- 2. "I'm a cop! LAPD! There's a bomb on your bus! There is a bomb on your bus!"
- 4. "Were you listening to me, Neo? Or were you looking at the woman in the red dress?"
- 6. "Have you seen my stapler?"
- 7. "SSSSSSSMOKIN!"
- 8. "Stupid is as stupid does."
- 12. "I loathe the bus. There has to be a more dignified mode of transportation."
- 16. "Sic vis pacem parabellum - If you want peace, prepare for war."
- 17. "There's no crying in baseball!"
- 18. "The fat man walks alone."
- 19. "I don't know if you're aware of this, Josephine, but African parrots, in their native home of the Congo, they speak only French."
- 20. "Isn't it the first cardinal rule of perm maintenance that you are forbidden to wet your hair for at least 24 hours after getting a perm at the risk of deactivating the ammonium thioglycolate?"

DOWN

- 1. "Baa-ram-ewe, baa-ram-ewe. To your breed, your fleece, your clan be true. Sheep be true. Baa-ram-ewe."
- 3. "If they're big and you're little, then you're fast and they're slow. You're hidden and they're exposed. You fight only the battles you know you can win."
- 5. "Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father prepare to die."
- 9. "My Dad never bought me a Ferrari. I had to steal my first one. Nice inscription on the keychain. A little sappy. Want me to read it?"
- 10. "Gimme a litre o' cola."
- 11. "Never underestimate the power of the Schwartz!"
- 13. "You should never underestimate the predictability of stupidity."
- 14. "Whoever this is, you owe me another lamp."
- 15. "Look at the stars, the great kings."

[Solutions on A4]

Hot Topics

ROAD CLOSURES

Del Valle Road throughout May and June will be repaved from Sixth to Tenth Street. Northbound traffic will be routed up Sixth Street to Brown Road, then down Tenth Street back to Del Valle Road. Southbound traffic will be routed up Tenth Street to Brown Road, then down Sixth Street back to Del Valle Road. Please be attentive to all traffic control signs.

DEADLINE TO COMPLETE VISTA DEL SOL HOUSING SURVEY

The Vista del Sol Resident Survey will begin arriving in the mail next week. Let them know how they are doing and what they can do better. Please take the time to complete the survey and return no later than May 31.

MCAGCC FINANCE OFFICE CLOSSES PERMANENTLY

The Twentynine Palms Finance Office will be closed permanently effective May 31. IPAC will be the point of contact for all active duty questions. The DTS Help Desk and Collection Services Counter will remain open and accessible through the hatch on the Fifth Street side of Bldg. 1521. The hatch is marked DTS Help Desk. The points of contact are Grace Lebda, 830-3796, Maria King, 830-8608, Suzanna Hatter, 830-

3130 and Cpl. Russo 830-3130.

- All active duty inquiries should be directed to IPAC.
- MyPay PIN's can be obtained at IPAC from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- All civilian travel inquiries should be directed to the DTS Help Desk.
- All collections should be turned in at the DTS Help Desk.
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which will include familiar Scriptural liturgy, songs, and lessons applied to life's situations. If you have questions, please contact the RMD at 830-6304.

DRMO CLOSED

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service/Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office located at Bldg. 1102-T1 will be closed May 16-29. The office will re-open May 30. The local DRMS representative will be TAD.

PROTESTANT LITURGICAL SERVICE AT CHRIST CHAPEL

We are pleased to announce a Liturgical service on Sundays, beginning June 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the East Wing of Christ Chapel. Pastor Gerald Garrett will lead the service, which will include familiar Scriptural liturgy, songs, and lessons applied to life's situations. If you have questions, please contact the RMD at 830-6304.

BOY SCOUT FLAG RETIREMENT

Troop 78 will be performing a flag retirement ceremony Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Victory Field pavilion. The scouts will be retiring five flags that evening.


Leisure Items

NEW GYM HOURS

Mon-Fri 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat-Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Holidays 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Changes were made to weekend and holiday hours. We will be open two hours later than before.


TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT CHRIST CHAPEL.

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Lance Cpl. David Baldus issues a M-16A2 service rifle to Sgt. Jacob Gutierrez at the Headquarters Battalion armory.

Rifle range Marines aim to serve marksmanship training

LANCE CPL. KATLEYN A. KNAUER
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The rifle range is open, the targets are up, the coaches are ready to instruct and the shooters are ready to fire.

With the recent opening of the newly renovated rifle range, the Headquarters Battalion armory gears up to assist with the upcoming ranges and provide the weapons needed for smooth marksmanship training.

With a staff of five Marines the HQBN armory faces long and busy days to ensure that everything functions properly and Marines can be confident shooting on the range and handling their M-16 service rifles.

“We support the range details both with issuing rifles and ensuring if a rifle malfunctions during the detail that we get the problem fixed quick,” said Lance Cpl. David M. Baldus, small arms weapon repair technician. “Marines that are on a detail at the range have to trust in their armorer that their weapon will function properly. We instill this confidence by making sure the rifles are cleaned and that a limited technical inspection and pre-fire inspections are performed on the rifles monthly.”

The HQBN armory is in charge of storing, maintaining, issuing and recovering all weapons assigned to the armory.

“We have 139 M-16A2 service rifles, 268 M9 service pistols and 10 National Match rifles,” said Baldus.

Along with the inventory of M-16 service rifles and M9 pistols the armory is also in charge of keeping account for nine MC-

58 rifles, eight M1911 H. B. pistols, eight Smith and Wesson M41 pistols, three M79 grenade launchers, three M2 .50 caliber machine guns, 34 AK-47 rifles, four designated marksman rifle’s, 10 laser bore sights, 72 M49 spotting scopes, 50 bayonets, 16 K-bars and 30 security rounds.

While the range was closed, the Marines of the armory took the time to organize things at the armory with the little time they had.

“When the range was closed down we ensured all weapons were in good working order in preparation of the new range,” said Baldus. “We made sure that everything was clean and that the armory was squared away.”

Along with the hectic schedule of being in at 4:45 a.m. to open the armory and staying until six at night, the Marines who work in the armory are also tasked with other jobs such as coaching Marines on the use of the rifle or being the range safety officer during details.

“An average day for me consist of making sure that the daily records are updated, everything is accounted for, all the paper work is done and filled out properly, supervising and being a RSO for both the pistol and rifle range,” said Staff Sgt. Roberto Lopez, armory staff noncommissioned officer in charge.

When it comes to working, the armory Marines are no strangers. They take their jobs seriously and know that what they do is important to the mission of the Marine Corps.

“Every Marine is a rifleman first,” said Lopez. “That’s what makes our job essential.”



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Monday May 28th, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE:
Mountain Valley Memorial Park, 60121 29 Palms Hwy., Joshua Tree, CA

Mountain Valley Memorial Park is pleased to announce that it is hosting this event that covers all of Morongo Valley including 29 Palms, Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley communities. This year's event will commemorate Memorial Day and honor Veterans with festivities, the playing of "Taps", Navy Color Guard, Invocation by Reverend Abe Casiano, speakers from the VFW and Marine Corps, and a **free community barbecue** follows the event. All ages are welcome and this is a free event open to the public.

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FAPS give helping hand to Combat Center community

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Due to the high importance of security aboard military installations, military police presence is crucial to maintaining good order. There can never be too many helping hands.

Cpl. Javier J. Zuniga, a machine gunner with Weapon's Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, recently finished serving his second term on the Fleet Assistance Program for the Provost Marshal's Office.

Zuniga said that in order to move into the PMO realm, a Marine cannot have any non-judicial punishments on his record, any convictions off base, serious traffic violations, and needs to be a fair and just executer of the law.

"The training lasts for two weeks, which is pre-service," said Zuniga. "Then you go through OJT either before or after pre-service."

Some of the PMO training consists of unarmed self defense, weapons handling and qualification, lessons on execution of deadly force, baton training, oleoresin capsicum spray training and class time. Marines also receive advanced training in close quarters battles, emergency driving and drug recognition.



Lance Cpl. Daniel Salina, a military policeman FAP previously of Combat Logistics Battalion 7, checks a driver's license at the front gate Wednesday.

"Once a Marine comes over, they will usually go to PMO operations or services," said Zuniga. "The majority will most likely go to PMO operations and work the road."

Zuniga added that despite the fact PMO FAP's are not always volunteers, Marines who come to the job with an open mind usually end up enjoying their time here because they are excited about the different job experiences and opportunities.

"Besides, most people who get out of the Marine Corps are trying to be police officers anyway, so it is a good way to get the experience under their belts," said Zuniga.

Lance Cpl. Anthony C. Jennings, who volunteered to serve with PMO, previously with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, said he was one of the Marines considering becoming a police officer once he left the Corps.

Jennings said even if a Marine is not considering a law enforcement career path, the training itself molds better and more proficient Marines.

"Being a Marine, you have a variety of different things you need to learn," he said. "It's good to take Marines out of their comfort zone every once in while because you need to deal with different things out in the world."

Sgt. David J. Nelson, a FAP from Company B, 1st Tanks Battalion, said he volunteered because he was not going to be able to deploy with his unit this time.

"I thought I might as well be doing something productive here since I wasn't going to deploy again," said Nelson.

Maj. Pietro P. Scarselli, the Combat Center's provost marshal, explained the process of gathering Marines through the Fleet Assistance Program.

Scarselli said each unit who participates in FAP is required to forfeit a certain number of Marines each year, depending on the size of the unit.

Scarselli added that summertime was the hardest time for PMO to FAP Marines because it seems to be the end of active service for many service members.

"When we do what is called running guard, individuals may not enjoy as much liberty as usual," said Scarselli, explaining that a smaller number of Marines are expected to finish the same amount or work. "We are hoping to avoid that by getting more new FAPs before the summer time."

For Marines and sailors interested in receiving PMO training, but cannot afford the time away from work, there is a program offered called the Military Police Auxiliary Program.

This program allows Marines and sailors to receive a minimum of 12 hours-a-month of military police training on their free time without depriving another unit of manpower. Those in the program may chose when and how much of their time they can offer PMO without ever leaving their current unit.

If Marines and sailors in units currently working with the Fleet Assistance Program are interested in working with PMO, inform your chain of command. For more details, call the Provost Marshal's Office at 830-6800.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

Sun 7:30 a.m. Rosary
Sun 8 a.m. Catholic Mass*
Sun 9 a.m. Faith Formation/CCD (Bldg1551)
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 p.m. Life Teen/Youth Group
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)

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. Sunday School*
Sun 9 a.m. Worship*
Wed 7 p.m. Praise & Worship*

LAY-LED INDEPENDENT BAPTIST SERVICE

Christ Chapel

Sun 11 a.m. Worship

LAY-LED GOSPEL SERVICE

Christ Chapel

Sun 12:30 p.m. Worship

MID-WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY

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

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*

C&E Mess Hall Bldg 1660

11:30 a.m. Bible Study

Chaplain Flint 830-6187

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*

Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Pre-Service Food/Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Lay-Led Gospel Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Service

1ST THURSDAY EACH MONTH

7 p.m. Knights of Columbus

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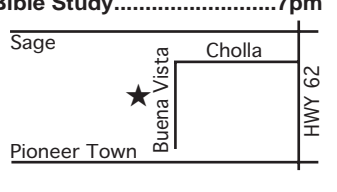
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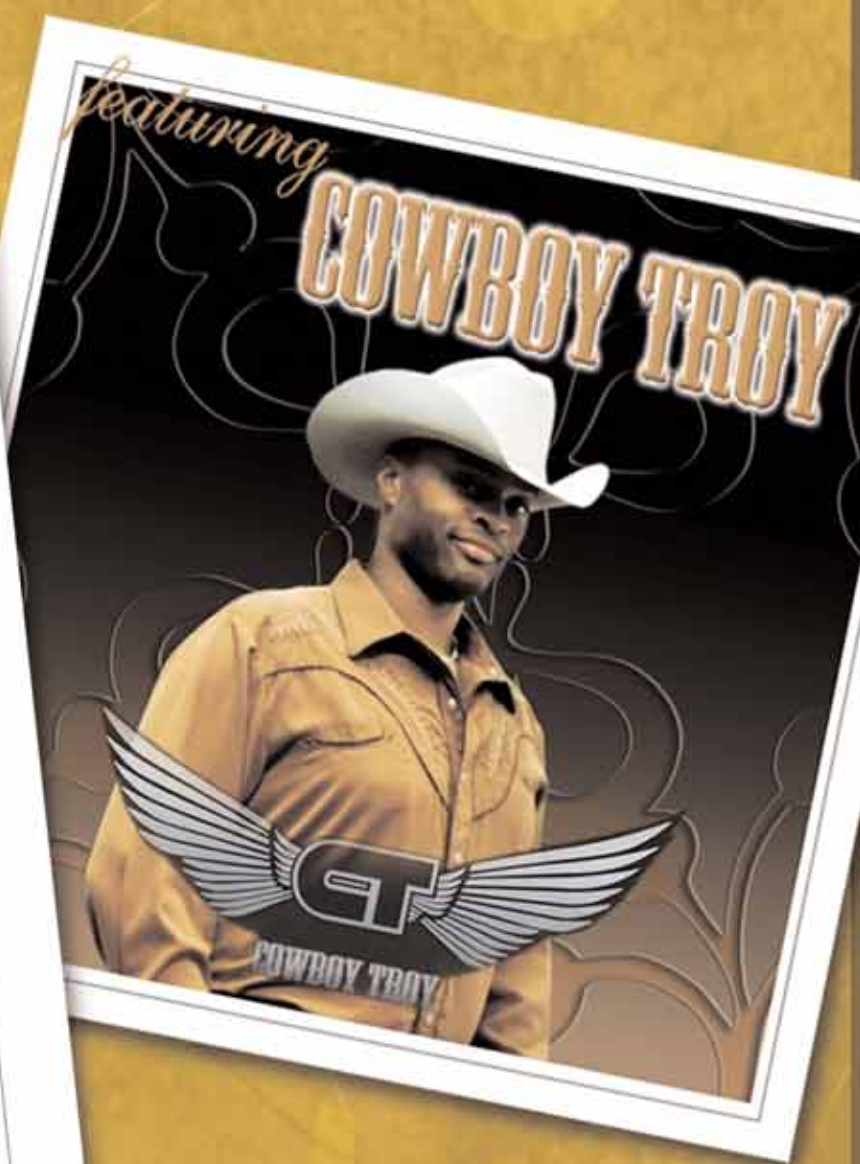
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MAY 18, 2007



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Bring your own lawn chair.
Bring Sunscreen.
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DON'TS

No outside alcohol (Anheuser Busch products will be sold for \$1.75 and Smirnoff for \$2.50.)
No Pets.
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EXTRAS

Suckerpunch Sally's will have custom Choppers on display.
Kevyn Major Howard and his memorial cars will be on display.

BUS SCHEDULE

Buses begin running at 3:30 p.m. and every half hour afterward.

PICK UP POINTS

Ocotillo Housing

1. Berkley Avenue in front of Ocotillo Exchange
2. Corner of Upshur Avenue and Daly Street
3. Corner of Ashurst and Lejeune Circle
4. Corner of Lejeune Circle and Berkley Avenue

Adobe Flats and Marine Palms

1. On the shoulder of the road near the corner of Condor and Argos
2. In the dirt lot on the right of Plant and Elm Streets

Joshua Heights/Shadow Mountain/Condor Housing

1. On Saddleback near Bullion
2. On the corner of Bullion and Gate Hill
3. On the corner of Gate Hill and Cottontail

801 Housing

1. Just passed the entrance to 801 Housing on the corner of Two Mile Road
2. On the corner of Joe Davis Road and Joe Davis Road
3. On the corner of Joe Davis Road and Desert Knoll Road

NASD fines Fidelity broker dealers \$400k for misleading military personnel

NASD PRESS RELEASE

Washington, D.C. - National Association of Securities Dealers announced May 8 that it has fined two Fidelity broker-dealers \$400,000 for preparing and distributing misleading sales literature promoting Fidelity's Destiny I and II Systematic Investment Plans, which were sold primarily to U.S. military personnel. Issuance and sales of new systematic investment plans (also

known as periodic payment plans), which typically require investors to make a fixed number of monthly payments over a 10- to 15-year period, were prohibited by Congress last fall. Previously sold plans remain in force. As part of the settlement, for the next five years, the two broker-dealers - Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company, Inc., of Smithfield, R.I. and Fidelity Distributors Corporation of Boston - are required to notify

Destiny Plan holders who want to increase their investments in existing Destiny Plans that additional shares of the underlying fund can be purchased outside the Destiny Plans without paying the additional creation and sales charges of up to 50 percent on the first year's payments. "NASD's advertising rules are designed to protect investors by prohibiting misleading sales literature and other misleading communica-

tions," said James S. Shorris, NASD Executive Vice President and Head of Enforcement. "In this case, the Fidelity Destiny Plans were sold using various performance charts and data that presented a misleading picture of the plans' performance. These failures were aggravated by the fact that the plans were sold primarily to military personnel, who often have limited time to study the marketing materials for investment products. And these particular products involve complex or unique features that may not be fully understood by the customers to whom they are offered or by the brokers who recommend them."

NASD found that between January 2003 and January 2006, the two broker-dealers violated NASD advertising rules by preparing and distributing various pieces of misleading sales literature. For instance, from May 2003 through January 2006, the Fidelity broker-dealers prepared and distributed a brochure entitled "Time is Money" that included misleading performance claims about the Destiny Plans. According to "mountain charts" contained in the brochures, Destiny Plans significantly out-

performed the S&P 500 Index over a 30-year period. But during the most recent 10- and 15-year periods-the time frame most relevant to current and prospective investors - Destiny Plans substantially underperformed the S&P 500 Index. The 30-year time period masked the underperformance of the Destiny Plans over the most recent 15 years.

The brochures also showed Destiny Plans' average annual total returns for 1,5 and 10 years as well as the life of the Plan, without showing comparable returns for the S&P 500 Index. Again, this created the misleading impression that Destiny outperformed the S&P 500 Index throughout the periods shown.

The comparable S&P 500 Index average annual total returns would have shown that the S&P 500 Index significantly outperformed Destiny during the more current time periods. Finally, the broker-dealers used the performance of Destiny Plan Class O shares in these charts, when new Plan investors could only purchase Class N shares. Class N shares did not perform as well as Class O shares because of higher ongoing expenses. The

broker-dealers prepared and sent over 10,000 copies of these brochures to Destiny retail brokers or their registered representatives to use them with both prospective investors as well as current Plan holders.

NASD also found that in May 2003, the Fidelity broker-dealers prepared and distributed a misleading Destiny newsletter to over 325,000 Destiny Plan holders. The newsletter included a mountain chart showing Destiny I Plan performance. While the chart showed Plan performance, Fidelity disclosed the average annual total returns for the underlying mutual fund portfolio, rather than for the Plan. Because Plan holders paid a 50 percent upfront sales charge on each of the first year's payments and a continuing sales charge on each additional payment until plan payments were completed, the average annual total returns for the Plans were significantly lower than that of the underlying funds.

NASD further found that Fidelity did not adequately supervise the review of this Destiny sales literature in light of the unusual features of the Destiny products.

The \$400,000 fine will be paid to the NASD Investor Education Foundation (a tax-exempt, non-profit organization) to help fund its Military Financial Education Campaign, launched in February 2006. The NASD Investor Education Foundation will use the funds to support educational programs, materials and research to equip members of the United States military and their families with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed financial decisions. More information about the ongoing, global campaign can be found at <http://www.saveandinvest.org>

Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company and Fidelity Distributors Corporation settled the action without admitting or denying the charges, but consented to the entry of NASD's findings.

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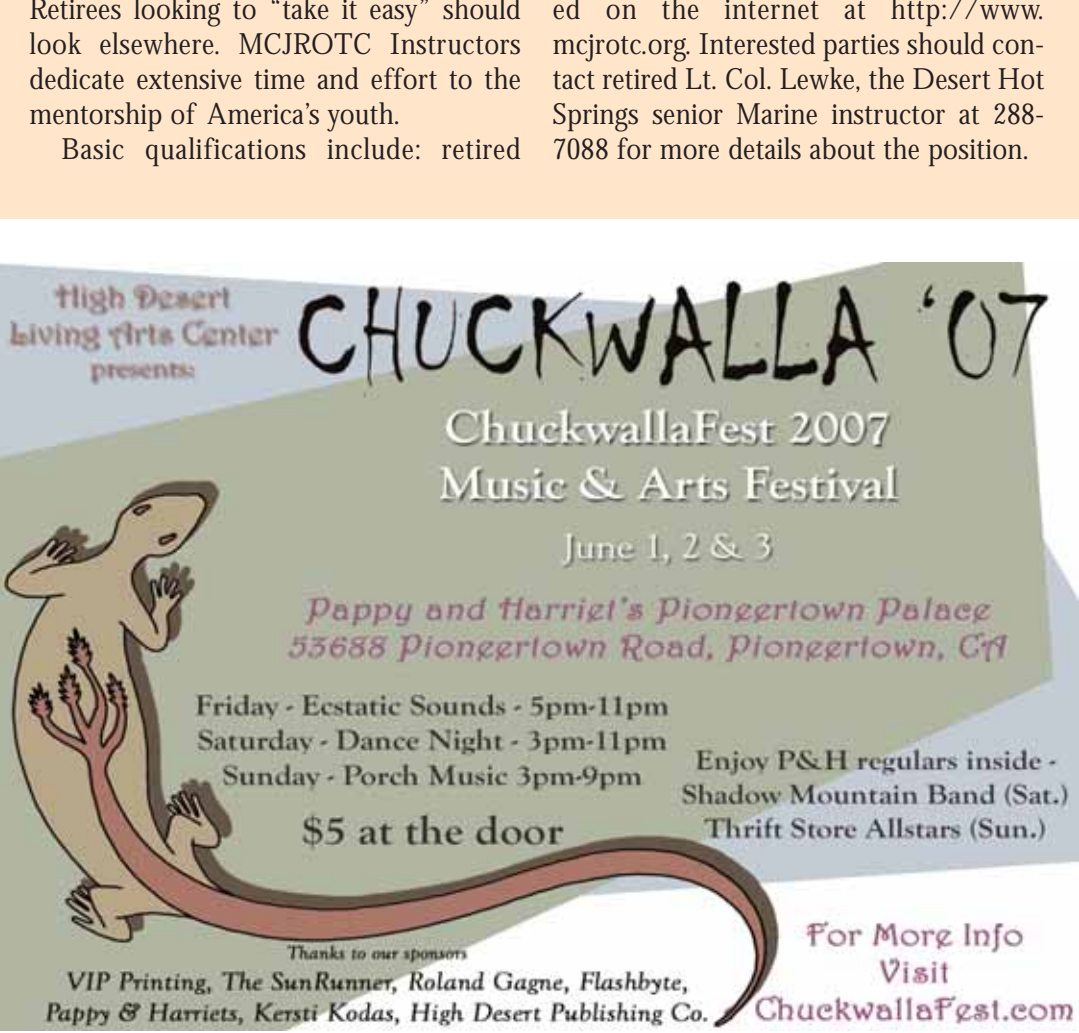
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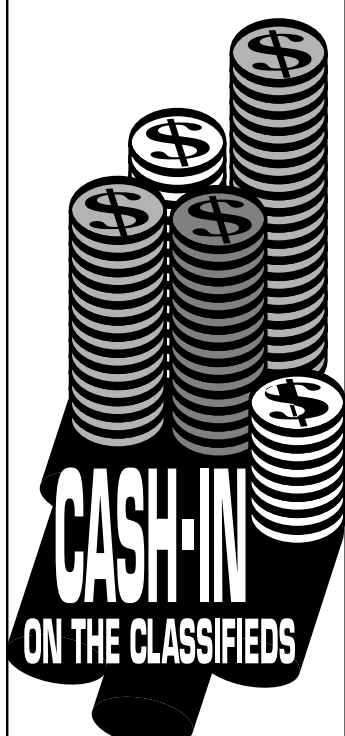
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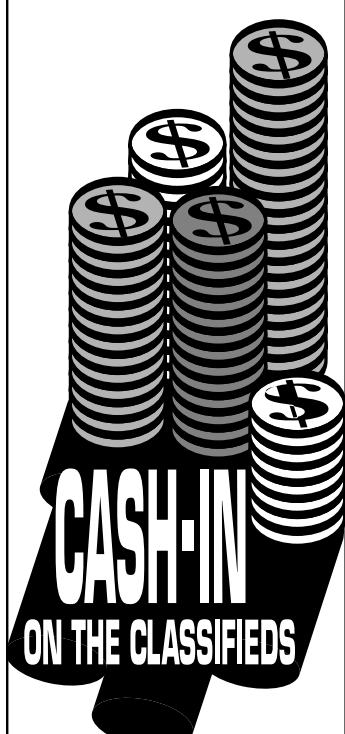
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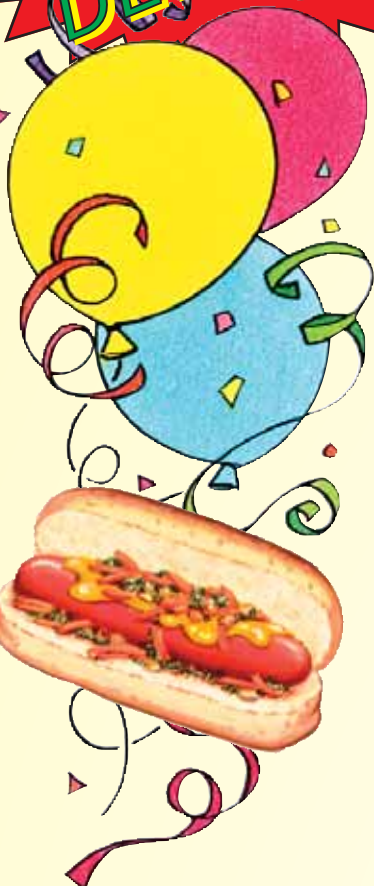




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