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All-hands survey to paint picture of current, future housing needs



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The all-hands survey is for all Combat Center service members, including those married and single Marines and sailors living in base housing, a barracks, homeowners or those paying rent with their Basic Allowance for Housing.

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

A comprehensive new survey for all personnel assigned to the Combat Center will help determine the current state and needs of housing aboard the base and the surrounding areas.

The one-page survey can be taken online or by hand and will collect various data about how

service members and their families live on base either in Public Private Venture housing, Vista Del Sol, and those using their Basic Allowance for Housing to pay for rent out in town.

The survey is also for all service members living in a barracks or bachelor enlisted or bachelor officer's quarters, and Marine students living in the barracks of the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics school here.

Both regular renters and base residents will fill out demographic information as part of the survey. That information will be kept strictly confidential and includes the service member's rank and unit, current housing situation, marital status, number of dependants and their ages, and comments about the perceived suitability of their current housing.

Those paying rent off-base with BAH or who

own their own home have a follow-on section to complete which inquires about housing type and size, rental price, insurance costs, mortgages, utilities and location. This information is especially important to the survey because it "will capture the housing-related costs that service members encounter off-base and will allow an

See SURVEY, A7

CMC declares cammies off base unauthorized



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Gen. James T. Conway, the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, addresses service members and their spouses at the Combat Center's Protestant Chapel.

CAPT. NEAL FISHER
MCAGCC DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In an All Marine Corps message released this week by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James T. Conway, effective immediately, Marines are no longer authorized to make en route stops while commuting in the Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform, commonly referred to as "cammies."

ALMAR 035/07 states the MCCUU is a field uniform and is not appropriate for wear in a civilian environment. Wear of the MCCUU is authorized while commuting to and from work via privately owned vehicle. However, effective immediately, and as a significant change to the reference, en route stops while

off-base are not authorized except for "bonafied emergencies, such as medical emergencies," vehicle breakdown, or vehicle accidents.

Marines may only wear the MCCUU at off-base establishments when using drive-thru services such as ATMs, fast food restaurants or dry cleaners when they will not exit the vehicle.

In a statement sent out to various leaders around the Combat Center clarifying this particular point of the ALMAR, Sgt. Maj. Nicholas J. Bourikas, Headquarters Battalion sergeant major, said, "Gas stops, banks, child care, milk, diapers, dry cleaners, etc., are no longer authorized unless it is through a drive-thru. This includes Navy Federal Credit Union."

The publishing of this message is the definitive step in the commandant's efforts to re-establish uniformity throughout the Marine Corps. The opening statement of ALMAR 035/07 reads, "for the past few years, our Corps has been in a transition phase with regard to our utility uniforms. That period is now ended. As Marines, our uniforms and military appearance are an important part of our identity and have traditionally marked us as the nation's most distinctive military service. As such, uniformity and an outward pride in our appearance have been constants for every Marine - from private to general."

The ALMAR goes on to say, the purpose of this ALMAR is

to enhance the uniformity, to further define what are considered emergency stops off-base in the MCCUU, and to prescribe seasonal wear and appropriate locations for the MCCUU while in garrison. This ALMAR applies to the active and reserve force. This ALMAR outlines significant changes to current policy and should be read in its entirety.

"As our base sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. [William] Johnson, often says, we must be brilliant in the basics," said Bourikas when asked his take on the new ALMAR. "The commandant's decision to get us back to the basics in regards to uniformity and enforcing our Marine Corps standards is an outstanding call."

Weekend Weather

Friday  100/77
Partly Cloudy

Saturday  101/80
Party Cloudy

Sunday  103/79
Partly Cloudy

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PMO helps train for obedience

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— 1898 —

Marines from the USS Dixie were the first to raise the American flag over Puerto Rico

C.O.P. Corner



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Identity Theft

In what many are calling America's fastest growing type of robbery, crooks are working without the usual tools.

Have you ever thrown away a pre-approved credit card application not thinking twice about it?

Have you ever gotten bank statements and just tossed it into the trash with out any worries?

Did you know that by doing that you are setting yourself up for Identity Theft?

Didn't know? Well, there are all kinds of ways for Identity thieves to commit these kinds of scandalous acts.

Digging through the trash, or should I say dumpster diving, is one way. These thieves are willing to try at anything to get your identity so that they can buy something and in the process ruin you for life. shredding your bank statements and pre-approved credit card application is one of many ways to keep perpetrators at bay.

Here are some good tips to help prevent your identity from being stolen;

- 1) Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately;
- 2) Don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate--leave them in a secure location;
- 3) If you applied for a credit card and didn't receive it when expected, call the financial institution;
- 4) Sign new credit cards immediately before someone else does;
- 5) Match your credit card receipts against your monthly bills and check your monthly financial statements for accuracy;
- 6) Memorize your Social Security number and passwords. Don't use your date of birth as your password and don't record passwords on papers you carry with you;
- 7) Watch for your monthly financial statements and bills. If you don't get them when expected, contact the sender;
- 8) Beware of mail or telephone solicitations that offer prizes or awards, especially if the donor asks you for personal information or financial account numbers;

When identity theft occurs report it to the following;

- Social Security Administration 1-800-269-0271
- Trans Union 1-800-680-7289
- Equifax 1-800-272-9281 or 1-800-525-6285
- Experian 1-800-397-9742
- PMO (760) 830-6800 or CID (760) 830-6820
- PMO Physical Security Office (760) 830 4561
- Financial counselor, Jany (760) 830-7342

Preparing for the worst puts your mind at ease so you don't suffer in the long run. For more information about identity theft you can check out: <http://www.identitytheft.org/>

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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Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



Nissin Foods issues allergy alert for cod and lobster in certain noodle products

ALEX CLARK
PRESS RELEASE

GARDENA, Calif. – Nissin Foods Co. Inc. announced today a voluntary nationwide recall of selected shrimp-flavored noodle products as a safety precaution after it was discovered that the seafood-flavored powder used in these Nissin products also contains cod and lobster.

Individuals who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to cod or lobster may run the risk of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these specific shrimp-flavored products.

The recalled products were distributed throughout the United States through grocery stores and other food stores, under the names Nissin Original Chow Mein Shrimp and Nissin Cup Noodles Shrimp. Nissin Cup Noodles Shrimp was also sold through Wal-Mart stores under the label "Great Value Instant Shrimp" at Winn Dixie stores under the label "Thrifty Maid with Shrimp Oriental Noodles with Vegetables" and at Aldi grocery stores under the label

"Jehling Ramen Noodle Soup Cup with Shrimp and Vegetables."

"We have not received any report that any person has suffered any allergic reaction as a result of consuming these products," said Nissin Foods President, Tak Naruto. "We have taken this quick action, however, because Nissin's top priority is now and has always been the safety and health of its customers."

A roster of specific item codes, brand/product descriptions and packaging code numbers follows, as do photographs of the labels and ingredient lists of those products covered by the recall.

Customers who have purchased any of these recalled products and who have any concern about an allergic reaction should discard the product immediately. Customers will receive a refund and a supplemental coupon if they then send the UPC Code only directly to Nissin at 2001 W Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, Calif., 90249. For more information, customers are urged to call Nissin Foods at (866) 548-2945 or visit www.nissinfoods.com.

A blue and white 2006 Yamaha TTR-230 has been reported stolen June 21 from Combat Center grounds



Features: No license plate, hole in front fairing/number plate where headlight used to be, kill switch under left fairing.

If you have any information regarding this motorcycle, please notify Investigator Patrick Antoine, Criminal Investigation Division, Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Calif., at 830-6820 or 830-6800.

Centerspeak

"What has changed most about you since joining the Marine Corps"

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MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS-WEST



SGT. ALDO WONG
II MARINE HEADQUARTERS GROUP



LANCE CPL. STEFAN MINSON
6TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

"I've turned gray."

"My patience about everything. I've built more confidence and more of a mind-set about getting the job done."

"I don't take things such as air conditioning and cold water for granted."

What's on your mind?

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

Call the Public Affairs Office at 830-5472 or 830-6213

Or go to: www.29palms.usmc.mil/dtis/pao

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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. 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
 12:30 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

VILLAGE CENTER

Sun 9 a.m. Military Council of Catholic Women*

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Christ Chapel

Sun 8 a.m. Sunday School*
 Sun 9 a.m. Worship*
 Wed 7 p.m. Praise & Worship*

PROTESTANT LITURGICAL SERVICE

Christ Chapel

Sun 11 a.m. 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)
 6 p.m. Baptism Class 1st Tuesday each Month

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 contact Chaplain Flint 830-6187

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

DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN

Christ Chapel

9 a.m. June 19, July 17, & August 21

LEGEND

*Indicates Child Care Provided
 +Appointments can be made for Confessions by calling 830-6456/6646

HOT TOPICS

JT SALOON NO LONGER OFF-LIMITS

The armed forces disciplinary control board announced last week that the Joshua Tree Saloon is no longer off-limits to military personnel. The board based its July 3 decision to lift the restriction mostly upon the owner's efforts to improve safety and security at the saloon.

DEL VALLE ROAD REPAVING PROJECT

Del Valle Road will be closed from Adobe Road to Tenth Street for an additional two weeks beyond the original completion date due to the limited availability of the special rubberized asphalt plant equipment. Del Valle is now scheduled to re-open August 3. Please be attentive to all traffic control signs.

Reminder 1: POV traffic should utilize Brown Road to get across Mainside.

Reminder 2: The temporary dirt road from Adobe Road to Bourke Road detour is intended for semi-trailers.

Del Valle Road has long needed a facelift due to load damage from heavy vehicles. This construction project will repave Del Valle from Adobe to Tenth Street, and the project includes a special rubberized asphalt overlay manufactured from recycled tires to reduce cracking, reduce noise and increase pavement life. Traffic lights will also be installed at the Third Street and Fifth Street intersections to assist with

left turns onto Del Valle during lunch and at the end of the workday.

CALL 830-3333/3334 OR 830-FIRE FROM YOUR CELL PHONE TO REPORT EMERGENCIES ON BASE

Reporting emergencies that occur on-base by calling from a cell phone should be reported by calling (760)830-3333, (760)830-3334. Failure to report an emergency at MCAGCC from your cell phone using one of the dedicated emergency lines may result in an unnecessary delay of emergency response due to long distance routing of cellular 9-1-1 calls.

GERBER RECALL

The Defense Commissary Agency has pulled Gerber Organic Rice and Organic Oatmeal cereals from the shelves due to a potential choking hazard. This is a voluntary recall by Gerber after finding that products may contain lumps of cereal which do not dissolve in water or milk. There is a chance of choking but no injuries have been reported on all codes of Gerber Organic Rice and Organic Oatmeal cereals in 8-oz boxes. The following UPC numbers can be found on the bottom right side of the box:

Gerber Organic Rice, UPC Code 15000 12502

Gerber Organic Oatmeal, UPC Code 15000 12502

Commissary patrons who have either of these products at home should stop using it and return the product to the store from which they purchased it for a full refund. Consumers can also call the Gerber Parents Resource Center at

(800)443-7237 or (231)928-3000 to return the product and receive a full refund.

LEISURE ITEMS

SPLASH NIGHT WITH THE FAMILY

The Combat Center Officer's Club is hosting Splash Night with the family. Grab a pool towel and head on over for BBQ chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and potato salad tonight from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Good times to be had by all. Members \$6.50, Non-members \$8.50. For more information, call 830-6610.

NASCAR

SIMULATOR EVENT

MCCS is hosting a free Sprint NASCAR Simulator Event. Get behind the wheel of a state-of-the-art racing simulator and see what it's like to be a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series driver. This event will take place on Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. on Victory Field and Bourke Road.

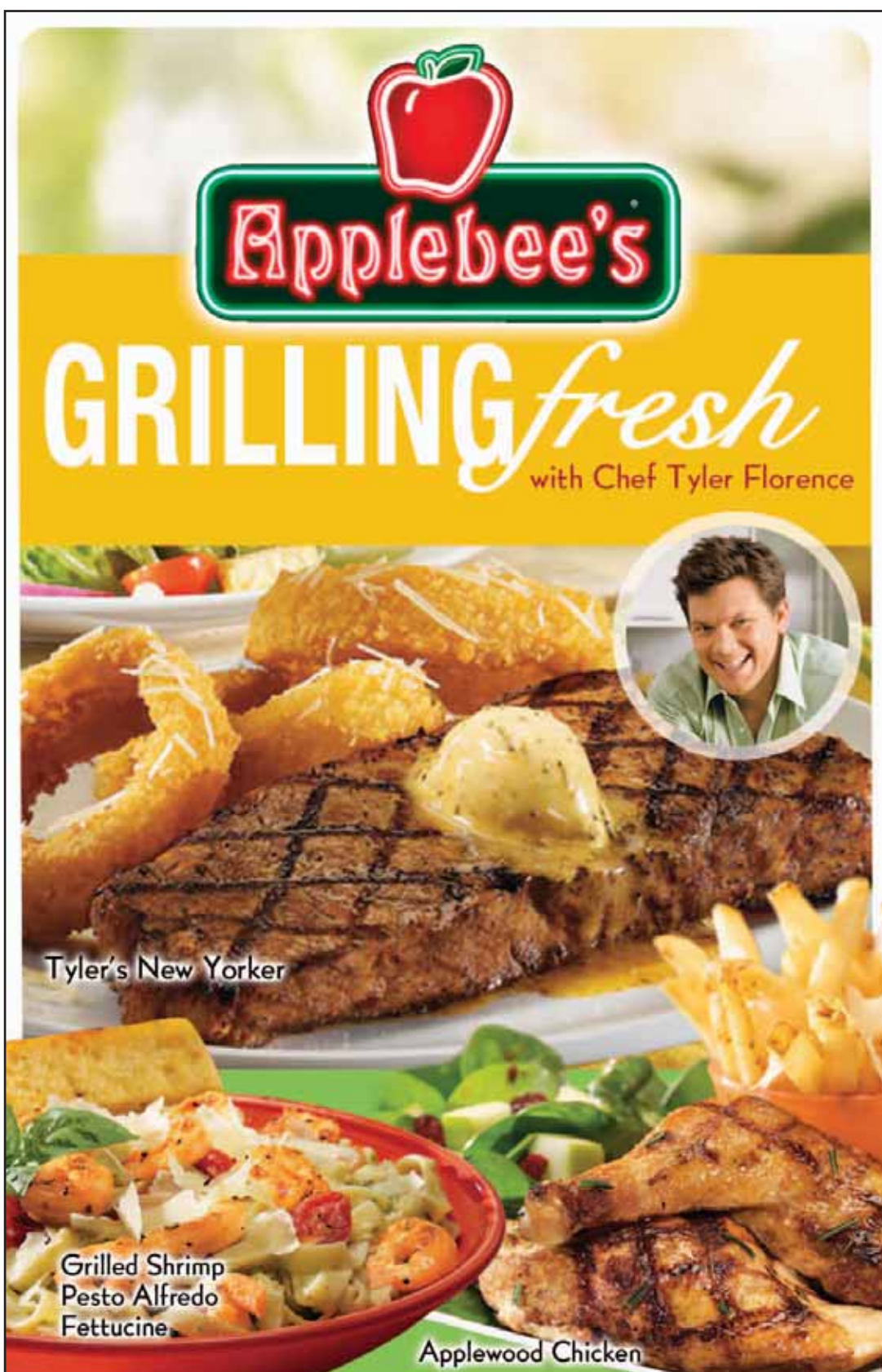
BOOTS AND UTES ALLOWED IN WEST GYM WEIGHT ROOM

Boots and utes are now authorized workout attire in the West Gym weight room, Bldg 1519. Marines and sailors must remove blouse, web belt and empty pockets for safety and to protect the equipment. Please use the lockers with a lock to secure belongings. If you have any questions contact Charles Dougwillow, the Fitness and Wellness Director, at 830-5386.



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Corpsmen give cool tips for hot summer



Petty Officer 3rd Class Lawrence J. Jacobs, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, takes a swig from a gallon water jug to stay hydrated. LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Although the desert's summer months are coming to an end, the risk of heat injuries has not dwindled.

In fact, the winter months are drawing nearer causing the atmosphere to become more humid, making heat injuries more probable.

The easiest way to avoid heat injuries is to properly hydrate and eat food, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Luis E. Diaz, education training petty officer, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Battalion Aid Station, Tuesday.

"Keeping cool is just common sense," said Diaz. "If you want to elongate the life of your camel pack, you can put ice cubes in it and they will melt slowly. If you want to keep it cold for a longer period of time, you need to either leave it in the shade or keep it in a cooler."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Seng, 3/4 corpsman at BAS, said canteens and bottles are much easier to keep cool than camel packs.

"Keeping a camel pack cool outside has a lot to do with having proper insulation in the first place," said Seng. "But if you are on a patrol, your camel pack gets hot from your body heat and the sun. They don't stay cold for very long."

Seng said there are a few tricks to keeping a water source, as well as your body, cool in extreme heat.

"To keep your canteen or bottle of water cold, soak a sock in water and put the canister in it," said Seng. "Then hang the sock and

canteen in the open where a breeze can cool it off. It gets surprisingly cold."

To avoid sunburn, wearing uniform sleeves down is a good decision. It keeps your skin out of direct sunlight and makes a bit of insulation, allowing air currents to cool the sweat on your skin, said Seng.

"If you are out when it's really hot, avoid wearing a green skivy shirt if you can," said Seng. "You're blouse doesn't stick to your skin as much as a cotton shirt and the air pockets that get into the blouse cool you down."

Seng added that one should avoid drinking sports drinks.

"It doesn't have enough electrolytes in it to make up for all the sugar," said Seng. "If it tastes good, it's probably not doing the trick."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jerry Petty, 3/4 corpsman, warns to also pass up drinking extremely cold water when exposed to heat.

"Water has a high level of diffusion, meaning it absorbs into the body fast and effectively," said Petty. "Cold water doesn't do it as well."

"If you want to stay cool, you can put cold rags in the same spots as you would put icepack on a heat casualty," added Petty. "That's places like the neck, groin and armpits."

Petty Officer 1st Class Jeremiah Dorn, 3/4 corpsman, says there are other things to avoid, as well.

"For a long time it was believed that hydration salts were good for you," said Dorn.

He explained that heat casualties began rising shortly after the regular use of hydration salts. It was discovered that the hydration salts had unsafe levels of sodium in them.

"If they are used and monitored properly, they work very well," said Dorn. "But many people don't use them the right way and it becomes dangerous."

Other substances like caffeine, ephedra or metabolism-boosting supplements raise a person's core temperature to potentially devastating levels when added with heavy military gear, hard labor, dehydration and long exposure to sunlight, said Diaz.

Although the Combat Center is a training base, Marines and sailors in the field should make efforts to stay cool when not actively training.

This can be achieved by moving around as little as possible during daylight hours and staying in shade as much as possible, said Diaz.

"If you're out where there is no shade, make some using your blouse or other materials," said Diaz. "But it is pertinent to properly hydrate."

All heat-related injuries including heat cramps and heat exhaustion can be avoided by proper hydration and a decent diet.

For more information about staying cool in the summer heat, call the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital information desk at 830-2190.



LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE
Petty Officer 3rd Class Lawrence J. Jacobs, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, wipes sweat from his forehead as he stands outside Battalion Aid Station Tuesday.

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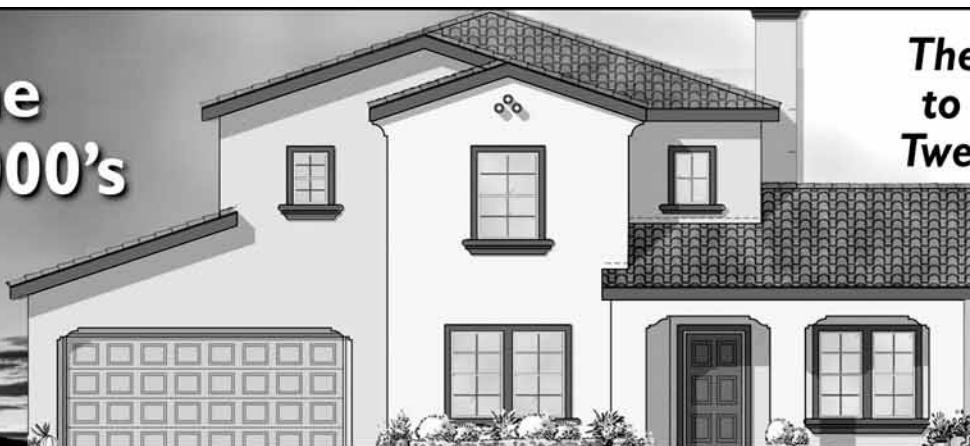
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MCCES commander retires from Corps, welcomes new CO

PFC. JARED J. BUTLER
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Col. Marshall I. Considine, commanding officer of the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School here, relinquished his command to Col. Kevin J. Nally in a change-of-command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field July 20.

Upon passing the command of MCCES, Considine retired from active duty in the Marine Corps after nearly 26 years of service as a commissioned officer.

"I'm really happy to be able to turn these Marines over to Col. Nally," said Considine after serving as the commanding officer for two years.

Considine said his assignment at MCCES was an opportunity for him to revisit his communication roots and influence the training, knowledge and experience being passed on to new generations of Marines.

"I was extremely honored to come back to MCCES these past few years and give back to the school that gave me so much," he said.

Considine thanked the commanding officers that came before him for the job they've done at MCCES.

"It was like commanding a well-maintained and well-crewed ship," he said. "All I had to do was keep it steered in the right direction."

MCCES, which has been located aboard the Combat Center since 1971, conducts 50 separate courses and graduates nearly 5,000 service members annually.

"I couldn't possibly be



Col. Marshall I. Considine, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School commanding officer, relinquishes command to Col. Kevin J. Nally at the Combat Center's Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Friday morning. Considine retired from active duty after nearly 26 years of service.

prouder of my MCCES Marines," said Considine.

The audience attending the ceremony consisted of Considine's family, friends and former colleagues including Brig. Gen. Anthony L. Jackson, deputy commanding general, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command.

Jackson and Considine served together in the first

battle of Fallujah in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Marshall is a superb leader of Marines," said Jackson. "Thank goodness there are parents who can produce and raise men like him."

Jackson congratulated Considine on the completion of an illustrious Marine Corps career and also recognized Nally for taking command of MCCES.

"This is a responsibility that few men really want," said Jackson. "Col. Nally is one of those men."

Nally served as the assistant chief of staff of com-

munications for the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force prior to his assignment at MCCES.

"It's a privilege and an honor to be the commanding

officer for the Marines of MCCES," said Nally.

Nally said that he will pick up where Considine left off and continue to bring success to MCCES.



Brown's Music

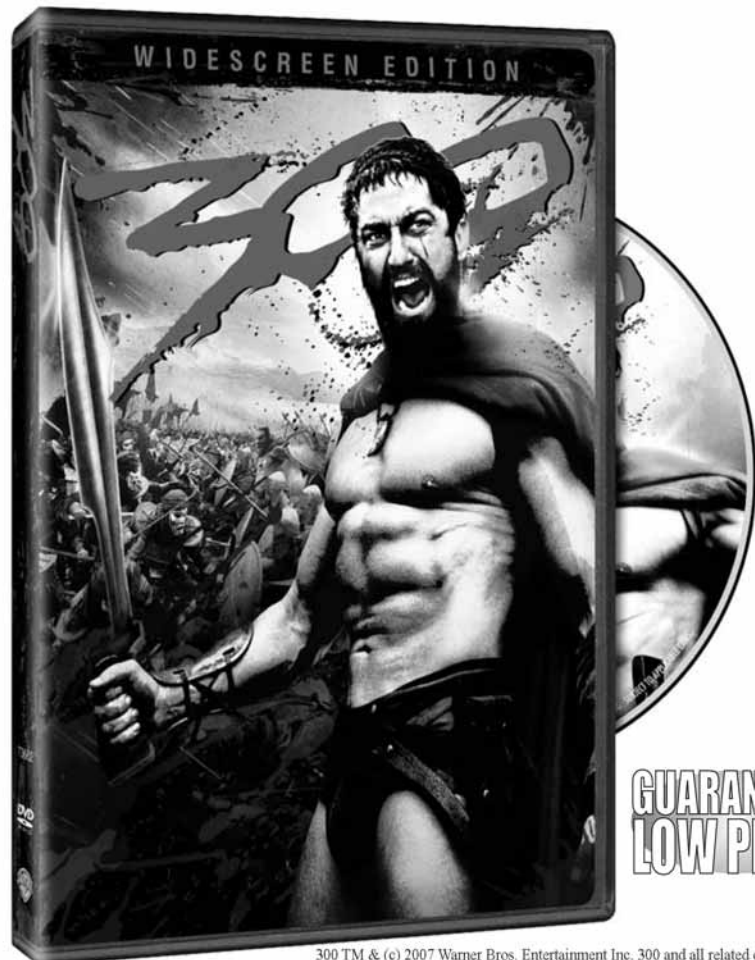
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CPL. REGINA ORTIZ
CORRESPONDENT

Some of a sniper's best firing positions aren't always on flat ground, straight on a target like the ranges they're initially trained on, but acquiring the skills to adapt and overcome has been one of the Marine Corps' legendary characteristics.

The Marine Corps' Training and Education Command's Mountainous Scout Sniper Course at the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., trains snipers to engage targets from all angles and altitudes.

The 14-day two-part course takes place in the desert-like environment at Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot, Nev., and at MWTC's mountainous training areas, where snipers become qualified high-angle shooters and become familiar with basic mountain survival.

Although the course is instructed by Marines, any sniper, or equivalent from any U.S. or allied military branch, can attend and receive certification for the course, explained Staff Sgt. Keith Eggers, chief instructor, Mountainous Scout Sniper Course.

"This is an important course for any sniper to go through," he said. "You don't get to practice this type of shooting at any other sniper range and the majority of actual shots are at an angle,



Sgt. Graham W. Golden, Mountain Scout Sniper Course instructor, guides a student through a draw course at Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot, Nev., July 18.

whether it's from a mountain top or a building."

The first part of the course, which covers high-angle shooting, immediate action and transition drills, and draw courses, is taught at Hawthorne.

Acquiring skills such as high-angle shooting, uphill and downhill shooting,

requires a sniper to consider a variety of factors. Snipers learn a couple of math formulas and other tips to determine the windage and other adjustments needed to be made on their weapons for accurate shooting.

The math formulas taught in the course find the flat

ground distance. Gravity affects only this element of a high-angle shot, explained Eggers.

Snipers must consider the elevation from where they are shooting to be accurate. At higher altitudes, the air is less dense and produces less drag, causing a higher impact on the

target, according to the course's lesson plan.

The snipers also practice transitioning from their primary weapon, the rifle, to their secondary weapon, the pistol. They also run through a series of draw courses, where they practice drawing their weapons at stationary targets, while patrolling in a mountainous environment.

To qualify for the high-angle portion of the course, snipers must shoot ten targets within the course's specific point system with the farthest target near 1,000 yards, said Eggers.

The course is then moved to the training areas at MWTC,

where they spend time learning basic mountain mobility, survival, man tracking and combine all their lessons for their final exercise.

"This is one of the only places in the Marine Corps that teach tactical man tracking," said Eggers.

"At the final exercise, they will pull it all together; they'll have one mission that requires them to move in the mountains, man track, with only two rounds to shoot one target at an angle with high altitude in a mountainous environment," he added.

For more information, course dates and requirements log onto www.mwtc.usmc.mil and www.tecom.usmc.mil.

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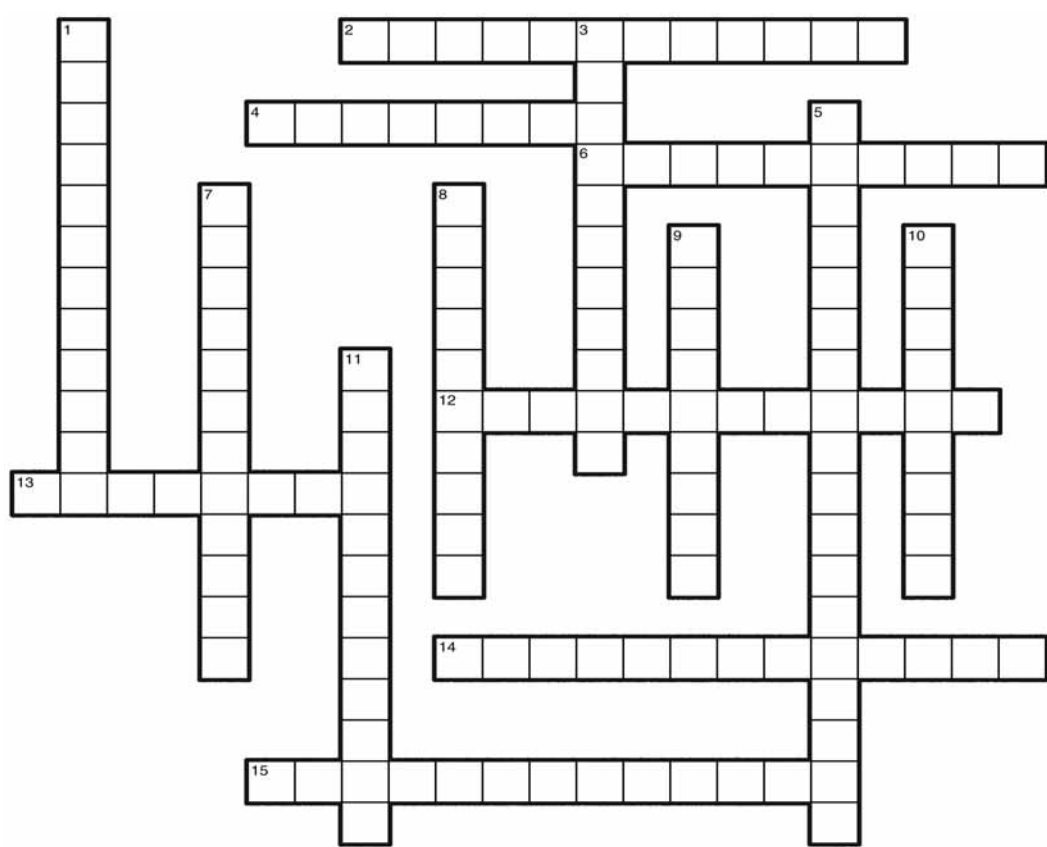
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- 6. He was a member of the Boston Bruins and became the first player to play in the NHL for twenty seasons.
- 12. While playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins he had a Spinal disc herniation, Hodgkin's lymphoma, chronic tendinitis and an atrial fibrillation.
- 13. He broke his ankle and was traded to the Maple Leaf Gardens winning four Stanley Cups.
- 14. He is known for scoring the winning goal against the Soviet Union in the 1972 Summit Series.
- 15. He was the goalie for the Pittsburgh Penguins, he would go on to set an NHL record with the longest shutout to begin a career.

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- 1. First female to play in the NHL as a goalie for Tampa Bay Lightning.
- 3. He played for the Detroit Red Wings, and finished in the top five in scoring for twenty straight seasons.
- 5. She made history by becoming the first female to ever score a point in a professional hockey league.
- 7. He was number seven for the Chicago Black Hawks and number 24 with the Detroit Red Wings.
- 8. He is currently ranked #11 all time in points amongst American-born players with 900.
- 9. Nicknamed "Uncle Eddie", He was the starting goalie for the Chicago Black Hawks.
- 10. He is tied for third overall in career overtime goals in the playoffs, scoring four with Edmonton and Chicago.
- 11. He was a three-time first-team All-America selection. He helped the Huskies to the 1964-65 NCAA Championship.

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SURVEY from A1

analysis of the adequacy and suitability of available housing in the local community," said Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, in a recent memorandum.

This will identify a true count to include single and married service members which may impact the number of future homes built aboard the Combat Center. This may also lead to an increase to the BAH paid to Marines and sailors stationed here, said Ray Zapata, Combat Center housing officer.

The deadline for the completion of the survey is Sept. 14, when all of the information gathered will be analyzed to create a complete picture of the housing situation here.

Base commanders and the Combat Center Joint Family Housing Office are encouraging all personnel aboard the base to complete the

survey to have more accurate and reliable results for improving housing options and quality of life for all Combat Center residents.

"We ask that everyone takes five minutes to complete the paper survey we will distribute or to complete the internet survey," said Zapata. "We are ultimately talking about the amount of money which goes into the pocket of the Marines, so I would hope that would encourage maximum participation."

You can take the survey online at <http://survey.rdniehaus.com>. The username and password are both "mcagcc." The password is lower-case and there is no "www" in the Web address. Paper copies of the survey will be distributed but are also available at the Joint Family Housing Office, Building 1003.

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VMU-1 trains with new unmanned aerial vehicle

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In preparation for their upcoming deployment, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 began training with the new unmanned aerial vehicle, the Shadow 200, which they will use in theater.

VMU-1 began using the new system July 16, performing the Marine Corps' first flight with the Shadow 200 at the Expeditionary Airfield. Flight operations are expected to continue to run until mid-August.

"This training enables us to transition from the Pioneer to the Shadow," said Maj. Michael Phillips, operations officer. "We have finished the classroom, simulator and lab training and now were up to the flight phase."

The Marine Corps saw the need for a new system and began phasing the 21-year-old Pioneer UAV system out to replace it with a more efficient one.

The new system, while similar to the Pioneer, is a more updated and efficient UAV. The new Shadow 200 has laser pointers attached to it, making it more effective to acquire a target on the ground. The new UAV also

does not require an external pilot to launch and recover it, because it is equipped with a tactical landing system.

"The Pioneer is ancient compared to the shadow," said Sgt. Ryan Roberthon, quality assurance chief. "They improved on every little flaw that the pioneer had."

The training will culminate in a final exercise in which the squadron will assist with Mojave Viper training by providing different types of air support roles. The training is set up and conducted as if the unit is in theater except on a smaller scale.

VMU-1 is on a rotation in which they rotate in and out of theater each year.

With the new system being implemented, the Marines of VMU-1 are frequently trained on the equipment to ensure they can use it efficiently and effectively. The training is to ensure that problems can be fixed before they deploy.

"The first day out, we had a couple setbacks trying to figure out how the system runs as a whole and how the day would go using the new system," said Lance Cpl. Nicholas Slipp, plane captain. "The Shadow is totally different as far as launching, so that is something we need training on."



Two Marines with Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron-1 and two civilian contractors work on the Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle before launching at the Combat Centers Expedition Airfield July 25.

Currently VMU-1 has only a few Shadow UAVs, but expects to have more while in theater.

The purpose of the UAV is to provide battlefield reconnaissance and observation along with battle

damage assessment, search and rescue and other air support roles.

For many Marines in the battalion, this will not be their first deployment, or their last but it will be the first time operating the

Shadow 200 in a combat environment, which makes increasing their skills with the operation of the Shadow paramount.

"The Marines will continue to learn, hone their skills and get the tempo down,"

said Phillips. "When the training is finished, the Marines will be very expeditious at doing their job."

As VMU-1 prepares to deploy, they will continue to enhance their skills through training and classes.

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If the ITT staff is unable to offer any discounts for requested attractions, they can provide customers with necessary information for those attractions.

"Customer service is a big part of what we do," said Beverly Miller, leisure travel assistant. "If we are unable to provide someone with the help they need, we will direct them to someone who can."

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"We try to help in the planning process to keep costs down," said Miller. "Planning is the key to saving money."

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OBSERVATIONS

JULY 27, 2007

Dog owners learn to be pack leaders

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marines of the Provost Marshal's Office offered a dog obedience course to Combat Center dog owners at Felix Field Saturday.

About 30 families and individual dog owners attended the free, two-and-a-half-hour course that taught pet owners a variety of approaches to help train their dogs.

Cpl. Brian M. Douglass, PMO military dog handler, said that aside from well-trained dogs being an excellent deterrent of criminal activity in a garrison environment, they are also good companions, which make valuable family members.

"We have always wanted to do something like this," said Douglass. "When we go places with our dogs, a lot of people ask us if we could help them with their dogs and give them advice."

Lance Cpl. Zak B. Kawamleh, military dog handler, agreed.

"Today we're going to be doing the most basic kind of training with the dogs," said Kawamleh. "We're just trying to spread our knowledge to everyone here because this is our job."

Cpl. Stephen J. Dewitt, military dog handler, briefed all the owners on the elements of dog training before any hands-on instruction began.

"As a canine handler, obedience is the most important fundamental in dog training," said Dewitt. "A well-trained dog is a happier, healthier dog in the home. He will have more freedoms."

Proper training builds strong communication between an



Lance Cpl. Zak B. Kawamleh shows Cpl Gabriel R. Barrom, Company B, Marine Corps Communication-Electronic School, how to persuade his dog, Rocky, onto a catwalk used to train military canines.

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

owner and a pet, and gives the pet a clear understanding of who is in charge, Dewitt continued.

"While you're training, you should use three distinct voices," he said. "You have your command voice, your appraisal voice and your correction voice."

A command voice should be sharp and loud, while an appraisal voice should be high-pitched and excited, he explained.

"Never use a dog's name in your correction voice, because the dog will assume you want

him to come to you instead of trying to perform the command again," he said.

He also explained the two types of training reinforcements: positive and negative. Contrary to popular belief, negative reinforcement does not mean one learns by punishment or physical pain. Instead, negative reinforcement is simply the withholding of a pleasant stimulant as a punishment.

"Use your dog jumping on you as an example," said Dewitt. "If a dog jumps up on you and you push him away, he

could see that as a way of playing. But if he jumps on you and you turn away and ignore him, he'll soon get the idea that his owner doesn't play with him when he does that and he'll stop."

Dewitt added that an owner should use inductive training when first training a dog.

"Inductive training is like bribing your dog into doing what you want," he said. "That means you give him a reward or use your appraisal voice."

"After a dog learns that training, he can then learn escape training," he contin-

ued. "Escape training is when you put a choke collar on your dog and you actually show him the positions you want him to be in."

Compulsive training, the third stage of training Dewitt went over, is when the dog obeys commands in order to avoid discomfort from the choke collar which should lie across pain receptors in two hollows below his ears.

"Don't let the name fool you," said Dewitt. "A choke chain should never be used to choke your dog."

A dog should only wear a

choke chain when being given commands, but should wear a flat, comfortable collar when roaming the house or outside.

After the lecture, Dewitt announced that different classes were available for owners, including an obedience course, a socialization group and a problem group for dogs with issues.

Although this is the first time PMO has offered the training course, the large turnout and positive feedback from pet owners were good reason to continue the course in the future, said Dewitt.

MCCES defeats MWSS-374 in playoff game, 2-0

PFC. MONICA C. ERICKSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School battled against Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 in a soccer game with the final score 2-0 Monday at Felix Field.

This was the first game of four in the playoffs to determine the champions of the Commanding General's Intramural Soccer League.

The game began at 6:30 p.m. with both teams evenly matched on the field.

Keith Thomas, MWSS-374 player, dove after the ball to keep it away from his defensive

line but collided with MCCES players. The collision left Thomas injured and unable to finish the game.

MWSS-374 received a lucky break when the referee blew his whistle on MCCES for a dangerous play giving James Cowan, MWSS-374 coach and captain, a free kick. Cowan missed his mark and kicked the ball just wide of the goal.

Ryan Kent, MCCES forward, took possession of the ball and dribbled it up field. After a quick give-and-go with Mitchell Allen, Kent was in front of Miguel Villalobos, the MWSS-374 goalie. Villalobos dove and managed to punch the ball away from his goal, but Kent

recovered. Caleb Grieve, MWSS-374 defenseman, stole the ball and kicked it up field.

Allen got the ball and carried it down half the field. Bruce Novasky, MWSS-374 midfielder, sprinted after Allen. Novasky sped past a fellow defender and stole the ball from Allen.

Both teams fought for control of the ball, but they were stuck in what seemed to be an endless battle until the referee blew his whistle to end of the first half leaving both teams scoreless.

MCCES, reenergized, started the beginning of the second half by dribbling the ball down field and firing three shots in succession of each other. Villalobos showed great keeper skills as he blocked each shot.

Juan Perez, MCCES forward attacked through MWSS-374 midfielders, but was halted by Grieve, who kicked the ball back up the field.

After a quick scuffle over the ball the referee gave Allen a free kick. The ball soared over the net, giving MWSS-374 possession of the ball.

Cowan caught the ball at his feet, but was tripped by MCCES players and rolled as the ball was stolen. The ball was kicked around in front of MWSS-374's net, playing dangerously close to the goal line. Finally, MCCES player Jose Figueroa smashed the ball into the back of the goal with nine minutes left on the score board giving MCCES a 1-0 lead.

With renewed hope, MCCES redoubled their efforts to defeat MWSS-374. Passing the ball around MWSS-374's players, MCCES slowly set up around MWSS-374's net.

With a quick attempt to remove the ball from their side of the field, MWSS-374 kicked the ball out of bounds, giving MCCES a corner kick.



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Mitchell Allen, a forward for the Marine Corps Communication-Electronic School, dribbles the ball up the sideline at Felix Field, Monday.

The corner kick dropped the ball right in front of Perez, who quickly took advantage of his position and rocketed the ball into the back of the net with 30 seconds left on the clock.

The game ended with MCCES claiming a 2-0 victory and a seat in the next playoff game.

The next game puts 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, up against Tactical Training Exercise Control Group at Felix Field Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.



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Caleb Grieve, a defensenmen for the Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, attempts to steal the ball from Juan Perez, MCCES forward, Monday at Felix Field.

29 Palms Triathlon Team garners four division titles

DON TOLBERT
MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS SCHOOL

The Twenty-nine Palms Triathlon Team (29T2) competed against 800 triathletes at the Camp Pendleton Olympic Triathlon July 14 in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Olympic-distance triathlon consisted of a .9-mile swim, a 24.8-mile bike and a 6.2-mile run.

Seven personnel competed including 1st Lt. Chris Hopkins, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, who was the first team member out of the water in 21 minutes. He was closely followed by co-team captain Master Sgt. Steve Hazlett, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School.

Hopkins raced in the 25-29 military age division where he placed third with a time of 2 hours, 25 minutes, 12 seconds. Hazlett raced in the 40-44 military age division and placed first with 2:17:50.

"The race had an endless bite – strong current in the water, damaging wind on the bike, and a difficult run," said Hazlett.

Hazlett was recently selected to compete at the Armed Forces Championship at Naval Air Station Point Magu, Calif., July 28. Col. Mike

Stahlman, Headquarters Battalion, also raced in the 40-44 military age division and placed third in 2:24:56.

Capt. Lisa O'Brien, Marine Wing Support Squadron-374, placed second in the female 35-39 military age division with 3:15:45.

Co-team captain of 29T2, Capt. Chad Walton, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, smoked the bike course with the second fastest bike time of the day at 1:05:04.

Uncharacteristically, Walton said his running legs abandoned him and he just managed to hold it together long enough to finish in fourth place in the 35-39 military age division with 2:21:25.

Capt. David Baril, Combat Logistics Battalion-7, placed seventh in the 30-34 military age division with a time of 2:39:10.

Don Tolbert, MCCES, placed fifth in the 45-49 civilian age division with 2:25:44.

The 29T2 has grown to nearly 40 members. Their next team race will be the Las Vegas Olympic and Half Ironman Sept. 30.

Contact Master Sgt. Hazlett at 830-4414 for more details. The 29T2 is also hosting a swim clinic at the Combat Center training tank for triathletes on Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Master Sgt. Steve Hazlett, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, prepares to compete in the Pendleton Olympic Triathlon July 14 in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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MCCS is hosting a FREE Sprint NASCAR Simulator Event on Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Victory Field and Bourke Road. Get behind the wheel of a state of the art racing simulator and see what it's like to be a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series driver. Enter to win tickets to the California Speedway in September. A pair of tickets will be given away each night! Enter at the 5th Street Zone or at the NASCAR experience. Winner must be present to win.

Desert Winds Golf Course is offering FREE Golf Lessons by a PGA Professional starting July 30th. Join us Monday - Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 830-6132.

Desert Winds Golf Course is offering Twilight Tuesday's where \$15 buys you golf, cart and prizes. Golf league will run from July 31 thru October 30 beginning at 5 p.m. Format of play will vary from week to week. For more information, call 830-6132.

Lifelong Learning Library and 29 Palms Town Library is joining together for Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday, August 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 on the front lawn of the town library. Bring your favorite teddy bear, stuffed animal, or action figure. Come and enjoy sing songs, read books, arts & crafts and play games. For more information, call 830-6875.

Hashmarks SNCO Club is hosting NCO APPRECIATION NIGHT, Celebrate tradition and share camaraderie with your fellow Marines and sailors. Join us Friday, August 3rd at 5 p.m. FREE FOOD and a special appearance from the BUD GIRLS! For more details, contact your club at 830-5035 or 830-6610.

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SMP hosts pirate party for Marines

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Zone recreation center was overflowing with Jack Sparrows and Captain Barbossa's Saturday when the Single Marine Program hosted a free pirate party at 2 p.m.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest was playing in the background with streamers and balloons surrounding the entire building for the party.

"These parties are awesome," said Pfc. Charles Peterson, rifleman for 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. "It's a great place to relax."

When Peterson isn't working, he volunteers his time to assist with the program. He helped with the Fourth of July event and with the pirate party.

"I helped fill the water balloons and set up all the decorations," said Peterson.

The pirate party was sponsored by American Friends of our Armed Forces and Marine Corps Community Services. Through the sponsorships, Marines were able to win many prizes including iPod's, portable DVD players, skateboards and three dimension kites.

Marines were given the opportunity to participate in many games with more chances to win prizes. Relay races, aardvark races, a balloon toss, poker run, Memory, Jenga® and a cake walk are a few games that gave Marines a chance to walk away with prizes.

"The cake walk is a big hit," said LaVonne Lessard, the SMP coordinator. "Most Marines are completely taken by surprise when they realize they have won a full cake that can feed dozens of people."

The cakes, pies and cookies were baked by Marine wives and donated primarily for the party.

Lessard has been involved in the SMP for 10 years. She was previously in charge of SMP in Iwakuni, Japan, and the Single Sailor Program in Yokosuka, Japan.

"When I arrived here, the program needed a little kick to get on its feet," said Lessard.

"I am anxious for the chance to talk to the commanding general and find out his expectations and our limits for the SMP this year," she said.

Lessard tries to get the maximum participation from Marines and sailors on the Combat Center to participate in all the activities this program offers.

Lessard said it is vital for the Marines on this base to have a place to hang out and unwind since they are constantly training and deploying.

"They need a place to come back to and just relax. They need to know that they are cared for. That's why we are here," said Lessard.



PFC. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Master Sgt. Cris Cowan, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, and Lora Hamm, recreation assistant, present Pfc. Katie Merklin, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, a new iPod® that she won at the Single Marine Program pirate party Saturday at The Zone.



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

Spouses unite

Monica McBroom, Family Readiness coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services, explains the benefits of the Key Volunteer Network to military spouses attending the spouse social at the Marine Corps Exchange July 13.



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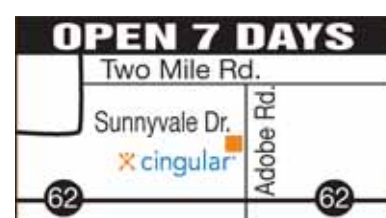
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Line dancing class with Jim Jory, 10 a.m. at the Yucca Valley Elks Lodge; 55946 Yucca Trail, 365-2314.

Bingo, 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School; 6555 Sage Avenue, Twentynine Palms, 367-3341.

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"High School Musical," 7 p.m. at Theatre 29; 73637 Sullivan Road, Twentynine Palms, 361-4151.

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July
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Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. to noon at the Yucca Valley Park and Ride; Kickapoo Trail and Twentynine Palms Highway.

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July
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