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## India Battery deploys to different desert

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marines and sailors of India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, departed the Combat Center Monday for their seven-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

India Battery will be deployed as a firing battery, meaning they will be supporting other combat units with indirect fire support using their M777A2 howitzers.

"This is the first M777 battery to deploy to Iraq, so we're looking forward to the experience," said Lt. Col. James C. Lewis, 3/11 battalion commander. "We can't wait to see how the capability is employed and we'll take lessons learned for future deployments if necessary."

While in Iraq, India Battery will be fielding several new additions to the artillery community's technological capabilities.

One of these new developments is the Digital Fire Control System, which allows the fire direction center to communicate digitally with each howitzer.

Before DFCS was developed, the FDC had to give all commands to each gun crew over the radio. Now everything is transmitted through the computers in the FDC to the computers attached to the howitzers.

Another new development India Battery will bring with them is the new M982 Excalibur artillery round. The Excalibur is guided by the global positioning system. It is designed to reduce collateral damage in urban environments by using GPS satellites to accurately guide itself to its target. If it falls outside 30 meters of its intended target, it will make itself inert and will not explode.

India Battery will be the first Marine Corps firing battery to



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Cpl. Matthew Beaudin, fire direction control man, India Battery, 3/11, says goodbye to his wife, Kristie, and son, Matty, before departing the Combat Center Monday.

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## Manpower management programs set Marines up for success

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

It's that time of year again! That is, the time for the annual road show of the Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments and Manpower Management Officer Assignments sections.

MMEA is scheduled to visit the Combat Center Monday and Tuesday while MMOA section is slated to visit Oct. 23 to 25.

Every year around this time,

MMOA and MMEA visit the major Marine Corps commands to achieve their mission: provide officers and enlisted Marines a chance to speak with their respective occupational field monitors about the options available to them for their future careers.

Gunnery Sgt. Marcus D. McAllister, Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force Training Command career retention specialist, said the visits of these organizations are a small part in assuring success

for Marines whether they choose to re-enlist or get out of the Corps.

In order to maintain normal end strength, a minimum retention rate of 20 to 26 percent of first-term Marines was needed before the Corps added 20,000 Marines, said McAllister. Because of the expansion of personnel, the new requirement for retention is now 34 to 40 percent.

In order to retain this number of Marines, monitors stay on top of educating the men

and women in service on the facts of re-enlistment, said McAllister.

The most important fact for Marines to realize about these programs is that they are not intended to persuade re-enlistment, he continued.

"MMEA is developed to help the average enlisted Marine apply critical thought process to their careers," said McAllister. "The key is not just to let them know about these visits, but also to educate them and make sure

they have all the information they'll need to make the next step in their lives. This is not a recruiting effort."

Such a critical element that monitors keep it in mind when speaking with their respective Marines. Even if a first-term Marine decides not to re-enlist, he or she will receive the same amount of assistance and will never be turned away, said McAllister.

"The more opportunities we give these Marines to

talk with their monitors, the more likely they are to make their futures brighter," he added.

Aside from specific occupational field-based requirements for a position, re-enlistment offers and order requests are on a first come, first serve basis, he said.

MMOA is scheduled to provide all company and field grade officers with an informative brief at the base Protestant

See MANPOWER, A4

## Advisor Training Group command moves to Combat Center



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

Capt. Salvador Aguilar, transition team 9-07 fire support advisor, and his interpreter try to reason with a local group of Iraqi role players at Combat Center Range 220 during the Advisor Training Group's Military Readiness Exercise Oct. 5.

PFC. JARED J. BUTLER  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Command of the Advisor Training Group was passed from the Training and Education Command to the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command Oct. 1.

ATG developed about six months ago, with criteria influenced by the Security, Cooperation, Education and Training Center at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., said Lt. Col. Richard R. Warmbold, ATG operations officer.

ATG has been conducting training under TECOM aboard the Combat Center since early this year, said Warmbold.

The instructors and con-

trollers provide advisor teams with the training they need to help security forces from other countries become more proficient, according to the ATG mission statement.

Advisor teams interact, influence and advise the security forces of countries, such as Iraq, to improve their stability.

The goals of the advisor teams are to teach and help their foreign counter-parts without interrupting their progress.

"An advisor is like a shadow on a cloudy day," said Col. Eugene N. Apicella, ATG director. "He's there, but you don't really notice him."

ATG adjusted to a 19-day period of instruction Oct. 1,

that gives transition teams the ability to develop advisor skills in realistic scenarios.

The last military transition team to experience the 25-day period of instruction made up the 9-07 transition team, which completed their military readiness exercise at Combat Center Range 220 Oct. 5.

A multitude of scenarios, some including Iraqi role players, were put in front of these Marines and sailors during their last few days of training that required them to act on their feet.

The MRX allowed the MTT to work closely with Iraqi Army role players that simulated what it's like to

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### Weekend Weather

Friday  80/55  
Sunny

Saturday  78/54  
Sunny

Sunday  82/55  
Sunny

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LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

MCCES celebrates 65th anniversary.

### This Day in Marine Corps History

— Oct. 12, 1917 —  
The 1st Marine Aviation Squadron and 1st Marine Aeronautic Company formed at Philadelphia.

# C.O.P. Corner



## Community Oriented Policing



The proactive voice of crime prevention

Presented by the Provost Marshal's Office, Crime Prevention Section

Larcenies have always been a big problem across the U.S. There has been an increasing problem of thefts aboard the base and especially in the barracks, which is an issue we have to strongly look at and find a way to address.

Here is a total number of larcenies broken down by month.

Barracks	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Totals
1360										0
1403	1						1	1	2	5
1404				1			1	2	1	5
1411		1			1	1	1			4
1412					3					3
1423				1		1		1		3
1429	3						1	2	1	7
1442			1							1
1443			1			1				2
1462				1	1		1			3
1463	1					2	1	1		5
1464				1						1
1465				1						1
1466										0
1467		2			1					3
1565			1							1
1607				1				1		2
1612										0
1616	1		1						1	3
1621										0
1622										0
1627		2		1	2					5
1636			1						1	2
1645			1	1	1		1	1		5
1661					1				1	2
1662				1					1	2
1664						1				1
1665	1				1					2
1666				1				1		2
1766							2			2
Totals:	7	5	6	10	11	6	9	10	8	72

Here are the stats on how many larcenies we have had broken down by individual units in the barracks aboard MCAGCC:

MONTHLY TOTAL STATS YEAR TO DATE:

Unit	Totals
1/7	9
2/7	2
3/7	3
3/4	10
3/11	7
3rd LAR	8
1st Tank Bn	4
3rd AABN	5
MWSS-374	5
CLB-7	2
VMU-1	2
MCCES	11
HQBN	3
NAV HOSP	0
23rd Dental	0
Staff Housing	1
Grand Total	72

Out of the 72 larcenies, almost all of them could have been prevented or been a lot easier to solve if the person who had their property stolen would have secured the items properly, kept receipts of the merchandise or marked or engraved their property with a property marking for identification purposes. Also ensure that you write down and keep a record of all serial numbers and other identifiers of high dollar or sentimental merchandise and keep that list in a secure location. Most pawn shops will not take property that has property engraving markings on them.

The following services are available to on-base personnel and residents through the Crime Prevention Section:

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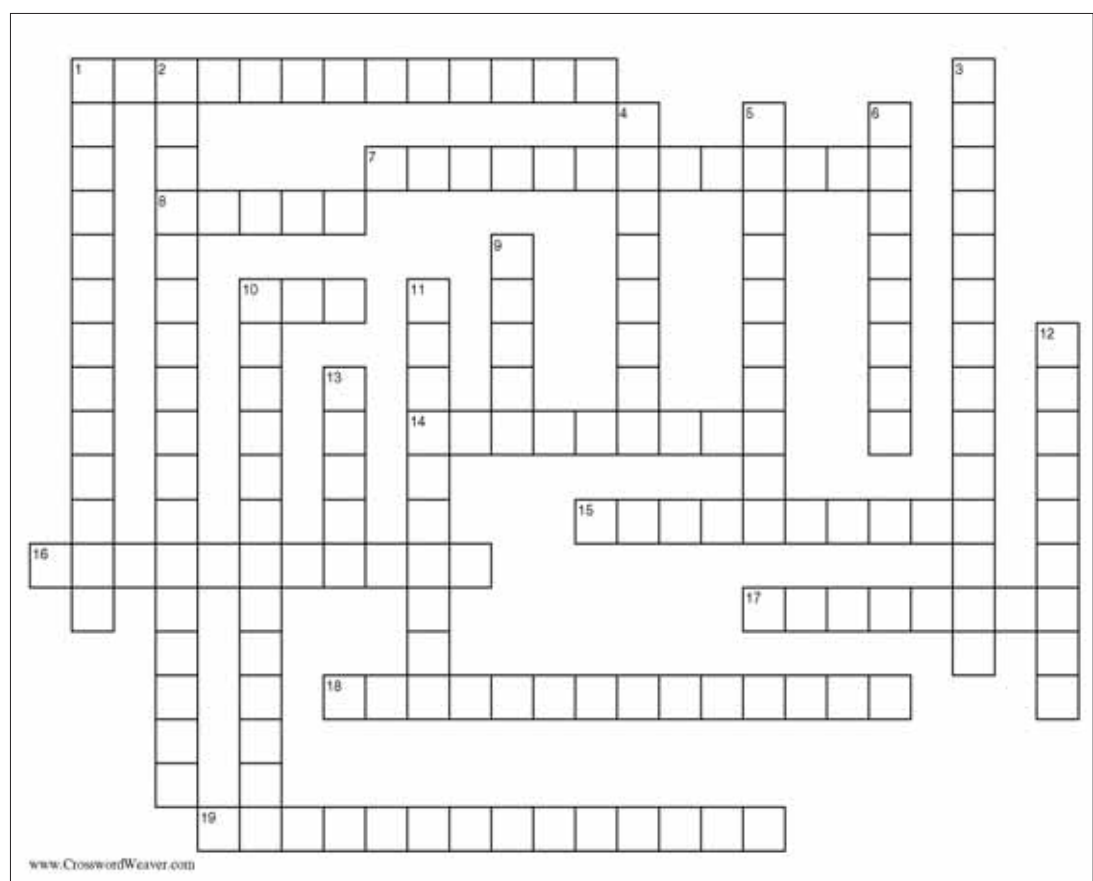
For more information about the above services, contact the PMO Crime Prevention Section at (760) 830 4561/6094.

## Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



## COMMERCIAL ICONS



### ACROSS

- You and the Cap'n can make it happen
- He's Grrrrreat!
- They were always after his lucky charms
- He pities the fool who doesn't use 1-800-COLLECT
- He's America's #1 trusted hero
- Oh Yeah!
- You know what, I'll have a \_\_\_\_\_, too
- He's warm, cuddly and makes your clothes smell fresh
- Their names sound like their cereal
- Keeps going and going and.....

### DOWN

- Everyone's got a little captain in them.
- Hooh-hooh!
- The big clown that children aren't afraid of
- His eyes are very clear
- Lives in a factory of pure imagination
- Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't
- He saved a bunch of money on his car insurance
- Doesn't have to say anything for successful commercials
- She's a whole lot of syrup
- Follow his nose, wherever it goes
- Eat fresh and lose weight

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## Centerspeak

If you had never joined the Marine Corps, where would you be and what would you be doing?

*Opinions expressed in Centerspeak are not necessarily those of the OBSERVATION POST, the Marine Corps or Department of Defense.*



LANCE CPL. WAYNE STEVENS  
3RD COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

"I would be in Ohio attending college at Shawnee State University."



CPL. DAVID KEMP  
3RD BATTALION, 11TH MARINE REGIMENT

"I would be finishing up my degree at Florida Atlantic University."



STAFF SGT. JOSE HERNANDEZ  
HEADQUARTERS BATTALION

"I would be playing professional soccer after I finished college in Texas."

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The Invasion 9 p.m. PG-13	War Midnight R	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Superbad 7 p.m. R
Superbad Midnight R	<b>SUNDAY</b> Mr. Bean's Holiday 2 p.m. G	<b>THURSDAY</b> Resurrecting the Champ 7 p.m. PG-13
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# Then there came the color blue...



Cpl. Joseph Labadie and other Marines and sailors of HQ Battery, 3rd BN, 11th Marines, stand sternly at parade rest during a battery dress blues uniform inspection Oct. 5 in preparation for their Marine Corps Ball.

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

# Lincoln Military Housing will hold townhall meetings for local residents

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Nothing in life is perfect, which is why Lincoln Military Housing is asking for feedback on the quality of life in the Combat Center's housing areas.

Lincoln Military Housing will be holding a series of townhall meetings for residents in each housing area.

The meetings enable residents to voice their opinions on the quality of base housing and provide feedback on improvements that can be made to increase the quality of life.

Each meeting is set up for a specific neighborhood.

"We encourage the residents to come out and give us feedback on how we're doing and where we need to improve," said Lina P. Lua, community services coordinator, Lincoln Military Housing. "The biggest questions we want to ask are how we have been doing and how we can serve you

better." LMH held events similar to the townhall meeting approximately two months ago, but only a handful of people showed up.

"We're looking for a better turnout this time so we can get good feedback," she said. "We really encourage the residents to come out here and voice their opinions. The feedback benefits Lincoln and it benefits the residents as well."

The next townhall meeting, which will be for Ocotillo and Fairway Heights, will meet Thursday, Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ocotillo Community Center, building 4000.

The Desert View and Marine Palms housing areas will meet Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Desert View Club House, building 6900.

Joshua Heights and Sunflower Terrace will meet Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Desert View Club House.

Adobe Flats 1 and 2 will meet Jan. 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Adobe Club House, building 8100.

Adobe Flats 3 and 4 will meet Feb. 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Adobe Club House.

For more information, contact Lincoln Memorial Housing at 830-4021.

## MANPOWER from A1

Chapel Oct. 23.

"MMA is here to conduct interviews with officers for future PCS assignments," said

Robin Whitten, Manpower management analyst. "They're here to help guide the officer to making the right choice for their next assignment."

Appointment-based inter-

views are scheduled to be hosted at the Combat Center Officer's Club Oct. 23.

An online appointment scheduler for officers can be found on the base Web site,

www.29palms.usmc.mil.

For more information on MMA, contact Whitten at 830-7348. For more details on MMA, contact Mcallister at 830-6171.

## Upcoming MCAGCC Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments briefs

Oct. 15, 2007

TIME	EVENT/BRIEF	BRIEFER	ATTENDEES	LOC./BLDG#
0800-0930	FTAP/MARSOC Brief	MMEA	ALL FY 2008 FTAP MARINES	base theater
0800-1000	Career Brief 101	Career Counselor	SGTS - GYSGTS	1707 classroom C
1000-1100	Career Brief 501	Career Counselor	RS/RO'S - OFFICERS - MSGTS - SGTSMAJ	1707 classroom C
1100-TBD	Monitor Interviews	MMEA	FY 2008 FTAP MARINES	1707 classroom B
1300-1400	MMEA SgtMaj's Brief	Branch SgtMaj	MSGTS - SGTSMAJ	1707 classroom C
1400-1500	MMEA Command Brief	Branch Head	COS/XOS - OFFICERS - SR ENLISTED ADVISORS	1707 classroom C

Oct. 16, 2007

TIME	EVENT/BRIEF	BRIEFER	ATTENDEES	LOC./BLDG#
0800-TBD	Monitor Interviews	MMEA	FY 2008 FTAP MARINES	1707 classroom B

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

# Family Fall Festival

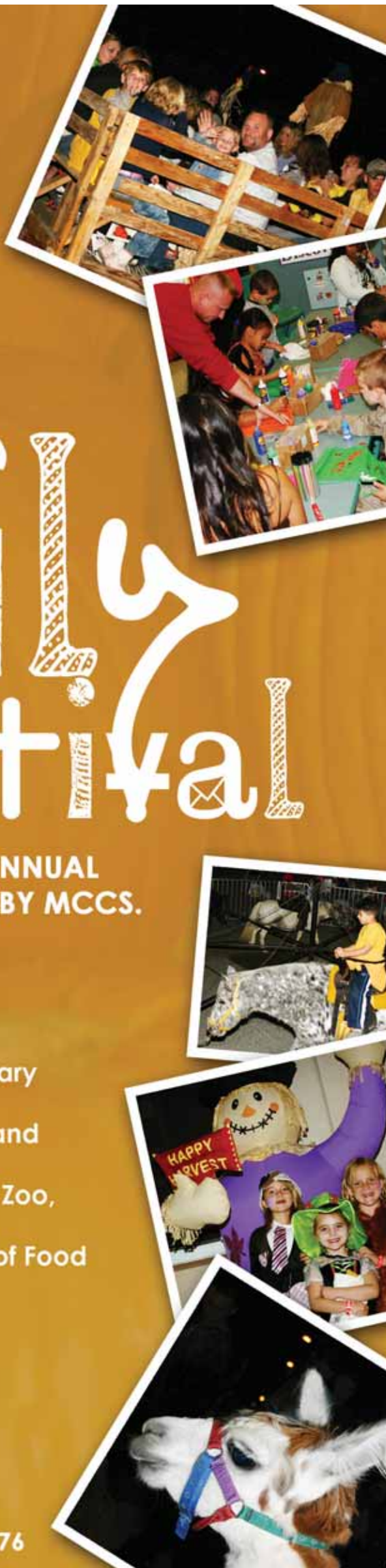
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## INDIA from A1

employ this technology in an operational environment.

An awkward feeling of gloom and excitement hung over the Combat Center Monday as India Battery said goodbye to their friends and families.

"I'm really sad," said Lindsey Ledbetter, wife of Cpl. Tyler Ledbetter, artilleryman, India Battery, 3/11. "I'll probably cry when he says goodbye to our daughter. It's very depressing he's leaving, but I'm very proud of him."

Ledbetter agreed with his wife, but said he's been waiting a long time to go to Iraq.

"It's going to be hard leaving my wife and daughter behind, but I'm really excited to get this show on the road," he said. "Chesty Puller!"

Sgt. Trevar Perkins, fire direction control man, India Battery, 3/11, also expressed his excitement to deploy to Iraq. He said he felt the message should be short and to the point.

"Let's do this," he said.

Overall, it seemed the Marines and sailors of India Battery were excited to deploy to Iraq, but would miss their friends and families.

"I'm excited, but I just want to go over there and come home as soon as possible," said Cpl. Matthew Beaudin, fire direction control man, India Battery, 3/11. "I want to come home to my family and move on to other things."

India Battery will be deployed for seven months and will return to the Combat Center in April 2008.

## OP ONLINE



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# Fiscal year 2007 sees increase in motorcycle-related traffic accidents

LANCE CPL. MICHAEL R. STEVENS  
MCAS MIRAMAR

The Navy and Marine Corps family has lost 44 members as of Sept. 14 due to motor-vehicle accidents.

In recent numbers released by the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned, the Marine Corps saw, most notably, an increase in the number of motorcycle incidents from this year to last.

So far this fiscal year, 18 Marines have died in motorcycle related accidents, an increase from last year's 17.

These statistics, confirmed with the Naval Safety Center, state fatality rates for motorcycle accidents increased in the 30 - 34 age bracket this past fiscal year, when it previously was predominant in the 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 age ranges.

"The most notable statistic was the Marine Corps exceeding last years total of seventeen motorcycle mishaps," said Col. Monte Dunard, the

director of Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned, in a recent message.

"The primary contributing factors remain the same; excessive speed, fatigue, improper use of equipment and failure to use proper personal protective equipment," wrote Dunard.

The primary motorcycle rode by Marines is the sport-bike. Although designed for and being used for speed, the Marines are using them in the wrong environment.

According to the center, "sport-bikes should be raced on approved tracks while wearing proper gear; speed, regular highway traffic and road conditions do not mix well."

For a Marine to register a motorcycle on the air station, they must have completed a motorcycle safety course prior to doing so. Off-station classes are acceptable, but if registered in the course through Miramar, the class is free.

The Miramar Station Safety Office has a mission to provide a safe and healthful

environment for all personnel working on the air station, living on the air station or visiting the air station.

In ensuring their mission gets accomplished, the office offers driver improvement courses and a Basic Rider's Course for motorcycle riding safety.

"The motorcycle course teaches the Marines how to properly ride a motorcycle," said Matthew McMullen, the motorcycle course instructor. "We teach you where to position yourself on the bike and where your head and eyes should be focused."

In addition to the courses, the air station has a riding club that gives riders an opportunity to learn and meet fellow riders from the installation.

"The club rides are a valuable tool because we learn best through experience," said Lt. Col. Keith M. Cutler, commanding officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron here. "We have to use every tool we can to increase motorcycle safety."

# Privately owned vehicle incidents throughout the Marine Corps

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PLR

As of Sept. 19, there have been 56 USMC privately owned vehicle fatalities in FY07, compared to 60 for the same time frame in FY06.

Consider these actions to help prevent POV crashes:

- Emphasize vigilance and defensive driving. Maintain awareness of vehicles to the front, side and rear of your vehicle and always try to leave yourself an escape route in the event of an emergency.

- Practice Risk Management at all times. While our young sailors and Marines may be doing everything correctly (i.e. buckled-up, driving the speed limit, wearing required personal protective equipment, driv-

ing defensively, etc...), traffic dangers still lurk around us and may strike when least expected. Some questions we should ask ourselves often while riding in a vehicle:

- What am I doing? (Am I in a high risk situation? What can I do to mitigate these risks? Do I need to be on this road at this time?)
- Who am I with? (Is the driver trustworthy, and do I trust my life with the person driving? Have they been drinking?)
- What time will I be on the roadway? (Is it between the critical hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.? Are the roads conducive for safe driving? Am I alert enough to make it to my destination?)

These few simple questions, asked at the proper time, may

minimize placing yourself in a potentially hazardous or life-threatening situation.

For more information regarding traffic safety, visit our Traffic Safety Toolbox at: <http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/toolbox/default.htm>

Preliminary Loss Reports (PLR) are provided to leaders for awareness, trends, and recommendations.

Our Navy/Marine Corps depends on you to disseminate PLRs to the lowest levels of your command in order to help high-risk Sailors/Marines to understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.

Feedback: The Naval Safety Center is interested in your comments; please email them to [PLRfeedback@navy.mil](mailto:PLRfeedback@navy.mil)

## PMV Fatalities

	Navy		Marine		Navy/Marine	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
FY05 thru 19 Sep	57	15.75	47	27.32	104	19.48
FY06 thru 19 Sep	72	20.46	60	34.38	132	25.08
FY07 thru 19 Sep	48	14.14	56	32.02	104	20.22

## HOT TOPICS

### DELAYS AT MAIN GATE

Starting on Monday, Adobe Main Gate will be restricted to one lane due to construction. This project is scheduled to last until October 19. Access to Pass & ID, building 901, will be maintained. Please use Condor gate as an alternative to reach your destination during this period. Thank you for your patience during this period of construction. For any questions call Lt. Gonzalez, 830-7423.

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Starting Monday, Brown Road will be closed from 5th Street to Adobe Road for repaving. The 5th Street and Adobe Road intersec-

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### MCCES FUN RUN

The 4th consecutive Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School Fun Run is scheduled for 7 a.m., Oct. 19. This base-wide event is open to all military, dependents, and DoD civilians. The run will include a individual half-marathon, 5-person

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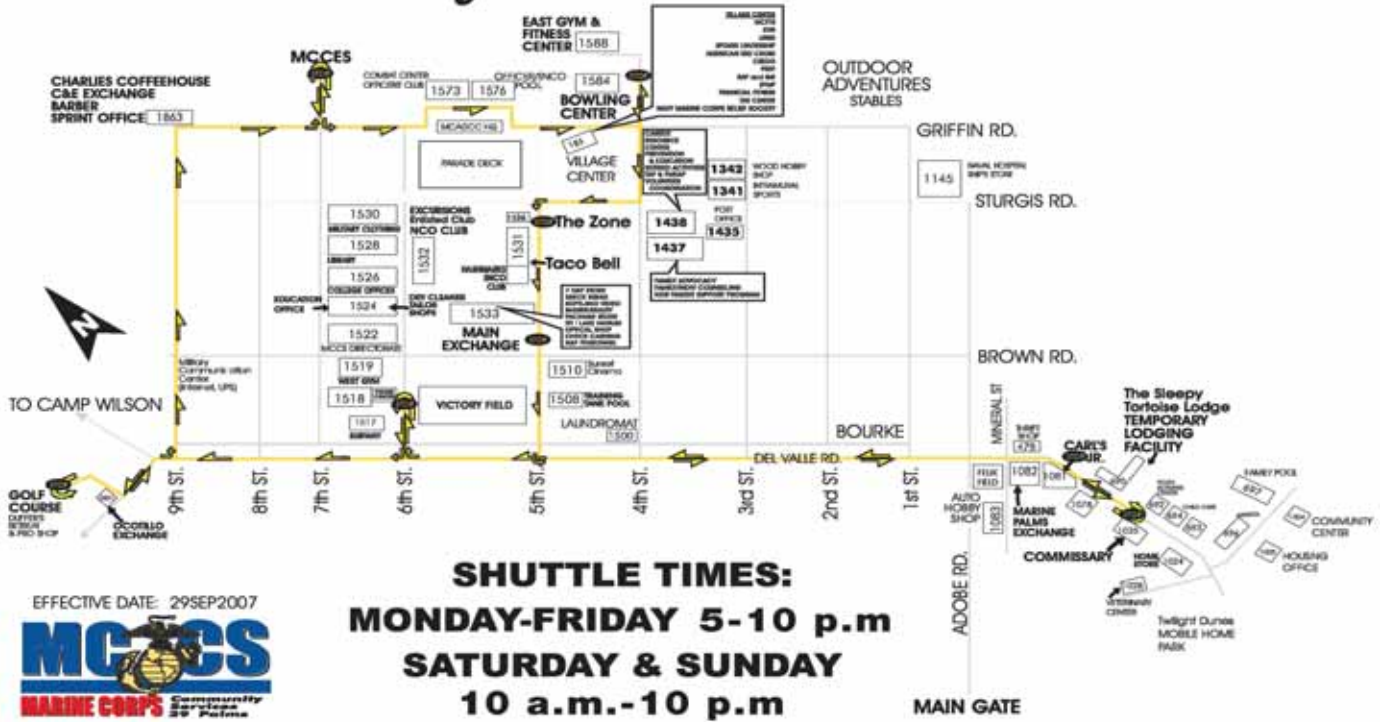
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train the Iraqi Army. "The level of proficiency of the role players, especially the Iraqi Army, was very high," said Maj. Craig Wolfenbarger, 9-07 transition team leader. "They did an outstanding job of presenting us with very realistic scenarios."

The use of advisor teams allows the security forces of other countries to gain experience from Marines and sailors.

"I think it's best that we train the Iraqi Army and other security forces because we have specialized training in that area of expertise,"

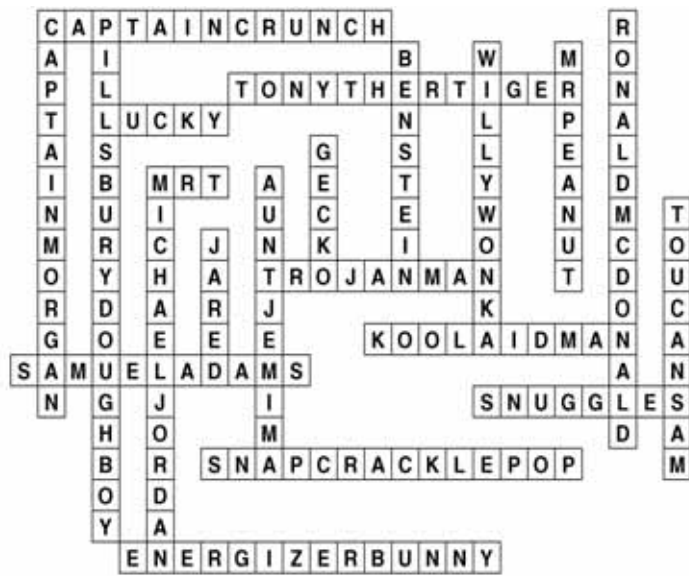
said Sgt. Anthony Ziegler, 9-07 transition team intelligence chief.

The efforts of the ATG staff and the advisor teams they train will assist in the development and building self-reliance of the Iraqi security forces.

"I think advising is the direction the Marine Corps is heading," said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Maser, ATG training chief. "What's better than having the world's finest military force advising you?"

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 Sun 9:15 a.m. Confessions+  
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 Sun 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Sun 4 p.m. Choir Practice  
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# Marines enforce humane treatment of Ramadi's detainees

CPL. RYAN M. BLAICH, II  
MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD)

RAMADI, Iraq -- The Abu Ghraib prison scandal is something the military has worked hard to recover from since photographs of Iraqi detainees appeared in papers across the world during 2004. Marines of the Hawaii-based 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, also known as Task Force Military Police, have experienced firsthand the challenges, pressures and surprises of dealing with detainees on a daily basis. They balance fundamental human rights with cultural sensitivity and basic common sense with professionalism. The Marines are not making friends here, but they are not creating enemies either.

The facility is operated and secured by a platoon of Marines from Battery B. Most of the Marines of 3rd platoon do not derive from correctional or police jobs. In fact, they come from an assortment of military occupational specialties, ranging from combat lithographer to wireman to artillery and come from units reaching as far as Okinawa, Japan.

Gunnery Sgt. Cory Mitchell, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge and one of three Marines at the regional detention facility in Ramadi

who is actually a correctional specialist, said although it would be ideal to have the facility run by Marines in the correctional field, it is just not possible. Despite the unique position these Marines are in, they do not let their inexperience get in the way of their mission.

"In theory, it would be nice if we could (run the facility with corrections Marines), however we don't have enough corrections Marines to do it," he said. "But, it's a job this unit has easily done."

There are three RDFs in the Anbar Province, one at each of the major forward operating bases in Fallujah, Al Asad and Ramadi. This facility houses less than 300 detainees, making it substantially smaller than the other two.

Since the platoon arrived in March, the number of men detained here has not reached more than a quarter of its capacity, due, in part, to the curb of violence in this region of Anbar.

Although the lull of violence is a prominent sign of progress for Iraqi and Coalition Forces, it has created a struggle to remain focused on a job full of empty space. At one time earlier this summer, the facility held a mere five men.

"The biggest challenge has probably been the way Ramadi

has changed," Mitchell said. "We never had the high numbers we were expecting to have. But this is still Iraq, so we're doing things to keep the Marines alert and focused."

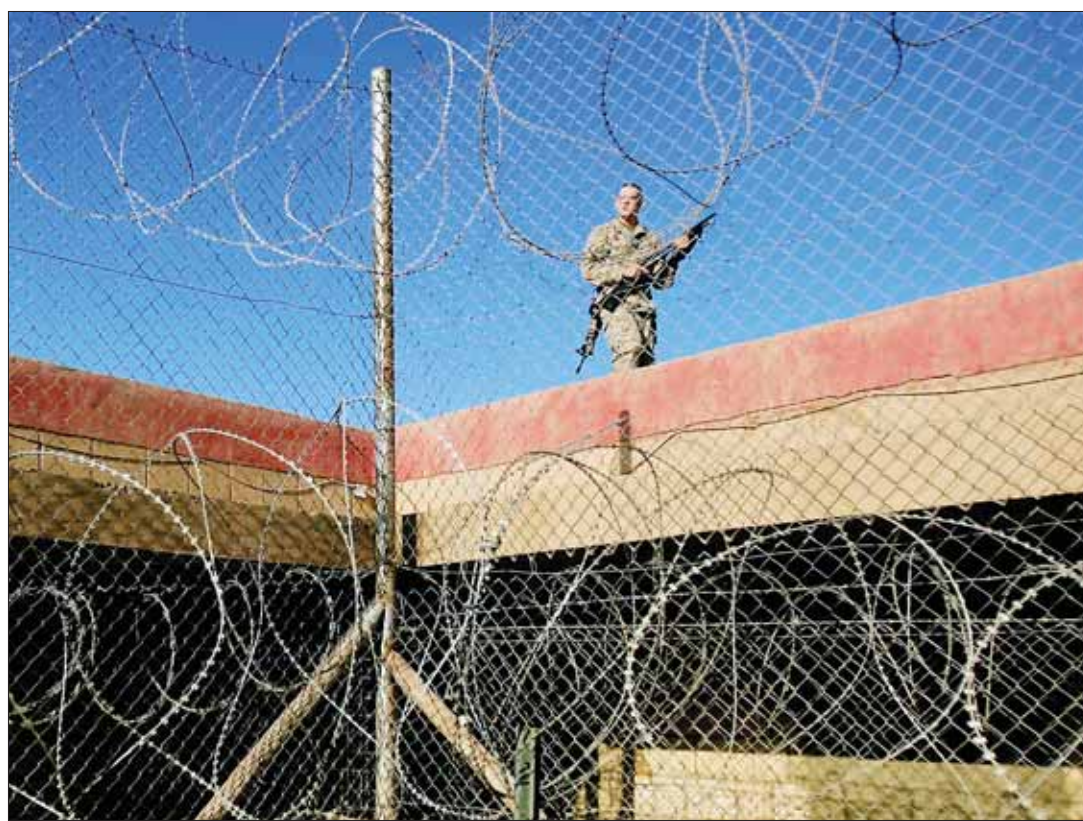
In typical Marine spirit, they have developed a rigorous training schedule to stay busy. During their downtime most Marines work out or participate in Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, increasing their belt level if possible. They have a range nearby, honing their marksmanship skills when time allows.

Mitchell said the time off keeps Marines fresh and focused when it came time to work, which is important in a job that is viewed under a microscope.

The officer in charge, Capt. Benjamin Preston, compares working in this environment to an offensive line's job on a football team. Like the men who block and guard star players on the team, their job is essential, but not glamorous.

The platoon started to prepare for this deployment last October, training at the Pohakuloa Training Center on the Big Island of Hawaii. They later traveled to Louisiana for additional training at the Joint Readiness Training Center, known as Cajun Viper.

During their predeployment training, Marines learned



CPL. RYAN M. BLAICH

Lance Cpl. Kevin Kimmerling, 20, from Phoenix, stands duty on the roof of Ramadi's Regional Detention Facility. Marines stand post 24/7 to ensure protection of detainees and Marines.

how to conduct basic operations of day-to-day activities, but mainly focused on the humane treatment of detainees. Mitchell said it was crucial Marines saw the detained men through impartial eyes, not judging them on the actions they were accused of committing and treating them equally. A task easier said than done.

"We treat them really good, probably a lot better than you think we'd treat them," said

Lance Cpl. Dylan Chambers, formerly a field wireman, from Dallas. "It took me a while and then I realized what if I were a (detainee), I'd want to be treated humanely. I'd want to be able to shower and eat decent food and use the restroom if I had to. And you have to realize that not all of them are bad dudes. So, I just try to treat them all equally."

The facility is meant to hold detainees for less than 15 days. During this time, their case is

reviewed by military lawyers while physical evidence is gathered and they are interrogated for information.

While here, the detained men are not allowed to communicate openly amongst themselves for fear of rioting or compromising their case. The possessions they arrived with are stored in the evidence room. They are only allowed a mat, blankets, a prayer rug, shoes and an orange jumpsuit inside their cell. Each holding cell is air-conditioned and clean. The living environment inside the detention center, in some ways, is better than conditions in town.

"We try to make sure things are comfortable," said Sgt. Jason Hernandez, a Waukesha, Wis., native. "It is a prison, but we don't want to make it an uncomfortable environment for them and then they go back out in town and think all Americans are bad. At least we're sending them out into society saying, 'They gave me a comfortable place to sleep, a blanket if I got cold, water, food, and let me shower.' We are trying to make these guys realize we're not the bad guys." In some instances,

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# Employee Spotlight



**Name:** Richard Hardman  
**Organization:** Headquarters Battalion  
**Billet Job Title:** S-4 Chief  
**Job Duties:** Budget, Ammunition, Defense Travel, Environmental, Safety, Dispatching, Facilities  
**Hometown:** Massillon, Ohio. Now, 29 Palms.  
**Hobbies:** Photography, Astronomy, Camping  
**What do you like most about your job?:** Working with Marines.  
**One of the most significant achievements since you have been here?:** On the job would be streamlining the logistical processes within the battalion command, elements and small involvement with the State Funeral. Off duty would be awards from the art community for my photography.  
**Have you ever served in the military:** Yes, 26 years from 1979-2005, master sergeant, retired, MOS 2891, data/communications maintenance chief.  
**Time employed at the Combat Center:** 2 years as a civilian, 10 years as a Marine; 12 years total.

## RAMADI from A8

Hernandez said the detainees often show appreciation when they leave the facility, even if they are not allowed a cigarette. "A lot of them come in expecting us to treat them inhumanely," Hernandez said. "We've had some come through here and when they leave they thank us. We had one guy actually thank us

because we helped him quit smoking." The platoon will soon be returning back to the shores of Hawaii. They will be replaced by Marines much like themselves; inexperienced yet prepared, unsure of what to expect, but sure their job is making an impact in Iraq. The Marines here have made a difference in the war. It may not have been by fire and maneuver, but by much more subtle actions. They are not just providing a place to house the terrorists, thus getting them off the streets; they have created an environment of trust, simply by treating the Iraqis like human beings. "The Iraqi people are seeing how America is and how we act toward them and the good things we're doing for Ramadi," Mitchell said.



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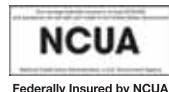
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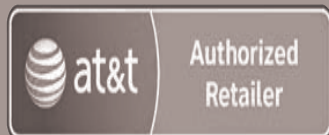
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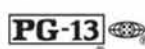


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# OBSERVATIONS

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## 1st Tanks spouses take part in annual Jane Wayne Day

PFC. JARED J. BUTLER  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Spouses of 1st Tank Battalion Marines and sailors participated in this year's "Jane Wayne Day" at Combat Center Range 500, Oct. 4.

Participants, along with some Marines and sailors, met at the tank ramp in the morning with flak-jackets and Kevlars, and prepared for the long journey in 7-ton trucks to Range 500.

The ride to the training area was the first event of the day that gave spouses a glimpse at what Marines and sailors experience in training.

"The back of the 7-ton was disgusting," said April Haldy. "It felt like we were getting rolled around in a bunch of dirt."

Upon the arrival of the convoy to Range 500, the spouses had the opportunity to shake off some dirt before they received a safety brief.

The participants put in ear protection as they witnessed a live demonstration of the M1A1 Abrams Tank to begin the Jane Wayne Day festivities.

"I can really appreciate my husband's line of work a lot more now," said Crystal



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

Lance Cpl. Devon Preiser, Jane Wayne Day range coach, gives Alicia Lara a crash course in correct sight alignment of the M-16 rifle at Combat Center Range 500 during the 1st Tank Battalion Jane Wayne Day Oct. 4.

Williams. "Now I understand why he's deaf."

The Marines of 1st Tanks set up static displays of vehicles and weapons, rides on tanks and humvees, and a

range that gave the spouses a chance to fire the M-16 rifle.

After a quick range safety brief, the spouses got into the prone firing position and tested their marksmanship skills.

"Firing the gun isn't the most comfortable thing in the world, but it's a really fun experience," said Alicia Lara.

Although the M-16 rifle attracted many of the spouses,

the most popular event of Jane Wayne Day was the tank ride.

"The tank was a lot of fun, but the ride was far from smooth," said Marisol Maccheyne. "I definitely

wouldn't want to take a family vacation in one."

In between activities, the spouses had the chance to take a break and enjoy the Meals-Ready-to-Eat the Marines brought for them.

Many of the spouses liked the idea of eating MRE's, while others just weren't cut out for the field.

"The meat loaf tastes like dog food, and the mashed potatoes are fake," said Ashton Reagan. "I'm just glad I'm not the one who has to eat MRE's."

The spouses finished the day's events with a debriefing by 1st Lt. Andrew M. Raucci, 1st Tanks Jane Wayne Day officer-in-charge, before returning to mainside.

"The purpose of Jane Wayne Day is to provide our spouses with an appreciation and enhance their understanding of the occupational skills required of 1st Tank Battalion's Marines and sailors," said Raucci. "Basically, we got to pull triggers, ride in tanks and have a good time."

The Marines and sailors of 1st Tanks plan to host another Jane Wayne Day for their spouses in the Spring.

## MCCES celebrates 65 years with battalion field meet

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School celebrated their 65th birthday with a Battalion Field Meet at Victory Field Oct. 5.

More than 1,500 Marines attended MCCES' 26th annual field meet.

The Marines were divided into four teams: Alpha Company, Bravo Co., Charlie Co., and Headquarters Co.

The teams competed in a series of events, such as the dizzy izzy, an aardvark relay, all-ranks relay, egg toss, humvee push and the tug-of-war.

"The best thing about the field meet are the events that require the most grit from the team members or the funniest to watch and gets the Marines cheering the most," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Joseph St. Onge, Battalion Operations

Chief. "The tug-of-war, dizzy izzy and the aardvark relay are my favorite."

The field meet kicked off with a 10-kilometer run that brought MCCES Marines to Victory Field to begin the competition.

The Marines also achieved points from their flexed arm hang time for females, and amount of pull ups for males.

Volleyball, basketball and softball tournaments also gave the Marines a chance to participate in the field meet.

The winner of the field meet walked away with the first place trophy. The team with the lowest points received the "toilet bowl" trophy.

"The winner was Headquarters Company," said Master Sgt. Robert Cole, MCCES personnel chief. "The last place, which takes home the toilet bowl trophy, was Bravo Company."

"This builds a lot of unity

amongst the Marines and gives everyone a chance to just compete and have fun before a long weekend," said Cole.

Some MCCES Marines found humor in the placement of the trophies when the company commander and first sergeant for Bravo Co. took home the toilet bowl this year, and also took home the toilet bowl trophy with Headquarters Co. last year.

"They must be the Chicago Cubs curse for the school house," said Cole commenting on their bad luck.

The field meet gave MCCES Marines the chance to interact with their instructors on a different level than in the classroom.

"They were able to interact in a different aspect in that it was a team and not instructor to student," said Cole. "This is important as it shows the students that they are Marines."

The students were able to



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Marines battle in a tug-of-war during the 26th annual field meet to celebrate their 65th anniversary Oct. 5.

compete against, or be on the same team with their fellow instructors throughout the morning for some of the events.

"They saw us as Marines and not in the student environment," said Cole. "We love the

competition and this shows the teamwork that is involved."

St. Onge agreed with Cole, explaining Oct. 5 was the best day for the field meet.

"The weather was good and it was a Friday before a long

holiday," said St. Onge "Some

students go to class during the night so the field meet is a relief for many to break up the routine and get outside for some

good old fashioned Marine Corps camaraderie."

## 23rd Dental Clinic sees first K-9 patient for root canal

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The 23rd Dental Company, 1st Force Service Support Group, aboard the Combat Center had an unusual patient for a root canal and cleaning Oct. 5.

Rex, a 5-year-old German shepherd, chipped his tooth and needed dental work done to fix the damage.

"He was chewing on rocks during our deployment to Iraq," said Sgt. Brian Douglass, Provost Marshals Office, K-9 handler, explaining he would let Rex outside in the middle of the night to stretch his legs, and Rex would come back chewing on an assortment of rocks.

Cmdr. Patrick Munley, clinic endodontics, performed the root canal and cavity fillings on Rex.

"This is our first K-9 patient at the dental clinic," said Munley. "The procedure won't be that different, but the teeth will be a lot longer."

According to Munley, the dental clinic believes they will be seeing more K-9 units throughout the year.

"It's an exciting challenge," he said. "Not too many people get a chance to do something like this."

If Rex had gone through the normal veterinarian, he may have had the whole tooth removed.

"We don't know what the dog's job is," said Munley.

"He may need that tooth for work, or for whatever it is he does."

Rex arrived slightly sedated while veterinarians and Munley hooked him up to a machine to monitor his heart rate and blood pressure.

Rex was then fully put unconscious while Munley began to radiograph the damaged canine tooth before performing the procedure.

After drilling into the tooth, Munley had to try many different sized files to fit into Rex's long tooth.

The root canal consisted of removing inflamed and damaged tissue from inside the tooth and cleaning, filling and sealing the remaining space.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Rex has his tooth drilled into for the beginning of his root canal at the 23rd Dental Company, 1st Force Service Support Group Oct. 5. Rex is the first K-9 to receive dental work from the dental clinic.

To complete the root canal, fill two cavities and clean Rex's teeth took approximately one hour.

"Everything went well, there were absolutely no problems," said Douglass.

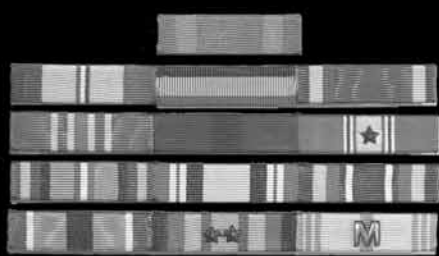
"After the root canal, they filled two cavities and cleaned his teeth."

Douglass was thoroughly impressed with the work the Dental Clinic performed on Rex.

"He's doing great, he's already back at work," Douglass said Tuesday.

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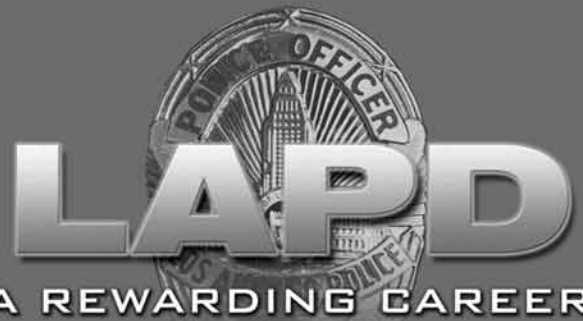
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# Fighting breast cancer: Through the eyes of a survivor

STAFF SGT. DIANE M. DURDEN  
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Dec. 24 - I found a lump in my breast today. Could it just be a knot in my muscle from working out?

Dec. 25 - The lump is still there. I tried massaging it to see if it would go away. Nope, it's still there. What should I do? I have a doctor's appointment scheduled for next week. I'll ask about it then.

Dec. 28 - I've checked that darn lump every day hoping it goes away. It's the first thing I do when I wake up. And again many times throughout the day. What if it's cancer? I don't want to die. I'm too young. I still have too many things that I want to do with my life. No, it can't be cancer. I'm too healthy for it to be cancer. I wish I could get that doctor's appointment rescheduled sooner.

Jan. 3 - It is getting bigger? It feels bigger today.

Jan. 5 - It feels smaller. Maybe it's going away. Yes, it's going away. No need to worry, right? My appointment is tomorrow.

Jan. 6 - The doctor didn't seem too worried or concerned about the lump. She was somewhat reassuring actually. Apparently it's fairly common for women my age to have benign (non-cancerous) lumps, and uncommon for someone my age to have breast cancer. She is sending me to have a mammogram just to make sure.

Jan. 15 - I had the mammogram today. I looked at the films and I think I can pick out the lump. They want to do a biopsy of the lump. It's the only way to tell whether it's cancer or not.

Feb. 7 - I had the biopsy today. It wasn't so bad. I have this huge ice pack across my chest. I have to go back tomorrow to get the results. I'm trying not to think about that appointment. It's a little hard to stay focused.

Feb. 8 - It's cancer. I don't know what to think. At least we know what it is now and can formulate a plan. What's the plan? What do I do now?

Feb. 15 - I went to legal today to start my will. I don't think I'm going to die, I just felt like I needed to make sure things were in order.

March 1 - Tests, tests, and more tests. I feel like a pin cushion. I had to have another biopsy of the lump so they could get a good pathology report. Basically, it's to see what "kind" of cancer cells are there. That will determine the treatment plan and the types of medications I will take.

March 10 - I had a PET scan today. I was injected with this radioactive something, and then went through a machine similar to an MRI. It's designed to detect cancer or tumors in other areas of my body. The thing is they never give you the results at the time of the test. I have to wait several days. I hate waiting! I'm not very patient these days.

March 13 - The PET scan came back negative. Which means there are not any other areas we need to worry about right now. I still have one more test, a lymph node biopsy, before I can start my treatments.

March 20 - My breast is blue. Yes, blue. I had the lymph node biopsy today. They inject this blue dye into the nipple of the breast they are testing. Then follow the dye to the lymph nodes. They remove the first two lymph nodes and test for cancer. If cancer is present, they have to remove more lymph nodes. If



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER  
Staff Sgt. Diane M. Durden shares excerpts from her personal diary throughout her experiences with breast cancer.

no cancer is present, well, that's good. It means the cancer is localized to the lump and isn't spreading. My test came back negative. Yea!!! The cancer is not spreading.

April 10 - I get my first chemo treatment tomorrow. I'm a little nervous. They gave me several medications to combat the various side effects; something for the nausea, something to help me sleep. I hate taking a lot of medications.

April 11 - I don't think I've ever spent that much time in the doctor's office all at once. I was there for hours. Everyone was very nice and comforting. I got my own room for the treatment. The

nurse administering the treatment was very thorough with her explanations. What each medication was for; how long each should take to administer. What side effects I should mention right away. The dietician came in also. It's one of the services they offer to cancer patients. What to eat to help fight off the nausea. I liked her. She's a marathon runner like me, so we talked mostly about running.

I have a killer head-ache. I'm wired and I can't sleep.

April 12 - I finally was able to get some sleep. The head-ache is going away. I'm drinking lots (gallons) of fluids, per the doctor's orders. I'm not feeling nauseous. I hope all of the treatments go this smoothly.

April 19 - About a week after each treatment I have to have my blood work done. They are checking to see if my white blood cell count drops too much. Mine was good.

April 25 - My hair started falling out today. The nurse was right. Fourteen days on the dot. It's coming out in small clumps. Hair is everywhere. It's kind of gross.

April 26 - More hair fell out today. I still have a good amount of hair on my head but I'm wearing a hat to help keep the hair from going all over the place. I hate wearing hats. I need to shop for some

scarves; something pretty (and purple).

April 27 - OK, I've had enough of my hair falling out. I've lost about two-thirds of my hair. I shaved the rest of it today. I cried.

April 30 - I think I'm getting used to being bald. I've been wearing a bandana because I don't want to make everyone around me uncomfortable. But the bandana is starting to annoy me.

May 3 - Treatment # 2. I wasn't as nervous as the first time. I think it's because I knew a little of what to expect. I didn't get the private room this time. I just hung out in "general population" with the

rest of the patients.

May 10 - My blood work continues to be good. Which is a good thing because if it drops, that's just more medications I would have to take.

May 5 - Yuck! I feel a little "sea sick". I don't like that feeling at all!

May 27 - Treatment # 3. I'm getting tired of this routine already. They fed me lunch today. Not bad for hospital food. It helps with the nausea if I eat first.

June 5 - My blood work is a little low this week. Not so much that I have to take the extra medications, but it's getting close.

June 15 - My last treat-

ment!!! It's a good thing too, because I'm really starting to feel like crap. I am tired all of the time. I hope I get my energy back soon.

June 23 - My blood work came back very low today. The doctor is a little concerned. She wants to recheck it in a couple of days. If it doesn't come back up, then I'll be getting that shot I've managed to avoid. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

June 30 - My blood work is looking better. A few more weeks and they will schedule the lumpectomy. Half-way to a complete recovery.

See next weeks OP for the conclusion of this article.

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# What color ribbon do you wear?

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SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVATION POST

There are ribbon colors for almost any cause you can think of. Some of the more common ones are red for AIDS and HIV awareness, black for POW/MIA awareness, blue for DUI awareness, and yellow to show support for our troops that are forward deployed. I think it is safe to say most of us here in Twentynine Palms wear a yellow ribbon. But what other color ribbon do you wear? I also wear a pink ribbon for Breast Cancer Awareness. Not just because I am a breast cancer survivor, but because I want to ensure others are aware of this potentially devastating disease.



It is estimated that 178,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007. Breast cancer is the second leading cancer death among women (the first being lung cancer). However, it does not have to be a death sentence. Breast cancer is treatable. Awareness and early detection are key.

What causes breast cancer? No one knows. Currently there are no known causes of breast cancer. There are several factors that may increase your chances of getting breast cancer. The most common risk factors are:

- Being a woman. Although both men and women can get breast cancer, the chances are greater for women. 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed whereas 1 in 1000 men will be diagnosed.
- Age. The older you get, the higher your risk.
- Family history of breast cancer. Your mother, sister, daughter, grandmother (both maternal and paternal) having had breast cancer.
- Personal history of breast cancer.
- Increased risk of a reoccurrence.
- Excessive use of alcohol.
- Use of birth control pills or other hormone based birth control method for longer than 5 years.

What should you look for? There are several signs that may indicate something is wrong. You should consult a medical professional if you notice any of these changes in your breasts:

- Lump, hard knot or thickening
- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening
- Change in the size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of your breast
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly

• New pain in one spot that does not go away  
Breast cancer is often first suspected when a lump is felt or when an abnormal area is found on a mammogram. Most of the time, these suspicious areas do not turn out to be cancer, but the only way to know for sure is through follow-up tests.

How and when should you look for these changes? There are three ways to check for changes in your breasts. Knowing your own breasts; how they feel and what they look like, is instrumental to recognizing any changes. Be aware of normal changes that occur during your menstrual cycle. Getting tested regularly for breast cancer is the best way for women to lower their risk of dying from the disease. Screening tests can find cancer early, when it's most treatable.

- Conduct monthly breast self-examinations.
- Clinical breast examination by a health care provider at least every 3 years beginning at age 20, and annually after age 40.
- Annual screening mammography for women starting at age 40. Women under 40 with either a family history of breast cancer or other concerns about personal risk should consult with a health care provider about risk assessment and when to begin mammography.

What should you do if you notice any changes? Consult your health care provider!

For additional information the following resources are available.

- Contact Mandy at the Breast Education Office at Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, (760) 830-2501.
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure at <http://www.komen.org>
- The American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>

# Conducting a breast self-exam

A. In front of a mirror.



Figure 1



Figure 2

1. With hands on hips, look for changes in shape, size, or skin texture (Figure 1).
2. With hands over head, look for changes in shape, size, or skin texture (Figure 2).
3. Check nipples for any unusual discharge.

B. Lying down.

1. Use the finger pads of the three middle fingers to apply pressure using the up & down line, circle, or wedge patterns (Figure 3).
2. Use your right hand to examine the left side, and vice versa.
3. Apply three levels of pressure; light, medium, then firm.
4. Check both the breasts and the underarm areas of both sides.



Figure 3

C. In the shower.

1. While taking a shower, with arm overhead, utilize the same techniques as in the Lying Down Method (Figure 4).

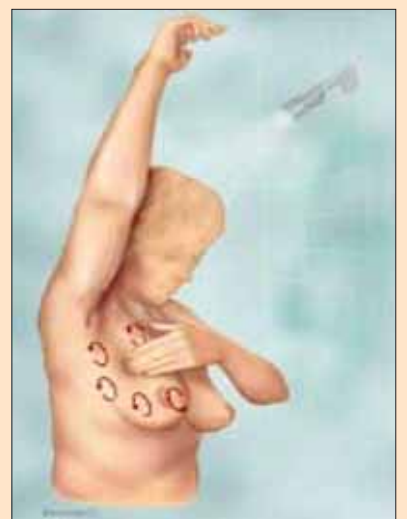


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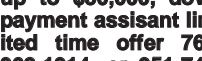
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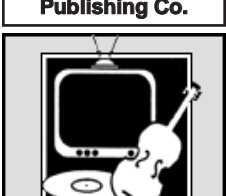
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