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HOT TOPICS

GIS DAY

Facilities Management Division, GIS Office, will be hosting the local GIS Day event in the Main Exchange on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. GIS Day is held each year in conjunction with National Geographic's Geography Awareness Week. GIS Day is a global event that celebrates the use of Geographic Information System technology. This advanced technology utilizes geography and intelligent data to assist everyone from construction foremen to high ranking government officials in making informed decisions. For more information contact the GIS Office by email at smbplmsgis@usmc.mil.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE CHANGE IN HOURS

Legal Assistance Office, Bldg. 1514 - November Hours Due to the Marine Corps Ball and Veterans Day Holiday, the office will be closed at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 14 until 7:30 a.m. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the office will be closed at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 21 until 7:30 a.m. There will be no notarizations, walk-ins or will executions on these dates. Please plan accordingly.

FLU SHOT CLINIC OPENS

The Influenza Vaccine will be available at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital starting Nov. 5 and running through Nov. 21. Vaccine will be given Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information please call the Naval hospital at 830-2362.

TOYS FOR TOTS MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN

Each year the Toys for Tots Motorcycle Poker Run, as sponsored by Hutchins Harley-Davidson, Z107.7 Community Radio, and the Rotary Clubs of Twentynine Palms & Yucca Valley, with special assistance from the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce, and the Combat Center's Headquarters Battalion, spread holiday joy to needy children. This year the Run will be Dec. 8. Entry fee to this year's Poker Run is at least one toy with a value of \$10 or more (sorry, no stuffed animal toys, please). Rider check in starts at 8 a.m., the ride will start at 10 a.m. led by Sheriffs Captain Jim Williams, Z107.7 Radio personality Gary Daigneault and Hutchins Harley-Davidson and Hutchins Motor Sports owner Chris Hutchins. After stops to collect their "poker hand", riders will end their run at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms at approximately noon. Post ride festivities will include free food prepared by the Joshua Springs Men's Ministry Group, a multi-class Bike Show, rockin-tunes with a live remote from Z107.7 radio and presentation of the Poker Run winners' gifts, raffle prizes and bike show trophies.

3rd CEB ready to engineer best fight again

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

In response to the overwhelming stress placed upon units deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, the Marine Corps reactivates units.

The 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion was reactivated Monday during a ceremony at 3rd CEB's headquarters area.

"As of November 5, we're considered on deck and fully operational," said 1st Sgt. Manuel Colon, Alpha Company first sergeant, 3rd CEB. "The Marines are definitely ready and eager to deploy."

The battalion was first formed in September 1942 as 1st Battalion, 19th Marine Regiment. Two years later, they were re-designated the 3rd Engineer Battalion.

Since its creation, the battalion has deployed in support of every major conflict the Marine Corps has played a role in. They have been deployed throughout the western Pacific and have been tested time and



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Marines and sailors from Alpha Company, 3rd CEB, stand in formation while their guidon is proudly displayed by the company color bearer, Cpl. Patrick Johnson, police sergeant, 3rd CEB, at their activation ceremony Monday.

again both under fire and in times of tranquility.

During peacetime, 3rd CEB has deployed in support of the 4th and 9th Marine Regiments participating in the Philippines, Tinian, Thailand, Korea, the Marianas Islands and mainland

Japan.

Throughout the years, the battalion's main emphasis has been mobility, counter-mobility and survivability training to ensure a peak degree of combat readiness. During the 1980s and '90s, 3rd CEB's mission

also focused on disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and civic action operations.

The entire battalion participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, providing much needed support in a variety of facets throughout

the Persian Gulf.

In 1995, 3rd CEB was deactivated. Their numbers were dispersed to other combat engineers units throughout the Marine Corps. The battalion

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Tankers head home from deployment

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Approximately 113 Marines and Sailors from Bravo Company, 1st Tank Battalion, returned to the Combat Center Nov. 1 after a seven-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Friends, family members and fellow Marines greeted Bravo Company with open arms when they strolled off the buses at the Combat Center's Victory Field.

"It's a great feeling to be back," said Lance Cpl. Enrique Guzman Jr., tank crewman,

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LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Sgt. Fortino Garza, ramp chief, Bravo Company, 1st Tanks, holds his one-year-old daughter, Kiana, at the Combat Center's victory Field Nov. 2.



02 November 2007

FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE SAILORS, MARINES, AND FAMILIES OF I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

The Commandant has sent me orders, Shipmates, and it's time for me to go. Yet I want you to know that I depart your ranks reluctantly.

During many tours in I MEF, I've grown so very proud of this high-spirited, warfighting outfit, its selfless families and its resolute veterans. You've been my daily inspiration -- even on the toughest days, you've stood there boldly undismayed. You did so at great risk and, when lesser mortals would have held back, you always moved swiftly against the enemy.

During my command of I MEF I have had no subordinates; we were all co-equals in our commitment to the mission and to each other.

I've seen you depart friendly lines on hundreds of patrols, you with your grim, yet lighthearted smiles.

I've seen our families choke back tears and smile as they bid farewell again to their deploying loved ones.

I've seen our proud veterans standing tall beside us when others' confidence was shaken.

I've seen your ferocity against the enemy and your compassion for Iraqis on the battlefield where a merciless enemy slaughters the innocent.

You, my fine young Sailors and Marines, are the stuff of legends. You represent Americans at our best. I will be forever proud to say that I served beside each of you as your Commanding General.

"Think where man's glory most begins and ends and I say my glory was I had such friends."

So, farewell Sailors, Marines and ladies of I MEF and God bless you all. I'm forever in your debt.

Carry on the fight, keep the faith, and look out for each other.

Semper Fidelis,

J.N. Mattis
J.N. MATTIS
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marines

Observations



Historical birthday pageant shines through the years

This Day in Marine Corps History

— Nov. 9, 1968: —

Marine Major Walter

Cunningham received

Apollo 7 astronaut wings.

Friday 71/47 Partly Cloudy

Saturday 73/47 Partly Cloudy

Sunday 74/47 Sunny

A4: Manpower to created new PMO jobs

A5: Two day Safety Stand Down November 14-15

A6: Marine gets Lejeune Award for great leadership

C.O.P. Corner

Community Oriented Policing

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Larcenies aboard MCAGCC

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

Unit	Larcenies	Unit	Larcenies
7th Mar	3	MWSS-374	3
1/7	11	CLB-7	3
2/7	4	VMU-1	2
3/7	3	MCCES	12
3/4	5	HQBN	7
3/11	4	NAV HOSP	0
3rd LAR	9	23rd Dental	0
1st Tank Bn	4	Staff Housing	0
3rd AABN	3	Other	4
Grand Total	77		

Out of the 77 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.

DUI/DWI Update

Here is a total number of Marine related DUI's broken down by month. Jan/10, Feb/14, Mar/12, Apr/17, May/21, Jun/15, Jul/17, Aug/15, Sept/28, Oct/ 7 (thru the 16th)

Here are the stats on how many DUI's/DWIs that we have had aboard MCAGCC and off the installation:

MONTHLY TOTALS

Unit	Totals	On Base/Off Base	Ranks
7th Mar	9	2/7	1LCpl/6Cpls/1PO3/2nd Lt
1/7	13	8/5	1PVT/2PFC/7LCpl/1Cpl/1Sgt
2/7	6	4/2	1Pvt/1PFC/1 LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/1SSgt
3/7	5	2/3	1PFC/1LCpl/2Cpl/1HN
3/4	29	8/21	1Pvt/3PFC/12LCpl/7Cpl/2Sgt/1SSgt/1HN
3/11	9	4/5	1Pvt/1PFC/1LCpl/3Cpl/1Sgt/1HM3
3rd LAR	11	9/2	1Pvt/1PFC/4LCpl/5Cpl/2Sgt
1st Tank Bn	7	5/2	4LCpl/2Cpl/1SSgt
3rd AABN	4	2/2	1Pvt/2LCpl
MWSS-374	10	5/5	3PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/2Sgt/1SSgt/12ndLt.
CLB-7	16	4/12	2Pvt/3PFC/5LCpl/4Cpl/1Sgt/1PO3
VMU-1	1	0/1	1LCpl
MCCES	14	1/13	1PVT/2PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/3SSgt/1MSgt
HQBN	26	9/17	1Pvt/11LCpl/9Cpl/1Sgt/3GySgt/1Capt
NAV HOSP	0	0/0	
23rd Dental	0	0/0	
Other Mil	6	1/5	3Cpl/2Sgt/1GySgt
Mil Dep	7	7/0	6Wives/1Husband
DOD Civ	0	0/0	
Other	2	2/0	2 Civilian-NMA
Grand Total	176		

Out of the 176 DUI's/DWIs, all of them have lost or will lose their driving privileges for a minimum of one year.

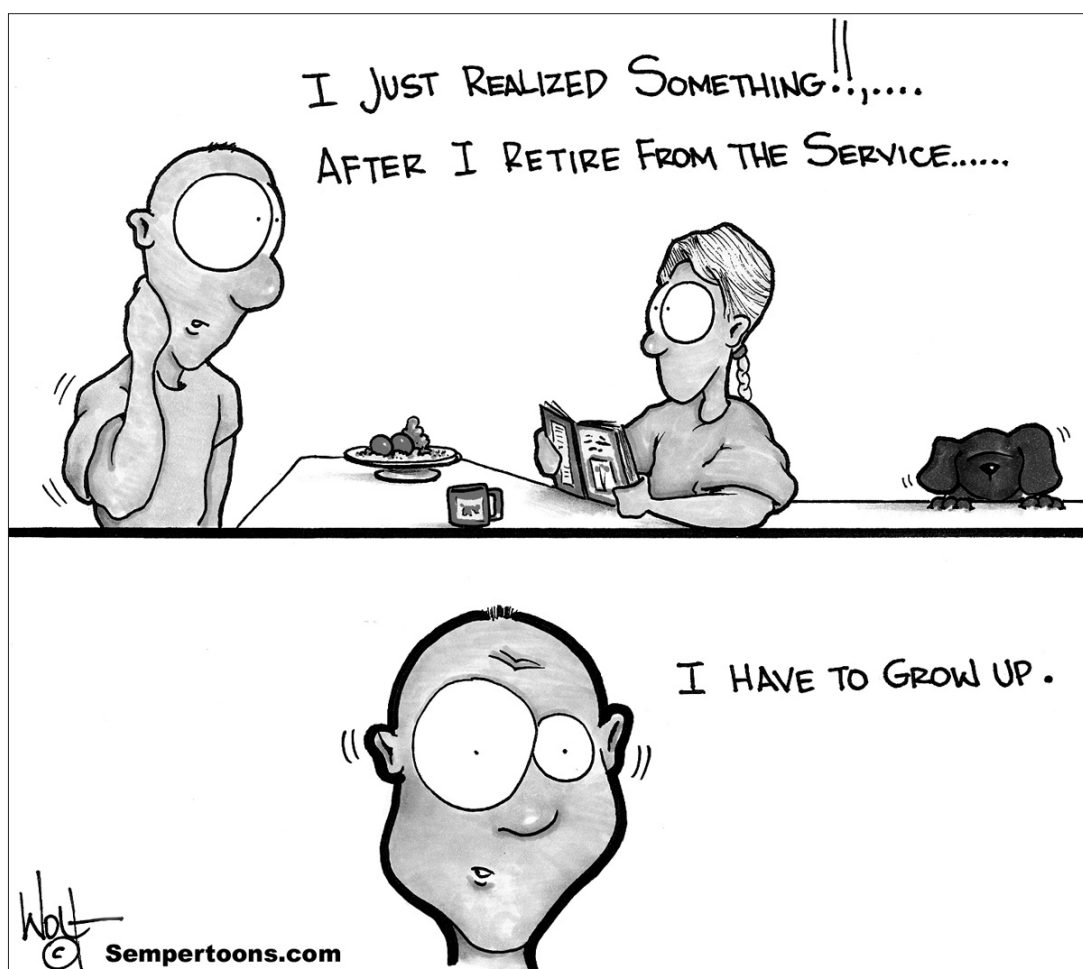
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Literature, Briefings, Education, Crime Assessments, Safety Tips, Stranger Danger Program, McGruff the Crime Dog, Officer Friendly Program, Operation Identification (Property Identification), Child Identification and Fingerprinting.

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

Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



See Crossword Puzzle on A4



BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Since the birth of our Nation, our liberty has been purchased by valiant men and women of deep conviction, great courage, and bold action; the cost has often been in blood and tremendous sacrifice. As America's sentinels of freedom, United States Marines are counted among the finest legions in the chronicles of war. Since 1775, Marines have marched boldly to the sounds of the guns and have fought fiercely and honorably to defeat the scourge of tyranny and terror. We are Marines – that is what we do.

In the words of President John F. Kennedy: "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger." Magnificent heroes fought in the wheat fields of Belleau Wood, in the snows of the Chosin, and on the streets of Hue City. Your generation bears this obligation now, and it is borne on mighty and capable shoulders. Just like the Marines at Belleau Wood – we are once again engaged in sustained operations ashore. Just like the Marines at Belleau Wood – the Marines have been given the toughest sector and have prevailed over a resilient and determined enemy – who has made us pay for our gains. Once again, as in any struggle, the road ahead is far from certain, but as Marines, we are not dissuaded by the challenges of war or the tough conditions of a warrior's life. Indeed, we don't just accept our destiny – we shape it.

On our 232nd birthday, to every Marine – those still in uniform and those who have served honorably in the past – be proud of who you are and what you do. Know that your citizenship dues have been paid in full; you are part of this Nation's elite warrior class. Cherish our families who offer marvelous support, abiding resolve, and steadfast patience. Remember those who served and those who have fallen – their names are chiseled on the roll call of America's heroes. Those who have carried the battle colors of our Corps have forged our heritage, and today's generation of leathernecks chart our future. Carry the colors with pride; carry them with honor.

Happy birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

James T. Conway
James T. Conway
General, U.S. Marine Corps

Centerspeak

What does the Marine Corps Ball mean to you?

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LANCE CPL. BRIAN TOOP

2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT



CPL. RICARDO ROBLES

MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING UNIT



GUNNERY SGT. CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

2ND BATTALION, 24TH MARINE REGIMENT

"It's a chance to have a good time, wear your blues and show everyone you're a Marine and proud of it."

"It's the one time of the year Marines can have a good time and celebrate. It shows we're all just Marines, regardless of rank."

"It's about celebrating all the traditions that we hold dear."

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Movies and recreation for the upcoming week at the Sunset Cinema

FRIDAY
Mr. Woodcock
6:00 p.m.
PG-13

3:10 To Yuma
9:00 p.m.
R

Resident Evil: Extinction
Midnight
R

SATURDAY
FREE 11 a.m.
Happy Feet,
PG-13

Sydney White
2 p.m., R

Good Luck Chuck
6 p.m., R

The Kingdom
9 p.m., R

Halloween Night
12 midnight, R

SUNDAY
FREE Sneak Preview
2 p.m.
PG

Mr. Woodcock
6 p.m.
PG-13

The Brave One
9 p.m.
R

MONDAY
The Seeker
2 p.m.
PG

TUESDAY
Halloween
7 p.m.
R

WEDNESDAY
The Kingdom
7 p.m.
R

THURSDAY
Good Luck Chuck
7 p.m.
R

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Manpower to create new PMO jobs

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center's Provost Marshal's Office is instituting a new plan to strengthen ties between the base and the surrounding community and create jobs for civilians in the area.

PMO will begin hiring civilian employees to perform military police duties in the January-to-February timeframe.

"A lot of smaller bases have gone to using civilian law enforcement," said Master Sgt. Scott L. Pryor, PMO service officer. "We will be doing something similar, but we will be integrating military and civilian employees."

Pryor said the program targets civilians, military retirees and government service employees in the area surrounding the Combat Center. Civilian employees will be hired for all

positions currently filled by the military police.

"We want to mold military and civilian personnel together in all aspects of the job," he said. "Having them working side-by-side will create a better working environment. Equal input from both parties will generate more success."

"They will receive the same training as our MPs," he added. "It will be a basic law enforcement package. There will be an academy ran to train the personnel coming aboard."

Pryor explained that as of now, PMO is only trying to generate interest in the program. Once the program is fully functional, the hiring and training process will begin.

Civilian employees will eventually significantly reduce the number of Marines assigned to PMO through the Fleet Assistance Program. However, Pryor said while the number of

FAPs will be reduced, the program will still be available to Marines seeking a career in law enforcement.

Another change will be getting PMO personnel back into the deployment cycle. The addition of civilian employees will result in a lighter workload for the military personnel, which will give MPs more chances to deploy to Iraq.

Perhaps the most important impact will be to improve the bond between the Combat Center and the surrounding community.

"PMO will continue to operate as we have in the past by assisting the community with law enforcement off-base as well as on-base," said Pryor.

If you are interested in providing law enforcement services to the Combat Center, send an email with your basic contact information to scott.pryor@usmc.mil.

TANKERS from A1

Bravo Company, 1st Tanks. "It's a feeling you can't describe."

Guzman and the rest of his company spent the last seven months keeping Al Anbar Province safe from insurgents.

"I'm just glad to finally have him home safe," said Guzman's wife, Tabatha. We've really missed him."

For some, like Lance Cpl. Joe Todaro II, tank crewman,

Bravo Company, 1st Tanks, their families traveled from across the country to welcome him home.

"We're so glad he's home," said Todaro's mother, Connie. "It's been a long seven months. We can't wait to have him come back home to New York."

Todaro's father, Joe, recalled the moment they last saw their son before he deployed to Iraq.

"I remember the day we brought him to the airport and

said goodbye," he said. "We worried about him from that day forward and now he's finally back."

"We're very proud of what he's done," added Joe. "Now we're just glad he's home safe."

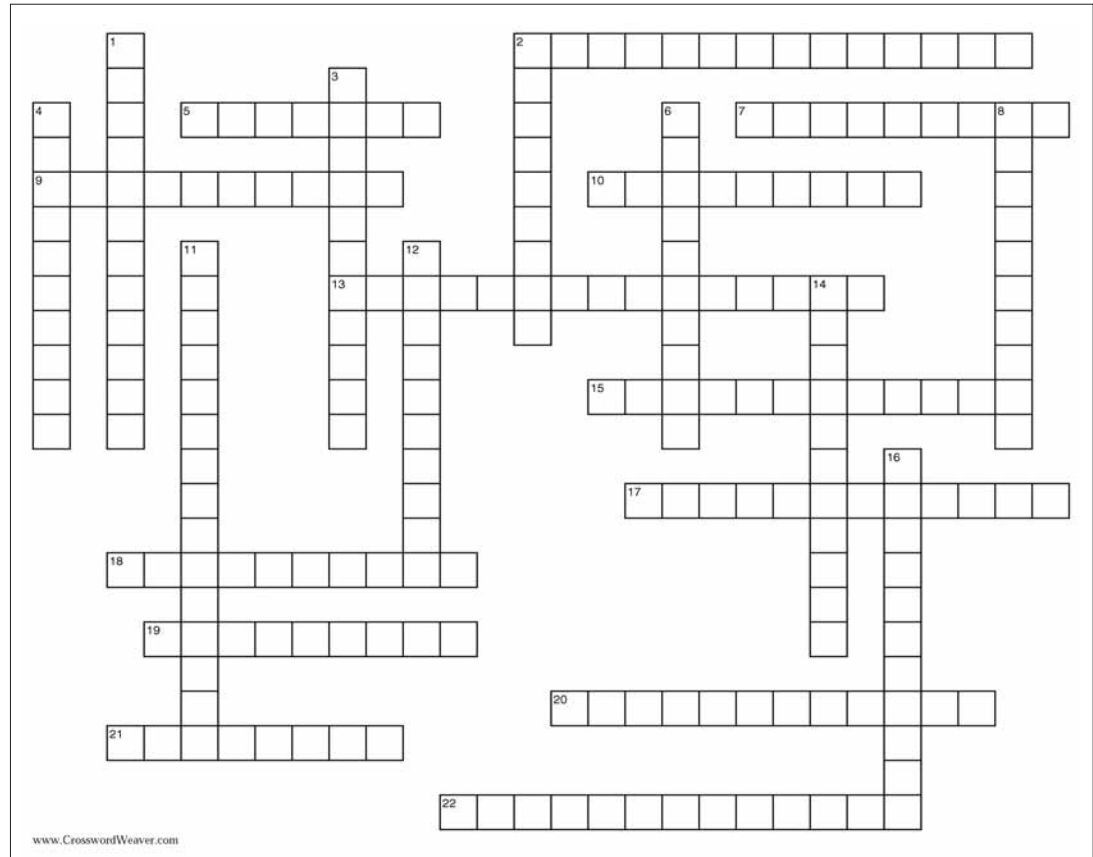
Some Marines said they were going to use their time home to get to know their families again.

"It feels really good to finally be home," said Sgt. Fortino Garza, ramp chief, Bravo Company, 1st Tanks. "Now I'm going to get to know my daughter again."

Garza's wife, Sarah, and one-year-old daughter, Kiana, greeted him home at Victory Field.

After enjoying some well-deserved time off with their families, the Marines and Sailors will continue to train in preparation for their next deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NBA SUPERSTARS



ACROSS

2. So big, he rates multiple nicknames
5. The Chinese "ambassador"
7. The kid who's come a long way from Cal
9. Fear the fro
10. 2005-2006 Rookie of the Year
13. 2002-2003 NBA Rookie of the Year
15. 2006-2007 NBA rebounding leader
17. He may be "the answer" to Denver's problems
18. 2007 NBA Finals MVP
19. Leads the way for the only Canadian NBA franchise
20. The high-flyin' cousin in Houston
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22. On the cover of NBA Live 2008

DOWN

1. 2004-2005 Season MVP
2. The Canadian wonder boy
3. Dunked over a 7-footer in the Olympics
4. Earned the NBA scoring title last season
6. Led his team to an upset against the #1 team in 2007 first round
8. 2006 NBA Finals MVP
11. Led Syracuse to a national title last season
12. The base of the "3-headed monster" in Boston
14. Has the fans in Detroit wearing facemasks
16. We are all witnesses

[Solutions on A9]

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3RD CEB from A1

was renamed Combat Engineer Company and was folded into Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

Now, 12 years later, the Marines and Sailors of 3rd CEB are ready to carry on the legacy of their battalion that was bought with blood, sweat and determination.

So far, only Alpha Company has been completely formed. The entire battalion will be fully operational in 2009.

"This is a strange situation - to stand up a company without support from a battalion headquarters," said Capt. Chad Morgan, Alpha Company commanding officer, 3rd CEB. "It's kind of eye-opening to see all of this happening. You never really realize how much work it takes to stand up a company until you do it."

Since they were fully established Oct. 1, 3rd CEB has worked nonstop to prepare themselves for any situation. Every Marine and sailor has

completed several annual-training requirements, like the gas chamber and the rifle range. The battalion is currently mastering their combat engineer craft in military occupational specialty skills training.

"Since we got reactivated, we've been in the field almost nonstop," said Colon. "There's really no room for error - no room to slack off. We're ready to strap on the pack and get going."

Monday was the official day of 3rd CEB's activation. The battalion guidon was passed to Morgan by Colon. Morgan unfurled the colors and returned them to the company color bearer.

"We're having this ceremony to celebrate the company being formed today," said Morgan. "We've come a long way in such a short amount of time. All of this really reflects on the work the Marines have done to make this happen."

"Our activation relieves the deployment stress of other

combat engineer units," he added. "By getting us in the rotation cycle, which will give other Marines more time at home with their families."

At the end of the ceremony, Morgan addressed and thanked the distinguished guests for their attendance, then addressed the company.

"Marines, we've come a long way since we were formed," he said. "You should all be very proud of what you have done here."

The commanding officers of 1st CEB and 1st Tank Battalion, Lieutenant Colonels Wayne Sinclair and Jim Stopa, along with Maj. Lee Rush, executive officer of 1st Tanks, attended the ceremony. Morgan stated both units have provided tremendous support to 3rd CEB during the activation process.

"We're very excited for them and we're very proud of the relationship we've established with them," said Rush. "We're happy to come out here today and share some of the celebration with them."

Stopa added 1st Tanks has been more than happy to "help the seeds blossom" for 3rd CEB.

Sinclair commented on not only how proud he is of 3rd CEB, but also the importance of their activation.

"While 3rd CEB won't be as large as a normal CEB, they will be able to fill that void of support for the regiments and the other CEBs," he said.

The Marines and sailors of Alpha Company, 3rd CEB, will get their wish and will enter the deployment cycle early next year.

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LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

It's nothing short of miraculous when someone makes great strides in their profession and grasps a firm hold of their personal goals.

Assistant Fire Chief Kevin P. Mathieu, chief of operations, Combat Center Fire Department, has a love and dedication to firefighting that seems to have no limits.

Mathieu was born and raised in Southbridge, Mass., and has been immersed in firefighting his entire life.

"It's sort of a family business," he commented.

Both of his brothers entered the fire service before him and his uncle was a retired firefighter. Mathieu first entered the fire service at a young age.

While Mathieu was 16, his uncle got him involved in a fire explorer program, which is similar to an apprenticeship. One year later, he joined the U.S. Air Force as a firefighter.

"Originally, I never really wanted to become a firefighter," said Mathieu. "The thing

that really changed me was the explorer program. When I was 16, I saw the sense of teamwork and brotherhood they shared.

"On top of that, I saw their determination to help others," he added. "I wanted to be able to help others, too."

During his 10 years in the Air Force, Mathieu was stationed in a number of places, like South Korea, Portugal, Texas, New Jersey, Virginia and California.

Mathieu said he's had many fond memories throughout his tenure in the fire service, but one stood out more than all the others.

"I remember a time while I was stationed in New Jersey, we had to perform CPR on a service member's father," he recalled. "Fortunately, the man survived. A week later, him and his whole family came down to the firehouse to thank us. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

When Mathieu left the Air Force in 2001, he took a job as a fire captain and fire inspector with the Federal Fire Service. His first station was Fort A.P.

Hill, Va. In 2005, he came to the Combat Center.

"It's amazing how much time has passed," he said. "I'd been fighting fires for nearly 16 years when I got here, but I still took pride in myself as one of the 'young guys.' Now, I'm not so sure.

"A while back, I was interviewing a new firefighter," he added. "He'd been with us for about six months. We got to talking and he asked me 'Sir, how long have you been doing this job?' I told him I started in 1990 and he responded with 'Wow, sir, I was two'. Then it sort of hit me that I'd been doing this a long time."

For as long as Mathieu has been doing this job, he said he feels no regrets.

"I feel very blessed to have found a career I enjoy so well," he said. "It doesn't seem very often people have a chance to do that."

Mathieu was recently pro-

moted to his current position of chief of operations. Before that, he was the chief of training and communication. Assistant Fire Chief William J. Baumann turned over his command to Mathieu Oct. 26, the day he retired after 35 years of service.

"One of the unique things about replacing Bill is that when he retired, he'd been fighting fires as long as I've been alive," said the 35-year-old. "Now, my career spans the lives of some of the young guys here. It's sort of like passing the torch on to the new generation for me."

Mathieu said he plans to retire from the Federal Fire Service later in his career and plant the roots of his family in California. For now, he will continue to devote his service to the Combat Center and to raising his two children, his 14-year-old daughter, Monica, and his 12-year-old son, Jason.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
Assistant Fire Chief Kevin P. Mathieu, Combat Center Fire Department chief of operations, mans his radio while on a call Oct. 29.

Two day Safety Stand Down November 14-15



DR JOYCE TETERS
MCCES SAFETY SPECIALIST

Attention civilians and Marines there will be a two-day Safety Stand Down Wednesday and Thursday (14-15 November). Wednesday's schedule:

Motorcycle Rally - This activity includes briefings and a motorcycle ride to Desert Hot Springs and back.

There will be briefings held in Bldg 1761, in the 80 man classroom which will begin at 8 a.m.

Please park all motorcycles across the street from bldg 1763 and 1761.

All MCCES motorcycle riders (military and civilian) must attend these briefings. They will be given by Master Sgt Richardson and Officer Joe Zagarski of the California Highway Patrol.

Individuals who go on the motorcycle ride will wear civilian attire and those military who do NOT go on the ride will wear the uniform of the day. Everyone will return to work after the briefings. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the ride. All motorcycle inspections must be completed and brought to the briefing.

After the briefing, participants will prepare for the motorcycle ride. A debriefing will take place after the ride. The Rally will end approximately at noon.

Thursday's schedule: There will be a safety fair held at Victory Field. The morning session begins at 9 and will finish at 11:30 a.m. There will be a variety of safety programs set up on the field.

The will also be an afternoon session which will begin at 1 and end at 3:30 p.m.

The Safety Fair offers these activities:

Roarke Road will be closed so that five of the countries best freestyle stunt riders can entertain viewers.

The stunt riders will also discuss motorcycle safety issues dealing with correct PPE and proper set up of the bike for a given purpose. These freestyle stunt riders are seen regularly on the Speed Channel and compete in the top competitions around the country.

There will be bleachers set up for viewers to watch the stunt shows. There will be 2 - 3 shows during the morning and afternoon for viewers who miss the morning show.

There will be vendors on hand displaying a variety of equipment including Custom Cycles. There will also be professionals on hand to talk to people about proper bike maintenance.

There will be MCCES motorcycle challenges for any MCCES personnel who want to test their motorcycle control skills (Marines and Civilians).

The SACO will set up the bikes and beer goggles so participants can see the effects of drinking and driving.

The Fire Dept is bringing their Earthquake house so anyone who has NOT experienced an earthquake can do so.

The Forest Service will be there to show the proper use of equipment for rock climbing and discuss hiking safety.

PMO will bring their Command Post to talk about Motor Vehicle Safety as it pertains to the Combat Center. They will also bring their working dogs and provide K9 demonstrations throughout the fair.

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Marine gets Lejeune Award for great leadership

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Navy League of the United States hosted their 105th annual national convention with a Sea Services Award Luncheon at the Marriott Resort in Palm Desert, Calif., Nov. 2 to award service members for their accomplishments.

More than 300 people filled the room to watch as many service members received awards due to their hard work and dedication.

Among the service members receiving awards was Marine Capt. Justin Miller, 6th Engineer Support Battalion instructor. Miller received the Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune Award for inspirational leadership by keeping his Marines in high spirits during his previous deployment to Iraq.

"My old executive officer submitted me," said Miller. "I had no idea he was going to do that for me."

According to the award citation, Miller was acting as the officer in charge with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, during their deployment to the Western Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

His planning and supervision directly contributed to the successful completion of two helicopter landing zone proj-

ects, which enhanced the safety and capacity of the airfield.

Miller and his Marines also dispensed more than 1.2 million gallons of fuel to more than 4,000 aircrafts and conducted more than 150 counter-improvised explosive device missions, keeping supply routes safe for condition convoys.

The citation also noted Millers total dedication to the welfare of the Marines stationed at the outpost, and ensuring absolute mission accomplishment while maintaining a level of morale and esprit de corps.

Miller explained that without the occasional contact with loved ones, the Marines could easily get depressed and lose morale and focus less on the job they were assigned to do.

"We didn't have anything out there," said Miller. "No phones, not anything to keep my Marines motivated."

"I had some great staff noncommissioned officers," he continued. "We did everything we could to try to keep my Marines happy."

Miller and the Marines under him frequently assisted other units during their deployment, including every Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and 1st Tanks Battalion.

"We did such a good job at keeping everybody's morale up," said Miller. "When they

were asked if they wanted to rotate out to a different forward operating base with phones and contact to the outside world, they didn't want to go because they liked what they were doing and they knew they were making a difference."

Miller mentioned three other Marines who helped him during their deployment: Gunnery Sgt. Markus Caldwell, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374; Staff Sgt. James

Cassidy, expeditionary airfield Marine; and Gunnery Sgt. David Alexander, explosive ordinance device technician.

"To get an award for inspirational leadership is saying I was the only one doing all the work," said Miller. "I wasn't doing it by myself, I had my staff NCO's and sergeants there helping me."

Miller mentioned he would send a note, thanking everyone who helped him receive the award.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Capt. Justin Miller, a 6th Engineer Support Battalion instructor, stands with his award citation after the Navy League of the United States 105th annual national convention Sea Services Award Luncheon at the Marriott Resort in Palm Desert, Calif., Nov. 2.

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MARINE FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- When most Marines enter the Corps, they have some idea of what they want to do while serving their country. Some envision themselves being a military policeman or working on aircraft. Others see themselves patrolling through the jungle with their rifle at the ready or being inserted into foreign territory by parachute under the cloak of darkness. Whatever the case, most are looking for a challenge. Some experienced Marines want to take that challenge to a unique new level and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command may provide what they are looking for.

To find these Marines and bring them into the special operations community, a dedicated team of Marines was established to run MARSOC's recruit, screen, assess and selection process.

Marine Special Operations Companies, built upon the heritage and specialized expertise of the legendary Marine Force Reconnaissance Companies, are conducting special reconnaissance and direct action missions against America's enemies in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, small teams of MARSOC Marines and Sailors draw upon 232 years of Marine Corps mastery of small wars when deployed to austere locations in Africa, South America and other foreign lands as part of a persistent engagement strategy designed to maintain stability, increase security and win wars before they ever begin.

Throughout the past year, MARSOC companies and teams deployed 18 times to carry out special operations missions worldwide. The mission list for the upcoming year is even longer, and

as MARSOC builds toward full operational capability in September 2008, the demand for Marine Special Operations Forces continues to grow.

To meet that demand, MARSOC recruiters work tirelessly to find experienced and highly adaptive Marines who will be successful in screening, assessment and, eventually, with MARSOC. Recruiters visit units throughout the Marine Corps to present briefs, set up displays, and create and use various recruiting tools to raise interest in MARSOC. Interested candidates are then sent through the screening process.

The screening includes several steps. First, Marines conduct a physical fitness test. They must score at least a 225 and then pass a modified second-class swim qualification. Marines also take an aptitude test and are given a psychological evaluation.

After the screening, MARSOC candidates move on to an assessment course designed to test their mental agility, leadership ability, judgment and physical fitness. Marines and Sailors who demonstrate the ability and potential to excel at special operations missions during the assessment process are selected for assignment to MARSOC.

Marines and Sailors who are selected may be required to return to their units to finish out that obligation first, but once they receive orders to MARSOC, they will begin the training pipeline. Starting in October 2008, all new MARSOC operators will attend an Individual Training Course designed to provide the baseline individual skills required by all MARSOC operators. Skills introduced during ITC include foreign language and culture, medical, communications, close quarter battle tactics and more.

Marines will then move

on either to one of the Marine Special Operations Battalions or the Marine Special Operations Advisor Group and begin training with their company or team.

The MSOBs and the MSOAG share similar mission sets but prioritize them differently. MSOAG focuses primarily on foreign internal defense missions, while MSOBs focus primarily on direct action and special reconnaissance. As MARSOC continues to grow, its companies and teams will continue to develop capabilities in a wide range of SOF missions.

Staff Sgt. Melbin Medina, a recruiter with RSAS, said MARSOC Marines will have the opportunity to attend almost any advanced training course available. Training opportunities include special reconnaissance, airborne, combatant diver and assault climber, scout sniper as well as U.S. Army Ranger School.

A large part of the training Marines receive is focused on culture and language skills. One unique aspect is language immersion. For example, when a team of Marines is assigned Russian as its language, then Marines from that team may go to Russia for three to four months to absorb the culture and improve their language skills.

"Our Marines learn so much about different countries and get a great sense of how foreign militaries work," said Medina. "The training they get here is really going to help out the rest of the Marine Corps because, when they leave to other units, they take with them a wealth of knowledge and experience they can pass on to their junior Marines."

Medina, who was the chief weapons instructor with an MSOAG Team before being assigned to RSAS, said the Marines MARSOC wants are mature, intelligent and experienced.

A special operations Marine needs to be able to build relationships, teach



U.S. MARINE CORPS

A Marine from Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, shares part of his Meal-Ready-to-Eat with a child in Africa. In addition to being technically and tactically proficient, Marines who enter MARSOC must also be able to make good decisions in ambiguous situations in order to forge lasting relationships with people they encounter on deployment. The language and culture skills-training received by MARSOC operators strengthens their contribution to a persistent engagement strategy designed to preserve and extend security in developing countries.

important tactics to foreign militaries, and also maintain the skills necessary to effectively conduct direct action and special reconnaissance missions when needed.

MARSOC's RSAS team works hard to find Marines and Sailors who are looking

for new challenges, and they work just as hard to ensure MARSOC and U.S. Special Operations Command have mature and intelligent personnel to handle the unique and integral role MARSOC plays in the Global War on Terrorism.

To learn more about what it takes to qualify as a MARSOC operator, contact the Marine Special Operations School at (910) 450-3349/3123 (DSN 750-3349/3123) or visit us online at www.marsoc.usmc.mil/recruiting.

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Combat Center's heroes remembered, honored



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON
The Knights of Columbus stand at the back of the Catholic Chapel placing their feather-covered hats on their shoulder during the Fallen Heroes Memorial Service Mass Nov. 1.

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Combat Center friends and families filled the Catholic Chapel for a memorial service to honor fallen Combat Center heroes who have died in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Nov. 1.

The memorial is held annually in November to remember Marines and Sailors from units aboard the Combat Center for their acts of bravery. This year, 119 Marines and Sailors were recognized.

Each fallen hero's name is read by one of the five chaplains. A picture was shown with his age and unit in a slideshow, followed by the ringing of a bell to emphasize the importance of each hero.

"They laid down their lives for one another," said Father Thomas P. Hall, the chaplain for the Catholic Chapel. "It doesn't matter if they were sinners, what they did is a holy act."

Leading the procession into the church was Maj. Sean Smith, playing the Marine Corps hymn on the bagpipes.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal society, also attended the memorial service. The men of knights at the memorial were all active duty or retired Marines.

They marched into the

church wearing their red and white uniforms and raised their feathered hats, in salute and recognition to the Marines and Sailors who gave their lives in support of the war.

Along with the knights, the pews were filled with friends from almost every combat arms unit on base, family members filled the front of the church, and community members, including the mayors of surrounding cities came to pay their respect to the fallen heroes.

"Catholic, when lower-cased, means universal," explained Hall, organizer for the memorial service. "We have all different types of religions, and even some non-believers, who all came to this service to remember the last holy act of their friends and loved ones."

The Feast of All Saints, a Catholic feast to celebrate and honor all saints and martyrs, was also celebrated during the mass and memorial service.

For Lance Cpl. Jeremy Stein, this was his second time attending the Feast of All Saints and the Fallen Heroes' memorial service. He also helped set up the event.

"I have a lot of friends that I lost personally in that slideshow," said Stein, the Catholic Chapel assistant. "Any chance I get to pay my respects to them, I'll take it."



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON
Deacon Darrel Hills processes into the Catholic Chapel with the Book of Gospel during the Fallen Heroes Memorial Service Mass Nov. 1.

Stein explained that the memorial was more about celebrating the Marines and Sailor's life and death than just mourning or grieving.

"We know they died for a purpose," he said. "They died for their friends fighting to their left and right."

Stein continued by quoting a verse from the bible and said

it explained the holiness of the heroes remembered in the memorial service. The bible verse was also placed multiple times throughout the church, driving home the importance of its meaning.

"No one hath greater love than this, to lay down ones life for ones friend," Stein quoted from John 15:13.

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Marine-Civilian Development Program provides new opportunities for Marines

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The Marine-Civilian Development Program provides training and education to help Marines accelerate their adaptation to civilian life.

They also provide employee assistance to program graduates through their national network of Fortune 500 companies.

"Marines need to know about this program," said Lloyd M. Thorne, western regional manager of MCDP.

MCDP is a non-profit organization available to all active duty and reserve Marines, both officers and enlisted, within six months of their end of active service date. The program provides three different courses at no cost to the Marine Corps, employers or applicants. It is conducted at an off-base location with meals and lodging provided.

The program is specifically tailored to Marines seeking a

career in the private sector. It is not for individuals seeking further education, part-time employment, or a public sector career.

The Scarlet Course is a four-day program designed for high school graduates completing four to six years of military service. The Gold Course is a six-day program for college graduates, both officer and enlisted, completing four to eight years of service.

A one-and-a-half-day course is also provided to spouses of Marines attending MCDP courses.

The basic breakdown of the courses begins with an introduction to the program. It covers core skills for success, the business environment, the Marine Corps environment and how to adapt to the business environment.

The program is supported by the Marine Corps and is staffed with former Marine and civilian professional educators.

"This is ultimately a program about Marines helping Marines," said Thorne.

Cpl. Daniel J. Redding, editor and noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Scout newspaper in Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., recently attended the program.

"I was quite impressed with the program," he said. "Everyone involved puts a lot of passion into it. They help Marines market themselves and highlight the best of who they are."

"It's not all about helping Marines get out of the Marine Corps," he added. "The program helps Marines make the best possible decision for them. If you've made the mature decision to get out, they help you get out, but if you want to stay in, they help you stay in, too."

Funding for MCDP is provided by the Lerner Foundation, sponsored by Randy Lerner, owner of the Cleveland Browns, and retired

Gen. Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Courses are offered in New Bern, N.C., and San Diego. Thorne said the program hopes to have course locations in Hawaii and Japan within the next year.

The most recent course began Oct. 12 at the Four Points Sheraton in San Diego. Upcoming course dates for West Coast Marines are Jan. 25, 2008 and April 11, 2008. Thorne said the goal of the program is to hold courses at least once every quarter in all locations.

"If units can handle losing their Marines for a few days, they should let them go to the program," said Redding. "The individuals there are really devoted to helping Marines make the right decisions for them."

To apply to the Marine-Civilian Development Program, visit their Web site at <http://www.marinecdp.org>.

VA patient flu shot information

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Walk-in clinics, even drive-in clinics for the vaccinations -- which are free for veterans enrolled in VA's health care system -- are being offered at many of VA's 153 hospitals and more than 900 outpatient clinics. Veterans should check with their nearest VA health care facility to learn about local vaccination programs.

"Vaccination is a simple way of preventing serious

health care problems, especially among the elderly, those with compromised immune systems and veterans with spinal cord injuries," said Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon H. Mansfield. "Part of VA's world-class health care service is ensuring veterans get their flu shots."

Veterans should discuss flu vaccinations with their primary health care provider. Physicians

recommend flu vaccinations for pregnant women, people with chronic medical conditions, those at least 50 years of age, patients in long-term care facilities, and people who live with those at high risk for complications from flu.

A recent study by Dr. Kristin Nichol, a nationally recognized expert on the flu and chief of medicine at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, found dramatic reduc-

tions in deaths and sickness after getting a flu shot. Vaccination reduced hospitalizations for pneumonia or influenza by 27 per cent, and there was a 48 per cent reduction in deaths.

In addition to information about flu vaccines available in VA's medical centers and clinics, VA maintains information for consumers on its Web site at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu/>.

DoD and VA pass information sharing milestone

SOURCE TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

August 03, 2007, No. 07-46

Falls Church, Va. - The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), two recognized leaders in the national effort to share electronic health information, have reached another milestone. DoD announced today, that the departments have successfully tested and deployed an interface that was developed to extend the reach and capabilities of the Bidirectional Health Information Exchange (BHIE) which is the mechanism that allows the two departments to share electronic health information on patients treated by both departments.

Following the completion of the system acceptance test at Madigan Army Medical Center, the military services received the first release of the interface and use began on July 30, 2007. It allows providers at all military treatment facilities to access BHIE directly from AHLTA (the military's electronic health record), eliminating the requirement for login to a separate system to view data from the VA. This new interface also allows VA providers to access information from all DoD health-care facilities. Currently, medication and allergy profiles, laboratory results including surgical pathology reports, and radiology reports are shared and viewed. The types of data that will be shared through BHIE and this interface will be expanded in future releases to include patient problem lists, encounter notes, procedures, vital signs, family history, images, questionnaires and other documents.

Extending the reach of BHIE represents a major step toward making healthcare data on shared beneficiaries immediately and easily accessible to both DoD and VA healthcare providers. Dr. S. Ward Casscells, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs called this accomplishment, "a superb

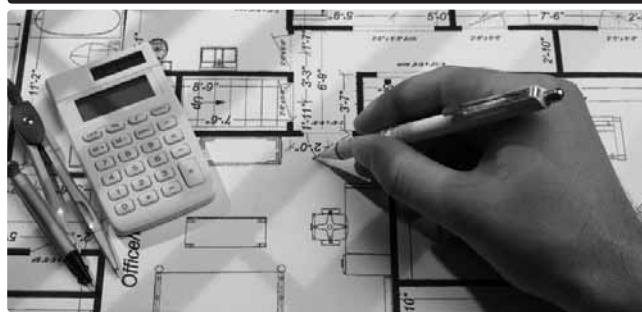
example of the commitment our Departments have made to work hand in hand to provide quality and continuity of care for our beneficiaries."

DoD and VA have made tremendous progress in their ability to share electronic health information. This initiative does not replace the longer-term continuing development of the CHDR interface which allows the exchange of computable data between the

DoD's Clinical Data Repository (CDR) and the VA's Health Data repository (HDR). Rather, it provides the means to accelerate and enlarge the scope and scale of data sharing capabilities between agencies in the near term. As the standards for information sharing continue to develop and mature, the ability to exchange computable clinical information will attain corresponding levels of sophistica-

tion. Expanded use of BHIE coupled with the progress made in real-time bidirectional exchanges of computable clinical information between DoD's CDR and the VA's HDR brings the DoD and VA closer to the ultimate goal of complete electronic interoperability. The success of their collaboration has placed them firmly at the forefront of the national effort to share electronic health information.

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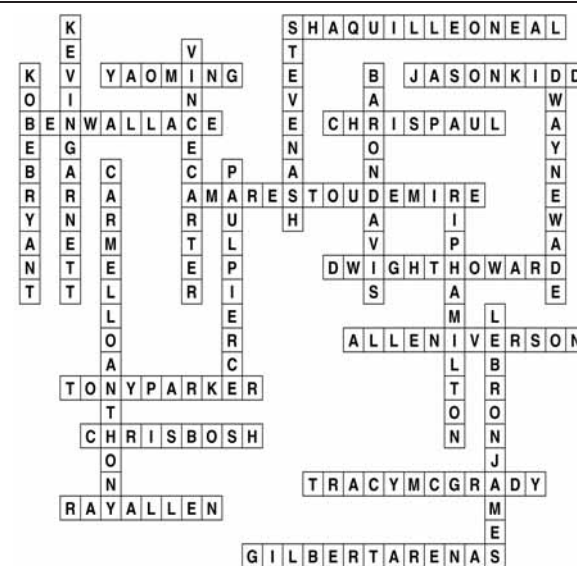
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Historical birthday pageant shines through the years



Marines from Headquarters Battalion line up across Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field and display historical uniforms at the 2007 Combat Center Marine Corps Birthday Pageant Monday. **LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER**

LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Battalion hosted the 2007 Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Birthday Pageant at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Monday.

A large crowd of Combat Center personnel and more than 450 students from local schools attended the ceremony to celebrate the Marine Corps' 232nd birthday.

The Combat Center Band kept the growing audience entertained with pre-serenade music to start the series of events.

Following the opening prayer given by Lt. Karen J. Rector, Headquarters Bn. chaplain, Staff Sgt. Diane Durden, Bravo Company gunnery sergeant, led the pageant with the history of the Marine Corps.

"It is fitting and proper that we pause briefly to reflect upon the event of this day, our Corps and our nation, and to pay homage to our fallen comrades," said Durden.

Capt. Waiann Mai, Headquarters Bn. adjutant, took the field and moved the flag bearers into position to display the historical flags that have flown and represented the nation since its earliest years.

"I think it's very important that we come out like this every year and recognize the events and symbols of our past," said Pfc. Tim Benoit, historical flag bearer. "It gives us a better under-

standing of where we came from and how we got here."

The historical pageant was presented next as Marines and Sailors wore and displayed the uniforms that have been worn throughout the history of the Marine Corps.

The Combat Center Band played along as Durden led the audience through a brief description of each uniform and the time period it endured.

"Today's Marine is vastly different than the Marine of 1775," she said. "Today's Marine Corps has evolved from the sharpshooters and ships' guard companies of 1775 to an elite Corps of highly trained warriors, capable of accomplishing any mission, in any clime and any place."

Traditional birthday messages from Gen. John A. Lejeune, 13th commandant of the Marine Corps, and Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, were read immediately after the historical pageant.

Mai came onto the field once again and introduced Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, who began by addressing the ceremony attendees and thanking the Combat Center personnel for their support the past year.

"The strength of this command is found in the individual Marines, Sailors and civilians who serve at the Combat Center," said Spiese. "The

See **BIRTHDAY, B8**



Marines from Headquarters Battalion display the historical colors from our nation's history at the 2007 Combat Center Marine Corps Birthday Pageant at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Monday. **LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER**



LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER
Capt. Waiann Mai, Headquarters Battalion adjutant, prepares to introduce Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, at the 2007 Combat Center Marine Corps Birthday Pageant at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Monday.



LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER
Brig. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, and Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, base sergeant major, prepare to cut the birthday cake with Master Gunnery Sgt. Stephen C. Doust and Pfc. Kody R. Leonard, the oldest and youngest Marines present at the 2007 Combat Center Marine Corps Birthday Pageant at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Monday.

Commissaries now accepting applications for 2008 scholarships for military children

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FORT LEE, Va. – Applications for the Defense Commissary Agency's 2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available now in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The program kick-off each year in November coincides with "National Military Family Month," and the scholarships are a great way for commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support and respect for the contributions of military families.

According to Richard Page, DeCA's acting director and chief executive officer, the program has awarded more than \$5.5 million dollars in scholarships to 3,532 of the best and

brightest children of military families since it began in 2001.

"We take enormous pride in the scholarship program," he said, "because it's a great opportunity for commis-

saries to make a difference in the communities they serve. DeCA is committed to education and increasing opportunities for the children of military families."

With college costs soaring, students and their parents appreciate every available scholarship to help defray the cost, and the scholarships enable many families to afford the

tuition and provide an incentive for students to work hard.

The \$1,500 scholarships are available to unmarried children under the age of 21 (or 23, if enrolled in school)

of military active-duty, retired, and Guard and Reserve service members. Most of the funds are donated by manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell groceries in commissaries, and every dollar donated to the program by industry or the general public goes to fund the scholarships. The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall of 2008, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants must submit an essay arguing for or against the following statement: "Every able-bodied citizen should be required to serve a two-year period of time in the military. Why or why not?" Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business on Feb. 20, 2008. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.



Messina to headline Yucaipa U.S. Armed Forces Music Festival

MILITARY LIAISON PALM SPRINGS USO

The Yucaipa Regional Park will play host for the first "US Armed Forces Country Music Festival" on Nov. 10-11. Country Music Superstar Jo Dee Messina headlines the 2-day festival, which will benefit the Ontario USO and American Legion among others. The event will feature a variety of fun filled family events across the

parks majestic mountain setting. The show will also feature Country star Michael Peterson, All Worked Up featuring Yucaipa's own Paula Wilkens and up coming Jazz Saxophonist Jamie Williams. A multitude of Area Artists will also be showcased during the event.

The Multi Platinum selling Messina has earned nine #1 singles including "My Give a Damns Busted"; "Bring on the Rain"; "Bye Bye", " I'm

Alright", and " Stand Beside Me". Messina will close out the festival Sunday night

Michael Peterson will highlight Saturday night festivities by featuring his three #1 singles, "Drink, Swear, Cheat and Lie", "From Here to Eternity" & "To Good to be True". Peterson is also the National Spokesman for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund; which provides scholarships for children of military personnel killed on duty since

9-11-2001.

All Worked Up features Yucaipa's "Hometown Girl does Good" Paula Wilkens, Wilkens, daughter of Don and Virginia Scherneck; recently won CMT's Karaoke Dokey television show. Before moving to Nashville, Wilkens starred in " Legend of the Arrowhead" at the California Theatre in which she won her Eighth Inland Theatre Award for Best Actress. Paula also has represented the City of San Bernardino interna-

tionally at the IDA Awards in Winnipeg, Canada as well as the featured vocalist during Derek Parra Day.

Jamie Williams brings the soul with his debut CD "After Hours". This Ultra Smooth Artist has been seen on "Good Morning America". His first single is a remake of Stevie Wonders' "Overjoyed" and features "Oscar" and "Golden Globe" winner Jennifer Hudson on Vocals.

The Festival offers single

day or two day passes. Family activities will include Rock Climbing Walls, Tae Kwon Do exhibitions, Children Fun Zones with Bouncers, Slides, Carnival Rides; Pony rides as well as a variety of Vendors.

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The Armed Services YMCA Thrift Store provides a place for servicemembers, their families and civilians aboard the Combat Center to donate and purchase donated items at reasonable prices.

The Thrift Store offers items such as: clothing, housewares, appliances, furniture, books, electronics and much more.

"The Thrift Store is especially convenient for new couples on base who are shopping

for their home," said Corinna Hernandez, ASYMCA Thrift Store associate. "Donated furniture and appliances are available at affordable prices."

The different categories of items sold at the Thrift Store benefit a wide variety of age groups, ranging from small children and teenagers to adults of all ages.

Donations to and purchases from the Thrift Store directly benefit active duty service members by providing them with free donated uniforms.

"Active duty military mem-

bers can come in and receive up to five free donated uniform items every month," said Hernandez.

The Thrift Store also allows individuals to volunteer and assist in sorting donations, stocking shelves and participating in special events.

This gives service members and their families a chance to be involved in the community and provides minors with community service opportunities.

"It is very beneficial for new spouses aboard the

Combat Center to volunteer," said Theresa Puga, ASYMCA Thrift Store associate. "It not only gives them something to do, but it gives them a chance to make new friends as well."

When volunteers work more than 50 hours, they are recognized by the ASYMCA with a Presidential Award.

Donating items to the Thrift Store has many benefits as well, including tax receipts with every donation.

"All of the money received at the Thrift Store goes right

back to the military community through ASYMCA programs," said Hernandez.

The Thrift Store donations contribute to the following programs: Parent Child Interactive Programs, Community Outreach Programs, After-School Programs, Free Bread Friday, the Wounded Comrade Program, the Fallen Hero Program, the Family Assistance Program, the Meet the Masters Program, Healthy Kids Day, Military Family Month, and the Holiday Program.

The ASYMCA also sup-

ports families in need by giving them \$25 vouchers for the Thrift Store.

The six members of the ASYMCA Thrift Store staff work directly with service members, their families and civilians so their contributions can make a difference in the Combat Center community through ASYMCA programs.

For more information, please contact the ASYMCA Thrift Store at 830-7481 or visit them at Combat Center building 192.



Civilian employee benefit information

A MESSAGE FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF NAVY
BENEFITS OFFICER

Open Season is from Nov. 12 to Dec. 11.

Are you going to make a change to your health insurance enrollment during the upcoming open season, change your Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contributions or make TSP Catch-up Contributions for 2008? If so, you will be using the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) to make these elections.

Your EBIS password expires every 90 days, therefore, if you have not accessed EBIS in the past 3 months, you will be required to reset your password before you can make any benefits changes. To ensure you are ready, you are encouraged to change your password now.

Employees who have converted to the NSPS pay system can find additional user information at <https://www.civilianbenefits.hroc.navy.mil>

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Additional online information about creating an EBIS Password or Personal Identification Number (PIN) is available at https://www.civilianbenefits.hroc.navy.mil/Automated_Systems.asp, scroll down to the FAQs related to "Setting Your Password" and "Setting Your PIN".

If you wait until open season you may have a lengthy wait to speak with a Benefits Customer Service Representative (CSR) due to the HIGH volume of calls. So get prepared now!

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For additional assistance accessing EBIS, contact The Benefits Line at 1-888-320-2917. Select menu option #4 to speak with a CSR. CSRs are available 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (Eastern Time) except federal holidays.

Reporting Death of a Military Retiree

(Source: <http://www.dfas.mil>)

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has prepared this contact sheet to assist you in reporting the death of a military retiree or annuitant. The information provided is meant to serve as a general guide.

Notify DFAS at either (800) 269-5170 or (800) 321-1080. Please have the decedent's Social Security Number (SSN) and the date of death when you call. We ask that you send one photocopy of a death certificate which indicates the cause of death. Please send it to:

FOR RETIREES

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We will take steps to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments. If the decedent was a retiree enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and/or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), we will take additional steps to initiate pay accounts for eligible survivors.

Designated beneficiaries of retirees should expect a Standard Form 1174 (SF-1174) and, if applicable, SBP/RSFPP-related forms in the mail within seven to ten business days of reporting the death. If you need assistance please call us at either of the numbers listed above.

Notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) at (800) 772-1213.

Notify the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at (800) 538-9552.

If the member was receiving disability compensation or Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC), notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) at (800) 827-1000.

If the member was a civil servant or retired civil servant, notify the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) toll-free at (888) 767-6738.

If the member enrolled in DVA-sponsored insurance such as National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) or Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), notify them at (800) 669-8477.

If you live near a military installation you may be able to receive help with administrative matters from a Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) or Retired Activities/Affairs Office (RAO). Please note that these services are not available at all military installations.

Here are some additional toll-free numbers you may find useful:

- Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) (800) 776-2322
- Army & Air Force Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA) (800) 522-5221
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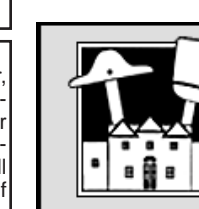
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HEALTH TECHNICIAN
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Position has paid sick leave and vacation

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TRACTOR WORK & Trenching, Water Tanks, Dump Truck Svc., Yard Clean-Up Free Estimates. Call Bill at (760) 365-5903 unlic

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PIONEERTOWN - Yard/estate sale - Antiques - collector plates - junk, something for everyone 3030 Acacia Ave., So. of Pipes Cyn. Thurs. 11/8 & Fri 11/9 8am-3pm. 365-4096

YUCCA MESA - 4 family yard sale Fri/Sat 7am. Christmas gifts & decor antiques, jewelry, collectible knives, tools, & more. 3362 Condaia Xst.-Aberdeen

Fri. & Sat. Nov. 9 & 10, Clothes, tools, & household, etc. Off Aberdeen & Avalon. OWS-Aberdeen, 2975 La Habra Ave.

YUCCA VALLEY - 58375 El Dorado Dr., Fri & Sat 8-3. Furniture, linen, clothing, & other household items

ESTATE sale, furnt, knickknacks, everything must go! Fri & Sat. 7501 Palm Ave. #125

Garage Sale Fri. & Sat. Nov. 9 & 10. 8-1. 7425 Church St. Sp. 37 barbies, beanies, teddy's, dolls, & much more nice stuff.

Garage Sale Nov. 9th & 10th 8am. Indoor & outdoor, x-mas decorations, Cabinets for storage, old buttons & much more. 7455 Camarilla Ave.

MOVING SALE Sat. Nov. 10th 8am-3pm. Tools, Furniture, records, household, lots of miscellaneous. 58860 La Mirada Trail

Nov. 10 & 11 8am-3pm Furn., stove, frig., d/w, propane heater, Christmas, clothing, collectables & lots more 7379 Chippewa Tr.

533 GARAGE SALE

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Yard sale Sat. only 8-2. Mostly household items, some furniture. 57429 Airway Ct. above airport.

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Lost dog - brown teacup Chihuahua. Limp in back leg. A woman gave him away at Wal-Mart on Halloween. If she gave you my dog, please call. 369-2445. Dan or Linda

Lost Dog, blk lab, answers to Jackson, 9 mo old, last seen up on Mesa, cross street Del Mar & Lexington, YV 898-1361

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LOST Green rollar-a-board style suitcase. Lost 11/3 on Joshua Lane in Yucca Valley. REWARD if found. 365-3620 leave mess.

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2002 Sea-Doo GTX, 3 seater, xlnt cond., trailer & cover, recent scheduled maint. 60+mph, \$5,250obo 760-861-9434

2002 Cadillac Eldorado - Excellent condition, low mileage \$12995. 760-365-5094

2003 Dodge Neon SXT, all auto, great cond., \$73,000 miles \$4,750 228-2195

2003 Nissa Maxima SE, good cond. inside & out, V6, auto, white, well maintained, 17" alloy wheels, AM/FM/CD/Cassette. 84k mi, \$8,500 obo. Ken, 760-835-0052

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2004 CHEVROLET Blazer 4x4 - Low miles, auto, alc, tow vin#114622, stock #07-5407A **NOW \$10,986**

2004 CHEVROLET Suburban - low miles, 3rd seat, dual a/c, vin#184515, stock #4711 **NOW \$21,986**

2005 CHEVROLET 2500 Crew Cab 4x4 - Loaded, blk, low miles, vin#888227, stock#4707 **NOW \$29,986**

2006 CHEVROLET Monte Carlo LS - Only 29K, Pristine condition, vin#260313, stock#075050A **NOW \$14,986**

2006 CHEVROLET Yukon SLE - "Certified" Low Miles, MP3 Sound, MP3 **ePrice \$38,886**

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620 CARS

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Spiese's speech was followed by the playing of the Marine's hymn and the traditional cutting of the birthday cake.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Stephen C. Doult, the oldest Marine present who enlisted Aug. 31, 1979, received the first piece of cake from Spiese and passed it along to Pfc. Kody R. Leonard, the youngest Marine present who enlisted Jan. 8, to symbolize the passing of history and traditions to the next generation.

The cake detail moved off of the field and Mai retired the colors and brought the flag bearers and pageant Marines to a halt at the parade deck to end the ceremony.

Many Marines and Sailors continued to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday after the pageant by eating the annual birthday meal served at the Phelps and Littleton mess halls.

The celebration of the Marine Corps history with a pageant will continue to be a Combat Center tradition for many Marine Corps birthdays to come.



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