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## HOT TOPICS

### TOYS FOR TOTS MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN

Dec. 8 is the Toys for Tots Motorcycle Poker Run. 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. 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 follow.

### WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Women's varsity basketball tryouts begin Nov. 26, 27, and 29 at the East Gym, 6-8 p.m. Practices will also be held at the Community Center Dec. 3 and 4, 6-8 p.m. Tryouts are open to active duty, dependents of active duty, NAF and GS employees. POC is the Sports Office at 830-4092.

### CHRISTIAN PREP CLASSES IN DEC.

The Religious Ministries Directorate will begin CPREP in December. Conferences will be offered twice a year Dec. 13 and 14, and April 24 and 25, 2008. Duration will be a two day seminar. CPREP will be scheduled on Thursday and Friday of the selected week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only 6 hours of teaching will take place per day. Hourly and lunch breaks are scheduled into the seminar. Childcare will be provided free of charge. Point of Contact will be Sandra Griesmeyer at 830-6464 for those individuals who want to sign up.

### SMOKING CESSATION CLASS SCHEDULED

Kick the habit and learn to become tobacco free! The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Health Promotions Program offers tobacco cessation classes in the Naval Hospital. Classes are offered at two convenient times of noon and 5:30 p.m. To sign up, call Health Promotions at 830-2814. The next set of tobacco cessation classes will start Nov. 27. This will be the last class of the year. The class schedule resumes with a class beginning Jan. 8. Call now before it all goes up in smoke!

### TOWN HALL MEETING

A Town Hall Meeting is a great means of communication between Lincoln Housing and its residents. Residents from all communities are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled meeting will be 6 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Desert View Clubhouse for Desert View and Marine Palms residents. See you there!

## Marines conserving Native American cultural resources

MARIE G. COTTRELL,  
JOHN P. HALE  
*NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER AND  
ARCHEOLOGIST*

The Combat Center, like many other sizeable Federal land management units within the Mojave Desert, is located in a region where Rock Art formed an integral part of the Native American culture and where rock art sites are an infrequent, if regular, occurrence on the landscape.

Rock art is a term applied to etchings or paintings made on rock surfaces, and though the purpose of rock art is very often unknown, it can provide clues to the belief systems of Native Americans living in the desert before the arrival of Europeans.

One of the notable rock art sites found within MCAGCC's boundaries is the Foxtrot Petroglyph Site which

was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on Feb. 23, 1995.

The Foxtrot Petroglyph Site contains 490 recorded panels of rock art along a 3 kilometer face of an old lava flow.

Located in an area used as a bombing range and live fire area, MAGTFCTC placed this site off-limits to live fire in 1973. Since that time, the Marines have offered the site protection against man-induced affects that could deteriorate the natural and cultural setting and quality of the rock art in this area of the installation.

The Foxtrot Petroglyph Site contains not only petroglyphs (images or designs pecked, scratched, incised, or carved into the rock face), but pictographs (images or designs painted onto the surface of the rock face).



NREA PHOTO

Typical rock art panel at Foxtrot petroglyph site aboard the Combat Center. Rock art is a term applied to etchings or paintings made on rock surfaces.

The site is unique for the variety of design elements present as well as techniques used to create the glyphs. Design elements include anthropomorphic (human) fig-

ures, zoomorphic (animal) figures, and abstract elements. Glyphs recorded at the site include stylistic elements normally defined for the Western Archaic Tradition of the

Mojave Desert/Great Basin region as well as stylistic elements reminiscent of the southern or Colorado Desert

See PETROGLYPH, A7

## 3/7 returns home in time for Thanksgiving holiday

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A.  
LAVINE

*COMBAT CORRESPONDENT*

Smiling faces peeking out from under hats and hoods talked excitedly while gloved hands clutched white styrofoam cups of hot coffee.

This is how families and friends passed time while they awaited the return of their beloved heroes of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, at Victory Field this week.

More than 850 Marines and sailors of India, Kilo, Lima weapons and Headquarters and Support Companies returned home from Nov. 18 through Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day.

During the unit's 7-month tour in Al Anbar province, Iraq, 3/7 acted as keepers of the peace while also training

the Iraqi Army and police force to assure independent efficiency once the unit departed, said Staff Sgt. David D. Harmon, 3/7's administration chief.

3/7 not only participated in infrastructure projects involving water supplies, sanitation, power, road fixtures and clean-up of the city, they also provided more jobs for the community.

In addition to that, 3/7 came home without suffering a single casualty, said Harmon.

"We are very grateful for having all of them come back," said Harmon about the unit. "We started together and we finished together."

Stacy Tartenaar, wife of Staff Sgt. Mark Tartenaar of Kilo Company, agreed.

"I'm so glad there was not one single fire fight," said Stacy. "It must be the most

exciting thing you could hear. That means they [Marines and sailors] did their job the right way and now they are coming home. We are so ready for them."

Gina Bolding, wife of Staff Sgt. Trace Bolding and neighbor of Stacy, said this was her husband's second deployment and it seemed to go by much faster than the first.

"The internet was easier to use this time," said Gina about staying in touch. "Our daughters are really excited to have him home," she added about 9-year-old Dakota and 6-year-old Cheyenne.

Bibi, Randy Benderman, Huntington Beach, Calif. natives, said they were grateful to have their Marine, Lance Cpl. Michael Benderman of India Company, home for the

See 3/7, A6



LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

Lance Cpl. Kevin Souder and his wife, Veronica, share a moment at Victory Field Monday.

## Shooters from around country gather for NRA competitions

LANCE CPL. JARED J.  
BUTLER

*COMBAT CORRESPONDENT*

The Marksmanship Training Unit hosted the 48th annual Twentynine Palms National Rifle Association Long Range and High Power Regional competitions at the Combat Center's rifle range Nov. 15.

All of the shooters, including the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, shooting team, met early at the range's 1000-yard line and attended the opening ceremony before the beginning match.

Col. Robert Abblitt, Combat Center chief of staff,

and Lt. Col. Thomas Frederick, G-3 deputy director, welcomed the competitors to the range and thanked them for their support and participation in the event.

Frederick followed the traditional ceremonial procedures and fired the first shot to begin the competition.

"It was a great honor that I will take to the grave with me to fire the first shot down range for this competition," said Frederick.

Following the opening ceremony, the competitors began their first of 15 matches that

See SHOOTERS, A6



LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER

Lt. Col. Thomas Frederick, G3 deputy director, fires the first shot of the 48th annual Twentynine Palms National Rifle Association Long Range and High Power Regional competitions at the Combat Center's rifle range Nov. 15.

Friday



65/38  
Sunny

Saturday



63/40  
Mostly Sunny

Sunday



62/38  
Partly Cloudy

A4: CCFD conducts live-fire flashover, backdraft training

A5: 1st Tanks celebrate 66th birthday

A6: Camp Lejeune Water Study Information

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*This Day in  
Marine Corps  
History*

— Nov. 23, 1950:—

Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with a temperature of 20 degrees below zero





# C.O.P. Corner

## Community Oriented Policing

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

Information current as of Nov. 9

### 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 DUIs/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 DUIs/DWIs, all of them have lost or will lose their driving privileges for a minimum of one year.

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

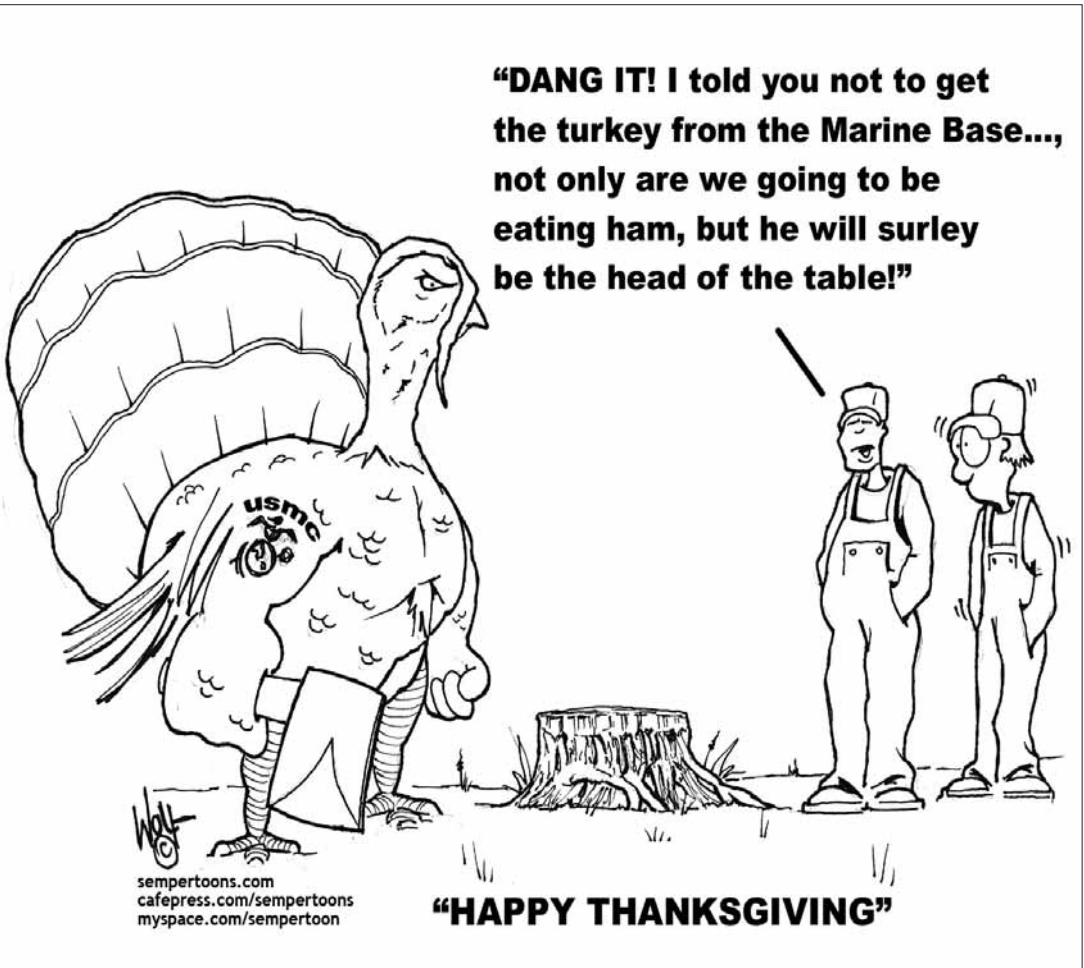
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For more information about the above services, contact the PMO Crime Prevention Section at 830-4561/6094.

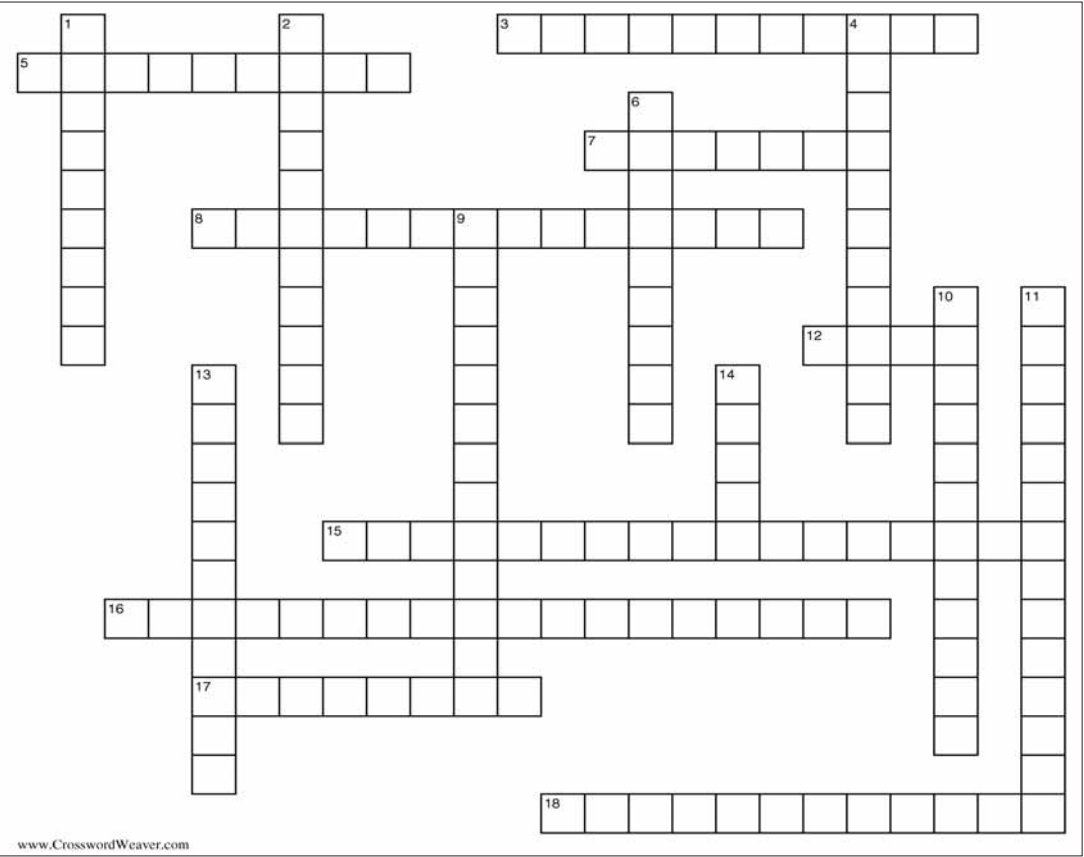


### Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



### FAMOUS QUOTES



#### ACROSS

- 3. "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, then the world will know peace."
- 5. "We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees."
- 7. "You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."
- 8. "Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?"
- 12. "Do or do not, there is no try."
- 15. "Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."
- 16. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."
- 17. "You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word."
- 18. "I am not a crook."

#### DOWN

- 1. "Denial ain't just a river in Egypt."
- 2. "Music inflames temperament."
- 4. "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistably desired."
- 6. "The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense."
- 9. "You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."
- 10. "100% of the shots you don't take don't go in."
- 11. "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."
- 13. "It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am."
- 14. "Only the dead have seen the end of the war."

[Solutions on A4]

### Centerspeak

What is your favorite part about the Thanksgiving holiday?

Opinions expressed in Centerspeak

are not necessarily those of the OBSERVATION POST, the Marine Corps or Department of Defense.



LANCE CPL. MATT CUSTER  
3/4



SGT. CEDRIC HENDERSON  
3/10



GUNNERY SGT. DWAIN NORMAN  
3/10

“My favorite part about Thanksgiving is that I get to go home to Missouri for the weekend to see my family.”

“I like spending time with family and eating turkey, dressing and home-cooked meals.”

“My favorite part of Thanksgiving is spending time with my family and enjoying the holiday spirit.”

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Medieval Times tickets free for military kids  
KAREN JOWERS

Military kids 12 and under can get free tickets to Medieval Times performances through Dec. 25 - except for Nov. 23, 24 and 25 - with the purchase of an adult ticket at on-base tickets and tours offices.

Medieval Times offers meals in a dinner-theater setting, with shows featuring horsemanship, elaborate costumes, jousting with lances and other hand-to-hand combat stunts, and duels with broad swords, maces, battle axes and other "dreaded weapons used by soldiers of a past era," according to an announcement by the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

The offer for kids applies to all branches of service, but the tickets must be purchased ahead of time through on-base tickets and tours offices. Anyone with a military or civilian ID card who is eligible for MWR activities is eligible. This offer is in addition to the discounts for these shows already provided through tickets and tours offices.

One child's free admittance will be provided with the purchase of each paid adult admission. The value of the kid's ticket is between \$30 and \$40, depending on the location.

Medieval Times theaters are located in Atlanta; Baltimore; Buena Park, Calif.; Dallas; Kissimmee, Fla.



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# CCFD conducts live-fire flashover, backdraft training



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN  
*COMBAT CORRESPONDENT*

The Combat Center Fire Department conducted live-fire training Nov. 17 at the training prop area on Del Valle Road.

The purpose of the training was to show the firefighters different types of fire behavior and how to combat them.

“We try to do this at least once a quarter or whenever we get new firefighters,” said Fire Lieutenant Tom Fowler, CCFD firefighter. “They have to know what to expect when they get to the real thing.”

The standard training has four basic stages – flashover, fire attack, backdraft and advanced fire attack. This particular training focused only on flashover and backdraft training.

A flashover occurs when the heat from the fire reaches a certain temperature and ignites the flammable gases that have

filled the room, causing every surface in the room to catch fire simultaneously.

A backdraft is the result of the fire being starved of oxygen, but the gases and smoke remain at a high temperature. If oxygen is reintroduced to the fire, the gases can heat and expand, causing an explosion of smoke and flame.

The CCFD began the morning with flashover training. The firefighters donned their protective gear and went inside the flashover training prop to see the behaviors of a flashover firsthand.

Fowler instructed them on the behaviors, dangers and techniques used to combat flashovers. The firefighters rotated through the different positions of the fire hose; each one was given the opportunity to apply their training.

After the flashover training, Fire Captain Wayne Giannini, CCFD firefighter, set up a demonstration of a backdraft.

Again, the purpose was to familiarize the firefighters with the behaviors of fire.

“This is good hands-on training,” said Firefighter Aaron Sitton, CCFD firefighter and emergency medical technician. “It’s good for us to keep going over the different types of fire behavior to make us aware of what we might see out on a call.”

Fowler said the training ran smoothly and successfully.

“Everyone did very well,” he said. “They all had good nozzle control and nozzle technique, and were able to push back the fire and contain it.”

“Our brand new firefighter, Shad Murphy, performed exceptionally for his first time,” he added.

The Combat Center Fire Department will continue to efficiently train its firefighters. The training they receive will better prepare them to face the dangers of the fires they fight every day.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

The above sequence of photos shows a searing ball of flame exploding from an old shipping crate during a backdraft demonstration at the Combat Center Fire Department’s training area Nov. 17.

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# 1st Tanks celebrate battalion’s lineage, 66th birthday

LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marines and sailors of 1st Tank Battalion formed up at the parking lot behind their headquarters building and celebrated the battalion's 66th birthday Nov. 15.

2nd Lt. Kelly, battalion adjutant, began the ceremony by addressing the Marines and recognizing the lineage of 1st Tanks.

The battalion was activated Nov. 1, 1941 at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and assigned to the 1st Marine Division.

They were deployed to New Zealand in 1942 and participated in the Guadalcanal, New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu and Okinawa World War II campaigns.

The battalion was deployed to China in 1945 until they were relocated to Camp Pendleton, Calif. in 1947.

In 1950, they were deployed to Pusan, Korea and operated

from the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon-Seoul, the Chosin Reservoir, the East Central Front and the Western Front during the Korean War.

1st Tanks stayed in Korea until they were relocated again to Camp Pendleton in 1955 to remain for a decade.

The battalion deployed to Okinawa in 1965 and detached from the 1st Marine Division before redeploying to Vietnam in 1966 and operating from Chu Lia and Da Nang.

They were reassigned to the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade after being relocated to Camp Pendleton in 1970, but were reassigned to the 1st Marine Division again in 1971.

The battalion participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991 before being relocated to their present location aboard the Combat Center in 1992.

From 1993 to 2003 they took part in Operation Restore Hope, Somalia and deployed to Kuwait in support of

Operation Enduring Freedom. Since 2003, the Marines and sailors of 1st Tanks have participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and continue to provide support in Iraq today.

“It’s important that Marines not only recognize the history of the Marine Corps, but the history of their unit as well,” said Lt. Col. James Stopa, commanding officer, 1st Tanks. “These Marines may not realize it right now, but they’re writing their own story in the history books.”

Following the lineage, Kelly announced the awards and honors awarded to 1st Tanks throughout its history.

To continue the battalion tradition, Stopa cut the first pieces of the birthday cake and Sgt Maj. Michael Gray, the battalion sergeant major, gave them to the Marine who has continually served in the unit for the longest time and the newest Marine of the battalion.

The longest continually



LANCE CPL. JARED J. BUTLER

Lt. Col. James Stopa, commanding officer, addresses his marines after the ceremony of the 1st Tanks’ 66th birthday celebration at the parking lot behind 1st Tanks headquarters building Nov. 15.

serving Marine was Master Gunnery Sgt. Dan Bagniefski, who joined 1st Tanks Feb. 14, 2000, and Pfc. Anthony Meyer who joined the battal-

ion Nov. 13.

“There is no better place to serve than a tank battalion,” said Bagniefski, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1980.

Stopa addressed the battalion after the ceremony and released them to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday at their ball in Las Vegas Nov. 16.

## The Safety Corner from the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned

### Holiday Safety

The holidays are a time when everyone enjoys spending time with family and friends. It is also a time when many of us decorate our homes to usher in the holiday spirit.

Unfortunately, it is also a time where improper placement of decorations could place your family at a higher risk of an accident. As the holidays approach, I urge you to look for and eliminate potential dangers from holiday lights and decorations that could lead to fires and injuries. Christmas trees are involved in numerous house fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and property loss and damage.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause over \$930 million in damage every year. Take holiday and winter safety tips seriously and don't let you or your family become a statistic. You are encouraged to pass on and post this Safety Corner for the widest dissemination. Log on to [www.mccll.usmc.mil](http://www.mccll.usmc.mil) to download previous editions of the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned (MCCLL) Safety Corner as well as our Monthly Newsletters.

I look forward to getting your comments and feedback so we can raise awareness, reduce risk and maintain a high level of readiness. On behalf of the MCCLL staff, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Semper Fidelis,  
Col. Monte Dunard, Director MCCLL

### How Fires Start:

FUEL-Fuel can be any combustible material -solid, liquid or gas. Most solids and liquids become a vapor organs before they will burn.

OXYGEN-The air we breathe is about 21 percent oxygen. Fire only needs an atmosphere with at least 16 percent oxygen. HEAT-Heat is the energy necessary to increase the temperature of the fuel to a point where sufficient vapors are given off for ignition to occur.

### Lights:

Indoors or outdoors, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and discard damaged sets.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place (notnails or tacks), or run strings of lights through hooks.

Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. If left on lights can short out and start a fire.

For added electric shock protection, plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

### Decoration Safety Tips:

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificialcicles of plastic or nonleaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use nonflammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked over.

In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces. Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

Safety tips, decorating, both indoor and outdoor, can be exciting. Here are some tips that can make your holiday event-free:

Ensure your family and people staying for the holidays know your home fire escape plan. Have your chimney or vent for

your fireplace or wood-stove cleaned and inspected before use for the season.

Check all of your smoke alarms.

Whenever possible, use flame-retardant or flame-resistant decorating materials.

Never use natural vegetation indoors that is not set in water orsoils.

Watch for overloading of electrical circuits.

Use listed power distribution blocks or strips with automatic circuit protection when overloaded or overheated.

### Christmas Tree Safety Tips:

A fire on any day is bad, but a fire on Christmas seems to be the worst. Some 300 Christmas trees caught fire in one recent year, with electrical problems the most common culprit. Here's how to keep your tree green and your presents safe: When you buy your tree, have the vendor make a fresh cut an inch from the bottom; this will help the tree drink.

If you buy your tree early and keep it outside, store it away from wind and sun, and keep the bottom in a bucket of water.

Make sure your lights are safe. If you need outdoor lights, make sure the ones you buy are meant for outdoor use.

Make sure your lights carry certification from a testing laboratory.

Don't use electric lights on a metal tree.

Discard any strings of lights that are frayed or broken. Christmas lights are cheap.

Unplug your Christmas tree before you leave or go to bed. Don't buy a tree that is dry and dropping needles. To check forfreshness, loosely grip the end of a branch and pull your hand over it. Only a few needles should fall off.

Make sure your tree stand holds plenty of water, and don't let it run out.

If your tree seems wobbly, center it in the stand and redo the bolts or screws.

If your tree stand is cheap, buy a larger, stronger one.

If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is fire-retardant.

Keep your tree at least three feet from furnaces, radiators and fireplaces. Try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.

When Christmas is over or when the tree starts to drop needles, dispose of it. Don't leave it in your house or put it in your garage.

Keep a close eye on small chil-

dren when they are around the tree; many small decorations and ornaments are sharp, breakable and can be swallowed.

Candles, whether for tradition or decoration, candles need special care when used:

Do not place candles on or near any decorative vegetation

or trees.

Always use candles in holders that are sturdy and adequately collect dripping wax.

### Fireplace Safety:

Have chimneys inspected & cleaned.

Always use a fireplace screen or doors.

Don't burn paper or pine

boughs (burning cinders float in the air).

Don't use flammable liquids (use starter logs).

Remove stockings or mantle decorations that may catch fire. Have a fire extinguisher or water available.

Make sure the coals are completely out when you go to bed.

### Did You Know ...

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# The Golf Tourney competitors raise big money for Toys for Tots



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Cpl. Amir Medina, 2007 Toys for Tots campaign staff, hands out the grand prize wedge set to George Becker at the annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament at the Desert Winds Golf Course Nov 16. Rodger Barber, Rogelio Zamora, Shawn Tatum, Fred Bryant, Mark Carrington, Michael Hannasch, Bill Bloomfield and George Schadeegg finished the course with a combined score of 127 to win the tournament. The competition also featured a raffle with available prizes for all participants who donated to Toys for Tots. The tournament raised approximately \$3,700, which will be directly used to purchase toys for the needy children of the Morongo Basin and Coachella Valley this Christmas season.

## SHOOTERS from A1

lasted through Sunday. “This is a great event that always attracts a lot of shooters from around the country every year,” said Jack Edmondson, High Power Desert Shooters Club president. “There’s an enor-

mous amount of really great talent here to compete this weekend.” One of those talented shooters is John Van Stantford, a Port Orchard, Wash., native who drives more than 1,300 miles to Twentynine Palms every year to participate in this event.

“This is definitely one of the coolest ranges I’ve ever shot at,” said Santford, who is also a member of the Washington State Rifle and Pistol Association. “I live in a land full of trees, so it’s a great opportunity for me to come and shoot in this gorgeous desert atmosphere.”

# Camp Lejeune water study

If you lived or worked on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987, you may have been exposed to contaminated drinking water. The United States Marine Corps encourages all those who resided on the base prior to 1987 to register at the official Camp Lejeune water study Web site to receive updated information and notifications regarding the ongoing water study. The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR), a federal public health agency, is conducting this study to determine whether any potential health risks are associated with exposure to the impacted drinking water. The projected completion of the study is mid-2008. At that time the Marine Corps will notify former residents with the results. Additional information is available via e-mail [clwater@usmc.mil](mailto:clwater@usmc.mil) or visit the web site at [www.usmc.mil/clsurvey](http://www.usmc.mil/clsurvey) ATSDR’s Information Line (888) 422-8737 Headquarters Marine Corps Public Affairs (703) 614-4309

## 3/7 from A1

Thanksgiving holiday. “We feel a great sense of relief having everyone come home safely,” said Randy. “We are very proud, very excited and very eager to hear his stories.” 3/7 has deployed three times since the invasion of Iraq in 2003. In that time, the unit penetrated the Syrian border while deployed to Al Qaim, western Al Anbar province, in

February 2004. “They not only do the mission, they embrace it to a degree that greatly exceeds all expectations,” said Lt. Col. Roger B. Turner, battalion commander, in the September news letter found on the unit’s Web site, [www.29palms.usmc.mil](http://www.29palms.usmc.mil). The online news letter was released from May to September 2007, and gave an over view of what the unit had accomplished during that month.

Many thanks were expressed to the “Roach Coach” snack trucks, key volunteers group, base movie theater, Z107.7 local radio station, unit hotline and newsletter for keeping loved ones updated and entertained while they awaited their heroes’ return. With 3/7 returning home with all men since the beginning of the Global War on the Radical Islamic Movement, many parents, spouses, siblings and children certainly had much to smile about.



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Sun 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

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11:30 a.m. Bible Study

Chaplain Flint 830-6187

WEDNESDAY

Village Center

11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room contact Chaplain Flint 830-6187

6 p.m. RCIA (Bldg. 1551)

Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal

6 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal

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January, 2008 federal pay raise

November 13, 2008 the President signed into law the Defense appropriations bill - a 3.5 percent across the board pay raise will become effective January 1, 2008.



PETROGLYPH from AI region.

MCAGCC is located in an area that formed the interface among a variety of Native American Tribes and the Foxtrot Petroglyph Site gives testimony to the presence at one time or another of each of these groups.

Native American Tribes who are affiliated with lands currently occupied by the Marine Corps include the Serrano, the Chemehuevi and the Mojave.

These people of the Mojave Desert are now variously members of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, San Manuel Band of Mission

Indians, and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, all of whom are consulted regarding mission impacts to cultural resources aboard MCAGCC.

In addition to placing the site into an off-limits status, the Marines embarked on a sustained program to remove graffiti from the site. It is well established that graffiti tends to attract more graffiti, so its removal is integral to any conservation objectives.

Over the past 10 years, a rock art conservator has regularly worked on graffiti removal/reintegration to mask its traces from the site area. Additionally, traffic in the area has been diverted away from the site and it has been free of any new graffiti for the past five years. Foxtrot is but one of many conservation projects implemented by MAGTFTC.

Employee Spotlight



Employee: Bernard Gomio

Organization: Defense Commissary Agency

Billet: Store administrator

Job Duties: Over-see store operations and maintenance and promote commissary benefits.

Hometown: Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Hobbies: Bowling, dancing and bingo

What I like most about my job: The people. I like seeing retirees coming in and enjoying their benefits here.

Significant achievements: Was recently promoted to current position.

Military ties: Father served 22 years in the Marine Corps.

Time employed at MCAGCC: 23 years.

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# OBSERVATIONS

NOVEMBER 23, 2007

## Annual Ugly Gown Ball brings spouses together

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Spouses and family members of active duty Marines gathered for the 4th annual Ugly Gown Ball at the Officers' Club Nov. 17.

The event kicked off at 7 p.m. and ladies arrived wearing mismatching gowns to try and compete for the ugliest gown of the evening.

"We're full tonight," said Tracy Hatch, Officers' Club employee. "We can't sell another ticket and we're delighted."

Tied into the evening was recognition of the Marine Corps birthday; where a slideshow was presented and Marines marched in a birthday cake. The spouses married for the longest and shortest time received the first piece of the cake.

The guest of honor, Virginia A. Cisneros, then talked about her 43 years of being a Marine spouse and how she was able to stand by her husband and children while moving to many different duty stations across the United States and overseas, and through multiple deployments to Korea and Vietnam while he worked his way from private to colonel.

"I think it is a great event for females to bond," said Hatch.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Spouses dance while judges search for the ugliest gown of the evening during the Ugly Gown Ball at the Officers' Club Nov. 17.

"We got privates' wives all the way up to generals' wives attending the event."

Cisneros and Filomena Spiese, wife of Brig. Gen. M. G. Spiese, were the judges of the event, scop-

ing out the ugliest gown of the evening.

Music played and the ladies moved to the dance floor to show off their ugly gowns and dance moves so Cisneros and Spiese could begin judging the ugliest gown.

Short breaks were taken in between dancing to draw raffle tickets and hand out prizes to the winners such as iPods®, vehicle stereos and many useful household items.

"We have so many fun prizes," said Kristin Pereyra, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment key volunteer coordinator and event coordinator. "With all the hard work we put into this ball it had to be wonderful."

Many of the spouses attending the ball had a husband or family member deployed.

"My dad and brother are deployed right now," said Kelly Dunaway, daughter of Tracy Hatch. "The ball is a way to get all the spouses and family members together, especially when significant others are in Iraq. It is like a ladies mess night."

Julie Prose, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 KVC, and event coordinator, explained that the ball is for any active duty military spouse, not just those of deployed units.

"The event has been growing each year," said Prose. "There wasn't



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Theresa Puga, Marine spouse, dances during the Ugly Gown Ball at the Officers' Club Nov. 17.

a single person to say anything negative about it."

Maria Adams, winner of the Ugly Gown Ball, had dressed up with chest hair protruding from her

dress and fake decaying teeth that matched geek glasses.

Adams received cooking pots and pans as the winning gift for having the ugliest gown.



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Ladies enjoy a night of dancing and prize winning during the Ugly Gown Ball. Raffle ticket winners walked away with new iPods®, car stereos and household appliances.



# MCCES Safety Fair leaves Combat Center with skid marks

CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School conducted an unorthodox safety stand down aboard the Combat Center Nov. 14-15. Nov. 14, Master Sgt. Brian Richardson, Company C, MCCES, organized motorcycle representatives from the California Highway Patrol and the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, along with Camp Pendleton, Calif.'s, Sgt. David Nix, to present classes to all riders in the largest formal school in the Marine Corps.

Nix, injured in a motorcycle accident in 2004 that left him without a left foot, traveled from Camp Pendleton's to present his real life story of his own motorcycle accident. Following the classes, CHP lead 30 riders on a ride to Desert Hot Springs and back. Subsequent to the ride, all riders were critiqued by the CHP officers.

The next day's safety stand down consisted of talks from professionals in the fields of Suicide Prevention and the American Red Cross. Nix also shared his story with MCCES' Marines, and The Provost Marshal's Office also spoke on drinking and driving.

Following this and as an attention getter to make the safety stand down enjoyable rather than sitting in a theater for several hours listening to power point presentations, Richardson introduced six stunt riders from Southern California. Continually stressing safety, the riders talked about always wearing proper personal protective equipment,

not to drink and drive, and not do the stunts they were about to witness as the six riders are paid professionals.

The motorcycle riders popped wheelies, skied behind their own motorcycles, performed tricks using no hands, stood on their moving motorcycles, did headstands on their moving motorcycles, and screeched their tires as they did burnouts and donuts that left Bourke Street, beside Victory Field, with skid marks that will last years.

Later in the morning, Col. Kevin Nally, commanding officer of MCCES, allowed a PMO German Shepherd to maul him as his students watched in awe. He wore a padded and protective suite to demonstrate the capabilities of PMO's working dogs when commanded to attack.

But this was the perfect safety stand down to reach a large battalion of Marine students, most of which who are in entry-level training, said MCCES executive officer Lt. Col. Chuck Carroll.

Additional displays and demonstrations included; an earthquake simulator set up by the Combat Center Fire Department, Joshua Tree National Park Rangers on climbing safety, a United Service Organization tour bus, a Single Marine Program booth, and the Red Cross.

Courtesy of MCCES' Substance Abuse Control Office, Marines were afforded the opportunity to experience recklessly driving tricycles while wearing goggles simulating being drunk.

Marine students and personnel with MCCES spent an entire day enjoying the



CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Aaron Colton, a 15-year-old freestyle motorcycle stunt rider, zips across Bourke Street on one wheel during a stunt performance for the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School's Safety Fair Nov. 15.

Safety Fair and learning about risk management and safety precautions that should be incorporated in their everyday life as a Marine.

The biggest emphasis in the stand down, was motorcycle safety.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Web site, 80 percent of motorcycle accidents end in death. Dr. Joyce Teters, MCCES safety manager, said "motorcycles are the number 1 killers of Marines today."

"When a motorcycle (rider) goes down, you can bet it's going to end up in a serious

injury, if not fatal," said Teters. "It's important to reach the attention of the younger Marines before they go out buying a motorcycle or riding one."

After every wheelie was in the air for countless seconds and the Bourke Road pavement was marked with circles and spirals, the performers shed some enlightenment to the Marines – "wear your gear," said all.

"This (performance) was an attention-getter and a very good show," said Carroll. "Just like any other safety stand down, we want to pound it in the heads of the Marines to be safe, be

smart and practice risk management. The stuntmen were just a twist to keep the Marines entertained."

Aside from the motorcycle performance, booths were set up all around Victory Field where motorcycle vendors displayed the latest authorized proper protective safety equipment and gear.

"This is definitely the best safety stand down I've ever been to," said Pfc. Matthew Spencer, a MCCES student with Company A. "We didn't have to sit there looking at power points all day trying to stay awake."

Teters and Carroll both

agreed that when trying to teach Marines about safety, a new angle must always be used to approach a battalion of Marines to spark their interest.

"Unfortunately you can't prevent everything," said Carroll. "But, if we were able to reach one person and cause him to think twice before he buys a bike or gets on one, then we've done our job. And reaching individuals is our ultimate goal."

Carroll said he would like to make the school's future safety stand downs just like Nov. 15's Safety Fair, but it will be tough to top this one.

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Sgt. David Nix, Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., is being held up by Gunner Sgt. Camilla Lawson, Company A, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, in front of Victory Field Nov. 15 as he tells MCCES Marines how he lost his foot in a motorcycle accident.

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# L.I.N.K.S. CAX teaches spouses about military life

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Spouses of Marines and sailors gathered for the Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, Skills program combined arms exercise Nov. 15 at Felix Field.

Many of the spouses were new to either the Marine Corps or had recently moved to the Combat Center from a different duty station. The CAX gave Marine spouses a glimpse of the daily duties of a Marine.

"The program was originally designed for spouses new to the Marine Corps," said Jennifer Sutton, the volunteer programs coordinator. "But every spouse in every house is encouraged to attend."

The CAX brought 24 spouses together in various classes and interactive scenarios to help them understand their husband's job, and what they could do as a spouse to help them.

"L.I.N.K.S. helps the Marine Corps by empowering the spouse," said Sutton. "It helps the spouses participate in a more hands-on environment in general."

Opening up the morning was the color guard, marching in the American and Marine Corps flags. Afterward, the spouses were able to ask questions about the color guard and American and Marine Corps flags.

The spouses also learned about rank structure, uniforms and what type of civilian attire is suitable for each uniform.

The L.I.N.K.S. members also had to go through a mock move that past spouses aboard the Combat Center have experienced; such as being pregnant, moving overseas, or moving with a dependant that requires special needs.

The Provost Marshal's Office also talked about important rules on base. They brought a military working dog to help explain the different jobs in PMO and what the



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON  
Nico Duncan, L.I.N.K.S. Team Leader for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and Alesia Russell, spouse of Bravo Company, Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School Marine, climb to the top of the slide in the inflatable obstacle course during the Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, Skills program combined armed exercise Nov. 15 at Felix Field.

working dogs do for the base.

Lt. Karen Rector, Headquarters Battalion Chaplain, taught the spouses in a class called Working Together, which consisted of running spouses through an inflatable obstacle course. The spouses each received a piece of paper with a word on it after finishing the course. After every spouse on the team got their word, they had to spell out a phrase with-

out talking, working together to figure out the phrase.

"The classes provide information on the traditions and history of the Marine Corps, how to move successfully, navigating through the base and its resources, tips on dealing with deployment, financial planning, investing in your community, getting along with others, and reasons to stay Marine," said Sutton.

For lunch the spouses picked their way through Meals Ready to Eat, receiving directions from Rector on how to open and heat the main meal.

After lunch the spouses were informed about financial management and the best way to spend their money and who to talk to for advice.

To end the day, the spouses tried on flak jackets and kevlar

before loading in the back of a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement and receiving a tour around the base, being shown the commissary all the way to the library.

"A spouse leaves the program armed with information and resources," said Sutton. "This assists the units because the spouses are in a better state of readiness and preparedness."



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON  
A spouse is helped into the back of a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement to tour the base and to help understand the importance of their husbands' job during the L.I.N.K.S. CAX Nov. 15 at Felix Field.



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Spouses of Marines and sailors stand in order as they learn the rank structure of the Marine Corps during the L.I.N.K.S. CAX Nov. 15 at Felix Field.



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Spouses try on flak jackets and kevlar before climbing into the Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement for a tour around the base during the L.I.N.K.S. CAX Nov. 15 at Felix Field.

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