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## This Day in Marine Corps History

-March 2, 1968-

2nd Lt. John J. McGinty III was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the Vietnam War.

# LT. DAN BAND RETURNS

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band are returning to the Combat Center March 16 for their fourth annual performance at the Sunset Cinema.

Last year, a crowd of more than 550 service members, families and Department of Defense personnel lined up outside the theater and around the block to be a

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PHOTO BY JOHN SNOWDEN  
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LESLIE SHAW

Gary Sinise and Ernie Denov, members of the Lt. Dan Band, rock out on their guitars during a free concert held at the Combat Center's Sunset Cinema March 11, 2007. The band will put on another concert March 16

## Airlines change baggage policy

PFC. R. LOGAN KYLE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

United Airlines and U.S. Airways changed their checked baggage policies March 5, limiting the number of bags that can be checked for free.

Passengers traveling with United Airlines are allowed to check at least one bag weighing up to 50 pounds for free under the new policy. The number of bags allowed to check for free varies on the distance of the flight and the type of ticket the traveler has purchased.

The new policy also allows Department of Defense identification cardholders, using a General Services Administration City Pair fully refundable Economy class ticket, to check two bags weighing up to 50 pounds each for free.

Under U.S. Airways' new policy, all passengers are allowed one checked bag weighing up to 50 pounds for free. Checking a second bag will assess a \$25 fee. A third bag will be charged a \$100 fee.

The only exception to U.S. Airways' new policy is active duty service members traveling on government orders with a valid I.D. card will be able to check two bags weighing up to 50 pounds each for free.

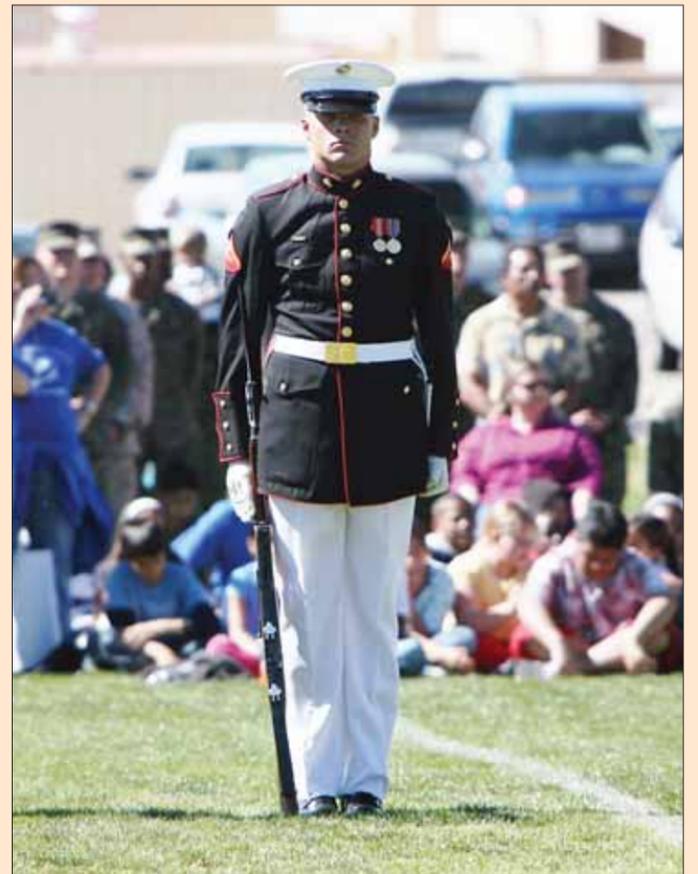
"The new policies from U.S. Airways and United Airlines are going to put a dent in a lot of traveler's wallets," said Ernest Robinson, transportation assistant, Traffic Management Office, passenger travel section. "Most Marines graduating from boot camp leave with at least two sea bags and a uniform bag."

More airlines are expected to follow in U.S. Airways' and United Airlines' in the near future, added Robinson, a Philadelphia native.

To see United Airlines' policy in its entirety, you can visit <http://www.united.com/page/middlepage/0,6823,51146,00.html>.

For U.S. Airways' complete policy, you can visit <http://www.usairways.com/awa/content/traveltools/baggage/baggagepolicies.aspx>.

## D.C. COMES TO 29



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

A Marine from the Silent Drill Platoon stands at position of attention after rifle inspection during the Battle Color Ceremony aboard the Combat Center. See pages 8 and 9 for story and more photos.



# C.O.P. Corner Community Oriented Policing

The proactive voice of crime prevention • Presented by the Provost Marshal's Office, Crime Prevention Section  
Information current as of March 4.



## 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.

Out of the 15 larcenies, almost all of them could have been prevented or been easier to solve if the person would have secured the items properly, kept receipts of merchandise or marked or engraved their property for identification purposes. Also ensure that you write down and keep a record of all serial numbers and other identifiers of merchandise and keep that list in a secure location. Most pawn shops will not take property that has engraving markings on them.

Unit	Larcenies
7th Mar	1
1/7	2
2/7	1
3/7	0
3/4	6
3/11	0
3rd LAR	0
1st Tank Bn	0
3rd AABN	0
MWSS-374	2
CLB-7	2
VMU-1	0
MCCES	1
HQBN	0
NAV HOSP	0
23rd Dental	0
Staff Housing	0
Other	0
Grand Total	15

## DUI / DWI Update

Here are the stats on how many DUIs/DWIs we have had aboard MCAGCC and off the installation:

Unit	Totals	On Base/Off Base	Ranks
7th Mar	1	0/1	1Sgt
1/7	0	0/0	
2/7	3	0/3	1Pfc/1LCpl/1Cpl
3/7	4	2/2	2LCpl/2Cpl
3/4	1	0/1	1Cpl
3/11	2	0/2	2Cpl
3rd LAR	1	1/0	1Pvt
1st Tank	3	3/0	1LCpl/2Cpl
3rd AABN	3	2/1	1LCpl/1Cpl/1Sgt
MWSS-374	4	2/2	1Pfc/1LCpl/2Cpl
CLB-7	1	1/0	1Pvt
VMU-1	0	0/0	
MCCES	4	4/0	2Pfc/1LCpl/1GySgt
HQBN	7	3/4	1Pvt/2LCpl/3Cpl/1Cwo2
Nav Hosp	0	0/0	
23rd Dental	0	0/0	
Other Mil	0	0/0	
Mil Dep	0	0/0	
DOD Civ	0	0/0	
Other	2	2/0	1Sp4, 1unknown
Grand Total	36		

The total number of Marine-related DUI's so far this year are 36, through March 4.

All of them have lost or will lose their driving privileges for a minimum of one year.

For more information on DUI/DWI and convictions go to:

- [http://criminal-law.freeadvice.com/drunken\\_driving/california- DUI.htm](http://criminal-law.freeadvice.com/drunken_driving/california- DUI.htm)
- <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/hdbk/pgs73drinkcostchart.htm>

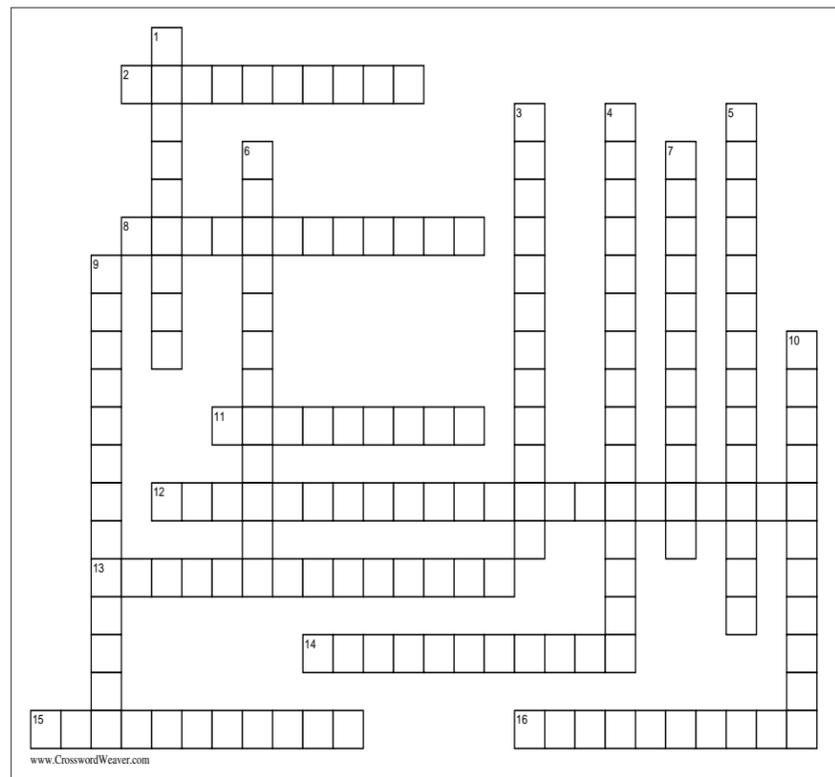
The following services are available to on-base personnel and residents through the Crime Prevention Section:

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 or 830-6094.



## MOTOWN STARS



### ACROSS

- Featured in the movie "Drumline"
- Money, it's what we all want
- The opposite of Girls II Women
- The backup singers are on a recent Geico commercial
- Recorded Motown's first US pop #1 hit
- Loosely portrayed in the movie "Golden Girls"
- They couldn't help themselves
- Believed in "Sexual Healing"

### DOWN

- Known for the famous Chappelle's show episode about him
- The current young red-haired star with a cocaine problem
- Recorded the "band" or instrumental music for many famous Motown hits
- The way they did the things they did
- He was "Very Superstitious"
- The first group signed by Motown Records
- His daughter is friends with Paris Hilton
- Featured the young "King of Pop"

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## Centerspeak

**If you could change one thing about the Marine Corps, what would it be?**

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



PFC. MATTHEW FLEECK  
ALPHA COMPANY, MCCES

"I'd want to see a Marine Corps bagpipe and drum band."



GUNNERY SGT. NICHOLAS IVEY  
CHARLIE COMPANY, MCCES

"The way it works now works for me. I'm easy to please."



LT. COL. TIM SEAMON  
MWSS-374

"I think the uniform standards should be 'uniform everywhere.'"

## Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf

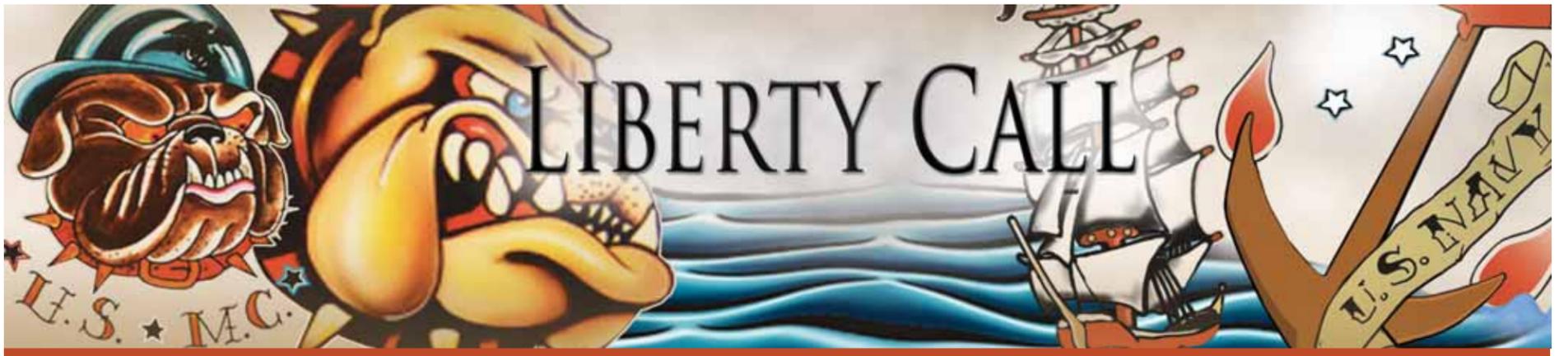


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	<p><b>TONIGHT</b></p> <p><b>The Temptations and the Four Tops</b>                  Time: 8 p.m.                  Where: McCallum Theatre                  73000 Fred Waring Dr.                  Palm Desert                  For more info call (760) 340-2787</p>	<p><b>TONIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Vienna Boys Choir</b>                  Time: 8 p.m.                  Where: Annenberg Theater                  Palm Springs Art Museum                  101 Museum De.                  Palm Springs                  For more info call (760) 325-4490</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>Martha's Village and Kitchen fundraiser</b>                  Time: 6 p.m.                  Where: Renaissance Esmeralda Resort                  44400 Indian Wells Ln.                  Indian Wells                  For more info call (760) 347-4741</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>Wildflower Quest Hike</b>                  Time: 8:30 a.m.                  Where: Monument Visitor Center                  51599 Hwy. 74                  Palm Desert                  For more info and RSVP call (760) 862-9984</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>Stone Free Experience, Jimi Hendrix tribute band</b>                  Time: 2-4 p.m.                  Where: La Quinta Community Center                  77865 Avenida Montezuma                  La Quinta                  For more info call (760) 564-9921</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>Super Featherweight Boxing Match</b>                  Time: 6 p.m.                  Where: Fantasy Springs Resort Casino                  84245 Indio Springs Parkway                  Indio                  For more info call (760) 342-5000</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday Improv</b>                  Time: 7 p.m.                  Where: Palm Canyon Theatre                  538 N. Palm Canyon Drive                  Palm Springs                  For more info call (760) 408-4715</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>A Wee Bit of Ireland</b>                  Time: 6:30 p.m.                  Where: Palm Springs Public Library                  300 S. Sunrise Way                  Palm Springs                  For more info call (760) 323-8199</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>Celebrate St. Patrick's Day</b>                  Time: 12-10 p.m.                  Where: Augustine Casino                  84-001 Avenue 54                  Coachella Valley                  For more info call (760)391-9500</p>

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Movies for the upcoming week at the Sunset Cinema

<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>Mad Money 7 p.m. - PG-13</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>Dresses 7 p.m. - PG-13</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>Meet The Spartans 6 p.m. - PG-13</p> <p>There Will Be Blood 9 p.m. - R</p> <p>Rambo Midnight - R</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p>No Movies Today Due To Lt. Dan Band Concert Event Tomorrow Music Concert Appropriate For All Ages, All Hands</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>FREE LIVE CONCERT The Lt. Dan Band Featuring Gary Sinise 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything 7 p.m. - G</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>The Great Debaters 7 p.m. - PG-13</p>
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# Flu season takes turns for the worse

CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The flu season is as inevitable as tax season. However, this year's flu season seemed to bring more than the usual amount of health issues to those aboard the Combat Center.

Cmdr. Penny Heisler, department head of the Adult Medical Care Clinic aboard the Combat Center, said hospitals are concerned about pandemic influenza this time of year.

The flu season, which runs from December to March, is an issue hospitals talk about and plan for annually by identifying major symptoms, creating vaccines and making them available to the general public, said Heisler.

"You've been hearing about this on the news and hear people say it's been a lot worse this year than it has in the past," said Heisler. "And the truth is it was."

The Adult Medical Care Clinic and Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital gathered pandemic information from the Executive Information and Decision Support System and the Naval Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit. Both systems use general hospital information to gather data and recognize patterns in symptoms. This way, a pattern may be identified to assure the creation of an effective vaccine for the illness, said Heisler.

Lt. Marat Grigorov, physician at the medical clinic, said the strand is closely examined and a

vaccination is created off that particular strand.

He said that although he personally did not see any flu cases over the flu season, he did see numerous respiratory issues in patients.

"But that is really not unusual," said Grigorov. "That's especially the case with the students because they are always in close contact with each other. But there is still a difference between the common cold and the flu."

The flu this year seemed to attack the respiratory system much more aggressively and caused more pneumonia-like symptoms than flues in the past.

"This year's pandemic was a lot more potent than usual," said Heisler. "This strand caused a lot more severe symptoms."

According to a pandemic influenza graph posted on the Executive Information and

Decision Support System made available to military hospitals worldwide, the worst of the pandemic struck early January and lasted until late February.

"We are through the worst of it now," said Heisler.

Although the worst has past, there are still many at risk of catching the illness if they do not keep personal hygiene and self care a priority.

According to WebMD, a medical and wellness information service known for its public Web site, many people suffering from pneumonia-like symptoms are actually experiencing a non-bacterial type of pneumonia that doctors refer to as walking pneumonia. This type of pneumonia is less severe than the bacterial type, and many who have it don't realize it because of the gradual

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## Recruiting

Earn promotion points for assisting recruiters in the Tennessee area. Recruiters' assistants are needed at Recruiting Station Nashville for the areas of Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Northern Alabama. For more information, applicants are encouraged to contact Sgt. Maj. Scott Samuels or Staff Sgt. James Parker at (615) 627-1526, extension 229.



CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

Cpl. Shawn Sales, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of graphic reproduction at combat camera, poses as a suffering flu victim March 6.

## HOT TOPICS

### THE RADIATION PROTECTION ASST. COURSE (RPA)

The Radiation Protection Assistant course RPA 01-08 will convene at 7:30 a.m. March 13 and 14 in Building 1447 classroom. This class is required by Marine Corps Order 5104.3A for all personnel both military and civilian who utilize, handle, store or maintain radioactive material. The point of contact for this class is Fred Green at 830-8466 or e-mail fred.green@usmc.mil for quota requests or questions.

### MONTHLY RETIREE'S BREAKFAST

Phelps Hall, Building 1460, and Littleton Hall, Building 1660, will host the Military Retiree's Breakfast for retirees of all branches of service and their family members on March 19. This event is hosted the third Wednesday of every month. Wednesday morning meal hours are 5:30 to 8 a.m. The price of the meal will be \$2.10. All patrons must present proper identification to the cashier at the door. For more information please call 830-8023

### MCCES FUN RUN

The fifth consecutive Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School Fun Run is scheduled for March 21 at 7 a.m. This event will include a 5K St. Patrick's Day costume contest fun run, a 10K race, an individual half marathon, and a five-person team half marathon. The start/finish line is located in front of MCCES building 1831. The first 300 registered runners will receive a T-shirt. The registration tent will open March 21 at 5:30 a.m. For more information please call Capt. Jason K. Roberts at 830-6786.

### OFFICER SPOUSES CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Applications are now being accepted for the Officer Spouses Club Scholarship program. Applicants must be a spouse or child of an active duty, retired, or deceased military service member. Applicant and military service member, or surviving parent or spouse if military service member is deceased, must live in the Morongo Basin at the time of application. Child applicants must have graduated from an area high school, home school program, or be attending a local college at time of application. Applicant must be working toward a first Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science degree. Deadline for entry is March 15. For more information about the scholarship program, or to get an application, e-mail OSCscholarship@hotmail.com

### MOAA SCHOLARSHIPS ON BASE

The Military Officers Association of America is pleased to offer the Base/Post Scholarships again this year. This MOAA program provides grants of \$1,000 each to 25 dependent children of military personnel. MOAA's immensely successful scholarship grants and zero-interest loans are currently helping over 1,600 uniformed services dependents to meet their college expenses. The scholarship is part of MOAA's ongoing effort to assist young members of military families. For more information visit [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) or call Mandi Rumble at 1-800-234-6622 x 816.

# Marines debut new running suit

LANCE CPL. BRYAN G. CARFREY  
HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

BETHESDA, Md. – The Marine Corps officially unveiled its new running suit to Marines assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment at the National Naval Medical Center here Feb. 29.

Marines from the Wounded Warrior Regiment, to include those at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, were the first to receive the new gear, according to guidance set by Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James T. Conway.

“[The running suits are] the first ones off the sewing machines and we gave them to you,” said Col. Gregory Boyle, commanding officer of Wounded Warrior Regiment. “It demonstrates to the American people where the commandant’s priority is.”

According to Boyle, the Wounded Warrior Battalions at Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton will receive the gear next.

“All Marines will be in the new running suit as soon as possible; widespread distribution is set to begin by October 2008 with a mandatory possession date of around October 2009,” said Lt. Col. A.J. Pasagian, program manager of Infantry Combat Equipment, Marine Corps Systems Command.

Marines assigned to recruiting commands and recruit depots will be

issued the running suit next, followed by the remainder of the Marine Forces, according to Marine Corps Systems Command.

The new running suit will become standard issue in the seabag in addition to what is currently provided. The running suit does not

Marines do not have to pay for out of pocket, said Pasagian.

“Our commandant believes the continued emphasis on physical fitness and esprit de corps is important enough to have a one-time initial issue of the running suit,” added Pasagian.

Marines who received the new gear immediately noticed a difference between the old cotton sweat suit and the new fabric of the running suit.

“I really like it. It’s very comfortable and better than I expected,” said Lance Cpl. Derrick L. Sharpe. “It’s breathable, lightweight and could be worn in any weather condition.”

The running suit is made of lightweight, moisture-wicking, quick-drying, water-resistant materials. Features include underarm and back venting solutions, a fold-down collar, full-length zip-through jacket and reflectivity. The lining is anti-microbial, which prevents odor and bacteria.

Marine Corps Systems Command solicited the opinion of all active and reserve Marines through a series of online surveys. Marines were participants in every aspect of the development of the new running suit, to include design and color.

The Marine Corps Uniform Board is currently finalizing regulations for wear of the running suit. Up-to-date information can be found at [www.mar-corsyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub/](http://www.mar-corsyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub/).



STAFF SGT. LEO A. SALINAS

Sgt. James Bone, Cpl Ray Hennagir, and Cpl. Matt Bridges model the new Marine Corps running suit Feb. 29 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

replace the existing green physical training uniform and is compatible with other PT uniform items, according to Pasagian.

Retailed at \$112, the running suit is the first newly-released gear that

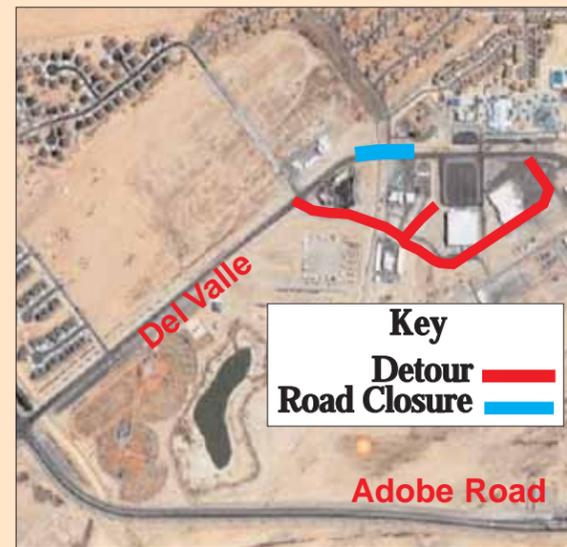
## Road closures and construction

### PHASE II

Work Description - Install new box culvert for the drainage ditch between the gas station and Carl's Jr.

Scheduled Dates - Monday through March 21.

Detour Description - The detour for this area will be down Agate Road, past the auto hobby shop, behind the commissary and home store onto Calcite Road, then exiting onto Del Valle near Cottontail Road. An access road will allow entrance to the commissary from the back side between the gas station and commissary. Del Valle will be open to the work area on both sides but closed to through traffic.





# Afghanistan-bound battalion begins Mojave Viper

**CPL. RAY LEWIS**

*1ST MARINE DIVISION*

Marines of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, bound for Afghanistan, started Mojave Viper – the Corps' premier desert training – and began training for war March 3 to fulfill the battalion's pre-deployment requirements.

Even the training schedule was modified to prepare the Marines for the unique challenges in the Afghanistan area of operations, said Maj. Lee Helton, the battalion executive officer.

"To me this training is very important," said Pfc. Tesillo M. Nunez, a 19-year-old mortarman from Los Angeles, assigned to

Company E. "The harder they train me here, the better my chances are in Afghanistan, which will bring me and my fellow Marines back to the States alive."

Many of the Marines have been deployed to Iraq, but the Marines know they need to prepare for a different battlefield.

"Things have changed," said Lance Cpl. Andrew D. Sprauer, 21, a rifleman who already has one Iraq deployment under his belt.

"They use different tactics over there," said Sprauer, from Carol Stream, Ill., who is assigned to Co. F, 2/7.

One set of tactics used by Afghan fighters are countering improvised explosive devices. That makes IED training crucial to the Marines' success in Afghanistan.

"The biggest thing is the IED awareness training," said Cpl. Ryan S. Roccio, a 20-year-old

rifleman from Whittier, Calif., with Co. G, 2/7. "It plays a big part in combating the IEDs in Afghanistan. It's going to help save lives in country."

Although this is a new mission, the Marines are raring to fight.

"I'm ready to get my first

deployment out of the way and finally see some combat," said Pfc. Michael A. Ruiz-Rodriguez, 18, a rifleman from Visalia, Ca, with Co. E, 2/7.

The unit is scheduled to complete the desert training later this month.



**CPL. RAY LEWIS**

Lance Cpl. Jonathan D. Vincent, 20, from Duncan, Okla., and Seaman Apprentice Justin C. Haggard, from Tulsa, Okla., both with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, patrol March 3 through Camp Wilson during Mojave Viper. The Marines of 2/7 started the desert pre-deployment training evolution to prepare for their upcoming tour to Afghanistan.

## Bringing down the house



**PFC. R. LOGAN KYLE**

Christian rock band Shachah brings down the house with a youth concert at the Protestant Chapel March 2. "Selah Youth", the new youth group on base, is open to everyone and is now meeting in the Christ Chapel East Wing on Sundays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Selah Youth plans to participate in outside activities such as concerts, retreats and on-base activities in the near future.

# Battle Color Detachment

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment left the Combat Center in awe after their performance at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Feb. 29.

The Battle Color Detachment is comprised of the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon and Official Color Guard of the Marine Corps.

The ceremony opened with the Drum and Bugle Corps marching onto the field playing an assortment of traditional Marine Corps music to a very well-known band standard, "Malagueña" by

Ernesto Lecuona.

"I thought it was just going to be a bunch of Marine Corps songs," said 11-year-old Shane Weston, son of Col. Wes Weston, assistant chief of staff, G-4 logistics. "It was totally uplifting and impossible to keep a straight face."

Weston, a Tampa, Fla., native, said every aspect of the performance was amazing, forcing him to the edge of his seat.

The Drum and Bugle Corps closed their performance with John Phillip Sousa's "Semper Fidelis," then stepped aside as the Silent Drill Platoon took over the field.

The 24 Marines of the Silent Drill Platoon performed synchronized drill movements without

commands or cadences while carrying M-1 Garand rifles with bayonets attached.

Marines executed precise movements as rifles sliced through the air coming within inches of their unwavering comrades.

"These Marines spent a lot of time training and practicing the routine," said Capt. Edson Greenwood, Silent Drill Platoon commander and Philadelphia native. "They looked really good today."

"This entire routine shows the dedication and excellence every Marine expects, and what America expects from the Marine Corps," added Greenwood.

Silence fell over the crowd as

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LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Marines in the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps perform multiple songs for the Marines, sailors and guests aboard the Combat Center during the Battle Color Ceremony Feb. 29 at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field. The Battle Color Detachment visits every Marine Corps installation once a year to boost morale and pride to everyone watching the performance.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

The Drum and Bugle Corps drum major directs his Marines during their performance. They performed an assortment of traditional Marine Corps music including a very well-known band standard "Malagueña" by Ernesto Lecuona.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon executes precise drill movements without cadence or command during the Battle Color Ceremony.

# storms Combat Center

Marines and civilians stood to honor and salute the official battle colors of the Marine Corps as they were marched onto the field.

There are 54 streamers and silver bands that represent military campaigns the Marine Corps has been involved in dating back to the Revolutionary War.

As the ceremony ended, Marines from the Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Platoon answered questions and let children from Condor, Twentynine Palms and Landers elementary schools take a look at their rifles and instruments.

Lance Cpl. Anthony Calpino with the Drum and Bugle Corps gave children an opportunity to hold his soprano bugle while explaining what it takes to be a Marine in the Drum and Bugle Corps.

Calpino, a Reading, Penn., native, said the Battle Color Detachment is meant to inspire and motivate everyone who watches the performance, filling them with pride.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

A Marine from the Silent Drill Platoon performs an elaborate spinning sequence before handing over his rifle during a rifle inspection.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

There are 54 streamers and silver bands hooked to the battle colors that represent military campaigns the Marine Corps has been involved in dating back to the Revolutionary War.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

The Silent Drill Platoon is made up of 24 hand-picked, highly-trained Marines that carry M-1 Garand Rifles with bayonets attached. The Marines are trained to spin, toss and catch these rifles in synchronized order within mere inches of the Marine next to him.

# Combat Center Promotions for the month of March



**ACRI** JESSE J  
**ADKINSON** MATTHEW J  
**ALEMAN** ABEL  
**ARMSTRONG** ERIC C  
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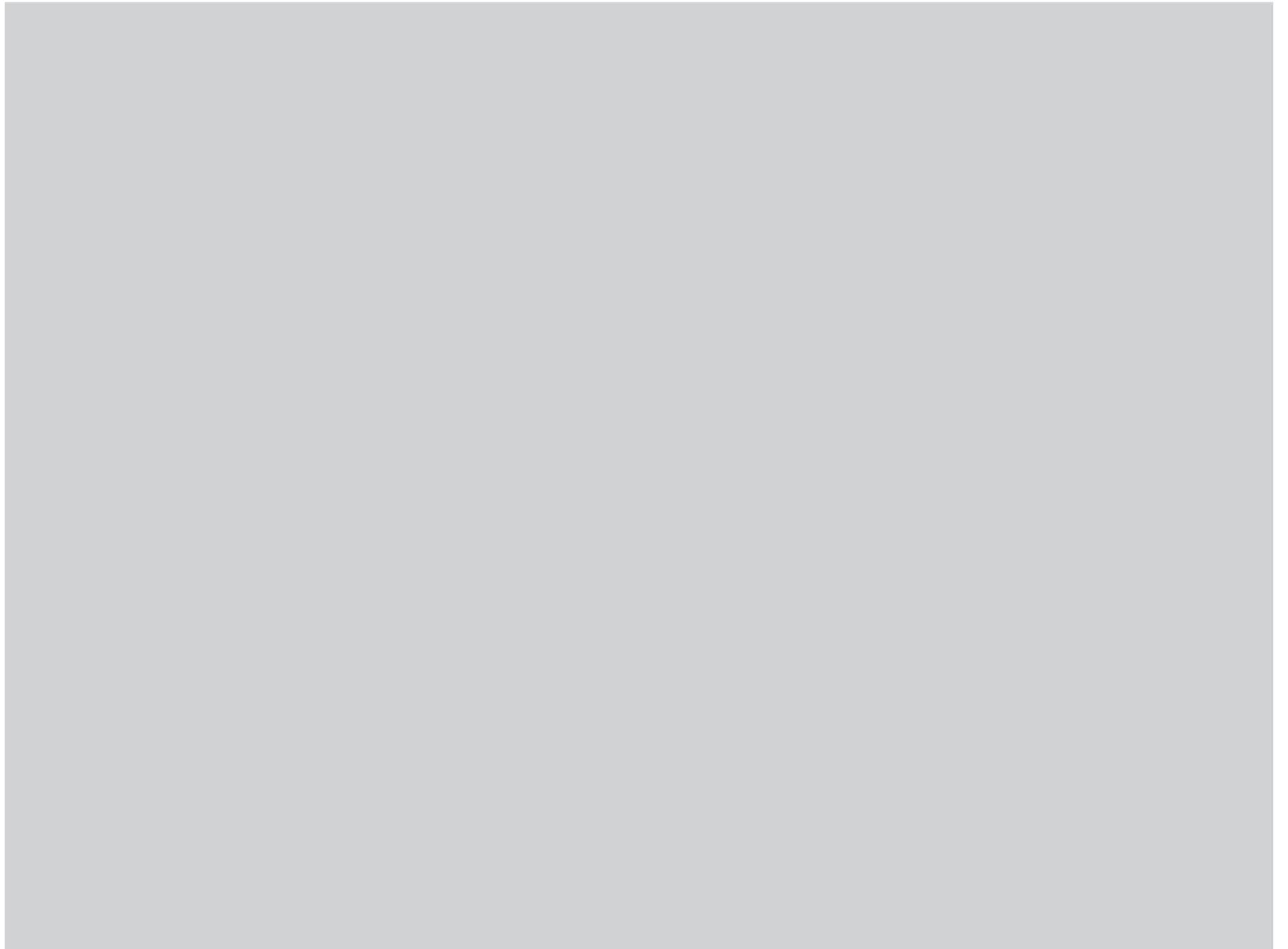
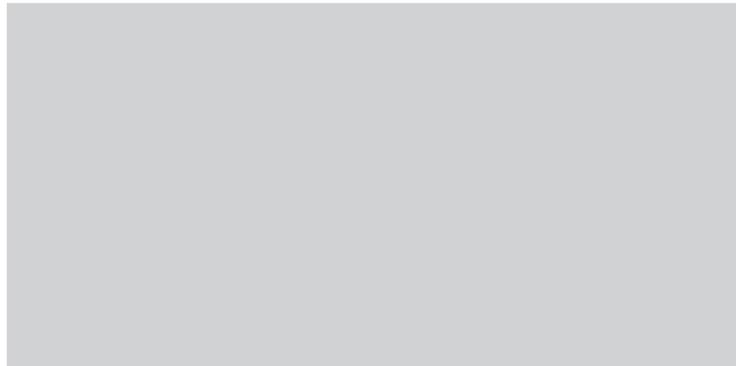
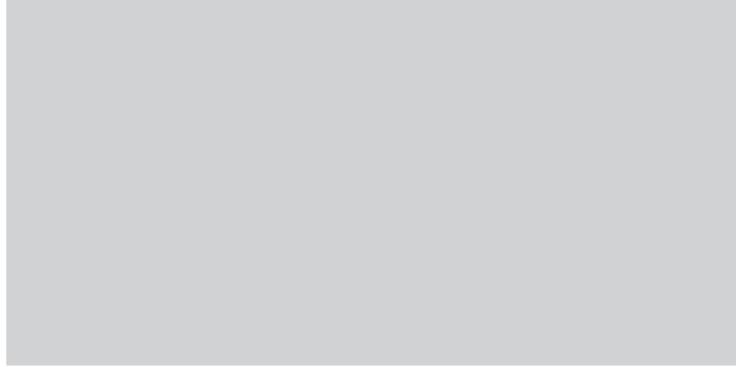
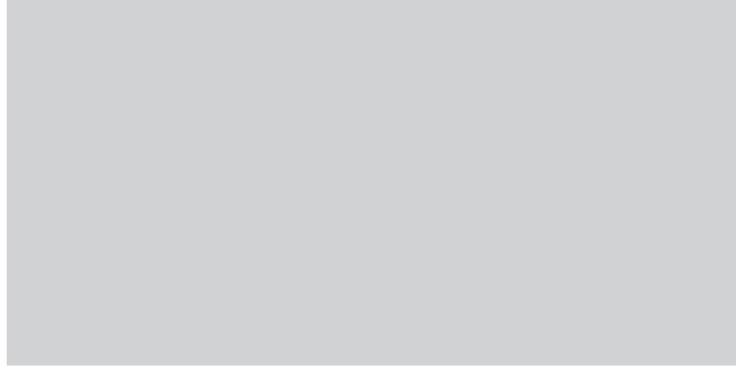
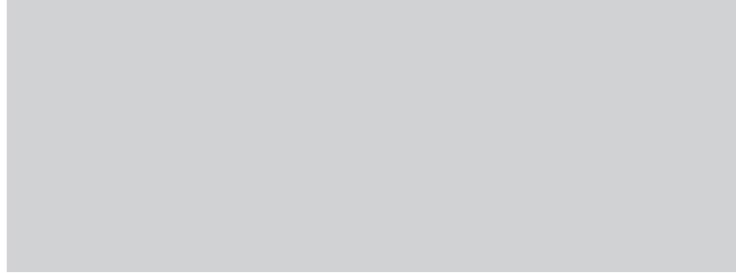
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### Roman Catholic Services

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

Sun 7:30 a.m. Rosary

Sun 8 a.m. Catholic Mass\*

Sun 9 a.m. Military Council of Catholic Women (Bldg 1551)

Sun 9 a.m. Faith

Formation/CCD (Bldg 1551)

Sun 9:15 a.m. Confessions+

Sun 10 a.m. Rosary

Sun 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass

Sun 10:30 a.m. Children's

Liturgy of the Word

Sun 4 p.m. Choir Practice

Sun 4 p.m. Life Teen/Youth Grp.

Sun 4:30 p.m. Rosary

Sun 5 p.m. Catholic Mass

Sun 6 p.m. Cyrus Young Adult Group age 18-35, married or single

(3rd Sunday of the month)

Fri 12:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Exposition/ Adoration

Most Blessed Sacrament (1st Friday Each Month)

#### Holy Days of Obligation Masses

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

#### Non-denominational Christian Service

##### Christ Chapel

Sun 8 a.m. Sunday School\*

Sun 9 a.m. Worship\*

Wed 7 p.m. Praise & Worship\*

#### Protestant Liturgical Service

##### Christ Chapel

Sun 11 a.m. Worship

### Lay-Led Independent

#### Baptist Service

##### Christ Chapel

Sun 11 a.m. Worship

### Lay-Led Gospel Service

##### Christ Chapel

Sun 12:30 p.m. Worship

### Midweek Events

#### Monday

##### Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass

#### Tuesday

##### Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

5-7:30 p.m. Catechist Meeting

(2nd Tues. of the month)

6 p.m. Baptism Class 1st

Tuesday each Month

#### Wednesday

##### Village Center

11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room contact

Chaplain Flint 830-6187

6 p.m. RCIA, building 1551

##### Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. Catholic Choir

Rehearsal

6 p.m. Praise & Worship

Rehearsal

6 p.m. Pre-Service Food/ Fellowship

7 p.m. Lay-Led Gospel Bible Study

7 p.m. Praise & Worship Service.

### 1st Thursday each month

7 p.m. Knights of Columbus

### Legend

\*Indicates Child Care

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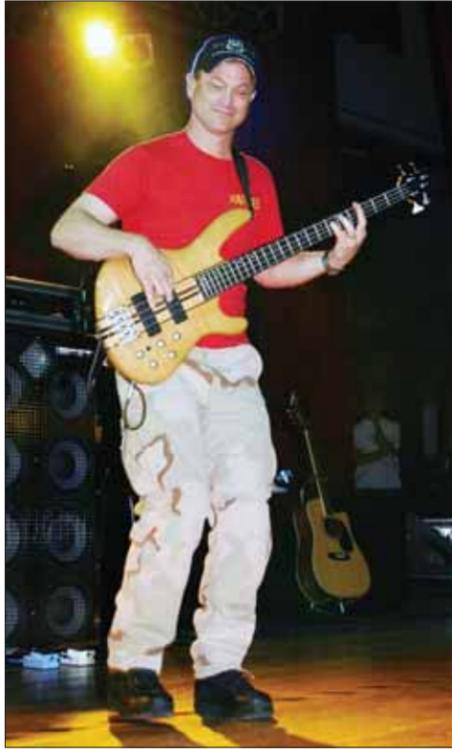
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**LT. DAN BAND, from A1**

part of the musical experience.

"Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band are always received very well in Twentynine Palms as it is one of the most talked about events



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Gary Sinise, famous television and film actor, and cofounder of the Lt. Dan Band, wails on his bass guitar during a free concert held at the Combat Center's Sunset Cinema March 11, 2007. The band will put on another concert March 16.

of the year," said Kelley M. Coe, Marine Corps Community Services special events coordinator. "Mr. Sinise has been instrumental each year in bringing the show back to Twentynine Palms."

This year, Coe said she expects the number of attendees to increase due to the popularity of last year's show.

"We're expecting anywhere between 600 to 800 people to show up this year," she said. "The show attendance continues to grow each year."

The band, sponsored by the United Services Organization, tours the country every year, putting on 10 to 12 performances. They have also toured with the USO to military installations overseas and have performed for troops deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Lt. Dan Band performed songs by a variety of musical artists last year, including Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Police, Lee Ann Womack, Linkin Park and Marc Cohn.

Additionally, Gina Gonzalez, vocalist and guitarist for the Lt. Dan Band, performed a song she had written called "A Letter Home," which commemorated service members deployed overseas.

Last year's show ended with a roar of applause and standing ovation from the audience, and an encore performance of "God Bless the U.S.A.," which received a second standing ova-

tion. The entire crowd seemed overcome by the talent and support displayed by the Lt. Dan Band.

"The Lt. Dan Band is one of the best bands that anyone could have the pleasure of seeing," said Coe. "Mr. Sinise and the entire band are extremely crowd-interactive and show a great deal of emotion on stage. They enjoy performing for the military and have made several trips overseas to perform for the troops to include many trips to Iraq."

Aside from touring with the Lt. Dan Band, Sinise co-founded Operation Iraqi Children with author Lauren Hillenbrand, a charity that donates school supplies to children in Iraq.

Sinise is also involved with the Disabled American Veterans, an organization that assists disabled service members with Veterans Affairs benefits. He said he feels honored to participate in such services and to be invited to the Combat Center to play for installation personnel.

"We love coming," said Sinise. "It's a great feeling to come out and help our defenders. You guys deserve it."

The Lt. Dan Band will perform their free concert for Combat Center personnel March 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Sunset Cinema. The doors will open to the public one half-hour prior to the event.

For more information about the Lt. Dan Band, you can log on to <http://www.ltdanband.com>.

**EMS, from A6**

supervisor, NREA, said that EMS compliance is now a MCAGCC-mandated policy for which all tenant units and organizations have a hand in maintaining.

"EMS is a management tool for integrating environmental concerns into daily mission operations," he said. "It provides a structured framework for MCAGCC to meet environmental goals and continually improve upon processes that affect those goals."

The Commanding General Environmental Policy Statement addresses the importance of maintaining environmental resources aboard the installation.

"The two most important national functions of the Marine Corps are to make Marines and win battles," it affirms. "Training for combat is integral to the performance of these functions. By respecting and maintaining the natural resources entrusted to the Marine Corps, the training opportunities enjoyed by today's Marines will be available to future generations."

The policy goes on to stress the vitality of the land we use to train and live, as well as the resources found on the land. It also states that Marines swear to uphold the U.S. Constitution by obeying the nation's laws, which includes environmental laws.

To help enable the effectiveness of EMS, Mr. Valls and the compliance inspectors at NREA remain vigilant in their duties. It is their job to ensure tenant units and organizations properly manage practices that pose a potential impact to environment resources.

Another way for tenant units and organizations aboard the Combat Center to uphold environmental standards is to appoint environmental compliance coordinators, which is mandated by NREA. Every unit has a designated ECC, who is in charge of maintaining waste disposal sites and enforcing EMS policy.

"EMS is a base-wide responsibility, not just NREA," said Maj. Milton J. Clausen, NREA director. "NREA has a lot of expertise, but it is really a command system. Everyone on base needs to take into account what level of environmental impact their business has."

Some of the benefits of EMS the Combat Center will see are:

- Maintaining readiness and

access to military training environments.

- Protects health of Marines, installation personnel and their families from the environmental impacts of Marine Corps activities.
- Reduces risk to missions due to environmental issues.

- Assists in improving and maintaining the quality of the environment.

- Improves efficiency and reduces Marine Corps costs.

The installation also recently received the Secretary of the Navy Cultural Resources Management award for the extensive measures taken to preserve natural and cultural resources found aboard the base. The Archeology and Paleontology Curation Center, which currently houses more than 400 boxes of cultural artifacts and other historical records, played a key role in this achievement.

The Combat Center was officially acknowledged of the installation's EMS full conformance Feb. 15 via the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The base will continue to adhere to executive orders, Department of Defense policy and Marine Corps directives to maintain environmental compliance.

With the use of EMS, MCAGCC will continue to preserve environmental resources within its borders. NREA would also like to recognize key personnel that contributed to our success to include, Scott Kerr, former NREA compliance supervisor, Lt. Col. Jon M. Aytes, former NREA division head, Clausen, NREA branch heads, the NREA media-specialists, and installation directorates, commands, and tenant organizations.

NREA also wanted to recognize some of the units that have supported the program as evident during the Commanding General Inspection Program inspections to include the Communications & Data directorate, G-3, the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Community Services, the MCAGCC Comptroller, the Combat Center Band and the Center Magazine Area.

For more information regarding EMS or NREA, log on to <http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/inl/nrea/default.asp> or contact Mr. Valls at 830-8480. Combat Center Order P5090.8 also outlines EMS information.

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The deadline for submitting Trader ads is noon Wednesday, the week prior to publication.

Trader Ad Forms are available at the Public Affairs Office and may be filled out during normal working hours at Bldg. 1417.

Ads may also be submitted through e-mail, but will only be accepted from those with an @usmc.mil address. If you are active duty, retired military or a family member and do not have an @usmc.mil address you can go to the PAO page of the base

Web site at: <http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/pao/> and complete a request to publish an ad.

The limitations for ads are: there is a 15-word limit, limit of two ads per household and the Trader may be used only

for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property offered by and for individuals authorized to use this service. Such ads must represent incidental exchanged not of sustained business nature.

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To have a "House For Sale" ad run in the Observation Post, applicants must provide Permanent Change of Station orders and have the ad

approved by Base Housing. This ensures the Combat Center Trader is not used for commercial real estate endeavors. Ads are run on a first-come, first-serve, space available basis. If you have questions please call 830-3762.

## Employee Spotlight



**Employee:** Paloma Sanabria

**Organization:** Pacific Marine Credit Union Bank

**Job title:** Bank Teller

**Job Duties:** Assist members with withdrawals and deposits, assist with saving accounts, wire money and money orders.

**Hometown:** Temple, Texas

**Hobbies:** Reading and work

**What I like most about my job:** I like my co-workers. It is a very friendly environment.

**Significant achievements since aboard MCAGCC:** I have learned a lot about myself. I have always been in school so this is my first job I have had for the longest period of time, which has showed me how I am in a working environment.

**Any military services:** No.

**Time employed at MCAGCC:** Nine months.

## FLU, from A4

escalation of symptoms.

Symptoms include shortness of breath, pain in the lungs when coughing or inhaling, chills, fever, weakness and lack of energy, and coughing that produces rusty or green colored phlegm and possibly small amounts of blood.

In order to avoid these symptoms, one can take the same pre-

ventative steps similar to avoiding the common cold, said Heisler.

"Wash your hands and make sure not to touch your face because that is how the bacteria gets into your body," she said. "If you use a phone at work, clean it off with disinfectant wipes. Use paper towels to turn the knobs on a faucet if you use a public bathroom. Use social distancing if someone seems sick. It's simple

stuff to prevent getting sick because these illnesses are all spread the same way."

Heisler added that if you are already sick, be sure to drink plenty of fluids and get as much rest as possible.

For more information on the flu season or on pandemic influenza, visit the Center for Disease Control Web site, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

