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Combat Center welcomes home India Battery

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Friends and family members cheered wildly as 126 Marines and sailors from India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, marched onto the Combat Center's Victory Field after returning from their seven-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During their deployment, India Battery provided indirect fire support to other combat units from multiple locations. Lt. Col. James Lewis, 3/11 battalion commander, said India Battery was the first unit to deploy with the new M777A2 howitzer bringing home experiences they can pass on to their fellow Marines who will be using the howitzer in future deployments.

"Their deployment went great," said Lewis, a Lincoln, Neb., native. "They accomplished every mission they were given without a combat casualty."

Once the battery was dismissed, family members, friends and fellow Marines rushed to the formation holding banners, balloons and cameras, to welcome home the Marines and sailors of India Battery.

"I'm in a completely different state of mind," said Maigen Rowe, 3/11's Key Volunteer Coordinator and wife of 1st Lt. James M. Rowe, India Battery's executive officer. "I am so excited they are here, I'm not thinking complete thoughts."

Rowe, an Anderson, Ind., native, worked with Whitney VanCuren, the KV for India Battery and wife of Sgt. Patrick VanCuren, India Battery's radio operator and communications chief to ensure family members were given the opportunity to attend battery functions, sign making parties and video message day to help relieve the stress of having a loved one away.

"It really helps knowing what is going on," said VanCuren, a Westmorland, Calif., native. "We help the spouses know what is happening, and we also help keep them in touch with their husbands throughout the deployment."

Shenette Slaughter, a recreation specialist for the East Fitness Center, was also at the field welcoming home Marines she had befriended at the gym. One Marine in particular, Cpl. Jonathon Short, a field radio operator with India Battery, had become close friends with Slaughter.

"You think about them all the time but you don't want to focus on them because you'll just worry yourself sick," said Slaughter. "They are always there in the back of your mind though, you never

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From print to PME: Author lectures on Middle East tribalism

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The current situation for Marine Corps units in Iraq and Afghanistan is a challenging one, digging much deeper than a conventional war.

Tribalism, a situation Americans have not encountered since the days of western expansion in the 1800s, is prevalent in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Steven Pressfield, author of the novel "Gates of Fire," which is on the commandant's reading list, came to the Combat Center's Sunset Cinema April 30 to address the issue of tribalism and educate Marines and sailors through his historical research.

The novelist and former Marine has recently published a new book titled "The Afghan Campaign," a story told through the eyes of a foot soldier in Alexander the Great's army during his Afghan campaign in 330 B.C.

In the novel, Pressfield describes in great detail a conflict between a powerful, technologically advanced Western army and

a primitive, yet fierce Eastern army whose roots are deeply embedded in tribalism.

"The battlefields in my book cover the same area we are fighting in now," he said. "I feel there are surprising similarities between Alexander the Great's campaign and today's war."

An excerpt from "The Afghan Campaign" reads:

Here the foe does not meet us in pitched battle, as other armies we have dueled in the past... Even when we defeat him, he will not accept our dominion. He comes back again and again. He hates us with a passion whose depth is exceeded only by his patience and his capacity for suffering.

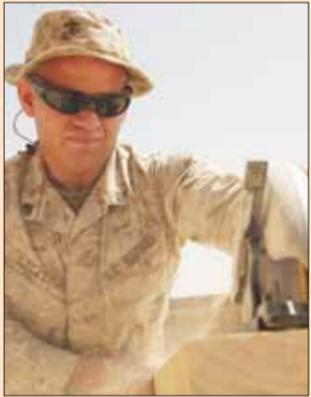
While the goal in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom is not to conquer Afghanistan and Iraq, the passage seems to foreshadow the challenges Marines are currently facing.

Pressfield addressed the characteristics of the tribal mindset; a system which has been engrained in Middle Eastern society for thousands of years. During his lecture, he explained the reason tribal people cannot grasp the



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Cpl. Tyler Ledbetter, an artillery cannoneer with India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, hugs his daughter, Lily Ledbetter, after returning from a seven-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom May 3.



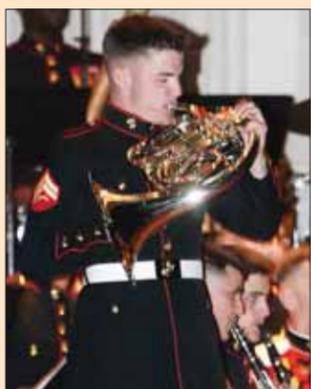
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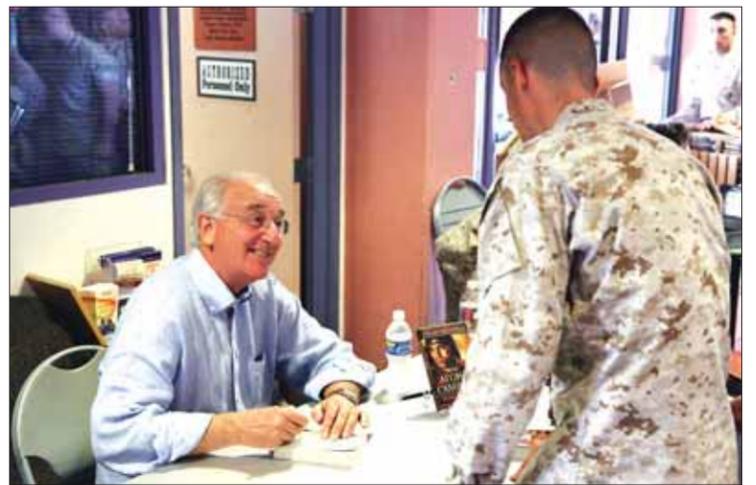


8-9 Marine bands join forces for concert

This Day in Marine Corps History

-May 6, 1937-

Marines at Naval Air Station Lakehurst, N.J., helped rescue Hindenburg survivors.



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Steven Pressfield, author of "Gates of Fire" and former Marine, signs books for Marines and sailors at the Combat Center's Sunset Cinema April 30. Pressfield came to the Combat Center to speak about tribalism in Iraq and Afghanistan.

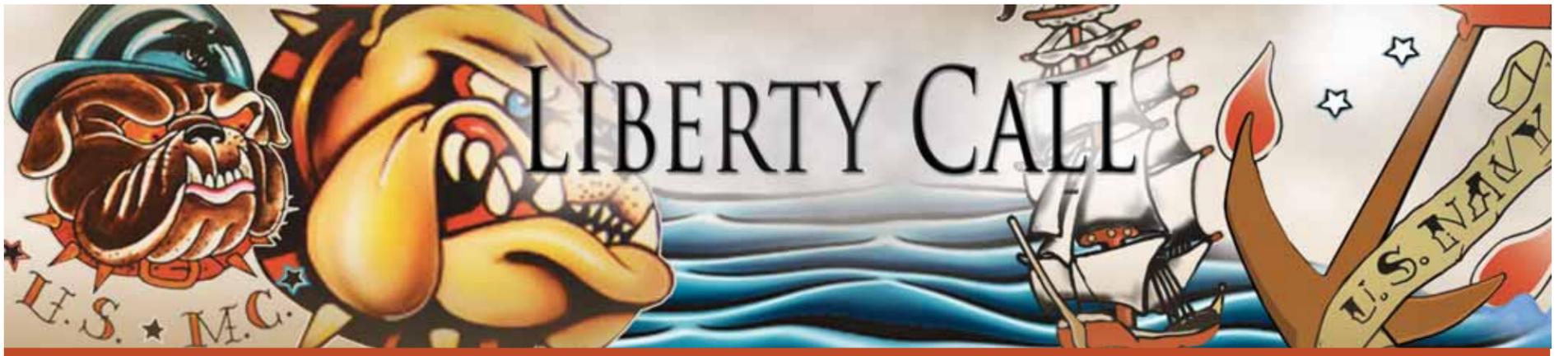
same democratic concepts as the Western world.

In Western civilization, the primary political unit is the nation, he explained. A nation's citizens generally value freedom and respect the freedom of others. However, in a tribal society, dissent is considered a form of heresy. There is no democratic process within a tribe.

"George W. Bush has said if we just hold out the idea of freedom, people will jump at it," said Pressfield. "However, aside from the Greeks, freedom is a relatively new concept throughout most of the world."

"In a tribe, there lies thousands of years of tradition," he

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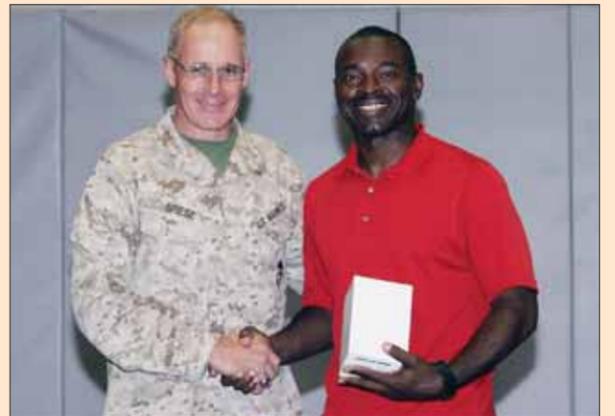
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- Weapons including pocket knives
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Brig. Gen. M. G. Spiese, commanding general, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, shakes hands with Master Gunnery Sgt. Spencer Felder, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of supply, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, during the 10th Annual Base Volunteer Recognition Day at the Combat Center's Community Center May 1. The ceremony was to recognize the many volunteer organizations and individual volunteers on base. Recognized volunteers were treated to light refreshments, certificates of appreciation, and took part in a raffle as part of the commemoration. Felder was recognized for his work as a youth sports coach. Felder's wife Linette also volunteers as a youth sports coach, and Felder's son, Theo, volunteers with the Red Cross.



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Marine builds morale

CPL. ERIK VILLAGRAN

REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 5

HADITHA, Iraq — Cpl. Nicholas L. Szczerba has become a jack of all trades for Headquarters and Services Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5.

Szczerba, 22, a rifleman from Shingle Springs, Calif., has found himself filling multiple billets for his company aboard Combat Outpost Haditha. He is the assistant camp commandant, police sergeant and a sergeant of the guard. He also helps with the supply drops and maintenance on the COP.

"This COP would not function without Cpl. Szczerba," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Frank R. Pater, the H & S Company's executive officer and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear defense officer from Ellsworth, Ohio. "People fail to realize the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes."

Szczerba is the person Marines go to when they need assistance with making anything. If he doesn't build what they need himself, he provides them with the tools they need to complete the job. Helping others with his knowledge in craftsmanship is nothing new to Szczerba. Before he joined the Marine Corps, he made mission trips with his church to other countries to build houses for the less fortunate.

"We put down the foundation, four walls and a roof," Szczerba said. "It wasn't anything too fancy but it was better than what they had."

Now, Szczerba is using his skills in construction around COP Haditha. He has built walls and doors for a handful of living areas and installed air conditioning in berthing areas to improve the living conditions for Marines and their attachments. He's accomplished these feats under the

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Cpl. Erik Villagran
Cpl. Nicholas L. Szczerba, 22, a rifleman from Shingle Springs, Calif., assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, builds a door for an interpreter at Combat Outpost Haditha, Iraq, April 25.

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added. "When we hold out the Western idea of freedom and these people don't jump right at it, it comes as a surprise to us. We cannot, being so democratic and secular, comprehend a tribal way of life."

Alexander tried to do the same thing in Afghanistan and nothing ever worked, said Pressfield. Even though he defeated them again and again, he could never suppress them.

Pressfield cited from ancient text to the audience "You can defeat us, but you can never defeat our poverty." He explained the reasoning behind the saying is a tribe's passion to defend their territory is so intense the tribal people's resolve cannot be hindered by poverty.

He also discussed the introduction of Islam into tribal society. "The Afghan Campaign," takes place before the creation of Islam, so it is not referenced, but he believes Islam only strengthened the rigid moral fibers of tribes.

"Islam provided a very powerful overlay of mythology, theology and moral codes that beefed up the tribal mindset," he said.

Tribes have a very specific way of doing things — everyone has a

place and, due to a distinct sense of social justice within the tribe, everyone has a sense of identity and morality, he added. To add a religious sect like fundamentalist Islam, which is so regimented, to an already rigid society will make their ideology nearly impenetrable.

Although Pressfield stated we cannot "Americanize" tribal societies, he still believes we can work with them effectively.

"The way Alexander got out of fighting with Afghanistan was by marrying Princess Roxana, the daughter of his worst enemy in Afghanistan," said Pressfield. "By marrying Roxana, he was able to make peace with the tribes and also learn to 'speak the tribal language.'"

"What we need to do is not necessarily marry someone's daughter over there, but find a way to speak that tribal language," he added.

Pressfield also believes Marines and tribal cultures can become effective partners because of the warrior mindset instilled in every Marine.

"Tribes are essentially a warrior culture, as is the Marine Corps" he said. "Tribal people understand and respect what they can relate to. They believe there is nothing more honorable than

toe-to-toe combat with an enemy and being able to deal with a man whose word is his bond."

One member of the audience asked if Pressfield believes America, like every other civilization in history, is doomed to fall at some point, citing the former Soviet Union as an example of an over-extended Western superpower.

"All civilizations have a life span — they are born, they live and they die," said Pressfield.

However, because America is such a diverse nation, the country will have the ability to last, he added.

When asked by another Marine in the audience to pass on a word of advice, not to staff noncommissioned officers and officers, but to NCOs and the younger generation of Marines, Pressfield said respect is the number one thing you can remember.

"Respect is a tremendous deal," he said. "Our occupation of their country creates a threatening presence. The best thing you can do is show them we're here to help, but also that we're not going anywhere."

The Marines and sailors applauded as Pressfield exited into the theater lobby. Judging by the applause alone, his presence at

the Combat Center was well-received by his audience.

"I believe it was an important history lesson — those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it," said 2nd Lt. Noah Morrissey, a logistics platoon commander with Combat Logistics Battalion 7. "I like that he brought up the point that America could fall, but there is hope that we won't because we're such a great melting pot."

Pressfield wrapped up his presentation with a book signing in the lobby of the Sunset Cinema. Copies of "Gates of Fire" and "The Afghan Campaign" were on sale. Free copies of his latest work, "Killing Rommel," were also available.

"It's a privilege and an honor to be here with such wonderful people and I'm humbled," he said. "I hope the things I talked about will help my fellow Marines in the future."

Pressfield's latest novel, "Killing Rommel," a story about a secret British operation behind German lines during World War II to kill Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, commander of Hitler's Panzerarmee Africa, hit bookstore shelves Tuesday.

For more information about Pressfield or his novels, log on to <http://www.stevenpressfield.com>.

HOT TOPICS

FREE CONCERT AT DEL MAR BEACH

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's Marine Corps Community Services is throwing a huge concert at Del Mar Beach tomorrow at 7 p.m. Performing artists will include Snoop Dogg, Clint Black, Pussycat Dolls, Janet Jackson, Jordin Sparks, Blind Melon, ZZ Top and Ne-Yo. The beach opens at 4 p.m. For more information, visit Camp Pendleton's MCCS Web site at <http://www.mccscp.com>.

MMAIN GATE DELAYS

Due to a construction project at the Main Gate, motorists may expect minor delays May 14 through May 25. During this period, the Main Gate will not close, however traffic maybe reduced to one lane for an extended time. For more information, call 830-5284.

NEW DOD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

The Department of Defense-funded Mental Health Self-Assessment Program is launching a number of new initiatives this year. MHSAP is the program that offers service members and their families access to anonymous, self-directed mental health and alcohol education and screening. The self-assessments, which address common, yet treatable health concerns such as PTSD, depression, anxiety and alcohol use disorders, are available to military personnel and their family members in all branches, including the National Guard and Reserve. For additional information, call (781) 239-0071 x119 or e-mail Katherine L. Cruise, director of Communications and Marketing Screening for Mental Health, Inc. To access the online or phone program, visit <http://www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org> or call (877) 877-3647.

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Wolfpack members mentor, play with grade school kids

CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marines and sailors from Delta Company, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, had an unorthodox day of work April 30.

They traveled to Poplar Elementary School in Fontana, Calif., to spend a day interacting and hanging out with the school's students.

Their mission, however, wasn't something unusual in the Marine Corps.



Cpl. Walter Bautista and Pfc. John Reddinger, both with Delta Company, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, play tag football with students from Poplar Elementary School in Fontana, Calif., April 30.

The Marines and sailors wanted to dedicate time volunteering on behalf of a fallen fellow Marine for Kathy Baucus, widow of Cpl. Phillip Baucus.

Baucus is a fourth-grade teacher at Poplar Elementary School.

In July 2006, Cpl. Baucus, a fellow Delta Company, 3rd LAR Marine, was killed in Iraq while conducting combat operations.

Due to his valiant actions which saved the lives of several fellow Marines, he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star

Medal with a Combat V in August 2007.

In recognition of Baucus' exemplary leadership and to honor his heroism, his fellow Delta Company Marines decided to volunteer their time at the school, said Cpl. Walter Bautista, a vehicle commander from 3rd LAR.

Although Baucus said she believes the Marines see it that way, she sees it in a different light.

"I like to look at it as they are doing something Phillip would have loved," said Baucus.

The Marines have visited the school since 2006 and have spent numerous hours on landscaping projects, painting murals and spending classroom time with the students.

"I blame it on the kids and the cookies," joked Baucus about the unit's return trips to the school.

The newest school mural, a painting of the American flag on a brick wall on the playground, was finished April 30 with the help of some students.

"When I am older, I want to be a Marine," said 11-year-old fourth-grader Raul Rosales as Marines autographed his notebook. "My

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And the award goes to ...



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

Col. Kevin J. Nally, Marine Corps Communication – Electronics School commanding officer, and Debra Bullen, MCCES civilian personnel coordinator, stand with MCCES employees Lester Hamrick, training administrator, Lovely Budd, human resources assistant, Kathleen Hoard, supervisory visual information specialist, Kenneth Charles, auto worker, Kelly Keith, training administrator, and Robert Cloutier, training instructor at Building 1865 April 30. MCCES recognized the school's civilian employees during its annual civilian appreciation and awards day. Employees were recognized for their contributions to the school and their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. Hamrick was recognized as the innovator of the year, Charles as the maintainer of the year, Cloutier as instructor of the year, and Keith as administrator of the year, GS-9 and above. Hoard won the customer support award, and Budd won administrator of the year, GS-8 and below, and employee of the year. Not pictured is John Williams, a MCCES training instructor, who won the school's team spirit award. In addition to receiving awards, those recognized and the rest of the school's civilian staff were treated to a barbecue lunch prepared by the school's Marine faculty.

Phase IV Road closures and construction



Work Description - Demolish and rebuild Del Valle Rd. from the Adobe Rd. intersection to an area south of Cottontail Rd.

Scheduled Dates – April 28 to June 19

Detour Description - Access to Marine Palms housing and the ball fields will be via Smoketree Ave. and an access road to Plant St. Access to the mini-mart and points South will be by Smoketree Ave. to the access road across old Marine Palms to Mineral St. The intersection at Agate and Del Valle Rd. will be open for traffic to follow Agate Rd. to Calcite Rd. with a crossing at Cottontail Rd. Traffic flow into the gas station will be from Agate road with a circular flow around JT Automotive. Access to Adobe Flats and the RV park will be through Condor Gate and by a dirt access road parallel to Del Valle Rd. To gain access to the Temporary Lodging Facility and all Child Development Center buildings, a one way road will be created from Mineral St., passing behind building 193 to Saddleback Ave., then through the TLF parking lot into the CDC parking lots. The exit for the CDC and TLF area will be onto Cottontail Rd. which can then be followed across Del Valle Rd. to Calcite. The Condor Gate will maintain its hours of operation – Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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New non-lethal weapons system tested at Combat Center



LANCE CPL. KELSEY J. GREEN

A member of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate team reacts to a focused beam of wave energy. The beam was projected by the Active Denial System, a new non-lethal weapon that was tested at Combat Center Range 205 April 13 through April 25. The training consisted of simulated situations that involved role-players acting as aggressors and victims. Aggressors were targeted by ADS and subsequently exposed to the system's painful, but non-lethal effects. The JNLWD team was generating a capabilities and limitations report before deployment decisions about the system can be made.

LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

A team from the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate (JNLWD) at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., tested new non-lethal, counter-personnel technology at Combat Center Range 205 April 13 through April 25.

JNLWD provides service members with non-lethal weaponry that are capable of covering a full spectrum of threats and crises.

The machinery tested at Range 205 was the Active Denial System (ADS), which has been in production since 1994.

"We've been working on this for about 12 years now and the research has gotten us to the point

where we have a system that could be potentially deployed in the near future," said Susan Levine, principal deputy director, JNLWD.

According to the JNLWD Web site, ADS is a direct energy weapon capable of stopping, deterring and turning back an advancing adversary while protecting the innocent, minimizing fatalities and limiting collateral damage.

The JNLWD team's mission was to generate a capabilities and limitations report before deployment decisions about the system can be made.

"The capabilities and limitations assessment that is going on now at Twentynine Palms will give potential users a look at how the system will potentially oper-



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

The Active Denial System, pictured here on a Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck, will provide American forces with the non-lethal means necessary to meet complex missions.

ate in a deployment environment," said Levine.

To stop a challenger, ADS projects a focused beam of wave energy onto the adversary's skin. The beam penetrates the skin and heats the water molecules held within the target area. When heated, those molecules vibrate, causing friction.

"That friction creates heat, and the nerve endings located at that level in the skin sense that heat and that message to your brain causes you to run away," said Stephanie Miller, technology advisor for the Human Effectiveness Directorate at Air Force Research Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and the bio effects program manager for the ADS project.

On April 21, Marines from 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, volunteered to test the system's effectiveness.

"It's uncomfortable and makes you move out of the way," said

Cpl. Daniel J. Kinder, a squad leader from Headquarters and Service Company, 2/7.

ADS is not the first non-lethal weapon to be developed for military service. However, it is the first system capable of operating at long ranges.

"This is a fantastic new non-lethal capability - it's an extended range capability," said Army Maj. William McMillan, exercise and experimentation officer of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate. "All of the non-lethal weapons that we currently have in the [Department of Defense] inventory have been very short range - 100 meters or less."

According to members of the JNLWD team, ADS was designed with extended range in mind.

"[Service members] can use it at ranges well beyond small arms range, thereby increasing their force protection and giving them the option to deal with adversaries at much greater ranges," said Levine.

JNLWD team members also said the extended range will minimize unwanted collateral damage during combat situations.

"With this extended range we can determine intent at greater than small arms range, allowing war fighters to make a shoot, no-shoot decision early on before an enemy combatant can engage them," said McMillan.

The system is intended to play a major role in combat situations dealing with the escalation of force.

"In between shouting and shooting is a good place for [ADS] because you can shout at someone, then you can shoot them with [ADS], and if they continue to want to go it's almost automatic authority to lay down rounds," said Kinder.

The systems use of millimeter frequency waves also gives the weapon another advantage

See WEAPON, A12

Combat Fitness Test is coming



GUNNERY SGT. CHRIS W. COX

Headquarters Battalion's Staff Sgt. Pete Adams carries two 30-pound, sand-filled ammunition cans during Friday's Combat Fitness Test for officers and staff noncommissioned officers at Del Valle Field. Marine Corps staff NCO Academy instructor Gunnery Sgt. Sandra Magallanes guides following testees through the CFT's final portion. This CFT, which consisted of various run, crawl, carry and throw events, was conducted to familiarize the officers and Staff NCOs so they can begin preparing their Marines for the test's official kick-off later this year.

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Combat Center Band, members of "President's Own" join forces

LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center band and members of the President's Own, United States Marine Band, Washington, D.C., joined forces to perform Coats of Red and Blue at the Combat Center's Sunset Cinema Friday.

The show was conducted by Warrant Officer Stephen B. Giove, Combat Center band officer, and was a fantastic end to a week-long training session between the Combat Center band and the Marines from the President's Own.

This was the first time the Combat Center band trained with members of the President's Own, but not the first time Marines with the President's Own have teamed up with one of the 12 Marine Corps bands.

"It started with the Marine Force Reserve band in New Orleans," said Giove. "This year they tagged on a concert at the end of their training and called it 'The Coats of Red and Blue.'"

The title derives itself from the blue coats worn by Marine musicians, and the red coats worn by members of the President's Own, he added.

The traditional red uniforms worn by members of the President's Own resemble those worn by early Marine musicians. These musicians were used on the

battlefield and ships for communication purposes and wore red uniforms to distinguish themselves as non-combatants.

Giove said the participating Marines from the President's Own arrived April 28, and helped

improve the Combat Center band's musical performance through professional development.

"Each member of our band received private lessons," said Giove. "The entire band was given a number of master classes

and the President's Own Marines sat next to us during rehearsals."

Giove also said the training was meant to raise the band's musical bar.

"We Marines pride ourselves on being the very best," said Giove.

"With assistance from the oldest musical organization in our country since 1798, The United States Marine Band, our intent is to do just that, and make every performance, be it a change of command, concert in the park, street parade,



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

Warrant Officer Stephen B. Giove, band officer, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band, congratulates band members after their "Coats of Red and Blue" performance at the Combat Center Theater May 2. The performance featured members of the United States Marine Band also known as the "The President's Own."

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Cpl. Bryan J. Coager, Sgt. Jarrid T. S. Riggs, Sgt. Steven A. Hofmann and Sgt. Victor E. Diaz perform a percussion solo during the band's "Coats of Red and Blue" concert at the base theater Friday.



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Flutist Sgt. Kathryn S. Ableidinger, performs during the band's "Coats of Red and Blue" concert at the base theater Friday.



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Clarinetist Staff Sgt. Joseph LeBlanc, United States Marine Band, performs with the Combat Center Band May 2.

homecoming or funeral, a memorable event for all participants."

After the show, Giove said each individual Marine's proficiency has improved, which will benefit the band in two ways.

"One is, it helps the Marine in his or her future career path in the Marine band field, and two, it improves the overall band's performances," said Giove. "Each [Marine's] efforts have raised the musical caliber of the band by leaps and bounds."

While the members of the Combat Center band did most of the learning, Marines from the President's Own also used the opportunity to better themselves.

"It's a chance for us to not only be in a teaching environment, but to learn something from the fleet

Marines who we don't usually get to interact with," said tubist Staff Sgt. Paul Mergen, United States Marine Band.

On May 1, Brig. Gen. M.G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, met with band members and the Marines from the President's Own at the Combat Center band hall.

Spiese watched as Marines from the President's Own answered questions from members of the Combat Center band, and reaffirmed his belief that the Combat Center's band was second only to the United States Marine Band.

"I'm absolutely convinced that [the Combat Center band] is the best field marching band outside of Washington," said Spiese. "Every where they go people are

just in awe of them."

The men and women of the Combat Center band are basically-trained Marine riflemen who serve as a perimeter security and machine gun platoon during times of war. The band is proud to carry on the military music traditions created by the first Marine musicians of 1775, and proved this with the incredible display May 2.

"It was an exciting, incredible week for our Marines to combine forces with some of the best musicians our country has to offer," said Giove. "As the conductor, I had the best seat in the house."

For more information about the band or to request the band visit <http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/base/band/default.asp> or call 830-6404.



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Trombonist Staff Sgt. Preston Hardage, United States Marine Band, entertains a young fan.



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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Service members have many options before they get out of the military. One of those options gives service members a chance to continue serving their country by becoming a teacher.

Troops to Teachers is a program that gives service members who are getting out of the military a chance to start a new career while they continue to serve their country in an American classroom.

"Troops to Teachers was created because of the growing need for teachers," said Jeff Fourier, branch head of Lifelong Learning. "In my opinion, there are no better teachers than someone who has been out and seen the world and different cultures. They already understand structure and discipline."

Troops to Teachers is in 33 states, having different requirements to become a teacher for each state.

"In the 13 years since its inception, the program has helped train and place 9,500 veterans in public school classrooms where they are most needed," said John S. Gomperts, president of Civic Ventures, commenting on an article



about Troops to Teachers written by fellow colleague David Bank. "Troops to Teachers is a classic win-win, honoring veterans' continuing aspirations, while improving schools and ensuring our nation's security."

Eligibility for the Troops to Teachers program is available to a range of retired, and separated military members, active duty and transitioning service members and disabled veterans.

When applying for

elementary and secondary education positions through the Troops to Teachers program, military members are required to have a bachelor's or advanced degree.

Vocational or technical education requires an associate's degree, which

can be substituted with at least one year of college, and six years of work experience in a technical or vocational field.

"I tell Marines to register for the program whether or not they are eligible," said Fourier. "Your name stays in the system after you apply so you can always go back and re-apply even after your application deadline."

The long term goal of the program is to help improve American education by providing

mature, self-disciplined, experienced and dedicated personnel for the nation's classrooms, according to the Department of Defense through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

Teachers who complete the program are assigned to school districts where at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced cost lunch program or there is a high percentage of students with disabilities.

"Most children from kindergarten to sixth grade don't have a male teacher," said Fourier. "More than 80 percent of the service members participating in the Troops for Teachers are male which helps even everything out."

Troops to Teachers places mature and motivated military members in high-demand fields such as mathematics, science and special education and are teaching in other areas where teachers are most needed.

East Gym crowns Combat Center's '08 bench press champs



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

Toinette J. Ishee, the female's third place female finisher in the 2008 Combat Center Bench Press Challenge, Leslie A. Ruiz, women's runner-up, Kristina D. Sanford, the 2008 woman's champion, Derrick J. Sanchez, the 2008 men's champion, Robert M. Nosek, the men's runner-up, and Matthew J. LeBlanc, the men's third place finisher, pose with their trophies after the competition's award ceremony at the East Gym Saturday. For judging purposes the competition used the Wilkes Coefficient. The Wilkes Coefficient is a method by which the strength of a power lifter is measured against other power lifters of a different weight category, based on the lifter's gender, weight, and overall score. Sanford was the winner of the woman's bracket with a winning lift of 110 pounds and 116.743 points. Sanchez won the men's bracket with a winning lift of 335 pounds and 226.929 points. All competitors received a T-shirt and awards for individual winners included iPods, lifting accessories and water bottles.

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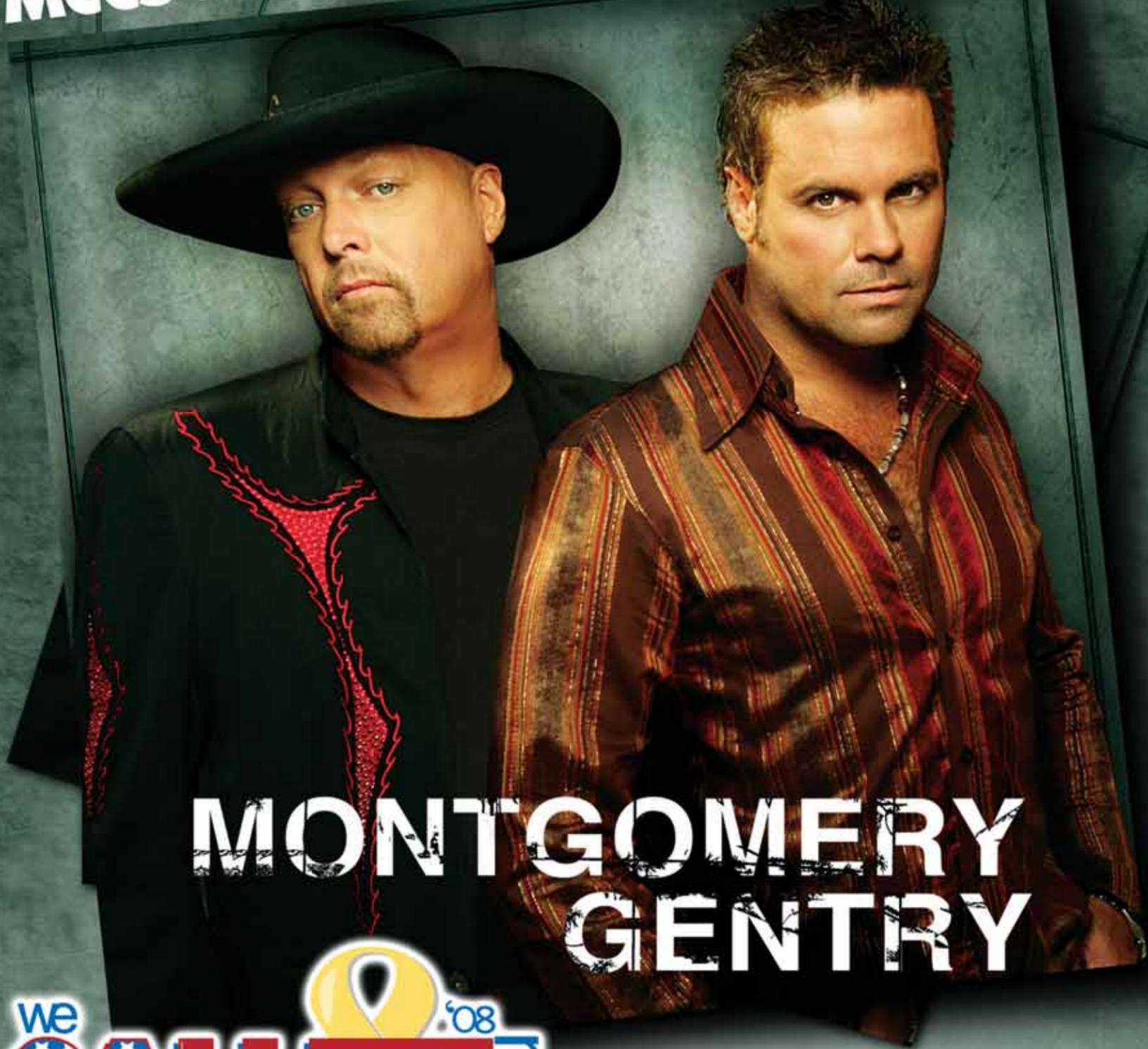
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RETURN, from A1

forget them while they are away." Short, a New Orleans native, became friends with Slaughter during his daily pre-deployment workouts. "His family wasn't here to say goodbye when he left so I went

to support him," said Slaughter, a Bloomington, Calif., native. "I pretty much adopted him as part of my family, we became such great friends. "I wasn't sure when he was coming home, but I got a phone call from him saying he was on his way to Victory Field so I

hightailed it over here to see him," she added. Short was equally excited to see Slaughter for the first time since his deployment. "It is always nice to have someone waiting for you during a homecoming," said Short.

The Marines and sailors of India Battery slowly trailed off Victory Field holding their loved ones close, cherishing the embrace after being away for seven months. India Battery will take time off to relax with their friends and family before they continue to train for future deployments.



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

Sgt. David Craze, a cannoneer with India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, holds his 2-year-old son Cole Craze after returning from a seven-month deployment to Iraq.

WEAPON, from A7

over more traditional non-lethal weapons. "Because it is line of sight, speed of light, there is no ballistics," said Dr. Diana Loree, Air Force Research Laboratory, director of Energy Directorate at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M., and technical manager in charge of the Air Force's Science and Technology Effort with ADS. "Wind does not blow this beam off target." ADS is currently available in two different configurations. System One consists of a transmitter and antenna that have been integrated into a humvee. System Two is a contained version of ADS that is transportable using a tactical vehicle.

Current concepts of operation for ADS include port security, maritime security, and checkpoint security. Mounting ADS aboard ships, aircraft and armored vehicles are other possible configurations being considered. Since 2002, ADS has been designated an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration. ACTD is the formal DoD process to move the new technology into a formal ADS program. The ADS "Bridge" program, which is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2008, is intended to unveil the next generation of ADS, and establish a fixed ADS program so service members have the flexibility they need to meet future complex missions.

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KIDS, from A6

older cousin inspired me. These guys do, too. They taught us that being a Marine isn't just about shooting. They have to be responsible to be Marines."

The volunteers focus on more than outdoor volunteer work, spending just as much time in the classroom, said Bautista, a Wichita, Kan. native.

"Last time we went to the school, we talked to the kids about what patriotism means to us," he said. "We are going to try and make this trip once a month. We had to skip a few times when the battalion deployed, but now we're getting back into it."

The children are becoming progressively familiar with the lessons Marines stress to them.

"I like it when they come here because they help us with things we need help with," said Selena Ramos, a fourth-grade student. "They say we need to stop goofing off with tests because you have to do a lot of those in high school."

The men of Delta Company regularly teach the children about survival and medical facts.

"It's usually Doc who does it," said Baucus, referring to Petty Officer 3rd Class Jose Mata, a 3rd LAR corpsman Hialeah, Fla., native. "Anytime I can make it more real-world for them, it's better off for the kids."

Baucus, a Helena, Mont., native, said she strongly believes in the positive impact the Marines and sailors have on the students.

"They do a very good job with the kids," she said. "They're major celebrities on campus. It's hilarious."

Although it may be the first time volunteering, Marines like Pfc. Jonathan Leon, a light armored vehicle crewman, said the interaction with the students is enough to bring them back again.

"I volunteered because I figured it would be fun to talk to the kids and help out around the school," said Leon, a Pittsburg, Pa., native. "I would do this again."

As Marines and sailors of 3rd LAR continue their tradition of visiting the youth of Poplar Elementary School, they also continue to influence and inspire



CPL NICOLE A. LAVINE

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jose Mata, Delta Company, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, holds a star-shaped stencil against an American flag mural outside Poplar Elementary School in Fontana, Calif., while 11-year-old Raul Rosales paints a star April 30.

the students they have come to know so well.

"They're very good role models, and all kids need someone to look up to," she said. "They have no idea what they mean to the kids."



CPL NICOLE A. LAVINE

Marines from 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and 11-year-old Angel Robles paint 50 white stars on a mural on the Poplar Elementary School playground in Fontana, Calif., April 30.

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CPL ERIK VILLAGRAN

Cpl. Nicholas L. Szczerba, 22, a rifleman with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, from Shingle Springs, Calif., drills two pieces of wood together while constructing a door at Combat Outpost Haditha, Iraq, April 25.

MORALE, from A4

unforgiving sun of Iraq.

"It is Iraq, so it gets pretty hot outside," said Cpl. Jeremy M. Wright, 24, a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear defense specialist with Headquarters Co. from Cartersville, Ga. "He's out there in the heat and sun for the majority of the day."

He has a quiet humility about him and he knows the feeling of accomplishment in knowing he is helping his fellow Marines. This is all Szczerba looks for from his work. He doesn't look to garner praise for his labors.

"The work I do helps raise morale," Szczerba said. "I like doing what I can to help people; I always have."

Despite Szczerba's modesty and efforts to hide from the spotlight, Marines on the COP have taken notice of his work and initiative.

"The work he does is essential," Wright said. "It improves the living conditions of every Marine on this COP. It's work he does that help keep this place running."

Employee Spotlight



Employee: Ms. Lovely Jean G. Budd

Employer: Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School

Job Title: Human resources assistant

Job Duties: MCCES administrator, Marine Online Manager, DTS Administrator

Hometown: San Diego

Hobbies: Playing cards, reading, playing video games and watching my son play sports.

What I like most about my job: The people I work with and the one I work for makes me love my job!

Significant achievements since coming aboard MCAGCC: Started MOL at MCCES when it first came out, featured employee in MCCES newsletter, The Connector, MCESS annual administrator of the year, GS8 and below, MCESS annual employee of the year.

Military service: 7 years in the Navy

Time employed on base: 3 years.

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