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President Obama vows not to waver in America's defense



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CHAD J. MCNEELEY

President Barack Obama waves to the crowd at the conclusion of his inaugural address, Washington, D.C., Tuesday. The 44th president of the United States assumed his duties as commander in chief and vowed not to waver in defending America.

JIM GARAMONE

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WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama pledged a “prudent use” of military power as the nation works toward “ushering in a new era of peace” in his inaugural address to the nation Tuesday.

“Our security emanates from the justness of our cause, the force of our example, the tempering qualities of humility and restraint,” he said from the west side of the Capitol here after taking the oath of office as the 44th president. An estimated 2 million people crowded the National Mall and surrounding area to hear his address.

The use of these principles will allow America to develop greater understanding of other nations and greater cooperation against common threats from them, he said.

“We will begin to responsibly leave Iraq to its people, and forge a hard-earned peace

in Afghanistan,” Obama said. “With old friends and former foes, we’ll work tirelessly to lessen the nuclear threat and roll back the specter of a warming planet.”

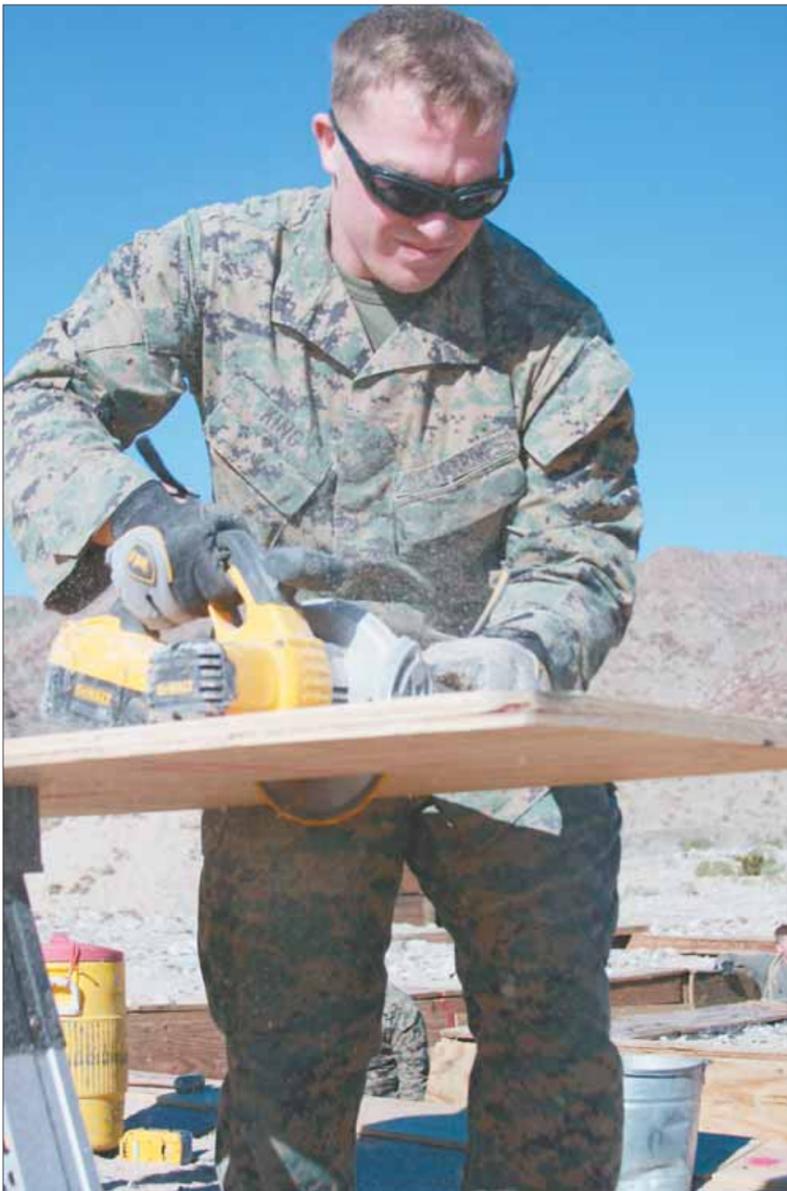
Obama said Americans will not apologize for their way of life, nor waver in its defense. “And for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you,” he said.

America is a country of doers and risk-takers; it is an immigrant country where each generation worked hard to provide for the next, he said.

“For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life,” Obama said. “For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West, endured the lash of the

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Can we build it? Yes we can.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Lance Cpl. Michael King, a Range/Training Areas Maintenance Section worker, cuts plywood to be used for constructing a trench at Combat Center Range 400 Jan. 15. Units participating in Mojave Viper, the base's 30-day pre-deployment training package, use Range 400 to practice coordinating platoon and company-sized attacks against enemy objectives using a combined force of infantry, mortars and machine guns. RTAMS maintains these ranges and began duplicating them Dec. 11 so multiple infantry battalions can train simultaneously.

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Devil dog providing the Corps with some new threads

LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

When Russ Meade was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1994, the former infantryman thought his separation would be only temporary. After obtaining his college degree, he planned on returning to the Marine Corps as an officer and making it a career.

However, while in college Meade and his wife started a family, so the former war fighter, refusing to trek his family from one base to another, put his goal of seeking a commission aside and entered the civilian workforce.

Although the former devil dog is still serving his beloved Corps, he is not doing it with a rifle in hand. Instead, he is doing his duty with socks.

Meade, now the chief military advisor for and co-creator of the business Covert Threads, has accepted the mission of producing, for Marines, a military sock for every clime and place.

“Socks are what we do best, and that’s our mission,” said Meade, a native of Hickory, N.C. “I still feel like I’m serving.”

Meade’s endeavor into the sock business began after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. He was determined to serve his country once again and therefore reenlisted in the Marine Corps, this time working in

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Corpsmen, Marines prep for Afghan terrain in training

CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, Calif. – At the base of a snow-covered hill, the five-man team of corpsmen could see a sprawled and unconscious body sticking out of the snow. Using their skis and ski poles, they raced to the aid of the victim and prepared their sled to transfer the patient to the warming station half-a-mile up the mountain.

These corpsmen, and Marines from all over the world, are students in an exclusive training evolution offered at MWTC called the Cold Weather Medicine course.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Nate Monteil, a mountain warfare formal schools instructor, explained the importance of the information taught in the CWM course.

“The course teaches these students how to exist, operate and perform CASEVACs [casualty evacuations], and movement in mountainous or high altitude terrain,” said Monteil, a

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CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

Petty Officer 3rd Class Salvador Bautista, a corpsman with Company I, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, maneuvers through the snow at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., near the Goose training area to set up a warming station during a Cold Weather Medicine Course Jan. 14.

PMO, CID crack down on thieves

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

You were gone for five minutes, trying to get your laundry done before the upcoming week. As you approach your room you could have sworn you had closed your door, yet it is wide open. As you enter the room you realize

things weren't as you had left them. Drawers are open, padlocks cut. You notice clothes, jewelry and even your computer have disappeared. You have just become a victim of a barracks thief.

The Provost Marshal's Office and the Criminal Investigation Division have been ramping up crime pre-

vention measures in order to reduce the barracks larcenies and capture the thieves. PMO and the CID are attempting to make the barracks aboard the Combat Center crime-free by hosting crime prevention briefs and safety stand downs to teach Marines the importance of

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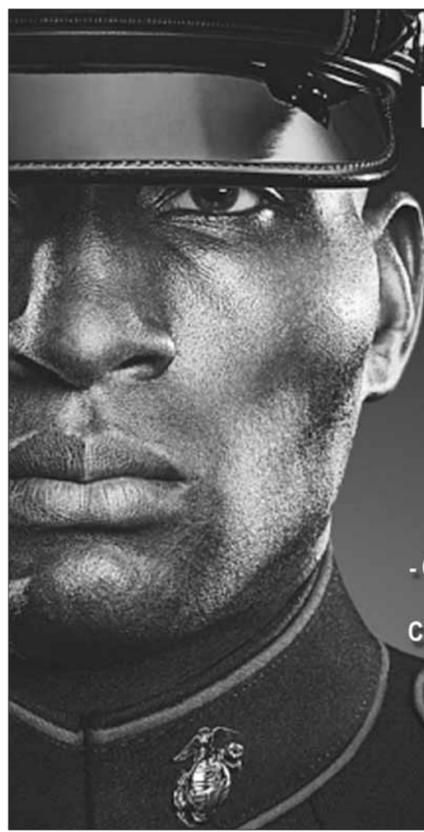
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Combat Center Spotlight

Rank/Name: Sgt. Jason Wilebski
Hometown: Mosinee, Wis.
Mos: Rifleman
Unit: 7th Marines Headquarters, S-3
Job: Operations NCO
What do you like best about your job?
 Getting Marines ready to go to war, supporting them to get ready.
Significant Achievements:
 Getting Marines ready for deployment, being a coyote at Tactical Training Exercise Control Group enabled me to help out a great deal on a personal level.
Hobbies:
 4x4, off roading, quads, shooting, hanging out in the desert
Time in USMC: 7 years
Time at MCAGCC: 7 years



Hot Topics

JAN. 26, 27, 28: DEERS CLOSURE/ EXTENDED HOURS
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JAN. 26, 27: MMEA TO VISIT COMBAT CENTER
 The Headquarter Marine Corps Marine Manpower Enlisted Assignments Branch will visit the Combat Center on Monday and Tuesday to afford enlisted Marines the opportunity to have direct personal communication with their respective occupational field monitor for potential future assignments. Opportunities for FTAP 2009 and STAP 2009 Marines to receive on the spot assignments and reenlistment authority will also be provided by the MMEA visit. For more information refer to MARADMIN 413/08. For more details on the MMEA visit, see page A7.

COLON CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR SET AT NAVAL HOSPITAL
 The surgery clinic will be conducting a seminar on colon cancer awareness at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Wednesday, from 1 to 2 p.m., in classroom 3. This seminar is open to all Naval Hospital or TRICARE beneficiaries, especially those over 50 years. No appointments are necessary, however an RSVP at one of the below numbers is appreciated. Afterwards patients can schedule appointments for initial screening. Contact Lt. Green or Petty Officer 2nd Class Walls in the Surgery Clinic at 830-2070/2268 for more information or to RSVP.

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Where is the most interesting place you have ever been and why?

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PFC. CODY HINKLE
COMPANY C, MCCES

“Orlando, Fla., because it's a real cool city and a really cool place.”



CPL. DIEUNEL DESULME
HEADQUARTERS Co., CLB-4

“Thailand, because it's a cool place. Lots of people want to go there and everything there is cheap.”



CAPT. PATARICK MCANANY
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“Mt. Crogh Patrick, Ireland. I liked it because it was fun to get back to my roots, and I went with my brother and father.”

Marines learn mountain survival, mobility in annual training

CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, Calif. — At a first glance, one may get the impression that a group of Marines skiing through the mountain countryside are simply enjoying a blissful day of carefree recreation on a warm afternoon. Don't let the ski poles fool you.

These students are participating in the winter version of a 34-day-long survival and mobility course called Mountain Leaders Course here. A summer package of this training is also offered annually.

Students in the course must hold an infantry-based military occupational specialty to qualify, said Gunnery Sgt. Peter E. Harvey, the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of formal schools at MWTC.

Other students in the course are formal school instructors at MWTC and are required to progress through each of these training evolutions each year to keep them sharp and capable of training their students, added Harvey.

According to <http://>

www.afghan-web.com, a fact Web site about Afghanistan, this type of training has received more emphasis in lieu of the War on the Radical Islamic Movement transition to Afghanistan, a country known for its severe elevation variation due to the Hindu Kush mountain range which runs through the borders of the country.

Sgt. Mark Albert, an MLC instructor, explained the driving purpose behind the semi-annual courses.

"This course teaches Marines how to survive, operate and fight in complex and compartmentalized terrain," said Albert, a Battle Creek, Mich., native. "It shows you how to live and adapt to the challenges the mountain environment poses to you."

Students in the course must also learn mobility techniques on snow shoes and skis, said Sgt. Garrett Scharffer, an MLC instructor.

"The reason we teach the students how to ski is because, when trained properly, it's the most efficient way to move through winter mountainous environments," said Scharffer, a St. John, Wash., native.

Students in the course, who range from the ranks of sergeant through captain, also

learn skills such as building safe shelters in the snow, gathering and finding food, purifying water, and battling cold weather and high altitude sickness, said Albert.

"By learning how to operate in the environment provided by MWTC, Marines will be more prepared for combat in high altitude and mountainous, cold weather environments like those found in Afghanistan and other threat nations throughout the world," said Albert.

One of the students, 2nd Lt. Jonathan M. Pickup, the assistant intelligence officer of Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, based out of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., said this was the first time he had taken part in training of this sort.

Pickup said of all the variables associated with the course, the cold weather maneuvers were the most physically demanding and, in the end, rewarding.

"It's very different doing movements in mountainous areas," said Pickup, a native of London. "It takes much longer and requires more energy and planning. It's all



CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

Staff Sgt. Andy Hallett and Navy Lt. Bill Vaughan, students in the Mountain Leaders Course, cross country ski during an exercise at the Grouse Meadows training area at MWTC Bridgeport, Calif., Jan. 15.

about working smarter and not harder up here."

Harvey, also a student in the course, said he felt similarly about mobility in winter mountainous terrain.

Although he took the summer MLC in 2008, this was his first winter MLC course.

"Mobility is the biggest difference in what they teach," said Harvey, a Roebling, N.J., native, about winter MLC. "Aside from PET [pre-environmental training], mobility

in the snow is the most important thing we learn."

Harvey explained that PET is a class given to MLC students that outlines rudimentary mountain safety and health procedures prior to engaging in actual training, said Harvey.

"We learn about the basics like high altitude sickness and cold weather injuries," he explained. "These are impor-

tant skills for infantry Marines to have when it comes to operating in the snow and mountains in Afghanistan."

Students of the MLC 02-09 course are scheduled to graduate Feb. 17 and will be able to bring the knowledge they gained back to their respective units to help prepare their Marines for deployments to mountainous environments around the world.

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whip and plowed the hard earth.

"For us, they fought and died in places like Concord and Gettysburg, Normandy and Khe Sahn," he continued. "Time and again, these men and women struggled and sacrificed and worked till their hands were raw so that we might live a better life. They saw America as bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions, greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction."

Americans today must continue this journey, he said. It is time for hard decisions and a time of change. "Our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions, that time has surely passed," he said. "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

Obama rejected the idea that the nation has to choose between its safety and its ideals. "Our Founding Fathers -- faced with perils that we can scarcely imagine -- drafted a charter to assure the rule of law and the rights of man, a charter expanded by the blood of generations. Those ideals still light the world, and we will not give them up for expedience's sake."

In the United States, all languages are spoken, all religions are practiced, and all good people are welcomed, he said. "And because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve;

that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace," he said.

Obama reached out to the nations of the world in his speech. He told them that America "is a friend of each nation, and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more."

He also spoke to the Muslim world, saying America seeks a new way forward, based on mutual interest and respect.

"As we consider the road that unfolds before us, we remember with humble gratitude those brave Americans who, at this very hour, patrol far-off deserts and distant mountains," the president said. "They have something to tell us, just as the fallen heroes who lie in Arlington [National Cemetery] whisper through the ages. We honor them not only because they are guardians of our liberty, but because they embody the spirit of service; a willingness to find meaning in something greater than themselves."

He called on all Americans to shoulder that burden of service. He said it is the faith and determination of the American people upon which this nation relies.

"Greatness is never a

given. It must be earned," he said. "Our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted -- for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame."

The faith and determination of Americans can serve the nation well in a time rife with challenges.

"Our nation is at war against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred," the president said. "Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age."

Americans have lost their homes, their jobs, their businesses, and health care is too costly, he said. Schools are failing too many, and the American energy policy plays into the hands of the nation's enemies.

"These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics," he said.

These are disturbing, but more disturbing is a sapping of confidence and the fear that with this decline the next generation must lower its sights, he said.

"Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real," the president said. "They are serious, and they are many. They will not be

met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America: They will be met."

While the challenges of this age are new, the values which have seen the country through in the past will best serve the nation, Obama said. "Honesty and hard work, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism -- these things are old, but these things are true," he said.

America must return to these truths, he said. "What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility -- a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task," Obama said.

"This is the price and the promise of citizenship," he said. "This is the source of our confidence, the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny."

If Americans seize this responsibility, then the challenges will be surmounted, he said.

"Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey

end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations," Obama said.



TECH. SGT. CRAIG CLAPPER

Former President George W. Bush and former First Lady Laura Bush wave to the crowd of more than 1,000 people gathered to wish them a fond farewell prior to their final departure aboard Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Tuesday.

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Energy plans help bring in a 'green' New Year

CPL. MARGARET HUGHES
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center's Public Works Division, partnered with Johnson Controls through energy-saving performance contracts, is working to bring in the New Year with many plans to improve energy efficiency on base.

According to the Johnson Controls Web site, energy-saving performance contracts allow federal government agencies to make energy-efficient improvements and pay for them out of contractually guaranteed energy cost savings.

Over the course of the year, \$25 million will be spent on major projects to include starting to build a new solar plant and cogeneration plant, a power station that generates both electricity and heat, in an

effort to help the base become a more independent power source, said Gary Morrissett, the base energy manager.

Currently, the base produces 60 percent of the power it uses, while the remaining comes from off base sources, Morrissett said. Eventually, the base will produce roughly 90 percent of the power it consumes.

The base will be able to utilize about 80 percent of the energy produced from the cogeneration plant when the heat released from the power source is captured as energy, Morrissett said. This energy can help to heat and cool other buildings.

Marines and base employees that work in flat top buildings will have a more pleasant work environment during the summer months. Approximately

90 percent of all flat top building's heating and cooling systems will have chilled water conversions with updated controls by the end of the year, Morrissett said.

The updated heating and cooling systems in each building will maintain 76 degrees during the summer and 70 degrees during the winter, Morrissett said.

One thing to note about the new temperature controlled system however is the controls take a temperature reading throughout various spots in each building. If that area is affected by a personal heater or cooler, or if windows or doors are open, the reading will not be accurate and can cause the temperature of the entire building to be off, Morrissett said.

In addition, the controls will also monitor carbon diox-

ide levels in the building. If a reading is high, the system will allow more fresh air into the building to maintain the safety and quality of the air, Morrissett said.

The energy savings will continue indoors by replacing lights with lower wattage light bulbs, Morrissett said. The light bulbs will be replaced with 25-watt bulbs, which is seven watts less than what is currently used. Watts are a way to measure a rate of energy conversion, the lower the wattage, the less power used.

Many of the indoor lights will be controlled by motion sensors, so lights turn off if no one trips the sensor after a time period, Morrissett said. It may seem like small differences, but they all add up.

In addition to the new solar lighting fixtures already installed along the physical fit-

ness test course, tank crossings, and safety and sidewalk areas, all other outdoor lighting is going to be changed to help save energy by slicing their current wattage use in half, Morrissett said.

"The orange tint lights will be replaced with induction lights," Morrissett said. "These lights will last, on average, three times longer, use less watts and still maintain the same brightness."

In addition, all outside lighting on mainside will have dark-sky compliant fixtures to help minimize light pollution from the base, Morrissett said.

According to the International Dark-Sky Association Web site, light pollution is an adverse effect of artificial light, including sky glow, glare, light trespass and clutter, decreased visibility at night;

and energy waste. Dark-sky compliant fixtures direct the light to the ground, which helps reduce the risk of disrupting neighbors, wildlife and astronomers.

Future plans base energy employees and contractors have planned are to look into other ways to reduce energy consumption or find ways to use energy more efficiently. One idea being developed is to establish a wind generated power source on base within the next five years, Morrissett said.

Life in the desert is different in many ways than life in a more urban setting. Being able to use energy efficiently is not a luxury or a choice. Knowing how to save energy and how important it is, is a lesson base personnel are learning and putting into practice every day.

THREADS, from A1

public affairs.

Before deploying with II Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Meade was given eight pairs of socks from his good friend Peter Menzies, who was already in the sock business.

Meade said although the socks felt great, the extreme heat and other elements resulted in foot problems such as blisters and hot spots. In response, Meade e-mailed Menzies, informing him about the problems, and asked if it was possible for Menzies to develop a better sock for a specific climate. Within a month, Menzies had shipped his friend a new sock called the "Sand" boot sock.

The sock was such a success that Meade asked Menzies

to send more of them so he could hand them out to other Marines. The result was Marines ordered more of the socks, directly from Menzies, and upon returning from Iraq, Menzies and Meade created the company Covert Threads.

The Sand Military Boot Sock is a sock specifically created for hot to moderate climates, incorporating an acrylic and wool blend that wicks moisture away, keeping feet dry and cool, said Menzies. A silver lining also helps battle bacteria, while eliminating foot odor, and aiding in the prevention of blisters.

The company has since grown to produce socks specifically meant for physical training, dress, rugged terrain, arctic terrain, and fire protection.

The company has also

expanded its consumer base to include Marine Corps exchanges, some Naval and Air Force exchanges, and the civilian hunting industry.

James Nelson, the warehouse manager for West Coast Tactical Gear Distributors, the distributor for the Combat Center's Marine Corps Exchange, who was working a tent sale at the exchange at the Combat Center's Camp Wilson Jan. 15, said the distributing company was happy to sell the socks Covert Threads had to offer.

"We were just really impressed with their quality and durability. They're one of our top selling items," said Nelson, a former Marine engineer who said he knows first hand just how important a reliable pair of socks is.

While Meade and Menzies admit, like any other business, the goal of Covert Threads is to make a profit in order to support a living, the two men also have a strong and unwavering passion for helping Marines.

"The good thing about it is we're taking care of Marines," said Meade, who has provided

his product to reconnaissance and infantry Marines, as well as members of Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command. "It's almost better than getting a paycheck."

The first time the two saw their product being offered in an exchange they were pleased to see that their business was going to be financially successful, but they were also humbled knowing Marines had access to good gear said Menzies.

"We're not just making money," said Meade. "We're making a difference."

Testimonials on the company's Web site from Marines, mothers of Marines, and outdoorsmen, show Covert Threads is making quite an impact on the lives of service members and civilians alike - something Meade and Menzies feel privileged to be part of.

"We're just blessed," Meade said.

Blessed with his family and blessed to be able to continue serving his country by providing his brothers and sisters in arms with something as simple as a pair of comfortable socks.



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Russ Meade, seen here in 2005 in Fallujah, Iraq, is the co-creator of and military advisor to Covert Threads, a privately owned company that has accepted the mission of producing, for Marines, a military sock for every climate and place.

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Children given chance to show support with words, art

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Every year, children of active duty or retired service members are given the chance to participate in the annual Armed Services YMCA art and essay contests.

Contestants from each grade will have an opportunity to win a savings bonds ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Bonds will be awarded in each grade category, which was split by first- and second-graders in one group, third- and fourth-graders in the second group, fifth- and sixth-graders in the third group, and seventh- and eighth-graders in the fourth group.

"This opportunity provides the military children here aboard the Combat

Center an opportunity to showcase their artistic and writing skills with the focus being on the military family lifestyle and recognizing their military hero," said Anita Neu-Fultz, the executive director of the Combat Center's ASYMCA. "An example of their military hero is their father, mother, or someone else they admire."

Children participating in the essay contest must write about their military hero; someone that is currently serving, or has served in the armed forces.

"Sometimes it is difficult for children to show support to the military," said Sara Dover, a volunteer coordinator and events planner for the ASYMCA, explaining that most children want to make the world a better place, especially if their parents are in

the military. "This is one way for the children to show their support to their Marines and families."

Chloe McGinley, the ASYMCA Operation Hero and Kids Care Club coordinator agreed with Dover, saying the contest was a great way for military children to express themselves with the hope of winning a prize.

"There is a creative aspect to the contests that empowers these kids to express their feelings about their military lives," said McGinley, a Dallas native. "All these children have something to say, and now they have an opportunity to write down their thoughts about their family and hopefully win a really cool prize."

The essay is open for children ranging from first to 12th grade. Children from grades one through

eight should write an essay of at least 100 words, but no more than 300 words. Children from grades nine through 12 should write no less than 300 words and no more than 500.

Children who place first in grades one through eight will receive a \$500 savings bond, and children who place second will receive a \$100 savings bond. High school students who place first will receive a \$1,000 savings bond, and second place students will receive a \$200 savings bond.

Two \$100 savings bonds will be issued to two children who receive an honorable mention for their essay.

The deadline for children to turn in their essay is March 20.

For the 2009 Art Contest, contestants must draw a picture reflecting their military

family. The pictures must be in color on a six-by-eight-inch template.

"We have an abundance of children on base who are artistically gifted," said McGinley. "It is something I see every day working with kids and letting them get creative with art. They are amazing."

The art contest is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade with a family member in the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or National Guard. The military parent must be active duty or retired.

Top entries will be used on the Military Family Month Poster, which will be sold online at <http://www.asymca.org>. Money from sales of the calendar will go to the national ASYMCA.

The ASYMCA will award

six \$500 savings bonds for first place entries, and \$100 savings bonds for second place entries.

The deadline for children to submit their pictures is Feb. 20.

"The winners will not only receive a U.S. Savings Bond, but also get an opportunity to attend an awards luncheon in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Armed Services YMCA," said Neu-Fultz, an Albuquerque, N.M., native.

Although the art and essays submitted to the national ASYMCA will come from military installations around the world, the Combat Center is home to many talented children who will be submitting their drawings and essays to show support for their families, and hopefully win the top prize, explained McGinley.

THIEVES, from A1

locking their rooms and valuables. Yet Marines and sailors are still making it easy for thieves by leaving their room's unlocked and valuables unsecured.

Although every barracks room door is equipped with a locking mechanism, many people choose not to lock it when they leave for a multitude of reasons ranging from having lost their key, to thinking their possessions will be safe if they're only gone for a minute, said Staff Sgt. Anthony Fox, the physical security chief at PMO.

"The top reason people won't lock their room is because it is an inconvenience to them," explained Fox, an Anderson, Ind., native. "They find it a hassle to get their keys to lock or unlock a door."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Getz, an investigations officer with CID, agreed with Fox, stating the majority of break-ins are a crime of opportunity.

"They see the open room,

they see the property and they take advantage of the situation," said Getz, a Lawrenceburg, Ind., native. "It doesn't matter the time of day or how long a Marine is gone from his barracks room."

Getz advises barracks dwellers to lock up all their property, especially high-value items in addition to other measures to keep what's yours where it belongs.

"People should mark their property by etching their initials and last four of their social security number into the item," explained Getz. "Also have a copy of serial numbers already on items."

Items such as computers and televisions will already have a serial number. Getz said people should record the serial numbers and a description of the item on a separate piece of paper.

"Don't leave your list on the computer," said Gunnery Sgt. Loyd B. Brown, the CID chief. "An electronic copy is good to have, but should not be relied on as the only record

if a thief raids a room. You'd be surprised on how many times a Marine will leave that list on the computer, and his computer will be stolen. Print it out and keep it separate from your high values."

PMO and the CID cannot return items unless the service member can prove they are the proper owner.

If a barracks room is broken into, Getz advises people not to disturb the room in any way.

"Take a visual of your room, look around and take note of anything missing," said Getz. "But do not move anything or shuffle through your possessions. You will most likely disturb any evidence we can acquire."

The CID has a forensics lab that can obtain fingerprints, shoe impressions and even match a cut padlock with what instrument was used to cut it, which will all be a necessity to capture the thief.

PMO will also hold crime prevention briefs upon unit request. For more information contact Fox at 830-5457.

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Roman Catholic Services
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Sept. - May building 1551
8:45 a.m. Confessions+
9 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass*
9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
4:15 p.m. Confessions+
4 p.m. Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5 p.m. Catholic Mass

Monday

Christ Chapel
Lay-Led Independent Baptist
Breakfast, 8 a.m. West Wing

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9 a.m. Worship*
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10:15 a.m. Sunday School*
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4-5:30 p.m. Children's RCIA
5-8 p.m. Catechist Meeting (Second Tuesday each month)
6-7:30 p.m. Baptism Class (First Tuesday each month)

Wednesday

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6 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Food/Fellowship

7 p.m. Non-Denomination Bible Study
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9:30 a.m. Military Council of Catholic Women*
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Thursday

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6-7:30 p.m. RCIA Resumes Sept 11
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12:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Exposition/Adoration Most Blessed Sacrament (First Friday each month)



TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM

by Lou Gerhardt

As we watched President Barack Obama accepting the reins of government from former President George W. Bush this week, I was reminded of an incident that occurred many years ago.

In 1952 Dwight Eisenhower was elected president with a landslide victory over Adlai Stevenson. The night of the election he received a beautiful telegram from his defeated opponent that contained these words from the Bible:

"May you make the dale of trouble a door of hope," Hosea 2:15.

The "dale of trouble" is a deep ravine near Jericho. After a rain it becomes a foaming torrent and the raging waters rush down so swiftly as to engulf the unwary traveler.

It was in this valley that Achan had been stoned to death in penalty for his dishonesty. It was altogether a place fraught with unhappy association: The dale of trouble.

But it was through this very ravine that some of the Hebrews made their way to the Promised Land. For them the dale of trouble had proved to be a door of hope.

My dear friends, my thought comes down to this: Accentuate the Positive. Always be optimistic. As the blind Helen Keller wrote:

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RTAMS, contractors help double accessible ranges for Mojave Viper

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

With the focus of the Long War shifting toward operations in Afghanistan, the need for Marines to be properly trained before deployments is paramount.

The Combat Center's Range/Training Areas Maintenance Branch has teamed up with various civilian contractors to help facilitate the construction of new ranges in the base's training areas.

"What we're doing is essentially building a double of the current Mojave Viper," said Mark Carrington, the RTAMS officer-in-charge. "What we have done through the approval of the G-3 [Future Plans] and TTECG [Tactical Training Exercise Control Group] is go find new areas that are suited for this type of training."

"Basically, even though RTAMS is technically building new ranges, they're going to be the same as the old ones so the base can run simulta-

neous Mojave Vipers," added the Baton Rouge, La., native.

Construction of the new ranges began Dec. 11 after Carrington and other RTAMS personnel scoured the desert for new training areas within the installation's boundaries.

Although contractors have been brought in to recreate the more large-scale ranges, like Combat Center Range 210, RTAMS is responsible for the "HESCO" bunkers on the smaller ranges. HESCOs are prefabricated containers made of a steel wire mesh and a textile liner, which are filled with sand. They have been a key element in force protection since their employment in 1991 and are currently used by Marines as blast barriers in Iraq.

"It takes about a day to complete three buildings," said Sgt. Alan Abrams, the RTAMS platoon sergeant. "We have to round up the dirt to fill in the HESCOs we place in the impact area - we never dig because there's a possibility of unexploded ordnance. We also maintain the current ranges and replace

damaged concertina wire.

"Our main issues are coordination and safety," added the Corning, N.Y., native. "It takes a long time to reset everything and build new ranges and without safety, one of the Marines could get seriously hurt or killed."

Due to the size and nature of the project, RTAMS is playing a much larger role than usual, which Carrington said can become highly cost-effective for the Combat Center. Being a retired Marine, he said he understands not only the importance of Marines being able to train, but also the need to help the base save money.

"A lot of the projects RTAMS does now used to be done by civilian contractors," he said. "For instance, for contractors to maintain a 12-mile stretch of road in a training area, it can cost up to half-a-million dollars. If RTAMS is responsible for the road, the only cost is the equipment."

Carrington added another element playing a role in the construction of new ranges in the employment of com-

bat engineers.

"When engineer units come to the base to train, we have a lot of projects we can give them," he said. "We have to build and maintain the FOBs [forward operating bases] that support the training areas. When the engineers are here, they help us do just that. Not only does it provide them with training opportunities, it also helps get the FOBs up and running."

TTECG also understands the importance of building new Mojave Viper ranges at the Combat Center to support multiple infantry battalions and large-scale operations.

"This is really the only place where the Marine Corps can train a full MAGTF [Marine Air Ground Task Force]," said Maj. Andy Watson, the TTECG Maneuver Section officer-in-charge. "However, Mojave Viper can only support one infantry battalion at a time."

"Ultimately, we want to go back to being able to train a MAGTF," added the Irvine, Calif., native. "With the increase in ranges, we'll be able to exercise two full battalions at the same time. All elements of the MAGTF will have the opportunity to train simultaneously."

For Marines in the field, receiving pre-deployment training is crucial for success in both combat and peace-keeping operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
Two Marines from Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, enter a mock insurgent stronghold during the Deliberate Assault Course at Combat Center Range 210 Jan. 16.

"The training here at Mojave Viper focuses my infantry battalion on being able to successfully accomplish mission-essential tasks in an environment conducive to training," said Lt. Col. Christian Cabaniss, the commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, which is based at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., and currently engaged in Mojave Viper training. "To put it simply, we cannot do this type of training at our home station."

"The habits of thought and habits of action that we have already developed are being further refined and really hammered in here," added the Tucker, Ga., native. "My

Marines and sailors are truly prepared for combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom because of this training."

Cabaniss and the rest of "America's Battalion" are preparing for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan later this year.

The Combat Center has been the premiere training center for Marines deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan since Mojave Viper was instituted in 2005. With the help of units like RTAMS and TTECG, as well as civilian contractors, support will continue to be delivered to Marine Corps units training here in the future.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
Marines from Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, evacuate a mock casualty during the Deliberate Assault Course at Combat Center Range 210 Jan. 16. Many of the Combat Center's training areas have ranges built to accommodate Mojave Viper, the base's 30-day pre-deployment training package. In order to increase Mojave Viper training, the installation's Range/Training Areas Maintenance Section has teamed up with civilian contractors to construct a second set of Mojave Viper ranges.

MLC, from A1

Longmont, Colo., native.

During the casualty assessment and evacuation portion of the course, a designated group of students were given coordinates of the location of the notionally injured party. Using a compass and map, the team maneuvered through woods, snow and hills to find their patient.

Once the patient was found, an instructor briefed the team with a physical assessment of the mock patient's condition and injuries. Based on the assessment, the team treated the patient, stabilized him, and secured him to a sled to be transferred to the warmth and safety of their camp station.

If the team took too long to strap the patient to the sled or if they left him exposed to the cold for too long, an instructor would inform the team of the patient's depleting health conditions.

The teams were then given an evaluation of their performance at the end of the exercise.

The student body normally consists of corpsmen, but other service members may enroll in the course through the Naval Operational Medical Institute based out of Pensacola, Fla.

Throughout the 12-day course, first-time students like Petty Officer 3rd Class Trey Gregory, the assistant lead petty officer with 7th Marine Regiment based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., learned winter survival techniques he could not have learned at his home station in the heart of the Mojave Desert.

Gregory said he learned treatments and symptoms of high altitude sickness and



CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE
Petty Officer Nick Gomez, a Navy diver corpsman with Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit 2 out of Little Creek, Va., assists a notional casualty, Petty Officer 3rd Class Erric Apeland, a corpsman with Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command support group, during a Cold Weather Medicine Course at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., Jan. 14.

cold weather injuries as well as mountainous terrain movement.

"We learn things like this so we can move through mountains and get to patients who may need treatment," said Gregory, an Albuquerque, N.M., native. "I also learned that my body can be a lot colder than I thought before it gets frostbite."

Sgt. Jon Welch, a cold weather medicine instructor at MWTC, gave the students their shelter and fire-building techniques class on their second-to-last day of the course.

Welch went over details such as needing ventilation in snow shelters and fire pits to keep clean air circulating, building the best protection from wind, using natural terrain such as fallen trees and rock formations as shelters, avalanche safety, and gathering tinder and wood for fires without compromising concealment.

Cmdr. Joe Kochan, a medical officer with the Operational Health Support Unit of the Great Lakes in

Detroit, said although he has conducted cold weather training before, it was not as in depth as the CWM.

"Now I have a better appreciation of what our current warfighters are going through in Afghanistan," said Kochan, a Lansing, Mich., native. "This is definitely the most physically challenging and most rewarding training I've ever done."

He added the survival tips given to him and the other students on building fires, night survival, avalanche safety and shelter were surprisingly common sense-based.

"A lot of the information they gave us I wouldn't have thought of prior to coming here," added Kochan.

As the students received their graduation certificates, they also received the responsibility of bringing that training to their home units to better prepare their service members for combat operations in Afghanistan.

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MOS monitors are on their way

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marines of the Combat Center will have a chance to meet with the monitors of their military occupational specialties Monday and Tuesday in building 1707.

All Marines with an End of Active Service date prior to Oct. 10 who are considering reenlistment should make time to speak to their monitors, said Staff Sgt. Xavisus Gayden, the Headquarters Battalion career retention specialist.

"Marines who are already decided on reenlisting or may be on the fence about it should go to the briefing and see their MOS monitor," said Gayden, a Houston native.

Gayden added, before Marines see their monitor about re-enlistment, they should already have started preparations on their end.

"Before Marines sit down

with their monitor, Marines should already have spoken with their battalion career planner about multiple things," Gayden said. "Marines should know that the monitor's goal for career retention is primarily duty station. If someone wants to go California, they should request duty stations in California, not all over the place.

"It's best to pick a state where you want to go, and if you meet the requirements for reenlistment you will be able to get it," he added. "The monitor's job is to fill duty stations where the Marine Corps needs them most, and if he can do that and give a Marine where they want, it shouldn't be hard."

Gayden said Marines benefit from having a clean record in terms of their behavior and performance marks among other things.

"High marks in their proficiency and conduct, a good

PFT [physical fitness test] and no adverse page 11's or NJP's [non-judicial punishments] can all play a role in reenlisting," he said. "If a Marine's job is closed out, like so many do quickly in the fiscal year, they have to remember they still have the options for special duty or lateral moving."

Gunnery Sgt. Daniel L. Mintz Jr., the career retention specialist for the Combat Center, elaborated on what a Marine who wants a special duty or lateral move into another job needs to do.

"If you want to go on MSG [Marine Security Guard], security forces, or drill instructor or recruiting duty, you need to meet different prerequisites for the different special duties," said the Twentynine Palms, Calif., native. "For special duty and even some MOSs, it is required that you have a first class PFT, be financially stable, and for MSG especially if you

are a sergeant or below, you cannot be married."

Mintz added, to lateral move into certain jobs Marines must meet the requirements for the Quality Reenlistment Program.

"The QR may be different from one field to another," he said. "In a time of war like we are in now, it is important for Marines in 03 [infantry] fields to reenlist, because that is who you fight a war with."

After requirements are met, Marines who do reenlist can receive many benefits for signing on for another contract, said Staff Sgt. Mario Saldivar, the 1st Tank Battalion career retention specialist.

"Multiple jobs get re-sign bonuses, and points come with reenlistment and special duties," said the Brownsville, Texas, native. "Marines get more money. They can see more of the Marine Corps if they change stations. That is



LANCE CPL. M. C. NERL

Monitors from every career field are scheduled to be here Monday and Tuesday and Marines must speak with their career retention specialist before meeting with their monitor.

what the monitor is for, but they try to keep it simple when dealing with many Marines who come back for another four years."

Saldivar added Marines get lots of opportunities for reenlisting, and continued to recommend the fact those special duties taken on by Marines will help them later for promotion.

"When you reenlist, that's another four years of commitment in your life," he said.

"You will have many opportunities to go places and do things, but overall with special duties, it helps you get to that next level in rank."

Saldivar finished with the fact that any Marine who decides to stick around needs to consider what is important for them and their career. He said he feels Marines who want to have an extra competitive edge should look at special duties when reenlisting.

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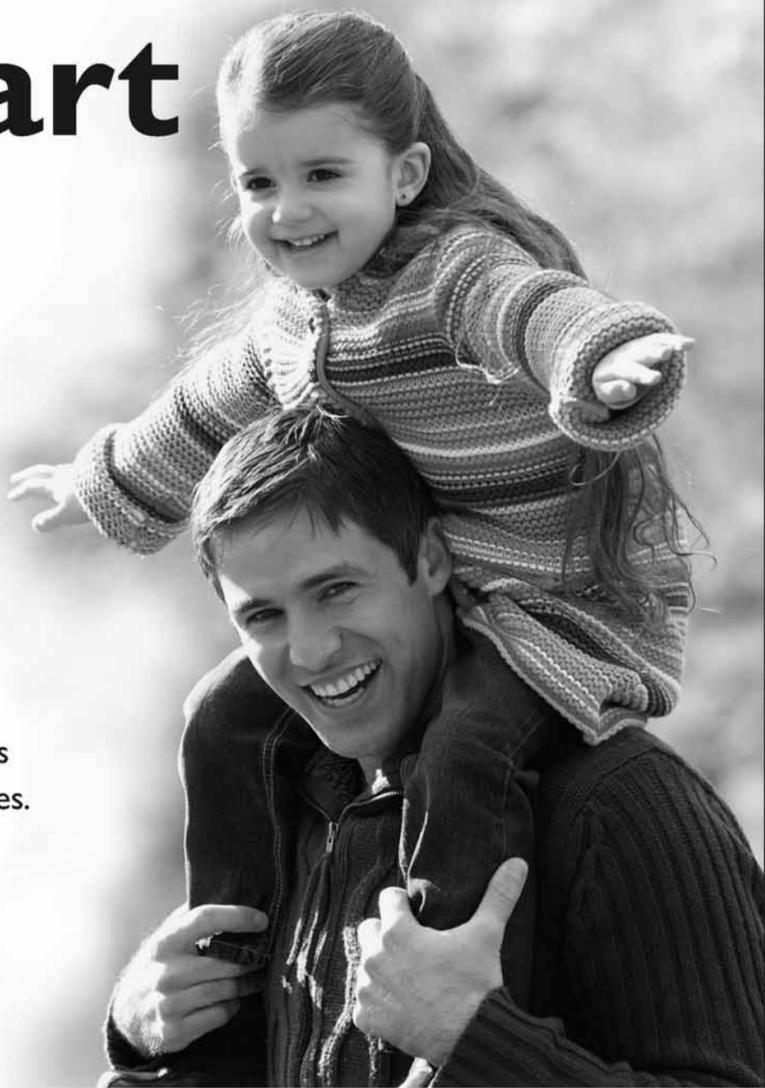
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Operation Hero off to a great start

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Nine children, ranging from second to sixth grade sit in a circle at the Condor Elementary School aboard the Combat Center laughing and joking with each other, a group of friends simply relaxing after school. What most people may overlook in these happy children is many of them go through an abundance of stress and problems throughout their grow-



LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON
Ariana Quackenbush, 7, tells the other children participating in Operation Hero one thing she likes, during the program at Condor Elementary School Jan. 21.

ing years due to having an active duty military parent.

The Armed Services YMCA has a program called Operation Hero, which specifically helps these children deal with their stress and problems that arise from a multitude of angles that result from having a military parent.

"Operation Hero is an enrichment program for children of any military branch," said Debra Nealy, an Operation Hero and Kids Care Club facilitator. "After school we help them with situations they deal with daily."

Chloe McGinley, the ASYMCA Operation Hero and Kids Care Club coordinator agreed with Nealy, saying military children have different needs than a civilian's child.

"These children have to deal with constant deployments and moving every three to four years," she said.

Operation Hero participants meet after school for 10 weeks and are taught how to cope with being a child with a parent, or parents, in the military. After a child graduates from Operation Hero, they can become part of the Kids Care Club, take everything they learned during their 10 weeks in Operation Hero, and use it to help the community and the Combat Center through care packages and community service.

"Its cool; I like all the things we do here," said Caitlyn Rogers, a 9-year-old Operation Hero participant. "I really like all the lessons and projects that we do."

Week one is called "Me, Myself and I", which covers self esteem and discovering who they are. The first week is extremely important since it also introduces the children to each other and gives them an opportunity to share who they are and what they like with the other students.

"I like it when we have to tell about ourselves," said Rogers, who had just finished playing a game that tells the other students about their favorite hobbies.

Week two is called "Family", which starts off with "Heritage day." On this day, children can bring a type of food that is related to their heritage and share it with the class. During this week, the children have an opportunity to talk about their families, and acknowledge their differences.

Weeks three and four are considered friendship weeks. During these weeks, the children understand how small the military actually is, which helps them realize they may see friends again after moving, said McGinley.

During friendship weeks, the children will also have the opportunity to experience "Nickelodeon Day", which provides a variety of games and activities that leave most of the children covered in the television channel's trademark slime.

Weeks five and six are all about feelings. During this time, the staff instructs the children the proper way to manage anger by creating an anger rock.



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Abraham Bell, 8, writes in his journal during an Operation Hero class Wednesday at Condor Elementary School. Operation Hero is a 10-week course that meets after school and teaches how to cope with being a child with military parents.

"They can decorate the anger rock however they want," said McGinley. "The purpose is so when they go home and are mad, they can yell at the rock, not their parents. It helps them get their feelings out."

During these weeks, the children will also receive help in communicating to adults and learn how to properly deal with conflicts.

"Disappointments and sadness are all parts of growing up, but it is a lot harder on military children," said McGinley. "During these weeks we will show them how to overcome these feelings."

Weeks seven and eight teach the children about responsibility, which ranges from being responsible to themselves by staying healthy, to

helping out at home.

"During this week we show them why it is important to be honest and to make good choices," said McGinley.

Weeks nine and 10 cover conflict resolution, reviewing everything that had been taught throughout the past 10 weeks and then a graduation ceremony.

During the graduation ceremony, children can use superbucks, which they earned throughout the course, to buy toys that were donated to the ASYMCA. Each child will also receive a certificate and an open spot in the Kids Care Club.

For more information regarding Operation Hero, contact McGinley or Nealy at 830-7481.

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Varsity basketball teams crash boards at Desert Classic

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The Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team made a strong showing over the weekend when they competed in the second Desert Classic Basketball Tournament at the East Gym Jan. 17 and 18.

Skip Best, the athletic director for Marine Corps Community Services Sports, said the tournament is for military varsity teams in the Southwest United States and is hosted so varsity teams get a chance to compete against each other outside of league play.

This year's tournament featured the varsity teams from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., and Los Angeles Air Force Base.

The team's first challenger was MCAS Miramar, who came ready to play and applied the pressure early, outlasting the Combat Center, and forcing them to enter the second half down eight points.

However, in the second half the Combat Center settled down and quickly turned the tide, forcing Miramar to consistently lose possession of the ball, and thanks to great individual play on offense,

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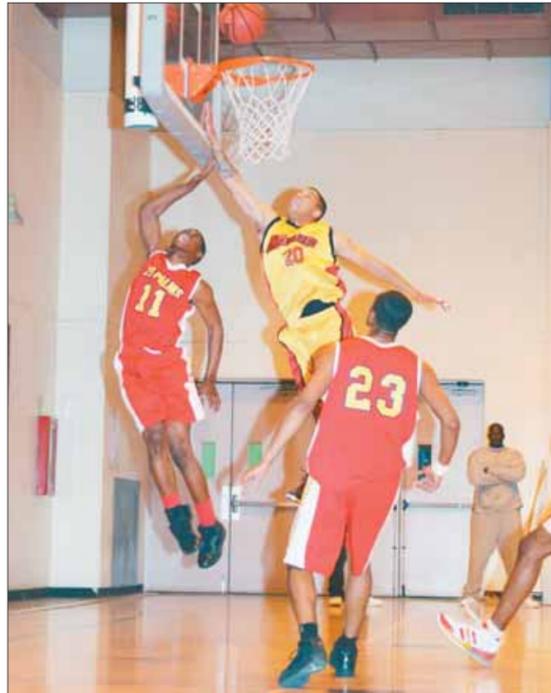


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Members of the Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team out jump players from Los Angeles Air Force Base during the team's 48-47 loss to Los Angeles at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 17.

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Jerome W. McCray, a member of the Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team, flies to the hoop during his team's 84-68 win over Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 18.



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Brandon Dobbs, a member of the Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team, puts up two points after completing a fast break during his team's 48-47 loss to Los Angeles Air Force Base at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 17.



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Justin Simmons, a member of the Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team, watches his shot fall after going strong to the hoop during his team's 90-87 loss to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 18 at the Combat Center's East Gym.



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Players from the Combat Center's and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's varsity basketball teams fight for a rebound during the Combat Center's 90-87 loss to Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 18 at the Combat Center's East Gym.

Dodgeball action offers friendly competition



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY J. NOLA

Team	Wins	Losses
Jive Turkeys	2	0
Fainting Goats	2	0
Sapper	2	0
Hospital	1	1
Tanks #4	1	1
MCCES A Co.	1	1
A-Team	1	1
Dental	0	2
Unpredictable	0	2
MTU	0	2

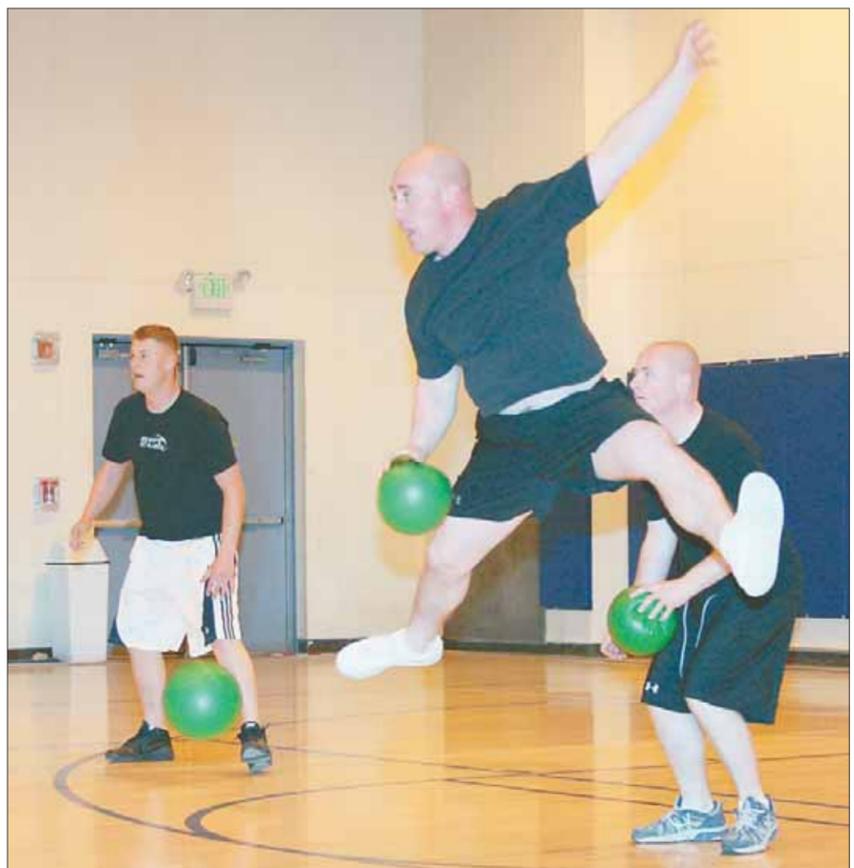
A member of Dental hits the deck in order to avoid being hit during intramural dodgeball action at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 20. Dental would lose the match 3-1 at the hands of team Sapper.



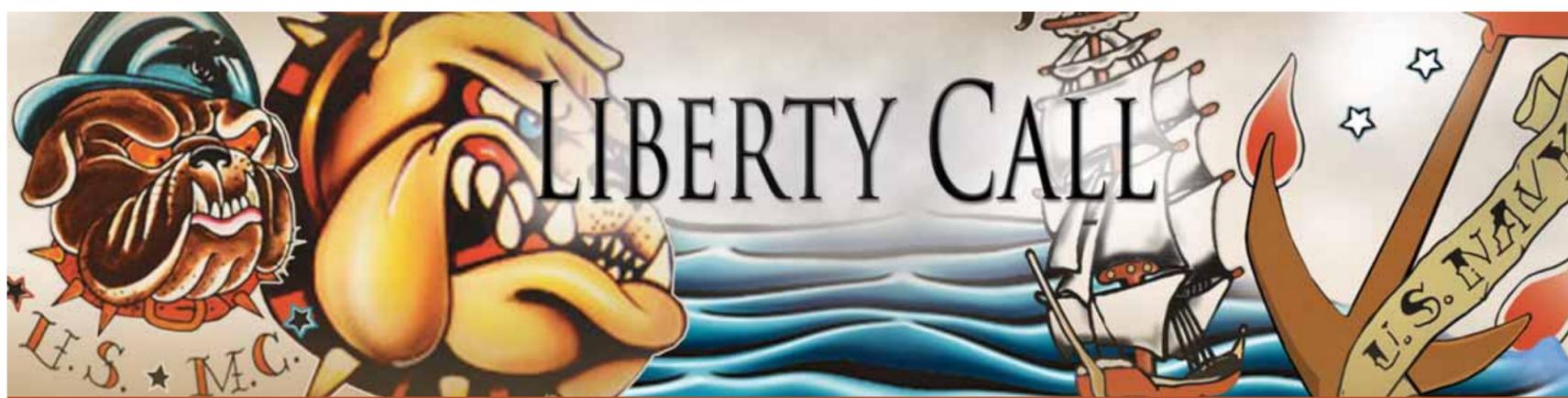
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A member of the Jive Turkeys prepares for direct hit to the lower extremities during intramural dodgeball action at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 20.

Monday's Scores

Game 1: MTU	0	MCCES A Co.	3
Game 2: Unpredictables	0	Sapper	3
Game 3: A-Team	3	Hospital	0
Game 4: Tanks #4	0	Jive Turkeys	3
Game 5: Dental	0	Fainting Goats	3



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A member of the Jive Turkeys uses his vertical leap to avoid an opponent's shot during intramural dodgeball action at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 20. The Jive Turkeys defeated A-Team 3-1.



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Worlds collide in Eastwood's 'Gran Torino'

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Gran Torino, Rated R
 Starring Clint Eastwood

Clint Eastwood directed, produced and stars in "Gran Torino," a powerful and moving story about

what happens when very different worlds collide. He plays Walt Kowalski, a retired Ford autoworker, decorated Korean War veteran and recent widower. After the funeral, Walt returns to his home in a rundown Detroit neighborhood that has been re-populated almost entirely by

immigrants. A family of Hmongs, an ethnic group from Southeast Asia, lives next door. Walt doesn't like his neighbors, and they don't particularly care for him. To be fair, Walt doesn't much care for anybody. He's a prickly, bigoted grump, and his language is a growly, snarly stew of curses and blunt insults. In a world awash with political correctness, old-school Walt refuses to swim with the flow. You'll marvel, and often chuckle, at his endless stream of colorful ethnic nicknames—and you'll wonder how long it's going to take him to break out the arsenal of firearms he keeps within easy reach. That Eastwood makes Walt likeable despite his seeming lack of likeability is a major acting coup.

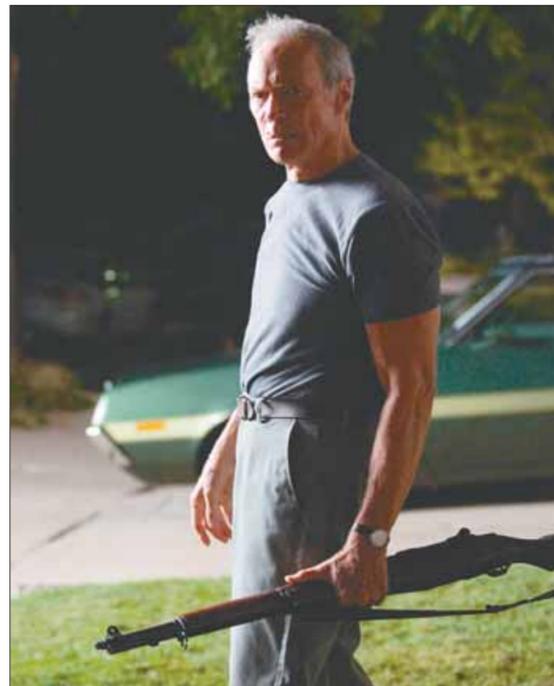
Walt's one passion is his 1972 Gran Torino, an icon of a time when the world around him didn't look quite so unfamiliar and threatening. Walt's relationship with his neighbors gets a surprising jolt when his beloved Torino becomes the object of a foiled neighborhood gang initiation in which his teenage Hmong neighbor, Thoa, has been pressed to participate. When the gang returns to punish Thoa for botching the job, the ensuing scuffle spills onto Walt's front yard. He quickly intercedes, wielding a shotgun and hissing the movie's most memorable line: "Get off my lawn!"

By dispersing the gang before they can harm Thoa, Walt becomes a hero to the community. Thoa, seeking forgiveness by doing grunt work for Walt, begins to pry apart the cracks in his crusty neighbor's rusty armor. But the gang isn't going to let bygones be bygones. "Gran Torino" covers a lot of ground as it rolls: religion, the toll of war, mortality, what it means to be a man. But every frame of the movie leads to its mind-blowing showdown, which doesn't end at all like you think it will—even when you think you know just how it's going to end. At 78, Eastwood has acted in almost 50 different movies. Put Walt Kowalski in the top tier of memorable characters he's brought to life on the screen. And count on thinking about the ending of "Grand Torino," and the sweeping statement Eastwood makes with it, for a long time after the credits roll.



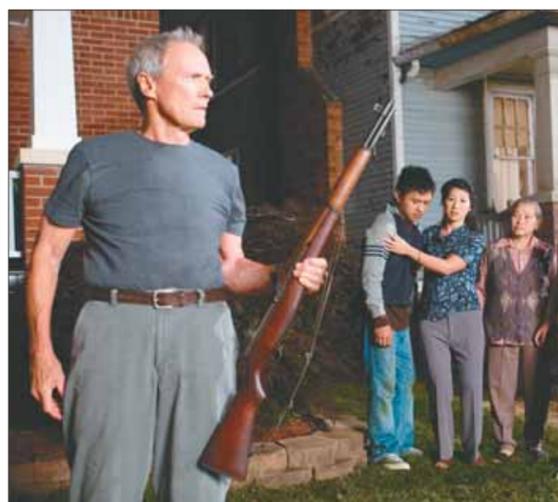
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Walt returns to his home in a rundown Detroit neighborhood that has been re-populated almost entirely by immigrants. A family of Hmongs, an ethnic group from Southeast Asia, lives next door.



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Clint Eastwood plays Walt Kowalski, a retired Ford autoworker, decorated Korean War veteran and recent widower.



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Walt Kowalski, played by Clint Eastwood, foils a neighborhood gang initiation in which his teenage Hmong neighbor, Thoa, has been pressed to participate.

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'Slumdog Millionaire' is full of surprises

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Slumdog Millionaire,
Rated R

Starring Dev Patel, Anil Kapoor and Freida Pinto

An orphan boy from the ghettos of India grows up to bust the bank on his country's version of the TV game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?". How did this "slumdog" do it? Was it genius? Was it cheating? Was it written in the stars?

That's the premise of "Slumdog Millionaire," the riveting new movie from British director Danny Boyle (based on a 2005 novel) with an all-Indian cast of unknown actors. This inter-

national underdog tale has become a surprise hit in America, and justifiably so—it's full of vitality, brimming with excitement and bursting with heart.

We follow the story of Jamal Malick (Patel), a tossed-about ragamuffin whose life of shocking harshness and hardship has led him to a most improbable spot. In front of a cheering "Millionaire" audience in a television studio, he's on his way to winning an astronomical haul of 20 million rupees by answering each question correctly over the course of two days.

The host of the show smells a rat. So do the local police. How could a lowly slumdog know which U.S. President's face is on a \$100

bill? The singer of a song based on a poem written five centuries ago? Who invented the revolver? As Jamal knocks down each question, one by one, we see a series of dramatic flashbacks to moments—some of them wrenching to watch, warranting the film's R rating—that have seared the answers into his brain.

Even after you find out how—and why—Jamal got into the "Millionaire" hot seat, and how he knows what he knows, you'll still have to wait for the answer to the biggest question of all: Will his destiny lead him where his heart so passionately wants to go?

"Slumdog Millionaire" is an exhilarating movie experi-



COURTESY PHOTO

Jamal Malick, played by Dev Patel, sits in front of a cheering audience in a television studio, on his way to winning an astronomical haul of 20 million rupees by correctly answering each question.

ence that plops you into a gritty world most Americans never see. As it jets along on a rocket-fuel cocktail of blood-pumping adrenaline, powerful secrets, searing

heartache and rousing uplift, you never know where it's headed, which unexpected turn it will take or how it will finally end.

And, fittingly for a movie

so full of terrific surprises, it even saves one for the very last. Stick around for the musical dance sequence that plays as the credits roll. It'll send you home on a cloud.



LANCE CPL. M. C. NERL

Lorenza Alford, a forward with Hospital goes up and over the Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 A-Team opposition to score. Hospital finished with a score of 65 to 46 over MWSS-374.

Hoop stars slamdunk week two

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Ranked Team	Wins	Losses	%
1 1/7	2	0	1000
1 1st Tanks	1	0	1000
1 Ol' School Plus	1	0	1000
1 NHTP	1	0	1000
5 MCCES All-Stars	0	0	1000
5 MCCES A	0	0	1000
5 MWSS-374 (B)	0	0	1000
5 3d CEB	0	0	1000
9 MWSS-374 (A)	1	1	500
10 CLB-7	0	1	0
11 IPAC	0	2	0
11 MCCES Party	0	2	0

Totals **6** **6**



LANCE CPL. M. C. NERL

Adam Corzatt, a guard with Suicide Charley, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, drives past the Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School defense to finish the game with a win for 1/7. They came out on top, defeating MCCES 56-44 Wednesday night.

Twilight: a biting romantic fantasy of complete greatness

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The following review outlines the first book in the "Twilight" saga, *Twilight*, the basis for the movie of the same name currently out in theaters.

Twilight, by Stephanie Meyer, is the first book in a four-book series that dips into fantasy, romance and the hardships of teenage life. It has twists and turns that make each page a delight to read, and keeps the reader on their toes.

The book was easy to read and didn't confuse the story line with unnecessary ideas that were unrelated to what was happening. It was extremely descriptive, which almost leave you feeling the rainy setting of Forks, Wash., where the main characters live.

The book revolves around Isabella "Bella" Swan and

Edward Cullen, and their shaky romance. Told through the eyes of Bella, it keeps Edward and his family shrouded in secrecy as Bella tries to unravel the mysterious nature of the love of her life. Yet, when she finally does figure out Edward and the rest of his family are vampires, or "cold ones" her love for him and his family deepens as they welcome her into their life with open arms.

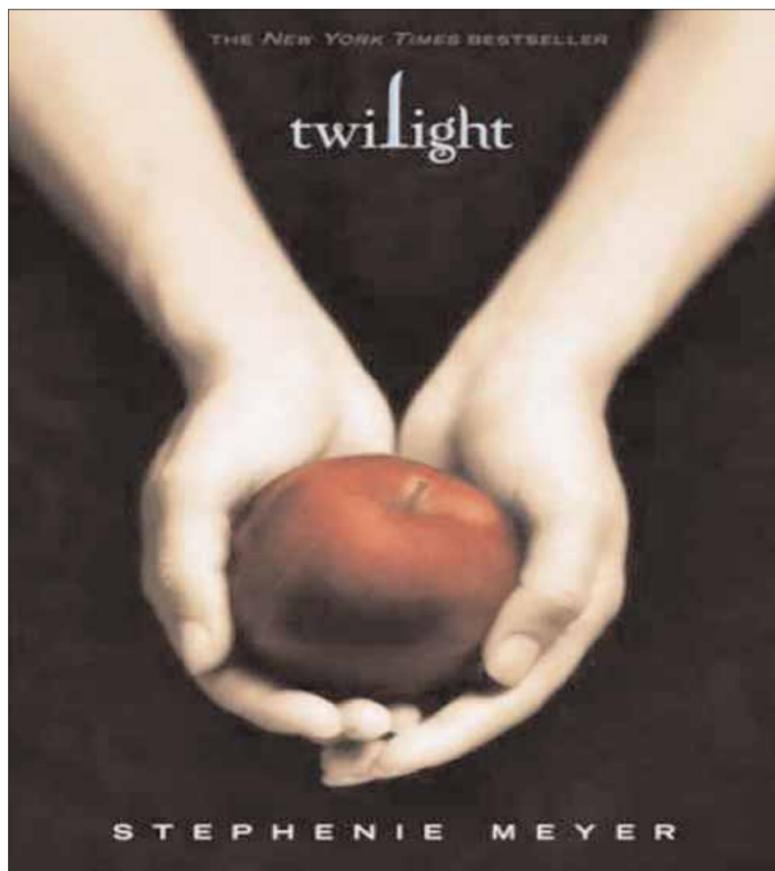
The character Bella was wonderfully written and completely believable, keeping the mood light with her sarcastic inner voice and clumsiness. She portrays a person many can relate too, with attributes like a lack of self-confidence and her inability to pass gym class.

The romantic angle between Edward and Bella is compelling, yet sometimes frustrating. There is a forlorn

feeling that hovers over their relationship as Edward struggles to stay under control and not indulge in normal vampiric behavior, yet neither of the two are willing to give up their love for one another in fear of what would happen if they were torn apart.

The book twists into action as Edward's love for Bella puts her in imminent danger from a group of vampires that have decided to make Bella their next target. That not only puts Bella in danger, but her entire family.

This book is slated toward young adults, but lovers of vampire stories and romance fanatics will also enjoy this book immensely. Buying this book on tape or checking it out from the Lifelong Learning Library on Sixth Street is also a great way to indulge in the *Twilight* mystery.



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the Combat Center came out victorious with a 63-50 win.

"We started off slow," said Michael B. Gray, the head coach of the Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team. "In the second half we put the pressure on them and it showed."

In their second game, the team faced Los Angeles Air Force Base and, unlike the first game, started off strong. However, the team seemed to lose momentum and gave up valuable points at the end of the first half, barely escaping with a one-point lead at the half.

The second half saw both teams put forth strong efforts to grasp for the win, with the lead regularly changing hands. Even though Los Angeles struggled at the foul line, the Combat Center came out at the losing end with Los Angeles claiming a 48-47 victory.

Before the team's third game on Jan. 18 against MCRD San Diego, who entered the second day of play at 0-2, Gray told his team to play hard, execute the plays, and mentally prepare for a possible game against Camp Pendleton later in the day.

The pep talk seemed to work, as the Combat Center held a 20-point lead throughout most of the game and cruised to a 84-68 victory.

The Combat Center's next opponent, in the tournament's semifinals, was Camp Pendleton, who entered the game with two wins.

Both teams came out with intensity and a fighting spirit. Whenever one team tried to build a solid lead over the other, the opposing team

quickly rebounded and put points back up.

The game, which drew a large crowd, was very fast paced, and both teams relied on strong individual and defensive play, as well as fast breaks and high shooting percentages at the foul line.

The game even provided fans with a couple of fantastic slam dunks, which got members of other teams excited and curious about how the game would end.

The Combat Center fought hard to the bitter end, but suffered defeat at the last second, falling 90-87 to Camp Pendleton, who would claim second place after losing in the championship game 65-50 to Los Angeles.

Although his team did not win the tournament, Gray was pleased with their effort.

"We played a great tournament," said Gray. "Win or lose, we played one of our best games all year against Camp Pendleton."

Owen Oliver, a member of the varsity basketball team, was disappointed at not winning the tournament, but summed up the team's participation in three simple words.

"It was fun," said Oliver.

The team hits the road this weekend when they travel to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., as part of league play. The team will also compete in a tournament, similar to the Desert Classic, hosted by Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., before returning to the Combat Center Feb. 21 to finish out the regular season.

Varsity League playoffs are slated to begin at the end of February.



LANCE CPL ZACHARY J. NOLA

Brandon Dobbs, a member of the Combat Center's Varsity Basketball Team, fights a member for a rebound during his team's 48-47 loss to Los Angeles Air Force Base at the Combat Center's East Gym Jan. 17.

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