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ASYMCA honors fallen with memorial

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A plaque commemorating all of the Combat Center Marines and sailors who have paid the ultimate

price during combat operations since 2003, was dedicated by the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association to the Combat Center Monday.

The plaque, engraved with the 149 names, was encircled by 149

national flags, one for each name on the monument.

"We wanted to give the Marines and sailors here a place to go to honor their fallen friends," said Kelly Roybal, the special events coordinator at the ASYMCA. "This will be

set out every military holiday [such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day], and they can come down and pay respects."

The ASYMCA came up with the

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Combat Center mechanics affected by California PERC crackdown

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AIR RESOURCES MANAGER, MCAGCC NREA

In 2008, California increased their regulatory control by prohibiting use of the carcinogenic chemical Perchloroethylene, also known as PERC, for all automotive maintenance. This law impacts how Combat Center mechanics do business.

Historically, mechanics have used solvents containing PERC for regular automotive maintenance, known as Electro-Safe, even though these aerosol solvents were labeled as an energized electronic cleaner. This new regulation now stipulates that PERC can only be used on energized electronic equipment. All other uses, including automotive maintenance, must find an alternative.

PERC is so effective as a solvent, the electronics, dry cleaning and carpet cleaning industries have all benefitted from using it. However, over the years, the health effects from exposure of this chemical have become too great to ignore.

Exposure to PERC is believed to increase mortality, cause birth defects and cause numerous types of cancer. PERC not only contaminates our lungs, it finds its way into our bodies by contaminating our drinking water and our food supplies.

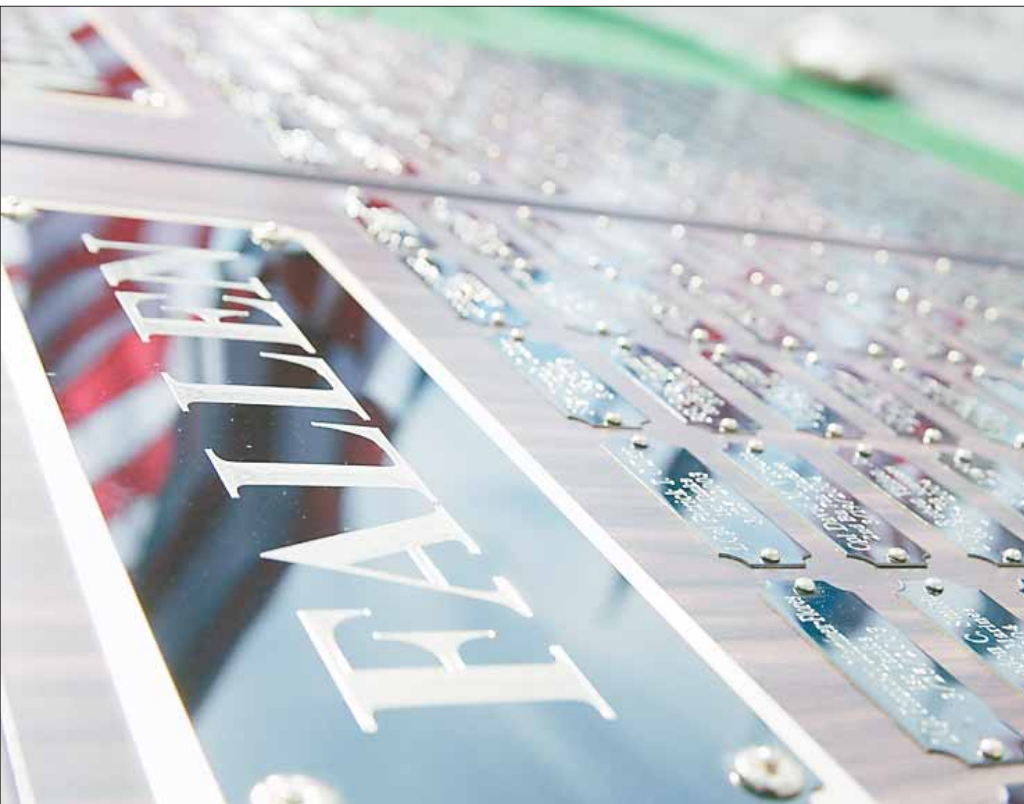
Because of the harmful nature of this chemical and the increased regulatory requirements, it is imperative PERC products be replaced with safer alternative products. Only qualified users will be authorized to purchase and use PERC products aboard the Combat Center. To become a qualified user of a product containing PERC, the usage of the product must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Combat Center's air resources manager. No automotive or general maintenance application will be approved.

Many safer alternatives to PERC solvents have been identified and are available at the GSA Grainger Store. They are non-chlorinated solvent-based products and

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Combat Center personnel pay their respects during a flag memorial ceremony and plaque unveiling dedicated to the 149 fallen Combat Center Marines and sailors since 2003 at the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association building Monday.



Pictured is the plaque dedicated to the 149 Combat Center Marines and sailors lost during combat operations since 2003. The plaque was donated by the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association and was unveiled at a memorial ceremony at the Combat Center Monday.



The 149 national flags donated by the Armed Services Young Mens Christian Association surround a plaque engraved with the names of the 149 Combat Center Marines and sailors lost in combat since 2003, at a memorial ceremony Monday.

Deadline to update new MOL mass communication tool is today

COMPILED BY MCAGCC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Marines are required to update their personal information in the new Marine Online Mass Communication Solution by Feb. 25.

The MOL Mass Communication Solution helps improve the way commanders and their family readiness officers effectively communicate with their Marines, spouses and families.

To update their personal contact information, the Marine must first log on to www.mol.usmc.mil, then click

on the 'Personal Info' tab. Then towards the bottom left of the page under the 'Personal Updates' section the Marine must click on the link titled 'Family Readiness.'

Married Marines must add their spouse first, then they may add their other contacts.

The MOL mass communication solution was implemented in select locations in October, but is now available for use by every unit and Marine.

The old Mass Communication Tool, which required the unit FRO to upload the Marine's information from

handwritten forms, went offline for Marines who are not currently deployed Jan. 31. Those who are deployed have been given an extension until June.

Marines are responsible for keeping the information current, and each gaining command FRO will be able to access the new Marine's information without asking him or her to fill out the information sheet.

After inputting their personal contact information into the new system, each individual Marine will also be required to update that information

within 10 days of checking into a new unit, but they are free to update it at any time if the information changes.

With the new system Marines can add those they wish to be notified.

The MOL Mass Communication System is currently in Phase 1, where contacts only receive e-mails. When Phase 2 commences, they will also be able to receive text messages and recorded phone messages.

For more information, contact your unit's family readiness officer or refer to Marine Administrative Message 076/11.

MCAGCC health fair scheduled for April

DAN BARBER

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, ROBERT E. BUSH NAVAL HOSPITAL

An Active Duty and Base Employee Health Fair will be held April 7-8 at the base theater.

This special program will be presented in two-hour segments starting each day at 7:30 a.m. and running until 3 p.m.

Your health is not only important to you, but also to your health care provider.

According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 55 percent of all cases of poor health and nearly half of all premature deaths in this country are caused by lifestyle-related problems. This health fair will focus on offering the necessary health information to maintain a strong and healthy lifestyle.

The fair will offer Hearing Conservation, Men's Health, Women's Health, Tobacco Cessation, Sexual Health/ STD Prevention, Behavioral Health, Internet addiction, Self

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Snow day workout for TRICARE kids

SHARON FOSTER
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

A snow day can cause excitement for many children. A day without school means texting friends, talking on the phone, playing video games, watching TV and eating lots of junk food. Sadly, bad winter weather can encourage bad winter habits too.

"A snow day workout – outside or inside – can keep children busy and active," said Cmdr. Aileen Buckler, TRICARE population health physician. "It can also start them on a path to getting and staying in shape."

It is no secret that today almost one in three children is overweight or obese. At this rate, a third of all children born in 2000 or later will suffer from diabetes at some point in their lives. Many others will face chronic obesity-related health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer and asthma, according to Let's Move!, a campaign started by first lady Michelle Obama. The goal of the campaign, launched one year ago, is to solve the problem of childhood obesity in the U.S. within a generation.

How did the country get here? Inactivity and bad food choices, according to Let's Move! experts.

Thirty years ago, kids walked to and from school every day, ran around at recess, participated in gym class and played for hours after school before dinner. Today, according to Let's Move!, kids lead a very different kind of life. Walks to and from school have been replaced by car and bus rides. Gym class and school sports have been cut and afternoons are often spent with the TV, video games and the Internet. Eating habits have changed also. Kids eat more snacks between meals and get more of their calories from fast food.

A snow day workout can be a great opportunity to get children moving. Physical activity is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. In combination with healthy eating, it can help prevent a range of chronic diseases. It also helps control weight, builds lean muscle, reduces fat, promotes strong bone, muscle and joint development and decreases the risk of obesity, according to Let's Move!

Children need 60 minutes of active and vigorous play every day to grow up to a healthy weight.

Some fun snow day outside activities may include making a snowman or snow fort, throwing snow balls, sledding and ice skating. Indoor activities may include "green light/red light" games, Twister, musical chairs and light exercising (stretching, pushups, sit ups, jumping jacks).

Safety should always be the first concern when children participate in any winter activities. TRICARE beneficiaries should make sure their children wear appropriate warm clothing outdoors such as coats, gloves, hats and boots. If the weather is too cold, children should not be permitted to play outside. Children should always wear properly fitting safety equipment including helmets and other padding.

The next snow day, TRICARE beneficiaries should encourage their children to bundle up for a brisk outside workout! Don't allow cold weather to give them cold feet.

For more information on healthy diets, exercise and ways to help prevent obesity, visit TRICARE's Get Fit "Just for Kids" website at <http://www.tricare.mil/getfit/justforkids.aspx>.

Centerspeak

What are you going to do with your tax return?

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PFC. PATRICK MULCARE
COMPANY A, MARINE CORPS
COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS SCHOOL

"I probably am going to save it in a bank."



STAFF SGT. SCOTT PRIDE
COMPANY D, 3RD ASSAULT AMPHIBIAN BATTALION

"Pay a few bills and take out my wife."



CPL. ROMAN CASTROGARZA
MATERIAL READINESS CO.,
COMBAT LOGISTICS TEAM 7

"It is my sister's 15th coming up, so I have to spend my money on getting my uniform ready and buying tickets to go home and back."



STAFF SGT. BRIAN JOHNSON
MARINE UNMANNED AERIAL
VEHICLE SQUADRON 3

"Most of it is going into savings because I am deploying here shortly, and the other is going to clothes and car."

Hot Topics

CHILDREN'S DANCE PARTY

There will be a dance party today for children in 1st through 3rd grades, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in building 692. Cost is \$2 and includes chips, cookies and drinks. For more information please call 830-3227 x 271 or visit <http://www.mccs29palms.com>.

BASE BOWLING LEAGUE

The Commanding General's Bowling League is coming up soon! Sign-ups are now, and league play will begin March 16. Coaches meeting will be March 9 at 3 p.m. at Sandy Hill Lanes Bowling Center. For more information, call 830-4092.

TRAVELING PETTING ZOO IN TOWN SOON

There will be a traveling petting zoo at the Community Center on Joe Davis Drive, just south of Luckie Park, in Twentynine Palms, March 3-13. The zoo will feature an array of exotic animals, such as zebras and camels, as well as some barnyard favorites, like baby goats. Admission for military and law enforcement personnel is free. Admission for all others is \$1. For more information, call 367-7562.

Marine Corps History

Feb. 24, 1991

The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.



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[Puzzle solutions on A7]

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 10. Cost-of-living stat
 13. Bullring "Bravo!"
 14. First Burmese prime minister
 15. Debtor's letters
 16. Hasty escape
 17. Model builder's buy
 18. ___ to (begins to like)
 20. Psychic's claim
 21. "Decline and Fall" satirist
 23. Berne's river
 24. Sandwich purveyor
 25. Clean-air org
 26. "... ___ can't get up!"
 27. Mr. Magoo player of 1997
 32. Walk, as through mud
 33. Like some finger prints
 34. Polo Ground hero Mel
 37. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
 38. Take a load off
 39. Govt. lawyers
 40. Strong points
 42. Snake's posture
 44. Hall of Fame quarterback known for "scrambling"
 48. Give off
 49. Sweetie
 50. Intense craving
 53. Stimp's pal
 54. "Trees" poet
 58. U-turn from WSW
 59. Card catalog names
 60. "I'll ___ monkey's uncle!"
 61. I-95, e.g.
 62. "Sort of" suffix
 63. Matchsticks game
 64. Actor ___ "Kookie" Byrnes
 65. Draft org
 66. Moon vehicle, briefly
 67. Snaky shape
 68. Reuben bread
- DOWN**
1. Jabbed in the ribs
 2. Still in contention
 3. Give the same old story
 4. "Peanuts" girl
 5. "Author unknown," for short
 6. Exceed in importance
 7. American Indian language family
 8. Chanteuse's offering
 9. Derrière
 10. Rid of grime
 11. Rose Bowl city
 12. Marks with a rubber stamp
 19. Carton sealer
 22. Fibber's repertoire
 26. Cockpit abbr.
 28. Icy forecast
 29. "___ luck!"
 30. Troy, as it's also known
 31. Weird Al Yankovic parody
 34. Proposal presenters
 35. Inflicts mental anguish on
 36. Entry-level workers, perhaps
 38. Act starter
 41. Demolition letters
 43. Lounge about
 45. Drummer's output
 46. Former Big Apple mayor Ed
 47. Uniform feature
 51. Run-down
 52. Give this for that
 54. Monopoly corner
 55. York's river
 56. Mr. Kristofferson
 57. Doctrines

Combat Center Spotlight

Name: Terry Mayes
Hometown: Cardiff By The Sea, Calif.
Unit: Marine Corps Community Services Marketing
Job title: Multimedia Specialist
Job duties: Taking photos and shooting video, building presentations for the different facilities, and commercials for sponsorship, and all the video for the exchange and theater.
What do you like most about your job?: "Taking photography, video and special effects editing."
Significant achievements: Commercial photography of wild animals
Time at Combat Center: 10 years



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LANCE CPL. ANDREW D. THORBURN

An audience member places the final puzzle piece to complete a magic trick after Kimberly Bornstein, co-host of the Bornstein Experiment, randomly drew the correct pieces from a bag during Operation Magic at the Sunset Cinema Feb. 16.



LANCE CPL. ANDREW D. THORBURN

Chipper Lowell, an award-winning comedian, pretends to hook an audience member up to a car battery and radio tower to send signals during Operation Magic at the Sunset Cinema Feb. 16.



LANCE CPL. ANDREW D. THORBURN

Chipper Lowell, an award-winning comedian, juggles a meat cleaver, ax and a toilet plunger during Operation Magic at the Sunset Cinema Feb. 16.

Operation Magic



LANCE CPL. ANDREW D. THORBURN

Kimberly Bornstein, a co-host with the Bornstein Experiment, claims to read an audience member's mind and calls out items in the volunteer's wallet during Operation Magic at the Sunset Cinema Feb. 16.

SJA CORNER

When does a Marine need a will?

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JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE

Well before deployment, Marines need to consider whether they need a will. This includes considering their family situation, their assets and their desires for where they want their assets to go.

However, contrary to popular belief, many Marines do not need wills. Single Marines or those Marines with spouses who are not expecting children may not need wills.

One very useful part of a will is designating guardians for children. Before you make a will and designate guardians for your children, make sure you talk to your spouse and agree who these guardians will be. No one wants a court fight when two spouses designate different guardians and die in the same accident.

You can also designate conservators for the assets that the children will be inheriting. This option may be advisable if you have a family member who will be a great guardian, but is not good with handling finances.

Finally, if you have children who may stand to inherit your belongings, including your SGLI insurance, you will likely want to establish a trust to designate exactly who will control the money and how and when it will be distributed to your children.

Marines who are single may be able to avoid probate altogether and not need a will if they only have certain assets.

Many financial accounts, like savings, checking and mutual funds, have pay on death designations available. If you fill out these POD clauses, these assets pass outside of probate, and no will is needed.

These clauses should only be used to pass assets to adults. If you want to pass them to a minor, you will likely need a trust and possibly a will.

Also, if you have real estate and it is titled as joint tenancy with right of survivorship, the other person on the title will

receive the property. Some states also allow vehicles to be titled with right of survivorship, which may be a good option for those whose most valuable asset is their vehicle.

Of course, one should be careful when selecting a joint owner as this owner has immediate rights to the property and this titling could trigger gift tax consequences.

The true default for death without a will is called intestacy or dying intestate.

Each state has their own rules for passing assets when someone dies without a will, but they have similarities. In general, if you are single without children, your parents will receive all your belongings. If you are married without children, the spouse receives

everything. If you are single with children, your children receive everything.

If this method of distributing your belongings is acceptable, you do not need a will.

Finally, regardless of whether you get a will, please get a durable power of attorney for health care and a durable power of attorney for finances.

These documents enable you to select others to make medical and financial decisions if you become incapacitated. Forms for these documents and our complete will questionnaire are available at the Combat Center Legal Assistance website: <http://www.marines.mil/unit/29palm/s/SJA/pages/LegalAssistance.aspx>.

'Payne Games' keep 3rd LAR Marines ready, boosts camaraderie

CPL. NED JOHNSON

1ST MARINE DIVISION

COMBAT OUTPOST PAYNE, Afghanistan – Dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge are the five D's of dodge ball.

But Marines, at Combat Outpost Payne, have added a letter of their own to the popular playground game: "don," as in don and clear

a gas mask.

Marines and sailors with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Forward), play "combat dodge ball" during the weekly "Payne Games."

Six teams competed in the dodge ball game, Jan. 30, where wearing a gas mask

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CPL. NED JOHNSON

Corporal Jonathan Zambito, a navigator with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Forward), raises the winner's belt after the weekly "Payne Games," Jan. 30. Zambito and fellow motor transport Marines won the coveted Wolf's head belt this week.



CPL. NED JOHNSON

Lance Cpl. Nathaniel Snider, an administration clerk with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Forward), throws a ball during "combat dodge ball" at the weekly "Payne Games," Jan. 30. Snider, a 22-year-old native of Tulsa, Okla., and his team members made it to the championship game, but lost to the motor transport Marines.

Scholarship honors Corps' first African-American officer

LANCE CPL. DAVID FLYNN

MARINE CORPS RECRUITING COMMAND

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va – On the 170th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the first African-American officer in the Corps' history earned his commission. After enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1943 and serving in the Pacific theatre of World War II, Frederick C. Branch received the recommendation of his commanding officer to attend Officer Candidate School. Branch was commissioned a second lieutenant Nov. 10, 1945, and served until 1955 before leaving the Corps as a captain.

In honor of Branch, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, in partnership with Naval Service Training Command, offers the

Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship, a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship for students who are currently attending or have received letters of acceptance to one of 17 historically black colleges and universities that have NROTC programs on campus. Some of the schools included are Clark Atlanta, Howard, Hampton, Texas Southern, Tuskegee and Xavier Universities.

A total of 68 scholarships are available per year. Each participating school may give two four-year scholarships, one three-year scholarship and one two-year scholarship.

"Any student, regardless of race, who attends one of the participating schools is eligible for the scholarship if they meet the academic, physical and

moral qualifications," said Maj. Frank Moore, diversity officer, MCRC.

To qualify academically, students must score 22 or higher on the ACT and 1000 or higher on the SAT (combined math and critical reading).

Students must also possess the physical endurance required to complete Officer Candidate School, which they attend during the summer between junior and senior years.

To receive a Frederick C. Branch scholarship, students must be interviewed by the university's professor of naval science, who decides whether to recommend the applicant to MCRC.

"Once a student is determined to be worthy of the scholarship, a package is put together and forwarded to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Frederick C. Branch, the first African-American officer in the Marine Corps, is pinned as a second lieutenant by his wife Nov. 10, 1945. In honor of his achievement, the Marine Corps offers Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarships to students at 17 historically black colleges and universities across the country.

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CPL. A. J. LUGO

More than 150 wounded Marines, Marine veterans, and allied service members came together at Camp Pendleton, California, to compete in the 2011 Inaugural Marine Corps Trials - a Paralympics-style competition. The wounded Marines and Marine veterans are competing in swimming, archery, shooting, volleyball, basketball, and track & field events, for 50 spots on the Marine Corps' 2011 Warrior Games team. The trials are hosted by the Wounded Warrior Regiment, based out of Quantico, Virginia.

Marine Corps Trials to test resolve of wounded Marines

CPL. SCOTT SCHMIDT
HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

ARLINGTON, Va. - More than 150 wounded Marines gathered aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 21 for a chance to represent the Marine Corps at the annual Warrior Games later this year.

Riding a wave of victories from last year's inaugural Warrior Games, the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiment is sponsoring the first of its kind Marine Corps Trials to select the top 50 Marine athletes for the Paralympics-style competition.

U.S. Marines will go head-to-head in seven Paralympic sports, including wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, archery, and swimming with Marines from England and the Netherlands during the 10-day trial period.

The trials are also a competition of their own. Four teams - east, west, veteran and international - will compete for team gold in a competitive sports setting.

Marine officials said the trials would foster the wounded Marines' resolve in a team setting, which can be an important step in their

recovery from multiple amputations and other traumatic injuries of war.

Marine athletes will be selected as members of the All-Marine team for the Warrior Games. The Warrior Games, a competition between all branches of service for wounded, ill, and injured service members, will take place in Colorado Springs, Colorado May 16-22.

Editor's Note: Keep an eye out in future editions of the Observation Post for more on the trials and the performance of Combat Center Wounded Warriors.



CPL. A. J. LUGO

Ray Hennagir, a swimmer and wheelchair basketball player for the Veterans Team, gets ready for the 50-meter backstroke event at the 2011 Inaugural Marine Corps Trials. Hennagir, a native of Hershey, Penn., suffered injuries June 2006 in Zaidon, Iraq, which led to a bilateral amputation. Wounded Marine veterans and Marines with Wounded Warrior Battalions East and West came together in Camp Pendleton, California, to compete for one of 50 spots on the Marine Corps' 2011 Warrior Games team. An allied team also competed alongside the Marines.

Combat Center scholarships available

OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Officers' Spouses' Club has scholarships available for the 2011-2012 academic year. Applicants must be a spouse or child of an active duty or deceased service member and must live in the Morongo Basin at the time of application. Child applicants must be seniors at an area high school, home school program or be attended a local college at the time of application. Applicants must also be working toward a first AA, BA or BS degree. Deadline for application is March 15. For more information or to find out where to get an application, e-mail oscpresident@gmail.com.

DESERT INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO MILITARY

Courses are currently being offered by the Desert Institute, the National Park Service's partner in providing education at Joshua Tree National Park, in natural history, science, survival skills. The courses offer a great way to visit Joshua Tree National Park, where sunshine is plentiful against a fascinating backdrop of billion-year-old rock formations and desert vegetation. Military scholarships are available to all military personnel and their spouses for the field classes until the fund is empty. The Spring 2011 schedule is available at <http://www.joshuatree.org> or by contacting Karina White at the Desert Institute via e-mail at desertinstitute@zipnet.net.

Battle Sim Center prepares Marines for roll-overs

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL.
SARAH ANDERSON**

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Forward deployed Marines and sailors fight the danger of vehicle roll-over incidents in their heavily armored vehicles on a daily basis. The Battle Simulation Center offers a training simulation that will teach Marines what to do to stay alive during these situations.

The Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Egress Trainer are the frames of their functioning tactical vehicle counterparts. While inside, the simulator spins, giving the Marines inside the closest feeling possible of a roll-over while remaining in a safe, controlled environment.

"We want to make sure the Marines can safely egress that

vehicle," said Gunnery Sgt. Hector Viramontes, a combat tactics instructor at the Battle Simulation Center. "We teach them also how to exit and post security."

Before the simulation, the Marines are given a 20-minute class on vehicle roll-over prevention.

The Marines are then put through multiple scenarios inside the simulator, such as evacuating the vehicle at any angle the instructor chooses, and often also evacuating of a dummy casualty "hurt" in the roll-over.

"The Marines have to open different doors to get out," Viramontes said. "The doors here weigh 60 pounds. On a real vehicle, the doors weigh near 260 pounds."

The Marines learn to get their seatbelts off quickly, balance themselves, communicate with their team and safely

evacuate while posting security. They also practice stripping off their gear as fast as possible should their roll-over land them underwater.

A flick of the lights gives the Marines yet another avenue of realistic training. During simulated night roll-overs, they learn to feel their way around without the convenience of sight.

"Units have even added smoke to the simulation to emphasize a matter of urgency," said Doug Peercy, an instructor at the Battle Simulation Center.

The simulations have "opened the eyes" of some Marines who have trained with it.

"It can get pretty hectic in there. I was the smallest guy. It was crazy trying to scramble around," said Lance Cpl. Dominic Taylor, a warehouse clerk with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejuene, N.C., who recently completed the training.

The instructors at the Battle Simulation Center offer up the simulations at any time convenient to units wanting to give their Marines another survival tool.

"We teach unit sergeants how to operate this machinery and how to conduct the training," Viramontes said. "So they can train any time they want."

To find out more information about the simulations offered, call the Battle Simulation Center at 830-4192.



Marines with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejuene, N.C., exit the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Egress Trainer, a roll-over simulator at the Battle Simulation Center in Camp Wilson Feb. 9.



The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Egress Trainer, a roll-over simulator at the Battle Simulation Center in Camp Wilson, rolls during a training session with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejuene, N.C., Feb. 9.



Marines with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejuene, N.C., go through the motions of providing emergency medical aid on a mock casualty after exiting the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Egress Trainer, a roll-over simulator at the Battle Simulation Center in Camp Wilson Feb. 8.

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was not an option.

"The gas mask definitely made the air warmer and more difficult to breathe," said Lance Cpl. Nathaniel Snider, an administration clerk with 3rd LAR. "Depth perception and peripheral vision were thrown off, too."

The rest of the rules of

dodge ball stayed the same.

Each week a different battalion section chooses a combat fitness activity, and the warriors compete for the "Payne Games Belt," a utilities belt with a metal wolf's head attached to it representing the battalion's nickname, "Wolfpack."

"It feels great to finally be able to badger supply about

having the belt," said 1st Lt. John Yacos, the motor transport officer-in-charge and captain of the motor transport team, with 3rd LAR.

Until dodge ball, the supply team had won every week.

"The games were started by our supply officer last year when the battalion was in Iraq," Yacos said. "This year it came with us to Afghanistan."

The games change every week and have included tire flips, ammo-can lifts, fireman carries and even an ambulance push. While many of the events are done by an individual, the competition can only be won by a team.

"It's not about the individual, it's about the team," said Yacos, a 28-year-old native of Overland Park, Kan. "It helps build camaraderie within the sections and reminds Marines and sailors they are not alone."

The "Payne Games" are having a positive effect on the morale of the camp, Yacos said.

"It gives the Marines something to look forward to each week," Yacos continued. "Even if they don't compete,



CPL. NED JOHNSON

Marines and sailors with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Forward), wait for a "combat dodge ball" game to begin during the "Payne Games," Jan. 30. The "Payne Games" are held weekly and are designed to help maintain physical fitness and boost unit morale in a combat environment.

many Marines come out to watch the competition."

"It's fun because it breaks up the weeks," said Snider, a 22-year-old native of Tulsa, Okla. "It's always something different, but the dodge ball

was definitely fun."

It has more than just an effect on the morale, though.

Yacos also said that it is invaluable for the Marines to stay in combat shape during the deployment.

"It's great incentive for all the Marines to stay in shape during the week so they can be competitive on Sunday," Yacos said. "The games definitely bring out the aggressive nature in all of us."

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COMBAT CENTER RELIGIOUS SERVICES

<p>Sunday Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel Roman Catholic Services 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 p.m. - Choir Practice 4:15 p.m. - Confessions+ 4:30 p.m. - Rosary 5 p.m. - Catholic Mass Christ Chapel 9 a.m. - Calvary Fellowship (Contemporary Worship*) 9 a.m. - Children's Church 10:30 a.m. - Redemption (A blend of traditional and contemporary worship 10:45 a.m. - Children's Church*) Weekday Events Immaculate Heart of Mary Monday - Friday, 11:45 a.m. - Catholic Mass Christ Chapel Monday - Friday, noon - Daily Prayer Tuesday Christ Chapel 9 a.m. - Christian Women's Fellowship* (September through May)</p>	<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Military Council of Catholic Women Wednesday Immaculate Heart of Mary First Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Baptism preparation class First Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Thursday Immaculate Heart of Mary 9 a.m. - Adult Class 6 p.m. - Children RCIA 6:30 p.m. - RCIA (September-April) 7 p.m. - Gr. 7 and Confirmation Friday Immaculate Heart of Mary First Friday each month, 12:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - Exposition/Adoration Most Blessed Sacrament Legend * Indicates child care is provided + Appointments can be made for confessions by calling 830-6456/6482</p>
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Point of Contact for the event is Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicole Gacayan at 830-2002, or Petty Officer 2nd Class George Herrera at 830-2621.

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MCRC for further screening and the final decision," said Moore.

The scholarship pays tuition and academic fees, a book allowance and monthly subsistence of \$250 for freshmen, \$300 for sophomores, \$350 for juniors and \$400 for seniors. Room and board is not covered in the scholarship.

Upon completion of the NROTC program and their degree, students are commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

"Most students are commissioned during their graduation ceremony," said Moore. "After commissioning, they have a four-year service requirement to the Marine Corps."

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Ads are run on a first-come, first-serve, space available basis. If you have questions please call 830-6213.



LANCE CPL. SARAH ANDERSON

Combat Center personnel pay their respects to their fallen comrades in front of a plaque listing those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in combat operations since 2003. The flag memorial ceremony was held Monday at the installation's Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association building.



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Sergeant Maj. Harrison Tanksley, the Combat Center's sergeant major, takes a moment to honor and remember the Combat Center's fallen since 2003, during a flag memorial ceremony at the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association building Monday.

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idea after attending a flag memorial ceremony in Cathedral City, Calif., dedicated to all the fallen service-members since 2003. The ASYMCA attendees also saw Combat Center Marines and sailors searching through the thousands of flags for the names of their friends. The ASYMCA members decided to help them narrow their search.

"We wanted to give the Marines here something local to come to honor their

friends," Roybal said.

The installation's Young Marine Program attended the event and served as the color guard during the National Anthem and the Navy and Marines' hymns.

The dedication was also to bring together those who fought alongside these service members, said Anita Neu-Fultz, the director of ASYMCA.

"This is just another way to honor our fallen. We wanted people to stop and think about the price they paid," she said.



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Kelly Roybal, the special events coordinator for the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association, welcomes attendees prior to the beginning of the flag memorial ceremony outside the ASYMCA building Monday.



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The 149 national flags donated by the Armed Services Young Mens Christian Association surround a plaque engraved with the names of the 149 Combat Center Marines and sailors lost in combat since 2003, at a memorial ceremony Monday.

"Number Four" is DreamWorks latest suspense thriller, page B2



Tournament brings golfers together

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. SARAH ANDERSON
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT



Combat Center golfers gathered at the Desert Winds Golf Course for the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday.

"The course has tournaments once a month," said Todd Wade, the golf course professional. "It's a great way to get together, have social time and play with friends."

The 17 teams began the day laughing and socializing while preparing for the tournament.

"As a [private first class] in the Marine Corps, it's a great way for me to get to know other Marines without standing at parade rest," said Aaron Quinn, a participant in the tournament. "It's a lot of fun."

For golf enthusiasts just seeking to improve their abilities, the tournaments are a great way to practice with friends and have fun, said

Golfers warm up prior to the start of the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday at the Desert Winds Golf Course.

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A golfer looks on with anticipation after putting his ball during the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday at the Desert Winds Golf Course.



Todd Wade, the golf course professional, monitors the putting competition during the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday at the Desert Winds Golf Course.



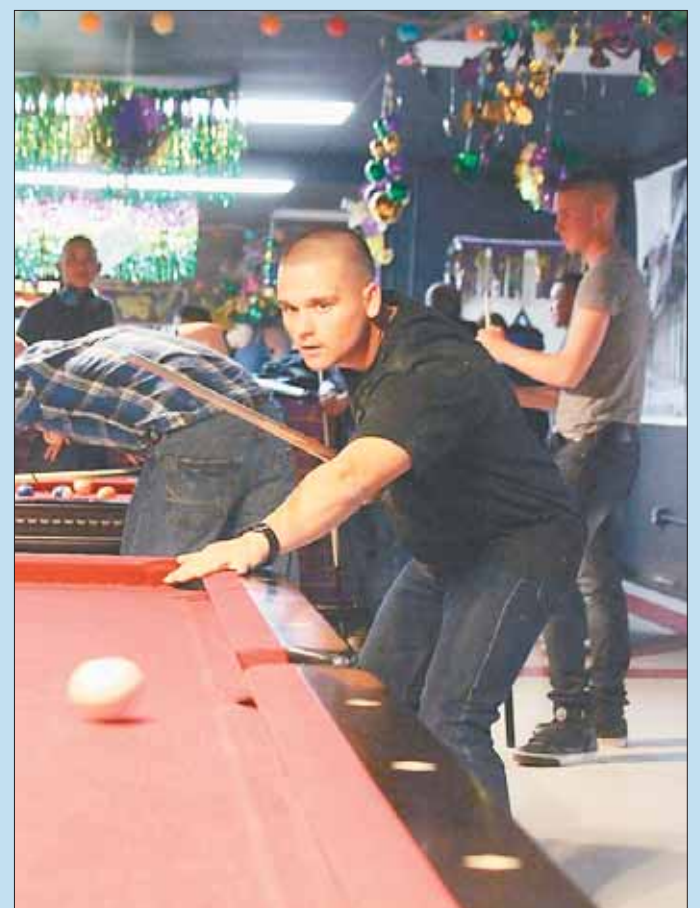
Brigadier Gen. H. Stacy Clardy III, the Combat Center's commanding general, putts the ball during the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday at the Desert Winds Golf Course.

Single Marine and Sailor Program cues up tournament



LANCE CPL. D. J. WU

Erick Austin lines up his shot during the Single Marine and Sailor Program Pool Tournament at the Zone Wednesday. The 1st place finisher was Jonathan Corder, who was awarded a new pool stick. Second place was Robert Perdue, who won a toy Nerf gun. Coming in third was David Masking, who received a basketball. There were 31 participants competing in the tournament.



LANCE CPL. D. J. WU

Cody Rice focuses on his shot during the Single Marine and Sailor Program pool tournament at the Zone Wednesday.



Liberty Call

Combat Center Clubs

Excursions Enlisted Club

Fridays: Social food, 5 to 7 p.m.; Salsa dancing, 7 to 8 p.m.; Ladies' night, 8 to 10 p.m.; DJ Vlad, 8 to 11 p.m.
Saturdays: Variety Night with DJ Gjettblaque
Wednesdays: DJ Gjettblaque, 8 to 10 p.m.

Bloodstripes NCO Club

Monday: Chicken nuggets and nachos
Wednesdays: Italian sausage with peppers & onions, green salad, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Free salsa lessons

Hashmarks 29 SNCO Club

Fridays: Dinner, full menu, 4:30 to 9 p.m., Social hour 5:30 p.m., DJ, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Mondays: Steak night and full dinner menu
Monday-Friday: All-Hands lunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Dinner, full menu, 4:30 to 9 p.m., Karaoke, 5 to 7 p.m.

Combat Center Officers' Club

Monday: Valentine's Day Dinner, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday: Lunch served, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Taco Thursdays: 5 to 7 p.m.

For complete calendars visit <http://www.mccs29palms.com>.

Local Events

Pappy and Harriet's Weekend Line-Up:

Patrolled by Radar formerly 50 Cent Haircut

Description: The Americana rock band performs
When: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25

The New LA Folk Fest

Description: Several folk bands perform
When: 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26
Where: 53688 Pioneertown Road, Pioneertown
For more information, call 365-5956 or visit <http://www.pappyandharriets.com>.

Willie Boy's Weekend Line-Up:

World on Fire

Description: A country/rock band performs
When: 9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25

Warsaw Poland Brothers

Description: An ethnic ska, punk rock band
When: 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26
Where: 53688 Pioneertown Road, Pioneertown
For more information, call 365-5956 or visit <http://www.pappyandharriets.com>.

Pulitzer winning play, "W;t" offered at Groves

Description: Margaret Edson's Pulitzer winning drama
When: 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sundays through March 11.
Where: Groves Cabin Theatre
8768 Desert Willow Trail, Morongo Valley
For more information call 365-4523 or visit <http://www.grovescabintheatre.org>.

Theatre 29 presents "Pinocchio"

Description: Adapted from the novel by Carlo Collodi
When: 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, March 11 to April 9. Opening night activities begin at 6 p.m.
Where: Theatre 29, 73637 Sullivan Road, Twentynine Palms
For more information call 361-4151 or visit <http://www.theatre29.com>

Lower Desert

Golden Boy Boxing presented by Oscar de la Hoya

Description: Main event features Vicente Escobedo vs. Walter Estrada
When: 7 p.m., Friday, March 4
Where: Fantasy Springs Resort Casino
84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio
For more information call 800-827-2946 or visit <http://www.fantasyspringsresort.com>.

Huey Lewis and the News

Description: The famous rock band performs their hits
When: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 13
Where: Morongo Casino Resort and Spa
49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon
For more information call 800-252-4499 or visit <http://www.morongocasinosort.com>.

Leann Rimes

Description: The country lady performs her hits
When: 9 p.m., Friday, April 29
Where: Agua Caliente
32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage
For more information call 888-999-1995 or visit <http://hotwatercasino.com>.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, Feb. 25

6 p.m. – Despicable Me, Rated PG
9 p.m. – True Grit, Rated PG-13
Midnight – The Fighter, Rated R

Saturday, Feb. 26

11 a.m. – Free matinee: Cats and Dogs 2, Rated PG
2 p.m. – Megamind, Rated PG
6 p.m. – The Dilemma, Rated PG-13
9 p.m. – The Green Hornet, Rated PG-13
Midnight – Season of the Witch, Rated PG-13

Sunday, Feb. 27

2 p.m. – Country Strong, Rated PG-13
6 p.m. – True Grit, Rated PG-13
9 p.m. – No Strings Attached, Rated R

Monday, Feb. 28

7 p.m. – The Dilemma, Rated PG-13

Tuesday, March 1

7 p.m. – The Green Hornet, Rated PG-13

Wednesday, March 2

7 p.m. – The Fighter, Rated R

Thursday, March 3

7 p.m. – Season of the Witch, Rated PG-13

'Number Four,' or I was a teenage space alien

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AMERICAN PROFILE

"Number Four"

Rated PG-13

Teenagers often have a hard enough time trying to fit in. Imagine how much more difficult it would be if you were continually the new kid in a new school in a new town, constantly moving to dodge a planet-hopping gang of intergalactic bullies, and part of a super-secret mission to save the cosmos.

Such is the plight of John, the main character in "I Am Number Four," the new aliens-among-us sci-fi action thriller.

The title refers to John's spot on an interplanetary hit list. Numbers one, two and three are toast, and he knows he's next.

Why John? It turns out he's one of only a remaining handful of his race – nine, to be exact – who escaped their doomed planet before marauders from another world, Mogdoria, took it over. Hiding out for years now in remote spots all over our relatively peaceful orb and groomed with super-powers, John and his fellow



COURTESY PHOTO

John, aka Number Four, played by Alex Pettyfer, and Number Six, played by Teresa Palmer, turn out to be two of nine remaining survivors of a doomed planet.

survivors are Earth's first line of defense as the Mog squad muscles its way onto Main Street, U.S.A.

Based on a young-adult sci-fi novel of the same name published last year, "I Am Number Four" is clearly shooting to be the Next Big Thing for a youthful audience weaned on the supernatural drama of "Harry Potter," "Twilight," the Superman spinoff

"Smallville" and TV's "Heroes." The movie's ending leaves little doubt about its intentions for a sequel.

It's certainly got the pedigree to go far. Steven Spielberg is a co-producer; so is Michael Bay, who made his name with big-budget blockbusters like "Transformers." It's directed by D.J. Caruso, who hit the teen-market bull's-eye in 2007 with "Disturbia."

And the cast is a deep dish of teen-dreamboat eye candy. Handsome, British-born newcomer Alex Pettyfer plays hunky John, and Dianna Agron, cheerleader Quinn Fabray on TV's hit "Glee," is Sarah, the shy hall mate who captures his heart. You'll soon be seeing more of Teresa Palmer, who plays sexy, motorcycle-riding biker-chick resistance fighter Number Six, in the upcoming comedy "Take Me Home Tonight."

For all its now wow, "I

Am Number Four" has some decidedly old-fashioned touches. One of the movie's key scenes takes place on at a fall-festival hayride, a setting that could have come straight out of the '50s. And Sarah, the arty school shutterbug, uses a clunky 35mm camera and prints her photos in a dimly lit darkroom – anachronisms to anyone under 20 in this digital age.

But the epic computer-generated showdown is settled on a battle zone well known to any teen: high school hallways and the football field.

It won't win any awards or end up on many best-of lists. But as both "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" draw the curtain on their wildly successful movie franchises over the next year and half, "I Am Number Four" is waiting in the wings, ready – and hoping – to take center stage. Stay tuned.



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John, played by Alex Pettyfer, studies his newfound abilities in DreamWorks Picture's suspense thriller "I Am Number Four."



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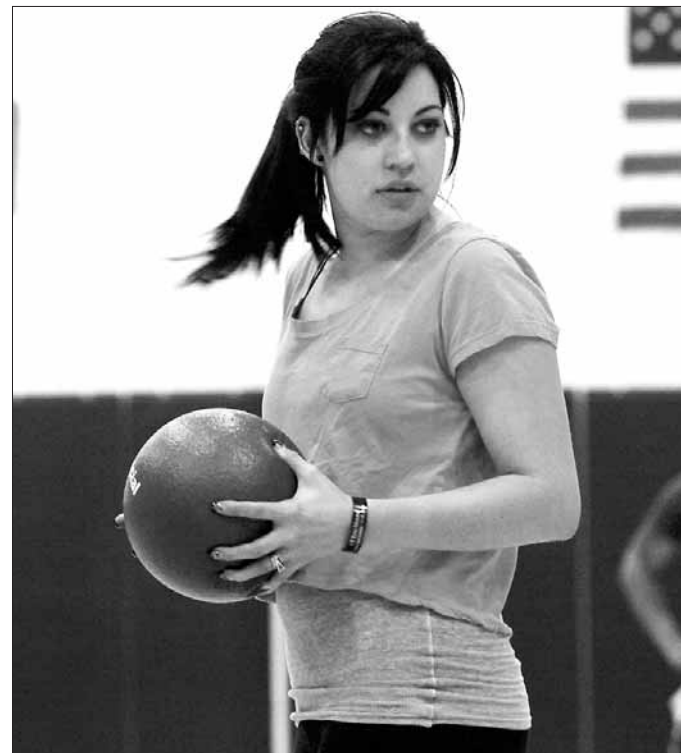
John, aka Number Four, played by Alex Pettyfer, and Number Six, played by Teresa Palmer, narrowly escape the wrath of their enemies in DreamWorks Picture's suspense thriller "I Am Number Four."

Combat Center Sports



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The Beatdowns unleash a volley of dodgeballs on the Thundercanons, during a Commanding General's Intramural Dodgeball League match, Feb.17. The Beatdowns beat out the Thundercanons in both matches, 3-2 and 3-0.



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Thundercanons player Samantha Giordano assesses her situation and prepares for battle during a Commanding General's Intramural Dodgeball League match, Feb.17. The Beatdowns beat down the Thundercanons in both matches, 3-2 and 3-0.



LANCE CPL. ANDREW D. THORBURN

Frank Sy, a player for the MWSS-374 Rhinos, goes for a layup during a Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League game against 23rd Dental Wednesday at the East Gym and Fitness Center.



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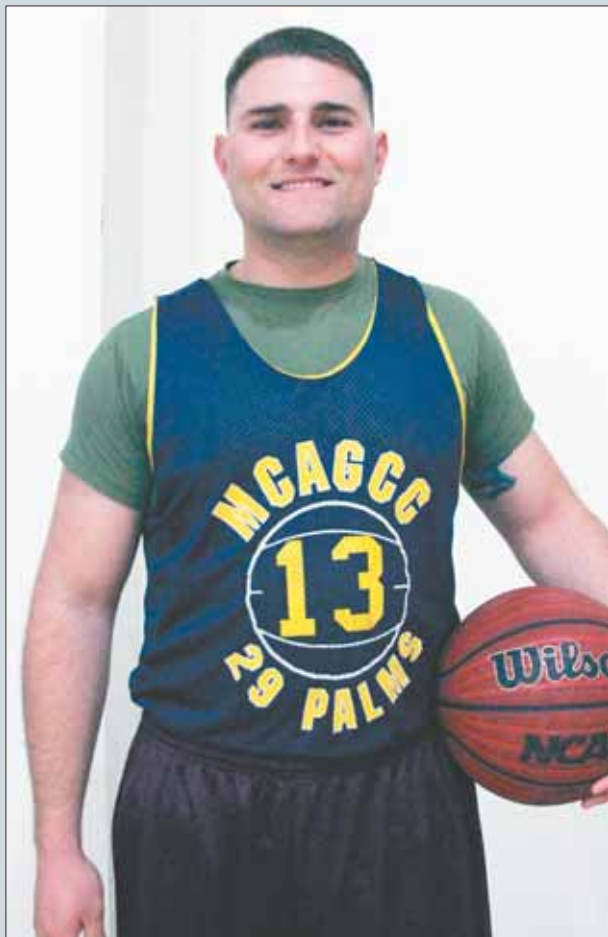
Paul Stuart a player for 3rd CEB shoots a layup during a Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League game against HQBN Wednesday at the East Gym and Fitness Center.



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Jason Harris, a player for the 23rd Dental team looks to pass the ball during a Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League game against the MWSS-374 Rhinos Wednesday at the East Gym and Fitness Center.

Athlete of the Week



Name: Aaron Chavez
Hometown: Victorville, Calif.
Unit: VMU-1
Recognition: A player in the Commanding General's Intramural Basketball League for the VMU-1 team.
Favorite aspect of the sport: "The fact that I am able to play with the guys I work with every day."
Advice for aspiring players: "Just keep playing."

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Jerod Upchurch, a participant in the tournament. "I like golf, I would be out here every day if I could," Upchurch said. "This is a great place to do it."
 The tournament consisted of a four-person scramble and best ball event. The lowest score of the

day was 52, and the Most Valuable Player of that team was Gunnery Sgt. Wilfred Miller, participant in the tournament. The rest of the team consists of George Schadegg, Ed Tennison, and Carl Levering. For more information on Desert Winds Golf Course's upcoming events, call 830-6132.



LANCE CPL. SARAH ANDERSON

A golfer looks on with anticipation after putting the ball during the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday at the Desert Winds Golf Course.



LANCE CPL. SARAH ANDERSON

A golfer follows the path of his ball during the President's Day Scramble golf tournament Monday at the Desert Winds Golf Course. The course holds a tournament every month.