



Shooting team refine competition skills

Story and photo by Lance Cpl. D. J. Wu
 Combat Correspondent

Ten days of shooting in the hot desert sun prepared the Combat Center's best shooters to compete with the rest of the Marine Corps in intramural rifle and pistol competitions from Sept. 24 to Oct. 5.

Their long days culminated in the final shoots, crowning champions of the Combat Center and to represent the installation as a team. All qualifying competitors also earned the military occupational specialty of 0933, combat marksmanship coach.

"The big reason why we were here at this competition is to reinforce marksmanship fundamentals," said Gunnery Sgt. Raymond Bryant, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marksmanship Training Unit. "They're here to get better as riflemen."

Marines gathered from all units across the Combat Center to the Marksmanship Training Unit's ranges to prove they are the best of the best.

"I think the biggest portion of this course was not really the shooting, but it continues the tradition of the Marine Corp marksmanship program," Bryant said. "Everyone knows that every Marine is a rifleman. I think that sometimes we forget the traditions and the



Lance Cpl. Christopher Flinn, block coach, Marksmanship Training Unit, sights in on the 7-yard line during his annual qualification practice firing stage at the MTU pistol range Tuesday.

experience and the expertise to become those shooters."

There three individual and three team trophies awarded at the intramural competition. Competitors shot it out for the title in rifle, pistol and best combined shooter. The teams fought for best rifle, pistol team and best infantry team. The contest for infantry team was a different format from the rest.

The infantry team match had teams divide 183 rounds between three shooters, with rounds shot from the 500, 300, 200 and 100 yard lines. The teams determined how much they would shoot after sprinting from yard line to yard line. They were then scored by most targets hit for the point values from each yard line.

"I think that everyone learned a lot throughout the competition," said Sgt. Wayne Gallagher, MTU. "It makes them better coaches, and better rifle and pistol shooters."

Rifle and pistol intramurals also gives Marines more

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Lance Cpl. Tyler Langford, anti-tank missileman, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, leads his pack mule during a hike during the Animal Packers Course at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., Oct. 13.

Into the MOUNTAINS

The War on Terror is not always fought in the urban setting where food, supplies and ammunition can be provided through normal logistical means. Fighting the enemy takes Marines into regions where common modes of transportation, such as armored vehicles or aircraft, cannot reach.

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As the Marine Corps tries to solve the challenges of getting provisions to Marines in hard to reach battle spaces, they do not always look toward technology but rather apply solutions that were effective in the past.

The Animal Packers Course started as a concept course at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., in 1983.

The course is still taught today after nearly 30 years, but the United States had been using this technique since the early 1980s.

"It's been around since both World Wars and the last time they were utilized was in Korea," said Sgt. Justin Head, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Animal Packers Program. "It's been around for thousands of years. It's something that's worked for countless militaries."

The 16-day course teaches Marines how to use animals in the region they find themselves in as a logistical tool to transport weapons, ammunition, food, supplies or wounded Marines through areas vehicles cannot reach.

"After coming through the course and learning the basic fundamentals they can pack any kind of animal, from

llama, camel, anything," Head said. "If you're going to fight compartmentalized conventional war in the mountains, you've got to utilize animals. If you don't, you're not going to be able to get your logistics, your ammo, basically the five Bs, to your Marines."

The beginning of the course works to introduce the Marines to the basics.

They use mules for their training and learn about their anatomy and familiarize themselves with the animals. This step is particularly important to the Marines who have little or no experience with these large creatures.

"For most Marines, they've never been around livestock and this is something completely new or foreign to them," Head said. "We teach handling and catching, basically get the Marines comfortable being around those large animals."

Even Marines already familiar with handling pack animals find that there's something to be gained from the course.

"I've had horses growing up," said Lance Cpl. Luke W. Martin, team leader, 1st Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and recent graduate of the course. "The course definitely increased my skills."

The Marines move on to learn about the animals' capabilities and limitations, the equipment and four basic

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Protecting the desert tortoise



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TRACRS seek to preserve wildlife, Marine Corps training

The desert tortoise is one of many animals that call the Combat Center home. They are also the only species aboard the installation listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The Tortoise Research and Captive Rearing Site helps bolster the local population of the desert tortoise with head starting. Head starting involves bringing in pregnant tortoises, allowing them to lay their eggs in the facility and then safe guarding the hatchlings until they are large enough to fend off predation and can better withstand the harsh desert elements.

If the population of the desert tortoise declines, the species could become listed as endangered. This could compromise Marines' ability to train aboard the Combat Center. TRACRS contains their head starting site to one part of the base, helping to keep the population out of training areas. The implementation of programs such as TRACRS is the Combat Center's way of protecting and growing the population of the threatened species which in turn allows the Marine Corps to continue training operations aboard its premier pre-deployment training facility.

For video of desert tortoises on base check out
<http://www.youtube.com/user/CombatCenterPAO>

Fire department hosts cook off

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For the past 15 years, the Combat Center Fire Department has held the Annual Fire Prevention Week Chili Luncheon to promote fire safety and raise money for charity.

The luncheon has become a staple social event for Combat Center personnel. Hundreds flocked to the fire station on Oct. 12 to socialize, learn about the year's fire safety theme and enjoy some homemade chili.

Fire Prevention Week originally started to commemorate fire fighters after the great Chicago fire, which happened Oct. 8, 1871. Fire Prevention week now is observed every year on the week of Oct. 9.

Darlene Hull, Assistant Fire Chief, Combat Center Fire Department, has been with the CCFD long before the inception of the luncheon.

"We have this event to recognize National Fire Prevention Week," Hull said. "This year's theme is 'Have Two Ways Out' and all week we've been giving tours and educating elementary school children about the program."

There was also a trailer at the luncheon that taught young children fire safety and this year's theme.

"The thing we're trying to stress is fire safety and prevention," said Mark Aid, fire inspector, CCFD. "I'm here teaching the kids and to get their attention. We really get their attention with this stuff. You can see the trust that they have and that they really appreciate and respect it."

The money raised from the luncheon goes to a charity in the Combined Federal Campaign decided by the CCFD. In the past the department has donated to charities like the

American Red Cross and The Ronald McDonald House.

"Anything we gain above and beyond the cost of the event, we pick a charity based on their overhead and the good they provided to the masses," Hull said. "In the past few years we've chosen the American Red Cross."

In Hull's time at the fire department, the chili luncheon has grown since it started. At its start, the chili was from a can. Now the fire department makes the chili from scratch from their own mixture of beef, beans and spices.

"We started everything on Tuesday," Hull said. "We started with 210 pounds of ground beef, 50 pounds of beans and we make it all from scratch right here in the house."

Attendees had a lot to take away from the luncheon. Children left with big smiles and gifts from learning about fire safety and prevention, and everyone left with a belly full of chili.



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Maddox Adcox, 2, hugs Sparky the Fire Dog, official mascot for the National Fire Protection Association at the Combat Center Fire Department Chili Luncheon Oct. 12.

This Week in Combat Center History



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Sgts.' Course places at wilderness challenge

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Some people golf for fun. Some people fish. Some people get together and subject themselves to brutal challenges of fitness, stamina and outdoor skill in the mountains of West Virginia. To each his own.

One group of Marines for whom the latter sounded like a good time headed off this weekend to the inaugural Fleet Wilderness Challenge in Fayetteville, W.Va. Five staff members from the Combat Center Sergeants' Course headed for the hills to test their mettle against 38 other teams from all branches of the Armed Forces.

"It was a good time and very challenging," said SSgt. Annete Cunningham, team captain for the "Stump Warriors," upon their return, with a laugh. "It was complete madness."

The team, which finished eleventh, knew before their departure that the event would be harrowing. Each team consisted of four men and one woman and had to complete a specified set of events within 24 hours. They kicked off with a 6.2 mile forced march, then covered 40 miles on mountain bikes. Once the teams dropped their kickstands, they boarded rafts for 25 miles of whitewater on the New River. Upon hitting shore, they donned their running shoes for a 5.2 mile run to the finish line.

Preparing for the events posed some challenges to the team.

"We've been doing a lot of biking and a lot of cross-country hill work," Cunningham explained, before adding that only one member of their team had ever been whitewater rafting. It was the events that aren't normally part of the military workout plan that were the unknown factors in the race.

The point wasn't necessarily to win, according to team members.

"We're all over 30, except for Cpl. 'Ski,'" said GySgt. Kevin Halcrow. "This says we're

all able to go out and compete."

The spirit of competition and the value placed upon challenging oneself are important to the staffers at Sergeants' Course.

"We like to have camaraderie here at the Academy," added Halcrow. "It's about wanting to do things with that team effort."

Team effort might seem like something that would be a challenge for a team made up mostly of SNCOs, who, it might be said, are used to being in charge, but according to Halcrow, there was never a problem with having "too many chiefs and not enough Indians."

"There's no chief at all," he said. "We compete as one."

The team came together for the event when Cunningham was notified of the opportunity. She offered it up to a group of her fellow instructors who had placed well in a recent Ironman competition at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. With Cpl. Levi Brostowski filling the only vacancy, the group gelled quickly.

Getting that feeling of team cohesion was important. Beyond just challenging individual team members, it allowed the instructors to explore and try for themselves an activity that incorporates values and concepts central to the Sergeants' Course. The experience, they hoped, would be something they could pass on to their students.

"We want to find activities that all small unit leaders can use to bring the small team together," said GySgt. Richard Lewallen, team member.

Over hills, down rivers and on treacherous, mud-covered running trails in the cold mountain air, the Fleet Wilderness Challenge certainly did that — allowing groups from around the military to test themselves and their team unity under some of the most challenging conditions around. It may have even qualified as "fun," for those seeking something a little more intense than golf or fishing,

Take time to prepare for natural disasters

J. Niki McBain
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Between deployments, school, work, and children's activities there doesn't seem to be any time left to do one more thing. Day in and day out you prepare to help others, but have you taken the time to prepare to help yourself and your family?

By taking just a few minutes a week, you can prepare for any disaster no matter where life takes you. Start by preparing an emergency kit with enough food and water for every person and animal in your household for a minimum of three days. Make sure you also have a flashlight and portable radio (and don't forget the batteries!) You should also have at least three days of medicine on hand at all times in case an emergency strikes. In the case of an earthquake make sure everyone in your house and at your work site know the safe spots to go to when the ground starts shaking. Look for sturdy tables or desks or plan to duck, cover and hold on against an interior wall far away

from windows, mirrors, hanging objects and tall unsecured furniture like book cases. If you are outdoors when an earthquake happens, get into an open area away from trees, buildings or walls, and power lines. If you are alerted to an earthquake while driving, pull over to the side of the road away from power lines and stop. Stay inside your car until the shaking is over.

Once an earthquake is over, it is important to let your family and friends know you are okay. Since phone circuits may be busy, choose an out-of-state friend or relative who all of your family members know to call to find out if you are safe and secure. Also, make sure you, your family and your co-workers know where to meet after a disaster occurs.

For more information on what you can do to prepare for an emergency visit, ready.gov, download a copy of the MCAGCC Are YOU Prepared? guide book by visiting: <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Portals/56/docs/OnlineEmergencybooklet.pdf> or pick up a copy from the Force Protection Office at Building 1525.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

THE VW GUY

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> **I did everything from wrestling** to football.
> **If you think about the principle** of what Volkswagen stands for, the word itself in an english translation means "The people's car." Volks meaning folks and wagon being car.
> **Out came the Beetle.** It was called the Type 1. It wasn't called the Beetle until a few years into being brought to the United States. They called it the Beetle because of its shape, and then it just caught on. It's been that way ever since.

> **Seeing how people treat other people** with Volkswagens, it's like the motorcyclists. If you ride a motorcycle, it doesn't matter if its a cruiser, touring, a Gold Wing or another street bike. You have the same love as that person for riding motorcycles. You have the same feeling. You're passionate about it. It's what you do. People who ride bikes, ride bikes if they can. When it's up to them, they ride. With Volkswagen it's the same way.

> **Broken down by the side** of the road, I had three cars pull over, one was Volkswagen, two was a Volkswagen and three was a truck with tools. The guy got out of the truck. He also owned a Volkswagen. Always willing to help one another. I was born in Medford, Ore. It used to be a small town. Everybody knew your name.

> **I'm a connoisseur of odd-looking** things. I'm always the one that likes the odd shaped cars.

> **The Beetle**, it just caught my eye.

> **I did my research and talked** to my granddad who had a few Volkswagens himself. I looked up the insurance and \$12 a month for a 16-year-old kid was pretty good. We found one for \$6,500 and it was a negotiation just to get the engine to come with it because it was a rare engine. That car went through three engines.

> **From there I intermittently** got my cousin's '57 Baja, which means it has a fiberglass hood, lifted off the ground, heavy duty suspension. This is the car you don't mind sliding through the rocks. You don't mind putting it in the ditch.

> **We have a hair-pin turn around** and it's probably about a half a mile from the house. Well, I had the Baja and slid it into the ditch and rocked it sideways. I climbed out the passenger's side, rocked it back, got the tire that was in the ditch and put dirt underneath it just to get enough clearance on the back tire. It helped it crawl out of the ditch. It's so light that even if it's high center, as long as you get traction on the tires, it will slide across the metal belly-pan and comes right out.

> **There's a dip in Bandon, Ore.,** where it goes under railroad tracks as opposed to building a bridge for the railroad to go over. It fills with water. My great grandmother actually swam her Carmageon across the water and out the other side of the divide in the ground. It wasn't full of water just a third of the way, just enough to where the car came off the ground and floated across the water, through inertia and made it to the other side.

> **It almost hurts my soul** when you see a Volkswagen with "Ricer" status. Lowered with a ground effects package which does absolutely nothing except for ruin the already existent air foil that the car produces itself. You don't need a 10-ft wing for a car that doesn't go more than 100 miles per hour.

> **My mom used to say** if I cut my arm I'd bleed little Volkswagens.

> **I actually still** have in my garage, an inoperable 1983 Rabbit GTI. It was the first year the GTIs came to the United States and it's also the year I was born. So does it have sentimental value? — Sure.

> **I used to joke with one** of my buddies. he drove Hondas. I'd ride with him and hop out as soon as I could because I didn't want to be caught dead riding in a Honda.

> **I do have to say I've owned two Hondas.** One I owned for three months, the other less than 45 days.

> **I've experienced** 15, ridden and driven far more, but for me, not persay owning, but there have been 15 Volkswagens that I've claimed.

> **I bought a white four-door** GTI Volkswagen Saturday. I convinced my wife to come back from Carson City to pick me up, drop off whatever she bought, drive all the way to Reno, check out the car and we ended up getting it.

> **I have one daughter almost 3 years old.** She has more Volkswagen Hot Wheels than any other car and she almost has as many Volkswagen Hot Wheels as I have, but hers are out of the package and mine are still in the package.

> **If she had the same passion** we would definitely have something to talk about in the future. I might overdo it and my passion and how enthusiastic I am about them might sway her away from them. She might fall in line, every time she sees a Volkswagen she says, "Wagon." We have to try to get her to say the first half of it, "Volks."

> **I got a VW tattoo in 2011.** One of my friends I met, Joseph, he's from Conn., I had re-enlisted, in North Carolina with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. He showed up a "boot" from SOI. About two weeks in, we found out we both shared the exact same is enthusiasm for Volkswagens. The same love, the same passion. It's in our souls.

> **He ended up getting a blue-outlined** Volkswagen emblem on the inside of his arm, on his left bicep. He used to always rub it in my face that I didn't love Volkswagens as much as he did, because I didn't have a tattoo.

> **He EAS'd and got out.** During a training evaluation in Camp Lejuene, our first sergeant came out and told a few of us that he had wrecked his Volkswagen into a pole and died.

> **He gave us the opportunity** to go up to Connecticut, the few of us who knew him the best, and he actually had lived with me for a while. So I was one the lucky few to go up there and be one of the pollbearers for him.

> **My wife had a tattoo on her foot** that was fading real bad. When I got back, we went to a tattoo place, and for Joseph, she got a Volkswagen symbol on her foot and I got my Volkswagen symbol in honor of Joe and his passion for Volkswagens, for Audis and all German engineering.

> **My love for Joe and spending the time** I did with him and my love for Volkswagens and his love for Volkswagens, I figured I would sacrifice the pain of a tattoo. So I always have him with me.

> **I've thought about getting** additions to it like, "In remembrance of," but I think he knows.



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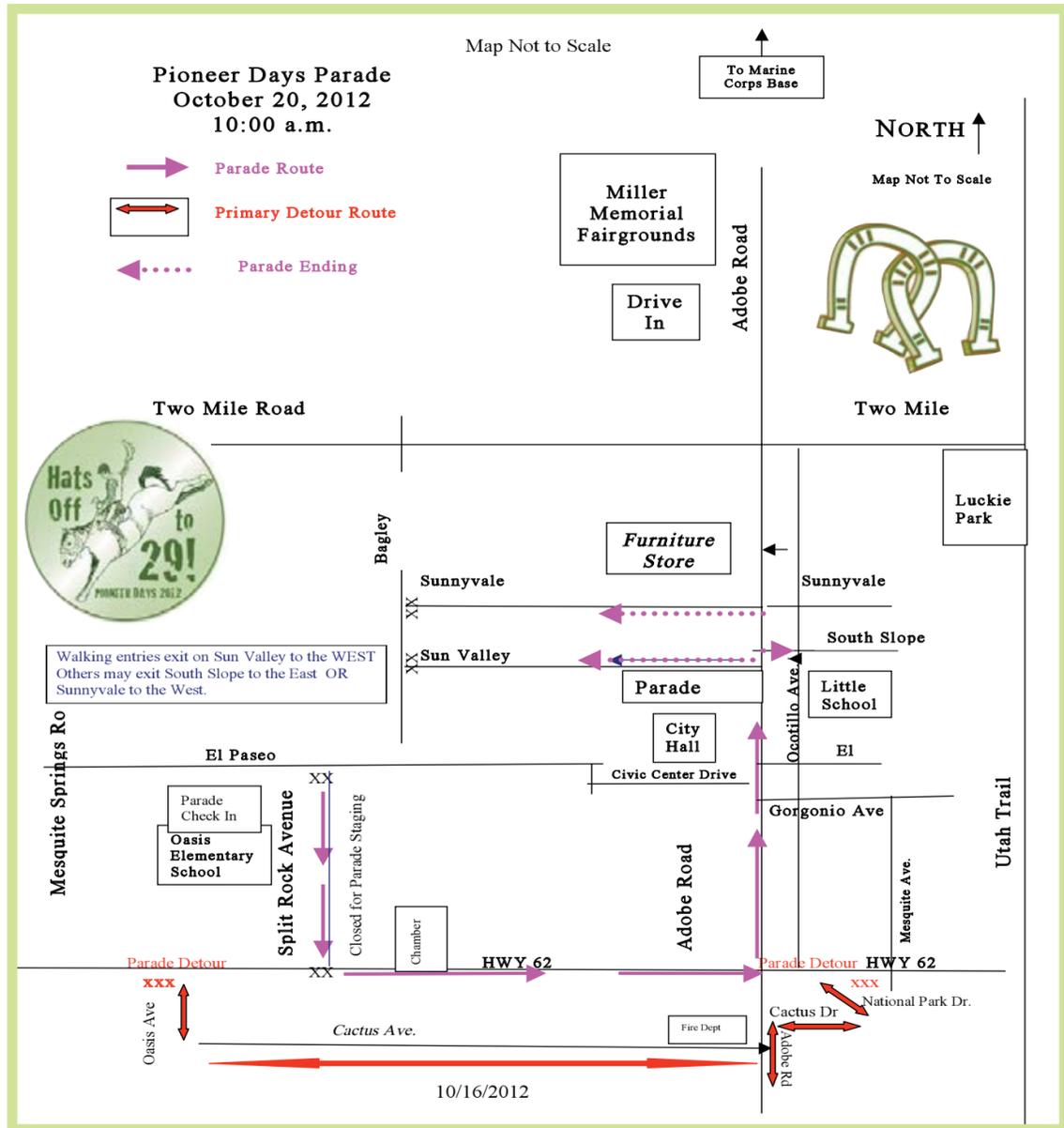
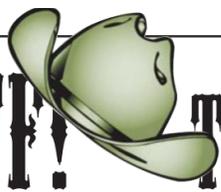
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This year's Pioneer Days Parade will march east on Twentynine Palms Highway and north on Adobe Road at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

Pioneer Days highlights

Join the Pioneer Days parade

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce invites members of the community to enjoy the 2012 Pioneer Days Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

The parade will take the same route as last year, east on Twentynine Palms Highway from Split Rock Avenue and north on Adobe Road. There are close to 50 groups participating in this year's parade with fun performances and displays.

The deadline to enter the parade is Thursday, Oct. 18. For more information, call (760) 367-3445.

Carve a pumpkin, win a prize

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Pumpkin carvers age 8 to 15 are invited to display their talents at the Pioneer Days Pumpkin Carving contest at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Luckie Park.

Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided to all participants.

Prizes will be given to the overall winner.

The registration fee is \$5. Forms can be found at 29chamber.org or by visiting the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce office, 73484 Twentynine Palms Highway.

Get your motors running

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce and Desert Cycle Works are working together to sponsor this year's Pioneer Days Motorcycle Poker Run.

Participants will travel to pre-determined locations, collecting poker cards. Entry fee

is \$15 for a single rider and \$20 for riders with one passenger.

Entry fee covers one poker hand and lunch. Additional poker hands may be purchased for \$5 each.

Participants will meet at Desert Cycle Works, 6231 Ocotillo Drive in Twentynine Palms at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. The ride will kick off at 9:30. Lunch will be provided to all participants from Louisiana Famous Fried Chicken.

Prizes will be awarded. Entry forms may be found at 29chamber.org, or by visiting the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce office. For more information contact the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce at

76th annual Pioneer Days

First weekend
Thursday, Oct. 18
 3 to 5 p.m.
 Friends of the Library Book Sale (members only)
 Non-members can join for \$5 at the library

Friday, Oct. 19
 6 to 10 p.m.
 8th annual Halloween Haunt at Theatre 29

Saturday, Oct. 20
 6 to 10 a.m.
 Firefighters Pancake Breakfast
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Friends of the Library book sale at the library
 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 76th annual Pioneer Days Parade
 Noon to 5 p.m.
 Alumni BBQ at the Twentynine Palms Youth Club
 1 to 4 p.m.
 Children's games, baby crawling, Win It in a Minute, balloon toss, hard-boiled egg carrying contest, relay race (put clothes on from suitcase)
 1 to 4 p.m.
 Old Timers Gathering at the Old Schoolhouse Museum
 1 to 5 p.m.
 First Class Miners at Luckie Park
 1 to 6 p.m.
 Gunfighters For Hire, two to three shows, to be announced
 2 to 4 p.m.
 Pumpkin carving contest at Luckie Park
 3 to 3:30 p.m.
 Pie eating contest
 4 to 5 p.m.
 Little Miss and Master Contest at Luckie Park
 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 Willow Dance Studio at Luckie Park
 6 to 8 p.m.
 Chili dinner at 29 Palms Art Gallery
 3 to 6 p.m.
 Bucky Bucklin Arm Wrestling Tournament hosted by the Twentynine Palms Youth Club at Luckie Park
 6 to 9 p.m.
 Bingo and dinner at the Elks Lodge
 6 to 10 p.m.
 8th annual Halloween Haunt at Theatre 29
 7 to 10 p.m.
 Country Western band at Luckie Park

Sunday, Oct. 21
 9 a.m. to noon
 Motorcycle poker run in Twentynine Palms
 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Pet parade at Luckie Park
 Noon to 1:30 p.m.
 Military dog demonstration at Luckie Park
 1 to 5 p.m.
 Children's games at Luckie Park

Second weekend

(All events will be at Luckie Park)

Friday, Oct. 26
 4 p.m. to midnight
 Carnival
 7 to 10 p.m.
 Country Western band

Saturday, Oct. 27
 6 a.m. to noon
 Community flea market
 Noon to midnight
 Carnival
 2 to 3 p.m.
 Rubber Duck Regatta at the Luckie Park swimming pool
 1 to 6 p.m.
 Sumo wrestling with inflatable suits
 7 to 10 p.m.
 Country Western band

Sunday, Oct. 28
 Noon to 10 p.m.
 Carnival
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Chamber opens with pair of marshals

Bouldin earns first military honors

By Kurt Schauppner

The Desert Trail

TWENTYNINE PALMS — As you watch the Pioneer Days Parade march east on Twentynine Palms Highway and north on Adobe Road, you may notice a new attraction.

Riding in the back of an open top Jaguar will be Col. Billy Bouldin, sporting a brand new Pioneer Days title, military grand marshal.

"I think it's an extreme honor for me and think it is a great event between the city and the base," Bouldin said of his being named Pioneer Days' first military grand marshal. "I feel honored to be selected as the first one."

He thought the title would serve as a good way to bring the two communities, military and civilian, closer together in Twentynine Palms.

In one way, Bouldin was involved in the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center before it was established.

In 1952, he was flying multi-engine transports out of the Marine Corps Air Station in El Toro. On Aug. 17, he flew to Camp Pendleton, picked up 42 Marines and delivered them to a dry lake bed and the former site of a glider training field to begin creation of what is now the Combat Center.

Bouldin, who was born in Pecos, Texas, on April 14, 1930, was still a fairly young man at that point, but he had managed to pack a lot of life into his years.

He moved with his family to Santa Barbara when his father was transferred to the Richfield oil field in Goleta and was there at the beginning of World War II when the oil field was shelled by a Japanese submarine.

Soon after, Bouldin's father volunteered for duty in the Navy and young Billy was sent to a safe place in Texas where



Chamber president Chuck Caplinger, left, speaks to Military Grand Marshal Billy Bouldin during Historic Plaza Days.

he lived with his grandmother.

He graduated from Munday High School there in 1948, earned a football scholarship to Texas A&M, graduated from Navy Flight Training in 1951 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

After retraining to fly fighter planes, he served in Korea, flew night missions looking for "Bed Check Charlie and coordinated Marilyn Monroe's visit to the DMV.

After fighting ended he became a flight instructor at the Naval Air Training Command in Kingsville, Texas, where he met Faye, who was a student at Texas A&I. They married on her parents' farm in Michigan on June 23, 1957.

Over the years, Bouldin traveled to Mexico City, Vietnam, Washington, D.C., and Tustin. He and Faye and their children, son Billy Jr. and daughters Mila Claire and Hannah Lee, came to Twentynine Palms in 1975 when Bouldin was made assistant commander of the Combat Center. Here he was charged with developing the Marine Corps' new Air Ground

Combat Training Center.

Bouldin retired in 1979 and stayed in Twentynine Palms in part for his children's sake.

"Our two daughters were just starting high school," he said. "We wanted them to have a hometown high school environment."

"My wife, Faye, fell in love with one of the Stubbs brothers' old adobes near the oasis," he said. "Our son and two daughters completed grammar and high school in Twentynine Palms."

Bouldin transitioned to corporate aviation. He has been a member of the Twentynine Palms Soaring Club for 32 years and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for 54 years.

During his time in Twentynine Palms, he was on the County Airport Commission for eight years, was a city planning commissioner for one year and a hospice volunteer for three years.

He also served as an oblate for the Order of Holy Cross for eight years, an Episcopal bishop's warden for eight years and a lay eucharistic minister for 10 years.



Larry Briggs, this year's Pioneer Days grand marshal, first came to Twentynine Palms with the Marine Corps in 1956.

Briggs came to 29 Palms with the Marines

By Kurt Schauppner

The Desert Trail

TWENTYNINE PALMS — "My first question was 'why me?'" Larry Briggs said of his selection as this year's Pioneer Days grand marshal.

"I'm proud," the soft-spoken longtime Twentynine Palms realtor said recently. "I'm still trying to figure out why they selected me."

Briggs, who originally hails from New York, was first brought to Twentynine Palms in 1956 with the United States Marine Corps.

Briggs is the son of Genevieve and Christopher Briggs of Rochester, N.Y. He was raised there and graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School and St. John Fisher College with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

"The next question I had, being in the military, was, 'What are my duties?'" Someone said, "Probably just waving your hand," so I said 'OK,'" he said.

"I really appreciate the honor and recognition that goes along with it," he said.

After joining the Marine Corps in 1955, Briggs served in Twentynine Palms from 1956 to 1958 before his career took

him to places like Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii and Iwakuni in Japan.

In 1979 he was getting ready for another transfer and asked if there were any opening on the West Coast. He was told no but there was an opening in a place called Twentynine Palms, so he took it.

"I had been here before; I liked it," he said, noting that his plan at that point was to get picked for colonel and move on or retire in Twentynine Palms.

He noted that he did not make colonel but added that he liked Twentynine Palms.

"Just the small-town atmosphere and the weather," he said. "I am from upstate New York, where it is either hot and humid or cold and damp."

"I remember the first year I looked west and saw Gorgonio with snow on it," he said, joking that it looked beautiful but that he was a close as he wanted to get to the snow.

Not long after retiring in 1981, Briggs became a realtor. He has been active in the community, serving a few years on the municipal advisory council

which served the area before the city was incorporated.

"I was on that for about three or four years," he said.

In the mid 1990s he and some other civic minded folks got together and helped found Action Council for 29 Palms Inc., which brought Twentynine Palms to the attention of much of the world through its mural program.

"Business was decreasing," Briggs said. "We were trying to get more people in, more tourists into Twentynine Palms."

He and Karon Masterson, Beth Weiderhold, Mary Jane Binge, Ernie Reid and some others formed a merchant's committee within the chamber of commerce and began looking for something they could do to put the city on the map.

They heard about a mural program in a little place called Chemainus, British Columbia.

"About 10 or 15 of us went up there," he said. "We checked out Chemainus and how they did it."

In 2010, Briggs ran for a seat on the Twentynine Palms City Council. He was one of seven candidates seeking three seats on the council.



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It's never goodbye, it's see you later

Kristine Schellhaas
USMC Life

Living on base has provided one of the most invaluable things in my life, a collection of friends. Throughout my Marine Corps journey, I've been lucky enough to find precious gems at every duty station. I will cherish these friendships the rest of my life and will continue feeding them through a journey of communication, watching their families grow on Facebook, visiting while traveling across the U.S., or meeting for a reunion vacation.

Four years into our first duty station, my entire network of friends moved before me or concluded their time in the Corps altogether. I was devastated and felt like I would never experience such meaningful friendships with other military wives again. Now that time has passed, I've discovered that it's never goodbye; it's see you later.

It's really difficult to see great neighbors and friends move on through the Corps, but if you keep your heart open, there is always the possibility to meet another gem, and perhaps welcome back an old one. One of my dearest friends just left, moving to the East Coast. Another friend I was stationed with at Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Calif., is moving into her home. I'm sad for the friend I lost, but I am also happy to reunite with my friend and her family.

There's just something about base living that is uniquely special. It's an amazing experience to walk along the street and say hello to a friend or neighbor and chattin' it up in the front yard. What other neighborhood can provide potential friends up and down the block who haven't started a family or who have children roughly the same age as yours, where everyone is experiencing similar lifestyle changes? I can't imagine anywhere else where this is possible (unless you live in some creepy compound).

I have heard horror stories about dreadful, problematic neigh-

bors living in base housing, but I'm delighted to say I've never experienced that. Sure, there are the atypical neighbors whom many of us avoid and secretly think about toilet-papering, but the majority of us really like one another. The old adage, "Why would you want to live next to the people you work with?" hasn't proven true for us either. In the 10 years spent in base housing, the closest we've come to living next to a co-worker was three doors away, and we've never lived on the same street as my husband's superior. In fact, some of my best friends have been wives of Marines serving alongside my husband.

The journey continues now that summer is upon us, and for many that means a Permanent Change of Station, or PCS, to their next destination. The day after school let out, five moving trucks lined our streets, packing my neighbors' homes. Of course, I knew that many of them were leaving, but reality hit home seeing the movers carting out their belongings. I was lucky enough to be entwined with their adventure for a moment in time, and it's these chapters that have brought me tremendous friends with whom I've laughed, cried, and joined together in shenanigans. I would have never met these ladies if it weren't for the Marine Corps and for that I say to my husband and the Corps, thank you for the precious women in my life. They are cherished and will never be forgotten.

Editor's Note: Kristine Schellhaas is a Marine wife and writer for "USMC Life," an opinion based website which provides an overview of every major Marine Corps base focusing on providing specific base information, military housing and photos, schools, youth programs and sports, getting to and from each installation and popular links helpful to Marines and their families. The website is not officially endorsed by the Marine Corps but the content is relevant to our readers.

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LANCE CPL. D. J. WU

Sgt. Wayne Gallagher, woodshed noncommissioned officer in charge, sights in on the 500 yard line on the practice firing day of his annual rifle qualification at the MTU rifle range Monday.

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time behind the weapon, to become better at what they do. The competition aspect of the course was an opportunity to raise their game and bring out the best in the shooter.

"You get a lot more practice than what you would normally get in an annual qualification," Gallagher said. "It's the nature of the competition Marines just want to compete and have that competitive edge, so it makes them want to get better."

There were nearly three times as many shooters compared to last year's competition. There was a notable difference in both participation and level of shooting.

"It went a lot smoother this year," Bryant said. "We had a lot more competitors. Last year we had 17 competitors. This year we had 53 total shooters. The scores were also a lot higher this year. You could tell people really paid attention and really took the time to learn what we taught."

The next step for the MTU shooting team is high desert regional competition in November and a move onto division matches from there. The team's goal is to ultimately battle it out with the rest of the Marines Corps to earn the title of best shooting team.

BRIDGEPORT, from A1

hitches needed to attach their gear to the animals, how to use them for casualty evacuations and lastly, the procurement of animals from local area."

"It's an old trade made new again," Head said.

The lessons learned during the Animal Packers Course are used by Marines currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

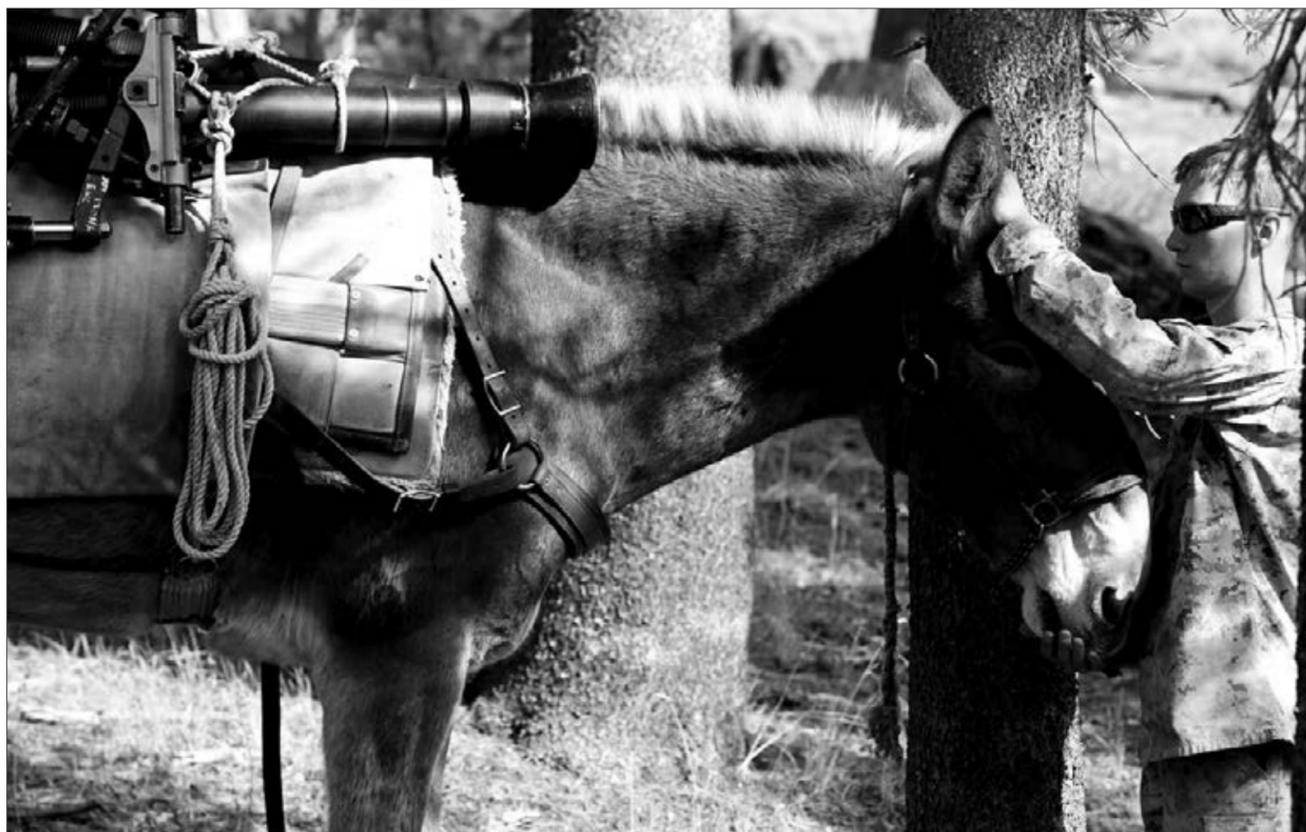
"We've had quite a few Marines that have gone through the course and deployed to Afghanistan," said "They've sent us emails and pictures saying, 'Hey, we utilized this, packed this here.'"

The mobility and versatility the pack animals provide help in war overseas, both as a logistical asset and a safety precaution.

"You get a train of mules going and they can get across terrain that trucks can't go through," Martin said. "You don't run the risk of hitting an improvised explosive device like if you're on a road because you can go off-road the entire time."

The MCMWTC not only offers the Animal Packers Course to Marines but also service members across the branches.

"As Marines we are always adapting and overcoming, trying to think outside the box and doing more with less," Head said. "This is definitely one of those skills."



LANCE CPL. ALI AZIMI

Lance Cpl. John Shaffer, TOW gunner, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, tends to his pack mule at the Canary Training Ground at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., Oct. 13

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TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM

by Lou Gerhardt



Last Saturday, October 13, I had the privilege of officiating at the wedding of Joshua Johnson and Courtney Solet. It was a wonderful experience and my wife Patty and I appreciated being involved.

Joshua's mother Joyce and his father Charles planned and provided a beautiful evening. The event occurred at the Johnson home in Landers and all in attendance had a great time. The Johnson's used an Hawaiian motif and all present received colorful leis followed by an absolutely delicious dinner and a joyous reception.

The entire evening was an important reminder to all of us that all is really well in our society. Often we hear about young people and a society that is superficial in so many ways. Don't you believe it! Fine young people are all around us. I meet them every day. Tough minded optimists of all ages always ultimately prevail.

Finally, I give you the words of a world-renowned historian Will Durant speaking from the pulpit of the Church I served in Los Angeles.

"I was once challenged to sum up civilization in a half hour. I did it in less than a minute. Civilization is a stream with banks. The stream is sometimes filled with blood from people killing, stealing, shooting and doing things that historians usually record. While on the banks, unnoticed, people are building homes and making love, raising children, singing songs, writing poetry and even whittling statues. And the story of civilization is the story of what happens on the banks. Too often historians are pessimists because they ignore the banks and write about the rivers."

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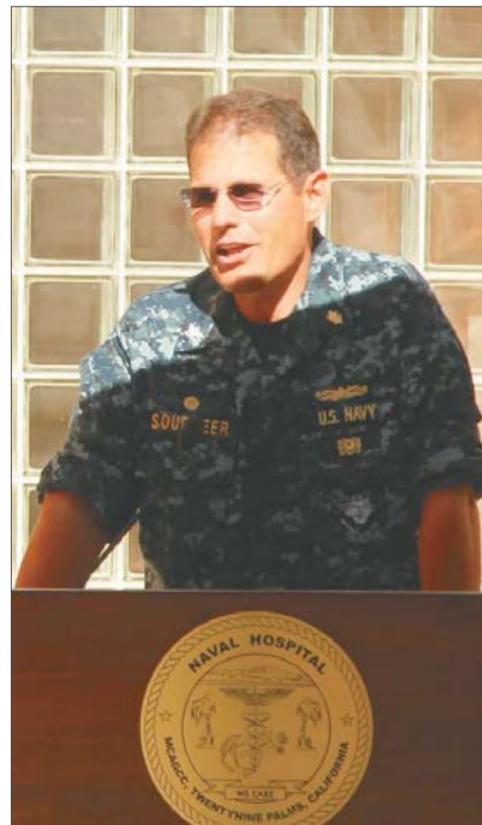
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[Top, left] Ian Lawler and Damon Cash give a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu demonstration during the Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Monday. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the cultures of Hispanic and Latin decent. The hospital celebrated with food, music and a display of traditional martial arts and dances and music.

[Top, right] Capt. Jay Sourbeer, commanding officer, Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, opens the ceremony Monday with his remarks about Hispanic Heritage Month.

[Left] Alfredo Casarez and Elbert Gonzales play Latin music during the Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Monday.

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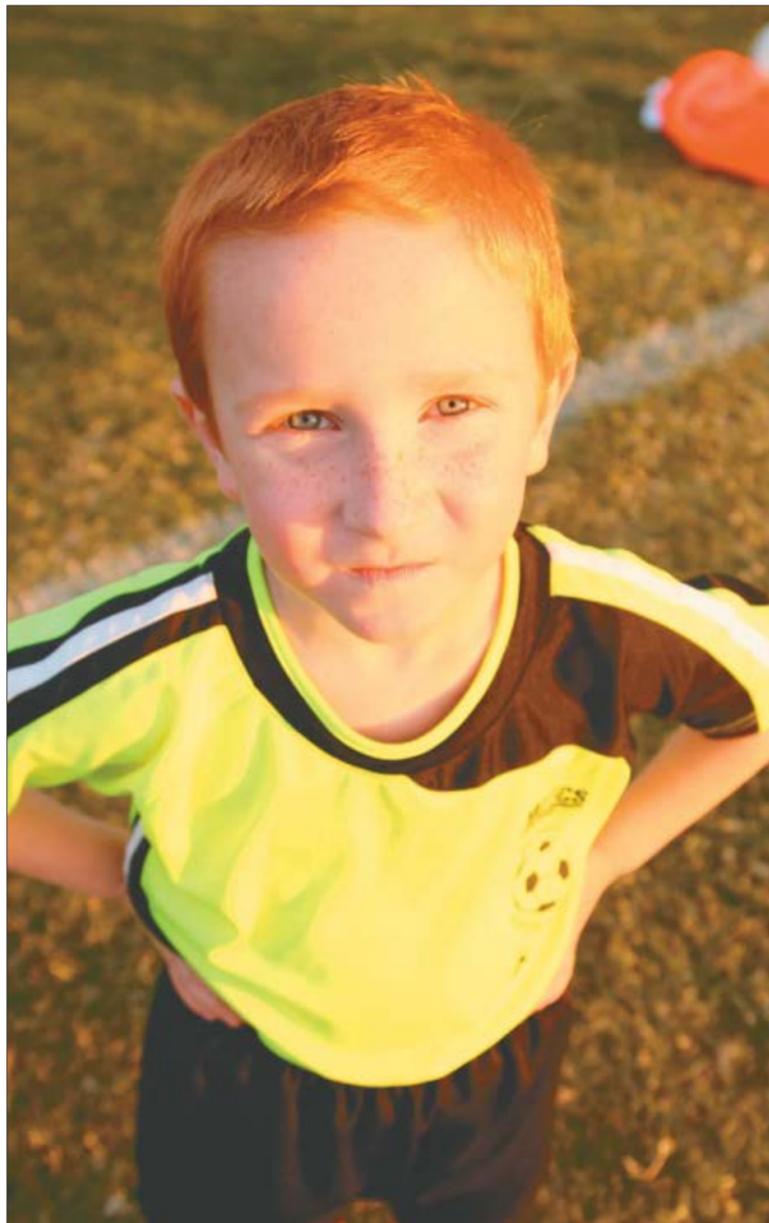


Learning the **GREATEST GAME ON EARTH**

Photos and story by Lance Cpl. Lauren Kurkimilis

He dribbles the soccer ball down the field, cleats digging into soft earth. As he approaches the other team's forward, he cuts left, cuts right and manages to keep the ball. The crowd is cheering, shouting his name. He sees his objective in the distance, guarded closely by a goalie, and now two opponents are nipping at his heels.

As he picks up speed, beads of sweat collect on his forehead. He's closing in. The tension between him and the goalie is blatant when their eyes meet. Both are determined to defend their team's honor, unwilling to back down. He's within striking distance when he stops dead in his tracks. "Kick the ball!" his coach yells. He focuses, takes a deep breath and rockets the soccer ball toward the goal. The ball slips between the goalie's hands and victoriously snaps within the net. Five-year-old Rian Coons scored the last point of the game Oct. 12 against the Mammoths. The Longnecks continue their undefeated season with a record of 4-0 in the Combat Center's youth soccer league.



Longnecks' Rian Coons is part of the 4-5 year old youth soccer league aboard the Combat Center. Coons plays for the Longnecks.

"Micro-soccer is a really good way to introduce kids to the game. This way they get to learn how each position on the field contributes and they get to see which ones they like most."

-Jenn Halle

Rian's mother signed him up for soccer to get him out of the house and mix up their regular schedule a bit.

"I wanted him to try something new," said Jessika Coons. "He has so much fun out here and he loves playing."

The youth soccer league kicked off seven weeks ago and according to Marine Corps Community Services personnel, has had an impressive turn out.

"This season had the most sign-ups I've seen since working for MCCS," said Jenn Halle, recreation assistant,

MCCS. "Of all the divisions, micro-soccer had the largest turn out."

Micro-soccer is the division for children ages four and five. This variation of soccer allows three players per team on the field at a time and the players are required to rotate through positions.

"Micro-soccer is a really good way to introduce kids to the game," said Halle. "This way they get to learn how each position on the field contributes and they get to see which ones they like most."

Micro-soccer has, on average, six players on each team and there are a total of 22 teams in the league.

Gabbie Telles signed up her four-year-old daughter, Sophia, for soccer for the first time this year.

"It teaches her teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship," Telles said. "It keeps her active too."

For many Combat Center children, MCCS youth sports is a great way to get involved, stay active and meet kids like them, Halle said.

"She gets really excited for practice and games," Telles said. "Since she's an only child, this gives her a chance to socialize with other kids and make new friends."

This year's games will continue until the end of the month, and though the Longnecks hope to continue to defend their undefeated record, they know that winning is not what's important in the game.

"He's learning sportsmanship," said Coons, "He knows it's not always about winning but, he also knows how to be a good winner."

More photos on B6



Longnecks' Jayda Kuehnl (left) fights for the ball against Mammoth players Calvin Ronin (center) and Tejada Yasmeen Oct. 12 at Felix Field. The 4-5 year olds in youth sports are playing micro-soccer, a game that involves three players on the field from each team instead of the standard 11. This style of play provides the players with more one-on-one training from the coaches and allows them to learn every position on the field.



Liberty Call

Combat Center Clubs

Excursions Enlisted Club

Monday: Margarita Mondays
 Thursday: Rockin' Karaoke 7-10 p.m.
 Friday: Social hour with food, 5 - 7 p.m. followed by DJ Gjettblaque, 8 - 11 p.m., Ladies Night
 Saturday: Variety Night, DJ Gjettblaque 8 - 11 p.m.

Bloodstripes NCO Club

Monday: Margarita Mondays
 Thursday: Warrior Night 4:30 - 9 p.m.
 Friday: Karaoke Night 6 - 9 p.m.

Hashmarks 29 SNCO Club

Friday: Steak Night, 4:30 - 8 p.m.
 Monday-Friday: All-hands lunch from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Monday: All-hands steak night, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

Combat Center Officers' Club

Monday: Steak night, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
 Monday-Friday: All-hands lunch, from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Taco Night, 5 - 7 p.m.

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

Local Events

8th Annual Halloween Party

Crappy and Scarriet's presents Gram Rabbit
 When: Friday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
 Where: Pappy and Harriet's Pioneertown Palace
 53688 Pioneertown Rd., Pioneertown, Calif.
 For more information, call 365-5956.

Darkum Asylum

When: Oct. 19-31, check website for times
 Where: Theatre 29
 73637 Sullivan Rd., Twentynine Palms, Calif.
 For more information call 316-4151
 or visit <http://www.theatre29.org>

Free Line Dance Lessons

Learn to dance to traditional country music
 When: 5 - 9 p.m., every Sunday
 Where: Willie Boy's Saloon and Dance Hall
 50048 29 Palms Hwy, Morongo Valley, Calif.
 For more information, call 363-3343.

Lower Desert

Ian Anderson

Professional flutist plays
 When: 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19
 Where: Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa
 32-250 Bob Hope Dr., Rancho Mirage
 For more information call 888-999-1995 or visit
<http://hotwatercasino.com>.

John Legend

Nine-time Grammy Award winner performs
 When: 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16
 Where: Fantasy Springs Resort Casino
 84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio
 For more information call 800-827-2946 or visit
<http://www.fantasyspringsresort.com>.

Moon Walker

The ultimate Michael Jackson experience
 When: 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17
 Where: Spotlight 29 Casino Resort
 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella, Calif.
 For more information call 866-377-6829 or visit
<http://www.spotlight29.com>.

Sinbad/Zapp

Comedian performs
 When: 8:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23
 Where: Morongo Casino Resort and Spa
 49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon, Calif.
 For more information call 800-252-4499 or visit
<http://www.morongocasinosresort.com>.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, October 19

6 p.m. - ParaNorman, Rated PG
 9 p.m. - Expendables 2, Rated R
 Midnight - Hit and Run, Rated R

Saturday, October 20

11 a.m. - 4th Annual CG's Car and Bike Show, MCX Parking Lot
 6 p.m. - Bourne Legacy, Rated PG-13
 9 p.m. - Premium Rush, Rated PG-13
 Midnight - Lawless, Rated R

Sunday, October 21

12:30 p.m. - ParaNorman, Rated PG
 3 p.m. - Possession, Rated PG-13
 6 p.m. - ParaNorman 3D, Rated PG
 9 p.m. - FREE SNEAK PREVIEWS Red Dawn, Rated PG-13

Monday, October 22

7 p.m. - Expendables 2, Rated PG-13

Tuesday, October 23

7 p.m. - ParaNorman 3D, Rated PG

Wednesday, October 24

NO MOVIES - POWER OUTAGE

Thursday, October 25

5:30 p.m. - Odd Life of Timothy Green, Rated PG
 8:30 p.m. - Bourne Legacy, Rated PG-13

Multi-layered mind bender could become new sci-fi classic



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In "Looper," time-traveling assassins blast their victims away with sawed-off "blunderbuss" shotguns. And BOOM, just like that, the unlucky sap is gone with one thunderous shot — not only dead, but completely vanished from future, like he never existed, never return.

NEIL POND

"Looper"

Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt & Bruce Willis
 Directed by Rian Johnson
 R, 118 min.

Imagine a future America in which mobsters use time travel to zap anyone on their hit list back 30 years to 2044.

There an assassin, or looper, like Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), is waiting to blast his hooded, bound victim away with a sawed-off "blunderbuss" shotgun. And BOOM, just like that, the unlucky sap is gone with one thunderous shot — not only dead, but completely vanished from future, like he never existed, never to return.

Loopers live a pretty high life. They're well paid and they party hard. Joe stashes his gold payola bars, gets a buzz with hallucinogenic eye drops and has a thing for one particular high-end hooker,

played by Piper Perabo.

A few freakish folks, curious byproducts of decades of mutation, have powers of telekinesis — an ability to make small objects, like coins, float in the air by the power of the mind. It's a good trick, but apparently not good for much else.

It's all part of the edgy swirl of "Loopers," the crazy circus in which Joe circulates.

But there's a price to pay. Often a looper is assigned to erase his own lifetime of criminal tracks. That's called "closing the loop." He just pulls the trigger, incinerates the anonymous body, then lives out the next 30 years unaware — until the day he finds himself on the other end of his own blunderbuss.

When Joe gets the call to close his loop, it should be just another one-and-done hit. But all of a sudden there's Bruce Willis as future Joe, somehow de-hooded and unshackled and staring into a

pair of eyes that look a lot like his own.

And then "old" Joe gets away — a time-warping slip-up for which we've already seen Joe's boss, Abe (Jeff Daniels), has little tolerance.

It turns out future Joe has a grudge to settle, a warning, and a name on a hit list of his own. Present Joe doesn't have much time to think about that, however, because he's plotting how he's going to find the man he'll grow up to be and kill him before a small army of Abe's loopers come to wipe out both of them.

Everything leads to a rural farmhouse and its occupants, a neo-pioneer mom (Emily Blunt) and her young son (an electrifying Pierce Gagnon), and a spectacular showdown with some socko surprises.

Writer-director Rian Johnson, who also worked with Gordon-Levitt in his 2005 movie "Brick," wrote and directed "The Brothers Bloom" and directed a couple of episodes of TV's "Breaking Bad," creates a vision of the future that meshes fanciful, new-age high-tech with grungy squalor.

Airborne motorcycles zip through trash-strewn, graffiti-smear streets, zigzagging around tattered vagrants pushing shopping carts. A gleaming high-rise metropolis

of vertical skyscraper spires thrust into the sky, surrounded by bleak, bare farmland.

Movies that deal with time travel usually have some real paradox pickles to deal with, especially when characters meet their own selves coming and going. "Loopers" addresses some of those questions head-on in a terrific scene in which old Joe and young Joe discuss what old Joe "remembers" about the things that young Joe does any given moment in the present.

But don't spend too much time thinking about it — because, as Abe wearily notes earlier, "This time-travel crap just fries your brain like an egg."

2012 has a few more months to go, but this multi-layered mind bender already stands out as one of the most ambitious, most original, most crazily inventive flicks of the year — a thought-provoking, head-rattling ride that could easily become a new sci-fi classic.

"Looper" has a lot going on underneath its shoot-'em-up surface, and it lays out plenty to think about as it races along and after its credits roll, about the decisions we make, what we're willing to do for the people we love, and what makes us who we turn out to be.

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[Above, left] Military families ride through biking trails during Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., during the Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day event hosted by The National Mountain Biking Association at the Henderson recreation area Oct. 6.

[Above, right] Military family members ride through biking trails during Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day. The event provided group rides for all ages.

[Left] Cindy Evans, a military family member, holds the bike her grandson won during a raffle during the Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day.



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[Left] (From left) Longneck players Duane Gristeau, Ryker Hansen and Rian Coons run, to a team huddle during a game against the Mammoths Oct. 12 at Felix Field.

[Bottom, left] Longnecks' Lillian Abelson (right), fights Mammoth player Calvin Ronin for the ball during a game Oct. 12 at Felix Field.

[Bottom, right] Mammoth player Andrew Hall is set in his goal-keeping stance and watches carefully for the ball during the Longnecks Oct. 12.



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