



A Marine with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, fires at a target at an unknown distance drill during the sniper marksmanship assessment as part of Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

Beirut Bn. Snipers test skills during ITX 1-16

STORY AND PHOTOS
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Marines with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment conducted a sniper marksmanship assessment that involved shooting at known and unknown distances aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

“The snipers fire unknown and known distances that range from 100-1000 meters,” said Cpl. Jonathan Padilla, a combat instructor with Tactical Training Exercise Control Group. “The Marines are being assessed on the marksmanship abilities and how effectively they can engage man-size targets.”

Marines from the unit utilized two different weapons systems during the sniper assessment. The first one was the M40A5 bolt-action sniper rifle, the second one was the M110 Semi-Automatic Sniper System.

“Their primary mission is to engage selected targets,” said Staff Sgt. Gary Moll, a sniper instructor with

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Marines with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment await for the command to engage man-size targets during the sniper marksmanship assessment as part of Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

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LMH hosts RECP open forum

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In an effort to reduce energy consumption in the U.S. by 20 percent, the Department of Defense created the Resident Energy Conservation Program to help improve the quality of life for families by cutting electricity waste and using saved money to give back to the community. Lincoln Military Housing hosted an open forum to familiarize residents with the program at the LMH’s Ocotillo Community Center, Oct. 23.

“The RECP program is an Department of the Navy initiative that was implemented about 5 years ago with the intent of finding ways to conserve energy and utilities in privatized military housing,” said Andrew Killion, regional and national energy manager, LMH. “We wanted to have the event



Tonya Middleton, wife of Lt. Col. Brian Middleton, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, discusses the Resident Energy Conservation Program with Andrew Killion, regional and national energy manager, Lincoln Military Housing, during an open forum at LMH’s Ocotillo Community Center, Oct. 23.

today as an extra opportunity and resource for all of our residents, to answer the families’ questions and concerns, and to speak more in depth on the program.”

The program accesses homes and then places them into ‘like-type groups’ based on size, age, number of bedrooms and other factors that influence energy usage. The average usage for each group is calculated monthly, allowing for a 10 percent buffer. This helps LMH residents to be more mindful of their energy usage.

“The program provides some measure of accountability of electricity usage within households,” Killion said. “Families that conserve well can get rebates and money back, while families that use a lot of electricity might have to pay some every month.”

According to Killion, it’s important to note

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Lt. Col. Winston Tierney, operations officer, 7th Marine Regiment, is greeted by his family during the regiment’s homecoming at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Oct. 23.

‘Magnificent Seventh’ returns

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A crowd of elated family members and friends welcomed home Marines and sailors of 7th Marine Regiment during the regiment’s homecoming at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Oct. 23. ‘Magnificent Seventh’ deployed as part of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Central Command 15.2.

This group of Marines and sailors deployed to the Middle East in April of 2015 and provided an unparalleled level of support to U.S. Central Command and to Operation Inherent Resolve. SPMAGTF-CR-CC 15.2 achieved this through kinetic airstrikes, the reinstatement of Al Taqaddum Air Base and the continued support of Marine Corps Advise and Assist activities and Building Partner Capacity missions at Al Taqaddum and Al Asad Air Bases in Iraq.

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Marine Corps’ Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps’ Facebook page. This week’s top shot comes from Sgt. Emmanuel Ramos.



A Marine with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Force Reconnaissance Detachment provides security during a desert survival and tactics course alongside the French 5th Overseas Combined Arms Regiment at Arta Range Facility, Djibouti, Africa, Oct. 6.

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TTECG. “They spend a lot of time refining fundamentals of marksmanship to improve their ability to shoot during an evaluation.”

Drills for the assessment included firing at different targets without a time limit while other drills evaluated how quickly and effectively the snipers could hit as many targets as possible within a thirty second time frame.

“The environment here is different,” said Moll. “On (Camp) Lejeune it’s the environment and the elevation. As a sniper, it’s mission essential that you collect data for your rifles in as many different locations as possible to increase your knowledge spectrum.”

The snipers worked the assessment in pairs of two. The shooter had an observer to guide him in the precise location of his target, upon completion of the first round the two switched places.

“At TTCEG we are prepared to coach and mentor the snipers, if they are new to the program we’ll help them along, if they are experienced we’ll continue to teach them more and more things,” Moll said. “Most of our training focuses on developing the sniper team executing battalion-level fire support.”



A Marine with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment fires at a target with the M110 Semi-Automatic Sniper System during the sniper marksmanship assessment as part of Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

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that residents are only paying for that extra electricity outside of the normal usage, not a whole electric bill as they would out in town.

LMH also used the event as an opportunity to disseminate information on how families can better conserve electricity. According to Killion, a portion of the money saved from conserved electricity can be allocated elsewhere including improvements of homes, playgrounds, and community centers.

“With the funds saved by the RECP program we are able to do more of the things that we wanted to do for our residents,” Killion said. “It’s the combination of the little things that add up in the big ways. Remembering to turn off the lights when you leave the room can add up over the months.”

While the program is still looking to improve with feedback from families; it is part of the DoD’s efforts to improve the environment, preserve America’s natural resources and reduce our dependence on oil and other fossil fuels.

For more information on RECP and details regarding your installation’s official program roll-out dates, visit www.LincolnRECP.com.

TOUGH MINDED
OPTIMISM

by Lou Gerhardt



Lalo Alvarez attends my Thursday seminars on positive living. He is vice-president of A.C.T. Tours and has visited more than 130 countries. I asked him to share this story.

When I came to America from Mexico, I knew I would not be able to go back and see my beloved mother until I got a Green Card, a legal process which would last 14 years. I spoke to her over the phone, of course, but I longed to hug her, to kiss her cheek and again taste her homemade Mexican food. Mom’s tamales, especially, were delicioso. So when the Green Card finally arrived in early December, we both planned for my return to Mexicali, where I was raised. There was just one problem: I owned a store and could not leave until after Christmas.

My siblings had warned me that Mother was failing in health, but she assured me she was fine and eagerly looked forward to our reunion. On December 24, I packed the car with over \$1000 in gifts—this would be one unforgettable fiesta!

Then the call came—Mom had been rushed to a hospital and physically died of a stroke shortly afterward. Shattered, I drove all night to Mexicali and joined my heartbroken family who had gathered to pay their final respects to the mother of 14 children. Afterward, when I was alone with my grieving father, he looked at the unwrapped gifts I had brought and said, “Your mother made you a present, as well, and left it in the kitchen.” Inside the refrigerator was a plate of tamales, with a note attached that read, “Welcome home, my dear son Lalo. Feliz Navidad.”

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Cpl. Derek Johnson, supply administration specialist, 7th Marine Regiment, is greeted by his daughter, Sophia, 1, and wife Janee, during the regiment’s homecoming at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Oct. 23.



Lance Cpl. Christopher Treadwell, refrigeration technician, 7th Marine Regiment, meets his son, Blake, 5 months, for the first time during the regiment’s homecoming at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Oct. 23.



Col. Jay M. Barger, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, greets families and friends of his Marines and sailors during the regiment’s homecoming at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Oct. 23.

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Tanks...A Challenge To Teamwork

“Tanks and Artillery are what makes a ground unit heavy,” said Gen. Louis Wilson, Commandant of the Marine Corps, when he spoke to tankers here during his recent visit.

The Commandant was particularly concerned that his Corps train and retrain competent tankers, stressing that we cannot do battle without them.

What makes a tank so important to our battle readiness? Fully loaded, the 54 ton monster’s fire power is equivalent to one infantry rifle platoon.

The V-12 powerplant can push the machine as fast as 30 miles per hour. It gets fabulous gas mileage, sucking-up 1.2 gallons per mile.

The four man crew, a tank commander, gunner, driver and loader, must enjoy their work. Cpl. Michael Cleary, Company “B”, 3rd Tank

Battalion, MCB 29 Palms and former Marine of the Month tells why, “the challenge, new material and knowledge is always is always there. It’s a constant test of one’s ability to work individually and together. A working team in a tank must work to perfection.”

Tankers live together as well as work together. Their quarters are open squadbays. They must be compatible. Their work demands that they work in close quarters in frequently uncomfortable temperatures.

The tank commander, a corporal, sergeant or staff sergeant, is the first in command of the individual tank. He must control his vehicle and men, spot targets and maintain communication with his platoon leader who coordinates his five tank platoon.

The gunner, second in command,

aims and fires the main gun (105mm) and coaxially mounted machine gun and spots and identifies targets.

The driver must be able to drive over all types of terrain, locate positions which protect the vulnerable hull and spot targets.

The loader is responsible for ammo storage and loading of the 105mm main gun as well as the coax machine gun. He also corrects malfunctions in the weapons, maintains the radios and spots targets.

The driver’s compartment is well sloped and heavily armored with homogeneous steel. The most heavily armored area is the front and the turret, with about one foot of cast steel.

Each crew maintains their own tank. The tank commander signs for all the equipment and the tank-which comes to a tidy \$600,000 worth of responsibility.

Tankers for the Corps’ newest tank, the M-60A1, go to school in Ft. Knox, Kentucky. The ten-week session focuses on the proficiency at all tank positions to achieve maximum versatility and flexibility.

Frequent inspection stress preparedness and serviceability. No rust, dirt or oil can be left on any part of the tank and all tools and equipment must be operative.

Besides crew duties, each tanker is still a basic Marine. He must participate in essential subjects training, and qualify with both rifle and pistol annually.

From the descriptions of operations given by tankers themselves and observation of complexity of four men working to make 54 tons run, fire and not wear-out, Cpl. Cleary seems right in saying, “a working team in a tank must work to perfection.”

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 - 28 Wedding vow
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 - 37 Popular fruit drink
 - 38 Tour-de-France, for one
 - 41 Nap
 - 43 Beach shelter
 - 44 There's a holy one every yr.
 - 45 More drawn-out
 - 46 Quincy of music

- 50 Thanksgiving dish
- 51 Losing proposition?
- 52 Cross letters
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Ariel

Palacios, Tx. Student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Pfc., Age 19

ROBINS

Robins has been skateboarding for five years and comes from small-town Palacios, Texas. He plans on going to medical school to become an anesthesiologist after completing his career in the Marine Corps.

>**I started skateboarding as a freshman** in high school because it was fun and challenging. It's always been a stress reliever. It's a little late for me to make a career out of it, but I'm always trying to learn new tricks.

>**I enjoy vert skating**, or riding at skate parks because it's fluid, but most of the time I street skate. In vert skating, you can stay on a half-pipe and use your momentum for the next trick. With street skating, I'll usually have tricks planned for the line I want to do.

>**California is a great place** to practice, whether it's longboarding down a hill or doing tricks on ramps. I'm always looking for good spots to skate.

>**Anyone who skateboards** is going to fall eventually. It's easy to mess up but you learn from those mistakes. With persistence, you will eventually stick the landing and it will be worth those times you fell.

>**Waiting in the delayed** entry program for a year, I did a lot of skateboarding. I dislocated my hip a month and a half before recruit training, but I was able to recover in time.

>**I grew up fishing and hunting** in Palacios, Texas, and I spent a lot of time playing high school soccer. Sports are a great way to stay active and spend time with friends.

>**I've been hunting since** I could hold a gun. The first gun I shot was a 12-gauge shotgun. I must have been five or six years old. I remember the recoil knocking me off the bench.

>**My dad taught me to shoot**, and he always emphasized I should never kill something just to kill it.

>**Fishing is my favorite hobby**. My family and I fish together all the time. It's always been a relaxing way to spend time and bring everyone closer together.

>**Sometimes negative situations** can have a positive outcome. One time we went on a fishing trip and when we came back, our house was in ashes after catching on fire. My dad hired contractors to build a new foundation for the house, but my family and I rebuilt the rest of it. It was alright because the new house turned out better.

>**I've been working all my life** and



that's helped me in the Marine Corps. Growing up in a rural area, it's just a part of daily life.

>**One big thing I've learned** so far is you have to get along with people even if you don't like them. There's no point in showing it if it's just going to create tension in the workplace.

>**I've met a lot of great mentors** and

peers, who I've learned a lot from. I've also learned from mistakes I've made and have seen others make. It's taught me what I should and shouldn't do as a leader.

>**I'm looking forward** to my new unit in Camp Lejeune. I got orders to [8th Communication Battalion, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force]. I'm excited to experience countries I haven't been to yet and meet new people.

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8th RAS provides treatment down range during ITX 1-16

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. TIA NAGLE

Corpsmen with the 8th Regimental Aid Station are providing crucial care to Marines and sailors during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 24.

“Our responsibilities during ITX are to provide Role 1 medical capabilities to the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force and all accompanying personnel,” said Senior Chief Petty Officer Mitchell Woods, senior enlisted leader of the 8th Regimental Aid Station. “ITX allows us to break out our [Authorized Medical Allowance Lists] so the young sailors can get familiar with the contents and allow us to set up a Regimental or Battalion Aid Station in a field setting.”

The corpsmen will use the next several weeks to refine their medical skills in a field environment and prepare for upcoming deployments. The medical staff will operate with a “less is more” mentality as they strive to provide the same quality of care without the luxuries of Camp Lejeune.

“This ITX is obviously a certification exercise that we’re going to go through, but it also allows medical staff to be able to get a precursor to what we might have to do on deployment or during any crisis response missions that we may face in the future,” said Woods.

The field medical training completed during ITX will prepare the corpsmen for any potential obstacles they may face and keep their skills refined in the event of an emergency while deployed overseas. Petty Officer First Class Eli Hernandez, independent duty corpsman with the 8th Regimental Aid Station, says that expedient, life-saving care has become even more critical with modern day technology. Marines and sailors are constantly operating at farther distances from ships and bases which can place them hours away from medical facilities overseas.

“In the states you have the golden hour for medical treatment,” said Hernandez. “Down range that’s sometimes not feasible because it might take three or four hours to get to the patient by helicopter. So it’s on that medical team down range to stabilize those patients until a [medical or casualty evacuation] can be performed.”

The corpsmen will also use this time to complete necessary Fleet Marine Force training like land navigation and radio operations in order to earn their Warfare pin. ITX gives the sailors a unique opportunity to train alongside Marines in a new environment. In addition to this training, the aid station will also take care of any minor illnesses or injuries that may come up during ITX.

“Pretty much what we see out here is just sick call stuff; you know the sniffles, minor cuts and lacerations,” said Woods. “Every once in a while we’ll get some sports related injuries and stuff of that nature, but nothing that’s a huge concern.”

In the event of a serious medical emergency, the corpsmen would provide lifesaving aid and immediately evacuate the patient to the nearest hospital.



Petty Officer Third Class Alexander Iwan, a corpsman with the 8th Regimental Aid Station, prepares to administer a shot during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 24.



Petty Officer Third Class Alexander Iwan, a corpsman with the 8th Regimental Aid Station, provides aid to a patient during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 24.

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Pfc. Kentrail White, a motor vehicle operator with Transportation Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, prepares the tow cable to recover a flipped vehicle during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 22.

CLB 2 hones vehicle recovery skills at ITX 1-16

**STORY AND PHOTOS
BY SGT. TIA NAGLE**

Marines with Transportation Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, conducted vehicle recovery training during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 22.

This exercise allows the Marines to hone the skills they learned in wrecker operator training and prepares them for their culminating live-fire event later on during ITX.

"Today is just a training day for our wreckers to be able to come out, and understand what they need to improve," said 1st Lt. Alexandra Rader, the officer in charge of Motor Transport Platoon, Transportation Services Company. "This enables them to operate as a team, and use their gear effectively. We'll be doing several exercises over the next couple weeks."

Air Ground Task Force and exercises in vehicle recovery will help maintain mission readiness and prepare the unit for upcoming deployments.

“For II Marine Expeditionary Force in general, we’re a huge asset to them due to the limited amount of wrecker operators available,” said Rader. “If anything needs to get recovered, towed, pulled out of a ditch, they’re the ones that are qualified to do it.”

In this training scenario, Marines need to recover a vehicle that flipped over into a ravine. The Marines must work together as a team to assess the situation and develop a plan for recovery in the unfamiliar terrain.

"Being from Camp Lejeune, we don't have this terrain," said Cpl. Herbert Creecy IV, a maintenance technician with the company. "This is a different type of environment we're training in with different aspects we don't normally encounter. Out here you have the sand that comes in to factor and a lot of other different variables that will come into play when recovering a truck in this terrain."

Marines will use the upcoming weeks to refine their vehicle recovery skills and prepare for one of their culminating ITX events, a live-fire vehicle recovery exercise.



Marines with Transportation Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, conduct vehicle recovery training during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 22.



A Marine with Transportation Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, operates the crane to load a downed vehicle during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center. Oct. 22.



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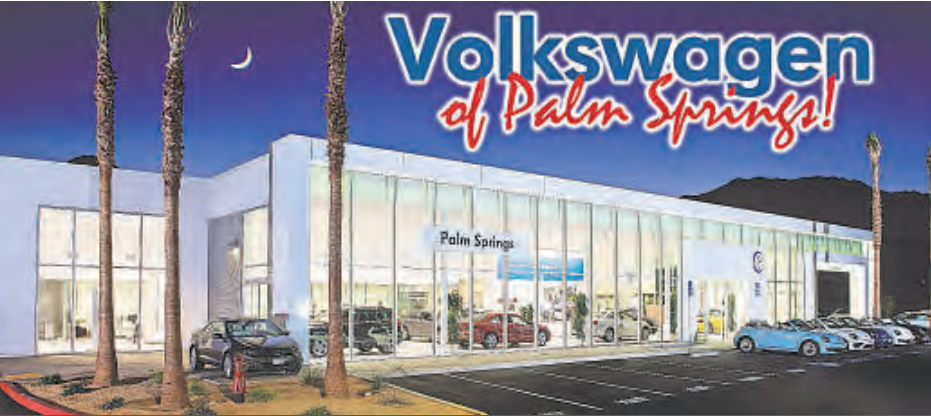
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Red Ribbon Week kicks off with running start



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Pfc. Cole Dykes, student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, high-fives Darren the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Lion during the Substance Abuse Prevention Program's second annual Red Ribbon Week 5k Race at the Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 23.

STORY BY LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Substance Abuse Prevention Program began Red Ribbon Week with their second annual five kilometer race at the Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 23. The run was one of several ways SAPP raises drug abuse awareness to the Combat Center.

Red Ribbon Week is held on the last full week of October every year. The tradition of Red Ribbon Week began in the 1980s after drug cartels abducted and killed Enrique Camarena, a former Marine who became a drug enforcement agent stationed in Mexico. Red Ribbon Week is held to raise awareness to drug abuse and make our communities clean and drug free places to live.



Marines cheer on Isabel Salas, 2, daughter of Sgt. Aaron Salas, instructor, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, while she finishes in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program's second annual Red Ribbon Week 5k Race at the Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 23.



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Matti Hart, 11, niece of Maj. Will Cerrigan, operations officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, decorates pumpkins with Rea, wife of Cerrigan, and Austin, 2, Cerrigan's son, during the Marine Corps Community Services' Family Fall Festival at Del Valle Field, Oct. 23. During the event, families participated in approximately 30 different activities and games.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Marine Corps Community Services with support from Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division hosted their 8th annual Family Fall Festival at Del Valle Field, Oct. 23.

MCCS' Special Events Section held the annual Family Fall Festival as a method of bringing the Combat Center community closer together. This year, approximately 2,000 people attended the festival.

"We want to give the families aboard the base more opportunities to bond," said Celina Laserna, special events manager, MCCS. "This event also gives parents on the base a fun and safe environment for their children to play in."

NREA donated profits made by the Quality Recycling Program in support of the festival, which included free games and

playhouses for the families to enjoy as well as activities they could participate in with the purchase of tickets from MCCS. The activities included, hay rides, train rides, face painting, crafts, carnival games, and bounce houses.

"This is a fun place for anyone to come to," said Rae Cerrigan, wife of Maj. Will Gerrigen, operations officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "All the children have a blast and we can make some memories along the way."

Volunteers from Combat Center units and other base entities manned the various booths and games throughout the night. The many activities allowed for all in attendance to enjoy the event.

"It's a great opportunity for all ages to come and enjoy their night," Laserna said. "Our goal is to create a safe place for the base community to have fun and become closer to one another."



Mossen Green, 7, son of Lt. j.g. David Green, dentist, 23rd Dental Company, plays a carnival game during the Marine Corps Community Services' Family Fall Festival at Del Valle Field, Oct. 23. MCCS hosted the event with a donation from the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division's Quality Recycling Program.



Combat Center families enjoy a train ride during the Marine Corps Community Services' Family Fall Festival at Del Valle Field, Oct. 23.



Pfc. Cole Cannon, intelligence analyst, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, volunteers running a carnival game during the Marine Corps Community Services' Family Fall Festival at Del Valle Field, Oct. 23.



Combat Center Events

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The Protestant Chapel is hosting the ‘Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride’, today, at 7:30 a.m. This event will provide an opportunity for installation motorcycle riders to participate in an educational poker-run style ride to bring awareness to domestic violence. For more information, contact Michele Godfrey at (760) 368-6345.

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Tuesday, November 3
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Wednesday, November 4
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Gollywhopper of a Ghost Story

Sumptuous ‘Crimson Peak’ is full of deliciously dark surprises

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*“Crimson Peak”
Starring Mia Wasikowska,
Tom Hiddleston &
Jessica Chastain
Directed by
Guillermo del Toro
Rated R*

Crimson Peak is a ghost story with a capital G—a couple of them.

The first is for writer-director Guillermo del Toro, the acclaimed Mexican filmmaker renowned for the dark-fantasy, supernatural-horror and sci-fi blowout movies Pan’s Labyrinth, Hellboy and Pacific Rim. Just having his name attached has kept fans and industry insiders buzzing for months.

The other big G: This ghost story is a real gollywhopper, a voluptuous, sumptuously festooned saga of love, lust, jealousy, money, madness, secrets, ambition and spirits that refuse to let go, all set in a

gigantic Gothic manor on a barren hillside in early 19th century England.

Mia Wasikowska plays Edith, a young New York heiress who falls in love with a visiting British baronet, Thomas Sharpe (Tom Hiddleston). An aspiring writer, Edith believes in ghosts, ever since she was visited as a child by the wraith of her departed mother, who ominously warned her to “Beware Crimson Peak.”

“Where I come from, ghosts are not to be taken lightly,” the baronet tells Edith, which is one reason she falls for him over the objections of her father (Jim Beaver from TV’s Supernatural), who tries to send Sharpe and his coldly aloof sister, Lucille (Jessica Chastain), packing. But a gruesome incident—that wasn’t the “accident” everyone seems to think—leaves Edith to make her own decisions. She decides to follow her heart and

marry the handsome Brit.

When she arrives in England with her new hubs, Edith finds his big, creaking, groaning house, Allerdale Hall, with a hole in the ceiling, leaves in the foyer, and gloopy blood-red clay oozing through the wooden slats of the floor. She also finds things that howl, scream, creep, crawl and go bump in the night.

And she learns that estate is nicknamed Crimson Peak—and that ghosts aren’t the scariest things inside the house.


Audiences accustomed to the cheap thrills and gutbucket carnage of many contemporary horror flicks might be a tad disappointed that del Toro is much more interested in meticulous, old-school storytelling and creating a spectacular world for his characters to inhabit. Blood does flow and there are moments that will make you gasp, but they jarring red punctuation marks on a much big-

ger tale, one with horrors on an even grander, more operatic scale.

And in this big, big-looking, super-stuffed spook-fest, the attention to detail is astounding, from rooms, costumes, furniture, jewelry, kitchenware and candelabras, down to the tiniest of trinkets. The haunted house of Allerdale is a thing of wonder in itself, a real-life, three-story-tall cathedral of gloom (constructed especially for the movie) with a rasping, decrepit elevator, a sweeping grand staircase, murky hallways, hundreds of moths on the walls, locked vats of goo in the basement, and some deliciously dark, twisted surprises.

Sometimes everything feels like a phantasmagoric Downtown Abbey nightmare knocking around a forbidden section of Disney’s Haunted Mansion.


“Ghosts are real,” a battered-looking Edith tells us twice, bookending the movie at its opening scene as well as its violent, sprawling finale—during which she discovers not only the power of her pen, but also the brutal effectiveness of a coal shovel. If you ever get put through the wringer like she does in Crimson Peak, you’ll believe they’re real, too.



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PHOTO BY CPL. TYLER GIGUERE

Sgt. Bobo, military working dog, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, awaits his handler's commands after exiting a CH-53E Super Stallion in support of Blue Chromite 16 in the Central Training Area, Okinawa, Japan, Wednesday. Bobo was tasked with tracking down the pilot and aircrew of a simulated downed aircraft. Blue Chromite is a large-scale amphibious exercise that draws primarily from III Marine Expeditionary Force's training resources on Okinawa. The location of the training allows participating units to maintain a forward-deployed posture and eliminates the cost of traveling to train.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BRYAN PETERSON

U.S. Marine Cpl. Isaiah DeJesus, a combat engineer for Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response-Africa, and a Sicilian high school student pick up trash from in between volcanic rocks at the Catania San Giovanna Li Cuti Beach and waterfront, Oct. 26, in Catania, Italy. Nearly 20 Marines and sailors partnered with a local Sicilian high school to clean up the beach. The Lions Club Catania-sponsored event was the 26th community relations project the Marines and sailors with SPMAGTF-CR-AF participated in since arriving to Naval Air Station Sigonella in mid-July.



PHOTO BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM

Lance Cpl. Arturo Campos, assistant fire team leader for Delta Co., 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, run through dry fire drills during exercise Trident Juncture 2015 in Almeria, Spain, Oct. 27. These drills allow Reserve Marines to train in realistic environments and maintain a high state of readiness. More than 36,000 troops from more than 30 nations are participating in the exercise which is the largest NATO has conducted in the past 10 years.



PHOTO BY GUNNERY SGT. ANDREW PENDRACKI

Turkish Marine snipers provide cover fire while U.S. Marines assigned to Golf Company, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, disembark from a MV-22B Osprey during a joint amphibious assault as part of exercise Egemen 2015 in Doganbey, Turkey, Oct. 27. Egemen is a Turkish-led and hosted amphibious exercise designed to increase tactical proficiencies and interoperability among participants. The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit is deployed to the 6th fleet area of in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.

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Lost & Found 545

Lost Dog: Male, blue nose / gray pit bull with white patch on neck & chest has been missing since Sat. 10/10/15 evening. Vicinity of Bagley & El Paseo in 29 Palms. Call 760-296-7142

Lost Cat: Orange Tabby with short hair. 1 year old Male. Went missing near Jr. High & Samarkand in 29 Palms this morning 10/13/15. Call Laura 310-963-3203

Lost German Shepherd, tan & brown male with green collar. Went missing last night, 10/13/15 in 29 Palms around Siesta Dr. & Mesquite Springs. Answers to "Otto" and is micro-chipped. Call Sarah 440-409-4939

Lost Dog: 15 mo. male, Jack Russell Terrier, white with 1 brown eye & brown ear. Went missing Tuesday night, 10/13/15 between Cholla & Amador on Bonanza in Yucca Valley. Reward!! 760-418-5149 or 442-256-0314

FOUND Camping gear near Sky Harbor between Fri. 10/9 & Sun. 10/11. Call Sue 760-902-7966

Lost Dog: Old English bull dog, female, gray & white, fixed, no collar. Disappeared sometime between Sunday & Monday on

Lost & Found 545

the mesa off of Sunflower & Avalon. Call 760-288-1177

Lost Cat - Reward for Information! Name: Elle White body, black tail and head markings, yellow eyes. Found her empty collar in open field at Ocotillo and South Slope at midnight October 20th. Contact Pam 760 914 0440

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Female cat, all black with a little white on her neck. Went missing Oct 21st, vicinity of Cholla & Bonanza in Yucca Valley. Spayed & micro-chipped. Call 760-985-8348

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FOUND: Prescription Ray-Ban sunglasses in black case. Found on 10/23 in Big Lots shopping center. Please contact Check into Cash 760-365-6478 if they are yours.

Misc. For Sale 530

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Candidate must have the ability to design and develop water conservation programs; promote and facilitate conservation education; design, write and edit press releases, newsletters, and other multimedia content; produce web content and use social media to engage the public.

Candidate must be a management-level professional, experienced in meeting multiple deadlines with minimum supervision. Strong presentation skills are a must.

The **Communications and Conservation Officer** will be a team player, and a key member of the executive staff.

Requirements include a minimum of three years of performing increasingly responsible professional level public relations duties including community outreach, public relations, government relations, and/or legislative analyst work. A Bachelor's degree in communications, marketing, journalism, public relations, public administration or a related field from an accredited four-year college or university is preferred.

Candidates must have a California driver's license and good driving record; be able to type 50-60 wpm; have expertise in MSWord, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Outlook; and be available to participate in evening and weekend meetings and events on a regular basis.

For a complete job description, and to download an application form, visit www.hdwdd.com.

Please submit completed application, cover letter, and resume to Human Resources, 55-439 Twenty-nine Palms Blvd., Yucca Valley, CA 92284; Email: hr@hdwd.com; Fax: 760-418-2248. Deadline is November 16, 2015 at 12:00PM. EOE.