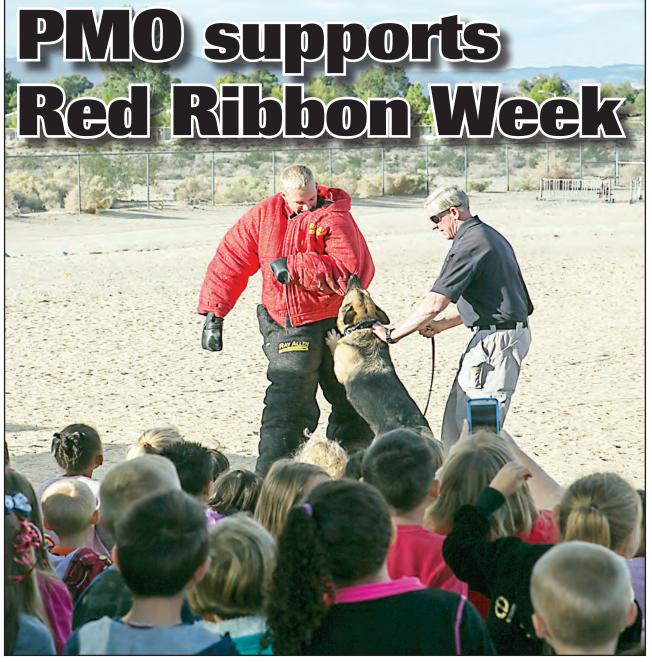


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Officer Myke Erdman, military working dog handler, MWD section, Provost Marshal's Office, pulls Max, MWD, off of Lance Cpl. Preston Ford, MWD handler, MWD section, PMO, during a demonstration at Condor Elementary School in support of Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 29.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

The Provost Marshal's Office, Military Working Dog Section performed a military working dog demonstration for the students of Condor Elementary School, Oct. 29. The demonstration was held as part of the school's Red Ribbon Week curriculum.

Red Ribbon Week is held on the last full



# MCTOG graduates instructor class story and photos by lance CPL. Levi schultz

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Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group held a graduation ceremony at the MCTOG classroom, Oct. 30. Maj. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault, commanding general, 2nd Marine Division, impressed upon the graduates the importance of this training.

Marines from around the globe left their units to attend the Operations and Tactics Instructor Officer's Course; the OTI Chief's Course; the Intelligence and Tactics Instructor Officer's Course; and the ITI Chief's Course. Each of the classes falls under the six-week Tactical Marine Air Ground Task Force Integration Course, conducted three times a year aboard the Combat Center.



Maj. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault, commanding general, 2nd Marine Division, congratulates Maj. Anthony Samas, Operations and Tactics Instructor Officer's Course graduate, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, for his accomplishment of being the honor graduate during the graduation ceremony at the MCTOG classroom, Oct. 30.

"The whole point of these courses is to get the operation and intelligence staffs together to not only refresh what we know but to learn a way to teach it to our Marines," said ITI-O graduate, Capt. Timothy Ehrhard, intelligence officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. "During these courses, we got the opportunity to learn some very tangible things and to see what is missing in ourselves and to be self-critical so that when we go back to our units we can better lead our Marines." The courses provided the Marines with experience and the opportunity to take what they have learned throughout their careers in practical application and test it in an academic environment. "Overall, training like this is critical," said Master Sgt. Robert Robertson, OTI-C instructor, MCTOG. "As we progress throughout our careers, it's important that we set up our senior leadership and officers for success. Bringing them into this type of environment allows them to augment and See MCTOG pg. A6

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.

raise awareness to drug abuse and make our communities clean and drug free places to live. Cortez, military working dog, MWD section, Provost Marshal's Office, simulates an attack on Lance Cpl. Cole Coburn, MWD handler, MWD section, PMO, during a demonstration at Condor Elementary School in support of Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 29.

# Marine aviation tests new technology

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. CONNOR HANCOCK

Senior level Marine Corps leadership visited the systems and test sites for the new Common Aviation Command and Control System during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-16, at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Oct. 20.

Lt. Gen. Robert Walsh, commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Lt. Gen. Jon Davis, deputy commandant for aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps, and Brig. Gen. Joseph Shrader, commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, along with Senior Executives Thomas Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Operations and Logistics Management, and William Taylor, Program Executive See **Test pg.** A6



Sgt. Michael Hoxie, air intercept controller, Marine Air Control Squadron 2, utilizes the Common Aviation Command and Control System during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-16 at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Oct. 20.

# **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 Lance Cpl. Caitlin Bevel.



Orlando, Fla., native Cpl. Suzette Clemans, a military working dog handler with 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and Denny, her Belgian Malinois patrol explosive detection dog, prepare to search for explosives on the beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 21.



Maj. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault, commanding general, 2nd Marine Division, congratulates graduates of the Operations Tactics Instructor Officer's Course, the OTI Chief's Course, the Intelligence and Tactics Instructor Officer's Course, and the ITI Chief's Course during their graduation ceremony at the MCTOG classroom, Oct. 30.

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reinforce what they know and bring what they learn back to their units."

Maj. Anthony Samas, OTI-O graduate, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment; Master Gunnery Sgt. Antonio Rivera, OTI-C graduate, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment; Capt. Richard Vanshyten, ITI-C graduate, 5th Marine Regiment; and Gunnery Sgt. Ryan Bonham, 4th Marine Regiment, graduated at the top of their respective classes and

received awards during the ceremony as honor graduates.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Beaudreault left the Marines with a one last remark on the importance of the course.

"At the end of the day, you're better Marines for it, your units will be better for it, and the Marine Corps will be better for it," Beaudreault said. "If that is the outcome of every course, then we should not change a thing.'



Col. Craig R. Wonson, commanding officer, Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, speaks to graduates at the MCTOG classroom, Oct. 30.





Lt. Gen. Robert Walsh, commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, discusses logistics of the Common Aviation Command and Control System with CAC2S program managers, at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Oct. 20.

Officer Land Systems, observed the use of the new CAC2S system, which can support multiple air combat element operations in deployed environments, allowing Marine Corps aviation to excel in operational, technical and performance capabilities.

The CAC2S provides modernized equipment for three Aviation Combat Element (ACE) tactical agencies; a Tactical Air Command Center, Tactical Air Operations Center, and Direct Air Support Center. Workstations with updated software collect data from highly sensitive radars and sensors to provide commanders with vast airspace knowledge.

According to Capt. Marco Arriaga, officer in charge, Tactical Air Operations Center, Marine Air Control Squadron One, the systems have increased MACS-1's capabilities.

"It's been very smooth transitioning with this equipment," said Arriaga. "The stability has been a lot better than what we've seen with the legacy gear, where the processors have overloaded. I'd take any of these over the old systems, as they are right now," added Arriaga.

The CAC2S Program Office, in conjunction with the operating forces tested the new CAC2S system as a replacement for the previous command and control system, which has been used since the 1980s. in a much shorter amount of time compared to the older systems, which had more working parts," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nathaniel Kragel, maintenance officer, Marine Tactical

Air Command Squadron 38. A CH-53 "Super Stallion" or similar aircraft can efficiently transport all the equipment and facilities for CAC2S, to include [High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles], which serve as Aviation Command and Control Systems.

Maj. Marcus Hinckley, Command, Control, and Communications (C3) department head, operations and training, Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, said the speed of the new system's software gives Marines a huge advantage.

"The information exchange is much faster," said Hinckley. "It quickens the timeline, making the MAGTF more lethal."

The general officers and Senior Executives had a unique opportunity to get a first-hand look at a developmental capability supporting the operational forces during this latest WTI class. According to the program office, participation in the WTI classes allows the program to refine the capabilities and fix any discrepancies before fully fielding the system. The Marine Corps is looking into the most cost-effective way of implementing the new systems to win battles.

"We are still learning, but the ability to increase mobility and being self-reliant has been pretty phenomenal so far," Arriaga said. Marines will continue with test-"We were able set up the TACC ing and fixes will be implemented while Marine Aviation moves forward with the new technology. The Marine Corps plans to field the CAC2S to the Fleet Marine Force beginning in fiscal year 2017.

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nathaniel Kragel, maintenance officer, Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 38, explains setting up the Common Aviation Command and Control System on a 'Shellback' mounted on a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, used as a part of the Tactical Air Command Center for Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-16, at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Oct. 20.

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The Combat Center collects and tests the drinking water constantly throughout its system to ensure the water delivered to you is in compliance with regulatory requirements at all times. As a result of the required testing, the Combat Center received a notice of non-compliance for exceeding the Hexavalent Chromium drinking water standard on July 9, 2015. When a regulatory violation occurs, ongoing public notification may be required. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

happened? What What is being done?

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a new standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) for Hexavalent Chromium on July 1, 2014. California is the only state to regulate hexavalent chromium in drinking water. The Combat Center exceeded 10 ppb during the third quarter of 2015 at wells 3B and 4A. Well 3B average sample result was 13 ppb and well 4A sample result was 18 ppb. This hexavalent chromium exceedance is due to naturally occurring minerals in the soil and not a result of any contamination.

To address this compliance issue, the Combat Center submitted a compliance plan to the SWRCB on October 14, 2015. Also, the Combat Center has been conducting a critical drinking water study since April 2014. This study, due by

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February 2016, will provide the Combat Center with information needed to construct the proper treatment processes for the effective removal of Hexavalent Chromium from the drinking water.

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# **Corps Accepts New Amtrac**

The Marine Corps has a new amphibian vehicle; known as the LVTPX12, the new landing vehicle was accepted Oct. 19 by BrigGen. G. C. Axtell, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

BrigGen. E.H. Hurst, Director of Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center, delivered the acceptance address, following satisfactory completion of initial land and water performance test at the manufacturer's proving grounds.

The 26-ffot long vehicle, the first of 15 prototype amphibian personnel carriers of a new and advanced type, features a unique water-jet propulsion system resulting in the unusual waterborne speed and maneuverability.

It is slated to undergo a rigorous series of evaluation test in area ranging from artic Alaska to tropical Panama. The new landing wehicle was especially developed for the Marine Corps under a Naval Ships Systems Command contract, and is intended to replace the battle-proven LVTP5 family of amphibian vehicles.

Designed to be launched from Navy landing ships, the new landing vehicle moves quickly toward shore through plunging surf and inland to support combat troops. Land speed of the LVTPX12 is 40 mph with a crushing range of 300 miles. Afloat it travels at speeds better than 8 mph. The new amphibian, built by FMC Corporation of San Jose, can transport 25 combat troops, plus a crew of three. As a cargo carrier, it will carry 10,000 pounds of equipment and supplies.

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# WHAT I'VE LEARNED

# Preston Newton, KS. Military working dog handler, Lance Cpl., Age: 20 FORD

Ford went on the board to become part of the K-9 unit two days after coming to his first duty station in Twentynine Palms. Ford wanted to be part of K-9 so he could start his own dog training business after his service in the Marine Corps.

> grew up on a wheat farm as a kid. My brother and I worked on the farm growing up. One day, my brother called me and asked if I wanted to join the Marine Corps. I had nothing else going on that afternoon so I said "yeah."

> decided to be [military police] because growing up my dad worked in law enforcement. He was also part of K-9.

> also wanted to be K-9 so that I could train dogs after I get out of the Marine Corps. K-9 gave me a head start with that dream.

>After going through the basic military police school I was given my orders to Twentynine Palms. None of the instructors knew anything about the base so I didn't know really what to expect. Turns out it's not that bad of a place once you get here.

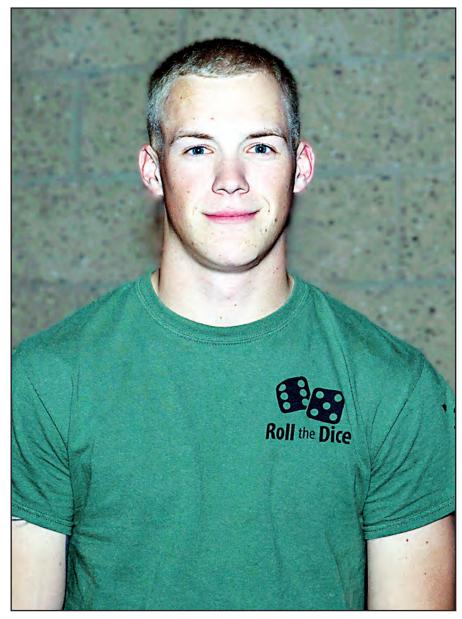
**>On my second day here,** I was still checking in. I was told that they told me that there was a K-9 board was coming up. There was a spot open and I made it.

> just got back from the school for K-9 and I realize how blessed I had been for the opportunity. Not to mention, I had the opportunity to be part of the very thing I wanted to do so soon.

> like dogs because they don't lie to you. There is an unconditional love with dogs. They will have your back and you become a team. There is also a great deal of jobs available once you get out of the military in K-9 training.

**>The thing about K-9** is that no one can learn everything about K-9. If you own a truck you will eventually learn everything about that truck, but no two dogs are the same. They each have their own personality. Every day there is something new to learn in this job-field.

**>The fact that** no two days in K-9 are going to be the same keeps me motivated. We do the same training but that is it; every day is something new.



**>We train our dogs** to perform to the standard of a real-life situation. We challenge ourselves and our dogs so that we will be prepared when the time comes.

**>One of the** biggest reasons for pushing ourselves the way we do is because people hiding drugs are going to do whatever they can to hide them from us.

>At the end of the day, I love being part of K-9. There is a saying "If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your

>Being in K-9 is like being part of a small family. The people in K-9 helped me in many ways getting started with college and >My dream is to settle down and train dogs on a farm. I want to my engagement.

life." That statement is true for me.

start my own business as a basic obedience trainer.

Interviewed and photographed by Lance Cpl. Thomas Mudd



# **1/8 Marines hit the ground running during ITX 1-16**



Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment fire M249 light-weight machine guns for the duration of a live fire and maneuver exercise during the Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23-24.



Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment prepare to conduct a platoon-sized live fire and maneuver exercise during the Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 at aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23-24. Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment prepare to conduct a platoon-sized live fire and maneuver exercise during the Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 at aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23-24.

# STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. TYLER ANDERSON

Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment conducted a squad supported live fire and maneuver exercise during the Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23-24.

The squad-sized attacks were the first of three main platoon training exercises. To prepare for ITX, the Charlie Company Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Phillip D. Jones, said they started the year with multiple company and battalion-sized exercises such as deployments for training at Army Instillation Fort AP Hill and Marine Corps Base Quantico. There, they conducted an amphibious field exercise, three battalion field exercises, and many company sized training events.

"The ultimate scheme of maneu-

ver for this range was to fortify the platoons," said Jones. "Each platoon's objective was to take over three trenches inside the range utilizing riflemen to clear each targeted area on foot while mortar men and machinegun men provided support."

Jones said one of the biggest challenges for each platoon was what the ITX instructors call "the pinning effect." As the squads maneuver through the trenches, simulated fire pins them down, and they have to provide a corresponding answer to each scenario.

"Every platoon learns more and more about the three tenants of being an infantry-man," said Jones. "Moving on to the battalion-level event is when we'll put everything together, so as long as we shoot, move and communicate, I think we will be good."

"I think all the platoons today did very

well," said Jones. "As the commandant says, NCO's are the backbone of the company and the battalion, and without them, we couldn't have gotten done what we did today."

This range is the first building block for the rest of ITX, with the next step being a company reinforced exercise at range 401 where they will perform an attack on a company-sized scale. The final exercise will be a battalion-sized live fire and maneuver assault, said Master Sgt. Joshua T. Laverty, a Tactical Training Exercise Control Group instructor.

Combat operations across the full spectrum of ITX are covered by TTCG instructors six times a year, watching over two battalions at a time. Laverty said his job is to cover down on the infantry and engineer portion, while another section covers down on tanks and light armored vehicles.

"This is their last real training assessment before they deploy and is sometimes the only real training they will get," said Laverty. "That's why it's so important that our coyotes [instructors] are proficient and are able to articulate corrections in a way that hints to positive reinforcement instead of giving them feedback in a bad light.

Laverty said there is always room for improvement in every unit that comes through Twentynine Palms for ITX. Whether they are good or bad, they will always get an accurate and honest assessment from the instructors.

"The first run was a little shaky, only because it was the first round, but after that it was me going really deep to find corrections," said Laverty. "They have a good, strong corps of NCO's and I think they are going to do well on the deployment."

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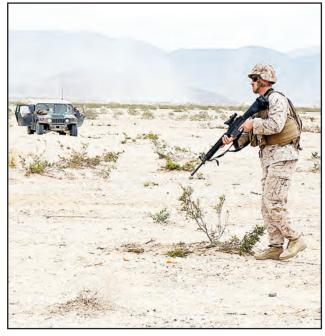
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An instructor lays out a plan of attack during first responder's training with Marines from General Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 25.



Marines from General Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, conduct a foot patrol at the first responder's training lane during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center., Oct. 25. First responder's training is geared toward showing the Marines the basics of how to react to an IED attack and render aid to simulated casualties.

# CLB 2 conducts first responder's training during ITX 1-16

### STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. TIA NAGLE

Marines with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment are moving onto the next phase of their training at Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 as they prepare to start their company live-fire aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 26.

"Today we ran Range 401, which is used to run the company battle course," said 1st Lt. Benjamin Anderson, Executive Officer for Alpha Company. "What the attack consists of is the squad and platoon element while equipping the company with internal and external assets.'

Attached assets include the 81 mm mortars and snipers doing precision fire, while internal assets consist of 60 mm mortars, machine guns and rockets.

"Right now, making sure our guys are ready to roll when we deploy is the main objective," said Cpl. Gabriel Boyrie, a squad leader with Alpha Company. "We need to react in an effective manner while confidently answering the call, allowing the company to exceed basic standards to ensure our readiness."

The live-fire exercise is used as a final confirmation of the Marines' ability to operate cohesively while integrating all assets to accomplish any mission.

"Seeing small-unit leaders make decisions is one of the coolest things. We constantly train and observe lance corporals to the sergeant level make it happen," Anderson

said. "They're the ones on the deck running the battle drills, enabling the company to maneuver. That's what being a leader is all about."

Throughout the duration of the company livefire, staff with Tactical Training Exercise Control Group assessed the entire range and evaluated Marines' decisions, leadership and on how the exercise was executed.

"From the start, moving was good, we got dispersion. Communication was being passed and integrated into the training," Boyrie said. "We do squad and platoon attacks, but really it's bringing everyone out here to Twentynine Palms and making sure we get familiarized and used to dealing with unfamiliar terrain."

Twentynine Palms offers Marines a completely different training environment than from what they are used to at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

"We are able to work with the staff here and extract the maximum amount of training we can due to the flexibility of operating at ranges here," said Anderson.

Following the company attack, 1/8 prepares to execute the battalion assault course as the culminating event for ITX 1-16.

"The unit is building towards a battalion mechanized assault after today," said Anderson. "Down the road, the experience will be utilized for conducting training with host nations and showing them how we operate."



An instructor stresses the importance of proper immediate action techniques during first responder's training with Marines from General Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 25.



# Marines stay vigilant throughout ITX 1-16



Lance Corporal John Roan, center, a squad leader with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment gets carried away from the simulated improvised explosive device blast by another Marine and Navy Corpsman while conducting counter-IED training during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 29.



Marines with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment decide which route to continue on while conducting counter improvised explosive device exercise during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 29.

# STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. IMMANUEL JOHNSON

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment kept their standards high and awareness higher as they tackled the counter improvised explosive device course during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 29.

"Today we are training to identify improvised explosive devices; going over different situations and scenarios to prevent IED detonation and casualties," said Lance Cpl. John Roan, a squad leader with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment.

Whenever Marines conduct counter-IED training they start from the basics to make sure Marines receive the information together as a unit.

"We take them through all the classes, teach them everything from components of IEDs to initiation systems," said Jason Ross, a counter improvised explosive device instructor, with the Marine Corps Engineer School. "The goal is making sure they know how to operate in an environment where IEDs are a threat."

There are different tools used to identify IEDs. Some of these tools include metal detection operations, and observation techniques.

"From there we also teach Marines a homemade explosives recognition class and how to recognize the ingredients that go into making a homemade explosive," Ross said. "We have very basic scenarios and have multiple instructors walking them through, making sure they understand and apply everything they've learned in the class."

Marines back home (Lejeune) receive counter-IED training in their everyday exercises, live and non-live fire training to maintain proficiency in identifying IEDs.

"From the moment we stepped off, we communicated with each other effectively," Roan said. "My guys identified the IEDs; once we took causalities we assessed their injuries and pushed forward. From beginning to end we did well."

"What 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment is out doing here at ITX is getting evaluated through everything they have learned about IEDs to this point along with their pre-deployment training," Ross said. "When they leave here and they deploy we've got a good feeling that they can operate in any given environment."



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Marines with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment maintain dispersion while patrolling at the counter improvised explosive device exercise during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 29.

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# **Combat Center rides for Domestic Violence Awareness**



Motorcycle riders with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 pull on to California Highway 62 after learning about how Joshua Tree Unity Home gives places for people suffering from domestic violence to live during the Family Advocacy Program's second annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Style Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 30.

# STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

The Family Advocacy Program held its second annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Style Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 30.

that could help someone suffering from domestic violence. At the sheriff's office, the riders learned about how the district attorney handles these cases as well as information about how the jailing system works. While at the Unity Home, they were informed about why the program was created and how it helps people suffering from domestic violence. The riders also traveled to Luckie Park where they learned how the Provost Marshal's Office helps handle domestic violence cases aboard the base. The riders obtained their last card at the Lincoln Military Housing Sports Field, where they received the prizes for the highest and lowest hand created throughout the ride. "Getting together for a ride with the community shows our camaraderie and brings us together," said Cpl. Dustin Fitzgerald, bulk fuel specialist, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374. "I learned a lot from this ride and hope to have the opportunity to participate in another one." The participants were encouraged to take the information they had learned and inform the rest of their units about the resources available for people who are suffering from domestic violence. "Educating the Marines and sailors will give them the tools they need to help prevent domestic violence in their homes and in the homes of their neighbors," Godfrey said. "This ride is a fun way to teach them those tools."



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Approximately 45 riders participated in the event by riding through the community to raise awareness of domestic violence, as well as to inform participants of various services that can be utilized to prevent domestic violence aboard the Combat Center and surrounding community.

"The ride took groups of riders to five locations," said Michele Godfrey, prevention education specialist, FAP. "At each location, the riders received a playing card with a fact about domestic violence on it."

The riders received their first card at the Protestant Chapel aboard the base before splitting into five different groups that traveled from the Combat Center to three locations within the hi-desert. In any order they chose, the riders were given the opportunity to go to the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, the Joshua Tree Unity Home and Luckie Park.

"At each location, the riders learned about what is done to help prevent and handle cases of domestic violence aboard the Combat Center," Godfrey said. "We wanted the riders to have a good time while learning about domestic violence."

While at the various locations the riders learned about what the different resources Motorcycle riders from Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 talk with Officer Robert Anderson, sheriff service specialist, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, at the Morongo Basin County Sheriff's Department as part of the Family Advocacy Program's second annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Style Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 30.



Staff Sgt. Juan Martinez, watch commander, Provost Marshal's Office, explains how PMO handles domestic violence cases to Combat Center Marines, at Luckie Park during the Family Advocacy Program's second annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Style Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 30.



Motorcycle riders from Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 pull into the Joshua Tree Unity Home during the Family Advocacy Program's second annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Style Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 30.



# **Combat Center Events**

**Combined Federal Campaign** is hosting a team golf tournament today at 9 a.m. at Desert Winds Golf Club. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Enter to win one of four categories to receive prizes. For more information, call the tournament administrator at (760) 830-6132.

**Marine Corps Community Services** is holding sign-ups for a youth basketball season starting in January. To register go to the Community Center (bldg. 1004). For more information, call (760) 830-8421.

**The Officer's Club** is hosting the Marine Corps Retiree Ball, Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Frontline Restaurant. Tickets are 38 dollars and limited to the first 130 retirees and guests. For more information or for tickets, contact (760) 830-1915.

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Sunset Cinema

# Friday, November 6

5:00 p.m. – Hotel Transylvania 2, PG 7:00 p.m. – Black Mass, R 10:00 p.m. – The Martian, PG-13

# Saturday, November 7

12:00 p.m. – Pan (3-D), PG 2:30 p.m. – Hotel Transylvania 2 (3-D), PG 4:30 p.m. – The Intern, PG-13 7:00 p.m. – Sicario, R 10:00 p.m. – Bridge of Spies, PG-13

### Sunday, November 8



# **Pan's Prequel**

# Peter Pan backstory is heavy on effects but light on magic

# "Pan"

Starring Hugh Jackman, Levi Miller, Garrett Hedlund and Rooney Mara Directed by Joe Wright from a familiar tale and its familiar characters. The movie's most notable new addition to Peter Pan lore is the pirate Blackbeard, played to the malevolent hilt by Hugh Jackman. It's Blackbeard, we learn, who's been spiriting World War II-era London orphans away to Neverland to work as his "lost boy" slaves, mining glowing little globs of fairy dust he calls pixem. A source of rejuvenation that offers him the tantalizing hope of eternal youth, pixem is Blackbeard's obsession, and he'll stop at nothing to get it-even killing children who slack off in their search for it. We also meet James Hook (Garrett Hedlund), a lost boy who's grown to lost young-adulthood in the mines-and who'll grow up even more later, in dots easily connected, to become Peter's nemesis, Capt. Hook. We meet the princess Tiger Lily (Rooney Mara), a leader of Neverland's indigenous people, who have a history of tangling with Blackbeard. There's a trio of luminous mermaids (all played by British fashion model Cara Delevingne), a gaggle of gigantic screeching birds that look like rejected Jim Henson prototypes, and an enormous crocodile that will-presumablyone day chomp off one of Hook's hands. Pirates, outfitted as if they've raided Broadway prop rooms as well as Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey clown closets, zip up and down from flying galleons like Cirque du Soleil acrobats on bungee cords. There's a legend that comes to life in a tree stump, memories at the bottom of a dark lagoon, a chorus of raggedy boys singing Nirvana and Ramones songs (yes, you read that correctly), and Peter's undying quest for his mom (Amanda Seyfried), who gave him a pin in the shape of a pan flute before abandoning him as an infant. The sign of the pan, as it turns out, is a big deal in this realm of fairy dust and flying pirate ships. It's all a lot, and really it's just too much. For this noisy, busy trip to Neverland, Pan relentlessly packs, whacks and attacks the screen. The "boy who could fly" still takes to the air, but this cumbersome, weighty, bombastic bit of backstory feels like an over-crammed, tossed-around piece of movie baggage.

12:00 p.m. – Pan, PG 3:30 p.m. – SNEAK PREVIEW – The 33, PG-13 7:00 p.m. – The Martian, PG-13

### Monday, November 9

7:00 p.m. – Maze Runner: Scorch Trials

### Tuesday, November 10

5:00 p.m. – Hotel Transylvania 2, PG 7:00 p.m. – Everest, PG-13 9:30 p.m. – Sicario, R

# Wednesday, November 11

1:00 p.m. – The Martian, PG-13 3:30 p.m. – Bridge of Spies, PG-13

### Thursday, November 12

5:00 p.m. – Maze Runner: Scorch Trials, PG-13 8:00 p.m. – Black Mass, R

# Friday, November 13

5:00 p.m. – Hotel Transylvania 2 (3-D), PG 7:30 p.m. – Love the Coopers, PG-13 13:00 p.m. – Crimson Peak, R

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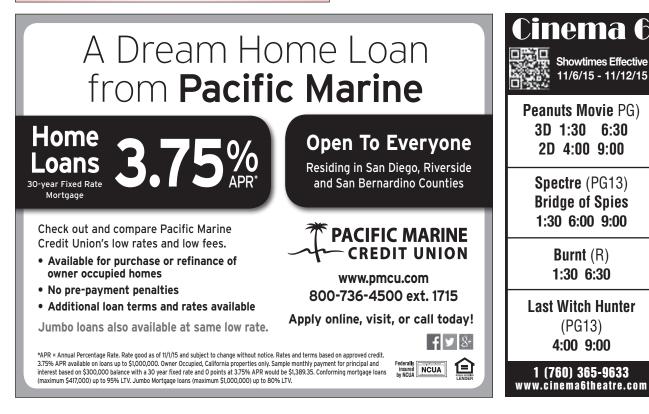
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"This isn't the story you've heard before," begins the voiceover narration to this prequel to the tale of Peter Pan, the mischievous lad who never grows up and learns how to fly.

Created by Scotch novelist and playwright J.M. Barrie in the early 20th century, Peter Pan became a hit on the London stage before spreading into even wider fame via a 1953 animated Walt Disney movie, other film adaptations and live TV musical presentations—including one as recently as last year.

But this movie isn't that story, as it wants you to know right off the bat. Pan is the story behind that story, about how an orphan boy (Levi Miller) came to be the eternally youthful Peter Pan, the scourge of the pirate captain Hook, the champion of the Lost Boys and the airborne companion of the flittering, phosphorescent fairy Tinkerbell, all in a faraway place called Neverland.

Pan is big, loud and full of razzle-dazzle. British director Joe Wright—Pride and Prejudice (2005), The Atonement (2007), Hanna (2011)—obviously set out to make a spectacle. But his extensive, exhaustive, CGI-heavy production and the movie's darker themes often crowd out the exuberant escapist magic that audiences have come to expect





# **Beirut Bn heats up with ITX**

# PHOTOS BY CPL. KELLY STREET



Marine Corps Pfc. Christian M. Feliks, a radio operator with Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division (MARDIV), watches the sun come up before a fire support combined exercise during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23.



Marines with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, make calculations on the exact position of notional enemy

targets in order to call in air support, artillery fire and mortar fire for a fire support combined exercise during

Integrated Training Exercise 1-16, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23.



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Johnathan M. W. Ross, an ammo man with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division (MARDIV), carries an ammo can containing M889A1 high explosive rounds to resupply his team's M252 81mm mortar system for a fire support combined exercise during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23.



Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, drop M889A1 high explosive rounds from an M252 81mm mortar system for a fire support combined exercise, during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23.





Marines with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, make calculations on the exact position of notional enemy targets in order to call in air support, artillery fire and mortar fire for a fire support combined exercise during Integrated Training Exercise 1-16, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 23.

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A UH-1Y Huey takes off from a forward armament and refueling point during Blue Chromite, in Landing Zone Phoenix, Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan, Oct. 31.



PHOTO BY CPL. JOEY MENDEZ

Marines with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, assault an objective during a platoon-reinforced attack aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 28.



Marines with 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, convoy during their final exercise in Trident Juncture, Oct. 28.



### **Repeated for Emphasis:**

Wednesday, November 11, will be Veterans Day in the United States. It will be Remembrance Day in Canada. Many will recognize the significance of the day and pause to reflect on the enormous sacrifices that have been made and are still being made by the men and women of our armed forces and their families.

I was an infantry soldier during World War II and fought as a machine-gunner in Belgium during December of 1944. I was barely 19. Many of my comrades were killed that winter. I remember them.

My friend the late Milt Merritt, three months younger than me, served in the South Pacific as a Chaplain in the Navy. He always remembered the sacrifices of so many at that time. Approximately 1,100 WWII veterans physically die each day. We remember them.

In addition we have hundreds of Korean War veterans, Vietnam veterans, and Cold War veterans who physically die each day. We must remember them.

And we must not neglect to keep ever before us in our thoughts and prayers the on-going sacrifice of so many current members of our armed forces and their families. As I write this column more than 6,800 troops have been killed in Afghanistan and Iraq and many, many thousands more have been injured. We must remember them.

How best to remember them?

It is my hope that each person reading this column will re-assess their priorities in life and make certain that they are using their talents and their time in pragmatic ways that improves the quality of life for others less fortunate than themselves.





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Joshua Tree District ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME DYLLAN MAXWELL SIGWART CASE NUMBER: CIVMS 1500153

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner 

SIGWART filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows

DYLLAN MAXWELL SIGWART Proposed Name: DYLLAN EVAN JOHNSON

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be grated. If no written objection is timely filed. the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 11/18/15 Time 9:00 AM Dept M4 The address of the court is the same as noted above

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Date: OCT 09 2015 Judge of the Superior Court /s/ RODNEY A. CORTEZ (PUB: S. 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5/2015)

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> CHARMIAN PATRICIA GOULD PROPS 1500951

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Application and job description are available at <u>www.hdwd.com</u>. Candidates can mail, fax, hand-deliver, or email a completed District application, resume, and cover letter with salary history to: HR Dept., Hi-Desert Water District, 55-439 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284-2503. Fax: (760) 418-2248 Email: hr@hdwd.com. Position open until filled. EOE.

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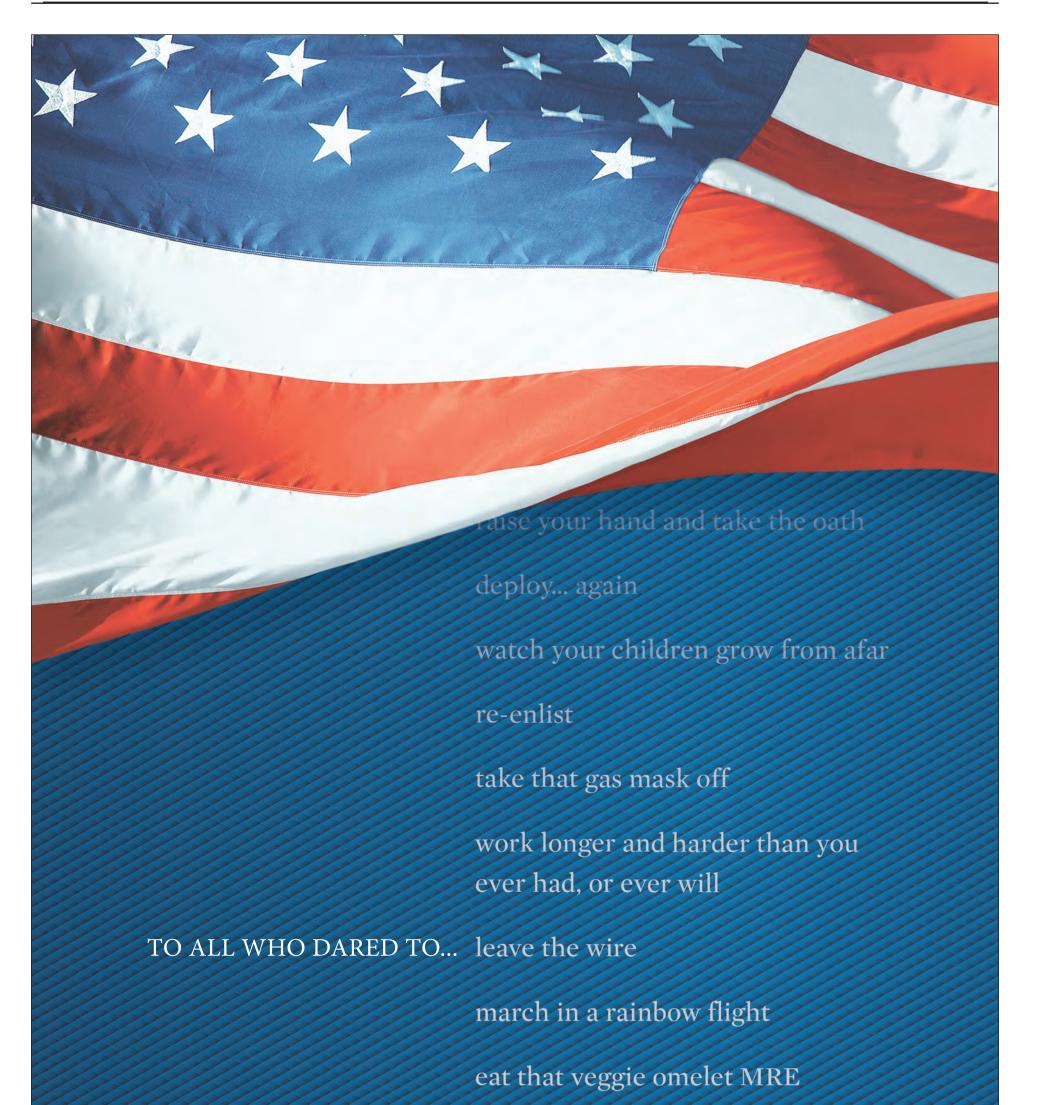
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 11-25-15 Time: 9:00 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino 351 North Arrowhead Avenue

San Bernardino, CA 92415 Probate Department

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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