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Marines with Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command, collect a cargo pallet from an aerial delivery coordinated by Combat Logistics Battalion 1 at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia during a mission readiness exercise Nov. 24.

‘First Team’ stays mission ready

STORY BY SGT. RICARDO HURTADO

Marines with Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command conducted a mission readiness exercise at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia Nov. 23-24.

SPMAGTF-CR-CC is currently deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, which focuses on defeating the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The training exercise consisted of a scenario where a forward operating base in the area of responsibility required SPMAGTF-CR-CC reinforcement as part of its crisis response mission spanning 20 nations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The 2-day drill allowed the Marines to hone their responsive and reinforcement skills.

“[What] we are trying to get out of this is to gauge how responsive our company is, the standards we are looking for is six hours,” said U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Philip Whitaker, the executive officer for Co. C, 1/7. “From notification to tasking, we have six hours to do a rapid playing process, get the Marines embarked on MV-22 [Ospreys] and come in and reinforce.”

During the exercise, Marines sharpened capabilities

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Cpl. Christian Reyes, shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon gunner, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command, scans the surrounding environment for possible threats during a mission readiness exercise at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Nov. 24.

EOD kicks off advanced course

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. CONNOR HANCOCK

The first Advanced Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Ordnance Exploitation Course, hosted by the EOD Advanced Training Center, began aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 30, 2015.

Eight select Marine EOD officers and enlisted members gathered from various Marine Corps installations to participate in the three-week course, covering professional military education and practical application missions designed to develop skills in ordnance exploitation.

range of ranks, sergeant to lieutenant colonel, were selected based on their EOD experience level.

“EOD Marines have been exploiting ordnance since the early 1940’s, but there’s never been a particularly standardized process,” Barker said.

According to Barker, the course works to standardize the process throughout the Marine Corps.

“This formalized teaching of tools and procedures allows every unit in the fleet to be on the same page,” said Master Sgt. Erik



Master Gunnery Sgt. Dan Barker, staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, instructs the first Advance Explosive Ordnance Disposal Ordnance Exploitation Course hosted by the EOD Advanced Training Center aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 30.

“There are three basic techniques for exploitation: disassembly, stripping and inerting operations,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Dan Barker, staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School. “The overall intent behind the course is to set a standard for Marine EOD technicians to safely and efficiently exploit both foreign and domestic ordnance.”

Participants from a

Swanson, guest instructor, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. “Marines can apply these methods and techniques to whatever they might encounter on the battlefield.”

One of the biggest challenges instructors expect for participants is the compressed timeline of the training.

“It’s a very complex set of skills they’re expected to learn quickly,” Swanson said. “Each student

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PMO offers lost, found service

STORY BY LANCE CPL.
LEVI SCHULTZ

It happens from time to time; a Marine returns from unit physical training only to realize he left his wallet or ID at the track. What should he do when he returns to find his item missing?

Fortunately, the Provost Marshal’s Office offers a lost and found for Combat Center personnel and residents who have lost an important item or are trying to return valuable property to its owner.

“It’s important for personnel to know that the lost and found is here and they can drop off missing valuables with the desk sergeant,” said Cory Ottum, physical security specialist, Provost Marshal’s Office. “The desk sergeant is present 24/7 for those turning in lost items. For those looking to reclaim a lost object, our hours are between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.”

According to Ottum, the majority of items turned in are credit cards, IDs, driver

licenses, wallets and occasionally pieces of jewelry. Additionally, PMO receives objects collected by Marine Corps Community Services on a monthly basis.

“When you see something missing and don’t know what to do with it; bring it in,” said Ottum. “Things we don’t take include disposable items such as used clothing and anything that has no value to the owner or is easily replaceable. Weapons and knives are turned into the Criminal Investigative Division for screening and are then disposed of.”

The process of claiming an item simply requires the person to describe in detail any distinguishing markings or features. Showing a picture or marking the item with name and contact information prior can accelerate the process further.

For more information on PMO’s lost and found services, contact the desk sergeant at 830-6800 or visit building 1407.

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.



U.S. Marine Pfc. Beto Chavarria sucks the blood from the head of a python in a jungle survival course during Malaysia-United States Amphibious Exercise 2015 in Tanduo, Malaysia, Nov. 11.



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The air gets colder & the sounds get louder

A considerable amount of training has been ongoing at the Training Center during this past week. Combined Arms Exercise 2-79 ended Thursday and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, the exercise force for the last CAX that took place in 1978, are in the process of returning to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Although this exercise has not been different from previous exercises, its impact on Center residents and local communities has

been greater due to the current weather conditions. Unfortunately, the higher the humidity and colder temperatures have created denser air in which noise and vibration are much more noticeable than usual.

This weekend the Training Center will host a portion of the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, from San Bernardino. This reserve infantry unit will coordinate with the wing in live-fire air-delivered ordnance exercises scheduled to end Sunday.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

James MARKER

Wild Rose, Wis. Non-commissioned officer in charge, Detachment A, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1. Age: 22

Sgt. Marker began participating in shooting competitions in 2013 and is two awards away from becoming a double distinguished marksman.

>I grew up shooting and always enjoyed it. My dad was in the Marine Corps in the '80's and was passionate about it. He started teaching me when I was five and we would shoot cans off the back porch.

>I enjoy shooting because I like challenging myself. I have never shot a perfect 250 on the annual rifle qualification. It comes down to how good you can get. Can you get past those obstacles? People who play sports are always trying to be faster or stronger, shooters are always trying to be more accurate.

>I feel like I'm testing myself every single time I go to the range. Different ranges have different conditions you have to compensate for. Every time you compete, it is a different set of obstacles you have to tackle to take a good shot.

>I did not start shooting competitively until November of 2013. I was part of the range as a block non-commissioned officer, and shot in the intermural competition. I was recruited for the base shooting team after the match. I have participated in six different competitions, each one multiple times.

>My favorite part about being part of the team is seeing how much I can improve. We preach on the shooting team, that although we shoot individually it is a team. If you do well as a team the individual awards will come.

>In the past year I was coaching the base team, a team from Combat Logistics Battalion 7 and a team from 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. My focus was on the base team because they would have the opportunity

to go into bigger competitions but I still coached about 30 people to shoot competitively.

>It was a huge undertaking and was an overwhelming experience. We still ended up taking the pistol trophy during the bases big shooting competition and I saw all the people I coached improve throughout the year. That is my most significant accomplishment while I have been on the shooting team.

>Being a part of the shooting team lets me translate all my experience as a kid into the big leagues where people of all ranks compete. Everybody's dream while competing is to put all 10 shots through one hole, but that can't happen. We all try to achieve that and that is why I enjoy shooting.

>I'm working to become a distinguished marksman. If I can do that in the Marine Corps then I'm distinguished as a civilian too. If I can win a silver or gold for both the pistol and the rifle in the next competition, I will become a double distinguished marksman.

>There are so few people who have achieved double distinguished in the Marine Corps that it has become my goal before I get out.

>My favorite gun to shoot is the M110 rifle. It is basically an M16 with a scope and shoots 7.62 mm rounds. It is a comfortable rifle and because it is so similar to the M16,- it is a gun I'm familiar with.

>When I get down to take a shot, I try and block the extra stuff like I'm thirsty or its cold. I focus on important things like whether my butt-stock is in the right place, do I have good eye relief and do I have a round



in the weapon.

>Next, I tell myself that this is going to be a good shot. If you tell yourself that it isn't going to be a good shot then it won't be.

>Marksmanship from the farther shooting lines is fun because of all the things you have to take into account to ensure you can

take a good shot. That is challenging and I enjoy pushing myself as far as possible to get those hard shots.

>Shooting is not something that I want to lose after I get out of Marine Corps. There are plenty of competitions that I can participate in and I will most definitely continue shooting when I get out.

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Marines get creative at Wood Hobby Shop



Joseph Viscuso, recreation attendant, Combat Center’s Wood Hobby Shop, instructs patrons on the proper use of tools and machines during a safety class at the Combat Center’s Wood Hobby Shop, August 8.



1st Lt. Kyle Repetti, platoon commander, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, makes a cut on a plywood board with a table saw at the Combat Center’s Wood Hobby Shop, August 7.

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ**

The sound of drills and saws reverberating against metal walls do little to distract 1st Lt. Kyle Repetti, platoon commander, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School. His focus is centered on his current project; a board of plywood, the humble beginnings of a bedframe.

At the Combat Center’s Wood Hobby Shop, Marines, sailors and family members, above the age of 16, are provided with the tools and the assistance needed to create anything they set their minds to.

“Here at the Wood Hobby Shop, we have all the tools the guys are going to need from start to finish,” said Robert Henry, recreation safety specialist supervisor, Marine Corps Community Services. “Literally any project you can think of can be done here.”

The projects made at the shop vary from simple plaques, awards and cutting boards to more complex woodwork designs such as kayaks, canoes, wooden chests and bed frames.

“Since I was stationed here I’ve made a bed frame, two nightstands and a wooden box,” Repetti said. “It

is definitely a good hobby and a way to help out your command. I’ve worked on several projects for going away and retirement presents. It’s a whole lot cheaper than having to buy a present.”

For those interested in woodworking, the shop has tools needed to build, repair or modify their own wooden crafts and hobby items.

“It’s usually cheaper to build your bookshelf or your entertainment center than it is to buy it,” Henry said. “You’re the one that built it so you know how it’s constructed and you know how to fix it.”

Many of the projects that can be made at the Wood Hobby Shop also serve as presents for holidays or retirements.

“I started woodworking after I retired from the Marine Corps and I didn’t know this place existed until after that,” said Carl Vanderzee, family readiness officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374. “One of the first things I made at the shop was a tea box for my mother. It’s something that four years later is still a topic of conversation. It’s a skill we are losing in America and who doesn’t love a handmade gift?”

Even the simplest of designs tests one’s problem solving skills when finding the right placement of the

pieces. For many, it’s a great way to keep their mind active during off hours.

“It’s a healthy alternative to sitting in the barracks and playing video games,” Vanderzee said. “As far as a hobby, it helps you develop skills and it’s just great knowledge to have.”

In addition to providing tools and assistance, the shop also provides a laser engraving service.

“Our laser engraving pretty much beats our competitors across the board as far as price,” Henry said. “We do our engraving while you wait and our completion time is usually about 30 minutes from when you walk in the door.”

A fee of 10 dollars per day covers the use of tools and machines with wood also available for purchase. To get started at the shop, patrons must first attend a free safety class held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m.

“Once you go through the free safety shop, we turn you loose and you can build whatever you would like,” Henry said. “We have staff on hand to help walk you through your project for those who have little to no experience.”

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US Marines, Romanians unite on Unification Day



Service members from countries around the world conduct fly-overs during a military parade celebrating the National Day of Romania at Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 1.



Service members from countries around the world participated in a military parade celebrating the National Day of Romania at Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 1.

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U.S. Marines with the Black Sea Rotational Force participated in a military parade celebrating the National Day of Romania at Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 1.

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Mission from A1



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U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Terence Clayborne, a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command, searches from his post for possible threats during a mission readiness exercise at an undisclosed location Nov. 24.

such as quick reaction force employment, patrol operations, and emplacement and reinforcement of defensive positions.

“One of the things we worked on was our troop tasking when we first got here,” said U.S. Marine Sgt. Cole D. Parkison, an assault section leader with Co. C, 1/7. “We worked on how to get organized as far as posts and rotations and how we would be able to run an element standing post, an element on QRF and an element out on patrol at the same time.”

The 1/7 Marines identified key components and mission critical capabilities

when responding in support of the simulated forward operating base.

“We hadn’t loaded that much [gear] into an Osprey before,” said Parkison. “So being able to do that lets us know what we can bring and what is feasible and what’s not feasible.”

The exercise also integrated different assets needed to support a forward operating base.

“There is more than just the infantry side, there is detailed integration that has to happen with the [Marine Medium Tiltrotor] squadron and our company,



PHOTO BY SGT. OWEN KIMBREL

Cpl. Taylor Giffard, a ground signals operator with Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command, acts as an opposition force during a mission readiness exercise for 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Nov. 24.

also, the Law Enforcement detachment is out here working entry check point procedures with our guys,” said Whitaker. “In addition to that, we had an aerial delivery to test the survivability of air dropping water and food to us. So it does integrate the whole MAGTF, the command element, logistics command element, ground command element and aviation command element.

Throughout the duration of the exercise, the Marines also responded to different threats, such as indirect fire, improvised explosive devices and probing and

harassing attacks in the vicinity of the FOB.

The exercise provided the Marines of 1/7 with hands-on experience to tactically execute rapid response missions.

“I am glad that we got to come out here and do this because it gives me a better idea of what I need to work on with my guys to make them more proficient on these kind of operations,” said Parkison. “It’s one thing to talk about it and come up with the greatest plan in the world, but when you come out here, you find out what actually works and what doesn’t.”

EOD from A1

studies explosive characteristics, exploitation, and completes an operational risk assessment for each piece of ordnance.”

Marines will work in teams of four and will be allotted a six-hour window during each day of the two-week practical application period.

“Our primary tool is a military fuze disassembly kit, which allows Marines to perform some processes remotely including taking apart fuses,” Swanson

said. “We’ll also use X-ray radiographic systems to get a picture of the inside of the ordnance.”

The course is scheduled to conclude Dec. 18 and will challenge the technicians to their limits in precision and knowledge in EOD.

“We hope to instill the idea that they not only need to beat the item, but be safe in doing so and plan accordingly to meet the timeline,” Barker said.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Dan Barker, staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, instructs the first Advance Explosive Ordnance Disposal Ordnance Exploitation Course hosted by the EOD Advanced Training Center aboard the Combat Center, Nov. 30.

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Combat Center Marines and sailors compete in a cornhole tournament during the Religious Ministries' Thanksgivings Day Feast at the Protestant Chapel, Nov. 26.



Combat Center patrons compete in a pushup contest during the Religious Ministries' Thanksgivings Day Feast at the Protestant Chapel, Nov. 26.



Pfc. Daniel J. Haake, student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, samples the pumpkin pie during the Religious Ministries' Thanksgivings Day Feast at the Protestant Chapel, Nov. 26.



Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School students are served by volunteers from the Bob Hope USO during the Religious Ministries' Thanksgivings Day Feast at the Protestant Chapel, Nov. 26.

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TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM
by Lou Gerhardt



Joe Zarki is the epitome of what it means to be a tough minded optimist. He worked for the federal government for 39 loyal and dedicated years before his retirement in January.

Joe had spent the last 18 years at Joshua Tree National Park where he oversaw Ranger programs and visitor centers. Joe was the park's Chief of Interpretation and Education.

Joe also was the park's liaison to the non-profit Joshua Tree National Park Association and handled all the park's media relations.

Joe also managed the park's volunteer programs which include more than 1,200 individuals who contribute more than 40,000 hours of time and services every year.

My point is that Joe had a big responsibility and was an effective tough minded administrator at all times.

In addition, Joe always did his job with an optimistic attitude. He believed that all the good work being done at the park would have positive results.

Joe is officially retired but he is doing even more to beautify, protect, and maintain the park and the surrounding area.

Joe, along with his wife Marilyn Lutz, works closely with the Audubon Society and the North American Butterfly Association.

He has written a superior book titled *Images of America, Joshua Tree National Park*. It is available at any of the gift shops in the Park and also from the local historical society. You should have one and it will be a nice Christmas gift.

Joe is truly a tough minded optimist who is demonstrating what it means to use your time, talent, and experience in an effective way after retirement.

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SGT. AUSTIN LONG
U.S. Navy Capt. Sean Bailey (left), commanding officer, USS Arlington, Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group and U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Daniel Coleman (right), the commander of troops aboard the USS Arlington with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit cut a turkey during a turkey cutting ceremony aboard the USS Arlington to begin the Thanksgiving Day meal while forward deployed in the Gulf of Aden, Nov. 26.



CPL. RYAN YOUNG
Lt. Col. Lauren Edwards gives a speech during the 8th Engineer Support Battalion change of command ceremony at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Nov. 30. Edwards' new responsibility, as the first female commander of an ESB, will be to provide engineer support to II Marine Expeditionary Forces.



LANCE CPL. ERASMO CORTEZ III
Brig. Gen. Terry V. Williams speaks during the 75th Anniversary of Officer Candidate School ceremony on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Nov. 24.



SGT. CUONG LE
Service members come together Nov. 19, 2015, to participate in a joint service event as part of Warrior Care Month. Warrior Care Month was created on Nov. 2, 2010, as a way to help wounded, ill or injured service members recover.

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The Marine Corps Community Services' Frontline Restaurant, located at the Officer's Club, provides a casual dining experience open to all ranks and civilians, Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Half-pound angus beef patty topped with fresh jalapenos, pepper jack cheese and chipotle mayo, sandwiched between a lightly toasted bun. The Mojave Viper Burger is as hot as its namesake and served at the Frontline Restaurant.

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"Our goal at the Frontline Restaurant is every time that a customer comes in they will be satisfied

through great service and great food," said Juan Modesto, club manager, Frontline Restaurant. "We don't want people to come in once and buy a meal from us. We want our customers to keep coming back for more."

The restaurant's menu offers customers a variety of burgers, sandwiches, salads, tacos and herb flat bread pizza. For those looking for even more variety, check out their seasonal specials, taco Tuesday and weekly pasta bar.

"We have a blend of solid meals like you would get in a casual restaurant and something lighter as you would get in fast food," Modesto said. "If our food is

not what they expected then we make sure to engage that customer and receive feedback."

The restaurant is connected to the Officer's Club which exists as the last of its kind in the Marine Corps today. According to Modesto, he feels that it makes it even more special.

"It's a tradition; it's a place for the Marines to come and get away from their work," Modesto said. "When Marines walk into the facility they will have time to relax."

For more information on dining or to call ahead for pickup, contact the Frontline Restaurant at (760) 830-6610.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. THOMAS MUDD

A variety of dishes are on display at the Frontline Restaurant. The Marine Corps Community Services' Frontline Restaurant, located at the Officer's Club, provides a casual dining experience open to all ranks and civilians, Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



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Marine spouses await the start of the annual Belle of the Ball event at the Officers' Club, Oct. 4, 2014. The Frontline Restaurant provides catering services for many events held at the Officer's Club.

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In the early moments of this sprawling Christmas comedy, characters somehow appear to end up “inside” a snow globe, frolicking in the crystalline white flakes.

There’s a lot of snow in Love the Coopers; the stuff never stops falling. I was surprised by the end of the movie that it hadn’t shut down every road in Coopersville, or Cooperstown, or Coopers Knob, or wherever it is the story takes place. Instead, like a gigantic snow globe, the movie just seems to regenerate the same precipitate, shaking it up over and over again—so it doesn’t pile up, it just flies around and re-lands, making everything look like a big, fluffy white winter wonderland, snow on snow.

Love the Coopers indeed looks like a picture-perfect Christmas: sumptuous cookies and cupcakes, colorfully coordinated sweaters, coats and scarves, holiday carolers, red poinsettias, green mistletoe, twinkling lights on impeccably trimmed trees. Even the dogs are decorated.

But all the cheery Christmas decorations cover up a big, dysfunctional mess: The Coopers are falling apart, in just about every way. Mom Charlotte (Diane Keaton) and dad Sam (John Goodman) are planning to split after 40 years of marriage. Their grown kids (Ed Helms and Olivia Wilde),

Charlotte’s younger sister (Marissa Tomei) and her dad (Alan Arkin) all have issues of their own.

There’s also a jaded waitress (Amanda Seyfried), a foul-mouthed urchin granddaughter (Blake Baumgartner), a cop with an identity crisis (Anthony Mackie), a couple of teens working out the sloppy, tongue-twisting kinks of French kissing, a say-anything septuagenarian aunt (June Squibb), and a strapping young soldier (Jake Lacy) who gets roped into the Christmas Eve family reunion as a pretend boyfriend.

And a partridge in a pear tree—no, not really. But it does get very, very crowded, and that’s not even counting the narrator, who turns out to be... well, someone whose name you’ll certainly recognize, in a form you’ll in no way be expecting, in a manner that makes absolutely no sense at all.

Producer-director Jessie Nelson, whose previous projects include the heart-tugging, high-pedigree gloop of I Am Sam, Stepmom and Corrina, Corrina, remains true to form here, with an all-star cast fumbling around in a deep-dish holiday goo of dumb dialogue, silly shtick and artificial sweetness that feels like a concoction created with ingredients ladled from other, far better cinematic Christmas crock pots—a dollop of It’s a Wonderful Life, splashes of Love, Actually, sprinkles of National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation.

Snow on snow on snow. Ed Helms and Alan Arkin sing, a dog gets blamed for a fart he didn’t make and Marissa Tomei hides a brooch in her mouth. There’s mashed potato slinging, Christmas carol mangling, streets full of Santas, gingerbread men in G-string frosting, and a joyous, swirling dance to a Bob Dylan song.

And so much snow. But it never piles up—and like the movie, it never adds up, either, to anything more than a slushy, mushy holiday heap of ho-ho-hokum.



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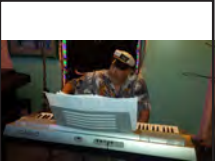
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CNS-2814781# Citation Freedom From Parental Custody and Control (Abandonment Re: Adoption) Case No. J258958 & J258959 Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

By order of this Court you are hereby cited and advised that you may appear before the Judge Presiding in Department 3-4 of the Juvenile Division of the above-entitled court located at 860 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, California 92415-0955 on January 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said person should not be declared free from the control of their parents according to the petition on file herein.

If the Court finds that the interest of the minors requires his or her protection, the Court shall appoint counsel to represent the minors. Such counsel shall be appointed whether or not the minors are able to afford counsel. If you appear without counsel and are unable to afford counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you if you request appointed counsel.

The purpose of this action, to free the minors from the custody of their parent(s), is to permit the adoption of said minors to a suitable adopting parent.

The Court may continue these proceedings, not to exceed thirty (30) days, as necessary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, in the Yucca Valley Community Center, Yucca Room, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California, 92284, to consider a Resolution amending Public Facility Development Impact Fees for Single-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Commercial, Office and Industrial Development within the Town of Yucca Valley (CHAPTER 3.40 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES of the Yucca Valley Municipal Code and RESOLUTION NO. 07-16). The study adopted by the Ordinance and Resolution established the maximum legally defensible fees for new single family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, office and industrial development based upon the necessary public infrastructure including General facilities, Park facilities, Trail facilities, Storm Drain facilities and Street and Traffic facilities. RESOLUTION NO. 11-46 amended the original fee structure and established the current Development Impact Fees imposed by the Town of Yucca Valley.

The Public Facilities Development Impact Fee Study, RESOLUTION NO. 07-16, and RESOLUTION NO. 11-46 and Chapter 3.40, Development Impact Fees of the Yucca Valley Municipal Code are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. Any individual interested may review the Study, the Resolutions and the Ordinance at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California, 92284.

Interested parties may appear and be heard at the time stated above. Anyone not able to attend the public hearing may submit comments in writing to the Town Clerk, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California 92284 prior to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Under the State Guidelines to implement the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the establishment and increase of Development Impact Fees is statutorily and categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA because the setting of Development Impact Fees merely establishes a funding mechanism for the provision of future projects, and as such, the Ordinance and Resolution are not "a direct and essential step culminating in action which may affect the environment" and environmental review required under CEQA will be performed when projects funded by the Development Impact Fees are chosen and defined.

DATED this 9th day of November, 2015 and published on November 12, 2015, November 26, 2015 and December 03, 2015.

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY

/s/ Lesley R. Copeland LESLEY R. COPELAND, CMC Town Clerk

to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-14-640330-RY . Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916.939.0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-14-640330-RY IDSPub #0094903 11/19/2015 11/26/2015 12/3/2015 (PUB S. 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/2015)

COUNTY CLERK By Rebecca K. Saucedo, Deputy 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/15 **CNS-2814781# HI-DESERT STAR (PUB: S. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2015)**

T.S. No.: 2015-00354-CA A.P.N.:0588-521-07-0-000 Property Address: 58136 Desert Gold Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

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Trustor: Lisa M. Smith, Bryan K. Smith, Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Recorded 07/06/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0459205 in book —, page— and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California. Date of Sale: 12/16/2015 at 01:00 PM **NEAR THE FRONT STEPS LEADING UP TO THE CITY OF CHINO CIVIC CENTER, 13220 CENTRAL AVENUE, CHINO, CA**

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Street Address or other common designation of real property: **58136 Desert Gold Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284 A.P.N.: 0588-521-07-0-000**

to appoint counsel and enable counsel to become familiar with these proceedings.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, this 5th day of November, 2015..

COUNTY CLERK By Rebecca K. Saucedo, Deputy 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/15 **CNS-2814781# HI-DESERT STAR (PUB: S. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2015)**

T.S. No.: 2015-00354-CA A.P.N.:0588-521-07-0-000 Property Address: 58136 Desert Gold Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/29/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: Lisa M. Smith, Bryan K. Smith, Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Recorded 07/06/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0459205 in book —, page— and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California. Date of Sale: 12/16/2015 at 01:00 PM **NEAR THE FRONT STEPS LEADING UP TO THE CITY OF CHINO CIVIC CENTER, 13220 CENTRAL AVENUE, CHINO, CA**

Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$ 330,253.62

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The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is:

\$ 330,253.62.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt

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The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case **2015-00354-CA**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

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Date: November 2, 2015 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary Cio 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 Automated Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

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Trustee Sale Assistant

WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (PUB: S. 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2015)

IDSPub #0095817 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-15-674174-AB Order No.: 150155600-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **KEITH M KATCHMARK, SURVIVING J/T OF ROBERT J KATCHMARK DECEASED** Recorded: **9/26/2006** as Instrument No. **2006-0657327** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **SAN BERNARDINO** County, California; Date of Sale: **12/22/2015 at 9:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 East Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764, in the Auction.com Room** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$181,905.61** The purported property address is: **58353 ARCADIA TRL, YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284** Assessor's Parcel No.: **0588-319-14-0-000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being

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The Board of Directors for the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA) is seeking letters of interest for those desiring to serve on the Board as a "Member At-Large".

The "Member At-Large" is appointed by the other six (6) standing MBTA Board Members for a term of two (2) years. Board meetings are regularly scheduled to be held at the MBTA Joshua Tree Operations Center on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

Letters of interest are due at 5 P.M. on January 7, 2016 at the MBTA Joshua Tree Operations Center, which is located at 62405 Verbena Road in Joshua Tree. Those desiring further information are encouraged to call 760-366-2986.

The MBTA is a public agency, providing approximately 300,000 rides annually through 9 bus routes in the Morongo Basin.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND DECOMMISSIONING OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT THE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE TRAINING COMMAND, MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Marine Corps Order P5090.2A Change 3, the U.S. Marine Corps gives notice that a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the proposed construction, operation, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system at the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) located at Twentynine Palms, California.

The Final EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the proposed action at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC. The proposed action includes a PV system, a substation, switching station, and a transmission line. The Final EA analyzes three action alternatives and the No-Action Alternative:

- Alternative 1 involves the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of a 241-acre solar PV system at Mainside, west of Adobe Road and a transmission line to transmit the energy to the civilian grid.
- Alternative 2 involves consists of all of the actions proposed under Alternative 1, with the only difference being the location for the new transmission line. The new transmission line would follow the Combat Center's boundary to the west and northwest of the proposed solar PV site.
- Alternative 3 consists of all of the actions proposed under Alternative 1, the only difference being the location for the new transmission line. The new transmission line would follow the same route as Alternative 2 except for the portion of the line along Berkeley Avenue. Along Berkeley Avenue, instead of sharing the alignment with the existing 34.5-kilovolt transmission line, the new transmission line would exit the Combat Center and be located outside of the Combat Center.
- No-Action Alternative. Under the No-Action Alternative, the construction and operation of a solar PV system would not occur.

The Final EA evaluates the potential environmental effects of each alternative on certain resource areas including biological resources, geological resources, water resources, cultural resources, air quality, and utilities.

The Final EA and FONSI prepared for this action may be reviewed by interested parties at the Twentynine Palms Branch Library at 6078 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, California, and the Yucca Valley Branch Library at 57098 29

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