



The Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps of the Battle Color Detachment performs during a Battle Color Ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Wednesday.

Combat Center hosts Battle Color Detachment

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

The crowd of spectators swelled with anticipation as a formation of Marines, dressed in pristine blue dress uniforms and brandishing M1 Garand rifles, took the field. As the platoon commenced their unique precision drill routine, no verbal commands were necessary and only a cadence of acute clacks from the rifles broke their silence.

The Silent Drill Platoon, Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Official Marine Corps Color Guard comprise the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment and performed during a Battle Color Ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field March, Wednesday.

The detachment of more than 100 Marines travels worldwide to demonstrate several key traits of United States Marines, to include discipline, dedication and bearing.

"I really love seeing ceremonies like this because it epitomizes the Esprit de Corps and morale of our branch," said Cpl. Jamar Hodge, awards clerk, Installation Personnel Administration Center. "Being able to see them perform is a great

See **Battle Color** pg. A6



Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, salutes the national and Marine Corps colors carried by the Official Marine Corps Color Guard during a Battle Colors Ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Wednesday.

Leadership takes first steps in fund drive



Lieutenant Cmdr. Michael Slaughter, chaplain, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, looks over documents regarding the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society during the Active Duty Fund Drive Kickoff Breakfast at the Frontline Restaurant, Monday.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Combat Center leadership from various units aboard the installation came together for the Active Duty Fund Drive Kickoff Breakfast at the Frontline Restaurant, Monday.

The Active Duty Fund Drive representatives held the breakfast to promote the goal 100 percent contact with all active duty personnel aboard the installation and explain to the leadership the importance of the fund drive and how it benefits the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

The fund drive is used to gather money from active duty personnel to be used to help Marines and sailors who need assistance.

'War Dogs' prepare families for upcoming deployment



Pfc. Braxton Peirce, radio operator, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, plays with his son Reminton, 6 months, before the units' pre-deployment brief at building 1707 aboard the Combat Center, March 2.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
CPL. THOMAS MUDD

The Marines, sailors and family members of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment attended a pre-deployment brief held by the 2/7 Family Readiness Officer and battalion leadership at building 1707, March 2.

The FRO and the battalion leadership hold pre-deployment briefs to provide valuable information on the different base resources such as D-Stress and Families OverComing Under Stress to the family members of Marines and sailors.

"This brief is an important tool we use to pass valuable information to the families of the Marines," said Diane Durden, family readiness officer, 2/7. "We give the brief every time we are about to deploy because we often have new families and we want to make sure they know [as much

See **War Dogs** pg. A6



Lieutenant William Daniel, chaplain, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, explains his role while the unit is deployed during a pre-deployment brief at building 1707 aboard the Combat Center, March 2.

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. Devan Gowans.



Pfc. Bradley Brandes, a mortarman with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, fires an 81mm mortar system during the supporting arms coordination exercise portion of Exercise Iron Fist 2016 on San Clemente Island, Feb. 21.



Reprinted from the Observation Post
March 10, 1967

Base to host 250 shooters for Hi-Desert Rifle Match

Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, California will play host to the 8th annual Hi-Desert master's Open High Power Rifle Tournament March 17, 16 and 19 at the Base Rifle Range.

The tournament, sponsored by the Base Rifle and Pistol Club, is sanctioned by the National Rifle Association and is held annually the first quarter of each year.

Teams from Marine, Army, Navy and Air Force Bases as well as their civilian counterparts from the Southwestern part of the United States will be featured in the three day tourney.

This annual event, with a history of keen competition and high scores, provides an excellent means to develop and train men who can shoot under pressure.

All firing will be conducted in accordance with the current edi-

tion of the NRA High Power Rifle Rules with standard military targets and ammunition being used throughout the tournament.

Individual and team matches are being scheduled with the 1000 yard range match completion being the featured event. Practice sessions will be held Thursday, March 16, with all distances from 200 to 1000 yards being covered. The sessions will be held on a first come first serve basis.

The tournament commences at 7:00 a.m. Friday, March 17, and ends with the four man team match on the 19th. Last year the dingers from Lackland Air Force Base shot their way to a second straight title. Their four man team dropped a total of 10 points for an outstanding .990-108V's.

The Grand Aggregate Honors, the most coveted of the titles

went to Camp Pendleton's Master Sergeant Michael Pietroforte who fired a possible 500 with 58 V's to better his nearest competitor by 8 V's. His consistent shooting and fine overall display of range maneuvers won him an engraved target rifle.

The host team, Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, Rifle and Pistol Club, will be well represented in the tournament by a four man team composed of Major R.J. Finn, Executive Officer of H&S Battalion, GySgt Stanley Hranek, NCOIC of the Base Pistol Range, and GySgt. Felix Spradlin, Line NCOIC of the Base Rifle Range. GySgt Spradlin is also acting as coach of the four man team.

The fourth member of the team has not been selected as yet, but will be chosen from a group of shooters currently firing at the range.

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 ____ Flynn Boyle
 - 5 Appliance wire
 - 9 Fan part
 - 14 Come from ____
 - 15 Field of study
 - 16 One with no friends
 - 17 Components in a store building
 - 20 Boy in the family
 - 21 Mom's sister
 - 22 YA reader
 - 23 Duff
 - 24 "Say ____"
 - 25 Unmask
 - 28 It's in a jamb
 - 29 Laudatory lines
 - 32 "You beat me"
 - 33 Zippo
 - 34 Guest editorial
 - 35 Spending very little money
 - 38 Command to Fido
 - 39 "____ & Allies"
 - 40 Parson's home
 - 41 Sushi fish
 - 42 Lines of verse
 - 43 Indian dresses
 - 44 Nerve
 - 45 Total losers
 - 46 The media
 - 48 Concluding bit
 - 49 Shad ____
 - 52 Beautifully clear
 - 55 Just the same
 - 56 "Gotcha"
 - 57 Against
 - 58 Mulligans
 - 59 Blemish
 - 60 Google's thermostat
- Down**
- 1 Places for experiments
 - 2 Big bushy do
 - 3 April forecast
 - 4 Long bomb's trajectory
 - 5 "No tie needed"
 - 6 Praying figure
 - 7 Monthly expense
 - 8 Mom's beau
 - 9 Hair dryer
 - 10 "Two Women" Oscar winner
 - 11 Bet
 - 12 Dorm overseer
 - 13 Flub up
 - 18 Martial arts
 - 19 Ore.'s highest peak
 - 23 Like flies
 - 24 Dictionary stuff
 - 25 Wash cycle
 - 26 Bluebloods
 - 27 Not shy
 - 28 Jeans material
 - 29 Sound off
 - 30 Thick
 - 31 Noses (out)
 - 33 3-D graph lines
 - 34 Actor Sharif et al.
 - 36 Chinese philosopher
 - 37 Self-identification in some Apple computer ads
 - 42 Shoves
 - 43 All of a ____
 - 44 Geico lizard
 - 45 Dumb mistake
 - 46 Brazilian soccer legend
 - 47 DEA movement
 - 48 Madrid home
 - 49 Mr. Descartes
 - 50 Breakfast cereal choice
 - 51 Give off
 - 52 Golf course figure
 - 53 "Have a seat"
 - 54 Tried for the Presidency

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
17				18						19				
20				21					22					
			23					24						
25	26	27					28				29	30	31	
32						33				34				
35					36					37				
38					39					40				
41				42					43					
			44					45						
52							53				54			
55						56					57			
58						59					60			

SUDOKU

			1		2		3	
		2			4		5	
		6	7		5			8
4			3	8		5		6
	9						1	
3		1		5	9			7
7			5		8	9		
	1		2			4		
	5		9		6			

Last week's answers

P	O	G	O			D	E	E	M		B	S	I	X					
O	R	E	L			G	A	L	L	O		E	W	O	K				
O	T	O	E			I	T	A	L	O		T	O	N	E				
B	E	D	S	I	D	E	M	A	N	N	E	R							
A	G	E		N	E	D					G	U	L	D	E	N			
H	A	S	B	R	O		I	Z	O	D		M	B	A					
							R	I	N	G	S	I	D	E	S	E	A	T	
			B	F	A				I	N	N			A	N	N			
			F	I	R	E	S	I	D	E	C	H	A	T					
			B	E	E			E	N	E	R								
			I	N	D	I	R	A				A	L	I		I	R	A	
							R	O	A	D	S	I	D	E	D	I	N	E	R
			A	V	O	W			A	L	T	O	N			B	E	S	T
			V	I	S	A			Z	E	B	R	A			E	T	T	E
			A	M	E	N			E	D	E	N				T	O	U	R

5	1	8	9	2	6	4	3	7
9	3	2	1	4	7	5	8	6
4	7	6	5	3	8	2	1	9
2	4	5	3	7	1	9	6	8
8	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3	6	1	2	8	9	7	5	4
1	5	9	7	6	2	8	4	3
6	8	3	4	9	5	1	7	2
7	2	4	8	1	3	6	9	5

OBSERVATION POST

Commanding General - Maj. Gen. Lewis Czaparotta
Installation Sgt. Maj. - Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino
Public Affairs Officer - Capt. Justin Smith
Deputy Public Affairs Officer- Ms. Lauren Kurkimilis
Public Affairs Chief - Sgt. Charles Santamaria
Press Chief - Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo
Correspondents - Cpl. Julio McGraw
Cpl. Thomas Mudd
Cpl. Connor Hancock
Lance Cpl. Levi Schultz

The Observation Post is published by Hi-Desert Publishing, a private firm in no way connected with the Department of Defense or the United States Marine Corps, under exclusive written contract with the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. This commercial enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the military services. Contents of the Observation Post are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the United States government, the DOD, or the United States Marine Corps. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the DOD or Hi-Desert Publishing of the services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content is prepared by the Public Affairs Office, MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms, Calif. 92278. All photos, unless otherwise indicated are Official USMC Photos. Questions can be directed to the Public Affairs Office, located in building 1417, during normal working hours at 830-6213 or FAX 830-5474. The Observation Post is made with 60 percent recycled paper.

OFF-LIMITS ESTABLISHMENTS

MCIWest off-limits establishments guidance prohibits service members from patronizing the following locations. This order applies to all military personnel.

In Oceanside:
- Angelo's Kars, 222 S. Coast Hwy, Oceanside, Calif., 92054
- Angelo's Kars, 226 S. Coast Hwy, Oceanside, Calif., 92054
In San Diego:
- Club Mustang, 2200 University Ave.
- Club San Diego, 3955 Fourth St.
- Get It On Shoppe, 3219 Mission Blvd.
- Main Street Motel, 3494 Main St.
- Vulcan Baths, 805 W. Cedar St.
In National City:
- Dream Crystal, 15366 Highland Ave.
- Sports Auto Sales, 1112 National City Blvd.

Local off-limits guidance prohibits service members from patronizing the following locations.

In Twentynine Palms:
- Adobe Smoke Shop, 6441 Adobe Rd.
- STC Smoke Shop, 6001 Adobe Rd.
- K Smoke Shop, 5865A Adobe Rd.
In Yucca Valley:
- Yucca Tobacco Mart, 57602 29 Palms Hwy.
- Puff's Tobacco Mart, 57063 29 Palms Hwy.
In Palm Springs:
- Village Pub, 266 S. Palm Canyon Dr.
- Whispering Palms Apts., 449 E. Arenas Road
- NYPD Pizza, 260-262 N. Palm Canyon Drive

For the complete orders, but not off-limits, check out the Combat Center's official-website at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil>

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Danielle CASCO

Range Control Floor Supervisor, Range Management Development Division

Casco is a Marine veteran and has worked for the Range Management Development Division for nearly 10 years. She has a love of animals, nature and her adopted elephant, Billie.



>**I grew up in** Albuquerque, N.M. with my brother and my mom. I joined the Marine Corps when I was 18-years-old after I graduated high school.

>**I joined because** I didn't want to go to college. I was raised with the mentality that you have to give back to your country in some way and be a productive member of society. I chose this branch because the Marine Corps had the extreme energy I was looking for.

>**I liked everything about it.** The camaraderie, the uniforms, the attitude. The Corps is better than the rest and it shows.

>**I served for 5 years.** I wanted to be an air traffic controller but I was placed in direct air support instead.

>**My first duty station was Okinawa, Japan.** I was there for two and a half years before I received orders to the Combat Center's Range Control Unit.

>**One of the things that was** really big for me while I was in was being a good leader. It was important to me because I received really good leadership from my [non-commissioned officers]. I made sure my Marines felt like they were being taken care of and that they weren't stretched too thin and that mentality stayed with me.

>**Being a good leader** means you're taking care of someone and they know they're being taken care of. It's important to have that.

>**I think that was one of the hardest things** for me to let go of when I got out. As a civilian, even if you do care about people you really have no effect on their life. Whereas in the military, you can care about them and help them

advance to the next level of their life.

>**When I got out,** I was gone for about 10 months and then my [officer in charge] called me to let me know about some job openings at Range Control. That's how I ended up back here.

>**I help support the Combat Center** because I'm part of a system that helps facilitate the training Marines conduct.

>**My job is to** be on the radio and make sure the ranges are available for units to use as well as ensure everything goes smoothly while training is being conducted.

>**Working at Range Control** I've learned a lot as a person, a leader and a follower.

>**On my free time,** I like to walk my dogs and feed my chickens. I also like rock climbing, seeing new places and just being outdoors in general.

>**I appreciate the noise of the outdoors.** Whether it's the wind blowing through the trees, the sounds the animals make, or the dirt moving under your feet. When you're outside there are no restrictions and it's always new. If you go somewhere one day then go to the same place the next day, it could be completely different.

>**I've always been on the move.** I'm not exactly settled because I always want to see more.

>**I like listening to people** because I enjoy hearing their stories. When you go to new places you meet different kinds of people.

>**I'm a humanitarian** and in my life I'm learning that being a humanitarian encompasses a lot of things. Anything that is new to me is interesting, anything someone thinks about is interesting

and if someone creates something I want to see it. I just like people and what they can do.

>**I don't really have** one person that I would credit my growth to, just a lot of people that I've spent a lot of time with. Over the years I've learned that if I put my mind to something I can get it done no matter what.

>**My girlfriend, Shannon,** has probably had the biggest influence on my personal life. She's helped me learn to reflect.

>**I think my purpose is** to be a caring person. I aspire to be happy and I hope that after I leave someone's life they leave feeling like they mean something, because they do.

>**If I could give advice** to someone it would be, you never have to settle because there's always a choice. That's been a huge life lesson for me and I don't think a lot of people realize that.

>**Something I've carried with me** from the Marine Corps is my drive. I've learned that no matter how nasty it gets, you have to keep going and that I can accomplish anything I put my mind to.

INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Brandin' Iron
COUNTRY NIGHT CLUB

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Mechanical Bull
- ★ 800 Party People Till 3am
- ★ 18 and over welcome
- ★ Full Dinner Menu

Brandin' Iron

320 South "E" Street San Bernardino
www.brandinironsaloon.com

No Cover with Military I.D. Fri. & Sat Till 10pm

SWITCH
& SCORE

Switch today and get a \$100 promotional card for every eligible service you add.

\$100 paid in form of Visa® Prepaid® or Reward® card(s). Redemption & combined billing req'd for Reward Card(s). \$300 max.

SELECT™ Package

\$19.99

mo.

FOR 12 MOS.

BEST VALUE

OVER 145 CHANNELS

DIRECTV package offers start at:

REQ'S 24-MONTH AGREEMENT. ADD'L FEES APPLY.

BUNDLE NOW TO GET:

INTERNET SPEEDS YOU NEED With 99.9% High-Speed Internet reliability.

CRYSTAL-CLEAR local and nationwide calling.

PLUS GET UP TO \$300 IN PROMOTIONAL CARDS. *See how to bundle.

Ask me how to Bundle and save. CALL TODAY!

IVS

800-745-5359

DIRECTV AUTHORIZED DEALER

SUPER SAVINGS

ALL KENWOOD SYSTEM

AM/FM, CD with USB + AUX

With 4-Speakers, Dual 12" Subwoofers Box, And 500 Watt 4 Channel Amplifier

Similar to Illustration

\$599.00

+ Tax & Installation

Stop by for in car demo

SoundWerks

CAR AUDIO

ALARMS • AMPLIFIERS • GPS • BLUETOOTH

Installations available while you wait

760.365.0031

55745 29 Palms Hwy. • Yucca Valley, CA 92284 (Between Fox and Elk)

Tues. - Fri. 10am to 5pm • Sat. 10am to 2pm

MDLT, Combat Center organize cleanup

STORY BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

When visiting Section 33, a 623-acre site, Morongo Basin residents and visitors can behold stretches of serene hiking trails and a natural habitat teeming with native plants and animals. Few would guess that the acreage was once used as illegal dumping ground and targeted for a 2,400-unit housing development.

Section 33, located just south of California Highway 62 between La Contenta Road and Joshua Tree Memorial Park, is scheduled for the fourth annual cleanup effort between Combat Center Marines and Morongo Basin community members, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The land was purchased by the Mojave Desert Land Trust in conjunction with the Combat Center, The Trust for Public Land and the California Wildlife Conservation Board.

“Mojave Desert Land Trust works closely with

the base in projects that support flight and wild-life corridors,” said Danielle Segura, executive director, MDLT. “We celebrate the collaboration that made the cleanup of Section 33 a success with this Earth Day event every year.”

Volunteers from the Combat Center, MDLT, Armed Services YMCA, Morongo Basin Transit Authority as well as the local community will be contributing to the cleanup.

“It’s a basin-wide event,” said Kristina Becker, community liaison, Community Plans and Liaison Office. “Community members can come and work side-by-side with Marines and family members to do trail restoration and remove trash to help preserve this property for family and children to enjoy for years to come.”

According to Becker, the event has previously drawn more than 100 participants who pitched in by maintaining trails and removing trash and debris.

“The base always wants to be an active part

of the community,” Becker said. “Through these events we afford Marines the opportunity to meet new people and learn about desert landscapes and conservation.”

The Department of Defense’s Readiness Environmental Protection Integration Program played a role in the installation’s participation in the event. According to <http://www.repi.mil/>, the program is a key tool for combating encroachment by protecting against land development that destroys or fragments an endangered species’ habitat and pushes those species onto less developed military lands, which in turn limits or restricts military training, testing and operations.

“I think it’s great that we can all come together to help preserve this land,” Segura said. “I feel that we have a really unique partnership with the base that works really well to support a healthy community.”



GET IN THE
HOT SEAT
GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
5 WINNERS OF \$200
IN FREE PLAY
EVERY HOUR | 5pm - 10pm

PLAY WITH YOUR CLUB 29 CARD IN TO WIN!

LIVE AT THE ROCK



RETURNS

FREE TRIBUTE
BAND | 8pm
NEXT FRIDAY
MARCH 18TH - U2

WEDNESDAYS
6pm – CLOSE
50% OFF ALL
WELL DRINKS
LADIES NIGHT
+KARAOKE+

THURSDAYS
9pm – 1am
+KARAOKE+
\$300
IN FREE PLAY DRAWINGS

THIS PLACE ROCKS!



TORTOISE ROCK CASINO

IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE!
www.TortoiseRockCasino.com
73829 Baseline Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Management reserves the right to alter or cancel a promotion at any time. Some restrictions may apply. See Club 29 for details. Must be 18+ to enter casino.

SLOT MACHINES TABLE GAMES OASIS GRILLE SHELLY'S LOUNGE

Find the Fake ad *Weekly Contest!*



Enter to win!

One of our classifieds ads is **FAKE!** Find the fake ad & be entered into a drawing to win a **PRIZE!**

CONTEST SPONSORED BY:



Cinema 6 MOVIE THEATRE
(760) 365-9633
55401 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley, Ca
www.cinematheatre.com

The “fake ad” will run weekly in the Hi Desert Star, The Desert Trail and the Observation Post newspapers. All entries for that week must be received by 5 p.m. the following Monday. Winners will be notified each Tuesday.

To enter our contest:
Bring the “Fake Ad” into our office, give us a call or mail us your entry.

For more info, call our office at 760-365-3315 or 760-367-3577.
Limit 1 winner per household per month. Winners must be 18 years or older.

Congratulations to last weeks winner:

Rondall Shaffer



Find what you're looking for in our classified section

(760) 365-3315 • (760) 367-3577

We're on

facebook

more than 142,000 likes





Join the online community

Visit us at www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter

Steel sharpens steel: Marines learn from firsthand combat experiences



Corporal Greg Terrazas provides notional security while his team executes a casualty evacuation during combat marksmanship training at Camp Pendleton, March 2. The training was part of the Urban Leaders Course taught by 1st Marine Division Schools, which focuses on enhancing small unit leadership through integrated training and implementation of fire teams and squad-sized elements in an urban setting.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT. EMMANUEL RAMOS

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Small unit leaders in the infantry are called upon to carry out orders and make decisions on the battlefield, and at times making the seemingly impossible possible. This is because of the rigorous training in their craft and the development of their leadership skills. It's that dedication that has been a hallmark of the Marine's ethos since the Corps' inception.

Ensuring the next generation of professional warfighters continues to maintain the standard of excellence, which has been established for more than 240 years, is a never ending mission for every Marine.

On March 2, Marines from collective infantry and non-infantry units conducted combat marksmanship training in urban terrain as part of an Urban Leaders Course presented by instructors with 1st Marine Division Schools at Camp Pendleton.

The course focuses on enhancing small unit leadership through integrated training and implementation of fire teams, and squad-sized elements, in an urban setting. Because of its close quarters, and numerous hiding positions an urban setting is one of the most dangerous areas Marines operate in. Here, Marines' physical and mental endurance is pushed to the limits.

"Not a lot of Marines have the opportunity to go through room clearings, specifically with live-fire," said Staff Sgt. David G. Agundez, chief instructor for Urban Leaders Course, 1st Marine Division Schools.

"Obviously we do have [simulation] training, but the more realistic aspect of having live-fire training is something that really helps [students] out."

The Marines are divided into two squads, each comprised of Marines with various infantry and non-infantry military occupational specialties. During the three-week course, Marines are expected to fill every role of a fire team.

This allows Marines to get a better appreciation and understanding of how the team's success depends on everyone doing their job.

"When these Marines go back to their units, they will be the subject matter experts on how to operate in urban terrain," said Agundez. "The only way to ensure we are sending them back fully trained is to have them know every role, so when the time comes they know how to employ their Marines."

During the room clearing portion of the training, Marines rehearsed different techniques that can be used to clear structures. While Marines executed their task, instructors assessed the teams with emphasis on the leader's actions.

"A lot of Marines, they pause, they hold, and they freeze. Ultimately, that's something that is really bad because in this type of environment in the real world anything can be thrown at you," said Agundez. "When you commit to a house, or a building, whatever the situation is, you have to go full-on knowing that it's not about just me; it's about the Marines to the left and right of me."

To make sure the lessons were learned from mistakes made, Marines were penalized by having to conduct a casualty evacuation. This meant having to fireman carry the casualty more than 300 yards; a task that left everyone in the squad gasping for air.

"It was one of the more challenging aspects of the course, but it worked," said Lance Cpl. Parker Chase, a rifleman with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. "I'll remember to fix my mistakes on the next run because I don't want to do that again."

After a long day of rehearsals, the fruits of the students' labor began to show, as fewer mistakes were made, and better execution was praised by instructors.

"Every unit can't afford to send all their Marines to this course, so these Marines become a huge asset for their units because they can pass this knowledge and training on," said Agundez.

The course begins its final days of training next week. During this time, the pressure will intensify as Marines' understanding of military operations in urban terrain will be tested in a larger combat town. If successful, these Marines will return to their units better trained and stronger leaders.



Marines execute a casualty evacuation drill during combat marksmanship training at Camp Pendleton, March 2.



Lance Cpl. Roger Freckleton gets into position as the point man for his fire team during combat marksmanship training at Camp Pendleton, March 2.

Think you're **SAVING MONEY**
doing your **OWN TAXES?**

THINK AGAIN!

Why struggle for hours with complicated tax forms?
Our licensed, experienced staff can help.
Up-to-the-minute knowledge of the latest tax laws means you will get the most from your tax return.
See one of our tax experts today for tax filing made simple.

Enrolled to Practice Before the IRS
Securities Offered Through FSC Securities Corp.
Member FINRA, SIPC

Call today for an appointment.

RARICK FINANCIAL GROUP
Investment and Tax Specialists

56913 Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley
(on the corner of Sage & Yucca Tr. next to Denny's)

760.228.1829
www.raricktax.com

HURRY IN AND SAVE \$\$\$\$!!!

- \$0 Down On Approved Credit**
- \$0 Apr Limited Term On Select Models**
- \$0 Pmts Up To 90 Days OAC**

"On All New Models"
YOUR MILITARY FINANCE HEADQUARTERS
THE ONLY NEW CAR DEALER IN 29 PALMS!

29 Palms RAM TRUCK CENTER

(760) 367-1919
72878 29 Palms Hwy.
29 PALMS, CALIFORNIA 92277

Battle Color from pg. A1

opportunity because it shows the level of discipline a Marine can reach.”

The Drum and Bugle Corps, also known as ‘The Commandant’s Own,’ began the ceremony with selections composed by Italian composer and musicologist, Ottorino Respighi, accompanied by complex and precise formation movements.

“I think it’s a great experience,” said Marisa McDonald, military spouse. “I home school my seven-year-olds so it’s really cool for them to be able to see this side of the Marine Corps and then get up close and interact with the Marines.”

For the climax of the ceremony, the Marine Corps Color Guard presented the battle colors adorned with streamers and silver bands, which symbolize the 54 military campaigns and more than 400 battles in which the Marine Corps has played a role throughout history. The ceremony concluded with the Marines of the detachment remaining on the field to greet those in attendance.

“I love coming out, talking with the people and being able to represent a positive image for the Marine Corps,” said Lance Cpl. Megan Almojuela, soprano bugler, Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps. “It’s great to show people something fantastic that they may only get one chance to see in their lives.”

The Marines with the Battle Color Detachment are scheduled to continue their tour and will move on to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in the days to come.



The Official Marine Corps Color Guard of the Battle Color Detachment presents the national colors during the playing of the national anthem as part of a Battle Color Ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Wednesday.



A Marine with U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, also known as “The Commandant’s Own,” performs during a Battle Color Ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Wednesday.

War Dogs from pg. A1

as possible]. The more seasoned families also learn about new resources.”

The families were given information on different programs that are available at the Combat Center that can help alleviate any problems before the unit deploys.

“The tools that we give these families help them deal with having their spouses gone for such a long time,” Durden said. “Having people to rely-on in times like these is one of the most important resources that we can provide these families, and these briefs give them that resource.”

The brief gave the battalion’s commanding officer the opportunity to address the battalion’s family members and inform them about what training the battalion will be doing in the weeks ahead.

“The Marines are 99 percent ready for this deployment,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Steele, commanding officer, 2/7. “I am going to make sure that we are completely ready for anything. We want all the families of the battalion to know why their Marines are training so often while we are approaching a deployment, and give them some insight on what their Marines will be doing while they are deployed.”



Diane Durden, family readiness officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, talks to Marines, sailors and family members during a pre-deployment brief for the battalion at building 1707 aboard the Combat Center, March 2.



Lt. Col. Christopher Steele, commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, talks to the Marines, sailors and their families about the importance of being prepared during the units’ pre-deployment brief at building 1707 aboard the Combat Center, March 2.

TOUGH MINDED
OPTIMISM
by Lou Gerhardt

I want to re-introduce to you Tom Reddinger who faithfully delivers us our Los Angeles Times 365 days a year without ever slipping up on the job. We not only get our newspaper early every morning but Tom always drops it right at my garage door so that when I open the door it is right at my feet. This requires care and effort on Tom's part because our house is quite a ways up our driveway from the street.

I have talked to Tom several times since he started delivering our Los Angeles Times. He is a truly dedicated servant of his customers. He delivers all over Twentynine Palms and he also distributes the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Desert Sun, the San Bernardino Sun, USA Today and the Bloomberg Businessweek.

Tom is accompanied every morning by his loyal dog Shebah. She has been his beloved companion for the past 12 years. Tom is my kind of guy. He is a hard working, tough minded optimist.

Some words of John W. Gardner, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce come to mind:

“An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society that scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because philosophy is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.”

This column sponsored by:

Lois Salzmnn-Johnson
Yucca Valley

Beverly Burkitt
Landers

Dr. Lou can be reached at

760-367-4627
800-995-1620
res19mxc@verizon.net

JOIN US IN WORSHIP MORONGO BASIN

The EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU

St. Joseph Of Arimathea
56312 Onaga, Yucca Valley
(760) 365-7133 revjanec@aol.com

Holy Eucharist Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Mutual Ministry 3rd Fri of the month
9:00 a.m.

Skyview Chapel
Church of God

Worship Service
Sun. 10:30 A.M & 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 P.M.
7475 Sunny Vista Rd., Joshua Tree
Pastor Abe Casiano
Church (760) 366-9119
www.skyviewchapel.org

Immanuel Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church

Sunday Service
10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study
6 pm
6450 Star Dune Ave, 29 Palms
760- 367-9269
www.ipoputheran.org

St. Martin-In-The-Fields
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday School & Eucharist 10:00 am
Sunday Gospel Meditation 9:00 am
Tues. 12 Step Church 6:30 - 7:05 pm
Weds. Morning Prayer 7:30 am
Vicar, Peggy Ventris
"Celebrating God's love for all God's Children"
72348 Larrea Road • www.stmartinchurch29.org
(760) 367-7133

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT CHURCH

firstsouthern

Baptist Church of Yucca Valley

"find hope in Jesus"

Sun. 9:15 AM Life Groups
Sun. 10:30 AM Worship
Wed. 6:00 PM Bible Study
56374 Onaga Trail in Yucca Valley
(760) 365-5771 www.fsbccyv.org

Truth Tabernacle Apostolic Church

73493 29 Palms Hwy., Twentynine Palms

Pastor Titus R. Burns
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM
Call 760-367-4185 for more information

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

The United Methodist Church
Yucca Valley, CA

57273 Onaga Trail
(corner of Joshua Lane & Onaga Trail)
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 AM
Pastor John Runcel
Office: 760-365-3671

UNIVERSAL CENTER for
SELF-ENLIGHTENMENT
and SELF-HEALING

Where Jesus teachings come to life

Healing - Meditation - Prayer - Bible Study
Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
2645 Rice Ave., Joshua Tree, CA. 92252
(760) 413-3518 www.universal-center.org
Founder and Director
Paolo Ficara

Spread the Word!

Promote your services in our
JOIN US IN WORSHIP SECTION
Only \$20/wk. in all 4 of our local papers*

*Star/Trail/OP/Star

For more information
and to place your ad
Call
(760) 365-3315
The Hi-Desert Star

(760) 367-3577
The Desert Trail

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Marines bring the fight in close



Marines of Company A, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, conducts target recognition and engagement through a simulated door way during the close quarter marksmanship portion of Close Quarter Battle training aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday. The training focused on room clearing procedures along with close quarter marksmanship in a series of challenging drills.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. TIMOTHY VALERO

The calm of the room was broken as a pair of Marines entered with rifles at the ready. One Marine spotted an insurgent hiding in the room. “Put your hands up. Put your hands up,” yelled the Marine. The startled insurgent, with little hesitation, raised his hands high in the air. A Marine moved quickly to detain and search him as a fellow Marine stood guard. “Well done, well done,” said an instructor as he walked into the room, “let’s reset for the next team.”

Marines of Company A, 1st

Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, honed their skills in a Close Quarter Battle team trainer aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday.

The training focused on room clearing techniques and close quarter marksmanship training with the M4 carbine and the M45A1 close quarters battle pistol in a series of fire-and-maneuver drills.

After completing some familiarization and remediation, the Marines furthered their knowledge and developed their skills by working with the Expeditionary Operations Training Group, which provides training in select



Marines of Company A, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, observe fellow Marines conducting close quarter marksmanship drills during Close Quarter Battle training aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday.



A pair of Marines with Company A, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, prepare to clear a room during Close Quarter Battle training aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday.

special skills and conducts and evaluates collective training in order to prepare units prior to deployment.

“We teach Marines everything they need to know about conducting close quarter tactics, reconnaissance and urban sharp shooting,” said Gunnery Sgt. Michael Wilkinson, an EOTG instructor.

Following the EOTG training, the Marines worked through realistic urban training, and concluded with a maritime interoperability training exercise. Those packages provide the Marines a common set of skills they can use to work with other components of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as other maritime partners.

“Once [the Marines] have completed and pass the maritime interoperability training portion of the exercise they are then certified and ready for deployment with [Marine Expeditionary Units],” Wilkinson said.

The training the Marines received to become ready for a deployment is crucial to their readiness and offers MEUs an additional capability.

“The MEU commanders will have the option to employ a precision raid force when needed,” said Wilkinson.

The Marines of 1st Reconnaissance stand ever ready to answer the call to duty, swiftly and silently.

“AMU HELPED ME REACH HIGHER”

AMU ALUM AND VETERAN WES O’DONNELL (MBA 2011)



Veteran, author, and entrepreneur Wes O’Donnell gained the right tools and confidence from AMU to publish a book, start a healthcare solutions company, and launch a successful digital media group. Join the #1 provider of education to the Armed Forces* and gain knowledge that’s relevant to what you do today and what you want to do tomorrow. **Reach higher at www.AMUonline.com/OBSERVATION**

**As reported by Military Times, July/August 2015*

WeekINPhotos

No Rest for the Wicked 1/8



Marines with Combined Arms Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, set up a defense position during Exercise Cold Response 16 at Spravo, Norway, Sunday. The climate and environment of Norway challenges the integration of air, land, and sea capabilities from 13 NATO allies and partners while improving their collective capacity to respond and operate as a team.

Marines with Combined Arms Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, conduct dismounted patrols during Exercise Cold Response 16 at Spravo, Norway, Sunday.



U.S. Marines with Combined Arms Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, set up a defense position during Exercise Cold Response 16 at Spravo, Norway, Sunday.

U.S. Marines with Combined Arms Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, set up a defense position during Exercise Cold Response 16 at Spravo, Norway, Sunday.

Photos by Cpl. Rebecca Floto



Hawk's Landing

GOLF CLUB AT BLUE SKIES

Call for a Tee Time Today!

Now you can surf the Links on Golf Boards at Hawk's Landing!

760.365.0033

55100 Martinez Trail Yucca Valley, California

North on Camino Del Cielo off Hwy. 62 then right on Martinez Trail

www.hawkslandinggolf.com

Saving a Life from a potential catastrophe EVERY 10 MINUTES

I live *alone* but I'm never alone. I have Life Alert®



Life Alert® AS SEEN ON TV

For a FREE brochure call: 1-800-891-6309

TAKE IT TO THE TOP

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER RIDE 'N' DINE

\$36.00 Adults/Seniors
\$23.50 Children 3-12

Includes Tram admission and dinner in Pines Café from 11am

760 - 325 - 1391 pstramway.com



Like us on Facebook



hidesertstar.com
deserttrail.com

Exercise Iron Fist 2016 - *One Marine's Perspective*



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. DEVAN GOWANS

Pfc. Bradley Brandes, a mortarman with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, fires an 81mm mortar system during the supporting arms coordination exercise portion of Exercise Iron Fist 2016 on San Clemente Island, Feb. 21.

STORY BY CPL. SHALTIEL DOMINGUEZ

I awoke inside my coffin rack to the sounds of bottles and other small items clanking on metal surfaces as the USS Somerset rocked back and forth amid violent waves. I checked my phone to look at the time. 0400. Damn. I still had an hour before work. I opened up an electronic book I was reading the night before; Haruki Murakami's "South of the Border, West of the Sun." After swiping through the pages, I saw a quote I had highlighted a while ago:

"What we needed were not words or promises, but the steady accumulation of small realities."

The quote referred to building a relationship between two people. However, I felt it also applied to relationships between organizations and it summarized our mission here as interpreters and liaisons. We were responsible for breaking down language and cultural barriers between the United States Marine Corps and Japan's Western Army Infantry Regiment. But more than that we made sure they received the training and knowledge necessary to build a long-term relationship. It was our job to facilitate a steady accumulation of small realities.

I lost myself in the book and soon enough it was sunrise. The Japanese will have already pre-staged their military personnel at the embarking ramp for loading onto the landing craft air cushion hovercraft, ready for their amphibious assault. I washed my face and wiped it dry with a Japanese handkerchief - my most precious keepsake; it was a gift from my mentor and I received it while I was studying for a year in Kobe, Japan. The handkerchief reminded me of the discipline and hard work that I respected so much in the Japanese culture. It seems the Japanese I'd met always do their best in every aspect of life.

It was time for me to do my best as well.

EMBARKATION

I met up with the other Marine interpreters on the flight deck. There were four of us total. First was Kaya, a half-Japanese, half-American girl from Utah, who spoke with a valley-girl accent in English, but whose Japanese was impeccable. Christopher was also half-Japanese, half-American, and had some of the best knowledge of Japanese technical terms. Finally, we had Aric, a California kid who had a solid basic foundation of Japanese and who could be counted on to provide supplies and other things we needed when we were over tasked. As the lead non-commissioned officer for the USS Somerset interpreter detachment, I was responsible for tasking each of them out and maintaining accountability.

We headed down the embarking ramp and put our ear plugs on as the deafening sounds of grinding machinery echoed from the belly of the ship, otherwise known as the well-deck. The well-deck was a massive metallic atrium flanked by several ramps from which multiple vehicles could board the hovercrafts and deploy into the water. Its walls were covered with pipes, chains and other metal components. Violent waves crashed and flooded into the main ramp and a couple of curious seals were brave enough to wander into it before being chased away by the sailors in charge of safety. They were worried the seals would be harmed when we launched.

The Japanese soldiers had already lined themselves up on the walls of one ramp. The combat cargo staff non-commissioned officer, a tough-as-nails woman named Staff Sgt. Jazmen Ruiz, gave me a roster of the Japanese soldiers' names and explained the embarking procedures to us.

The other embarking Marines were already hard at work using hand and arm signals to direct vehicles and ensure the safety of their Japanese soldiers. They made sure that the vehicles fit together in either the ship or the landing craft air cushion, similar to a game of Tetris.

"Time to add embarking specialist to my list of military occupational specialties," said Kaya, a Marine who by trade worked for the 7th Engineer Support Battalion.

What she said wasn't far from the truth. We really were required to have knowledge of multiple jobs when working as interpreters and liaisons. Interpretation is tricky, and it's difficult to translate and teach about something you don't fully understand yourself. Furthermore, each word and sentence has subtle connotations and nuances. It's extremely important to not only know the subject, but also the culture of the group of people you are talking to if you want to effectively communicate with them. We owed a lot



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. DEVAN GOWANS

Soldiers with Western Army Infantry Regiment, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, observe naval gunfire from the USS Spruance during a supporting arms coordination center exercise at San Clemente Island, as part of Exercise Iron Fist 2016, Feb. 22.

to Ruiz who was a good teacher herself. She ran us through multiple drills and rehearsals until we were comfortable in the role.

I performed the roll-call and directed the Japanese to each station. I also walked them through embarking procedures prior to them loading up their vehicles and boarding the landing craft air cushion. Kaya went up to the tower and was broadcasting boarding and staging announcements. Christopher was attached to the Japanese landing force and was already lined up with them. We made sure that if the Japanese leadership had questions about the procedures, we provided answers to them or we directed them to the proper subject matter expert.

After the hustle and bustle, 1st Lt. Jacob Greenslade, the officer-in-charge of the embarkation and I got the idea to grab breakfast for the Japanese soldiers. Having staged two-hours prior to the launch and due to the high operational tempo, we knew the Japanese wouldn't have had time to eat breakfast at all. I took Aric with me and went up to the galley where we talked to the lead petty officer who, after some wheeling and dealing, was more than happy to provide us with enough boxes of Poptarts, cereals and fruits.

While Aric distributed the food, I recognized a sleepy face in a Japanese military vehicle, a militarized version of the Toyota Mega Cruiser. It was Mas, a staff sergeant with the Japanese Army and the platoon sergeant of their Fire Support Team. I had been working with him for two years when I was attached to the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company. A real modern-day samurai, he was proficient in conducting call-for-fire, whether it was artillery, mortars, naval guns or even close air support. I opened up a pack of Poptarts and said hi.

"Been a while man," I said to him in Japanese, grinning. I handed him a Poptart which he happily received. He then got out of his vehicle and distributed the food to his guys.

"Thanks," said Mas. "This'll help out a lot. It's good to see you again."

"No problem. You guys got enough water?"

He smiled and showed me his canteen.

"Awesome. Let's grab some coffee and play some Japanese poker when you guys get back."

"Sounds like a plan," he said. He and his troops looked a lot less sleepy as they ate.

STRATEGIC CORPORAL

It was nearly 10 a.m. by the time the last of the landing force embarked and our day had just begun. The day before, I organized a gear class for the Japanese landing force officer and his staff taught by Cpl. Simmons, an infantry platoon sergeant with Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. Simmons was an example of what retired Gen. Charles Krulak defined as the strategic corporal: knowledgeable about his job field and physically strong. Although Simmons was rough around the edges, he spoke clearly and with intent. Simmons also wanted to build a relationship with the Japanese and he understood that the decisions he makes at his level can have a significant impact on the mission.

The Japanese soldiers were more than happy to receive knowledge from the experienced Marine grunts on how to improve their mobility and combat effec-

tiveness by properly configuring their gear. Simmons and his Marines showed the different configurations of their packs, depending on personal preference, which weapons they needed to carry and their experiences in the field.

Simmons and his platoon had interacted with the Japanese before at the Combat Center. A few of his Marines even sparred with one of the Japanese soldiers who happened to be a Judo Black Belt. Simmons kept an open mind about what the Japanese had to teach and his Marines were more than happy to step up and teach too. They each used hand gestures and body language to communicate in addition to their words.

"It's all about personal preference and comfort," said Simmons as he loosened the straps on his pack, allowing the hip strap to settle on his lower back, beneath his plate carrier. "Each ounce of pain compounds itself when you're patrolling."

Due to the success of the class, we got ambitious and tried to plan and execute an informal small unit tactics class to be held that afternoon during some downtime. We had gotten permission from the Marine first sergeant and were pretty excited for it.

Until then Kaya, Aric and I kept ourselves gainfully employed, resolving any logistical, planning and operational issues that came up and functioned as the intermediary between the staff of the USS Somerset and the Western Army Infantry Regiment's landing force staff. Such tasks included resolving any issues that the Japanese landing force commander had about transportation and communication for the amphibious landing exercise, being the middleman for media content between the Japanese staff and Marine Corps public affairs and conducting physical training with both the Japanese soldiers and the Marines.

It was early afternoon and nearly time for the small unit tactics class. The Japanese had gathered an entire platoon at the flight deck to participate. I looked for Simmons and he was nowhere to be found. I found out that he was ordered to conduct rehearsals and construct terrain models for their amphibious landing and assault. Now, any Marine who has been in the Corps longer than 30 minutes knows that plans change all of the time, but I was worried about how the Japanese soldiers would react to the sudden change of plans.

There are many ways to apologize in Japanese, and I used the most formal expression: "Moushiwake arimasen", which meant I made a mistake and that I had no excuse. The lesson was canceled. Their officer-in-charge released them back to their regular tasks.

"Hey, no big deal. This happens in the Japanese military too. Plans change," said Yuya, a Japanese Army ranger who I had went to the gym with before. It came as a welcome relief that the Japanese were also used to abrupt changes in plans.

"Yeah, that's the military isn't it?" I scratched my head and laughed at myself. We then sat at the flight deck for a while and relaxed for a bit. There would be another chance to teach.

SMALL REALITIES

After dinner, I visited the command center in the bridge and made sure there were no additional interpreting tasks required from us. I then went back to the sleeping quarters, sat on my coffin rack and opened up the Murakami book.

As I started to doze off, I heard somebody call my name. It was a Japanese officer we nicknamed Slick, for his long hair which was gelled back and his incredible English-speaking skills. I got out of my coffin rack and suited up. His superiors tasked him with getting some of the video footage from Marine Corps Public Affairs and he didn't know how to reach them. Sounded like a job for me.

Ultimately, we were there as interpreters and liaisons to break down the language barrier, and offer Marines a way to communicate with, understand and navigate the differences in culture of the foreign military we were working with.

More than that, I believed we were facilitators, being the intermediary between the higher level commands of both sides, we were the first to know what needed to get done, and thus, it was also our job to make sure it got done.

It was our job not only to convey words or promises, but to provide the steady accumulation of small realities.

I put my boots and my blouse on and got to work.



Combat Center Events

Marine Corps Community Services is hosting a Motocross Jam Fest, March 12 from 12 to 4 p.m. Enjoy some entertainment with DJ Angie Vee and Emcee Kenny Bell. There will be food and beer concessions available. The event is open to all hands. For more information call 760-830-5086.

An Education and Career Fair is scheduled for March 23 at the West Gym from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to all hands and business dress or uniform of the day is suggested. For more information call 760-830-7225

Hashmarks Staff Non-commissioned Officer Club hosts steak night open to all hands Mondays from 4:30p.m. to 8 p.m. and SNCOs only on Fridays. For more information call 760-830-5035.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, March 11
5:00 p.m. – Kung Fu Panda 3, PG
7:30 p.m. – The Finest Hours, PG-13
10:00 p.m. – Deadpool, R

Saturday, March 12
12:00 p.m. – Kung Fu Panda 3 (3-D), PG
2:30 p.m. – The 5th Wave, PG-13
5:00 p.m. – Dirty Grandpa, R
7:30 p.m. – Zoolander 2, PG-13
10:00 p.m. – How to be Single, R

Sunday, March 13
12:00 p.m. – The Finest Hours, PG-13
2:30 p.m. – Zoolander 2, PG-13
5:00 p.m. – How to be Single, R
7:30 p.m. – Deadpool, R

Monday, March 14
7:00 p.m. – The Choice, PG-13

Tuesday, March 15
7:00 p.m. – Deadpool, R

Wednesday, March 16
5:00 p.m. – Kung Fu Panda 3, PG
7:00 p.m. – Hail Caesar!, PG-13

Thursday, March 17
5:00 p.m. – The 5th Wave, PG-13
7:30 p.m. – Dirty Grandpa, R

flickrTM

Hey Combat Center fans – Spread the word!
The Combat Center has its own Flickr photo and video streams. Find them at <http://www.flickr.com/thecombatcenter>.

You Tube

Hey Combat Center fans – Spread the word!
The Combat Center has its own YouTube channel. Find it at <http://www.youtube.com/user/CombatCenterPAO>.

facebook

Visit the official MCAGCC facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter>



Super Raunchy

Marvel’s new superhero is fast, funny—and definitely not for kids

NEIL POND

‘Deadpool’
Starring **Ryan Reynolds** and **Morena Baccarin**
Directed by **Tim Miller**
Rated **R**

For the past few years, there’s been some major comic-book movie buzz about one of the minor characters on the superhero-spandex spectrum.

Deadpool, a latecomer Marvel Comics anti-hero introduced onscreen in X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009), had actually been making appearances in comic books since the early 1990s, later appearing in videogames, TV cartoons and in a line of promotional toy figures.

Originally a mentally unstable, mutated villain, he reforms a bit, morphing into more of a motor-mouthed, smack-talking, skull-cracking vigilante, for his first feature film.

Returning to the role after the X-men flick, Ryan Reynolds rips into the part with something-to-prove gusto—namely, that he can, indeed, headline a comic-book movie that doesn’t stink. The funky jade juju of The Green Lantern had been following him around since 2011, and he addresses it head-on—and crushes it—in the hilarious, snarky opening credits...and a couple of times later, too, just for good measure. The smart, razor-sharp script, from Zombieland scribes Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick, is a nonstop comic spray of R-rated barbs, f-bomb zingers, sarcastic spatter and wide-ranging pop-cultural riff-ery that often lampoons even itself.

This is clearly not your comic-book movie of

yesteryear, or even yesterday, and Deadpool is no clean-cut Captain America. “I may be super, but I’m no hero,” he tells us in an opening scene, an extended, operatic clash in which he lays into an armada of bad guys like a psychopathic Spider-Man on speed, quipping nonstop as decapitated heads fly, brains splatter, bones snap and bodies are sliced, diced and impaled on his twin samurai swords like pieces of juicy kabob meat.

Deadpool (his name comes from a wager about who’d be the first to die) isn’t afraid of getting injured. Torturous laboratory experiments that left Wade Wilson, his real-life alter ego, hideously scarred and disfigured also gave him the “super-power” of cellular regeneration. That means when a body part gets shot through, smashed, hacked off, stabbed, incinerated or blown to bits, he just has to give it a little time—it’ll grow back.

Of course, the movie has an obligatory cameo by Marvel’s founder, Stan Lee. Groundbreaking 1960s-70s singer-actress Leslie Uggams appears as Blind Al, Deadpool’s sightless roommate. Fanboys will be delighted to see lovely Morena Baccarin, from TV’s Gotham, The Flash and Homeland as Wade’s beautiful girlfriend Vanessa, who helps give the story a thumping romantic heart. And stay until the credits are over for one parting bon mot, a movie postscript that—unlike other Marvel outings—looks not to the future but instead to the past, to another memorable movie afterword.

Randy, raw and gleefully gritty, nastier, bloodier, more violent and riotously raunchier than any Marvel movie ever, Deadpool is just what a lot of fans have been waiting for—especially if they’ve been waiting for a “superhero” who swears, farts, babbles, jokes, listens to Wham!, loves unicorns, enjoys rough sex...and sure seems to get into his job a lot more than Thor, Batman or Superman ever did.

Pacific Marine Used Auto Rates

.46% APR¹
for 60 months

MARCH 2016

- No payments for 90 days¹
- 100% financing¹

Exclusively for purchases from Enterprise Car Sales²

enterprise car sales

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

¹ APR – Annual Percentage Rate. Rate and term may be based on credit worthiness of the borrower and income verification. Rates, terms, and conditions may vary depending on the loan to value and age of the vehicle. Other restrictions may apply. 0.46% APR available for 60-month term on auto model years 2013 or newer. Sample Payment: 0.46 % APR for 60-months, payment will be \$16.87 per \$1,000.00 financed. First payment will be due within 90 days after date of funding. Interest will accrue from the date funds are disbursed. Up to 100% financing of purchase price plus tax, license, MIB³ and GAP⁴. Rate and offer is subject to change without notice. Promotion valid 3/1/16-3/31/16.
² Used vehicles previously part of Enterprise short-term rental, and/or lease fleet or purchased by Enterprise from other sources including auto auctions, with previous use possibly short-term rental, lease or other.
The “e” logo and Enterprise are trademarks of Enterprise Holdings, Inc.
All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.
© 2016 Enterprise Car Sales.

PACIFIC MARINE CREDIT UNION

OPEN TO EVERYONE
Residing in San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties

pmcu.com • 800-736-4500

Cinema 6

Showtimes Effective
3/18/16 - 3/24/16

10 Cloverfield Lane
(PG13)
1:30 4:00 6:30 9:00

Deadpool
(R)
1:30 4:00 6:30 9:00

London Has Fallen
(PG13)
1:30 4:00 6:30 9:00

Zootopia
(PG)
3D 4:00
2D 1:30 6:30 9:00

1 (760) 365-9633
www.cinema6theatre.com

STORAGE

State of the Art Security
Control with Full Time Resident Managers,
Household Storage,
RV, Boat & Auto

SPECIAL MILITARY PRICING ON ALL UNITS!

• Ground Level Units • Controlled Gate Access
• Large Moving Truck Friendly • Month-to-Month Rentals

760 367-2510
5020 Adobe Rd • 29 Palms

AA BUNKER STORAGE

Local Bargains, Garage Sales, TV Listings, Happenings and More!

March 10, 2016

C1

The Classifieds

Hi-Desert Star (760) 365-3315 www.hidesertstar.com • The Desert Trail (760) 367-3577 www.deserttrail.com • The Observation Post www.hidesertstar.com/observation_post



Buying • Selling • Trading • Helping • Saving

LOTS & ACREAGE 201

LAND FOR SALE VISIT
www.basinwidefoundation.com

Great location for recreation! 5 Acres. Vacant Land. EZ access far enough away for fun. Johnson Valley, California APN 0454-331-10-0-000. \$8500, owner will carry. Call the Basin Wide Foundation @ 760-365-7219

MOBILE HOME SALES 201

YUCCA VALLEY

Manager Special! Big 2bd/1ba doublewide with all appl plus washer & dryer in 55+ MPH. \$6000 obo. Call 760-288-1091

Nice 1ba/1ba single wide with washroom, good for couple or single person. In nice 55+ community. \$2500 obo. Call 760-288-1091.

Beautiful 2bd/1ba, single wide w pop out, sun room/laundry room. In a 55+ community. \$4k obo. For info contact 760-288-1091

APT. & DUPLEXES 201

29 PALMS

Apts In 29 Palms
Clean Lg 2bd/2ba, JUST remodeled, all new tile, w/ own laundry room. \$599. Just remodeled. 2bd/1ba, w/gar, stv & frdg, all new tile & paint. \$559 760-831-7447

Studio - 29 Palms 760-898-6648 near Stater Bros, sml yard, newer carpet & appl \$490+dep

JOSHUA TREE

Move in NOW! Lrg 2bd \$560, dep/neg. SS/SSI ok. Ldry facility. Near Sunburst Park. (760) 774-5369

YUCCA VALLEY

Close to Shopping 2 & 3bd/2 ba, fenced yard, garage, W&T paid, no pets. \$575-650 + Security 760-365-2500

Refurbished Apt.
2bd/1ba enclosed setting in park-like setting w/ all tile floors. Walk to shopping. \$695/mo. Call Robert (760) 641-1267

Subscribe Today!

Hi-Desert Star
(760) 365-3315

APT. & DUPLEXES 201

QUAIL SPRINGS VILLAGE

75 units, pool/ spa/clubhouse 2BR/2BA, all single story Private patios, small pet OK apartmentsinjosuatree.com

\$700/mo

Ask for current move-in special
760-366-3388



GARAGE SALES

29 PALMS

Garage Sale! Curio cabinet, books, kitchen stuff, misc. items. March 18th-20th. 8 am - 4 pm. 72646 Two Mile Rd 29 P

YUCCA VALLEY

QUILTING SALE! Fri & Sat, 3/11-12, 8am-3pm. Quilting supplies, fabric, and more. 7614 Ventura Ave YV.

APT. & DUPLEXES 201

Great Location Near Golf Course!
Modest two bedroom one bath duplex for rent. Low maintenance, small pet ok. \$650.00 per month, trash included. La Honda Way in Yucca Valley, Call for appointment to see. 760-217-0133

55342 Navajo Trl. 3bd/2ba, Lrg fenced yard, freshly painted, 2 swamps, laundry hks-ups, pets ok, \$875mo + \$800sec water/trash paid. Call 760-902-6581

COMMERCIAL For Rent 205

YUCCA VALLEY

OFFICE SPACE'S AVAILABLE
GREAT LOCATION
YUCCA VALLEY
550sq ft/ 600-1200sq
760-898-4730

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

Equal Housing Opportunity

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-424-8590.

Hi-Desert Publishing Co.

YUCCA VALLEY

Furnished or Unfurn. Nice & quiet very Large 1bd/1ba, 2 car garage, stove, fridge, private lg fenced yard, w/d hks-ups, complete remodel. Furn \$775mo+dep, Unfurn \$750mo+dep 310-993-0303

Near Onaga El. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage, fenced backyard, 6 mo lease. \$1000 mo plus deposit. 760-819-1130.

APT. & DUPLEXES 200

ROOMS FOR RENT 202

YUCCA VALLEY

Private room, remodeled, No drugs. must income, Util inc, \$395 +dep 949-637-1128

HELP WANTED 300

Employment Advertising Policy – This newspaper does not knowingly accept employment ads that indicate an age preference, from employers covered by the Age Discrimination Act, or knowingly accept ads expressing a preference of sex, where no bona fide occupational qualification exists under the Fair Employment Act from employers covered by that act. Nor, do we in any way condone employment that discriminates on a basis of race, religion, ancestry or national origin. For further information regarding occupational qualifications and employers covered, contact the Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Hi-Desert Publishing Co.

J.T. Saloon & Grill
Now hiring Expeditors, server, cook, & dishwasher. Must have experience. Inquire within between 9-12pm, M-F. 61835 29 Palms Hwy.



SEEKING A NEWS REPORTER
Hi-Desert Publishing Co. needs a full-time reporter to cover government, sports, breaking news and human-interest beats. The successful candidate will be a solid writer who knows how to ask questions and converse with a variety of people; recognize a good story lead; meet deadlines; and use social media effectively. Photography and video skills are a plus. A background or education in journalism is highly desirable.

Send resume, references and writing samples to Kurt Schauppner, 6396 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 or Stacy Moore, 56445 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Get your ads noticed in the classifieds! For more details on our Enhanced Listings, call the Hi-Desert Star at (760) 365-3315

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

Tri-Valley Realty
LIC#00841552
• Sales & Property Management



SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM
2 bath, fully fenced with attached garage, & large enclosed patio.
REDUCED TO \$135,000
MLS#JT15266841

Drop by our office for a list of full inventory.

56234 Papago Y.V. - \$625
2BD, 1BA, unit. W/T paid.
3759 Balsa, Y.M. - \$1,100
3BD, 2BA, office.
6613 Sunny Hill Rd. J.T. - \$1050
LG. 3BD, 2BA, Detached garage.
6674 Park Blvd., B.J.T. - \$475
Studio, nat. gas, evap.

Online @ www.trivalleyrealtymls.com
760-365-3331 760-365-8353
Ideal Mall, 56659 29 Palms Hwy., Suite A

HELP WANTED 300

Twenty-nine Palms Youth Club is hiring for part time program leaders for the after school and summer programs. Positions are for 0-15 hours per week @ \$10 per hour. NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED, applications can be picked up starting Thurs. March 10th and must be turned in by March 25th at 6:00 pm. Requirements: Pass Instructional Aide test with MUSD, Fingerprinted and pass background check, TB test, HS Diploma, 1 year working with school aged children. Must be task oriented, organized, responsible, professional, and resourceful with strong oral and written communication skills. PLEASE SERIOUS INQUIRES ONLY: APPLY AT 5882 LUCKIE AVE 29 PALMS CA 92277

KIDS KLASIFIED 305

Free Ads! – If you are between the ages of 12 -17 and are looking for work after school, bring your ID to the Hi-Desert Star or Desert Trail office and We will give you a free ad in this classification.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 307

Volunteers needed for Citizens on Patrol & Equestrians on Patrol The San Bernardino Sheriff Department

Have you wished you had more Deputies on patrol in your community? The volunteers in Citizens On Patrol relieve Deputies from many assignments so they can get back on the streets. We are recruiting for new members in our 5 units: Yucca Valley, 29 Palms, Joshua Tree, Landers, and Morongo Valley. Call now to start your process of passing a background check, a drug test, and the Citizens on Patrol Academy. 760-366-4175

Get your ads noticed in the classifieds! For more details on our Enhanced Listings, call the Hi-Desert Star at (760) 365-3315

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

ANNOUNCEMENTS 400

NOTICE TO READERS – California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor or materials) must be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license number on all advertising. You can check the status of your licensed contractor at www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling 800-321-CSLB. Unlicensed contractors taking jobs that total less than \$500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board.

IN HOME CARE 402

Brady's Home Care
Driving, cooking, cleaning. Reliable, dependable, Ref's. Call NOW! 760-819-2439

INSTRUCTIONAL 405

Classes Offered!
American Red Cross is offering First Aid/ CPR, CPR/AED for professional Rescuer and Health Provider, Babysitters Training, Blood borne Pathogens, CA Child care First Aid. We are also offering courses for businesses, corporations and Health care clinics at your location and for your employees' convenience. For more information contact the Riverside Chapter @ 888-831-0031

SERVICES 435

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING – Evaporative Cooler Service, Repair & Installation Metal Duct Fabrication. 24 Yrs Exp. Senior Disc. Advanced Mechanical. Mike (760) 228-2934 Lic#880070

APPLIANCES – In-home repair of Major Domestic Appliances. Call Ron at Allegro Appliance Repair! (760) 821-2200

BOBCAT SERVICES

Parker Bobcat Services. Dirt work done quick and easy. Call Steve Parker @ (760) 401-3233. LIC#581606

CLEANING & MOVING

Residential Cleaning w/ 28yrs experience. Windows, walls, blinds, ovens. Packing/Unpacking. Rentals, Construction clean-ups, Real Estate. Maria's Professional Cleaning & Moving. Insured, 760-333-0493 L#10986

CLEANING SERVICES

Redmaid House Cleaning Services. Responsible, Reliable, Right. 760-363-6333

HAULING

On Time & Ready Rubbish (760) 364-9092 Rubbish & Discard Removal Cleanup

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

SERVICES 435

CONCRETE – Driveways, patios, house slabs. Also carpentry & room add'ts. No job too small. Call Bill at Bloomfield Construction (760)365-6724. lic#409280

CONCRETE – Call Dillon Concrete. We do grading. All phases of concrete. Residential & Commercial. Concrete stamping, driveways, walkways. Lic#911873. Call Today! 760-362-3196

CONSTRUCTION – Serving the Morongo Basin Since 1984. Goodpaster Construction (760) 228-1985 Lic#503172

CONSTRUCTION & ELECTRICAL – Residential & Commercial Remodeling & Repairs. Electrical, Plumbing, Painting, Stucco, Carpentry, Concrete Installation & Repairs, Flood Damage. 10% Senior Disc, 20+ years Exp. Call (760) 774-8609 L#856762 B-1 & C-10

CONSTRUCTION - Complete Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling. Room Additions, Interior Alterations, Service Calls. J R Stant Company (760) 408-3026

ELECTRICAL – Abracadabra Electric: Residential and Commercial. Over 30 yrs. experience. "The magician electrician" Call Cliff 760-774-2587 Lic#557400

FENCING - Chain link, field fencing, wood fence, no job too small. Fatty's Fencing (760) 369-0391 or (760) 668-3525. (Licensed)

FIREWOOD – Alvarez Firewood, 1/2 Cord or full cords available. Free Delivery. Call Alex 760-228-0409 or 760-668-1740

FIRE PROTECTION/PIPE FITTER – Fire Sprinklers, Hydraulics & Plumbing Systems. Call ARC Mechanical @ (760) 289-9054. kfosterarc@gmail.com Lic#963841

GARAGE DOORS - Precision Garage Doors & Gates, Inc. Residential, Commercial Industrial, Sales, Installation,repairs 20 Years Experience All work guaranteed. 760-369-4911 Lic # 876883

HANDYMAN – Roof Repair, Swamp coolers, Painting, Yard Work, Maintenance, Clean Up & Hauling, Rental & Property Clean Out & Refurbishing. 20 Yrs. exp. (unlic) FREE ESTIMATES. Call Me, TOM WHITE. I will Answer! (760) 780-2540

HAULING – On Time & Ready Rubbish (760) 364-9092 Rubbish & Discard Removal Cleanup

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

SERVICES 435

and Haul-Away. Some jobs are FREE! (760) 364-9092

HEATING & COOLING – All makes & models, evap coolers, new unit install, FREE est. Honest & reliable! Senior & Military discounts! Diversified Heating & Cooling 760-365-6740 Lic#932767

HOME & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - Custom Built Homes, Remodels, Additions, Concrete, Framing, Drywall, Stucco, Etc. Senior/Military Discount 760-218-4337

LANDSCAPING – Sod install, shade trees & shrubs, boulders, decorative gravel, irrigation & cleanups. FREE estimates. Desert Green Landscaping. 760-364-3019 (Lic# C27792196) Desert Green keeps it clean!

LANDSCAPING – Irrigation systems, tractor service, gravel, plants, trimmings, topplings, tree removal, clean-up & hauling. Weekly or monthly service avail. Francisco @ Alvarez Landscaping (760) 366-0167

LANDSCAPING – Clean-up, weed removal, tree trimming, gardening & trash removal. FREE estimates Call Kris 760-406-1777

LANDSCAPING - Superior Landscapes will help you with your Residential and Commercial needs! Landscape maintenance, General cleanup, Irrigation, Trimming, Hauling, Gardening Service, palm Tree Service, Tree care, Weekly or Monthly. Professional and Dependable! Competitive pricing superiorlandscapes87@yahoo.com Thomas Brockman owner & Operator 760-401-4128

LANDSCAPING – Drought Tolerant Plants, Specimen Cactus Landscape Design, Installation & Maintenance, Drip Irrigation Supplies, Consultation Service, Organic Fertilizers & Insecticides. Retail Nursery, Tree Trimming. @ Unique Garden Center 760-365-1511 L#461612

LANDSCAPING – Tree Trimming, Landscaping, Stump Removal, Tree Hauling, Clean-Up Services. Reasonable Rates, FREE Estimates. No Job Too Small or Big. NOW Selling Eucalyptus Firewood. Please Call (760) 368-7209

PAINTING – Brush - Roll - Spray Excellent Prep! Satisfaction Guaranteed! Bonded & Insured Call Brian @ Quality Painting (760) 365-2538 L#979214

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

UNFURNISHED Houses 220

</

SERVICES 435

Services Offered Policy – This newspaper does not accept responsibility for services offered, by any advertiser, using this newspaper. Please carefully evaluate any services advertised, and do not use that service unless you have checked the references, and know and understand all terms of agreement and conditions between you and the advertiser.

California State law requires that contractors, builders, and landscapers who perform work for \$500 or more, including materials and labor, must be licensed. License numbers should be so indicated in their advertising.

Family child care providers are required by state law to be licensed, and facility license numbers must be indicated in all advertising.

Unlicensed contractors should also be indicated in their advertising.

Please refer questions to Contractors State License Board, 1250 East Cooley Drive, Suite 200, Colton, CA 92324

Hi-Desert Publishing Co. PSYCHIC 1 free question by phone. Call NOW! 760-699-3655 • 56532 29 Palms Hwy Yucca Valley

APPLIANCES 500

Blair's Appliances Appliances, NEW and USED on SALE! FREE Service call w/ repair. Open 9-5 55825 29 Palms Hwy. 760-369-2504

LOST & FOUND 545

FOUND fm schnauzer/ terrier mix, grey & white, is microchip but unable to contact owner, found on Sun 2/21 at Indio/Buena Vista in Yucca Mesa. Please call 760-902-9248

Found Homing Pigeon. Call to describe and collect. 760-365-3315

Found: Small, Female dog. Possibly a Jack Russell Terrier mix. Off white colored with tan on tips of ears, tail & right side of head. Vicinity of El Grande Rd / Virginia & Merriweather in Wonder Valley on Monday 3/7/16, afternoon before 5pm. Call (805) 636-0706

MISC. FOR SALE 550

POPE'S AUCTION'S WE BUY GOLD & SILVER, JEWELRY & COINS, AND SCRAP JEWELRY CALL JACK: 760-217-2179 or 760-365-7887 ALSO WE DO ESTATE SALES & AUCTIONS

New Jensen AM/FM/CD receiver - Installation kit Amplifier. \$200 obo. 760-819-1069

3.6x4' single axle trailer. wood slat sides. Perfect for yard work. \$180 obo 760-819-1069

Sweet Water Spa, 20 jets, seats 6, very good condition \$800 firm. 760-881-9080

CARS 620

1967 Mustang - Project Car. \$3500 obo. 760-819-1069

1990 Ford Thunderbird, front end damage, motor & tranny in good condition, great parts car. First \$300 bucks takes it!! (760) 780-2540

1990 Toyota Camry, well maintained, needs engine. Best offer! 760-369-0829

CYCLES 630

PRICE REDUCED!!! 1999 Yamaha motorcycle, model RC class AC \$2,000 (760) 365-4748

Steel Motorcycle Carrier - Safely & easily transport bike with your tow hitch. 500 pound capacity. Brand new; sealed in original box. \$139 new; Asking \$100. (760) 418-5009

2013 Harley Davidson 72 Sportster, 700 miles, many extras. \$10,000. 760-369-0123

JEEPS 633

*** 1979 CJ5 Jeep *** MUST SELL 6 cylinder, full roll cage, 35" BFGoodrich tires, runs good, needs some work. \$3500 obo. 760-218-7138.

RVs 635



1994 Holiday Rambler Almalite 5th wheel. Exc. condition 32 ft. \$8,500. 760-366-9398

'89 Ford Coachmen, Class B, 18ft, 1 owner, fully loaded. \$7500 obo Call 951-293-9871

TRAILERS 640

Utility Trailer, 6ft. x 12ft., single axle, good shape. \$1500. 760-362-3554

TREASURE HUNT 705

Peanuts Lucy doll \$200 760-364-2010

Free horse manure bags 760-228-9152

John Lenon's Book \$100 760-364-2010

fridge \$100 760-993-0065

Wood desk & chair \$80 760-819-1069

3 brass & glass lamps \$65 760-819-1069

Sears saw blade clock \$20 760-819-1069

ice cream maker \$40 (760) 819-1069

Girl's Huffy Dora bike \$30, 760-288-5030

Pedestal sink \$50 760 365-3171

2 clothing racks \$13 ea 760 365-3171

Sofa Exc condition \$100 760-365-8826

Mens dk brn leather Jacket \$100, 365-1703

Stain glass hanging lamp \$75, 365-1703

Wanted High Chair. 760-217-9828

Moving! FREE stuff (760) 288-4564

Pine Amiore \$75. 760-365-1981

Chair & Automat \$50. 760-365-1981

chain link fence \$80 (760) 228-2979

STATEWIDE ADS 704

each week? Discover the Power of Newspaper Advertising. For a free brochure call 916-288-6019 or email elizabeth@cnpa.com (Cal-SCAN)

DID YOU KNOW 144 million U.S. Adults read a Newspaper print copy each week? Discover the Power of Newspaper Advertising. For a free brochure call 916-288-6019 or email elizabeth@cnpa.com (Cal-SCAN)

Got Knee Pain? Back Pain? Shoulder Pain? Get a pain-relieving brace - little or NO cost to you. Medicare Patients Call Health Hotline Now! 1-800-796-5091 (Cal-SCAN)

Sell your structured settlement or annuity payments for CASH NOW. You don't have to wait for your future payments any longer! Call 1-800-673-5926 (Cal-SCAN)

DID YOU KNOW Information is power and content is King? Do you need timely access to public notices and remain relevant in today's highly competitive market? Gain an edge with California Newspaper Publishers Association new innovative website capublicnotice.com and check out the Smart Search Feature. For more information call Elizabeth @ (916) 288-6019 or www.capublicnotice.com (Cal-SCAN)

DID YOU KNOW Information is power and content is King? Do you need timely access to public notices and remain relevant in today's hostile business climate? Gain an edge with California Newspaper Publishers Association new innovative website capublicnotice.com and check out the Free One-Month Trial Smart Search Feature. For more information call Elizabeth @ (916) 288-6019 or www.capublicnotice.com (Cal-SCAN)

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. FREE 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. Call 800-731-5042. (Cal-SCAN)

EVERY BUSINESS has a story to tell! Get your message out with California's PR-Media Release - the only Press Release Service operated by the press to get press! For more info contact Elizabeth @ 916-288-6019 or http://prmediarelease.com/california (Cal-SCAN)

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? Call us first. Living expenses, housing, medical, and continued support afterwards. Choose adoptive family of your choice. Call 24/7. 1-877-879-4709 (Cal-SCAN)

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/no obligation. Call 1-800-550-4822. (Cal-SCAN)

STATEWIDE ADS 704

CPAP/BIPAP supplies at little or no cost from Allied Medical Supply Network! Fresh supplies delivered right to your door. Insurance may cover all costs. 800-421-4309. (Cal-SCAN)

Stop OVERPAYING for your prescriptions! Save up to 93%! Call our licensed Canadian and International pharmacy service to compare prices and get \$15.00 off your first prescription and FREE Shipping. 1-800-273-0209 (Cal-SCAN)

Life Alert. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE Brochure. CALL 800-714-1609. (Cal-SCAN)

ELIMINATE CELLULITE and Inches in weeks! All natural. Odor free. Works for men or women. Free month supply on select packages. Order now! 844-703-9774. (Cal-SCAN)

HOME BREAK-INS take less than 60 SECONDS. Don't wait! Protect your family, your home, your assets NOW for as little as 70¢ a day! Call 855-404-7601 (Cal-SCAN)

Do you owe over \$10,000 to the IRS or State in back taxes? Our firm works to reduce the tax bill or zero it out completely FAST. Call now 855-993-5796 (Cal-SCAN)

Xarelto users have you had complications due to internal bleeding (after January 2012)? If so, you MAY be due financial compensation. If you don't have an attorney, CALL Injury-fone today! 1-800-425-4701. (Cal-SCAN)

Got an older car, boat or RV? Do the humane thing. Donate it to the Humane Society. Call 1- 800-743-1482 (Cal-SCAN)

Does your auto club offer no hassle service and rewards? Call Auto Club of America (ACA) & Get \$200 in ACA Rewards! (New members only) Roadside Assistance & Monthly Rewards. Call 1- 800-242-0697 (CalSCAN)

DID YOU KNOW That Most Loyal Voters read newspapers and nearly 77% also contribute to political organizations. If you are a Political Candidate or Advocate looking to connect with voters and potential contributors, CNPA can help. For free brochure call Cecilia @ 916.288.6011 or cecelia@cnpa.com (CalSCAN)

Switch to DIRECTV and get a \$100 Gift Card. FREE Whole-Home Genie HD/DVR upgrade. Starting at \$19.99/mo. New Customers Only. Don't settle for cable. Call Now 1-800-385-9017 (CalSCAN)

DISH TV 190 channels plus Highspeed Internet Only \$49.94/mo! Ask about a 3 year price guarantee & get Netflix included for 1 year! Call Today 1-800-357-0810 (CalSCAN)

WANTED! Old Porsche 356/911/912 for restoration by hobbyist 1948-1973 Only. Any condition, top \$ paid 707 965-9546 (Cal-SCAN)

Lowest Prices on Health & Dental Insurance. We have the best rates from top companies! Call Now! 888-989-4807. (Cal-SCAN)

Earn some extra \$\$\$ and deliver your Marine Base Newspaper!

Newspaper Delivery Carriers Needed

The Observation Post is looking for students or families to deliver the OP to homes on base.

We would like a coordinator in each housing area to receive the papers and give to route carriers. Deliveries are done on Friday every week.

Call 760.365.3315 or e-mail: cmelland@hidesertstar.com if you are interested.

GET THE ADVANTAGE, the AHLSTROM ADVANTAGE

CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION Let us help!

With an EXPERT handling your accounting you can work ON your business and not have to work IN it.

Save Yourself TIME Save Yourself MONEY Access to Accounting Expertise

the Ahlstrom Advantage Personalized Accounting Services for Individuals and Small Business

natalie@ahlstromadvantage.com 760-885-3387 OFFICE

Does handling your Bookkeeping give you a headache? Let us help SAVE TIME & MONEY Access to an Accounting Expert

HELP WANTED 300

HELP WANTED 300

Local Pest Control Company has an immediate opening for a licensed technician, or will train right person. Clean DMV. Working locally in the Morongo Basin only. Excellent benefits include truck health insurance vacation. Phone 365-4912 or email: dpeyucca@yahoo.com

HELP WANTED 300

HELP WANTED 300

Local Pest Control Company has an immediate opening for a licensed technician, or will train right person. Clean DMV. Working locally in the Morongo Basin only. Excellent benefits include truck health insurance vacation. Phone 365-4912 or email: dpeyucca@yahoo.com

CARS 629

CARS 629

Local Pest Control Company has an immediate opening for a licensed technician, or will train right person. Clean DMV. Working locally in the Morongo Basin only. Excellent benefits include truck health insurance vacation. Phone 365-4912 or email: dpeyucca@yahoo.com

CARS 629

CARS 629

Local Pest Control Company has an immediate opening for a licensed technician, or will train right person. Clean DMV. Working locally in the Morongo Basin only. Excellent benefits include truck health insurance vacation. Phone 365-4912 or email: dpeyucca@yahoo.com

Town of Yucca Valley is currently accepting applications for the following Part-time/ Seasonal/Temporary positions:

Aquatics Manager The starting rate is \$18.0487

Assistant Aquatics Manager The starting rate is \$15.5463

Both positions require a current Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificate, CPR Professional Rescuer Certificate, Lifeguarding Certificate, and Water Safety Instructor Certificate. Filing Date: March 17, 2016 at 5:00pm

Applications and job descriptions are available at Town Hall or on our website at http://www.yucca-valley.org

EOE/ADA

MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 760.367.9191/365.3394 ext 4225 Is now accepting applications for:

ELECTRONICS SPECIALIST \$44,662 per year 8 hours per day, 12 months per year

EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

REQUIREMENTS: Ability to work from wiring diagrams, blueprints & interpret technical manuals related to this field. Knowledge of methods, materials & equipment used in installation, maint & repair of electronics. (e.g. audio visual, alarms, intercoms, clock systems, energy management system, and low and high voltage electrical systems, etc.); diagnose problems in electronic equipment for system repair; use applicable codes, regulations & safety orders. High School Graduate or equivalent.

Passing score must be achieved on a written exam.

Applications may be downloaded from www.morongo.k12.ca.us or obtained by calling 367-9191 ext 4225, and must be returned to Human Resources, Morongo Unified School District, PO Box 1209, 29 Palms, CA 92277 on or before: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.

EOE/AA

CARS 629

CARS 629

Local Pest Control Company has an immediate opening for a licensed technician, or will train right person. Clean DMV. Working locally in the Morongo Basin only. Excellent benefits include truck health insurance vacation. Phone 365-4912 or email: dpeyucca@yahoo.com

Check out these advertisers, breaking news, and more information on-line at: www.hidesertstar.com or www.deserttrail.com

Desert Pacific exterminators 760.365.4912 or 760.365.8065 (2847)

MBTA 62405 Verbera Road (760) 366-2395

Century 21 Les Ryan Realty 57378 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley, CA 92284 760-820-1326

Estate Sale Marketplace Hwy 62 @ Kickapoo Tr., Yucca Valley (The Pick-Place) Open 7-days 760-365-9300

29 PALMS INN On the Oasis of Mara 73950 Inn Ave., 29 Palms 760-367-3505

BIG TIRES THE TEAM YOU TRUST 57672 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley, CA 92284 760-369-6791

First Nations Home Finance Corp 29 Palms - 760 367-3622 Yucca Valley - 760 228-1881 Toll Free - 800-800-3622

TORTOISE ROCK CASINO

INSPIRE REAL ESTATE (760) 792-2090 56187 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley CA 92284

CROWN CONTRACTING, INC. 7311 Hopi Trail Yucca Valley, CA 92284 (760) 203-1733

Rainbow Stem 760-418-5170 55509 29 Palms Highway in Old Town Yucca Valley

LOMBARDO COSMETIC SURGERY 760.610.8990

ADVANCED HEARING AIDS "Your Sound Solution" 56970 YUCCA TR. #102 PEDERSEN BLDG. (760) 365-0691

SOLAR NOW 760-228-3188

JAZZERCISE (909) 278-5551 56158 29 PALMS HWY. YUCCA VALLEY

James A. Lake, DDS Richard Bullock, DDS FACP (760) 365-0774 57019 Yucca Trail, Ste. C, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

FORD Center 57927 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley (760) 365-2353 Yucca Valley

CHRYSLER Center 57929 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley (760) 228-1818

COLDWELL BANKER JR SFR ROADSIDE REALTY

Dumosa Senior Village 57110 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley CA 92284 760-853-7021

FATTY'S FENCING AND SUPPLIES CELL: (760) 868-3525 OFFICE: (760) 369-0391

HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER 6601 White Feather Road Joshua Tree CA 92252 760-366-3711

ACTION PUMPING, INC. Serving You Since 1922 760.365.0861 7361 Wamego Trail Yucca Valley, CA 92284

CHERIE MILLER & ASSOCIATES 55857 29 Palms Highway Yucca Valley, CA 92284 (760) 369-1800

TRIAD REALTORS 73421 29 Palms Hwy 29 PALMS, CA 92277 760-367-9585

Service Directory

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

ADVANCED MECHANICAL
760-228-2934

AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING & EVAPORATIVE COOLER SERVICES
Sales • Service • Repair & Installation
METAL DUCT FABRICATION

MIKE COLCLASURE    LIC 880070

DIVERSIFIED HEATING & COOLING
"Comfort With Integrity"
SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS

- Duct Cleaning
- Evaporative Coolers
- Mitsubishi Mini-Split
- Sheet Metal
- Free Estimates
- New Unit Installation

hero (760) 365-6740
Honest & Reliable Service
ROBBY THIELE OWNER Lic #932767

ALTERNATORS & STARTERS

FREE Starting & Systems Check
Starter & Alternators for anything
Auto Electric - RV's - Trailer Brakes

No appointment needed

ACE ALTERNATORS

760-365-5489
7185 Mohawk Trail, Yucca Valley

Interstate Batteries ★ Since 1937 ★

APPLIANCE REPAIR

Allegro Appliance Repair
(760) 821-2200
Phone + Fax
Ron Fortna
CA. St. Lic#49051

In-home repair of Major Domestic Appliances

PO Box 1284, Joshua Tree, CA 92252-0819
www.AllegroAppliance.com Ron@AllegroAppliance.com

BOBCAT SERVICES

PARKER BOBCAT SERVICES

Dirt Work
Quick & Easy
Lic.# 581606 CB/B1 Since 1989

760-401-3233
Steve Parker

CLEANING SERVICES

Maria's Professional CLEANING & MOVING

- Residential Cleaning - 30 years
- Office Buildings
- Walls • Commercial
- Rentals & Real Estate
- Construction Clean up
- Windows/Blinds
- Heavy Vacuuming • Ovens

760-333-0493 

Redmaid Housecleaning Service
Diane Daoust
Licensed • Bonded

Reasonable • Reliable • Right
redmaid8@gmail.com

760.363.6333

Sonny's Cleaning Service
Family owned and operated
Licensed & bonded

Sonny Morando
Owner and Operator
Yucca Valley
Joshua Tree
29 Palms
(760) 831-0075
Salvatore.morando@hotmail.com

CONCRETE/MASONRY

CONCRETE
Over 25 Years Experience Locally
Drives, Patios House Slabs Also
Carpentry Rm. Additions, Etc
No Job Too Small!!

Call Bill Lic. #409280
760 365-6724 760 217-2805
Office Cell

DC "we do grading"
DILLON CONCRETE

ALL PHASES OF CONCRETE
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
CONCRETE STAMPING • DRIVEWAYS • WALKWAYS

760-362-3196
LIC # 911873 YUCCA VALLEY

Help Your Customers Find You
Advertise your business in the
Hi-Desert Publishing Co's SERVICE DIRECTORY

CONSTRUCTION/ELECTRICAL

James L. Clayton Lic#856762
760-774-8609 B-1 & C-10

JLC Construction & Electrical Services

Residential & Commercial Remodeling & Repairs - Electrical - Plumbing - Painting - Stucco - Carpentry - Concrete Installation & Repairs - Flood Damage
10% Senior Discount

Local Small jobs "ok" Over 20 years of experience Email: JamesLClayton@aol.com

CONSTRUCTION/REMODELING

GOODPASTER CONSTRUCTION

New Construction, Complete Remodeling, Additions, Kitchen & Bath, Interior-Exterior Repairs
Serving the Mojave Basin since 1984
No job too Small or too Large
"Bonded & Insured" Lic. #508172
760 228-1985

Monument Homecrafters General Contractor
License No. 790018

Custom Homes • Room Additions
Remodeling • Home Repairs

(760) 219-3622 Benny Kraemer

Home & Construction Services
Lic. #929885

760-218-4337

JR STANT COMPANY

- ~ CUSTOM CABINETS
- ~ KITCHEN & BATH REMODELING
- ~ INTERIOR ALTERATIONS
- ~ ROOM ADDITIONS
- ~ HOME REPAIRS

Call Jim 760-408-3026
LIC. #258220

GENERAL POLICY

Please check your ad the first day it runs to see that all the information is correct. This will ensure your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. Call us the very first day your ad appears to make any changes or corrections. This way, we can credit you for the first day if any error occurred. The Publisher wants to do everything possible within the confines of good taste and legal constraints to help you advertise your products or services to your best advantage. The newspaper does reserve the right to edit or reject any copy or illustration.

Hi-Desert Publishing Co.

CONSTRUCTION/STUCCO

Lic. 870567 36 Years Experience Insured

A & D Plastering

Meeting all your stucco needs

(760) 366-8908 Andy Shaw
(760) 808-0644 cell Owner, Joshua Tree

ELECTRICAL

Abracadabra Electric

Residential - Commercial
Cliff Huff
(760) 774-2587

"The Magician Electrician"
Over 30 years experience
Lic. #557400

FENCING

Chain Link, Field Fencing, Wood Fence, Horse Corrals, Ornamental Iron and Electric Gates

FATTY'S FENCING AND SUPPLIES

NO JOB TOO SMALL

CALL JOSH TODAY!
CELL: (760) 668-3525
OFFICE: (760) 369-0391
Lic.# 896477 Insured

FIRE PROTECTION/ FIRE SPRINKLERS

ARC Mechanical

Fire Sprinklers - Pipefitting - Plumbing
Plan Design - Calculations
New Construction - Tenant Improvements
Underground Wet Utilities - HVAC Hydronics Systems - Gas Line Distribution
OSH 30 EM 385 - QCM certified
760-289-9054
C-16 @ C-36 License #963841
kfosterarc@gmail.com Insured and Bonded

FIREWOOD

Alvarez Firewood

- 1/2 cord
- Full cord
- Free Delivery

(760) 668-1740 Cell
(760) 228-0409 Alex

Garage Door Services

Advertise
Your Business here in our Service Directory and receive a **FREE AD** under in our classified section.

Hi-Desert Publishing Co.
(760) 365-3315 or (760) 367-3577
People you know, news you can trust
www.hidesertstar.com • www.deserttrail.com

WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY ADVERTISED PRICE!

PRECISION GARAGE DOORS & GATES, INC.

Residential • Commercial • Industrial
SALES • INSTALLATION • REPAIRS

- Wide Variety of Garage Doors
- Our Doors Come With Manufacturer Upgrades At No Extra Charge!
- Wide Variety of Window Styles Including Leading "Stained" Glass
- Garage Door Openers

20 Years Experience
Free in-Home Estimates
CALL **760 369-4911**
Lic. # 876883

ALL WORK GUARANTEED   

WE DO WROUGHT IRON GATES & ELECTRIC OPENERS

HANDYMAN

TOM WHITE Maintenance

- Quality Work • Roofing • Swamp Coolers
- Painting • Yard Work • Clean Up & Hauling
- Rental Property Clean Out & Refurbishing

20 Yrs exp. (unlic) • FREE ESTIMATES • Refs. Avail.

Call me, I will answer! 760-780-2540

HAULING

ON TIME & READY
Rubbish & Discard Removal
Cleanup & Haul-Away

\$50⁰⁰ & up

- For The Really Tough Jobs
- Small jobs OK too!
- Difficulty Is NO Obstacle
- Break & Take Anything

JUNK WE HAUL FOR FREE:
• Scrap Metal

5am to 10 pm
760-364-9092
Lic.#MC/CA296970

Ask about your FREE AD

Under Services Classification 435.
When you purchase a Directory Ad.



HOME MAINTENANCE

Dual Pane Windows
Patio Sliding Doors
Sun Shade Screens
Glass & Door Repairs

760-953-9704
Call for a free estimate

HUNTERS MOBILE SCREEN

LANDSCAPING

YARD SERVICE & HAULING

- Clean-up
- Weed Removal
- Tree Trimming
- Hedge Trimming
- Gardening • Trash Removal

FREE ESTIMATES
Monday - Friday 8:00 to 5:00
CALL: **Kris Subratie @ 760-406-1777**
Best rates in town • Environmentally friendly • Guaranteed satisfaction
"no job too small" Lic.# 003428

LANDSCAPING

Free Estimates Reasonable Rates

Jose Pelayo

Tree Trimming • Landscaping
Stump Removal • Tree Hauling
Clean-up Service
Now Selling Eucalyptus Firewood

Cell (760) 368-7209 unlic.

Alvarez Landscaping
Irrigation Systems
• Tractor Service Gravel • Plants
Trimming • Toppings • Hauling
Tree Removal • Clean-Up
15 years experience
Small & Large jobs

WEEKLY-MONTHLY SERVICE Lic.# 004582
760 366-0167 or 760 223-0409

DESERT GREEN LANDSCAPING

"For All Your Landscaping Needs"

- Weeds • Irrigation
- Landscape Boulders
- Decorative Gravel
- Clean-ups

Free Estimates
760-364-3019 Jimmy Reed Owner
Lic./Bonded Lic C-27 792196

SUPERIOR LANDSCAPES
Residential and Commercial

Landscape Maintenance • General Cleanup
Irrigation • Trimming Hauling
Palm Tree Service • Tree Care
• Weekly or Monthly

Professional & Dependable
superiorlandscapes87@yahoo.com (Unlic.)
Thomas Brockman
Owner & Operator
760-401-4128

Unique Garden Center

Drought Tolerant Plants • Specimen Cactus
Landscape Design, Installation & Maintenance
Drip Irrigation Supplies & Consultation Service
Organic Fertilizers & Insecticides

56637 29 Palms Hwy. P.O. Box 1707 Yucca Valley, CA 92286
Phone (760) 365-1511
CA. Contractors Lic. #461612
CA. Certified Nurseryman #448

PAINTING

QUALITY PAINTING

- Brush
- Spray
- Roll

Excellent Prep Satisfaction Guaranteed
Brian Sargeant • 760-365-2538

PLUMBING

Mike the Plumber
Since 1989

Leaky Faucets to Major Repairs

Leak Detection
Video Sewer Inspection
Septic Tank Electronic Locating

Ask For Your Military & Senior Discounts
760-219-MIKE
miketheplumber.biz
LIC# 920049

ROOFING

Johnson Roofing
"We are on top of your roof"

Michael Johnson
Free Estimates

Ph. 760-361-2069 Cell 760-835-9132
Lic# 910927
Now accepting credit cards  

WE COVER YOUR ROOF
Established in 1937

T. CARSON ROOFING
Licensed and Insured
CA. Lic. #845428

Thurman Carson
Owner
P.O. Box 1675
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Yucca Valley call (760) 365-3510
29 Palms call (760) 362-1229

ROOF REPAIRS

Tile, Shingles, Tar & Gravel
Specializing in Wind Damage
20 Years Experience
"If I can't fix it no one can!"
Tom White
(760)780-2540 (unlic)

TILE

Shumate's Tile

A Better Value
Quality Craftsmanship
No Short Cuts
Serving The Hi-Desert for 22 yrs.
Free Estimates, Free Design
Consultations & Renderings
(760) 228-1958 Cell (760) 333-5981
LIC. #745888

Marine Corps leaders discuss current, future challenges



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller, speaks on the Marine Corps' current operational tempo, while Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard Vice Adm. Charles D. Michel, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson, and retired Adm. James Stavridis, listen during the WEST 2016 Conference at the San Diego Convention Center, Feb. 17. The purpose of the conference was for service members to come together and discuss strategic military concepts and training, as well as meet with companies that can assist in making their concepts a reality.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT. EMMANUEL RAMOS

SAN DIEGO - The Marine Corps is the nation's premier expeditionary force. It responds to global crises and defends America's interests abroad in an ever changing environment. To ensure this force-in-readiness, senior officials use a realistic evaluation of worldwide threats to make recommendations that influence policy, and design extensive training.

On Feb. 17, Lt. Gen. David H. Berger, the commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force, participated in a panel discussion at the WEST 2016 naval conference, hosted by U.S. Naval Institute and AFCEA, that addressed his strategy for the implementation of the new guidance laid out by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller earlier this year.

The purpose of the conference was for service members to come together

and discuss strategic military concepts and training, as well as meet with companies that can assist in making their concepts a reality.

Berger opened up the panel by listing his observations on command and control, and distributed operations in the Marine Corps with an emphasis on I MEF operations.

"Our operating concept in the Marine Corps right now is Expeditionary Force 21, which drives us towards distributed operations," Berger said during his opening remarks. "In the offense it allows us to spread out, find seams or create seams, and then penetrate quickly. In the defense it spreads us out and it makes targeting a little more of a challenge for the threat."

Berger acknowledged that with distributed operations there are potential weaknesses, and as technology advances, cyber warfare is the biggest threat.

"I think there is no question in our

mind the adversary that we train against will degrade, or shut down, our networks for some period of time, or even more insidious get inside them and cause problems while they're up," Berger said.

To combat those threats, Berger stressed the importance of having small unit leadership that can make decisions and operate without a higher headquarters for extended periods of time. In addition to small unit leadership, having a network environment that Marines can have command and control nodes, that can self-isolate and self-heal, is necessary to operate successfully against potential threats.

"We need to be able to go extended periods of time with no communications between levels of commands, and by extended I mean up to a week. All that means for us is enabling, empowering small unit leaders to make decisions on their own when we can't talk to them," Berger said.



Lt. Gen. David H. Berger discusses command and control and distributed operations during the WEST 2016 Conference at the San Diego Convention Center, Feb. 17.

During the panel Berger also spoke on how upgrades to the entire amphibious fleet, in combination with the new F-35B Lightning II aircraft, allows leaders to command and control a credible mobile force over a wider area.

"Before, we could never have commanded or controlled a force like that, distributed like that, over that great a distance," Berger said.

This capability allows the Navy and Marine Corps to spread itself farther apart throughout the Pacific and around the world, while reducing the risk. This also allows them to build more relationships with foreign nations.

On the final day of the of the conference, Neller, along with the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Vice Adm. Charles D. Michel, and Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John M. Richardson, gathered for a town hall to discuss how their strategy is being implemented.

The
LAST
CHANCE
event.



SAVE THOUSANDS with these special deals on the final homes — all with included upgrades — in these desirable neighborhoods. Choose from great cost saving options and appliance move-in packages. There are only a few homes left at each neighborhood, and when they're gone, they're gone. Deals end March 20*, so come out today and find the home of your dreams, already built and ready for move-in. This may be your lucky very-short-window-of-opportunity.

Only a few
HOMES
REMAINING.

AVAILABLE OFFERS INCLUDE:**
Permanent Interest Rate Buydown | HOA Dues Pre-Payment (12 months)
Move-In Packages (washer/dryer, refrigerator) | Paid Closing Costs

Call our New Home Specialist at **951-399-3826** or visit **PardeeHomes.com/LastChance** for more information and additional offers.



SUNDANCE IN BEAUMONT		CANYON HILLS IN LAKE ELSINORE		
Cielo SOLD OUT High \$200s 3 – 4 bedrooms 2.5 – 3 baths 1,648 to 1,962 sf (approx.)	Woodmont 2 HOMES LEFT Mid \$300s 3 – 6 bedrooms 3 – 5 baths 2,385 to 3,681 sf (approx.)	Meadow Ridge 3 HOMES LEFT High \$300s 4 – 7 bedrooms 3 – 4.5 baths 2,383 to 4,241 sf (approx.)	Summerfield 4 HOMES LEFT Low \$300s 3 – 4 bedrooms 2 – 3 baths 1,538 to 1,948 sf (approx.)	AmberLeaf*** 5 HOMES LEFT Low \$300s 3 – 5 bedrooms 2 – 4 baths 1,646 to 2,629 sf (approx.)

 **PardeeHomes®** | Where smart solutions live.



*Homes must be on contract by March 20, 2016. **Offer available on select homes. Call a New Home Specialist for details. ***Homes at AmberLeaf are not move-in-ready. Pricing subject to change. Information is accurate as of the date of the publication. Not all features are available in all homes. Landscaping, trees and shrubs included with select homes and may differ from photo. Subject to change without notice. CA Contractor's License #251810.

