



Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, awards Col. Andrew R. Kennedy, former director of Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, the Legion of Merit during Kennedy's retirement ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field April 15.

'Coyote' director retires

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Family, friends and respected colleagues gathered for the retirement ceremony of Col. Andrew R. Kennedy at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field April 15.

Kennedy most recently served as director of the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group. As director, Kennedy was responsible for overseeing the execution and evaluation of units conducting training aboard the Combat Center.

"If you look at his [biography] you will see a passion for training Marines,"

said Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General. "It started at [the School of Infantry], but most of it took place right here at the Combat Center."

Throughout his 30-year career, Kennedy honorably served multiple commands. He served as the operations officer for 2nd Marine Regiment as well as the commanding officer of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Kennedy also held various positions at TTECG, to include combined arms instructor and director of

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The Combat Center Color Guard presents the colors during the retirement ceremony of Col. Andrew R. Kennedy, former director of Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group, at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field April 15.

Combat Center conducts NEO



A CH-53 'Super Stallion' takes role-players back to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., from the Combat Center April 15, as part of a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation Exercise in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-16.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One conducted a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise aboard the Combat Center April 15.

MAWTS-1 conducted the NEO exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-16. The WTI course is used to provide Marines with advanced tactical aviation training to certify them as weapons and tactics instructors for their units. WTI is a seven-week course consisting of 18 academic training days followed by the flight phase which consists of 25 training days where they apply their skills to various scenarios.

Each weapons and tactics instructor averages more than 90 days every year providing support to their respective units including certification, standardization, and supplementary ground and airborne instruction.

"Making the exercise as close to real life as possible helps prepare Marines for if they have to perform an evacuation like this," said Sgt. Rafael Sanchez, role-player, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group.

The exercise spanned from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. to the Combat Center. As the aircraft landed, Marines of 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine

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Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 24 off load from a CH-53 'Super Stallion' at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat Center, as part of a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-16 April 15.

Read all about it: OP implements home delivery

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Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This week's top shot comes from Lance Cpl. Paul A. Ochoa.



Marines prepare to fire a three-volley salute at a funeral for retired Marine Corps Gen. Earl E. Anderson, former assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, V.A., March 31.



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Story by SSgt. W/S. Saunders

Seven MEB plays big part in Combined Arms Exercise 6-89

Combined Arms Exercise (CAX 6-89) begins here on Sunday through May 16. Third Battalion, 7th Marines, (3/7), of the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (7th MEB), will be the Ground Combat Element (GCE). Simultaneously, the command elements of the 7th MEB will conduct Phase III Battle Staff Training (BST).

The CAX has three phases: a pre-CAX training phase, a live-fire phase, and a debrief phase. It provides training and evaluation, for the battalion, in all aspects of combined arms operations, including command and control, maneuver, and fire support.

Training begins at the fire team level and peaks at the company level with the Mobile Assault Course with a force-on-force engagement using MILES equipment, and culminates with the live-fire phase, incorporating all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force.

Objectives for the battalion include: conducting the exercise during periods of darkness

and reduced visibility; exercise electronic counter-to-counter measures capabilities; to be able to conduct the exercise in nuclear, biological, or chemical environments; to exercise command and control procedures, integrating maneuver and fire support, while operating from the mobile facilities such as assault amphibious vehicles, UH-1 helicopters, and HMMWV's; and exercise and refine procedures for obstacle and breaching and clearing in a mechanized warfare environment.

Phase III BST will be structured as a MEB STAFFEX/War game and will be conducted from May 5 to 11. During the pre-CAX period, Sunday to May 6, the GCE commander will be LtCol. T. Hannigan, CO, 3/7. During the BST training and live-fire portion of the CAX the GCE commander will be Col. J. Oster, CO, 7th Marine Regiment.

The Aviation Combat Element (ACE) commander will be LtCol. W. Blackshear, and will consist of detachments from MEU Service Support Group 15.

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Born to Nathan and Raquel Yriarte

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Born April 1, 2016
Born to Madison and Johnny Balderaz

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13 Trickery

15 Blow it

16 J. Geils Band hit

18 Hotshot

19 Marker letters

20 Plains tribe

21 Black key

23 Japanese ruler

25 Turf

26 Soft creamy cheese made with cream

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34 Goldbrick

35 Bring to bear

36 All ____

37 Icelandic epics

39 Swarm member

40 Fired up

41 Comics canine

42 Scarlett O'Hara's story, briefly

43 Mother daughter mind swap comedy

47 Horror maven Craven

48 Sly

52 Blender button

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5 Disfigure

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8 Purpose

9 Lunch or dinner

10 Shamu, for one

11 Writer Harte

13 Droid Artoo

14 Irritate

17 Sword-wielding hero

22 New Deal pres.

24 New newts

25 Neptune's realm

27 Birch relative

28 ____ few rounds

29 Mom's sister

30 " ____ what you did!"

31 Established

32 Neet rival

33 Works of Michelangelo

36 Grimm character

37 Ice cream brand

38 "What's the ____?"

39 Charles II's mistress

41 Last name in "A Wrinkle in Time"

42 Swindler, slangily

44 Amazement

- 45 Frozen spike

46 Noble realm

49 "Don't mind ____!"

50 Indigent

51 Bas-relief medium

52 Brace

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54 Part in a play

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Andrew

Mount Vision, N.Y. Col., director, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group

KENNEDY

Kennedy retired after 30-years of honorable service April 15. Upon retirement, he is most looking forward to snow when he returns to his home state of New York.



>**I grew up in a little place called** Mount Vision in Central New York.

>**I come from a big family:** 6 boys and 6 girls. Because of the differences in age, the older kids had a little more responsibility and I think that was a good thing for us.

>**It was an interesting place to** grow up and it was fun because there was always something to do and somebody to do it with in a family that size.

>**My parents are great people.** They were very hands off with us as kids and they weren't overly worried about what might happen.

>**We were farm people.** My dad had acres and acres of gardens and we were always busy pulling weeds, harvesting crops or cutting flowers. There were horses, cows, chickens and all kinds of ridiculousness going on. It was a fun place to grow up.

>**My father was a** counter intelligence officer in the U.S. Army for a period of time. He was an enlisted man who went to [Officer Candidate School] and was doing his reserve time because he had a family and was running his business.

>**He was a big reason** why I joined the military. He would always say "there's no harm in having some military service."

>**Because of his greenhouse business,** my father was gone a lot. My mother was always in charge and she was very serious about things. She had more influence on my character development of anyone because of the way she ran our family.

>**The work ethic I have is definitely to** her credit because as a kid I was tough to corral.

>**I can remember one summer** my older brother and I didn't score well on a standardized test, so we had math tutoring every day for the whole summer. It was horrendous; I didn't want that to happen ever again so, I developed a good work ethic and had a healthy respect for how worthwhile it would be to me.

>**After high school,** I attended Cornell University and I majored in floriculture. The program at Cornell was famous and it accommodated us greenhouse guys.

>**The purpose of college for me was to** gain a degree in something I would do for the rest of my life. At the end of my first tour in the Marine Corps I remember calling my father on the phone and asking him if he was ready for me to come home. His response was "I can't pay you what you're worth. You should stay in the military for now."

>**It's a very civilizing influence to have a** family and

children. They make me a lot more human. I think it's extremely important for children to have the right influences growing up so they can become members of society that are valued, and that makes you think of the way you present yourself.

>**I thought once I got married I would** get out because you don't want to put your family through the kind of craziness that involves moving once every couple of years. Well it turned out they like it.

>**Whenever my family and I moved,** my books traveled with me. Everywhere we went there were books stacked waist high along all the walls. We moved again and my wife said to me "If those books don't have a shelf, they're going away," and I thought "Oh no, my books!" So I got a circular saw and a power screw driver and I built some book cases. The shelf didn't look that good, but it was the beginning of my interest.

>**I'm always learning** new things and figuring stuff out. Because of this, I developed an interest in building things. It was also partially out of necessity with my books.

>**I think it's worthwhile to** reflect on things and think of what you've learned. Periods of reflection aren't all bad, I just think you shouldn't dwell on it.

>**I always say** the best part of my life is tomorrow. I don't know what's going to happen, but it's going to be something great.

>**It seems like yesterday I was** at the basic school figuring out what it was like to be a guy at the thin end of the whip and now, I'm here. It's pretty astonishing looking back to think [30 years] passed by in the blink of an eye.

>**I have indelible memories of** time spent with guys excelling at really hard things. That's the Marine Corps, the 'get it done' guys who won't quit and won't except anything less than the best from everyone.

>**Some guys I worked with** showed me what it really meant to be a Marine and I've gotta tell you, it's fun being around those kinds of people and watching them work.

>**When I reflect on the best** parts of being in the Corps, I think about the men I served with. We did some really hard, crazy things but the Marines always came through, they never disappoint. And that's the special thing about Marines, that's what it all really comes down to.

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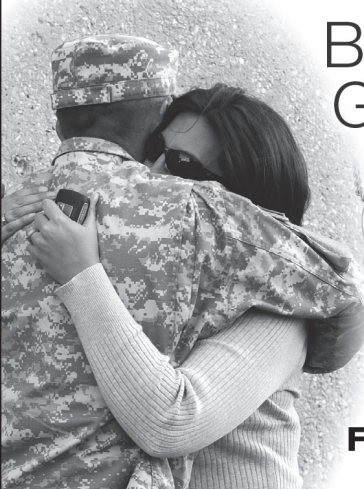
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Combat Center bikers ride for Earth Day

PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD



Participants of the Annual Earth Day Road Bike Criterium begin the race on 14th Street aboard the Combat Center April 14. The criterium was one of five events Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs organized in celebration of Earth Day.



Marines cheer on participants of the Annual Earth Day Road Bike Criterium held aboard the Combat Center April 14.

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Substance Abuse Program hosts scavenger hunt



Cpl. Jimmy Carter, rifleman, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, pushes his teammate Pfc. James Swain, motor technician operator, 2/7, during the Substance Abuse Program's Scavenger Hunt April 15.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
PFC. DAVE FLORES

With impaired vision, a Marine stumbles toward his vehicle, scrambling to find the seat as he falls into position. He searches frantically for the handles as he begins operating the vehicle, unknowingly crashing into the other drivers. His beer goggles slightly slide off his face as he tries to beat other racers on his tricycle to the finish line.

The tricycle race was the first portion of the Substance Abuse Program's Scavenger Hunt at Del Valle Field April 15.

SAP organized the scavenger hunt to educate Combat Center service members on the dangers associated with substance abuse. One example is the beer goggles, which simulated the effect alcohol has on vision and how it can affect the safe operation of any vehicle.

"If service members don't know what the dangers are, they won't know what to look out for," said Carleen Dickson, substance abuse specialist, SAP. "Having that knowledge is what's going to keep them from making those high-risk choices."

The scavenger hunt started with seven teams of two running around the Del Valle track with tricycles, either riding or carrying them while wearing vision

impairing goggles. Afterward, they went on a scavenger hunt through mainside to search for different clues about substance abuse prevention programs. Participants found clues in ammo cans, which lead to the next location. Locations include, the Education Center, the SAP Office, Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, and the Career Resource Office.

"People have problems and sometimes they don't know how to get help until it's too late," said Lance Cpl. Elijah Kelly, rifleman, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "It's important to know where the resources are."

Participants collected various items at each of the stations during the scavenger hunt and had to beat their competitors back to the starting point to win the event. Cpl. Jimmy Carter, rifleman, and Pfc. James Swain, motor transport operator, 2/7, won the event. Leaders from SAP presented the pair with a plaque for their victory.

"If they learn about substance abuse prevention now, they will pass the information to other people," said Staff Sgt. Jason Syvrud, substance abuse control officer, 2/7. "It's like any other life lesson. If they learn it while they're young, they can guide others when they're older."

For more information on SAP and the programs they have to offer, call 760-830-6376.



Lance Cpl. Elijah Kelly, rifleman and Lance Cpl. Abram Martin, mortar-man, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, run past Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field during Substance Abuse Program Scavenger Hunt April 15.



Lance Cpl. Ethan Eisenmann, tank crewman, 1st Tank Battalion, takes his turn running around the track with a tricycle while wearing beer goggles, which simulated impaired vision associated with intoxication, during the Substance Abuse Program's Scavenger Hunt at Del Valle Field April 15.

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Family members of Col. Andrew R. Kennedy, former director of Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, listen as he speaks during his retirement ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field April 15.

urban warfare.

“After 30 years you begin to see more clearly how things have worked out,” Kennedy said. “There’s a better understanding of why you were able to do the things you did and how the knowledge you had facilitated your ability to move to the next level.”

During the ceremony, Kennedy was awarded the Legion of Merit for his exceptional performance and outstanding service as the director of TTECG and assistant chief of staff G-3 Operations and Training. He was presented an American flag that was flown over the Combat Center, February 17, in honor of his service. Craparotta also presented a certificate of appreciation to Kennedy’s wife, Kristie Kennedy. Afterward, Craparotta gave his views on Kennedy’s impact on the Marine Corps.

“I first met [Kennedy] when I was a

regimental commander for [1st Marine Regiment],” Craparotta said. “Some things that were very apparent were his commitment, professionalism, attention to detail and the fact that he understood he was responsible for getting every Marine in that unit ready for combat. I can tell you from personal observation that his efforts during that time saved lives.”

Kennedy also thanked everyone for their presence and continuing support. Flowers were presented to Kennedy’s wife and daughter. His son also received a coin from the commanding general.

“Retirement’s really just about remembering the good parts,” Kennedy said. “What I say to young Marines and what the Marine Corps taught me is to become an expert and learn everything about your chosen field. I’ve had a pretty good 30 years. It’s been fun.”



Col. Andrew R. Kennedy, former director of Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, earned the Legion of Merit for his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as the director of TTECG and assistant chief of staff G-3 Operations and Training during his retirement ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field April 15.



Katherine Kennedy, daughter of Col. Andrew R. Kennedy, former director of Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, is presented flowers during her father's retirement ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field April 15.

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Regiment and Combat Logistics Battalion 24, set up an Evacuation Control Center and began preparing role-players acting as U.S. citizens to be evacuated.

The five-hour exercise afforded Marines a chance to practice the procedures of evacuating U.S. personnel and local civilians from a foreign country. The operation utilized aircraft such as the CH-53 ‘Super Stallion’ helicopters and the MV-22 ‘Osprey’ tilt rotor air-

craft to conduct the simulated evacuations.

“We are here to test the Marines and make sure they are able to handle a variety of situations,” Sanchez said. “We provide our own role-players to act as local nationals of the area and act as aggressors as the night progresses. We continue to escalate the force of the local nationals to give the Marines participating an idea of what may happen during an evacuation like this one.”

The exercise required

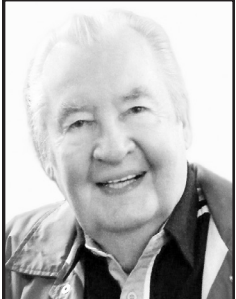
aircraft landing at three locations aboard the installation, Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Del Valle Field and the Sand Hill training area. As the role-players finished going through the ECC, they were escorted to the aircraft and taken to MCAS Yuma.

“This exercise continues to keep Marines ready for any situation that may arise,” said Gunnery Sgt. Isaac Carlson, staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Role Player Section, TTECG. “We are always training to be prepared for a crisis. Exercises like this keep Marines on their toes and ready for when they need to go and save lives.”



Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 24 begin to check role-players through their Evacuation Control Center set at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat Center, as part of a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-16 April 15.

TOUGH MINDED
OPTIMISM
by Lou Gerhardt



“After researching the daily habits of wealthy people for five years”, author Thomas C. Corley found that they avoid one type of person at all costs: pessimists.

“Self-made millionaires are very particular about who they associate with,” Corley writes in his book, “Change Your Habits, Change Your Life.” “You are only as successful as those you frequently associate with. The rich are always on the lookout for individuals who are goal-oriented, optimistic, enthusiastic, and who have an overall positive mental outlook.”

Eighty-six percent of the rich people in his study made a habit out of associating with other success-minded individuals. On the flip side, “they also make a point to limit their exposure to toxic, negative people,” he explains.

The importance of substituting negative friends and acquaintances for positive individuals stems from the fact that positivity was a hallmark of the rich people he studied — and we emulate the people we associate with.

“Long-term success is only possible when you have a positive mental outlook,” Corley states.

He’s not the only one to suggest that negativity derails success — or that your relationships could affect your financial success.

Nearly a century ago, journalist Napoleon Hill drew similar conclusions after researching over 500 self-made millionaires. “Men take on the nature and the habits and the power of thought of those with who they associate,” he wrote in his 1937 bestseller, “Think and Grow Rich,” and “there is no hope of success for the person who repels people through a negative personality.”

The bottom line: Negativity will derail you from pursuing success, and like attracts like. Avoid the pessimists and start hanging out with the optimists.”

Contributed by Steve Kanold


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Sgt. Maj., HITT staff train battalion



Cpl. Carlos Morris, staff driver, Headquarters Battalion, vaults over an obstacle during a High Intensity Tactical Training event held by Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, headquarters battalion sergeant major, and the HITT staff at Del Valle field April 15



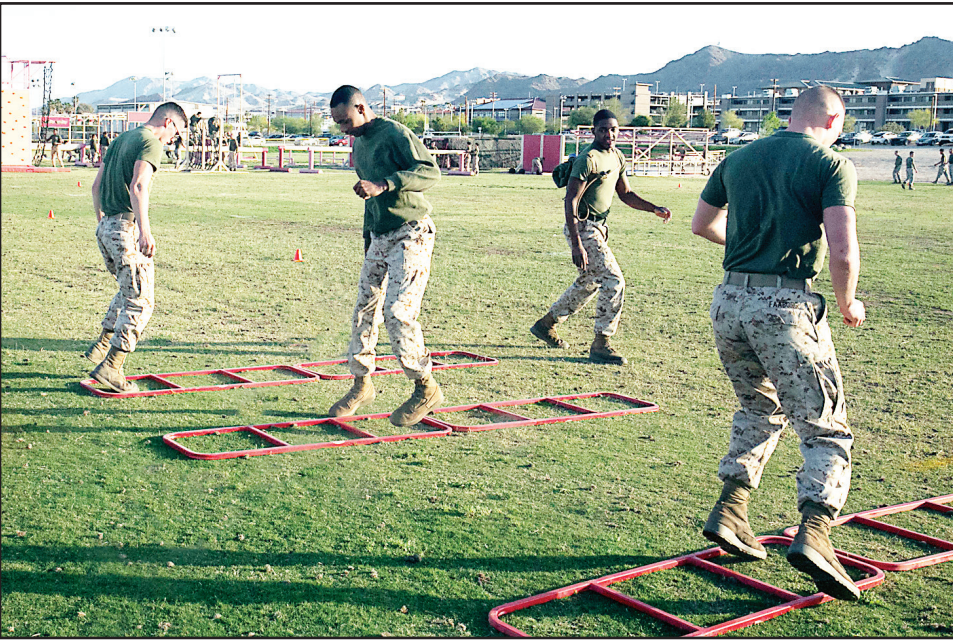
Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, headquarters battalion sergeant major, exercises with Headquarters Battalion Marines during a High Intensity Tactical Training event held by Crespin and the HITT staff at Del Valle Field April 15.



Marines with Headquarters Battalion begin their warm-ups during a High Intensity Tactical Training event held by Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, headquarters battalion sergeant major, and the HITT staff at Del Valle Field April 15.



Pfc. Garrett Ellison, admin clerk, Installation Personnel Administration Center, performs an upside down crawl during a High Intensity Tactical Training event held by Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, headquarters battalion sergeant major, and the HITT staff at Del Valle Field April 15.



Marines with Headquarters Battalion practice agility drills during a High Intensity Tactical Training event held by Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, headquarters battalion sergeant major, and the HITT staff at Del Valle Field April 15.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Marines of Headquarters Battalion participated in physical training held by their battalion sergeant major and members of the High Intensity Tactical Training staff at Del Valle Field April 15.

Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, Headquarters Battalion Sergeant Major, held the PT to foster camaraderie amongst Marines in the unit as well as demonstrate the effectiveness of the HITT program.

“When Marines hear about a battalion PT they immediately think of a group run through the base,” Crespin said. “It was a nice change of pace to do something different and a great opportunity to show off what this base has to offer.”

The battalion started off together doing warm-ups and then split into three groups. Each group participated

in various exercises the HITT program offers. Marines’ tested their speed and endurance in the agility course and their strength on the HITT course.

“We are here for you Marines,” said Edmundo Rangel Jr., HITT coordinator. “We are ready to work with you and make you better.”

All of the Marines took the opportunity to participate in the three types of workouts throughout the morning. Each workout consisted different stations, giving the Marines a variety of ways to challenge themselves.

“We have programs like this one ready for Marines to use,” Crespin said. “All the Marines here looking for a great way to PT by themselves or as a unit can go to HITT to continue to improve themselves.”

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Combat Center supports car show, street fair



Gunnery Sgt. Elvin Pena, platoon sergeant, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, talks to Skylar Joliffe, 3, inside of an Amphibious Assault Vehicle during the Twentynine Palms Car Show and Street Fair at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.



Chase Gantz, 6, son of Capt. Wayne Gantz, Combat Center Aide-de-Camp, races his opponent during the Twentynine Palms Car Show and Street Fair at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.



Sgt. Alexander Strait, Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, EOD, helps Tatum Genovese, 14, try on a bomb disposal suit during the Twentynine Palms Car Show and Street Fair at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Combat Center Marines and sailors displayed their love of cars and support for the community during the 16th annual Twentynine Palms Car Show and Street Fair at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.

The Combat Center and members of the High-Desert community came together to put on a car show, soap-box derby races and booths with vendors from around the Morongo Basin.

The Combat Center provided static displays of mili-



Lt. Col. Dennis Sanchez, commanding officer, Headquarters Battalion, stands with the General's Choice Award winner, Sue Duke and her husband Kenny Duke's 1965 Chevrolet C20 Pickup during the Twentynine Palms Car Show and Street Fair at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Saturday.

tary vehicles from 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Amphibian Assault Battalion and the Provost Marshal's Office. Additionally, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team displayed their operational equipment.

"We loved having the Marines out here," said Christine Hoenigmann, executive director, Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce. "I was amazed by how many children were around the military vehicles and how the Marines interacted with all of them, explaining what they do and taking photos with them."

Lt. Col. Dennis Sanchez, commanding officer,

Headquarters Battalion, served as a guest judge for the car show. Participants entered more than 70 cars and motorcycles in the show, with vehicles ranging from classic cars like a 1959 Chevrolet Impala to modern cars like a 2016 Dodge Charger. Two static Light Armored Vehicles were also displayed by 3rd LAR and 3rd AABN showcased a static Amphibious Assault Vehicle.

"It's really great to come out and interact with the community," said Sgt. Jacob King, battalion commander's gunner, 3rd LAR. "For some people in the community, we are the only Marines that they will ever interact with. It's nice to be able to explain our jobs to them and reassure them that we always have their backs."

In conjunction with the car show, a soap-box derby took place on Joe Davis Dr. between Marine Avenue and Wainwright Avenue, where approximately 30 children raced hand-built cars down the hill. More than 80 Marines from various units aboard the base volunteered alongside the Armed Services YMCA to aid in the derby's success.

"This is a large military community but some children and people who live in the town don't know what happens on base," Hoenigmann said. "Having the Marines out here explaining the tools they use and showing what great role models they are for the children is great."



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Mikey Feliciano, son of Staff Sgt. Anthony Feliciano, imagery analyst, Unmanned Vehicle Aerial Squadron 1, rides a camel during the Earth Day Extravaganza aboard at Lincoln Military Housing Athletic Field April 15.

Combat Center, community celebrate Earth Day

STORY BY CPL. CONNOR HANCOCK

The Combat Center strives to serve as good stewards of the environment by incorporating, adopting and promoting progressive environmental standards and practices that demonstrate commitment to leadership in sustainable energy and environmental conservation.

In recognition of Earth Day, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs brought Combat Center environmental organizations and the local community together by organizing various Earth Day events for service members and the local populace. These events included the Annual Earth Day Mountain Bike Ride, Annual Earth Day Road Bike Critterium, Earth Day 5k Fun Run, Earth Day Extravaganza and the High Desert Yucca Valley Earth Day Celebration, which all took place April 13-16.

"The mission behind these events is to spread awareness and let people know they can make a difference," said Chris Elliott, water resources manager, NREA. "It's not just about any one element. It's about making changes in our lifestyles and behavioral changes so we can affect positive results in the environment."



PHOTO BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Don Tolbert and Tom Gardner, cyclists, round a corner during the Annual Earth Day Road Bike Critterium held aboard the Combat Center April 14.



PHOTO BY CPL. CONNOR HANCOCK

Thelma and Louise, Combat Center ambassador tortoises, eat lettuce during the High Desert Yucca Valley Earth Day Celebration at the Yucca Valley Community Center, Saturday.

The Annual Earth Day Mountain Bike Ride occurred April 13 and challenged participants to get outside and enjoy some friendly competition. Twenty-nine mountain bikers raced on an eight-mile designated trail throughout the Combat Center. The Annual Earth Day Road Bike Critterium took place the following day, at the same distance, and consisted of eight one-mile laps on 14th Street.

Participants who preferred running to raise awareness joined the Earth Day 5k Fun Run April 15 at the Desert Winds Golf Course. Pfc. Samuel Sly, assaultman, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, took first place.

NREA, Marine Corps Community Services and Lincoln Military Housing hosted the Earth Day Extravaganza later that day at Lincoln Military Athletic Field and focused on educating families on conservation and setup a fun atmosphere with a petting zoo and animal rides for children.

The week wrapped up at the High Desert Yucca Valley Earth Day Celebration, where NREA worked with the community to provide outlets for community members to socialize and obtain resources on improving

upon environmentally friendly lifestyles.

NREA also worked with the Morongo Unified School District to educate children on recycling as well as water and conservation. Children from Condor Elementary School and Twentynine Palms Elementary School competed in an Earth Day poster contest in which the students created posters that promoted environmental conservation. The posters were voted on during the Earth Day Extravaganza.

"We start by getting the kids involved and that translates to more adults getting involved," Elliott said. "Ultimately, it's the right thing to do."

Each event allowed Combat Center patrons and community members to learn how the base works to protect local natural resources. Staff Sgt. Anthony Feliciano, imagery analyst, Unmanned Vehicle Aerial Squadron 1, said the best part of the events was raising awareness for future generations.

"It's important for everyone to be aware of the environment, especially younger people," Feliciano said. "My kids are really big into conservation and recycling. It's become a lifestyle for our family."

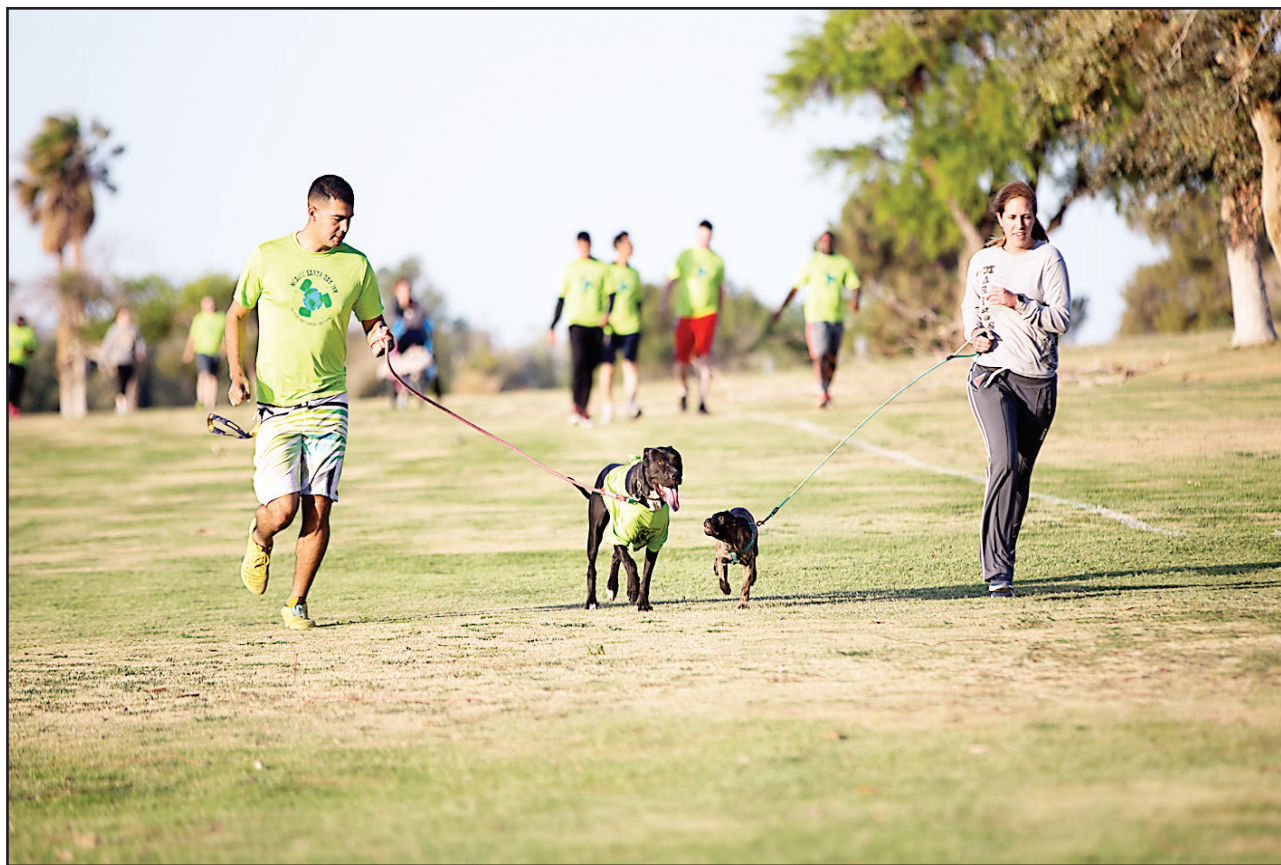


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Lance Cpl. Adrian Rosario, ground electronics telecommunications and information technology systems maintainer, Combat Logistics Company 13, runs with his dog Big Kuntry alongside Lance Cpl. Elora Repula, ground radio repairman, CLC 13, and her dog Kahli, at the Desert Winds Golf Course during the annual Earth Day 5K Fun Run April 15. The Combat Center strives to serve as a good steward of the environment and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs held the run in observance of Earth Day.

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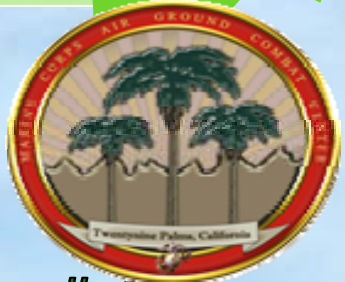
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