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STORY BY LANCE CPL. **DAVE FLORES**

n a warm summer night friends and family, young and old gather to celebrate. The sounds of live music, excited chatter and laughter fill the air as children leap and bound with glow sticks in hand; a precursor to the spectacular fireworks display that will soon illuminate the desert sky.

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Marines, family members and friends joined the Morongo Basin community to celebrate Independence Day at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Brehm Youth Sports Park in Yucca Valley, Calif., Monday.

The Combat Center Color Guard participated in the Tucca Valley celebration; presenting the colors while the national anthem played and the Headquarters Battalion Color Guard participated in the Twentynine Palms celebration. Additionally, communities synchronized their firework displays to music provided by local radio station, Z101.7.

"We want to be able to show our service members our appreciation," said Robin Schlosser, executive director, Reach Out

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Members of the Morongo Basin community enjoy a fireworks display during the Yucca Valley Independence Day Celebration at Brehm Youth Sports Park, Yucca Valley, Calif., Monday.



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Janelle Wright, 3, daughter of Joy and Jeff Wright, of Twentynine Palms, plays with her glow stick during the Twentynine Palms Independence Day Celebration at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Monday. Combat Center Marines, family members and friends joined the Morongo Basin community to celebrate Independence Day

USMC changes PT standards Ripper Academy;

he Marine Corps has announced July 1 that revisions have been made to its physical fitness program, to include the Physical Fitness Test (PFT), Combat Fitness Test (CFT) and the Body Composition Program (BCP). Changes to BCP will take effect immediately, while PFT and CFT changes will be implemented starting Jan. 1, 2017. The PFT changes are among the most profound since 1972 and the changes to the CFT standards are the first since its inception in 2009.

To read more. see page B1



Marines execute a High Intensity Tactical Training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort June 10.

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. Mackenzie Carter.



U.S. Marine Corps recruit Tyler Steeley with 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Golf Company, Platoon 2041, cleans his weapon after chow during the Crucible at Page field on Marine Corps Recruit Depot, June 24. The recruits are required to maintain proper energy and hydration levels in order to safely complete the Crucible.

Marines teach Marines

STORY BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Whether in air, on land or sea, Marines are always looking for new and improved ways to train. Ripper Academy, 7th Marine Regiment's latest training development, is a video streaming channel designed for Marines and sailors to view and share video content.



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Reprinted from the Observation Post July 6, 1984 Story by Sgt. Eric Carlson

Four C&E Marines save woman's life

A 26-year-old woman owes her life to four Marine students from the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School who found her lying injured and suffering from exposure after she fell from a rocky ledge into Tahquitz Canyon near Palm Springs.

Privates First Class Russell D. Davis, Timothy A. Frost, Warren E. Kimmel, and Private Michael A. Barker were on weekend liberty and hiking through the area when they discovered the women around 2 p.m., June 29.

Polic later said the women had been lying there for two days and probably would have died by the next morning if the Marines had not found her.

PFC Davis, 20, of Independence, Kan., said he heard weird noises coming from the canyon as he and his buddies hiked along the ledge above it.

"At first, I thought it might be a baby bear or a cat whining down there," PFC Davis said. "But I wasn't sure, so I told the other guys I wanted to check it out."

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PFC Davis said he had to hike nearly a kilo- covered her with blankets, and waited for help meter in order to find a safe passage into the canyon because the drop over the ledge was more than one hundred feet.

"I found her lying by a pool near a waterfall, propped up on a rock," he said. "She was hurt real bad and was still bleeding a little."

PFC Davis said he shouted to the three other Marines to go find help. PFC Kimmel, 21, of Round-up, Mont., and PFC Front, 24, of Duncanville, Texas, hiked back to a nearby mobile home park where they had left their car, found a telephone, and notified the Palm Springs Police Department.

Meanwhile, Pvt. Barker, 19, of Cedar Lake, Ind., hiked into the canyon carrying blankets and water.

"She was really out of it," Pvt. Barker said. "She was conscious, kind of, but really dazed. It was a miracle that she even survived the fall."

PFC Davis and Pvt. Barker said they tried treating her wound which, by then, was infected and covered with flies. They gave her water,

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to arrive.

Within an hour, officers to the Palm Springs Mounted Police arrived in the area and later called in a helicopter. Paramedics rappelled from the helicopter into the canyon and removed the women to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs.

As of Tuesday, Anna Myaea was listed in satisfactory condition at Desert Hospital, but a hospital spokesman said she would remain on bedrest for at least several more days.

According to the spokesman, Ms. Myaea was suffering from a broken pelvic and vertebrae as well as lacerations on her head and body. Although conscious most of the time, she was still incoherent and unable to remember her local address or anything about the accident.

The four Marines are members of Student Company "A" in the Basic electronics Course at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School aboard the Combat Center. PFCs Frost and Kimmell and Pvt. Barker will graduate July 31 and PFC Davis will graduate August 3.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Britoramirez has played soccer his whole life. His father taught him all he knows about the sport he is very passionate about.

Francisco Phoenix, Az. Lance Corporal, reproduction specialist, Combat Camera, Headquarters Battalion BRITORAMIREZ

>I was born in California but I have **lived in** Phoenix for the past 11 years; it's definitely where I would call home. Being out here in Twentynine Palms is a lot like Phoenix and so I love it.

>Before I could even walk, my dad would put a soccer ball in between my feet when I was in the crib. It's all I've known since I could remember. Soccer has helped me learn discipline and mold myself into the man I am today.

>Soccer required me to learn patience. There were times during practice when I would want to give up and quit but my coaches, family and friends helped me build the confidence in myself. I also learned how to push myself without the assistance of others and developed the ability to stick with things even when they get rough.

>The lessons soccer has taught **me have** transitioned into the Marine Corps quite well. While on the soccer field, leaders are required to take charge of the team to guide their peers, keep them calm when things get hectic and ensure morale stays high.

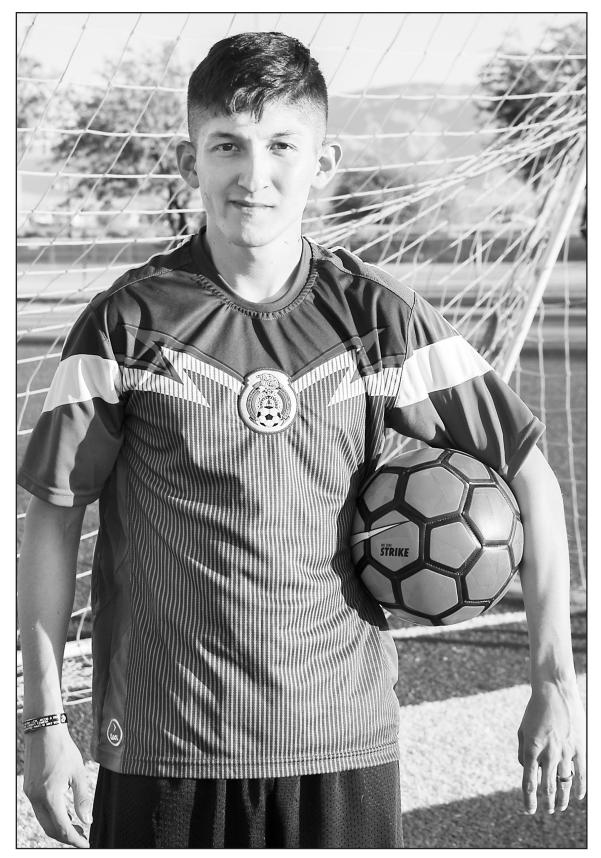
>As a child I was very sick and I was always in and out of the hospital. I'm grateful for my parents because they would literally give up anything to take care of me. They would skip meals to able to afford my medicine. They sacrificed a lot when it came to raising me. Even though my upbringing was rough, I never complained about it because it made me stronger.

>I sat down with them after I joined the Marine Corps and thanked them for how hard they worked to provide for me.

>Aside from my parents, my biggest role model was my step-father. When my mother remarried, I was very weary and distant from him. As time went on I realized he made my mother genuinely happy. I now try to emulate that with my wife.

> I married the girl I've been with for over six years. I try to make her as happy as my step-father makes my mom. She stuck with me through the awkward phases of my life, from the long hair and acne to the fauxhawk soccer-player phase.

>I am excited to have children in the future because of the relationship that I had with my younger siblings. When my parents were going through their divorce I tried to teach them to be the best they can be. What really hit me was last year when they called me on Father's Day and thanked me. Even though I'm not their father, they treated me like an important



father figure.

>When I get older, I would love to have a home where all people are accepted and could stay if they needed to. It wouldn't matter their sexual orientation, religion or race, I would want them to feel welcome. Every human being deserves respect; nothing should change that.

> live by the saying, "Don't forget where you came from and always remember where your roots lie."

> love what I do in the Marine Corps, I work with graphic design and I would like to pursue that outside of the Corps. It transitions into my huge love for video games.

>I'm a huge nerd when it comes to gaming. I love FIFA, first person shooters, and pretty much anything I can play competitively with someone. My favorite game series of all time is the Legend of Zelda, I've played all of them.

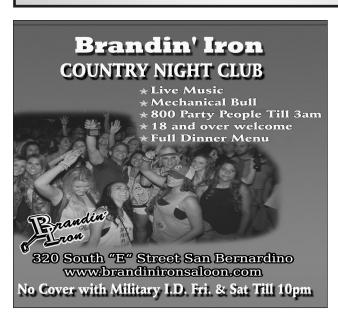
>While I'm here in Twentynine Palms, I want to become a HITT and MCMAP instructor so that I can stay occupied for a while. When people ask me what I've done for the Marine Corps I want to be able to give them a list of the feats I've accomplished.

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Carter Thanks DoD Personnel

DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, July 01, 2016 — As Americans prepare to celebrate Independence Day, Defense Secretary Ash Carter issued a message today thanking the men and women of the Defense Department for upholding the principles upon which the nation was founded.

Here is the text of the secretary's message:

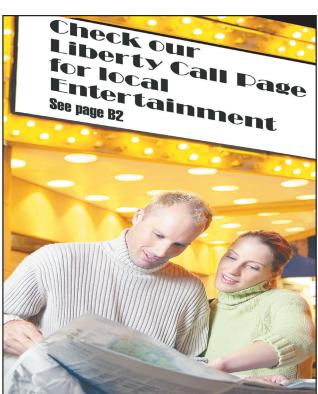
To all of the men and women of the Department of Defense, it is an honor to join you in celebration of Independence Day. As you serve on every ship and every base, in every time zone and every domain, you uphold the ideals enshrined in the Declaration of Independence. For our nation and for so many others around the world, you protect and further the self-evident truths that we are created equal, endowed with unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

These ideals are more than a pinnacle to strive for. They are the North Star that has guided every generation in the long line of patriots who have stepped forward to defend our nation since the day it was founded 240 years ago. And they are the principles that must continue to guide us every day.

As Americans celebrate this important day at home and around the world, my thoughts and my gratitude are with all of you and your families. To all of you, have a happy and safe Fourth of July. May God bless you, and may God bless the great nation we defend.











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President joins troops for Independence Day

DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, July 02, 2016 — In his weekly address issued today, President Barack Obama noted that he, First Lady Michelle Obama, and their two daughters will be hosting hundreds of service members, military veterans and their families at the traditional White House cookout on Independence Day, July 4.

The president also praised the First Lady and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, for their efforts on behalf of service members, military families and veterans as part of their Joining Forces initiative. In his address, the president highlighted the First Lady's and Dr. Biden's efforts that have resulted in the streamlining of professional licensing or certification processes in 50 states, which benefits military spouses who are often called upon to move their families due to duty assignment changes.

Here is the text of the president's address:

Hi everybody, and Happy Fourth of July weekend. On Monday, Michelle, Malia, Sasha, and I will celebrate the Fourth like most of you -- in the backyard. We'll hang out with family and friends, throw some burgers and dogs on the grill, and watch the fireworks show.

Of course, we're fortunate enough to have the South Lawn as our backvard. So we're also going to fill it with hundreds of our troops, our veterans, and their families. Over the past seven and a half years, it's become one of my favorite traditions. We get to celebrate our freedoms while doing what we can to honor all those who serve and sacrifice to make that freedom possible.

And I know that honoring our service members, our veterans, and their families is something that so many Americans try to do every day, without fanfare, or expectation of anything in return.

For the past five years, Michelle and Dr. Jill Biden have



A young girl snaps a salute for President Barack Obama as he greets members of the military and their families on the White House's South Lawn on Independence Day, July 4, 2011.

tried to follow the example of so many of those Americans with their Joining Forces initiative. They've rallied businesses to hire more than 1.2 million veterans and military spouses, and helped reduce veteran homelessness. And just this week, Michelle and Jill announced a breakthrough on a concern they've heard again and again from the military spouses they spend so much time with -- and that's the issue of professional licensing.

This is something that most Americans aren't familiar with. But for military families, it's a big challenge. Here's why. Our troops are often transferred from base to base. It's part of the job. And because their families serve with them, that means their spouses move ten times more often than the rest of us. Ten times more often. That's tough on a career. And more than one in three of these spouses works in a profession that requires a professional license or certification. Nurses. Childcare providers. Accountants. Social workers. And lots of other jobs.

And until recently, when these spouses were asked to move across state lines, they often needed to re-certify for a job they're already qualified for. A nurse with years of experience might have to take entry-level classes, or pay a fee, or wait months for paperwork to be processed before he or she could get back to work on the job they love and that lets them support their families.

It didn't make any sense. So we changed it. When Michelle and Jill took up this cause five years ago, only three states had taken action on military spouse licensing. But they rallied governors and state legislatures to action. And this week, we reached a milestone. Today, all fifty states have acted to streamline many of these licensing issues. This is a big step forward, but we're not done yet. We're going to keep working with states to make licensing simpler for more jobs and reach more qualified workers. But we can finally say to so many of our military families -- when you move, you'll no longer be forced to put the career you love on hold just because you and your families have chosen to serve this country.

That's what this is about -serving our men and women in uniform as well as they have served us. But you don't have to be a governor or a First Lady to make a difference. So this holiday weekend, take a look at JoiningForces.gov to find out how you can serve the troops, veterans, and military families in your community.

And to all our brave men and women in uniform -- you represent the best of who we are as a nation. On this day and every day, we thank you.

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Master Sgt. Wally Robinson, communications chief, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, and his son Tristan, 5, watch a firework display during the Twentynine Palms Independence Day Celebration at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Monday.

Morongo Basin. "Many of these Marines and sailors are far away from home and we want them to feel like family here in the community. This is a great way to get both communities to interact."

Each community's celebration included food and other vendors, live entertainment by bands On Tapp and Desert Sol, bounce houses and booths offering face painting. The night came to a close with a synchronized crescendo of light and sound that reached acorss the Morongo Valley Basin from Yucca Valley to Twentynine Palms.

"It's nice to know the communities support us," said Cpl. Armando Gonzalez, welder, 1st Tank Battalion. "The coordination with Z101.7 radio station and Yucca Valley was amazing; they had one of the best firework shows I've seen."



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

of the best firework shows I've seen." Members of the Morongo Basin community enjoy a fireworks display during the Yucca Valley Independence Day Celebration at Brehm Youth Sports Park, Yucca Valley, Calif., Monday.

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University's College of Distance Education and Training]," said Col. William Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment. "It's a YouTube-like channel implemented to determine if short, high-quality videos can help accelerate skill mastery for a variety of things."

n help accelerate skill mastery for a variety of things." The academy allows individual Marines the ability to upload and share video amongst all users.

The system, regulated by a reviewing process, allows only unclassified video with clearly defined training and education value to be viewed.

So far, Marines have uploaded videos of professional military education classes ranging from how to operate a Motorola PRC-153 Integrated Intra-squad Radio to basic infantry tactics.

"The whole idea is to get Marines, especially sergeants and below, to get excited about Ripper Academy, to create high quality videos and share their knowledge with their peers," Vivian said. "The goal is to accelerate the maturing of younger Marines. We are trying to give the Marines every advantage to have access to the information needed to do their jobs to the best of their ability."



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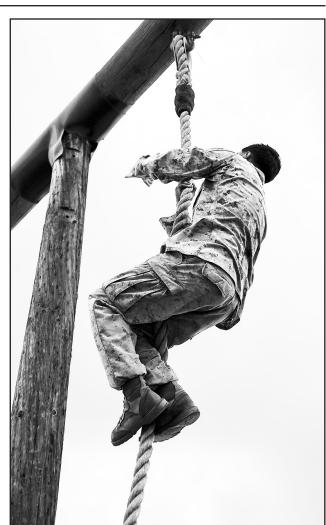
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The 'Magnificent Seventh' tackles obstacle course

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Clockwise from top left: Marines with Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, maneuver down the Log Walk and approach the High Roll Over Log at an obstacle course aboard the Combat Center, July 1. Cpl. Juan Pepperorellana Jr, wrecker operator, Headquarters and Service

Company, 7th Marine Regiment, climbs up the Rope Climb at the end of an obstacle course aboard the Combat Center, July 1.

Marines with Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, hike to an obstacle course aboard the Combat Center, July 1 Lance Cpl. Joseph Sanchez III, motor vehicle operator, Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, vaults over the Log Wall at an obsta-

cle course aboard the Combat Center, July 1.

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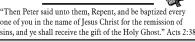
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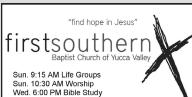
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(Notes from Steve Kanold's Travel Diary)

It happened on a bright, cloudless day in the former Kingdom of Tibet, high in the Himalayas. I was escorting a tour of the capital, Lhasa, dubbed "The Rooftop In The Sky" due to the city's 12,000 ft. elevation, and stopped to catch my breath while exploring the imposing Potola Palace, home of the exiled Dalai Lama. While our guide continued ascending endless steps leading into the Palace with the group, I lingered in a shady courtyard and noticed a pair of Chinese teenage girls giggling and taking photos with their smart phones. I asked them where they were from, and they answered Shanghai.

"Why Lhasa?" I asked. "Why did you choose to come

In perfect English, one smiled and, pointing above, sighed, "We both wanted to see what a blue sky looked like. If only we could live here!" Having traveled to industrial Shanghai on the East China Sea in the past, I can attest to the city's polluted air. It was true—I had never experienced a smog-free day there, and as thin as the atmosphere was in Tibet, the sky's color was undeniably azure.

Later that day at our hotel, a bellman delivered a shirt I had ordered and at my invitation, stayed a few moments to chat. Mark Qie, as he was named, lamented that the Chinese government now ruled Tibet and natives like himself were seldom granted permission to travel outside the country.

"Where would you go, if you could?" I asked him. "Shanghai," he answered, "to experience the sea. If only I were allowed to visit Shanghai....

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KMEP 16-11 "Esprit de Corps"



A U.S. Marine and Republic of Korea Marine shoot live rounds side-by-side Wednesday, at Suseong Range, South Korea during a Korean Marine Exchange Program. The goal of the KMEP is to sustain the combined force and enhance the ROK-U.S. team at the tactical level to build combined warfighting capabilities.



U.S. and Republic of Korea Marines sight in side-by-side in front of ROK Assault Amphibious Vehicles Wednesday, at Suseong Range, South Korea, during a Korean Marine Exchange Program.



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A Republic of Korea Marine sights in alongside U.S. Marines as ROK Assault Amphibious Vehicles shoot off smoke behind them Wednesday, at Suseong Range, South Korea, during a Korean Marine Exchange Program.

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STRONGER, FASTER AND FITTER: GMG OVERLAULS USING FITNESS PROGRAM

STORY BY SGT. CUONG LE

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Maryland -- The Marine Corps has announced today that revisions have been made to its physical fitness program, to include the Physical Fitness Test (PFT), Combat Fitness Test (CFT) and the Body Composition Program (BCP). Changes to BCP will take effect immediately, while PFT and CFT changes will be implemented starting Jan. 1, 2017.

The PFT changes are among the most profound since 1972 and the changes to the CFT standards are the first since its inception in 2009.

"Last November we began a comprehensive review of physical fitness and body composition standards," said Gen. Robert B. Neller, the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps. "Subsequent efforts focused on developing a physical fitness program that incentivizes behavior toward an end state of a healthy and fit force able to better answer the call in any clime and place."

Immediate changes to the BCP include an increase in the height and weight standards for females, better equipment for determining height and weight for all Marines and the BCP waiver authority will be passed from the deputy commandant of Manpower and Reserve Affairs to the first general officer in a Marine's chain of command.

The Marine Corps has taken physical performance into consideration when considering BCP. Marines scoring 285 and higher on both the PFT and CFT will now be exempt from height and weight standards. Marines who score between 250 and 284 will have their maximum body fat percentage increased by one percent.

So for example, if a Marine has a maximum body fat percentage is 19 percent, with a score between 250 and 284 on both the PFT and CFT, he or she will be allowed to go up to 20 percent body fat.

Changes to the PFT include a pull-up/push-up hybrid for both males and females. This eliminates the option for the flex arm hang for females starting in January.

Although Marines can earn points by doing either of the exercises, the maximum amount of points a Marine can earn doing push-ups is 70 points versus 100 if they chose to do pull-ups. This means the highest PFT score a Marine can earn if they chose to do push-ups is 270. The primary benefits of incorporating the pull-up/push-up option for all Marines is that it incentivizes Marines to improve their pull-ups while ensuring gains of upper body strength across the force.

Marines will also have to complete more crunches for maximum score on their next PFT, with scoring being age and gender normed. There will be a slight adjustment to the three-mile run for Marines in high age brackets, too. The PFT and CFT age brackets will change from four age groups to eight. The new groups are as follows: 17-20, 21-25, 26-30, 31-35, 36-40, 41-45, 46-50, and 51+.

Changes to the CFT will consist of adjusted scoring for all three events to correspond with the eight age brackets. The most drastic change will be with the ammo can lifts (ACL) where male Marines age 31-35 will have to complete 120 ACLs for a perfect score vice 97, and female Marines age 26-30 will have to complete 75 ACLs for a perfect score vice 63.

Another change to the CFT is all Marines will perform five push-

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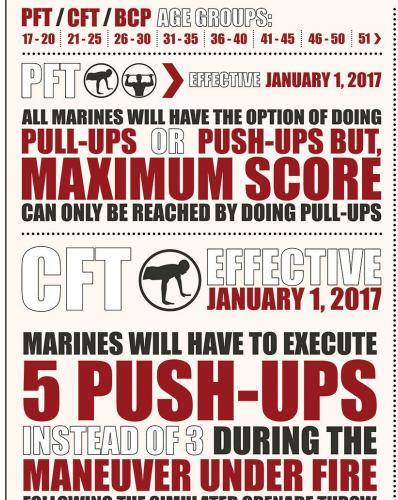
ups instead of three push-ups during the maneuver under fire portion of the test.

"The new PFT and CFT standards raise the bar on physical fitness for all Marines," said Maj. Gen. James W. Lukeman, commanding general, Training and Education Command. "Marines today are stronger, faster and fitter than ever and these changes reflect that. Bigger and stronger often means heavier, so tying performance on the PFT and CFT to changes to the Body Composition Program are improvements that we think the Marines will appreciate. In the end, it's all about improving the readiness and combat effectiveness of our Corps and the physical fitness of every Marine contributes to that."

TECOM will monitor the effects of these adjustments for two years and then adjust if required to ensure the standards contribute to the effectiveness of the force.

Additional details, including the new PFT/CFT scoring tables, physical fitness training recommendations and BCP adjustments are available at: https://fitness.usmc.mil. Follow-on MARADMINS and instructional products will further address details of the changes and the associated Marine Corps Orders will be updated accordingly.







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Sandy Hill Lanes Bowling Center is holding their 60 Days of Summer event allowing children ages 5-18 to bowl free now through August 13. Adults can join by purchasing a family pass. For more information call 760-830-6422.

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5:30 p.m. - Alice Through The Looking Glass (3-D), PG

8:00 p.m. – X-Men: Apocalypse (3-D), PG-13 11:00 p.m. – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles:

Out of the Shadows, PG-13

Saturday, July 9

10:30 p.m. - Lilo & Stich

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12:30 p.m. - The Angry Birds Movie (3-D),PG 3:00 p.m. - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (3-D), Pg-13

5:30 p.m. - Neighbors 2 Sorority Rising, R 8:00 p.m. - Alice Through The Looking Glass, PG 10:30 p.m. - X-Men: Apocalypse, PG-13

Sunday, July 10

12:00 p.m. - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows, PG-13

2:30 p.m. – The Angry Birds Movie, PG

5:00 p.m. - Warcraft (3-D), PG-13

7:30 p.m. - Now You See Me 2, PG-13

Monday, July 11

4:30 p.m. - X-Men: Apocalypse, PG-13

7:10 p.m. - Warcraft, PG-13

Tuesday, July 12

4:30 p.m. – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles:

Out of the Shadows (3-D), PG-13 7:00 p.m. - The Conjuring 2, R

Wednesday, July 13

5:00 p.m. - Alice Through The Looking Glass, PG

7:30 p.m. - Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising, R

Thursday, July 14

5:00 p.m. - The Angry Birds Movie, PG

7:00 p.m. – Me Before You, PG-13

Friday, July 15

4:30 p.m. - Finding Nemo

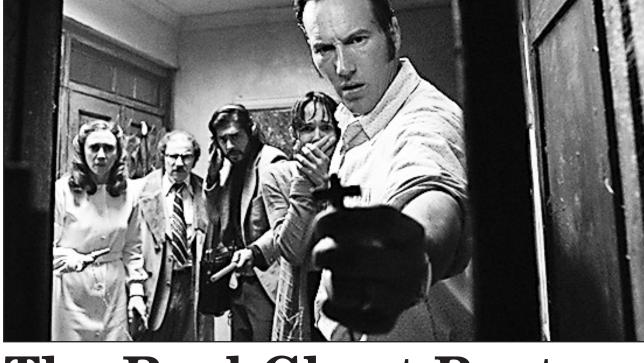
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'The Conjuring 2' Starring Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga Directed by James Wan Rated R

Beating the much-ballyhooed new Ghostbusters to the screen by several weeks, director James Wan shakes things up with a spook-fest of another kind—the second serving of his Conjuring series, based on the case files of real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren, who claimed to have investigated more than 10,000 incidents since the 1950s.

This time, fresh off the 1970s investigation that became New York's "Amityville Horror," the Warrens are summoned across the pond to a working-class London borough, where a single mother and her four young children are being tormented by what seem to be malicious spirits.

Oh, yeah!

Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga once again portray the Warrens, a couple whose individual childhood brushes with the supernatural eventually led them to each other, into a paranormal partnership and marriage. The movie's soft little subplot about their strong bond, scored to the recurring Elvis hit "Can't Help Falling in Love"

(which Wilson even gets to sing as a serenade, with a guitar!), is a dollop of pure sweetness in the carnival of creepiness.

Young Madison Wolfe, 11, who plays the Janet, the "possessed" youngest daughter of the British family, may look like a greenhorn, but you've likely already seen her if you watch TV, on Zoo, Scream, The Astronaut Wives Club or True Detective, or in the movies The Campaign, Trumbo or Ed reassures Lorriane, who Iov. She's terrific as the bedevilments in her home send her flying into the air, crashing into walls, teleporting from room to room and taking control of her own future. The movie frames voice, personality and body.

original Saw and Insidious, certainly knows his way around a haunted house. He never overdoes the cheap thrills or gotchas, and he gets genuine jolts out of some truly nightmarish images—particularly a demonic nun and the "crooked man" from the old nursery rhyme. But he also has fun with bone-chilling scares he builds around mundane, everyday objects, like a blinking, bleeping toy fire truck, a bedroom poster of smiling actor-singer David Soul and a TV remote that won't stay where it's put.

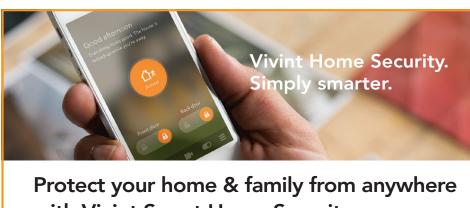
The movie will probably feel a bit familiar, at times, to anyone who's seen The Exorcist, it could stand to be trimmed by at least 20-25 minutes, and someone should have told the music department that just because a movie is set in England, you don't have to use songs by the Bee Gees, the Hollies and the Clash if they don't really fit.

As the Warrens wrestle with demons, they also wrangle with questions of belief and doubt, skepticism and proof. "Your visions are a gift from God," worries that her trance-like visits to the "dark side" have shown her too much, especially about what might become her the Enfield hauntings, which Wan, who also directed the actually took place over a twoyear period, in a Christmas setting, with prominent decorations on display and weirdly dissonant versions of familiar carols signaling that something unholy is afoot. In one scene, a freaked-out Lorraine stabs and shreds pages of her Bible with an ink pen.

> If you're easily spooked, The Conjuring 2 may not be the most relaxing way to spend your popcorn dollar. On the other hand, if you like getting the good, old-fashioned hell scared out of you, then step right up for a retro terror trip to re-live another harrowing, real-life event from the annals of America's original ghost busters.



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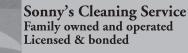
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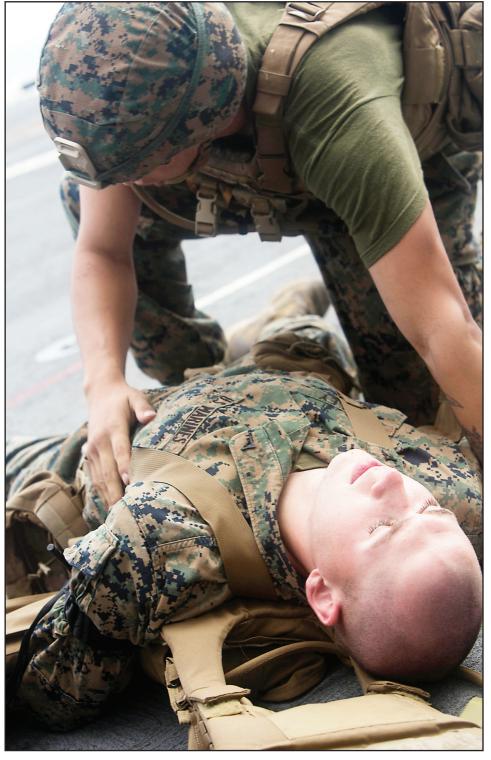


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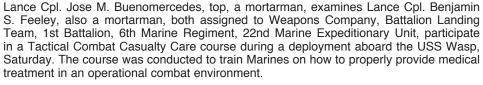




PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. TIA NAGLE

First Lt. Kevin Ryan, a platoon commander with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Africa, provides security as part of a demonstration during the closing ceremony of Exercise Orion 16 at Campo Militar de Santa Margarida, Portugal, Saturday. The Portuguese military invited distinguished visitors from various countries for a demonstration from Portuguese and American forces to conclude Exercise Orion 16.



PHOTO BY CPL. CARLOS CRUZ JR.

Lance Cpl. Jeremy A. Suarez, a rifleman, sets security for a simulated aircraft wreck site during Exercise Hamel at Cultana Training Area, South Australia, Australia, July 1. Exercise Hamel is a trilateral training exercise with Australian, New Zealand, and U.S. forces to enhance cooperation, trust, and friendship. Suarez, from Corpus Christi, Texas, is with Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin.



PHOTO BY CPL. MANDALINE HATCH

Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin, move to their first objective point during Exercise Hamel at Cultana Training Area, South Australia, Australia, July 1. Exercise Hamel is a trilateral training exercise with Australian, New Zealand, and U.S. forces to enhance cooperation, trust, and friendship.

