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MWTC welcomes new commander

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

With the sun casting light on a scenic mountain range and in the presence of friends, family and esteemed colleagues, Col. Scott D. Leonard relinquished command of Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center to Col. James E. Donnellan at the expeditionary airfield, July 22, 2016.

Leonard assumed command of MCMWTC in June 2014. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star with valor device and two gold stars in lieu of third award, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Combat Action Ribbon.

"I'm grateful to have led this command for two years. Those Marines who come here from across the Marine Corps to train; they're the reason we exist and they're the reason everyone is here today," Leonard said. "It's really about those young Marines, and it is our privilege to watch this process happen and to watch all of you who support this."

During the ceremony,

Colonel Scott D.
Leonard, outgoing commanding officer, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, relinquishes command to Col. James E. Donnellan, oncoming commanding officer, MCMWTC, during the change of command ceremony at the expedience.



A squad of Marines with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, practice dry runs before their night time live-fire exercises as part of Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 18.

'Darkside' Marines conduct TSULC

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

As Marines advance on the range, the night is silent. Breaking the serenity, an instructor's shout incites a fire team to lay suppressive fire on a notional enemy and then locate the nearest protective cover. As they find their bearings, they begin to advance, conducting fire and maneuver tactics in pairs.

This buddy-rushing exercise was only a fraction of what Marines from 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, executed during the Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 7 through July 22.

"The purpose of TSULC is to train fire-team leaders [and squad leaders] within 'Darkside' as well as to standardize certain small unit leadership practices across the battalion," said 2nd Lt. Michael H. Levine, platoon commander, 1st platoon, Company L, 3/4.

The course began with classroom-based instruction where Marines learned about different weapons and optics systems, fire team skills and other tactics, techniques and procedures.

After that, students went to Forward Operating Base 1 in the Combat Center's training area. There, the Marines conducted Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) exercises and worked on their leadership within a simulated urban environment.

"MOUT can be a true test to any team leader's tactical proficiency and ability to communicate under quick scenarios," said Cpl. Shane Martin, team leader,

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Lance Cpl. Skyler Schopf, team leader, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, fires a M136 AT4 anti-tank weapon during a live-fire training exercise as part of Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 18.

MCTOG congratulates TMIC graduates

tionary airfield, July 22.

STORY BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group held a graduation ceremony for Tactical Marine Air Ground Task Force Integration Course 2-16

aboard the Combat Center,

Saturday.

The 8-week advanced planning course gathers operations and intelligence officers and chiefs from across the Marine Corps into a practical training environ-

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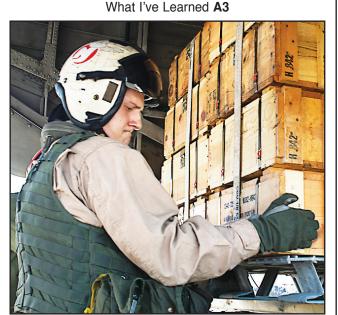
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The honor graduates of Tactical Marine Air Ground Task Force Integration Course 2-16 present their awards during the graduation ceremony aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

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A true blue Marine

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 Cpl. Conner Robbins.



U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William Sheridan pilots a F-5N above the grounds of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., on July 15. The "Snipers" of VMFT-401 are the United States Marine Corps' only adversary squadron. The squadron is manned by highly experienced Marine fighter pilots each averaging well more than 2,500 flight hours in tactical fighter aircraft.

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Reprinted from the Observation Post July 27, 1984 Story by Sgt. Charles Luedke

TOW shoot displays 'death on a leash'

Tank-killer TOW missile teams from TOW Company, 3rd Tank Battalion, practiced their deadly trade July 11, by firing live missiles at an armored target in the Lava Training Area, aboard the Combat Center.

During the shoot, 14 Marines fired for qualification with the TOW, which stands for, "tube launched, optically tracked, wire command linked guided missile system."

According to Staff Sgt. Stephen Lomax, platoon commander for the firing section, 11 of the TOW gunners had never fired a live missile before, making this their initial qualification and earning them the 0352 wire guided missile man occupational specialty.

"Because of the cost, TOW gunners only get to fire one live missile a year," said Staff

Sgt. Lomax. "We usually use blast simulators and a target board or the MILES system for training."

Before firing the \$6,000 missile, new gunners first go through a two-week TOW indoctrination program to learn about the system and the tactics involved.

The target board is mounted on a jeep, so the gunners can track a moving target. When they simulate firing the missile, a blast simulator goes off, giving the Marines the feel of a missile launch.

"The MILES gear is also excellent for training," said Staff Sgt. Carmine Delucia, platoon sergeant. "It works for the TOW system just like for the infantryman,"

When using the MILES system, a laser

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transmitter is installed in the TOW's sight system and sensors are strapped to a tank or tracked vehicle. The system works just like a real missile, except instead firing a laser beam and the sensors on the target decide whether it was a hit or miss.

The 54-pound TOW missile has a maximum range of 3,000 meters and can travel that distance in 16 seconds, doing about 650 miles per hour.

Nicknamed "death on a leash," the missile is literally flown to its target by the TOW gunners, using a wire command link to the missile from the launch platform.

If the target moves after the missile is fired, the gunners can still direct the missile to a hit, by tracking the target through the optical sight system.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Standeford focused on athletics as much as he did academics while in high school and college, pushing himself to do better as a student and as a team captain.

Zachary New London, Conn. 2nd Lieutenant, platoon commander, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment

> I was born in New London Conn., and moved to Plainfield, Conn. in middle school.

> When I was in high school I was very busy with sports, such as football, indoor track, basketball and golf. Even though sports kept me busy, I always put my academics first and maintained my spot in the Honor Society for good grades.

> Football and the Marine Corps are very similar and different from each other at the same time. When I played football, as a team captain I looked more inward, trying to make myself better. I did care about my players but sometimes not as much as myself. Now that I am a platoon commander, I put my Marines before myself. I give them as much knowledge as possible so we can execute the mission smoothly.

> I always try and take the time to get to know the people I work with. When I take an hour out of my day to sit down and learn about my Marines' lives, it's because I want them to feel important. When you know your platoon and they understand that they are a key to the success of the mission, it's like cogs in a machine working in perfect unison.

> My father was my biggest role model. He showed me how much you could get to know someone just by being personable with them. He told me that people can go their entire lives without genuinely knowing people except those immediately in front of them.

> Becoming a Marine was always a goal of mine, even before college. I wanted to enlist in the Corps right out of high school, but my parents wanted me to consider college.

> I attended Norwich University in Vermont. It was a private military college so I still had that discipline and military presence. Attending that university shaped me into who I am today; it provided me opportunities to develop my leadership style. If I went to a state school, I don't think I would have been able to focus as much.

> Going to Officer Candidate
School felt like a culminating event
for me since I was at a military college.
It felt good to finally be able to wear the
uniform and receive my eagle, globe and
anchors. It wasn't until Infantry Officer's

Interviewed and photographed by Lance Cpl. Dave Flores

Course where I transitioned from college student to officer.

> I chose the Combat Center because I know I can maximize the amount of training here compared to anywhere else. Being a New England native, where I've spent more time in the cold than heat in my life; it has been a harder transition. It was like putting a polar bear in the desert.

> I feel like becoming a platoon commander for a reinstated battalion is an honor. We are able to mold our leadership styles with the new Marines of 3/4.

> Within the next few years, I want to always have my Marines ready for any clime and place. Looking farther ahead; I love to teach. I would like to be an instructor at the Infantry Officers' Course and then be able to return to the fleet as a

company commander.

> After the Corps, I want to be a forensic psychology professor back in New England. I received my bachelor's degree in psychology while I was at Norwich. I want to continue to get my master's in forensic psychology while I am an officer. > When I'm not working, I'm an outdoorsy person. I love fishing, hiking and exploring my surroundings. I don't think there is such thing as a boring place, only boring people. I want to take advantage of the West Coast, since this is my first time in California.

> I am always trying to better myself, to be the best son, friend, peer or even commander. Even outside of uniform, I am always trying to learn more to expand my knowledge on occupation field or the hobbies I have.







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Company L, 3/4. "The more we practice this now, the better prepared we will be when situations arise in the future."

After MOUT training, instructors took the squads on patrolling exercises where they practiced the cycle of the infantryman, squad patrolling in the offense and defense.

"Patrolling is one of the many foundations of an infantryman," said Cpl. Reid Ohala, team leader, Company K, 3/4. "Learning to practice patrolling not only through the eyes of a rifleman, but a team leader, is definitely something that TSULC showed me."

The final portion of the course took place in the Prospect training area where Marines conducted exercises such as fire and maneuver, buddy rushing and unknown distance shooting during different times of the day. The culminating event of TSULC was an internally-supported squad attack, in which the squad leader is put in charge, with three other team leaders taking charge of the other Marines.

"The training is very important when you're thinking about small unit leadership," said Sgt. Maj. Charles F. McDew, battalion sergeant major, 3/4. "We are building the cohesion and confidence needed to perform the tasks assigned to them without someone of a higher rank controlling their every movement."

This training will benefit not only the Marines who participated in the course, but the Marines they lead, making a more effective 'Darkside.'



Cpl. Shane Martin, team leader, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, briefs the members of his fire team as part of Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 18.



Cpl. Shane Martin, team leader, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, advances during a fire team live-fire exercise as part of Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 18



Pfc. Jurel Velardo, team leader, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, throws an inert fragmentation grenade during a non-live-fire exercise as part of Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 17.



Cpl. Reid Ohala, team leader, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, advances during a live-fire exercise as part of Tactical Small-Unit Leadership Course aboard the Combat Center, July 18.





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Helicopters fill up with water from Lake O'Neill to assist Camp Pendleton Firefighters during the Roblar Fire on Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 22.



PHOTO BY CPL. ANTONIO CAMPBELL

Marines with Fox Company, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, run across the flight deck after landing on amphibious assault ship USS America, July 22.

Lance Cpl. Jake Sherack, top, and Pfc. Guadeloupe Campos, bottom, sharpen their warfighting skills using an M240G machine gun at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, July 22.



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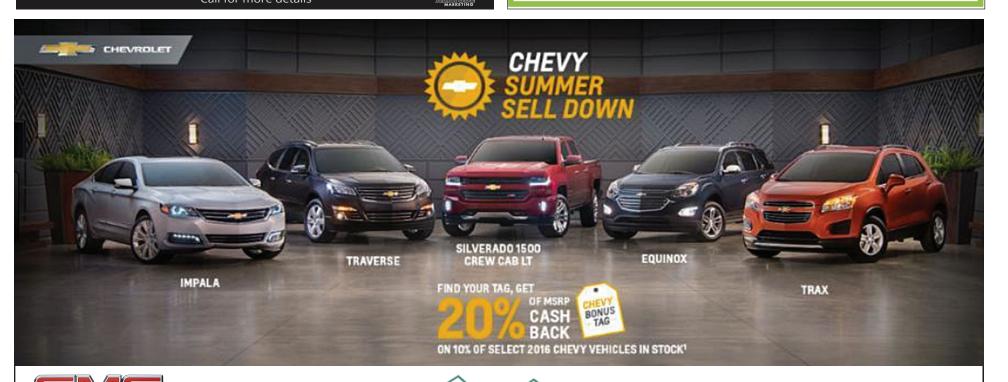
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Marines of MCMWTC demonstrated their bearing and discipline by performing drill movements.

Afterward, the transfer of the guidon between commanders, symbolizing the transfer of responsibility and authority of MCMWTC, was performed. The ceremony concluded with the playing of "Anchors Aweigh" and the "Marines' Hymn".

"It is really a special privilege for myself and my family to be here," Donnellan said. "We have fought in every clime and place where we could take a gun and what better place embodies that line from the 'Marines' Hymn' than MWTC. To the Marines, I look forward to working with you and I will do my best over the next two years to continue the proud tradition

that Mountain Warfare Training Center has had since 1951."

After the remarks were made, flowers were presented to the families of Leonard and Donnellan. Although his departure is bittersweet, Leonard looks forward to beginning his next chapter as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 for Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, and is proud to have served MCMWTC.

"To the Marines of this command, I want to thank you for taking up the challenge to serve in the Marine Corps and to do it well," Leonard said. "The Marines and sailors who come here to train do it on your backs and you make it look so easy. For that, you have my eternal gratitude."



Colonel James E. Donnellan, oncoming commanding officer, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, shares a moment with his wife during the MCMWTC's change of command ceremony at the expeditionary airfield, July 22.



Colonel Scott D. Leonard, outgoing commanding officer, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, gives his remarks during the MCMWTC's change of command ceremony at the expeditionary airfield, July 22.



The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Color Guard presents the colors during the MCMWTC's change of command ceremony at the expeditionary airfield, July 22.

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ment at MCTOG. The students come from a variety of different ranks and experience levels; from staff sergeants to master sergeants and lieutenants to majors.

The course challenges the Marines by requiring them to work through realistic scenarios as small teams, similar to situations they would encounter with their units. Upon graduation, the Marines are qualified instructors, enabling them to augment their units and pass on what they've learned to the Marines they lead.

While TMIC has been around since 2008, the course is constantly evolving and adjusting to the training needs of the Marines and units it supports.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. ALYSA JESSE

Col. William Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, and Col. Craig Wonson, commanding officer, Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, present an award and graduation certificate to Staff Sgt. Rueben Michael Breaux, intel analyst, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, during the graduation ceremony for Tactical Marine Air Ground Task Force Integration Course 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

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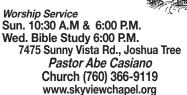
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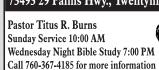
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by Lou Gerhardt



I am delighted to report that for the THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR Tom Huls and his staff at Big-O-Tires in Yucca Valley have been selected for the prestigious Top Shop award. This platinum award is a fantastic achievement. There are thousands of tire dealers in the United States and Tom's gang out did them all.

Members of Tom's crew include Sandy, Paul, Chris, Tommy, Jose, Jeff, Doug, Cameron and Dave.

Tom is a terrific guy. I liked him the minute I met him. He thoroughly enjoys life and his work. He and his lovely wife Karin live in Yucca Valley. They have four children and 12 grandchildren and spend many hours together as a family.

Tom and the staff at his highly successful store financially support many Community and national projects, including the Yucca Valley Concerts in the Park. I have had more than one of our local "clean team" members tell me how Big-O-Tires accepts the tires and rims they collect at no charge.

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HOW SWEET IT IS

By Tresa Erickson



When it comes to the wedding cake, couples have many options. Some may skip the cake entirely and go with a dessert bar instead. Some may order one small wedding cake and several sheet cakes to serve to their guests. Some may forgo the main cake and serve smaller cakes in various flavors at the reception tables. Whatever your personal preferences, make certain you discuss the matter in great detail with your fiancé, and should you decide to go with a wedding cake, keep the following trends in

The wedding cakes of today hardly resemble those of yesterday. Gone for the most part are the rich, threetiered, heavily decorated cakes and in their place is a wide range of cakes customized specifically for the bride and groom.

When selecting a wedding cake, couples often look to the location, theme and season of their celebration as a guide. A simple affair on the beach in the middle of summer might not call for the same type of cake as a formal evening affair in the winter.

The actual design of the cake is up for grabs. Some couples may opt for the traditional three layers, while others may go for fewer or additional layers. Tiers can be of the same or different heights with the same or alternating designs. Some couples may request the design of their wedding cake

incorporate the traditional flowers, either made of silk or frosting, while others may choose dots or scrollwork. Although once popular, basket weaves and swags appear to be on their way out, as do plastic columns and foil boards.

Common cake flavors include carrot, chocolate, lemon, spice and vanilla, with many couples requesting each layer of their cake to be a different flavor. Some couples go an alternative route and choose unusual flavors like espresso, hazelnut and gingerbread. Frosting may be buttercream or fondant, though many couples today seem to favor the former.

These are just some of the hottest trends in wedding cake design. Whatever type of cake you choose, make sure it is flavorful and presented well. It should serve as a focal point at your reception, so place it in a prominent position and decorate the area around it.











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Sgt. Ryan Hetu, Pittsfield, New Jersey native, fires at targets while flying in a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter Jan. 14, 2015, during exercise Lava Viper 15-1.2 at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii.

STORY BY NELSON DUENAS

"The strong Marines will stay the course and the weak will be weeded out," said Sgt. Ryan Hetu, Marine Corps Aviation Association Air Crewmen of the Year.

Sgt. Ryan Hetu, a Weapons and Tactics Squadron, earned the award for "initiative, perseverance, and total dedication to duty," according to his award citation.

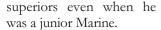
Hetu, a native of Pittsfield, New Jersey, earned the respect of his

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, spoke of Hetu's dedication.

"The one thing that sticks out the most is when he was under 30 days until he [transferred], and a crew chief instructor junior Marine came to him with Marine Aviation with an issue on promotion," said Reed. "Sgt. Hetu could have just sent this Marine to another NCO. Hetu did the research, spent the time, and put together a case on why this Marine should not be getting non-recommended for promotion."

The Marines come first. It is very easy to forget something that simple and to harp only on the unit's mission. But if the Marines are looked after and they are treated as men, not just bodies, then the mission will take care of itself."

Sgt. Ryan Hetu, crew chief



"I first met Sgt. Hetu in Afghanistan around August 2011," said Staff Sgt. Asher. "I was a sergeant and he was a lance corporal."

Asher's squadron was turning over with Hetu's, and he joined him for a flight.

"After the flight, I remember thinking, I wish I had 20 more Marines like this kid..." said Asher. "I didn't tell him that, of course. As far as he knew, he was the worst CH-53E crew chief the world had ever coughed up. It only took me about 30 minutes to gain an abnormal amount of respect for a new guy."

Staff Sgt. Joel G. Asher is a crew chief instructor at MAWTS-1, Marine Corps Training and Education Command. He went on to describe Hetu as "tireless" and "a human-sized energizer bunny."

This was not the only mentor that Hetu had. Gunnery Sgt. Jesse Reed, a crew chief with

"The Marines come first," said Hetu. "It is very easy to forget something that simple and to harp only on the unit's mission. But if the Marines are looked after and they are treated as men, not just bodies, then the mission will take care of itself."

Hetu took the case to the squadron's sergeant major. After reviewing the information Hetu brought, the sergeant major forwarded it to the commanding officer. In the end, the CO found the non-rec unjustified and promoted the Marine.

Reed said the incident "didn't make him any friends in the ranks above him, but he did what was right by the Marine."

"This displayed what I think every good leader has: courage, wisdom, tact, dedication, and most of all, the trust of his Marines," said Reed.

For Hetu, trust was the product of the unselfishness he so often demonstrated to his Marines, and unselfishness — in an ironic way — was the trait that earned his distinction.



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Ryan Hetu, CH-53 crew chief, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-463, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 1st Marine Air Wing, unloads .50-caliber ammunition from a CH-53E Super Stallion, at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., March 28, 2014.



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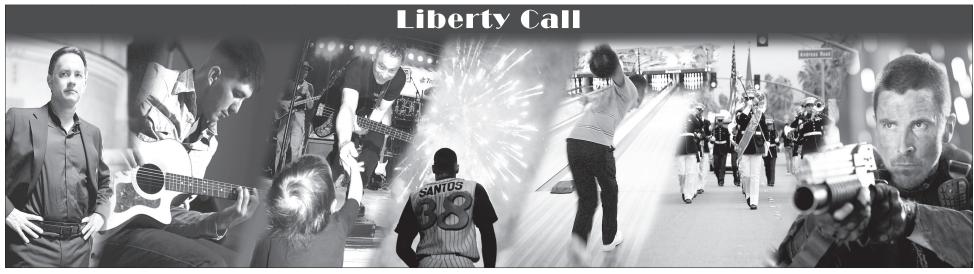
Cpl. Ryan Hetu, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, crew chief, examines gear on a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter prior to flight operations, Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, May 6, 2011.



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Sgt. Ryan Hetu, a crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, helps unload a pallet of ammunition from a CH-53E Super Stallion at Bradshaw Airfield on the Island of Hawaii, March 12, 2014.

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Combat Center Events

Interested in playing tackle football? Headquarters Battalion will be holding a tackle football meeting at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1, at building 1986. All personnel are invited to attend. Remember to bring your military ID and a pen.

Dunham Mess Hall will be closed until further notice due to required maintenance and repairs. Units and individuals that patronize Dunham Hall should use Littleton Mess Hall building 1660 or Phelps Hall building 1460. The best times for units to avoid the student lines at Littleton Hall are 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m.

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2:30 p.m. - The Shallows, PG-13

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Resurgence (3-D), PG-13

8:00 p.m. - Warcraft, PG-13 10:30 p.m. - Now You See Me 2

Sunday, July 31

12:00 p.m. - The BFG (3-D), PG

3:00 p.m. - The Legend of Tarzan (3-D), PG-13

6:30 p.m. - SNEAK PREVIEW-Suicide Squad (3-D), PG-13

Monday, August 1

5:00 p.m. - The BFC, PG

7:30 p.m. - The Purge: Election Year, R

Tuesday, August 2

6:30 p.m. - The Legend of Tarzan (3-D), PG-13

Wednesday, August 3 5:00 p.m. – Finding Dory, PG

7:00 p.m. - Warcraft, PG-13

Thursday, August 4

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Friday, August 5

7:30 p.m. - The Legend of Tarzan, PG-13

10:00 p.m. - Independence Day: Resurgence, PG-13



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Jungle Swinger

New 'Tarzan' a rollicking tale of adventure, romance and eye candy

'The Legend of Tarzan' Starring Alexander Skarsgård, Margot Robbie, Christoph Waltz & Samuel L. Jackson Directed by David Yates Rated PG-13

NEIL POND

You probably know Tarzan, one way or another. Edgar Rice Burroughs launched the "ape man" into popular culture in magazines and novels in the early 1900s. Several other actors had already portrayed him before former Olympic swimmer Johnny Weissmuller put on a loincloth and grunted his way though the 1930s and '40s for a dozen films, which ran endlessly on TV in the following decades.

Ron Ely and others played him on television. Walt Disney turned him into a cartoon. And there were other Tarzans, too, in some 200 movies and TV shows between 1918 and today.

Now the original "Lord of the Apes" returns to the big screen in a sumptuous, sprawling epic that blends his backstory with a rollicking new tale of adventure, romance and enough eye candy to attract audiences of all sorts.

Swedish-born actor Alexander Skarsgård (from TV's True Blood series) stars as British nobleman John Clayton, raised as a feral child by mighty apes of the African Congo after the deaths of his parents. Now an adult for years resettled in his ancestral home with his beautiful wife Jane (Margot Robbie), he's lured back to the Dark Continent by a plot of deception involving slavery, revenge, railroads, diamond mines and a corrupt Belgian megalomaniac (Christoph Waltz).

Director David Yates, who made his bones with all four movies of the Harry Potter franchise, works with all the tools in his impressive kit—and what must have been every nickel of his mega-budget. The visuals are grand: mist-shrouded mountain passes, jungles with impenetrable foliage; armies of Congolese warriors; fearsome gorillas; a stampeding herd of hundreds of wildebeest. Even though most of the film was reportedly shot on soundstages and sets in England, you'd never know it: When the action shifts to Africa, you're transported there, too.

Margot Robbie is terrific as Jane, who was raised in the jungle, as well, the daughter of a missionary teacher. A real spitfire of spunk and spirit, she's so much more than a "damsel in distress." Samuel L. Jackson plays George Washington Williams, an American envoy to Britain who accompanies Tarzan and Jane on their return trip to Africa. He's got a backstory of his own, and though he may not be in prime shape to keep up with Tarzan step for step, he comes in pretty handy with a gun.

Waltz, as usual, makes a dandy villain, and Djimon Hounson (from Gladiator and Guardians of the Galaxy) has a necessary, if somewhat nasty, role as a tribal leader looking to stage a major grudge match.

Ladies will swoon—as Jane does—when Skarsgård initially reveals his sexy, sculpted torso, in a flashback scene that recalls their first steamy jungle encounter. And moviegoers in general will thrill when Tarzan finally gets around to doing what he does best: working those jungle vines, baby!

Late in the movie, we get to hear the iconic Tarzan yell, rolling across the miles—he's coming. "Tarzan," says Waltz's character, relishing the moment, knowing the man he's been trying to catch is close. "It sounded different than I thought...better."

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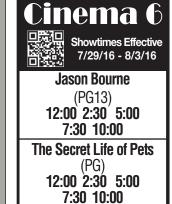
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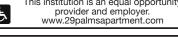
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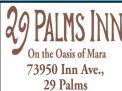


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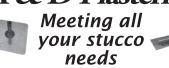
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