

A U.S. Marine sits under a tarp to keep dry from the rain at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii July 15. Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force are participating in Rim of the Pacific 2016, a multinational military exercise, from June 29 to Aug. 4 in and around the Hawaiian Islands.





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# Ceremony honors six Marines

One officer and five enlisted Marines were honored in formal award and retirement ceremonies held July 31 in front of the Headquarters building here.

During the ceremony, Lance Cpl. Robert R. James of 4th Battalion, 11th Marines received the Navy Achievement Medal for his performance of duty while serving as an analyst with the Combat Readiness Center, Third Marine Division, on Okinawa from March 19 to April 2, 1973.

Major Donald E. Williams of Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, who was Base Communications Officer, completed more than 26 years of active duty. He served in Korea and South Vietnam.

Maj. Williams is married to the former Connie Williams from Alhambra, California. They have two children and plan to live in Flagstaff, Arizona.

MGySgt. Patrick J. Woods of Headquarters Company, Force Troops, who was Operations Chief, G-3, has completed more than 28 years of active duty, service in China, Korea and Vietnam. He has earned the Combat Action Ribbon.

MGySgt. Woods, his wife, Shirley

and their four children plan to live in 29 Palms after retirement.

MSgt. Furney T. Lambert, Communications Chief of the First Field Artillery Group completed over 20 years of service on active duty, serving in Korea, Thailand and Laos. His personal decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon and South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

MSgt. Lambert and his family plan to live in San Diego.

MSgt. Dewey E. Jones of Marine Corps Communications Electronics School was the Logistics Chief at S-4 there. He has completed 20 years of active duty, serving in Korea and Vietnam. He has earned the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V and the Combat Action Ribbon.

MSgt. Jones has three children. The family plans to live in 29 Palms.

GySgt. Horace E. Bell of Headquarters Company, Force Troops completed more than 20 years active service. He served in South Vietnam and has the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Cross of Gallantry Medal with Bronze Star.

GySgt. Bell and his wife plan to live in Oceanside.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Charles

Atlanta, GA., Sergeant major, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment

McDEW

McDew assumed leadership of “Darkside” in January of 2016 and has served in the Marine Corps for more than 20 years.

>**I’m originally from** Atlanta, Ga. I had nine aunts and uncles, and there were five of us, brothers and sisters. I had a good family. We didn’t have a whole lot of money but we had a whole lot of love.

>**Atlanta was kind of** rough. I went to a school where you had to learn how to take care of yourself.

>**Growing up, I** played sports and was in the band for a little bit. After high school, I took a break and spent some time as a truck driver. I met my wife through a mutual friend and after we had our first daughter we decided “let’s do something different.”

>**I didn’t know a lot about the** military, but when I walked in to the Marine Corps’ recruiting office and I looked over and saw that recruiter I thought, “well hell, if I’m going to be somebody I guess I’m going to be one of them.” It turns out I made a good choice.

>**My first four years were** kind of rough. I never intended to be here this long but, like I did my wife, I fell in love with it and I’ve been here ever since.

>**I think the one thing that keeps me driving is** when I look at my kids and all they can say is “we’re so proud of you.” I know in 30 years I have to go home, that’s what my wife and I agreed on, but they make me want to stay for 35 or 40 years.

>**I have three girls.** One is 26 years old, one is 18, one is 13 and then my grandson, he’ll be 5 in September. My oldest daughter is married and she promised me, I made all my daughters promise me, that when they get married they have to keep my last name, too.

>**As a man, I wanted** a son to carry my last name and now I have my grandson. He’s just a little man, he wants to do everything I do. He’s the other heartbeat of what I am.

>**I didn’t think things in the** Marine Corps would pan out this way. I think every rank after corporal was a blessing. I had a lot of people who invested in me and it would have been impossible for me to have done any of this by myself.

>**I’m a big supporter of** the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Young Marines Program.

>**I know for a fact that** if it weren’t for the sacrifices of our veterans, it wouldn’t be possible today for us to do what we do. I invest in the younger people so that when I hang up my uniform for good, I leave the Marine Corps with a good product. I can’t do that overnight; it takes time and discipline so it’s good for me to interact with both sides of the playing field.

>**I spend a lot of time at** the Wood Hobby Shop. I also like to work on cars and tinker with stuff. If it’s broken I like to try and fix it, I don’t care what it is.

>**It’s almost the same way I look at** Marines. People say we have bad Marines, no we don’t. We just have some Marines that are kind of broken.

>**I liken it to restoring a car.** When you first look at it, all people see is a hunk of metal. But if you take time to invest in that car and put some love and time into it, it will turn out beautiful. Same thing with the Marines; if you take some time with them and try to figure out what the problem is you’ll learn things and be able to help them but you have to be genuine about it.

>**After I do my 30 years,** I want to take it easy, build myself a house near the lake so I can fish, watch my kids finish growing and spoil my grandson to death.



>**I’ve been fishing for years.** Whether it’s in salt water, fresh water or a creek; it’s for the excitement. I love to clean them, I love to cook them, I love to make a meal for my family. From the time that I hook the fish to the time that I put it up to grease and feed my family with it, I enjoy the whole process of it.

>**I would give junior Marines advice** based on what I’ve learned. Listen to the people who’ve made mistakes before you, it’s not about being older or younger.

>**I think humility is** one of the things we lack as individuals. It’s good to be strong and dedicated but being humble, that takes a lot. For you to humble yourself and stop and listen, I think that’s a great thing.

>**I became a sergeant major because** I wanted to take care of people. These chevrons I wear are not for me, they’re for everybody who’s a lower rank than me.

>**That’s what I love about** being a Marine; I’m in the people’s service. There’s no greater feeling than to have a Marine come in here with a serious problem, and be able to help them. That’s the greatest reward ever.

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# Marines lead assault during



PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM HOLDAWAY

A Royal Australian Navy LHD Landing Craft, transports Australian, New Zealand, Tongan, and U.S. armed forces to Marine Corps Training Area Bellows during Rim of the Pacific 2016 in Hawaii, Saturday. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security in the world's oceans.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. MATTHEW CASBARRO

Marines with Company E, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, exit an Assault Amphibious Vehicle to assault a beach during Rim of the Pacific 2016. The assault was launched from USS San Diego and commanded by III Marine Expeditionary Force units aboard USS America. Twenty-six nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC from June 30 to Aug. 4, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.



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Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 flies over the ocean after returning from a training exercise on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 28.

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# Rim of the Pacific 2016



PHOTO BY PFC. NADIA STARK

Navy corpsmen from 1st Medical Battalion assess the extent of injuries on a victim of simulated combat-related trauma aboard Camp Pendleton, July 29. Navy surgeons, doctors and nurses participated in an exercise during the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab Marine Air-Ground Task Force Integrated Experiment that will test the capabilities of new deployable medical equipment and the efficiency of using the least amount of supplies and personnel to achieve the most mobile and optimal care for damage control and resuscitative surgery in patients.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. HARLEY ROBINSON

Marines with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment board a CH-53E Super Stallion from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 28. HMH 462 along with the Royal Canadian Air Force supported 3/1 during Rim of the Pacific 2016.



PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM HOLDAWAY

New Zealand Armed Forces Capt. Teira Cowan, executive officer, Victor Company, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment speaks on a radio during Rim of the Pacific 2016 at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Saturday. RIMPAC 2016 is the 25th exercise in the series that began in 1971.



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Marines with the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group bow their heads during the invocation as part of the unit's change of command ceremony at the Dunham Amphitheater aboard the Combat Center, July 29.



Col. Craig Wonson, outgoing commanding officer, Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, addresses the guests during the unit's change of command ceremony at the Dunham Amphitheater aboard the Combat Center, July 29.

MCTOG from pg. A1

Medal with three gold stars, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

The invocation, delivered by Lt. Cmdr. Paul Armstrong, Combat Center Chaplain, initiated the ceremony, followed by the march on the

colors and the playing of the national anthem. Finally, Wonson handed the unit's colors to Barrick; a symbolic tradition representing the passing of authority and responsibilities as commander.

"If I could pick my replacement here at MCTOG it would be Col. Tim

Barrick," Wonson said. "For those who don't know, he is a former operations officer at MCTOG so he knows how things work. I don't think there is a person better postured or skilled to be able to take this organization further in the future."

Prior to his assignment to MCTOG,

Barrick served with Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa in various staff billets since 2014.

"To the Marines and civilian Marines of MCTOG, you're true professionals and I'm excited to see what we'll accomplish together in the future," Barrick said.

Farewell from pg. A1

Corps Commendation Medal with a gold star, a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement with two gold stars, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He assumed his position as sergeant major in 2014.

Cagle previously served as the sergeant major for Marine Operational and Evaluation Squadron 22. During the ceremony, Brunner passed the non-commissioned officers' sword to Cagle symbolizing the exchange of senior enlisted command of the installation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Brunner retired and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his selfless dedication to duty.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. MALIEK FOWLER

Sgt. Maj. Steven Brunner, outgoing sergeant major, passes the ceremonial noncommissioned officer's sword to Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Cagle, oncoming sergeant major, during the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center's relief, appointment and retirement ceremony at MCMWTC, Bridgeport, Calif., July 26.

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# Montford Point Marines honored with memorial



Two Montford Point Marines share memories during the Montford Point Marine Memorial Dedication at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 29.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. SEAN BERRY

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, NC — Montford Point, North Carolina. This was segregated training ground from 1942 to 1949 for the nation’s first African-American Marines. Now, a new memorial stands outside the gates of Camp Johnson to commemorate their historic achievements in the face of racial segregation.

Hundreds of Montford Point Marines, family members, active duty service members and supporters gathered to witness the official dedication of the National Montford Point Marine Memorial at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 29.

“Today, as a result of the hard work and perseverance of so many of you here, across the country and those no longer with us, that vision is now a reality,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Weidley, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations East – Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. “This inspiring memorial takes its rightful place among the other silent testimonials to the courage, dedication and sacrifice of our men and women who have worn the cloth of this nation.”

In the center of the grounds, a bronze 15-foot statue represents those African-American Marines who left behind combat support duties in the Marine Corps

to pick up a rifle to be a part of the main effort along with their counterparts.

Behind the statue stands the 90-mm M1A1 anti-aircraft gun, the primary anti-aircraft weapon of the Montford Point Marines with the 51st and 52nd Defense Battalions.

To the statue’s left is a marble wall with 20,000 stars to honor the approximate number of African American Marines who trained there before they were integrated. No official records were kept at the time to identify each one.

“This is something that I never thought would be possible,” said Ivor Griffin, Montford Point Marine who served 23 years enlisted. “I heard about it being in the making, and I thought it couldn’t be true, I thought we were the forgotten 20,000.”

Smiles and tears shown on the faces of these aged Marines each time a new speaker came to the podium and recounted the history of what these men had done, and on more than one occasion, they gave motivated shouts of encouragement; this was their day.

“I’m very thrilled to be here and very thrilled knowing that we will be remembered,” said Griffin. “[There are] only about 400 of us living, but those of us who are able to be here, we are grateful for what has happened here today, and what has happened in the past.”



Forest E. Spencer, Jr., National President of the Montford Point Marine Association, delivers remarks at the Montford Point Marine Memorial Dedication at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, July 29.

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by Lou Gerhardt

In 1980 Dr. Karl Menninger, Co-founder of the Menninger Clinic, spoke in downtown Chicago before a large and very receptive audience. It was Dr. Menninger’s 87<sup>th</sup> birthday and everyone wanted to hear what the great psychiatrist had to say.

During the presentation Dr. Menninger read a brief essay he had torn out of a newspaper. He said he didn’t know the author but he liked it and wanted to share it.

Now better than 36 years later I want to share it with you. (If you know the author please share the knowledge with me.)

(Beverly Burkitt of Landers has given me a printout from the newsletter of Desert Hills Presbyterian Church that indicates that Mother Teresa is the author.)

“People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; do good anyway. If you’re successful, you win false friends and make true enemies; try to succeed anyway. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow; be good anyway. Honestly and frankness will get you nowhere; they make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway. People favor underdogs, but they follow the top dogs; fight for some underdogs anyway. What you spend days building may be destroyed overnight; do it anyway. People really need help but they attack you if you try to help them; try anyway. Give the world the best you have and you get kicked in the mouth; give the world the best you have anyway.”

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Integrated Training Exercise, formerly known as the Combined Armed Exercise and Enhanced Mojave Viper, is the longest-lasting activity that occurs aboard the Combat Center and is comprised of an intensive training cycle involving a series of progressive live-fire exercises that assesses the ability and adaptability of a force of approximately 3,500 active duty or Reserve Fleet Marine Force Personnel.

Large Scale Exercise is designed to challenge commands across the spectrum of the Marine Air Ground Task Force. The exercise focuses on improving the war-fighting skills of senior commanders and their staffs, developing a common understanding of MAGTF doctrine, and enhancing the capabilities to employ a MAGTF in a joint environment. The end state is that MAGTF commanders and their staffs possess the requisite warfighting skills to optimize operational success.

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Staff Sgt. Theodore C. Hutchins, aquatics staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, oversees swimmers as he performs duties as a lifeguard at the Combat Center Training Tank, July 27, 2015.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Twentynine Palms is renowned for its sweltering temperatures as summer reaches its peak. During this time of year, Combat Center residents find ways to keep cool and stay active in the rising temperatures.

Whether its children enjoying their summer vacation or Marines looking for a way to cool off while on liberty, escape from the heat can be found at the various swimming facilities on base. Swimming offers a great aerobic workout and is an exercise that challenges the swimmer, by requiring the use of the whole body.

"In the pool, you can get more of a muscle workout," said Staff Sgt. Theodore C. Hutchins, aquatic staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School. "In the water, you are working more muscles than you would at the gym focusing on only one muscle in the same amount of time."

Learning to swim is something that can be done at any age or fitness level. Lifeguards assist in swimming clinics held at the training tank for children learning how to swim or Marines who may need help with their stroke.

*"Hydration is the biggest key as well as sunblock to stay safe during the summer. Wearing shirts or anything to protect you from the sun is important."*

-Staff Sgt. Theodore Hutchins, aquatics SNCOIC

"The most important thing is becoming comfortable in the water," Hutchins said. "Young Marines who need help swimming can come to the lifeguards to try to strengthen their swimming. We also have time reserved for unit training, so if company or platoon commanders want to come in and schedule training for their Marines they can."

For swimmers who already have the basics down, different drills can be found online that will help them to further develop their swimming. Investing in equipment such as a snorkel, paddle and fins can also help to bring training to the next level.

"As lifeguards we offer different training courses and water sports for those looking to improve their swimming," Hutchins said. "A lot of the time, its people who don't understand their swimming limits or capabilities that are most at risk in the water."

Safety in the water should be the priority at all times and patrons should never swim alone without lifeguards. Sunblock and proper hydration are paramount and should be stressed even on cooler days with less sun.

"Hydration is the biggest key as well as sunblock to stay safe during the summer. Wearing shirts or anything to protect you from the sun is important," Hutchins said. "Often swimmers will come out here thinking they'll be really good but sometimes it's the opposite and they are really struggling. It's up to us lifeguards to ensure we keep our eyes on them."

Regardless of an individual's swimming ability, a trip to the base pool can be a refreshing and effective way to stay cool and fit during the hottest time of year.



Cpl. Kyle Fierro, radio technician, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, practices the breaststroke at the Combat Center Training Tank, July 27, 2015.



Lance Cpl. Michael King, landing support specialist, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, and Cpl. John Giarrasslo, landing support specialist, CLB-7, get in afternoon physical training at the Combat Center Training Tank, July 27, 2015.

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**Combat Center Events**

**There is a Naval Academy** brief scheduled to be held at the base theater on Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. A mobile recruiting detachment from the United States Naval Academy (USNA) will host an event for Combat Center Marines and sailors interested in applying to USNA. This event is open to all enlisted Marines and Sailors stationed aboard the Combat Center.

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4:10 p.m. – Avatar (NDVD-Free Admission), PG-13  
7:30 p.m. – The Legend of Tarzan, PG-13  
10:00 p.m. – Independence Day: Resurgence, PG-13

**Saturday, Aug. 6**  
10:00 a.m. – Over the Hedge (NDVD-Free Admission), PG  
12:00 p.m. – The BFG (3-D), PG  
2:30 p.m. – Finding Dory, PG  
4:50 p.m. – The Legend of Tarzan (3-D), PG-13  
7:20 p.m. – Central Intelligence, PG-13  
9:40 p.m. – The Purge: Election Year, R

**Sunday, Aug. 7**  
12:00 a.m. – The Shallows, PG-13  
12:30 p.m. – The Secret Life of Pets (3-D), PG  
2:30 p.m. – The BFG, PG  
5:00 p.m. – The Legend of Tarzan, PG-13  
7:20 p.m. – Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates, R

**Monday, Aug. 8**  
2:00 p.m. – Zootopia (NDVD-Free Admission), PG  
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**Tuesday, Aug. 9**  
2:00 p.m. – Inside Out (NDVD-Free Admission), PG  
4:30 p.m. – The Secret Life of Pets (3-D), PG  
6:30 p.m. – Independence Day: Resurgence, PG-13

**Wednesday, Aug. 10**  
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**Thursday, Aug. 11**  
5:00 p.m. – Finding Dory, PG  
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**Friday, Aug. 12**  
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# Pet Sounds

Manhattan menagerie has wild adventure in fetching family flick

**NEIL POND**

*‘The Secret Life of Pets’ Starring the voices of Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Lake Bell, Kevin Hart & Jenny Slate Directed by Chris Renauld & Yarrow Cheney Rated PG*

Like Toy Story did with playthings, this wildly imaginative animated family flick—from the makers of Despicable Me and Minions—starts with a very simple premise: What do our domesticated animals do when

we’re away? Quite a lot, it turns out! In a Manhattan high-rise, we’re quickly introduced to Max, a well-groomed Jack Russell terrier (voiced by Louis C.K.); Chloe, the tubby tabby cat next door (Lake Bell); and Gidget (Jenny Slate), a prissy puffball of a Pomeranian down the street who has a crush on Max. Max’s walking buddies include Buddy, a slinky dachshund (Hannibal Burrell), and Mel, a squirrel-obsessed pug (Bobby Moynihan). Things are sailing along fine for Max until his owner brings home a second pet, a big, slobbery, rescue-dog mongrel named Duke (Eric Stonestreet). Max and Duke don’t get along, and soon they’re in a real doggie dilemma, rounded up by Animal Rescue without their collars or tags—and about to begin an even bigger, wilder adventure. This involves even more colorful characters, including a Snowball, a gonzo white rabbit (Kevin Hart), leader of an underground activist group called the Flushed Pets—animals who’ve been “thrown away by our owners; now we’re out for revenge!” There’s Tiberius, a rooftop hawk (Albert Brooks) comically torn between his longing for companionship and hard-wired predatory instincts. Pops (Dana Carvey), an elderly basset hound, may be paralyzed in his back legs—but he sure knows how to get around town!

Director Chris Renauld, whose resume includes the Despicable Me franchise and The Lorax, and co-director Yarrow Cheney, a former production designer and animator, keep the jokes flying fast and funny and the plot moving at a brisk, lively trot as Max and Duke try to make their way home. Things get especially hairy when Snowball’s subterranean army—a motley crew of critters, from alligators, turtles and snakes to cats, a tattooed pig and “Sea Monkeys”—turns against them when they find out they’re really “domesticated” and not truly “liberated.”

There’s a chaotic traffic-jam cliffhanger on a New York City bridge, with a bus driven by a Max and Snowball (“You drive like an animal!”). In one dream sequence, hot dogs dance to “We Go Together,” the “rama lama lama ding dong” song from Grease. A poodle rocks out to heavy metal the second his owner is out the door. One tiny pooch, with a camera atop his head, films funny cat videos and uploads them to a Times Square jumbotron.

It’s all great, clever, whimsical fun, with a heartwarming, cuddly overlay of friendship and “family.” You may not (or may!) have a dog or cat as adventurous as Max, Duke, Gidget, Chloe, Buddy and Mel, but just about anyone can relate to the montage at the end of the movie—when all the pets exuberantly welcome their owners home to the tune of Al Green’s “Lovely Day.”

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Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 171 stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, guide in a MH-60S Seahawk with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 to attack a simulated enemy during Exercise Eagle Wrath 2016 at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, July 28.



PHOTO BY PFC. SANDRA GARDUNO

Marines with Company E, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, assault a beach during Rim of the Pacific 2016. Twenty-six nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC from June 30 to Aug. 4, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.



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U.S. Marine Corps recruits with Company C., 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, conduct Pugil Stick training as part of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) training at Leatherneck Square on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Tuesday.

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