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Sgt. Timothy Hodapp, military police officer, Provost Marshal's Office, detains role players during an escalation of force exercise at Range 800, Aug. 30.

#### STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

As military police enter the room, an active shooter notionally fires in their direction. Through properly-executed escalation of force the MPs succeed in subduing their target before the exercise controllers call end-ex and provide feedback on their performance.

Civilian police officers and Marine military policemen officers from the Combat Center Provost Marshal's Office participated in training scenarios such as domestic disturbance, escalation of force and active shooter exercises at Range 800, Aug. 30.

"We are exposing our Marines and civilian police officers to these scenarios so that they are prepared for what could potentially happen on

scene," said Capt. Richard Adams, operations officer, PMO. "Bringing the military police to Range 800 gives the sense of realism that training on mainside does not provide."

The Combat Center Special Reaction Team instructed the officers and served as role players each event. Officers responded to a wide range of domestic disturbances, notional

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# **Combat Center kicks-off Combined Federal Campaign**

STORY BY CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

The Combined Federal Campaign, with the mission of promoting and supporting philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all, kicks off Sept. 1.

Staff Sgt. Shawn T. Bear, assistant chairman for the CFC aboard the Combat Center, signified the event with the hanging of the official CFC banner at the main gate, Aug. 29.

"CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations," Bear said. "It helps to support a variety of health, human and other services provided by more than 120,000 charitable agencies. This single campaign is the most cost-efficient fundraising method."

The CFC is an annual workplace charity campaign and will go through



Lance Cpl. Dantre Strobridge and Lance Cpl. Deisy Martinez, postal clerks, Headquarters Battalion, hang the Combined Federal Campaign banner at the main gate., Aug. 29. The CFC is an annual workplace charity campaign that is held Sept. 1 through Dec. 15.

Dec. 15. During this time, federal civilian, postal and military donors are able to make pledges to support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits.

"Some examples of charities are; Help Our Wounded, American National Red Cross, K9's for Warriors, Kids V Cancer and the

Boys and Girls Clubs of America," Bear said. "If you are looking to help and make a difference the CFC has so many great organizations that I am sure you will be able to find one that touches your heart."

To make a pledge or to learn more about the Combined Federal Campaign, see your unit CFC representative or visit socalcfc.org.

## Firefighters help community with Blue Cut Fires

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Combat Center firefighters are always on call to serve the installation. Occasionally, that response expands past the borders of the front gate, reinforcing the Combat Center's commitment to serving the community. The Combat Center Fire Department received a request for a mutual aid, strike team assignment, to support the Blue Cut Fire in the San Bernardino National Forest, Aug. 17-21. Engine 451, made up of Fire Captain Wayne Giannini, James Carroll, diver and operator, as well as firefighters and paramedics Coy Benedict and Ben Grodjesk, who responded to the request and supported San Bernardino County Fire Department.



Combat Center firefighters extinguish a simulated car fire at the Fire Department aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.,

The team reported in to the West Cajon Structure Defense Group with the mission of patrolling the area off California Highway 138, between U.S. Interstate 15 and California Highway 2, locating and extinguishing hot spots with the potential to threaten structures as well as identifying areas for follow-up extinguishing efforts.

"We were out there for about four days putting out hotspots to help make sure the fire does not kick back up again," Grodjesk said. "Being able to go out there and help these people in some of their hardest times is one of the reasons that I do this."

In addition to extinguishing of fires, the Combat Center's firefighters conducted foot patrols around and throughout the area. The team also aided in the cutting down of trees that possessed a falling hazard to people and their possessions in the area.

'By helping out in efforts like the Blue Cut Fires, it allows us to show what we can do to help preserve what they have and help them when they need it," Grodjesk said. "It is one of the most important things we can do as firefighters."

#### Warming up to meet mission

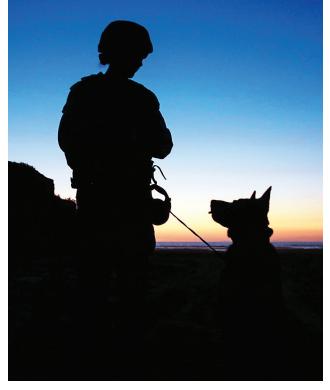
The Combat Center Fire Department works to provide the Combat Center and the surrounding community with high quality emergency fire and rescue service, an excellent fire prevention program,

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# **Marine Corps' Top Shot**

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



The sun sets over the USS Green Bay (LPD-20) at White Beach Naval Base, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 21. Marines of the 31st MEU are currently embarked on ships of the USS Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group for a scheduled fall patrol of the Asia-Pacific Region.

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# **Marine Corps Reserve Centennial Commemorative Message**

As we commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve on August 29, 2016, We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all Reserve Marines who are serving our Nation at home and abroad, and to the families, employers and communities who provide the support that enables them to serve.

From former Commandant William P. Biddle's first proposition for a Marine Corps Reserve militia in 1914, through the establishment of a federal Marine Corps Reserve in 1916 by congressional action, to the modern day force of citizen Marines, the Marine Corps Reserve has contributed significantly to our National Defense in every major conflict. From World War I through the current War on Terrorism, the last 100 Years have illustrated the dedication of the Marine Corps Reserve. Their selfless service is in keeping with the commemoration's theme, "Semper Fi, America. Always Faithful. Always Ready."

Reserve Marines of today are shaped by a rich history and tradition of answering our nation's call in times of war and peace. Since September 11, 2001, over 83,800 Reserve Marines have mobilized in support of the Marine Corps' global requirements. The Reserve Force has never been more ready, relevant, or aligned with the Active Component than it is today. Their skills, professionalism, adaptability, and innovation provide strategic flexibility and operational capabilities integral to our Total Force.

It is vital to give the proper recognition to our Reserve Marines, past and present. Commanders are encouraged to take time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Reserve Marines in our history. Commanders are further encouraged to promote participation in Centennial Commemoration events both on installations and in local communities as well as develop themes specific to their locations.

I thank all Reserve Marines, your families, communities, and supporting employers for serving our Marine Corps and our Nation. Congratulations on your Centennial!

Semper Fidelis, Robert B. Neller, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps

# **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMEN**

Elijah Alexander Lyles Staff Sgt. Daniel Lyles and Jade Lyles Born August 12, 2016

Savannah Liley Porter Cpl. David Porter and Brittany Weber

Born August 14, 2016

**Grant Thomas Montgomery** 1st Lt. Ryan Montgomery and Jillian Montgomery Born August 15, 2016

> **Grace Elizabeth Burke** Sgt. Matthew Burke and Erin Burke Born August 18, 2016

Rylie Araceli Guevara Lance Cpl. Rafuel Guevara and Cecilia Garcia Born August 18, 2016

**Grayson Bennett Justice** HM3 Trenton Justice and Gabrielle Justice Born August 20, 2016

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#### **WHAT I'VE LEARNED**

# McKinley Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Warrant Officer, personnel officer, Headquarters Battalion

Lindor serves as personnel officer at the Combat Center's Installation Personnel Administration Center. When he enlisted, he set his sights on becoming a warrant officer to make a positive difference in the administrative community.

> was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and lived there until I was about 6 years old. My mother worked to give us a better life, and we moved to Miami.

>Miami was a culture shock. Coming from a country where we did not have electricity for over half of the day and had to shower using buckets, it was an upgrade in quality of life to say the least. When I was in Haiti, paved roads were a big deal to us. We considered it to be the most state-like thing we had; then coming to America where every road was paved, it felt like Disney World for

>My mother brought us to America to give us the best education possibilities and a life that would better set us up for success. When I was growing up, I wanted to be a doctor and my mother gave all she could to make that dream happen. I appreciate all that my mother did for me.

> I didn't have the easiest time growing up. We lived in the not-so-nice part of Miami, but I kept busy with after-school activities. In high school, I played football for two years before transferring my attention to band.

>The team aspect of the Marine **Corps** was one of the first things that appealed to the football side of me. Being a warrant officer, sometimes I feel like the quarterback, but I trust my Marines like they are my wide receivers and they know how to move on their feet when an obstacle appears in front of them.

>When I finished high school, I had the opportunity to attend Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla.; that's where the Marine Corps came into my life. When have this occupational field. I felt that earning a recruiter came to talk to me, I had no idea the rank of warrant officer would push me about what military life had in store.

>At first, my family was against the idea of me joining the military and worried about what would happen to me. It was a hard stint, but I made the decision to enlist. I felt like it would give me a fresh start.

>I decided to choose administration to appease my family while still wanting to explore the Corps and all that it had to offer. >After boot camp and my MOS **school,** I wanted to go to Okinawa, Japan, to truly have my fresh start. While I was there, I fell in love with the culture and the lifestyle. The people were so nice and friendly. My favorite place to visit was the pineapple factory, where they produce things like juice and wine.



> always wanted to become a warrant my proudest Marine Corps achievement. I will to not only make a difference but to become that leader I strived to be.

>Before I became a warrant officer,

I was selected to be a drill instructor. I went there ready to lead and train the newest generations of Marines. It was hard; as much as we break down recruits to build them up, the same happens to us. Being a drill instructor was definitely the hardest thing I have done in my Marine Corps career. You have to give more than 100 percent of your effort and it reflects in [the recruits.]

> was in the drill field for only one year before my warrant officer package was accepted and I went to Warrant Officer Basic Course.

>Becoming a warrant officer has been

officer. I want to make the occupation of never forget saluting someone for the first time administration better for all the Marines that and the pride I felt. I felt like after that I was able to make a difference in the Marine Corps. >The history and future of the Marine

**Corps** are very important to me. In my free time, I try to do community outreach programs and go to the homes of veterans to help them and hear their stories. I also talk to people who are willing and wanting to join the Marine Corps, telling them my story to hopefully inspire them.

>Family is one of the most important things to me. My children, Jayson and Janaya, live in Boston and if I can hop on a plane to see them, I always will.

>"Demand of yourself in order to demand of others." That phrase has gotten me through so much in the Corps. If you don't demand wholehearted effort from yourself, you cannot demand from your peers or the Marines under you.

INTERVIEWED BY LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES, PHOTOGRAPHED BY CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ



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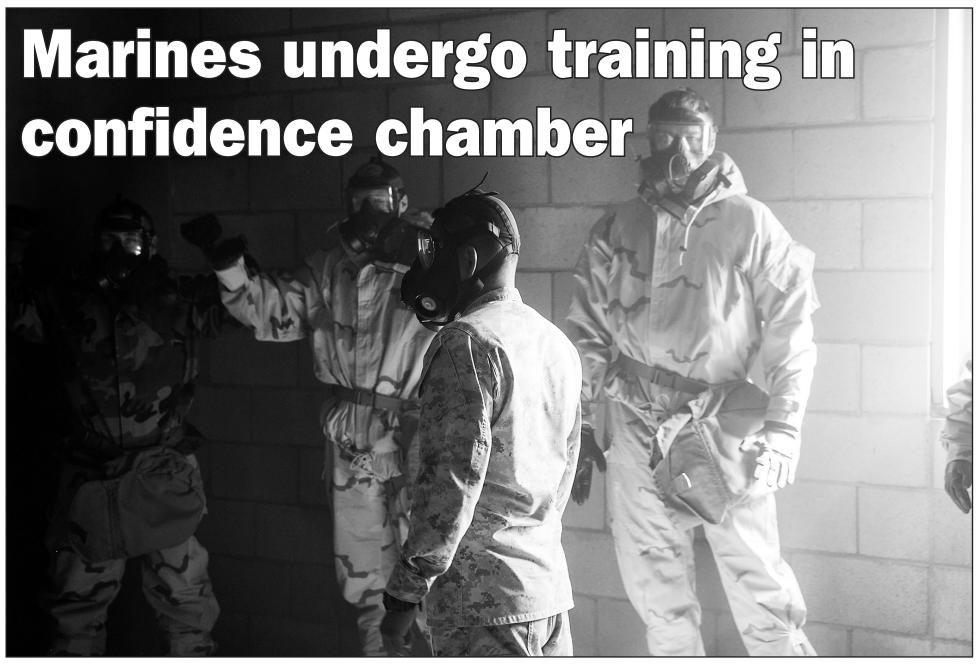
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Marines with Headquarters Battalion prepare to qualify in the confidence chamber at Range 105, Aug. 26.



Range 105, Aug. 26.



A Marine with Headquarters Battalion prepares to qualify in the confidence chamber at Range 105, Aug. 26.



A Marine with Headquarters Battalion breaks the seal on his M50 Joint-Service General Purpose Mask to qualify in the confidence chamber at Range 105, Aug. 26.



Marines with Headquarters Battalion perform exercises to ensure their M50 Joint-Service General Purpose Mask are properly sealed before qualifying in the confidence chamber at Range 105, Aug. 26.

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# WeekINPhotos

# Marines with Bravo Co. 1/2 train to raid and capture



Marines with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, evacuate two simulated casualties from an enemy compound during mobile operations in urban terrain training at Fort Pickett, Va., Aug. 25. The unit trained to enhance their coordination and communication skills in an urban environment.



Marines with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, run toward a simulated enemy during a raid drill at Fort Pickett, Va., Aug. 25. During the training, the unit worked to enhance their infantry skills in urban environments.



Lance Cpl. Jason M. Alexander carries Lance Cpl. Joshua D. Martin during military operations in urban terrain training at Fort Pickett, Va., Aug. 25. Both Marines are rifleman with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. The unit is training for an upcoming deployment and conduct medical evacuations along with tactical field care in case of a real case scenario.

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#### PMO From pg. A1

active shooters and escalation of force situations at three stations, while using simunition, non-lethal training ammunition, to subdue the role-players if deemed necessary.

"In law enforcement, continual training is critical to keeping our officers ready for any situation," said Officer Lieutenant Jason Mabon, watch commander, PMO. "These scenarios may be worst

case in most instances, but we want them to have the proper training and right mindset when going to any situation while on the watch."

According to many of the civilian and Marine officers, this training is key to their success, camaraderie and effectiveness as

"The training today has given many of us an accurate perspective of what we

could potentially walk in to in our line of work," said Lance Cpl. Ryan Rivas, military police, PMO. "We are here to protect the Marines, sailors and their families aboard this base. Many Marines trust us to keep order and protect their families while they are on deployment, in the field or at work. It is important that we train here to help us best provide those ser-



Civilians and Marines police officers from the Provost Marshal's Office, enter a building during an active shooter exercise at Range 800, Aug. 30.



Cpl. Brenten Olson and Lance Cpl. Jeff Hernandez, military police officers, Provost Marshal's Office, converse with a roleplayer during a domestic disturbance exercise at Range 800, Aug. 30.



Lance Cpl. Bernice Hernandez, military police officer, Provost Marshal's Office commands a roleplayer during a domestic disturbance simulation at Range 800, Aug. 30.

#### Fire From pg. A1

a fire fighting force capable of handling emergencies which include structural firefighting, hazardous material response, all types of rescues, and other various emergencies and catastrophes. In order to maintain the high standard of training and education required of their personnel, the Combat Center Fire Department conducted training and certification to continue to prepare for future emergencies at the Combat Center's Fire Station,

The training simulated an apartment re, a propane fire and a car fire. These the types of emergencies they could face aboard the base.

"We conducted this training today for two reasons," said Tom Fowler, fire captain, Combat Center Fire Department. "The first was to certify a new firefighter and see if he is prepared to work in this job field. The second is to keep the ideas and techniques fresh in the minds of the members of this department. We are doing everything we can to be ready for the people of the community and any emergency."

The training keeps the members of the fire department up to the task of responding to any emergency so they may help the firefighters remain ready for continue to improve the quality of life of the Combat Center and the surrounding communities.



Combat Center firefighters extinguish a simulated propane fire at the fire station aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Aug. 26.

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7:30 am

#### TOUGH MINDED **OPTIMISM** by Lou Gerhardt



Derwood Andrews has written this important column. Please read it and take action.

I've written about this before and unfortunately nothing happened. I'm hoping that if I keep talking about it, things will change.

Two days ago our eleven year old breed ambassador Pit-bull, Louise (Big Lou) began seizing around 7.00pm. It was a Grand Mal Seizure and left her incapacitated. We managed to get her in a wheelbarrow and into the house, where she continued to have seizures every 20 minutes or so. Along with our tears and shock we had two choices. Drive down to Indio, the nearest 24 hour emergency or I would have to dig a grave and shoot her. We luckily had just about enough cash and a car to drive the 60 miles to the vet. We loaded her up and the staff came out and got her on a stretcher and into the surgery. She was seizing the whole time down there and was evaluated and put to sleep. The staff was fantastic and made an awful situation almost bearable.

My request is simple, please would our local veterinarians get together up here and provide an emergency service, maybe on a rotation system, so that all us pet owners have a chance of doing the best they can for their pets suffering. I'm pretty sure we would all pay a bit more for our normal service, if it would fund a 24 hour emergency facility. I don't feel so lucky right now, but I know of a lot of locals who weren't as lucky as us and had to deal with things alone, after normal business hours. Please consider...

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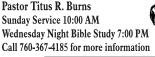
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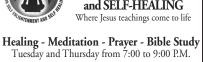
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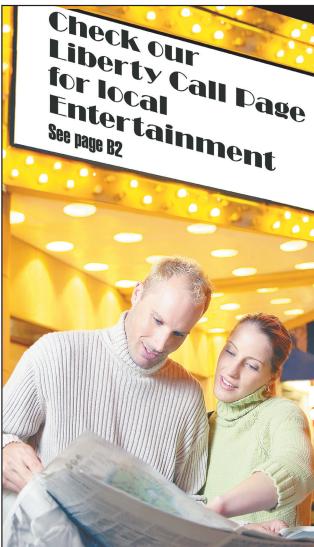
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# National Prepare-A-Thon begins aboard installation

STORY BY CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Throughout the month of September, the Combat Center will participate in America's Prepare-A-Thon 2016, a presidential initiative geared toward arming Combat Center residents with the knowledge needed to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters and manmade incidents.

Occurring twice annually and overseen by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the month-long event is held in hopes of encouraging the nation to become proactive, rather than reactive, when planning for emergencies. Personnel and families are educated on emergency communication planning by promoting preparedness information and resources.

"The National Preparedness Month Serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare for any natural or man-made emergency, which can occur at any time," said Michael Burns, force protection supervisor, G-7 Mission Assurance. "This campaign is designed as a nationwide, community-based campaign to increase emergency preparedness and resilience. Having the community prepared, increases the capabilities to improve the effectiveness of response and recovery operations within the community."

The campaign will be split into four categories that pertain to Marines and their families, focusing on a single category each week. Beginning with preparing family and friends, the topics also cover preparing through service and individual preparedness before leading up to National Prepare-A-Thon Day, Sept. 30.

"The purpose of each topic is to provide the community information that will help in responding and recovering from a disaster quickly, effectively and efficiently," Burns said. "We cannot always control how, when or where disasters will occur, but we can prepare practical responses before a disaster. By discussing with our families, friends and neighbors how we will protect and prepare ourselves and our communities we can create a stronger and more resilient community."

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Cpl. Suzette Clemans, military working dog handler, 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and Denny, her Belgian Malinois patrol explosive detection dog, prepare to search for explosives on the beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 21, 2015.

#### STORY BY LANCE CPL. SHAEHMUS SAWYER

The Marine Corps' military occupational specialty 5811, military police, is a challenging job. MPs who consider themselves alpha dogs have the opportunity to work with man's best friend in the MOS 5812, military working dog handler.

"It's definitely a job you shouldn't take for granted," said Sgt. Shawn R. Edens, a kennel master with Security Battalion aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. "How many people get to go to work and work with dogs? That's a pretty cool job."

He served as a lance corporal attached to 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, aboard Marine Corps Base Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan, when he earned the title of dog handler after winning a peer-to-peer competition board.

These peer-to-peer competition boards are commonly held throughout the Marine Corps in order to allow exceptional Marines to compete against one another answering knowledge questions about the Marine Corps and their MOS. Although competition on the board is not a requirement to earn the dog handler title, it is typically one avenue the MP community uses to reward Marines with the sought-after opportunity.

Edens was one of the fortunate Marines who won a board and earned the opportunity to become a dog handler. Having won out over his peers hand-chosen to compete on the board, Edens received orders to MCB Quantico and left Okinawa in December 2013.

If someone wants to become a dog handler, the first step is earning the title, Marine. Once recruit training is completed, applicants who enlisted for the MP career field will attend MOS school at Fort Leonard Wood, an army base in Missouri, and then ship to their first duty station. Once on station, the common route to becoming a dog handler is to win one of the command's local boards. Marines who are selected to become dog handlers will attend the Military Working Dog Basic Handler Course, located at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, for a six week course that will qualify the Marine as a basically-trained handler.

"The Marine Corps grooms Marines before they leave to the school house to ensure (they're successful) in the school," said Cpl. Braxton H. Rico, a military working dog handler with Security Battalion aboard MCB Quantico.

Rico was on a training operation when he saw dog handlers in the field working with the MPs. It was at



PHOTO BY LANCE. CPL. CAITLIN BEVEL

Even though schedules

fluctuate and dog handlers are

on call during weekends, they

love the work, said Rico. He

personally loves the challenges

associated with training the

dogs and the people he works

ing dogs. Both Marines said the

most gratifying thing for them is

seeing dogs succeed after count-

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Edens also said he loves train-

Orlando, Fla., native Cpl. Suzette Clemans, a military working dog handler with 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and Denny, her Belgian Malinois patrol explosive detection dog, ride in a Landing Craft Air Cushion before searching for explosives on the beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 21, 2015.

that point that he realized he wanted to become a dog handler. Rico was assigned to the same command Edens fell under in Okinawa at that time, but left for Quantico in March 2015, where he won a board for dog handling and met Edens. He also met Segal, the dog Edens last handled, but is now Rico's first.

"I worked with different dogs at the school house before I came to Quantico," said Rico. "Segal has different temperaments than the dog I worked with at Lackland and made some challenges for me. Sgt. Edens helped me overcome those challenges to better myself and my work with Segal."

Upon Rico's arrival to the kennels at Quantico, Edens only had a month to directly train and teach him about Segal's temperament. Since that time, Edens has progressed from being a dog handler, to a trainer, to a kennel master-a staff sergeant's billet.

"As a kennel master, I mostly coordinate events, trainings, and ensure responsibilities are upheld in the kennel," said Edens. "I'm past the dog handling phase, but my love for the job is still the handler side."

Edens believes Marines who want become a dog handler need to compete on a board as soon as they can. He feels that the more time the

handlers have with dogs, the better understanding they will have of dog

"Once you get into the canine community, you are in a specialized billet that takes people years to attain," said Edens. "It's a challenge, but it's worth it. In the end, you get to work with dogs and earn the pride of being a Marine."

Dogs from around the U.S. and overseas

are trained at Lackland like the Marines are, said It's defi-Edens. They are trained to nitely a patrol, scout, search buildjob you ings, detect either shouldn't take narcotics or explosives. How to train dogs boils down to the to go to work dogs' natural personality and how they are raised and trained. "By

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-Sgt. Shawn R. Edens,

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> kennel master, Securty Battalion

Edens reenlisted November 2014 and Rico submitted a reenlistment package last month, hoping to continue his military career.

"I get to work with dogs on a daily basis. How many people get to say that?" said Rico. "Being around the people I work with

and working with the dogs makes it feel like I'm not actually at work. If you want to be an MP, do all you can to get into the canine community. Stick out amongst everyone else, work hard and you'll see yourself as a dog handler, like me."



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#### **Combat Center Events**

Register now through Sept. 9 to participate in the 2016 Cross Country Race Season. The season begins Sept. 16 and goes through Oct. 28. Teams can consist of four to six participants. The event is open to all active duty, retirees, DoD and families. For more information call 760-830-6857.

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2:30 p.m. - Ice Age: Collision Course, PG

5:00 p.m. - Star Trek Beyond, PG-13

7:30 p.m. - Nerve, PG-13

10:00 p.m. - Jason Bourne, PG-13

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(NDVD-Free Admission), PG-13 8:30 p.m. - Suicide Squad (3-D), PG-13

Monday, Sept. 05

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4:00 p.m. - Anthropoid, R

Tuesday, Sept. 06 7:00 p.m. - Star Trek Beyond, PG-13

Wednesday, Sept. 07

5:00 p.m. - Lights Out, PG-13

7:00 p.m. – Bad Moms, R Thursday, Sept. 08

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# High Notes

Meryl Streep Gives Moving Musical Performance in 'Florence Foster Jenkins'

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'Florence Foster Jenkins' Starring Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant & Simon Helberg Directed by Stephen Frears Rated PG-13

"I've got the music in me," proclaimed singer Kiki Dee in her pumping, thumping Top 20 hit of 1974. "I've got the music in me, I've got the music

Some three decades

before Kiki Dee, another with friends and supportsinger made a similar proclamation, when matronly New York City socialite Florence Foster Jenkins was filled with a lifelong, over-abundant love of music—but a serious lack of talent.

Director Frears, whose resume also includes The Queen, Philomena and Dangerous Liasons, brings Jenkins' quirky story to the screen with humor as well as heart, never crossing over into camp or parody in a tale that certainly could have gone there. Meryl Streep has proven she can indeed sing, and quite well—in Mamma Mia!. Into the Woods and Ricki and the Flash—which makes her enthusiastic off-key velping, peeping and squawking as Florence all the more of a marvel.

absence of several years, it's good to see Hugh Grant back in a leading role. He's terrific as Florence's common-law husband, St Clair Bayfield, who loves her dearly and shields her from "mockers and scoffers" by bribing newspaper critics and making sure audiences at her concerts are packed

Simon Helberg (Howard Wolowitz on TV's The Big Bang Theory) has a major role as Jenkins' young piano accompanist, Cosme McMoon. At first incredulous at her ineptitude Stephen McMoon later comes as we do—to admire and respect Jenkins' childlike innocence and the purity of her desire to share music with others in the "profound communion" of performance.

The movie takes its basic setup—a biopic of a pop-cultural footnote character-and fleshes it out in engrossing detail. We see the tremendous lengths to which Bayfield and others in Florence's elite social circle go to protect-and enable—her. Florence's vocal coach uses phrases like "You've never sound-After a big-screen ed better" and "There is no one quite like you" to avoid hurting her feelings and pointing out her clear shortcomings.

Bayfield's long-term relationship with a mistress (Rebecca Ferguson) is strained by his equal devotion to Florence. "It's complicated," he tells McMoon. And indeed it is. We learn the heartbreaking reason Florence and Bayfield never married, never had children and never had a "real" marriage—and how Florence's doomed first marriage, when she was 18, left her devastated and damaged, in more ways than one.

We learn of the tragic medical condition—and its toxic treatments—that may have led to some, or many, of Florence's oddball behaviors, phobias or even delusions.

But mostly we learn of a singer who loved to sing, who had a dream of doing it at Carnegie Hall, and about the unconventional love story at the center of it all.

"They may say I couldn't sing, but no one can say I didn't sing," says Florence toward the end of the film, in a final, parting nod toward her naysayers who refused to see-or hear—the unbridled joy and happiness of her outof-tune operatics.

"Bravo," Bayfield replies with a bittersweet smile. And bravo, Meryl Streep, for a moving performance that reminds us that music, like any gift, is one meant to be shared, and that in 1944, Florence Foster Jenkins followed the music "in her."



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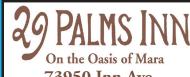
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PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. JORGE A. ROSALES

Marines with Company G, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, travel back to the USS Germantown after a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise at White Beach, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 30. The HADR exercise was held as part of the 31st MEU's fall patrol. The 31st MEU is the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed Marine Air-Ground Task Force, and is task-organized to address a range of military operations in the Asia-Pacific region, from force projection and maritime security to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.



PHOTO BY SGT. IAN LEONES

A rifle detail from Brooklyn's 6th Communication Battalion fire three rifle volleys during a remembrance ceremony for two Reserve Marines from their unit at Floyd Bennett Field, Aug. 30. Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin and Gunnery Sgt. Matthew D. Garvey, first responders with the city's police fire departments, lost their lives at the World Trade Center on 9/11. To honor their memory, Marine Corps Reserve Center Brooklyn dedicated the Curtin Garvey Complex and a 9/11 monument made partially with steel from the World Trade Center. The remembrance ceremony is being held in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Centennial, celebrating 100 years of service and selfless dedication to the nation.



PHOTO BY CPL. NICOLE ZURBRUGG

An F/A-18C Hornet with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 122 takes off during Southern Frontier at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia, Aug. 31. VMFA-122 executed low-altitude tactics training, flying below 500 feet to evade simulated enemy radar detection or to escape enemy aircraft vectored toward friendly aircraft. By integrating low-altitude tactics into the three week unit level training, pilots gained their final qualifications during Southern Frontier, strengthening the squadrons overall combat readiness.



PHOTO BY CPL. SHANNON KROENING

Pfc. Kevin Diaz-Rodriguez, a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, awaits the command to move forward to his next objective during the Infantry Platoon Battle Course at Fort Pickett, Va., Aug. 17. The Marines practiced the company-level attacks in preparation for their upcoming deployment to various areas throughout Europe and Africa.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. JONATHAN SOSNER

A Marine with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment helps the gunner fire a Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided (TOW) missile during a battle drill on Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 23. The more experienced Marines got up and helped guide the new Marines who were shooting the weapon system for the first time.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. AARON HENSON

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth Lancaster, a steel worker with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Facilities welds chains onto the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Vietnam Memorial as part of a restoration project at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Aug. 17. The memorial, located next to the main side post office, contains a granite monument with 493 engraved names of Marines from the 1st MAW who died in action during the Vietnam War. Constructed in May 1972, the memorial has a black and red torii standing between it and the setting sun to honor the fallen, and symbolizes the friendship and support of our Japanese neighbors.



