



Protect What You've Earned

CPL. GABRIELLE QUIRE

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Green, addresses Marines with Marine Forces Reserve at Marine Corps Support Facility, New Orleans, Jan. 20.

■ Combat Center joins campaign

STORY BY
CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Through recruit training, Officer Candidate's School, deployments and promotions, Marines work hard to accomplish their goals. In order to help Marines stay mission ready, Marine leaders are striking up conversations on how to "Protect What You've Earned."

PWYE is more than a campaign — it is a message meant to encourage Marines and sailors to communicate, promote the development of peer support systems and responsible decision making and

actions. While alcohol misuse is a main focus of the initiative, it has expanded to emphasize good decision-making in all aspects of a Marine or sailor's life.

"In order for the Marines to understand why protecting what they've earned is so important, they need to identify what things in their lives they value the most," said Carleen Dickson, prevention education coordinator, Substance Abuse Counseling Center. "It's not just drugs and alcohol but anything that could cost you your rank or your job."

PWYE is intended to

reinforce the Marine's inherent desire to safeguard their life-long investments and achievements, not the least of which is the title, "Marine." By providing Marines with the knowledge of the potential consequences of their actions, it instills internal individual accountability.

"One of the classes that we teach on base is Prime for Life," Dickson said. "We begin by having the Marines identify the top 10 most important things they value. It puts these things in the forefront of their minds when they are making decisions in order

to keep those things safe."

In addition to courses such as Prime for Life, leaders on every level are encouraged to incorporate PWYE through guided discussions, mentoring and counseling. With no policies, requirements, training packages or inspection checklists; PWYE is not a program, rather a mindset that is spread from Marine leader to Marine and reinforced on a peer-to-peer level.

"It's really all about encouraging Marines and sailors to make decisions that are in their own best interests," Dickson said.

Fire Department cooks up chili fundraiser

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

With the Combined Federal Campaign in full swing, entities across the base are finding ways to contribute to their fundraiser of choice. The fire department did just that while informing patrons about fire safety and serving chili as hot as the fires they fight.

CCFD once again opened their doors to the installation's community by hosting their 19th annual Fire Prevention Chili Luncheon, Oct. 12, to raise awareness of fire prevention and contribute to the CFC.

According to Daniel Iniguez, lieutenant, CCFD, the event served as an opportunity to educate children about potential fire hazards and to bring the Combat Center community together to raise money for the campaign.

CCFD provided a variety of displays and demonstrations to promote Fire Prevention Week including a static fire engine and firefighters in full equipment load. Additionally, the fire department provided children



Gino Suarez and Paul Messer, firefighters, Combat Center Fire Department prepare the servings of chili for the Fire Prevention Chili Luncheon at the Fire Department, Oct. 12.

with activities such as a bounce house and a reading group featuring Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog. Throughout the luncheon, they sold food and beverages, donating the proceeds to their CFC fundraising efforts.

"This is a great opportunity for families to come out and learn about

fire prevention," said Jessica Goldsborough, spouse of Warrant Officer 1 Harry Goldsborough, administration personnel officer, Headquarters Battalion. "My son loves fire trucks and firefighters, so this gives him the opportunity to see them up close and learn about fire safety."

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Red Cross holds safety campaign

STORY BY LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

On average, the American Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters each year, a large amount of which are home fires. To reduce those numbers, the Combat Center's ARC started their efforts in Home Fire Campaign, by teaching families how to better prevent them.

According to the ARC, seven people die and 36 suffer injuries every day as a result of home fires and annually more than seven billion dollars in property damage takes place. Luckily, the progress so far in the campaign has saved 111 lives with more than 499,803 smoke alarms installed.

"The Home Fire Campaign's goal is to reduce deaths from home fires by at least 25 percent by 2020," said Courtney Norton, service to the armed forces specialist, ARC. "To support the service members attached to the base, we will be installing free smoke alarms to prevent the unnecessary from happening."

The Combat Center's ARC is installing smoke alarms in off-base housing of Twentynine Palms and the surrounding communities for free.

This year's the program is scheduled to kickoff Sunday, Oct. 23rd. Volunteers will install fire alarms, document the installation and teach families about fire prevention. To sign up for a smoke alarm installation or volunteer opportunities, contact Norton at (760) 830-6685.

"I've seen firsthand the effect of the Home Fire Campaign has on communities," Norton said. "The practicing of the drills and efforts of the families and Red Cross has helped so many."

Marine Corps' Top Shot

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



U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment watch as a CH-53E Super Stallion assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One approaches during a CH-53 day battle drill exercise at Fire Base Burt, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Oct. 1.

This Week in

Combat Center

HISTORY



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Marines stand up to insurgent fire while patrolling Fallujah

CPL. BRIAN REIMERS

FALLUJAH, Iraq – For the Marines of Company C, engagements with enemy forces in the city are more common than not. A simple patrol though the city's souk district can quickly turn into something much more, and for the Marines on foot here recently, it did just that.

Marines with C Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, recently conducted a security patrol through the city's streets and received fire from insurgents.

Dismounted Marines followed closely behind armored vehicles passing shops suddenly closing down as local Iraqis fled the streets.

"It is always a key indicator when the streets start closing down," said Lance Cpl. Frederick O. Lohse, assaultman, from Ridgefield, Conn. "At that point you just get ready and become extra vigilant."

The sound of a grenade exploding rang throughout the tight streets as Marines raised their weapons a searched for a suspect. Insurgents armed with AK-47 rifles fired sporadic bursts from buildings as the Marines pushed forward to start their assault.

"Things got tense quick," said Sgt. Jonathan B. Kahn, turret gunner from Maplewood, N.J. "Once the automatic weapons started cracking, then your training kicks in and you are ready to pull the trigger if the opportunity comes," 19 year-old Lohse said.

But the fire stopped after only a couple of bursts and the attackers seemed to have fled at the sight of the Marines rushing forward ready to fight.

It's an occasion that happens often. Insurgents shoot hoping to hit their targets – a hit and run tactic.

The souk is heavily populated with local Fallujans at any given moment, and the Marines take caution when firing back.

"It is kind of like a shopping mall on Christmas Eve with a traffic jam in the middle, only now there are people shooting at you," 24 year-old Kahn said.

Although frustrated at times, Marines here are well aware of the enemy's tactics and wait for their chance to fight back.

"About one in four times that we go into the area we take contact," Kahn said. "But we don't just stop going into that area because of the past-instances. We keep pushing to deny the enemy the ability to operate properly."


"When you are getting shot at, the first thing you want to do is shoot back," Lohse said. "But it is discipline that keeps you from doing that and potentially harming someone just caught in the crossfire."

The enemy doesn't stand up to Marines face to face. Instead they hide among innocent civilians and leave the area to fight somewhere else.

"The insurgent don't wear uniforms, and you are moving through the area with thousands of people," said 30-year-old Cpl. Marshall R. Collins, a fire team leader from West Hartford, Conn. "We stand out, they don't."

It's a balancing act of hunting insurgents, keeping Marines safe, all the while protecting the people of Iraq. Marines didn't find the shooter on this day or his rifle, but they did find the courage and discipline to keep moving, and carry on with the patrol.

The Marine Corps invites you to comment on a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and attend public information meetings



A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been prepared to study alternative plans for translocating tortoises from specific newly-acquired training areas following the July 2012 Final EIS for Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms.

The Marine Corps welcomes your participation!

Comments will be accepted during the public meetings, by mail, or online at www.SEISforLAA.com.

Submit written comments to:
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Comments on the Draft SEIS must be received or postmarked by November 14, 2016, for consideration in the Final SEIS.

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Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016
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There will not be a formal presentation.

For more information visit: www.SEISforLAA.com

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"Oh The Places You'll Go"

Across

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Packed on the pounds

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Bay Area cops: Abbr.

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Mr. abroad

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Served like stir-fry

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Au ____

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Neighbor of Ger.

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"We're in trouble!"

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Title holder

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Free-for-____ (fights)

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On the peak of

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Kind of truck

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Nastiness

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Mild Dutch cheese

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Watch

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Not either

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"Morning Edition" ailer

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Bob of "Sports Center"

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Actress Jane

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Folklorist Alan

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People dance under them

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Tree with pods

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Sleep on it

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Pack animal

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Genetic stuff

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Blunder

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Switch ups?

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Bailiwicks

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Shooters

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Icky stuff

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French WWII battle site

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"Me here!"

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Samuel of the Supremes

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"Never," with "when"

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Wind dir.

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Comedian Cook

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Comparison

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Med. land

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Comic Foxx

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Cellist Pablo

Down

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"Scram!"

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Traffic sign

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Under state?

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Brief road race, briefly

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Super server

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Ring count

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Period of time

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Disgraced

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Dice spots

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Actress Joanne

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Short-order tools

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Spinning office file

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"My treat"

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Bob, e.g.

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____ Paulo, Brazil

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Sweet treat

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Fruit seller

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Wanderers

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Toolbox staple

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Fan ____ (literary genre)

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Long-eared beast

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NYSE or AMEX

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One putting a tag on

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"Ease on Down the Road" show

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Husband's common law right

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Redeems

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Don't cut

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Piglet of kiddie lit

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Kind of motel, slangly

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Seeds

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Big screen letters

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Plant ____ of doubt

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Latches onto

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Dies ____

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The East

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Yalta monogram

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Sudoku Solution #4134-M

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- Main Street Motel, 3494 Main St.
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- STC Smoke Shop, 6001 Adobe Rd.
- K Smoke Shop, 5865A Adobe Rd.

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- Yucca Tobacco Mart, 57602 29 Palms Hwy.
- Puff's Tobacco Mart, 57063 29 Palms Hwy.

In Palm Springs:

- Whispering Palms Apts., 449 E. Arenas Road
- NYPD Pizza, 260-262 N. Palm Canyon Drive

For the complete orders, but not off-limits, check out the Combat Center's official-website at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil>

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Tiana

Wichita Falls, Tex. Lance Cpl., administrative clerk, Headquarters Battalion

SAYLES

SAYLES VOLUNTEERS AS THE ASSISTANT COACH FOR A YOUTH SOCCER TEAM ON BASE IN HER SPARE TIME. SHE ASPIRES TO EARN HER LAW DEGREE IN ORDER TO BETTER HELP OTHERS.

>My mother was married to a soldier and so I moved quite often to places like Germany, Illinois and Hawaii; but Wichita Falls, Tex., will always be home for me.

>Growing up as the middle sister out of three, I always wanted to be like my older sister. That meant getting in trouble to show how tough I was. Looking back on it now, the Marine Corps definitely put the discipline in my life that I needed.

>Now that I'm in the Corps, I try to be the example for my younger siblings in my family. I hope that it inspires at least one of them to join the Marines.

>I played basketball throughout junior high and the beginning of high school. I lost interest in the sport but love the comraderie that it had. The Marine Corps gave me that team mentality, to help out the brothers and sisters to my left and right before myself.

>I joined Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in my junior year of high school. That's when I realized that being a trouble maker was not going to get me anywhere.

>I was going to enlist in the Army, but I decided to join the Marine Corps to give myself that extra push. It was the best decision I have ever made.

>Whenever I do decide to get out, I plan on going back to Texas for my law degree. There is something about helping people that pushes me every day.

>Once I get out of the Marine Corps, I plan on taking time to travel around the world and see the many different cultures.

>I'm an assistant coach for a youth soccer team on base. I chose to coach soccer because it keeps me really active and I enjoy the sport.

>When I'm not busy and I'm not at work, I like to hang out with friends. I'm currently getting my driver's license, so I spend as much time as I can driving on weekends.

>The quote that I live by is, "Every morning you have two choices, continue to sleep with your dreams or get up and chase them." I will always choose to chase them.



Interviews by Lance Cpl. Dave Flores, photographed by Cpl. Levi Schultz

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Grab A Healthy Lunch



Riders taking part in the 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Motorcycle Ride take off to their first stop at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Oct. 7.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Engines roared through Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley, Calif., as Combat Center motorcycle riders participated in the third annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 7.

To kick-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month Behavior Health hosted the event in which motorcycle riders began at the Protestant Chapel and followed a route that took them to several location including Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, the Morongo Basin Sheriff’s Station in Joshua Tree and the a local location that assists victims of domestic violence. Representatives from each organization manned each station.

“At each location, the participants were given a brief on what each entity does for domestic violence victims or offenders,” said Jason Dickson, prevention education specialist, Behavioral Health. “There was a lot of information passed to the participating Marines that may help them reduce domestic violence in our community.”



Combat Center Marines talk with members of the Unity Home in Yucca Valley, Calif., during the 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Motorcycle Ride as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Oct. 7.

The riders learned how the different organizations respond to domestic violence and how it impacts the community. Throughout the ride, participants drew playing cards to create a five-card hand of poker which presented the opportunity to win gift cards for the Marine Corps Exchange.

“This ride is for a good cause and I would love to see this become even

bigger in the future,” said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Martinez, firefighting and rescue, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374. “Each location gave us great information to give to our Marines.”

At the conclusion of the ride, all the motorcyclists returned to the Combat Center Community Center to receive their last playing card and eat lunch.

“Over all we consider this event



Michelle Bergey, deputy district attorney, San Bernardino County, talks about domestic violence to the participants of the 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Run Motorcycle Ride at the Protestant Chapel aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Oct. 7.

a success,” said June McDuffie, prevention education specialist, Behavioral Health. “This event went great. The participants learned something to take back with them. They told us it was fun and that they would love to come out and do it again. We are going to work harder next year make this event longer and bring more people out to participate.”

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Get Ready to Shake Out.



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Register at www.ShakeOut.org

Combat Center participates in California ShakeOut

STORY BY
CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

The Combat Center, located in the southern Mojave Desert, finds itself nestled between a number of faults, including the Pinto Mountain, Emerson and Copper Mountain Faults, contributing to a high-level of seismic activity. In order to promote safety in the event of an earthquake, the Combat Center will participate in an earthquake drill as part of the annual Great California ShakeOut alongside millions of people worldwide, Oct. 20.

The ShakeOut is an opportunity to practice how to be safe during big earthquake and to encourage communities to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies in the event of an earthquake.

During the drill, the Combat Center will be testing the Enterprise Mass

Notification System, an interactive community notification system, at 10:20 a.m. as part of an earthquake drill. Base residents are encouraged to practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On,” the appropriate action agreed upon by federal, state, and local emergency management experts in

order to reduce injury and death during earthquakes.

- DROP onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.
- COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand. If a sturdy table or

desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter otherwise crawl next to an interior wall away from windows. Stay on your knees and bend over to protect vital organs.

- HOLD ON until shaking stops. Under shelter, hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts. When no shelter is available, hold on to your head and neck with

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U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B Ospreys assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) depart after extracting Marines during Assault Support Tactics 1 at Observation Point Feets, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Oct. 10.



A U.S. Marine Corps AH-1Z Viper assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) maneuvers during Assault Support Tactics 1 at Observation Point Feets, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Oct. 10.



A U.S. Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom and AH-1Z Viper assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) maneuver during Assault Support Tactics 1 at Observation Point Feets, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Oct. 10. This exercise was part of Weapons and Tactics Instructors course (WTI) 1-17, a seven week training event hosted by MAWTS-1 cadre. MAWTS-1 provides standardized tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications to support Marine Aviation Training and Readiness and assists in developing and employing aviation weapons and tactics.



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TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM

by Lou Gerhardt



When I taught a positive living seminar at the federal prison in Atlanta, Georgia, I told the “lifers” and others that if they were ever released they were welcome to come to wherever I was and I would help them get jobs, etc. Three came to see me and I not only helped all three but one is a popular radio personality in the Detroit area today.

When I taught my seminar in the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, I told the prisoners the same thing and I was able to help several men who had served long prison sentences.

Warden Clinton Duffy of San Quentin fame was once asked by Joe Pyne, a West Coast radio personality, why he wasted his time with convicts. Pyne told Duffy that a “leopard never changes his spots.” Duffy replied “I don’t work with animals, I work with men. Men change every day.”

When Warden Duffy died we had a memorial service at our church in Fresno to celebrate his good life. He was a tough minded optimist who never stopped believing in the potential of men and women regardless of how far they had fallen below the expectations of society.

Now it is election time and it troubles me a great deal that some people find it necessary to bring up the past mistakes of candidates even when the candidates have paid in full for any crimes they committed.

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Combat Center PMO hosts Night Out Against Crime



CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Cpl. Ryan Davis, military working dog handler, Provost Marshal's Office, grabs Xxyliana, MWD, PMO, after she conducted a takedown on Lance Cpl. Preston Ford, MWD handler, PMO, during a demonstration as part of the Night Out Against Crime at Heritage Park, Oct. 5.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Combat Center service members and families gathered at Heritage Park for the Night Out Against Crime, hosted by the Provost Marshal's Office, Oct. 4.

During the event, Combat Center military police officers and firefighters as well as civilian law enforcement officers from the surrounding communities interacted with residents drawn to static displays of fire engines, all-terrain vehicles and other equipment used by the different offices.

"This event allows the community to ask questions they may feel they can't do at any other time," said Master Sgt. Jeremy Gohl, services chief, PMO. "All of these different groups came out here to help close the gaps between the community and

the people that protect them."

The Combat Center's Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Substance Abuse Prevention and Response and Family Advocacy Program also provided informational booths and displays. The California Highway Patrol and the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department also set up vehicle equipment displays for the community.

"This is a national event that was started to help make the communities feel more comfortable with their local law enforcement," said Agent Natalie Calderon, Criminal Investigation Division, PMO. "When the people feel more comfortable with the police they are more likely to call in crimes. We can prevent crime with the help of the communi-

ty. This is one of the best ways of achieving that goal."

Combat Center military working dog handlers held a demonstration highlighting the effectiveness of their canines, and PMO's special reaction team displayed their weapons and equipment such as shields, body armor and a battering ram, used for emergencies aboard the installation.

"We use this as a time to reach out to all the people that believe it is hard to approach us," Calderon said. "Since this event started in 1984 in Boston, now there are hundreds of communities that participate, and with more people participating it makes every community just that much safer. There can only be so many officers, but the community can help make an impact on crime."



CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Samantha Vagelatos, firefighter paramedic, Combat Center Fire Department, assists Evern Polizzi, 3, daughter of Staff Sgt. Matthew Polizzi, platoon sergeant, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, dismount a fire engine during the Night Out Against Crime at Heritage Park, Oct. 5.



CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Easton Blanset, 4, son of Chief Investigator Barry Blanset, Provost Marshal's Office, hugs Daren the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Lion during the Night Out Against Crime at Heritage Park, Oct. 4.



CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Jeremy Weldon, 7, son of Special Agent Dennis Weldon, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, peers through a rifle optic with Cpl. Jamison Boyer, team member, Special Reaction Team, Provost Marshal's Office, during the Night Out Against Crime at Heritage Park, Oct. 4.



Combat Center Events

Officer's Spouses Club is hosting the Pink Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness at Felix Field, Friday Oct. 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come out and run, walk or Zumba to support breast cancer awareness. Water and snacks will be provided and t-shirts will be available. For more information visit OSC29palms.com

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SCOTT GARFIELD

From left, Vincent D'Onofrio, Martin Sensmeier, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Ethan Hawke, Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt and Byung-hun Lee star in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures and Columbia Pictures' "The Magnificent Seven."

'Magnificent Seven' brings western past into focus with Hollywood present

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The Magnificent Seven
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The western pretty much trotted into the sunset decades ago, but every once in a while something gallops out of Hollywood that reminds us just what a big deal cowboys used to be. And the cowboy, as depicted and polished by Hollywood and pop culture, remains one of

America's most potent mythic figures — a rugged, rustic, stoic, individualistic, self-sacrificing hero, good with a gun and sometimes even better with women. "The Magnificent Seven" gets a lot of its retro dust honestly. For starters, it's a remake of a remake: The original Seven, in 1960, was an all-star Americanized version of a 1954 Japanese classic, "Seven Samurai," in which a samurai warrior and six others band together to defend a village from marauding bandits. Director Antoine Fuqua certainly knows how to make an action-packed project click into place, with clear-cut lines between good guys and bad guys, a lofty morality-lesson overlay and a dark undertow of bloody revenge.

The star here is clearly Denzel Washington — his collaboration with Fuqua in "Training Day" brought him an Oscar, and the two also worked together in "The Equalizer." He plays sure-shot bounty hunter Sam Chisholm,

who comes to the aid of a small frontier town under the rule of ruthless robber baron Bartholomew Bogue (Peter Sarsgaard) and his murderous cutthroat bodyguards. Bogue has poisoned the water supply, set fire to the church, enslaved the local men to work in his gold mine and demanded that the residents either sell out, move out — or else. Beseeched by a fire-brand widow (Haley Bennett) whose husband was killed by Bogue's thugs, Chisholm — whose very name evokes the title of a 1970 John Wayne western, Chisum — assembles a group to help reclaim the town. The multinational, cross-cultural rainbow coalition looks awesome onscreen, but it feels more like an Old West Suicide Squad — or a colorful team of Avengers assembled by way of "High Noon" — much more than an organic group of renegades and rogues, despite all the grime, grit, dirt, sweat, stubble and scruff. Chris Pratt is heavy-drinking, wise-cracking Josh Faraday, whose skill with cards helps him in more ways than one. Ethan Hawke's erudite former Confederate sharpshooter is haunted by ghosts of his war-

time past. His Chinese partner (Byung-hun Lee) can do lethal wonders with any type of blade or firearm. Manuel Garcia-Rulfo is a hunky Mexican outlaw whose vicious skillset makes him a valuable member of the seven. A young renegade Comanche (Martin Sensmeier) likes the gallant cause and wants to come aboard. Vincent D'Onofrio's big, Bible-quoting mountain man is a holy terror — and an audience favorite. Bullets fly, bodies fall, blood flows, hooves thunder, jokey banter gets bantered, dynamite goes ka-boom. There's a particularly twisty twist at the end that you won't see coming. You may catch — or imagine — wispy glimpses of the ghosts of Clint Eastwood, John Wayne and other western icons looming and lurking around the edges of some of the scenes. With a winning combo of gunpowder and star power, "The Magnificent Seven" brings the cowboy past into focus with the Hollywood present. If you like your popcorn sprinkled with old-fashioned, good-guy gusto, it's as rip-roaring a time that's come along on horseback in years.

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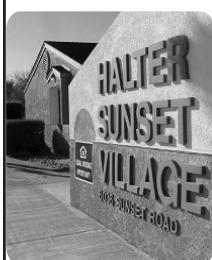
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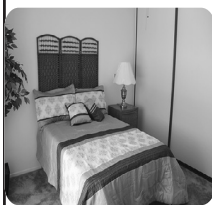
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