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Lt. Col. Christopher T. Steele, outgoing commander and Lt. Col. Jonathan Q. Kenney, oncoming commander, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, exchange the battalion's colors during the units change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Dec. 15.

'HAVOC' welcomes new commander

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Marines of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, call sign "Havoc", bid farewell to their commanding officer during the battalion's change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Dec. 15. Lt. Col. Christopher T. Steele relinquished command of 2/7 to Lt. Col. Jonathan Q. Kenny.

Steele assumed command of the 'War Dogs' in June 2015 and led the battalion through its participation in Special Purpose-Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response in support of operations in the Central Command area of operations.

"The Marines and sailors have been magnificently trained by Lt. Col. Steele," said Maj. Gen. Daniel O'Donohue, 1st Marine Division Commanding General. "That warrior's heart that was seen in Guadalcanal, Inchon, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom still lives on today in these Marines. I only have two words for [Steele] and those are well done.'

During Steele's command he led his Marines through countless service level training exercises including Integrated Training Exercise and the Marine Corps Readiness Evaluation Exercise, he also joined the battalion in celebrating its 75th anniversary



Lt. Col. Christopher T. Steele, outgoing commander, 2nd battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, stands in front of the battalion during 2/7's change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field,

in January 2016.

"I had a unique opportunity to lead the battalion and for the anniversary, it was a time for us to take a knee and recognize what the Marines and sailors

have done in the past 75 years." Steele said. "In doing that as a team, we came to realize what we do for the nation and what

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Marines, Mayor spread holiday cheer

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

On Dec. 14, for the third year in a row Daniel Mintz, Mayor of Twentynine Palms, Calif., came to the Combat Center's Marine Corps Exchange in an effort to give back this holiday season.

During Mintz 's visit, over \$800 worth of toys were purchased for donation to Toys for Tots. The purchase was made possible because of a fundraising golf tournament held by the mayor's office at Road Runner Dunes Golf Course on Dec. 10. All 56 participants donated their winnings making for a total of \$1,100 in donations.

"We started the shopping trip at the Rite Aid out in town and then we made our way to the Combat Center," Mintz said. "There are some kids out there who don't get Christmas and we think it's very important to give back to those who are less fortunate."



Daniel Mintz, Mayor of Twentynine Palms, Calif., examines a toy at the base exchange during his visit to the combat center for a Toys for Tots donation Dec. 14



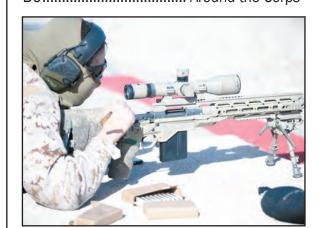
Daniel Mintz, Mayor of Twentynine Palms, Calif., exchanges money with a Marine at the base exchange during his visit to the combat center for a Toys for Tots donation Dec. 14.



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Marines teams participate in shooting competition

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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 Lance Cpl. Emmanuel Necoechea.



Camp Pendleton hosts a Christmas party at the San Onofre Beach Club here, Dec. 8. Santa Claus also arrived by Amtrac to give gifts to boys and girls of Camp Pendleton.

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Reprinted from the Observation Post Dec. 28, 1960

Capehart ground broken during ceremonies Wed.

The official ground breaking ceremony for the new Capehart Housing Project was held last Wednesday at the location of the \$2,240,000 project.

Brigadier General Lewis J. Fields, Commanding General Force Troops and Marine Corps Base, turned the first shovel of desert sand along with Mr. D. L. Bradley and Mr. O.J. Watson, the contractors for the Capehart project.

The Commanding General turned over the site to the contractors and as part of the brief ceremony, rode with a bull dozer when it scraped a line of dirt as a sign of the contractors acceptance.

Actual work on the project began December 16th when survey teams began to lay out plans at the site. The D and L and O and J Construction Companies of Los Angeles have

opened offices in Twentynine Palms at 5672 Adobe Road.

In addition to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Watson honored guests included Commander J.J. Smisek, USN, from the District Public Works Office in San Diego and Mr. Ben Clark, the Construction Coordinator, Caprehart Housing.

Marine Corps Base was represented by Colonel Francis W. Benson, Chief of Staff, Major

Robert I. Nelson, MCB G-4, Lieutenant Commander Carl M. Rautenberg, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction and Mr. John Joiner, Construction Management Engineer.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony included a luncheon hosted by the Commanding General for invited guests at the Commissioned Officers Mess.

Construction of the first

increment of 15 Capehart homes is expected to be completed in approximately eight months. The units will consist of three or four bedrooms and two baths in each dwelling.

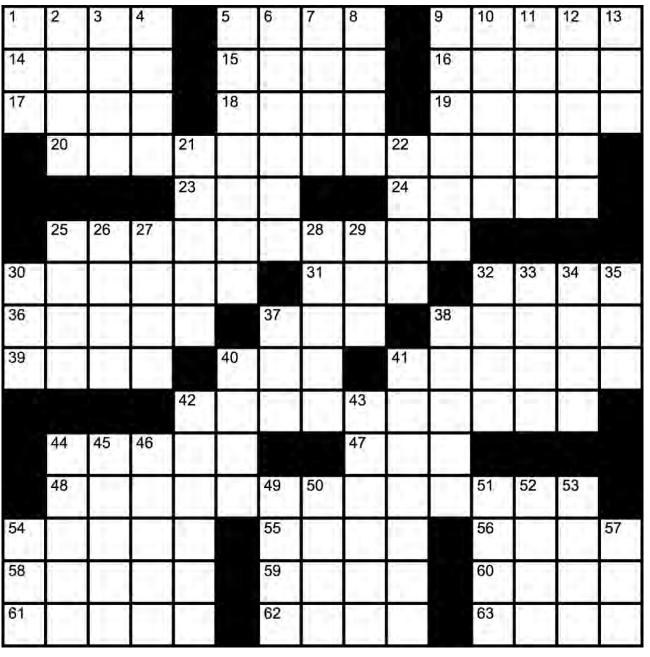
December 8, 1960 marked the date the contract was signed in Las Vegas, Nevada between the contractors, the District Public Works Office, F. H. A., representatives of the lending agency and Marine Corps Base.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Nicholas Atlanta, Ga. Petty officer 2nd Class, Corpsman, Scout Sniper Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Marine Regiment

OTAZO

OTAZO ENJOYS ACTIVITIES THAT BRING HIM TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS. OTAZO IS DEPARTING 1/7 SOON TO PURSUE HIS INITIAL GOAL OF BECOMING A NAVY SEAL.

>I was born in Atlanta, Ga. I lived in a suburb called Stone Mountain, which was about five minutes outside of the city. Growing up, it was just my mom and I, which was nice. She married my step-dad when I was around 13 so it was nice having him the last few years of school.

>As a kid, I was pretty active. I played pretty much every sport but I really got into football. I played through my senior year and then I played a year in college. I would definitely describe myself as a competitive person. Football was my favorite sport because I like contact sports. It was always exciting and a lot of fun.

>I don't come from a military background but it was still something that appealed to me. I can't really say that I had any moments that made me want to join; I just always found the military very important.

>After I graduated from high **school,** I went to college for a year. I planned on pursuing my education and football but after a while I kind of lost my passion so I decided to join the military.

>I chose the Navy because I knew that eventually I wanted to become a Navy SEAL. I couldn't become a SEAL right away but becoming a corpsman was great and I immediately found interest in it. I enjoy medicine and working with Marines.

> like being able to fix people. I want to pursue medicine when I get out of the Navy because I like having the ability to help people with their ailments. Medicine is a skill that will never go away and I think having that knowledge is a huge deal.

>I've been with [1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment] for a little over three years. I think I got extremely lucky coming to 1/7 because I got to do exactly what I wanted. The leadership in my unit has been incredible over the years and I got to deploy and gain real world experience.

> went to Afghanistan in 2014 and then Iraq in 2015. I was attached to a sniper team and my role was very specific. I liked that aspect of it. I absolutely love being the guy that all the Marines can look to for medical emergencies or even minor things.

>With my platoon we did a



lot of hands on training and classes before going to the field. There were times when I taught classes to Marines because I want them up to speed in the medical techniques I know. I wanted them to be as good as me, if not better, and I got the same treatment from them.

> think it's important to have teams comprised of people who specialize in different areas because they can share their knowledge and it puts everyone on the same playing field while making the unit more proficient. >My most memorable experi**ence by far was** on my last deployment to Iraq. While there, I got to work with Iraqis and treat their wounded. It was a different experience working with a force that doesn't even speak the same language or have the same customs as you. It was a very unique cultural experience and it felt good being able to help other people.

>When I meet people who are different from me I learn and grow as a person. I believe it builds wisdom and provides you a diverse perspective on the world.

>Over the years, I've had the chance to see the sights that surround the Combat Center. I've gone to Joshua Tree to hike and climb in the national park. I'm a pretty active person, I don't like to stay indoors. On the weekends I like to go to the beach and in the winter I go snowboarding in Big Bear, [Calif.]. I'm always doing something outdoors.

>Being outdoors helps me stay in shape. I've found really cool hikes out here where you can find awesome because I didn't know what to do out here but Twentynine Palms has grown

>When I have a little bit of money saved up, I would like to travel the world to see how other peo-

>I'm leaving soon to go through [Basic Underwater Demolition /SEAL] training to become a Navy SEAL. I'm definitely excited; I've been waiting for this opportunity for a while.

>I've mostly been preparing physically, just trying to get in peak physical shape. The SEALs have an outstanding reputation and I wanted to join so I could be the best.

> can't say I really knew right **off** the bat what life would be like in the Navy, but I definitely think I've received some great opportunities. I've worked hard and I've enjoyed my time.

>Before joining the military, I don't think I've ever had as close of scenery. I didn't really like it before friends as I do now. I've made a lot of great friends in 1/7, people that I'll know for a lifetime. So I think that's what I'll miss the most.

> >A lesson that I'll take with me throughout my career and the rest of my life is things get better. If something is not working out the way you expect it to, as long as you continue to stay positive it will eventually work itself out.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo



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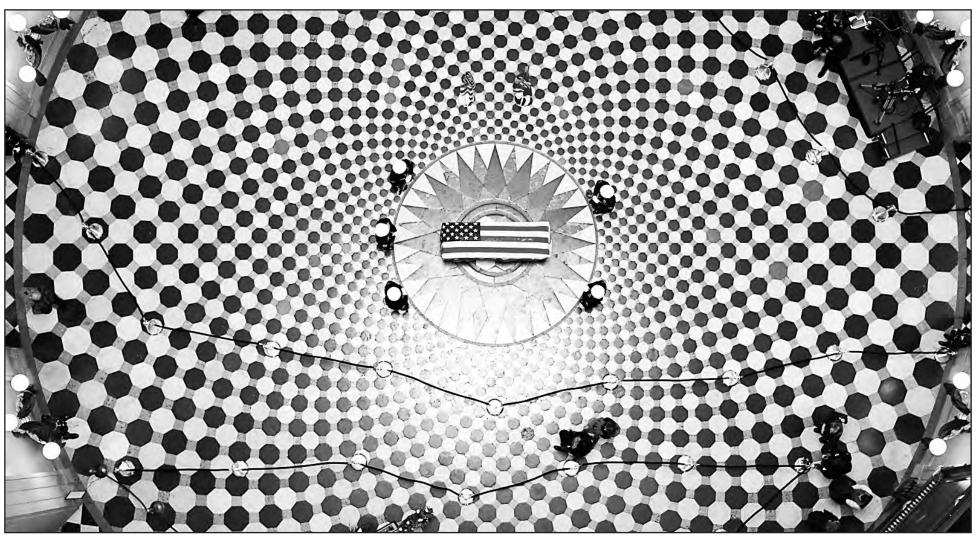




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REPOSE OF SEN. JOHN H. GLENN, JR.

PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. DAISHA SOSA



U.S. Marines with Marine Barracks Washington stand guard during the repose of Sen. John H. Glenn, Jr., at the Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 16. Having flown 149 combat missions in World War II and the Korean War, John Glenn became the first man to orbit the earth in 1962. After retiring from the space program, Glenn was elected to the Ohio State Senate in 1974.

Vice President of the United States Joe Biden speaks during the Celebration of Life for Sen. John H. Glenn, Jr., at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 17.





A U.S. Marine escorts Annie Glenn, during the Celebration of Life for Sen. John H. Glenn, Jr., at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 17.



U.S. Marine Corps Col. Tyler J. Zagurzki, commanding officer, Marine Barracks Washington, stands at the position of attention in front of the casket of Sen. John H. Glenn, Jr., at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 16.

TOUGH MINDED **OPTIMISM**

by Lou Gerhardt



One of the fine professors in my seminary, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, was Dr. Howard Thurman. I am borrowing liberally from his writings as I share with the following statement.

My Christmas Affirmation I affirm my faith in the little graces of life: The urgency of growth, the strength of laughter, the vitality of friendship.

I affirm my confidence in the dignity of man: His fortitude in despair, his strength in weakness, his love in hatred.

I affirm my joy in the experience of living: The fragrance of nostalgia, the scattered moments of delight, the exhilaration of danger.

I affirm my need of my fellows:

The offerings of faith, the gifts of variety, the quality of difference.

I affirm my hunger for God: The desire for fulfillment, the ache for understanding, the sense of peace.

And so it is, dear friends that we come to the close of another year. We are grateful for all that occurred during the past 12 months because the experiences enabled us to develop both mentally and spiritually as we experienced

May the year that lies ahead be another marvelous adventure in which we embrace both the sorrows and the pleasures of each day with both anticipation and acceptance.

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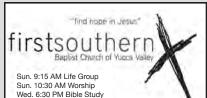
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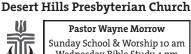
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1/7 comes together for family day

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Marines and sailors of 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, as well as their families came together for the battalion's family day at Del Valle Field, Dec. 15.

The battalion held the event to spread holiday cheer and give the families an opportunity to connect with one another.

"The battalion is always training and preparing to go on deployment," said Lt. Col. Eric Clark, battalion commander, 1/7. "When that happens, the families look to each other for comfort and this helps build those bridges for them."

The battalion created a slide built out of man-made snow for children to enjoy. The battalion gave its service members and their

families' food and drinks. Santa Claus was also there seeing children and the children took home toys after the event.

"We put all of this on to give everyone in the battalion a chance to have a little bit of fun and bring everyone together," said Mary Freese, family readiness officer, 1/7. "There is a lot going on in the Marines' lives and their families stick with them through it."

Throughout the night, Marines and their families won giveaways with prizes such as televisions, video game consoles and household appliances. Participants spent the evening with their friends and families, and gained a stronger bond as a battalion.



Santa sits with a family from 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, during the battalion's family day held at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat Center, Dec. 15.



Lance Cpl. Derek Armenta, team leader, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, jumps and sticks to an inflatable wall during the battalion's family day at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat Center, Dec. 15.



Cpl. Larry Hastings, team leader, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, plays on a bungee run game during the battalion's family day at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat



talion's family day at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat Center, Dec. 15. Children slide down a man-made snow hill during the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment Family Day at Del Valle Field aboard the Combat Center, Dec. 15.

Santa Claus is coming to town with HQBN holiday party

STORY BY LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

Headquarters Battalion turned Desert Winds Golf Course into a winter wonderland during the North Pole Holiday Party Dec. 16.

HQBN held the party just before the holidays to build camaraderie and spread holiday cheer. The party included food, a giveaway raffle, games and a visit from Santa Claus. His gifts differed according to age and children lined up to sit on his lap to take photos.



Santa Claus asks a little girl what she wants for Christmas during the Headquarters Battalion Christmas at the North Pole Holiday Party at Desert Winds Golf Course aboard the Combat Center, Dec. 16.



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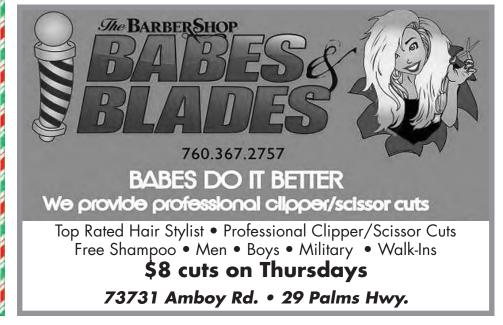
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ASYMCA brings holiday joy to Combat Center

Photos by Cpl. Connor Hancock



Children play in the snow during the Armed Services YMCA Holiday Joy Program aboard the Combat Center,



Anna Whisenant, daughter of Cpl. Brandon Whisenant, ground electrical systems maintainer, 1st Tank Battalion, plays in the snow during the Armed Services YMCA Holiday Joy Program aboard the Combat Center, Wednesday.



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Christie Perez-Saldivar, daughter of Sgt. Marcello Saldivar-Ortiz, embark chief, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, receives a sticker during the Armed Services YMCA Holiday Joy Program aboard the Combat Center, Wednesday.

HAVOC From A1

acy that has been provided He is a great leader and we and that is to fight and win by the Marines that came are going to miss him." with what we carry on our before us; which is one of

victory." Five formations, representing each company of 2/7, stood with rifles, ceremoniously demonstrating how Marines formed for battle in years past. Throughout all ranks, Steele's leadership resonated with the Marines.

"I want to thank him for parting words. the way he led and the way Cpl. Dominick Miller, rifleman, Company G, 2/7. "A lot of us appreciated how he handled his business and how he came and talked to us junior enlisted and squad leaders and genuinely cared

we do to continue the leg- about what we had to say. exist in the Marine Corps;

During the ceremony, the transfer of the battalion colors, symbolizing the transfer of responsibility and authority of 2/7, was performed by the outgoing and incoming battalion commanders. As Steele moves on to serve with 7th Marine Regiment, he leaves the 'War Dogs' with

"I want them to take he treated us," said Lance away the respect that I have for them and how they accomplished every mission that they were assigned," Steele said. "I also asked them to remember the fundamental reason why infantry battalions

backs regardless of circumstances."

Kenney, who most recently served as the leader of the Commanders Action Group during his time with Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, reminds his Marines about what lies ahead.

"It's humbling to take command of a unit with so much history and it's important to remember that we need to be ready for whatever comes our way," said Kenney. "There is a lot of uncertainty that exists in the world today, but we will be "Ready for all and yielding to none."



Lt. Col. Christopher T. Steele, outgoing commander and Lt. Col Jonathan Q. Kenney, oncoming commander, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, stand in front of the battalion during the unit's change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Dec. 15.

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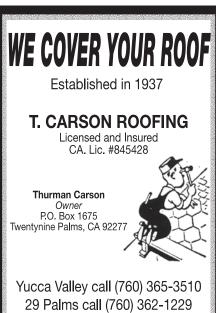
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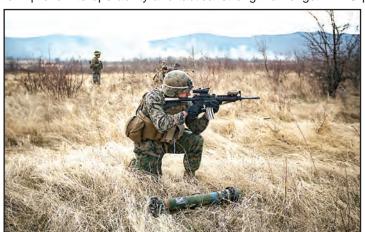
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WeekINPhotos

U.S. Marines in Bulgaria conclude Exercise Platinum Lion

PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. TIMOTHY LUTZ



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High Desert Shooting Match



Cpl. Crystal Guerrero, Combat Center Shooting Team, reloads an M40A1 during the High Desert Regional Shooting Match at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Friday.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, Combat Center Commanding General, fired the ceremonial first shot to kick off the annual High Desert Regional Shooting Match at the Combat Center shooting range Dec. 16-18, 2016.

More than 45 comprised of Marine, sailor and civilian shooters participated in this year's competition, which allowed them to refine their skills and gain points toward their distinguished marksmanship badges for all who participated.

"This is a fun event for everyone who comes out," said Cpl. Corey Law, Combat Center Shooting Team. "This competition lasts for three days and each day we do something a little different."

On the first day, participants fired rifles from the 1,000 yard line each shooter was given 30 minutes to make 20 scored shots. On the second day, competitors fired from the 200, 300



Cpl. Gerardo Ochoa, Combat Center Shooting Team, aims down range during the High Desert Regional Shooting Match at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Friday.

and 600 yard lines. The events required the shooters to shoot in the standing and the in the prone. Each shooter had the opportunity to use a variety of different rifles during the match, including the M40A1 sniper rifle

and the M110 Semi-Automatic Sniper System. On the third day, the competitors fired both rifles and pistols, such as the M1911.

"The civilian shooters that come out to the base love talking with the Marines and they learn things from each other throughout the competition," said Gunnery Sgt. Jaren Wright, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marksmanship Training Unit. "But it is more about getting out here and having fun." Staff Sgt. Wayne Gallagher came in first place in the matches held on Friday and Saturday. Lt. Cmdr. Eric Villarreal won the rifle portion of Sunday's match and Warrant Officer Jack Linke won the pistol portion.



High Desert Regional Shooting Match competitors sight-in at the Combat Center, Friday.



Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, Combat Center Commanding General, makes the first shot during the High Desert Shooting Match at the Combat Center, Friday.



Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, Combat Center Commanding General, talks with Marines before they participate in the High Desert Regional Shooting Match at the Combat Center, Friday.

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December Community Calendar

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30
Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Day	Christmas Holiday			
Liberty Period*	Liberty Period*	(Federal Holiday	Liberty Period*			
		Observed)				
		Christmas Holiday				
		Liberty Period*				
Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6
New Year's Holiday	New Year's Holiday	New Year's Holiday	New Year's Holiday			
Liberty Period**	Liberty Period**	Liberty Period**	Liberty Period**			
New Year's Bash –		New Year's Day				
Sandy Hill Lanes		(Federal Holiday				
		Observed)				

Holiday Liberty Periods are in accordance with Combat Center Bulletin 1050.3J

*Base Mess Hall Hours of Operation for the 2016 Holiday Period Christmas

Phelps Hall and Dunham Hall will be on brunch hours from 24 to 27 December and will resume normal operating hours on 28 December.

Littleton Hall will be closed 24 to 27 December and will resume normal operating hours on 28 December.

**Base Mess Hall Hours of Operation for 2016 Holiday Period New Years

Littleton Hall and Dunham Hall will be on brunch hours from 31 December to 3 January and will resume normal operating hours on 4 January. Phelps Hall will be closed 31 December to 3 January and will resume normal operating hours 4 January.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, Dec. 23

- 12:30 p.m. A Christmas Carol (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
- 2:20 p.m. Fred Clause (NDVD-Free Admission),
- 4:30 p.m. Ernest Saves Christmas (NDVD-Free
- Admission), PG
 6:20 p.m. Love the Coopers (NDVD-Free
- Admission), PG-13
- 8:30 p.m. Doctor Strange, PG-1311:00 p.m. Hacksaw Ridge, R
- Saturday, Dec. 24
- 10:00 a.m. Polar Express (NDVD-Free Admission), G
- 12:00 p.m. The Nightmare Before Christmas, (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
- 1:30 p.m. Jingle All the Way (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
- 3:20 p.m. Surviving Christmas (NDVD-Free Admission), PG-13
- 5:10 p.m. Bad Santa (NDVD-Free Admission), R

- 7:10 p.m. Almost Christmas, PG-13
- 9:30 p.m. The Edge of Seventeen, R

Sunday, Dec. 25

- 12:30 p.m. The Night Before (NDVD-Free Admission), R
- 2:30 p.m. Fred Clause (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
- 5:00 p.m. Moana (3-D), PG
- 7:30 p.m. Bad Santa 2, R

Monday, Dec. 26

- 1:30 p.m. Moana (3-D), PG
- 4:00 p.m. Bad Santa 2, R

Tuesday, Dec. 27

- 2:00 p.m. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
- 5:00 p.m. Trolls
- 7:00 p.m. Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them (3-D), PG-13

Thursday, Dec. 29

Wednesday, Dec. 28

 2:00 p.m. – Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (NDVD-Free Admission), PG-13

2:00 p.m. - Harry Potter and The Prisoner of

Azkaban (NDVD-Free Admission), PG

• 4:50 p.m. - Edge of Seventeen, R

7:00 p.m. - Doctor Strange, PG-13

- 5:00 p.m. Arrival, PG-13
- 7:30 p.m. Hacksaw Ridge, R

Friday, Dec. 30

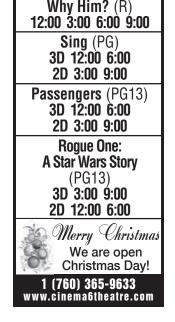
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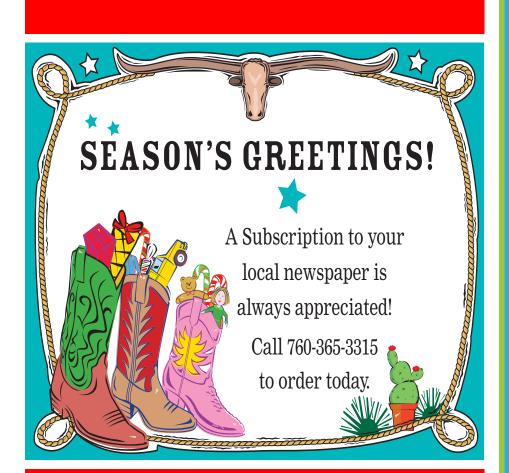
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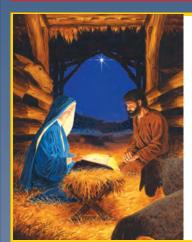
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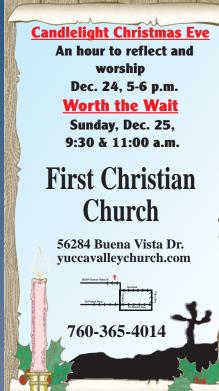
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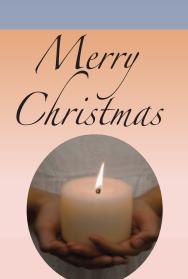


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Lance Cpl. David Lawson is trailed by a time keeper and a validator as he sprints through a course of fire during the United States Marine Corps Marksmanship Competition-Far East Dec. 8 aboard Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan.



A Bulgarian tank fires during the culminating event of Exercise Platinum Lion 17.1 at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, Dec. 20. The exercise brought together nine NATO Allies and partner nations for a live-fire exercise aimed to strengthen security and regional defenses in Eastern Europe.



The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) Band performs during a holiday concert at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Dec. 18. The 2nd MAW Band hosted the concert to bring both military and the local community together during the holidays.

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