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Gunnery Sgt. Adam Arsenault, a mission planning instructor at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific, currently stationed at Naval Air Station Coronado, and Marine Corps CWO 3 Spencer Morris, a counter intelligence officer, currently stationed at the Pentagon, drive car 4503 across the stage after the King of the Hammers race in Johnson Valley, Calif., Feb. 9. Arsenault and Morris placed sixth in their class.

11th Annual KOH roars through Johnson Valley

STORY BY CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

JOHNSON VALLEY, Calif. — Motorsport is one of the largest recreational activities in the world but the culture of engines, sounds and sights extends the limitations of a paved road. From Formula 1 to off-highway vehicle racing, the cocktail of man and machine working as one with a splash of adrenaline is an addictive and fun combination that most enthusiasts crave.

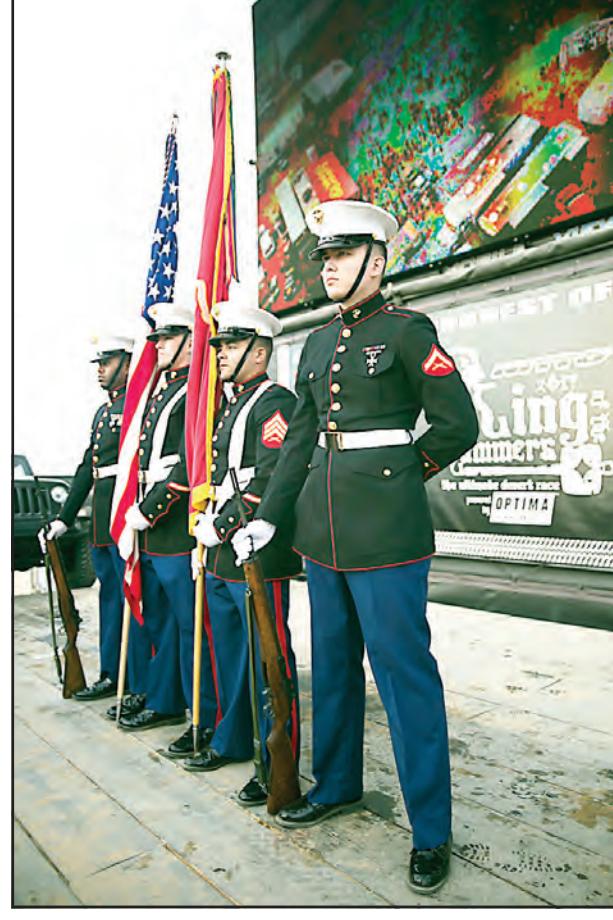
In its 11th iteration, the event has expanded from a single race to a series of five races held throughout the week. The race is held at the shared use area in Johnson Valley and extends into the northern border of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

One Team, One Fight

"Broadsword is the name of the company I deployed with in 2007 and 2010," Arsenault said. "I developed the team around that time and named it as a subtle tribute to some of the greatest

According to the event website, King of the Hammers is considered the toughest one-day off-road race in the world and

See Hammers A6



The Combat Center Color Guard Present the National and Marine Corps Colors prior to the King of the Hammers Race in Johnson Valley, Calif., Feb. 10.

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29 Palms Futbol Club plays pre-season game against Camp Pendleton

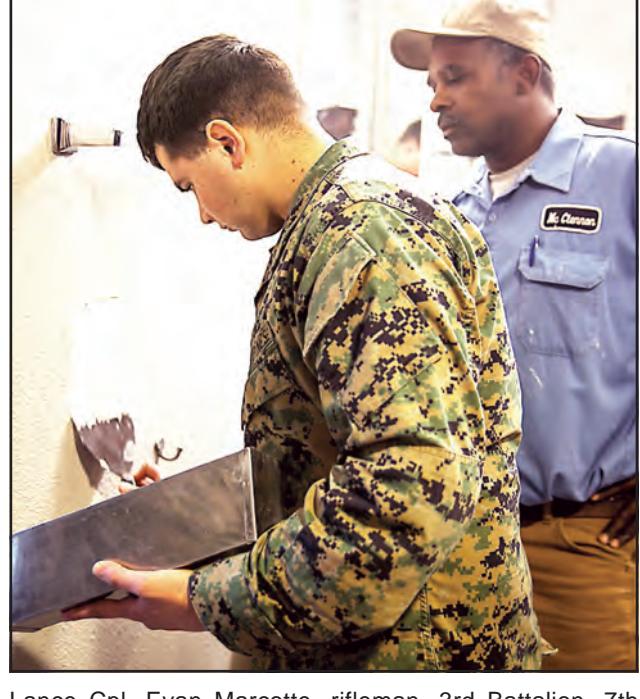
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Tiger Team maintain 7th Marines barracks

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Over time, the inevitable wear and tear on bachelor enlisted quarters can add up to an expensive bill for units. The Tiger Team is one of the ways 7th Marine

Marines are deployed. When the Marines return, the team will have fixed any discrepancies in their rooms with help from the Combat Center's Public



Lance Cpl. Evan Marcotte, rifleman, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, covers a hole in the wall of building 1429 aboard the Combat Center, Monday. Marcotte is a member of the regiment's Tiger Team, a group of Marines who fix and maintain the barracks while the battalion is on deployment.

Regiment is saving money and ensuring the barracks are in top condition for Marines when they return from deployment.

Composed of Marines with the Remain Behind Element, Tiger Team was created to complete simple repairs and replace missing room items while

See Tiger Team A6



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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. Zachary Ford.]



Maj. Brett Lessler, the executive officer of Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 542, embraces his daughter after returning from deployment at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Feb. 1. VMA-542 was deployed with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.



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Feb. 16, 1960

Bitter, Brutal 26 Days — Iwo Jima 15 Years Ago

AUTHOR: UNKNOWN

This week — fifteen years ago — more than 5,000 Marines lost their lives. More than 20,000 Japanese warriors lost theirs.

It was war!

It was a small but bloody episode of the Second Great War. It happened on an island in the Pacific-eight square miles of the most strongly fortified area of comparable size the world had ever seen.

It was the "inevitable island"—Iwo Jima.

February 19, 1945-D Day. In the clear dawn of February 19, an armada of transports bearing three Marine divisions drew abreast of the powerful naval task force which had been shelling Iwo for three days.

Altogether, including warships, carriers, tankers, transports, LCIs, LSTs and LSMs, minesweepers — all the differ-

ent craft that were needed to put thousands of troops ashore, supply them during battle and keep the Japanese navy from interfering in the fight.

As H-Hour neared, the bombardment of Iwo increased in crescendo. Among the battle ships pounding the shore were the old unsinkables — the New York, the Arkansas, Texas, Idaho, Nevada and Tennessee.

The boat waves assembled behind the line of departure. At 8:30 a.m. control boats signaled the first wave in and other waves followed at two-minute intervals. According to plan the assault battalions, seven altogether, would be ashore in forty-five minutes.

By 9:30 a.m., half an hour after the invasion had begun, the first five waves had been landed, receiving only light small-arms fire and some artillery and mortar fire.

It almost looked as if the

Japanese on Iwo had been destroyed by our bombing and shelling — or at least driven far back from the beach.

At 10 o'clock the Island really came to life.

From the sand dunes up ahead machine guns began to seep the beach. From the air field, high above the rest of the beach, 20mm dual-purpose guns opened a plunging fire on the Marines.

From Mount Surabachi and the hills to the north, mortars and artillery laid down and in increasingly heavy volume of fire.

No one will ever know how much of this was by plan, how much simply because the enemy had been punchdrunk and just was now beginning to come to.

At any rate, our forward troops found Japanese suddenly in front of them and all around them.

When the mysteriously silent

beach grew all at once so hostile, Marines at first just lay there on it, clinging to the sand. Gradually the realization of what was happening came over them. The battle was far from won — in fact, it was just beginning.

Yes, so began twenty-six bitter, brutal days. 60,000 Marines felt that volcanic sand under their boots, 5,000 of them died, more than 15,000 were wounded.

Out of an estimated 23,000 Japanese first-class troops on Iwo, a mere 600 were taken prisoner. Later it was found that a great percentage of these men were Korean laborers.

One war correspondent wrote later, "At Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian I saw Marines killed and wounded in a shocking manner, but I saw nothing like the ghastliness that hung over the Iwo beachhead" — February 19, 1945.

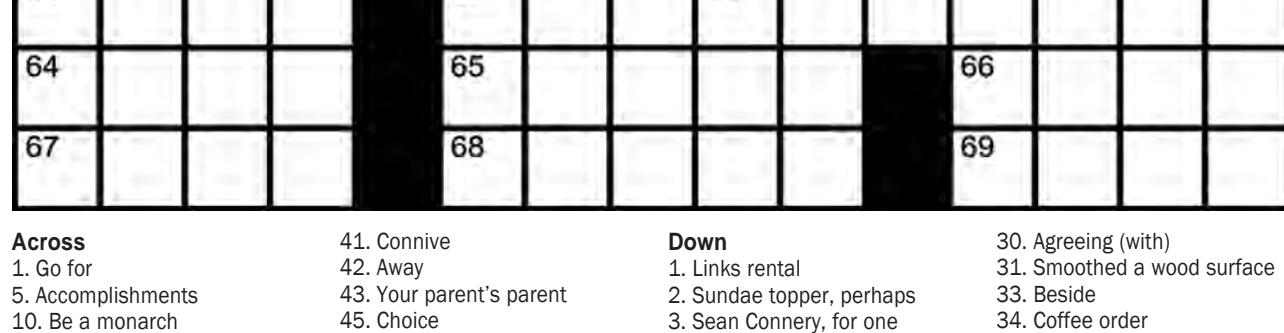
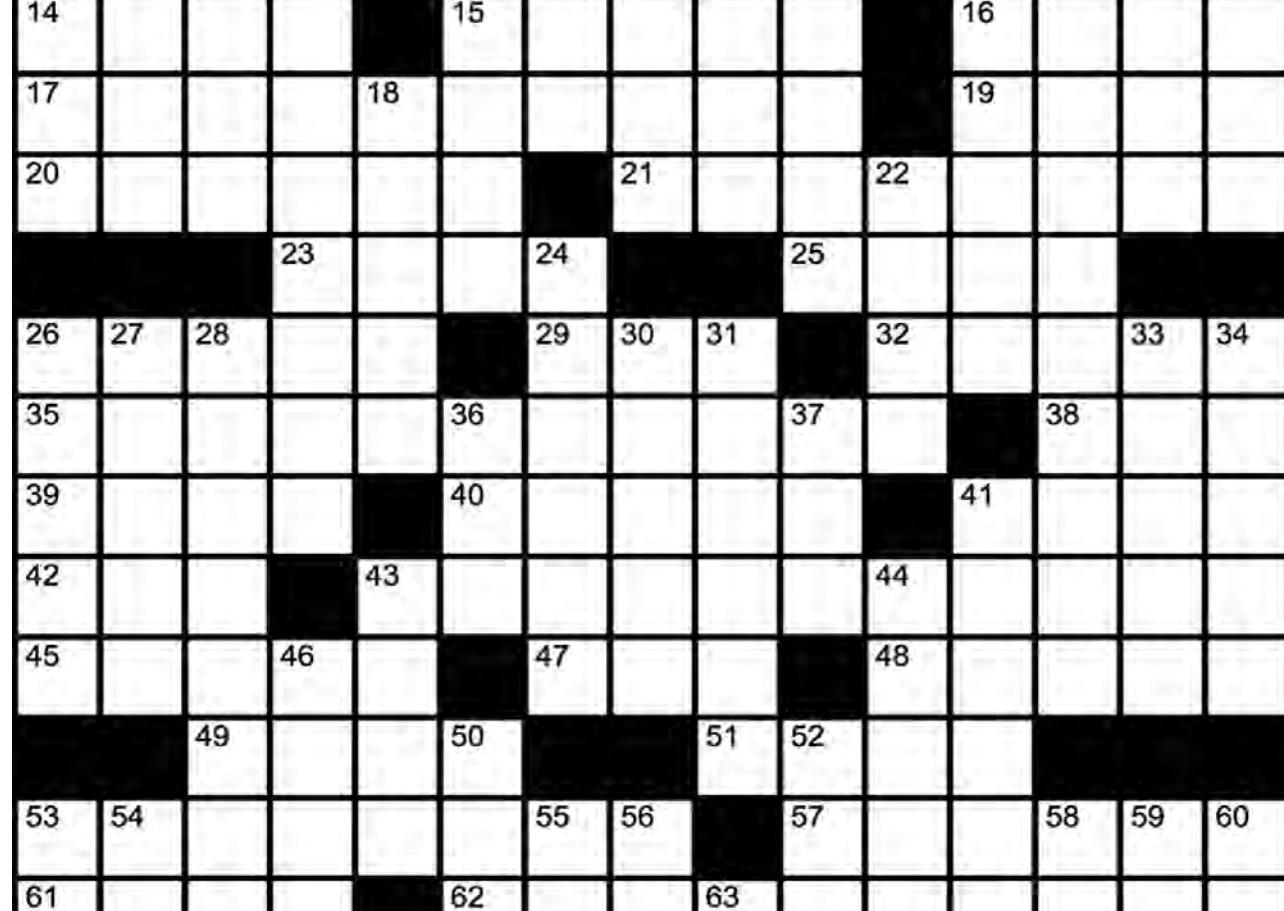
The Japanese knew that sooner or later the United States

would attempt to capture Iwo Jima, since it was a keystone in their final island defense arc. Because of the nature of the island, they knew precisely the only points at which a landing could be made.

They were determined to make every square foot of the island untenable and even after the Marines had fought their way ashore the enemy garrison continued building fortifications.

In the words of Lt. Gen. H. M. Smith, then Commanding General, FMFPac, "The operation at Iwo Jima was a strategic success, a completed phase toward the fulfillment of the over-all Pacific-Asiatic offensive of the High Command. And it was more — much more — than that. It was a saga of American heroism destined to endure undimmed as an inspiration for all true Americans for generations to come."

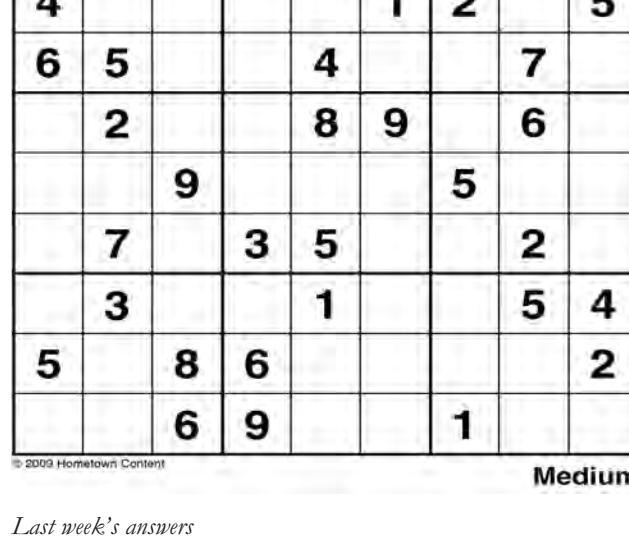
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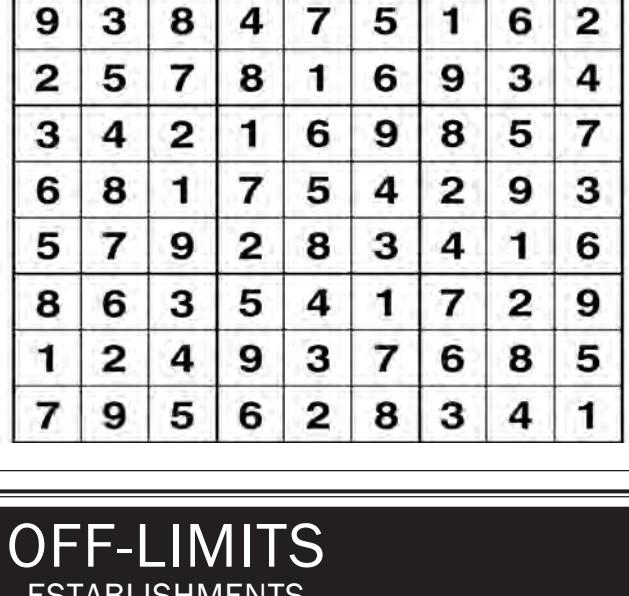
- Across**
- Go for
 - Accomplishments
 - Be a monarch
 - Bow
 - Move, as a plant
 - Cuckoos
 - To shift things around
 - Mouth, in slang
 - Add up
 - Graveyard
 - Brews
 - Bohemian, e.g.
 - Bluish gray
 - de deux
 - Appropriate
 - To make something required
 - Fla. neighbor
 - Black cat, maybe
 - "Reversal of Fortune" star

- Down**
- Connive
 - Away
 - Your parent's parent
 - Choice
 - "Malcolm X" director
 - Become stuck in a position
 - Chicken _____
 - Small amounts, as of cream
 - Tool for cutting down trees/branches
 - Students
 - Shoestring
 - Math
 - Condo, e.g.
 - Chinese fruit
 - Ashcroft's predecessor
 - Christian Science founder
 - Creates
 - Old World duck
 - Links rental
 - Sundae topper, perhaps
 - Sean Connery, for one
 - Loom
 - Cover, in a way
 - Dusk, to Donne
 - "Beowulf," e.g.
 - Catch some Z's
 - Arises
 - Sharp taps
 - Not yet shown
 - Pinocchio, at times
 - Catch a glimpse of
 - Heraldic color red
 - "... or ___!"
 - notebooks
 - Be a busybody
 - King Julien in "Madagascar" films
 - Chief acid of vinegar
 - Agreeing (with)
 - Smoothed a wood surface
 - Beside
 - Coffee order
 - "Dear" one
 - Cooking meas.
 - ucceeds
 - Continue
 - Vinyl collectible
 - One of two equal parts
 - Church song
 - Any of the Aphid genus
 - Hint
 - Full house, e.g.
 - "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
 - Candle string
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 - Not just "a"

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Aaron S. PATTERSON

Emmaus, Pa. Combat Camera, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii

>I like to say I'm a schoolhouse baby. My parents were both Marines and they were in the same [military occupational specialty] when they met. The first place I remember was [Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.]. I was born in the Naval Hospital. Around the time they started getting out we began to move around a lot for my dad's jobs.

>They were in the military for the first 14 years of my life. My dad got lots of jobs with different companies. My mom went to college for a little bit, and then she came back in the military with the Air National Guard.

>Moving from place to place was hard the first few times because I couldn't really get used to saying goodbye. I would make a best friend in one state and then a couple of years later I would move and make a new best friend.

>I'm not afraid to admit that I probably cried as a young kid having to say goodbye to everybody. I didn't really have a method of dealing with it as much as I did a thought process. I just thought to myself that I was going to be okay because I always was every time I moved so it wasn't the end of the world to me.

>The last time I cried saying goodbye to someone was my best friend from Connecticut. His name was James Sampson. It was really hard because I lived in Connecticut for seven years so I really bonded with the people there.

>Some people might say it's damaging but by the time I became a teenager I felt like moving a lot had strengthened me. It made it easier to say goodbye and it made it easier for me to become more outgoing.

>I'm the oldest of three siblings. My brother is 19 and my sister is turning 18. They were interested in joining the Marine Corps when they were younger. My brother is doing his own thing in college now and my sister is about to start college. I still tell them every now and then that if they were ever interested again, I could help them get set up for a whole different world.

>My dad has definitely shown me the example of being a man. He really tried his best to make sure I came up right, and I admire him for that. My mother was always influencing me to do the right thing. She's a big political guru, even though she's on one side



she always urged me to look on both sides of the spectrum. I use that in life. I can think one way about something, but when I find myself thinking about how someone else feels in the moment then I understand why they think or act a certain way.

>Another thing my dad taught me was, "It's not what happens to you that defines you, it's what you do about it." A lot of big things can happen to you but how you deal with those circumstances determines who you are.

>Growing up, my parents were always giving me hints here and there about joining the Marine Corps. It also helped that my mom was a recruiter around the time I was old enough to understand what the Marine Corps was. She definitely influenced me a lot but my parents never forced me, they were always okay with whatever life path I would've chosen.

>The deciding factor for me was that I didn't quite understand what I wanted to do right after high school. I didn't have a specific skill set or a passion and I thought I had nothing to lose joining the Marine Corps. I thought I would find myself, which I feel like I did. I eventually fell in love with photography after learning combat photography.

>Before joining, I wanted to be an infantry man but my dad was urging me to be a [military police officer]. My parents didn't want me to do infantry but I wanted to rebel. Then when I was going over the jobs with my recruiter, I saw something called a media option.

He explained to me each of the MOS's in the [occupational field] and I decided I wanted to do combat photography.

>I took one photography class in high school. It was fun but I wasn't as obsessed with it as I am now. When I joined and did it for the Marine Corps I actually sucked. I had a [non-commissioned officer] above me who was actually pretty good and I wondered how he got his photos to look the way they did but with too much pride, I couldn't ask him. So I did a lot of research, I looked up images on Google, I played with the settings on my camera and I taught myself.

>That was one of my flaws and it still might be a little bit; asking for help or advice.

>Around the time I took a photography class in high school, I also took a graphic design class and it taught me a little bit of [Adobe Illustrator] and Photo-shop, and I liked the idea of creating something that wasn't real. One of the first images I experimented with was taking a picture of myself in a room and then multiplying myself everywhere with different poses.

>I would say photography is the front runner when it comes to my passions and I still heavily do my own graphic design. I play around with my photos and do posters and experiment with my own special effects.

>What I like about photography is it gives me a rush when people see the work you put out and they go "Wow cool, how did you do that?" or they say "That's a really interesting perspective".

PATTERSON IS INTRIGUED BY THE CULTURE OF THE ANCIENT VIKINGS AND IS CURRENTLY ABOARD THE COMBAT CENTER DOCUMENTING INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 2-17.

just the infantry; you work with aviation, artillery, admin and supply. You get a taste of everyone's job and learn a little bit about their lives, and then you get to regurgitate that and tell their stories in the photos that you take.

>What I think I'll keep with me from being in the Marine Corps, photography aside, is time management and also professionalism. I didn't have a job before I joined, so I didn't know what it was like to have a job or a professional work ethic. Being in the Marine Corps has definitely taught me a lot about professionalism, setting a really good example and being a positive face to who you meet.

>To me, being a positive face means representing my brand well. To civilians it would be me representing the Marines Corps, to other Marines it's me representing Combat Camera and I feel like working in the most professional manner and satisfying whoever you're servicing is something to strive toward.

>What I like about being a Marine is the reputation. Before joining the Marine Corps, we're always taught about the Corps' reputation compared to the other branches of service and the reputation is what sucked us all in. Being a part of the organization is a good feeling to have and it makes me proud about the choice I've made so far.

>If I could pass down some advice that my father gave me before I joined it would be, "Do something you love, not something you have to." Photography is something that I love, being a Marine is something that I love and I didn't want to be something that other people wanted me to be. I didn't want to please others, I wanted to please myself and I've been happy ever since. You don't have to join the Marine Corps, you don't have to learn photography but if you have a passion, you can turn it into a career and eventually turn it into a life-style and you'll be happy for life.

>I feel like I'm a better person than I was before the Marine Corps. Back then I didn't know what direction I was going but this time around I feel like I know exactly what I'm going to do. There's a little bit of a question of how but that's normal. I'd rather go through life knowing where I'm going than going through it with closed eyes.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo



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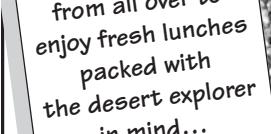


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Exercise Iron Fist

Photos by Lance Cpl. Tyler Byther



A Japan Ground Self Defense Force soldier with the Western Army Infantry Regiment loads ammunition into a magazine prior to a live-fire training event as part of Exercise Iron Fist, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday.



Lance Cpl. Tyler Degraw, a fire team leader with 1st Platoon, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, lays in the prone position while aiming his M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle down range during a live fire training event as part of Exercise Iron Fist, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday. During the live-fire, Japanese soldiers moved as a squad while facing simulated enemy forces. Iron Fist is an annual, bilateral training exercise where U.S. and Japanese service members train together and share techniques, tactics and procedures to improve their combined operational capabilities.



A Japan Ground Self Defense Force soldier with the Western Army Infantry Regiment fires his Howa Type 89 Assault Rifle during a live-fire training event as part of Exercise Iron Fist, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday.



Lance Cpl. Tyler Degraw, a fire team leader with 1st Platoon, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, takes a knee while aiming his M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle down range during a live-fire training event as part of Exercise Iron Fist, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday.



Japan Ground Self Defense Force soldiers with the Western Army Infantry Regiment fire their rifles during a live-fire training event as part of Exercise Iron Fist, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday.

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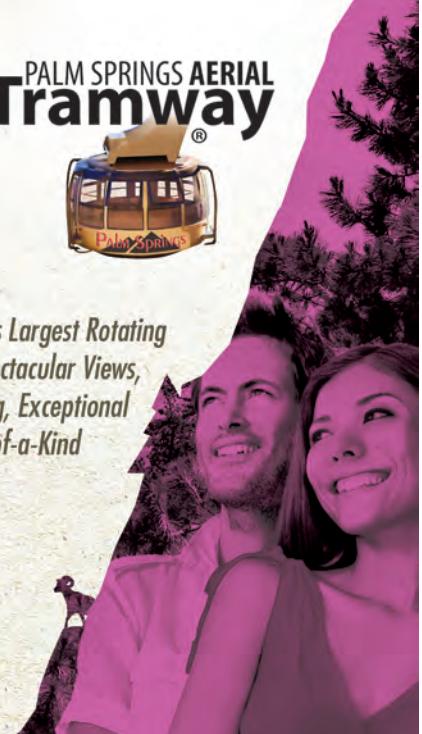
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STORY BY CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

It happens from time to time; a Marine returns from unit physical training only to realize he left his wallet or ID at the track. What should he do when he returns to find his item missing?

Fortunately, the Provost Marshal's Office offers a lost and found for Combat Center personnel and residents who have lost an important item or are trying to return valuable property to its owner.

"It's important for personnel to know that the lost and found is here and they can drop off missing valuables with the desk sergeant," said Cory Ottum, physical security specialist, Provost Marshal's Office. "The desk sergeant is present 24/7 for those turning in lost items. For those looking to reclaim a lost object, our hours are between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m."

According to Ottum, the majority of items turned in are credit cards, IDs, driver licenses, wal-

lets and occasionally pieces of jewelry. Additionally, PMO receives objects collected by Marine Corps Community Services on a monthly basis.

"When you see something missing and don't know what to do with it, bring it in," said Ottum. "Things we don't take include disposable items such as used clothing and anything that has no value to the owner or is easily replaceable. Weapons and knives are turned into the Criminal Investigative Division for screening and are then disposed of."

The process of claiming an item simply requires the person to describe in detail any distinguishing markings or features. Showing a picture or marking the item with name and contact information prior can accelerate the process further.

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group of Marines I ever deployed with; not all of them came home."

Arsenault, a mission planning instructor at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific, currently stationed at Naval Air Station Coronado, and Morris, a counter intelligence officer, currently stationed at the Pentagon, developed the team, in 2011. Through progressive evolution, the team consists of current and former Marines, civilians, sailors, a soldier, coastguardsman and firefighter.

"You have a group of people from all walks of life from across the country and they all come together, they don't know each other but they are all there for the same purpose," Arsenault said.

"They are here for a week to complete a mission and in the days prior we are all preparing. The race is like a combat operation. We do everything to prepare and at 8 a.m. on race day we cross the line of departure and for the next 10 hours, the operation is under way."

Race Through Hell

The team competed in car number 4503, a highly modified yellow Jeep Wrangler YJ with a decal of the flag raising at Iwo Jima alongside multiple sponsors' decals which, in Marine Corps fashion,

were nearly arranged on the side of the vehicle. The car, driver and co-driver endured the 117-mile, Every Man Challenge race which circled through the desert littered with long desert straights, rough terrain and large rocks.

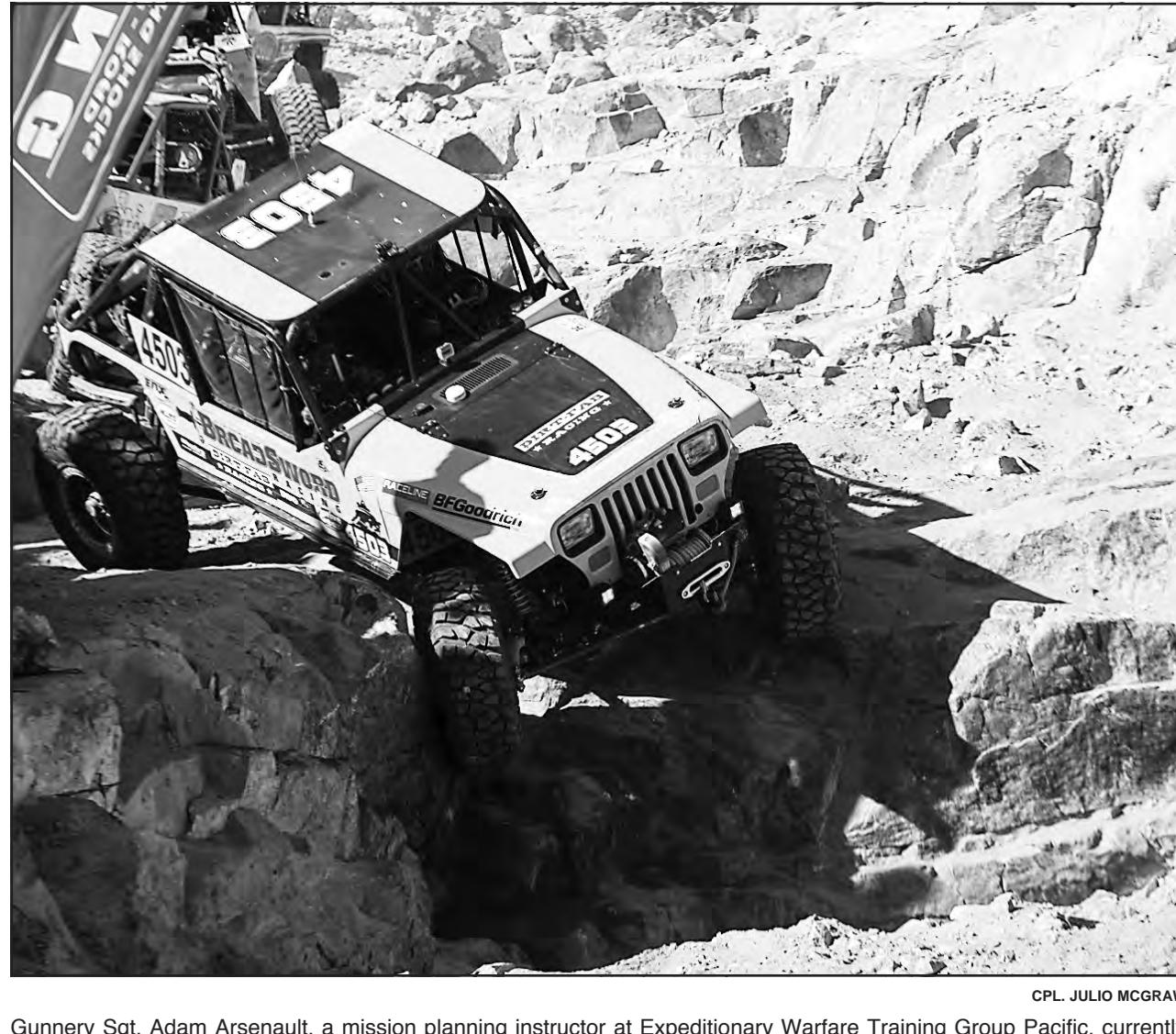
"Every year after a race, we have done a lessons learned," said Morris. "Everything gets tighter each year and this year worked out better than the last."

The team placed 6th in their class which according to Morris, is a step up from the previous years where they have been knocked out of the race due to unforeseen circumstances.

"It's not uncommon to not finish a race; a lot of things could go wrong but that's just a part of racing," Arsenault said. "Just like combat you can have the best plan in the world but when the flag drops and

Camaraderie is defined as a mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together. For Marines and service members that is not a foreign concept.

"If you talk to any Marine who has deployed into combat, they will tell



CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Gunnery Sgt. Adam Arsenault, a mission planning instructor at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific, currently stationed at Naval Air Station Coronado, and Marine Corps CWO 3 Spencer Morris, a counter intelligence officer, currently stationed at the Pentagon, drive car 4503 through "Back door" during the King of the Hammers race in Johnson Valley, Calif., Feb. 9.



COURTESY PHOTO

Left: Marine Corps CWO 3 Spencer Morris, a counter intelligence officer, currently stationed at the Pentagon, checks the map in car 4503 prior to the King of the Hammers Race in Johnson Valley, Calif., Feb. 9. The race is held at the shared use area in Johnson Valley and extends into the northern border of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

the race begins, anything can happen and you need to know how to adapt and overcome quickly, which is

something we are all very used to doing."

The day following the race, the team felt a

sense of accomplishment completing the race but as they congratulated each other, they set their

sights toward next year to claim their fabled creature; the title "King of the Hammers."

Tiger Team From A1

Regiment. "When Marines come back from deployment they will have no issues so they don't have to worry and focus on their training."

According to Staff Sgt. Benjamin Crain, residential facilities chief, 7th Marine Regiment, the team has reduced spending on repairs to barracks

to one tenth the cost this quarter.

"Everyone is complimenting Tiger Team's ability and what they've been able to do regarding sav-

ing money on damage to the buildings," Crain said. "They are there to help and repair what they can to take care of the Marines the best we can."

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TOUGH MINDED OPTIMISM

by Lou Gerhardt



When I write a brief essay for this column I try to discuss something that interests someone who doesn't have much involvement with organized religion.

I have two thoughts to share today:

First, I will offer a thought to consider when comparing the perennial struggle between the inherent power and wisdom of age old traditions and the inevitable changes that occur in every life, family and society.

Let's face the truth and accept the fact that change is a reality in every person, relationship, family, and community. Your attitude toward changes in yourself and others determines whether your life is filled with frustrations or joys. As John Steinbeck suggested in "Travels With Charley", those who resist change end up with only the misery of defeat and with none of the satisfaction of gain.

The other observation I want to share is the necessity of each person possessing a sense of belonging to someone or something that encourages what Abraham Lincoln called "The Better Angels of Our Nature." We need that sense of utterly belonging and we find our greatest satisfaction in helping others to develop such a sense of belonging in their lives. Jane Howard said it well, "Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

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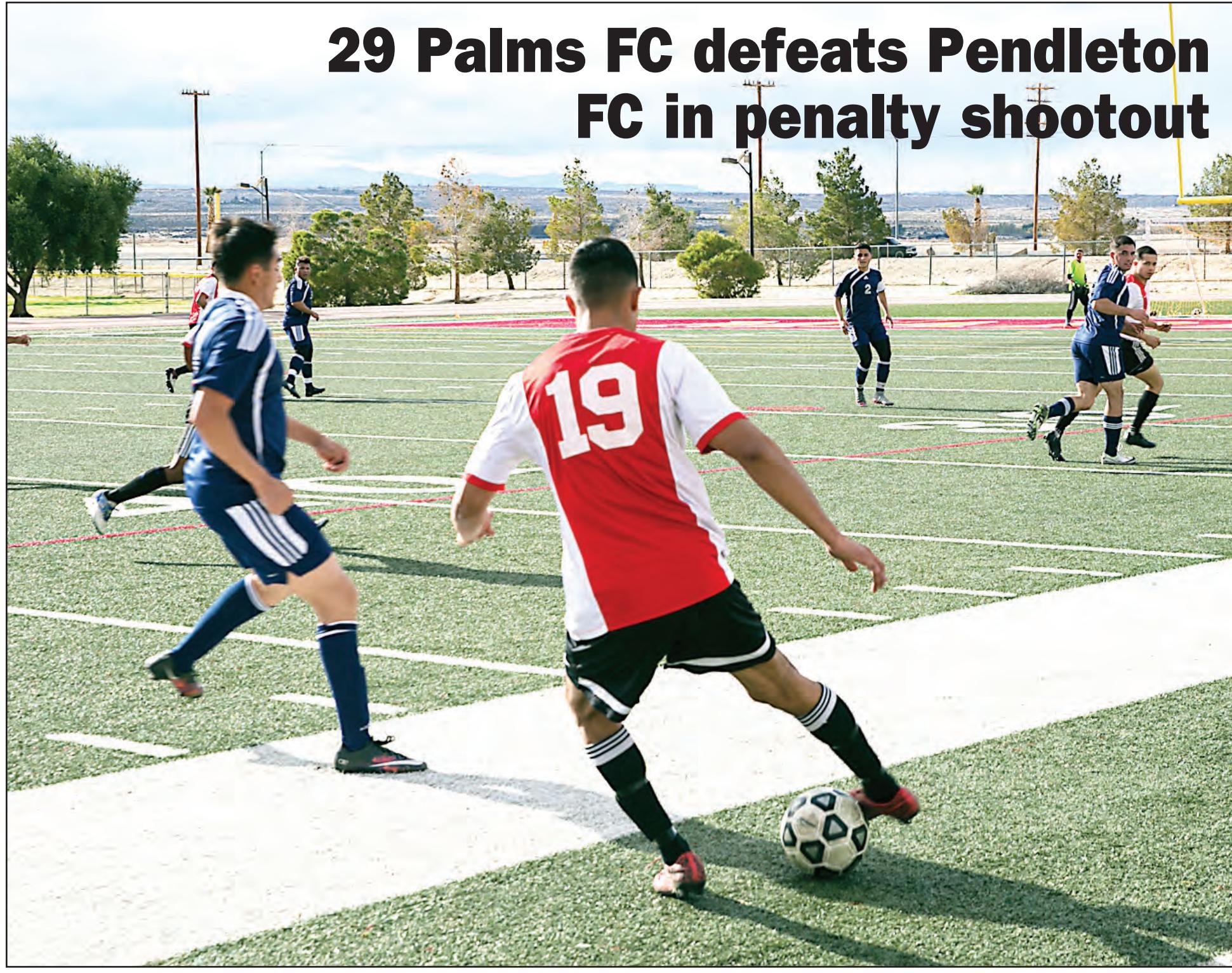
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29 Palms FC defeats Pendleton FC in penalty shootout



A player with Pendleton Futbol Club dribbles during a pre-season game of 29 Palms FC versus Pendleton FC at Felix Field, Saturday. 29 Palms FC is preparing for a tournament at Fort Irwin National Training Center in April.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

Marines with 29 Palms Futbol Club faced off against Camp Pendleton's base team, Pendleton FC in a pre-season game on their own home turf of Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, Saturday.

29 Palms FC, the Combat Center's base soccer team, face off against other teams from across the Marine Corps as well as other branches of service. This weekend's game came down to the wire and concluded with a penalty kick shootout.

Off to a strong start, Pendleton FC scored the first goal of the game. The point put the team ahead for the rest of the first half, putting 29 Palms FC on the offensive to even the score. During half-time, coaches talked with the team about how to steal the victory.

"You can't be in the game to score, you have to be in the game to play soccer," said Staff Sgt. Adam Rivera, player, 29 Palms FC. "When you focus on scoring, you lose track of the fundamentals. We have to focus on moving the ball and playing a sport we love, the goals will follow."

With the start of the second half, 29 Palms FC stepped onto the field with clear minds, ready to play. They scored near the end of the second half, bringing the

score to 1-1. The final whistle blew bringing the deadlock to a halt. Coaches selected their players to compete in the penalty kick shootout, where a player faces the goalie, shooting from 12 yards out.

29 Palms FC pulled through during the penalty kick shootout, coming out victorious against Pendleton FC for the first time in six years.

"Being a coach is not easy, especially when everyone on the team is either your age or older," said Cpl. Marco A. Perez, player and coach, 29 Palms FC. "But having a team that has so much talent and heart makes it easier. These guys all have a good understanding of the game and their Marine Corps work ethic definitely reflects with them during practice; I think that's what helped us be victorious today."

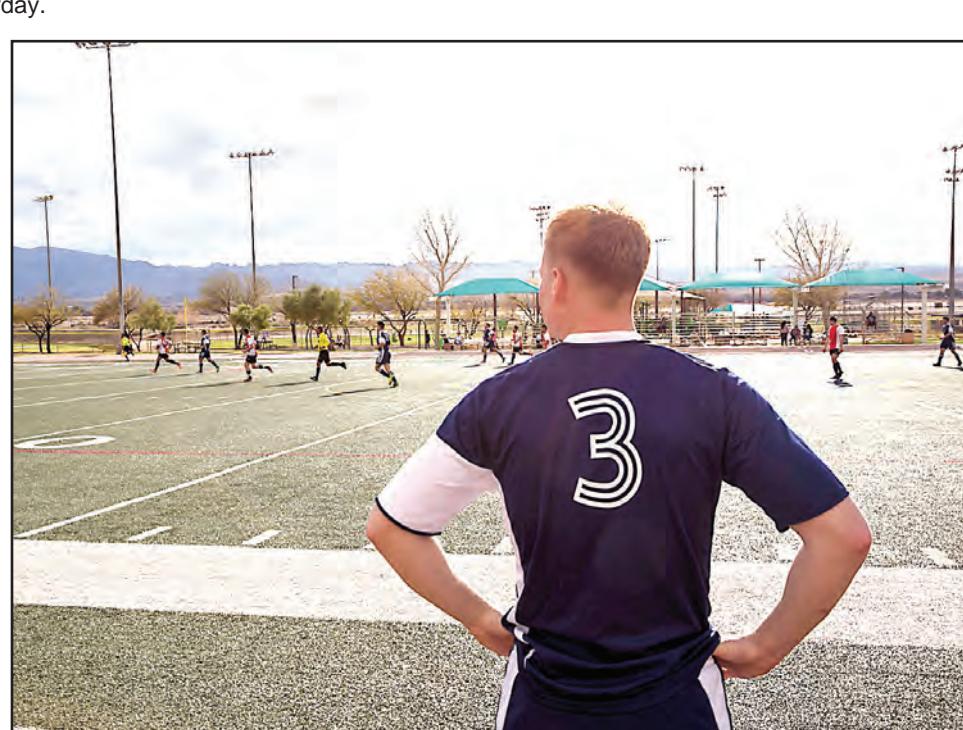
29 Palms FC is using these pre-season games and coming months to practice and prepare for a tournament at Fort Irwin National Training Center in April, where the team will face off against eight other Armed Forces teams. Practices are now open, so service members looking for a spot on the team are welcome to come to practice held at 5:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Felix Field.



A goalie with 29 Palms Futbol Club preps at half time during a pre-season game versus Pendleton FC at Felix Field, Saturday.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Anton Cuevas, head coach, 29 Palms Futbol Club, addresses his team before a penalty kick shootout during a pre-season game versus Pendleton FC at Felix Field, Saturday.

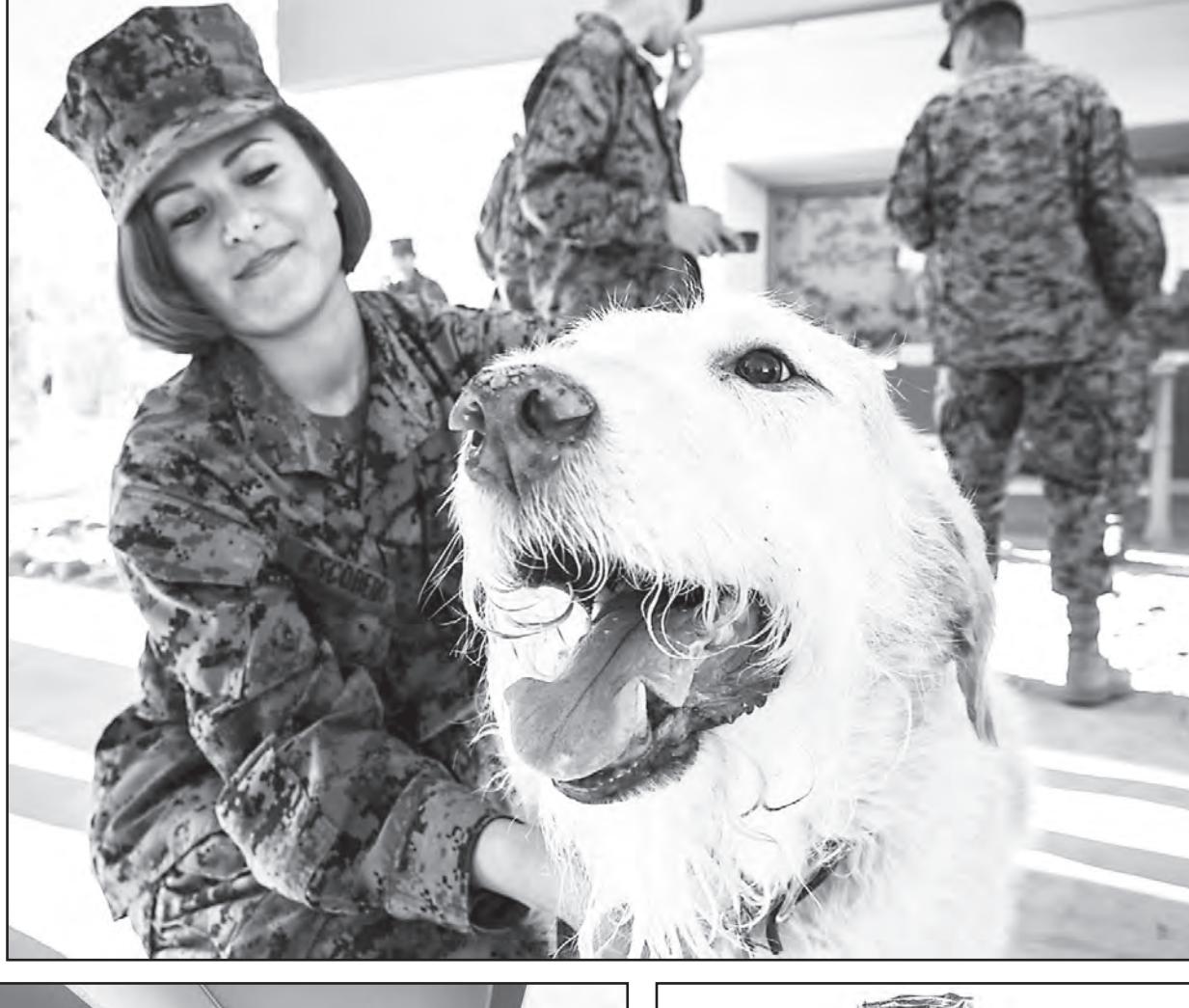


A player with 29 Palms Futbol Club waits for a substitution during a pre-season game versus Pendleton FC at Felix Field, Saturday.

Devil Dogs receive 'paws'itive puppy love

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Pfc. Victoria Escobedo, student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, pets a dog during a Valentine's Day Puppy Love event at the MCCES barracks, Tuesday. Volunteers brought in their dogs to spend a day with MCCES students. The event was held to raise the morale of the students and celebrate Valentine's Day.



Volunteers hand out homemade desserts during a Valentine's Day Puppy Love event at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School barracks, Tuesday.



Cpl. Jonathan Lee, student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, bonds with a dog during a Valentine's Day Puppy Love event at the MCCES barracks, Tuesday.

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- 2:00 p.m. – Storks (Free Admission), PG
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- 6:50 p.m. – Underworld: Blood Wars (3-D), R
- 9:10 p.m. – The Bye Bye Man, PG-13
- 11:30 p.m. – xXx: The Return of Zander Cage (3-D), PG-13

Saturday, Feb. 18

- 10:00 a.m. – Moana (Free Admission), PG
- 12:10 p.m. – Hidden Figures, PG

3:00 p.m. – Fences, PG-13

6:00 p.m. – La La Land, PG-13

8:50 p.m. – Patriots Day, R

11:30 p.m. – Sleepless, R

Sunday, Feb. 19

- 12:00 p.m. – Monster Trucks (3-D), PG
- 2:20 p.m. – Live by Night, R

5:00 p.m. – Underworld: Blood Wars, R

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Tuesday, Feb. 21

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Wednesday, Feb. 22

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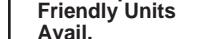
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Around the Corps



CPL. ALVIN PUJOLS

Soldiers with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force practice assault amphibious vehicle recovery in calm waters during Exercise Iron First 2017 aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday.



CPL. RICHARD CURRIER

Marine Corps Rct. Henry Geeck, Platoon 1018, Company A, 2nd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, waits to partake in body sparring as part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program at Leatherneck Square on Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, Feb. 10.



CPL. WESLEY TIMM

A U.S. Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 4, drive a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle off the USNS Fred W. Stockham, during Exercise Cobra Gold, at Laem Chabang International Terminal, Thailand, Saturday.



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Petty Officer 3rd Class Peter Stanko, a steelworker with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five, mixes stucco during the construction of a classroom at Ban Nong Muang School, Rayong Province, Thailand, during Exercise Cobra Gold, Feb. 10.

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