

Combat Center continues to protect, preserve desert tortoise



CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Biologists with Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, measure a desert tortoise as part of a health assessment during the Desert Tortoise translocation, Monday, which was facilitated by the Combat Center. The translocation, in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-signed Biological Opinion, serves as a negotiated mitigation to support a congressionally mandated land expansion which, will afford the Combat Center the ability to conduct Large Scale Exercise training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade-level force.

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The southern Mojave Desert is known by most as a serene landscape, freckled with lizards, coyotes, jack rabbits as well as a cornucopia of other wildlife and desert vegetation. But starting April 8, 2017, the landscape was temporarily adorned with trucks, biologists and a helicopter all in support of one being: the desert tortoise.

The translocation, in accordance with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-signed biological opinion, serves as a negotiated mitigation to support the mandated land expansion, which will afford the installation the ability to conduct Large Scale Exercise training featuring up to a Marine Expeditionary Brigade-level force.

During this two-week long translocation approxi-

mately 1,100 desert tortoises will be located, assessed for health concerns or disease, and carefully translocated to their new homes. Animals deemed too small for translocation will be admitted to the Combat Center's Tortoise Research and Captive Rearing Site where they will be safe guarded until they are large enough to adequately fend off predation. During this initial translocation effort, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs anticipates being able to locate and move approximately 93% of the total population from the pre-identified areas. Additionally they will conduct post-translocation clearance surveys for approximately five years. These surveys will require NREA to periodically scout for any remaining desert tortoises.

Handling with care

"This effort has entailed almost four years worth of surveys, with the environmental analysis dating back to 2008," said Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs. "These surveys included health assessments, identifying all the animals [with-in the translocation] areas, placing radio transmitters on [the tortoises] and determining suitable locations in which to distribute them, to ensure survivorship and assimilation."

According to Dr. Brian Henen, base ecologist, NREA, the translocation is much more involved than just picking up the tortoises and placing them in a different location. The physical translocation involves locating and identifying the animals by radio transmitters affixed

to them during the initial analysis. Then delivering them in individual bins via helicopter to one of five pre-selected recipient sights. Each tortoise has been paired up with a specific location, nearly to the square meter, that meets rigorous criteria.

"The factors that went into selecting the recipient sites were based on several things," Henen said. "The first is what we think best represents the social structure from where they started, the second is the geographical characteristics of where they come from and the third is the temperature when we move them. The animals are being moved now because the temperatures are not too hot or cold, which gives them an adequate amount of time to find a burrow which

See **Tortoise A6**



LANCE CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS

Commanding General, Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, observes as Peter Praschag, a biologist assisting with the translocation, swabs inside the mouth of a desert tortoise as part of a health assessment, April 12, during the desert tortoise translocation aboard the Combat Center.



LANCE CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS

Dr. Brian Henen, base ecologist, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, explains the desert tortoise's behavior to the Commanding General, Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, April 12, during the Desert Tortoise translocation aboard the Combat Center.



LANCE CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS

Commanding General, Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, observes as a desert tortoise receives a health assessment, April 12, during the desert tortoise translocation aboard the Combat Center.

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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 CW04 Jonathan C. Knauth.



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller presents the flag to Annie Glenn, wife of retired U.S. Marine Corps Col. John H. Glenn Jr., during his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., April 6. Glenn passed away Dec. 8, 2016. Glenn was a U.S. Marine Aviator who flew 149 combat missions during World War II and the Korean War. He later became a NASA astronaut and was the first man to orbit the earth aboard the "Friendship 7" in 1962. He was then elected to the U.S. Senate for the state of Ohio in 1974 and served four consecutive terms.



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Small HUS Copter Picked For corps Assault troops

The Marine Corps has rejected the HR2S helicopter as a primary carrier of assault troops, according to Brigadier General S. R. Shaw, Deputy Chief of Staff for Research and Development.

The massive HR2S, comparable in size to a DC-3 fixed-wing plane, had been under consideration as a possible replacement for the smaller HUS Copter far more than a year.

The HUS; which carries to 10-11 combat-equipped Leathernecks will, be the Corps' chief assault Copter, while the giant HR2S will be employed on the Force Troop levels and used to back up assault troops with heavy equipment.

Tests conducted at the Marine Corps Development Center, Quantico, Va., showed that the HUS has greater tactical flexibility than its big brother. The Corps

made the decision to stick with the HUS, the R&D Chief said, "because of its ease of maintenance, coupled with the fact that the Corps has moved ahead in scaling down its equipment."

Air Lift Battalion

General Shaw said that at present the corps has the ability to lift better than one reinforced battalion from each of its three divisions. By June 1959, he said, the Corps will have the capability of moving one regiment from each division by helicopter.

At the present time, the Corps is streamlining its divisions to conform with the "vertical envelopment" doctrine. The 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, has practically completed its reorganization with the

2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune just starting to pare down.

Ready for Conflict

"The reorganization of our divisions and wings," General Shaw said, "is being effected without upsetting our readiness for battle now. We never have felt any loss of confidence in our ability to go to war." The R&D Chief estimated that since the end of World War II, the Marine Corps have effected a 20 per cent reduction in the weight of each division. The principal areas in which the reductions have been achieved are in the motor transport, artillery and engineer fields. Adoption of helicopters, which by-pass natural obstacles, has permitted the Corps to eliminate vehicles for beachhead construction.

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- 1. Gait between walk and canter
- 5. Cow, maybe
- 8. Attention ____
- 12. ____ of relief
- 13. Reverse, e.g.
- 14. "The final frontier"
- 15. On the safe side, at sea
- 16. Cornstarch brand
- 17. Corrupt
- 18. Entering again
- 20. "God's Little ____"
- 21. A pole thrown as a trial of strength
- 22. Pandowdy, e.g.
- 23. To inform again
- 26. Protective wall
- 30. "To ____ is human ..."
- 31. A, B or C
- 34. Apple variety
- 35. Expensive

Down

- 37. Long, long time
- 38. Brought forth
- 39. Big laugh
- 40. One up
- 42. "Tarzan" extra
- 43. Customer
- 45. Bread maker
- 47. "Dig in!"
- 48. Madcap comedy
- 50. Absorbed
- 52. Map showing terrain using contour lines
- 56. Seafood entree
- 57. Face-to-face exam
- 58. Blockheads
- 59. Admittance
- 60. Be different
- 61. Scandinavian shag rugs
- 62. Freudian topics
- 63. "A Nightmare on ____ Street"
- 64. K follower

- 1. Boris Godunov, for one
- 2. Anger, with "up"
- 3. Arch type
- 4. From that place
- 5. Cliffside dwelling
- 6. Stake
- 7. "Aeneid" figure
- 8. Modern or up-to-date
- 9. Au ____
- 10. Clearasil target
- 11. After expenses
- 13. To confuse unintentionally
- 14. Flight segment
- 19. Add up
- 22. Average
- 23. Copy
- 24. Overthrow, e.g.
- 25. Simple chord
- 26. Confined, with "up"

- 27. Heathen
- 28. Run off to the chapel
- 29. Idaho, e.g.
- 32. Eye drop
- 33. "Sesame Street" watcher
- 36. Facebook stalkers in today's slang
- 38. Steady
- 40. "Wanna ____?"
- 41. In a spooky manner
- 44. Threadbare
- 46. Go straight
- 48. Not domesticated
- 49. Auto option
- 50. Cabal
- 51. A chorus line
- 52. Amble
- 53. Poet Angelou
- 54. Way, way off
- 55. "Check this out!"
- 56. Charge

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vincent Eli Paden
Born on March 8, 2017
Born to Kotey and Brittany Paden

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Born to Joshua and Katie Fenelon

Piper Ann Smith
Born on March 16, 2017
Born to Christopher and Megan Smith

Roman Gabriel Combs
Born on March 17, 2017
Born to Michael and Toni Combs

Piper Belle Willmon
Born March 19, 2017
Born to Jacob and Kasey Willmon

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Fredrick JACKSON

Dallas, Texas Master Gunnery Sgt., senior enlisted advisor, G-1 Manpower

JOHNSON HAS BEEN IN THE MARINE CORPS FOR 27 YEARS AND PLANS ON RETIRING WHEN HE HITS 30. AFTER RETIRING HE PLANS ON BECOMING A FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR.

>Growing up I loved to build and drive around go-karts. I started to really get into it when my best friend made one out of a broken lawn mower.

>We spent a lot of time finding parts and repairing the karts. My friend and I would go around the community on trash day to find any parts that had been thrown out. We would take wheels, tires, sprockets, even engines if they would still run.

>My friend and I built about four different karts and the best part was that people would ask us if we bought them and we would always respond with 'No, we built them.' It was great.

>When I was about 15 my dad had bought an [all-terrain vehicle] and we would all take turns riding that. I loved doing that so much that I said when I grew up I was going to own one too. Now I own three of them.

>Another thing that I enjoy doing is racing remote control cars. I currently own one that goes 90 mph on the road. I used to race mine every weekend until I came here. Now I just need to find people to race with.

>I have always enjoyed the kind of brotherhood all the people had while they were racing. Even through all the trash talking everybody would do they'd be back next week to try again. It was a fun little competition.

>I wanted to be a funeral home director since I was a child. I remember hearing during funerals that the



person did not look like they did before. I thought to myself that if I could remember exactly what they looked like I could make them like that again and I wanted to do that ever since.

>Joining the military was not my first plan. I decided to join because I gave all the money that I had saved up to help pay for my father's surgeries.

>At first I was planning on only

serving four years then getting out. As it turns out I really enjoyed the Marine Corps and decided to re-enlist. I kept re-enlisting from there and now I have been in for 27 years.

>Throughout my years in the military I have been on many funeral details and also been the person helping the families with the sad duty of burying their loved ones home.

>I tried to go to school while I

was in but the career requires permits that change from state to state. When I retire in 2020 I am going to become a funeral home director in Texas and start my career as a funeral home director and embalmer.

>These duties actually helped me continue to want to be a funeral home director. I want to continue to help people in need.

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Around the Corps

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LANCE CPL. ANDY MARTINEZ

Marines sprint to the finish line during the Camp Hansen World Famous Mud Run, at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Sunday. The annual mud run attracts a diverse group of competitors, including service members, their families, Okinawan citizens, and U.S. government employees residing on island as part of the Status of Forces Agreement between Japan and the U.S.



CPL. SAMANTHA BRAUN

U.S. Marines with Marine Barracks Washington fold a flag during the memorial service for retired Lt. Gen. Lawrence F. Snowden at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Saturday. Snowden served in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, and was the senior survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima.



LANCE CPL. DUSTY B. KILCREASE

An AV-8B Harrier with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit prepares for take off to conduct a strike during Amphibious Squadron-Marine Expeditionary Unit Integration, April 4. PMINT is the first at-sea training period Marines and sailors conduct together before deployment later this year.



CPL. ALLISON LOTZ

Children participate in the youth course as part of the World Famous Camp Hansen Mud Run, held on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Sunday. The local youth were able to participate in either 1km or 500 meter relays as adults would run either 5k or 10k races.

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NREA hosts annual Mountain Bike Ride

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY LANCE CPL.
DAVE FLORES

Twenty riders helped the Combat Center's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs kick off Earth Day month with an 11-mile ride on the installation's new bike trail, April 10.

The poker-style ride started-off in the morning, with participants grabbing a playing card at the end of every lap they completed. At the end of the ride, participants used their cards in a hand of poker to determine who would win prizes.

"We were able to use the training area east mountain bike trail system for the ride this year," said Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, NREA. "We did it to kick off Earth Day month, promote stewardship of the environment and enjoy the mountain trails."

Ride participants included Combat Center patrons as well residents from surrounding communities.

"It is interesting to be able to ride the new trails here on base," said Jima Reed, owner, Joshua Tree Bicycle Shop. "Also, I love the camaraderie that the base and the local community get from rides like this."

Earth Day, held on April 22 each year, was established in 1970 to focus on the environment. The ride is the first of many Earth Day events scheduled by NREA throughout April. For more information on upcoming events, call NREA at (760) 830-8238.



Combat Logistics Company 13 Bike Club finishes the annual Earth Day Bike ride held aboard the Combat Center, April 8. The 11-mile ride started at Range 100.



Participants navigate the Combat Center Bike Trail during the annual Earth Day Bike ride held aboard the Combat Center, April 8. The 11-mile ride started at Range 100.



A participant motives a fellow cyclist the annual Earth Day Bike ride held aboard the Combat Center, April 8. The 11-mile ride started at Range.



Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, finishes the annual Earth Day Bike ride held aboard the Combat Center, April 8. The 11-mile ride started at Range 100.



Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs division hosted the annual Earth Day Bike ride on the Combat Center Bike Trail aboard the Combat Center, April 8. The 11-mile ride started at Range 100.

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ensures assimilation and survivorship.”

According to Henen, there are benefits to taking factors like social structure and geographical location into consideration. If there is a group of animals in a certain area, some of them more than likely know each other. When they are relocated in a similar orientation they will be somewhat familiar with the animals they’re encountering at the new site, reducing some of the stresses on the tortoise that comes with being in a new area. The same concept can be applied when closely matching the geographical characteristics of the tortoises’ previous homes. The more similarities there are between the recipient sites and the tortoises’ previous home, the less stress will be placed on the animal from being in an unfamiliar place.

The Marine Corps and USFWS have coordinated extensively on natural resource management measures with added emphasis and focus on the desert tortoise. The translocation plan was submitted to USFWS for consideration, and the Marine Corps initiated the actions to fulfill their commitment to the USFWS and the desert tortoise species.

“We are working with a team of highly-qualified biologists, some of which have been studying desert tortoises for close to 40 years,” Henen said. “They were approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is really helpful in getting things done. It also allows a fair degree of trust because we know these biologists are qualified.”

This is the largest translocation that the Marine Corps has ever conducted.

However, successful translocation has taken place in the past. In 2006 the installation translocated 17 adult tortoises to support construction of Range 220.

“There was a Military Operations on Urban Terrain facility being designed on the base to facilitate training,” Henen said. “Due to the relatively large size of the facility, we consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and received a specific biological opinion that instructed us to move the tortoises out of the way. There were 17 tortoises moved with radio transmitters and then they were radio tracked at least once a month for three years. The most impressive and important result of that translocation was that there was 98% annual survivorship.”

For this translocation, the installation is using procedures from the previous one as well as expanding on their post-translocation monitoring efforts.

Guardians to the species

Although the installation has invested a lot of hard work and time in the desert tortoise, they know their work doesn’t end there. In addition to the ground work that was laid in preparation to move the tortoises, there is also a 30-year post-translocation monitoring plan for the animals that the Combat Center will adhere to.

“As part of this move, we will monitor the translocatees, the residents and a group of animals close by that we’ll use as a control group,” Henen said. “The idea behind that is to try to understand how well the translocatees do, how well the animals that are already

there do and how those two compare to a nearby site that’s not impacted by the translocation.”

“During the first five to 10 years, we will have 675 animals that we are tracking via radio almost every week during the active season and monthly during the winter in order to monitor their health, survivorship and some reproductive status,” Henen said. “After that initial time frame we’ll narrow it down to 50 animals in each of the groups but those first years will be the most critical time to figure out how well the tortoises are doing and how well they settle. We want to make sure the techniques we’re using, when it comes to moving these animals, are viable ones.”

Although there is only a specific group of animals who will be tracked via transmitters, there will be population-level monitoring of the all translocatees in the recipient and control sites over the 30 year period.

In addition to this translocation effort, the Combat Center created the Tortoise Research and Captive Rearing Site which is a long-term assessment of how to protect nests, hatchlings and juveniles until they grow resilient enough to endure the harsh physical environment, resist most predation by common ravens and coyotes, and mature to fully-functional adults that produce offspring to enhance the existing populations.

Over the first nine years of headstarting, the Combat Center has raised 475 juveniles, generated annual survivorships of 96%, compared to 40% in the wild, and released their first cohort of 35 nine year



CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Combat Center Commanding General, Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III, asks Dr. Brian Henen, base ecologist, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, questions about the Desert Tortoise translocation facilitated by the Combat Center, April 12.

old juveniles to the wild. The release and monitoring of juveniles is the next major phase in the installation’s headstart commitment to support the recovery of the desert tortoise.

“Every contractor, civilian employee and Marine in training is required to get a natural resources brief upon arrival to the Combat Center,” Pochop said. “The brief talks a lot about the tortoise and how they should conduct themselves if they come in to contact with the animal.”

Excellence in stewardship

For their work with protecting and preserving the tortoise population, the Combat Center was recognized by the Secretary of the Navy.

“In 2015 we received the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award for our efforts in natural resource conservation as an installation,” Pochop said. “In 2016 Dr. Brian Henen received the award

as an individual, for the conservation efforts that he has been responsible for.”

Whether training Marines to remain the nation’s premier fighting force, providing facilities to accommodate the needs of its patrons, or preserving and protecting the population of the desert tortoise, the Combat Center remains dedicated to meeting every facet of its mission.

“I work with caring people, Marines and civilians, most of whom acknowledge that we need to protect our environment for quality of our habitat because that influences our quality of life,” Henen said. “We want to do the right thing and I think that in many ways, we’re in a good position because we’re able to work in an atmosphere that encourages training as well as conservation.”

Editor’s note: As the Marine Corps’ premier service level, combined

arms training venue, the Combat Center’s mission is to enhance the combat readiness of the operating forces and support the Corps’ responsibility to national security. The Department of Defense and the Corps consider the lands on which they train to be part of the public trust and remain steadfast in maintaining an unwavering commitment to serve as good stewards of the environment. In 2006 the Marine Corps’ adopted new specifications for large-scale training exercises at the Combat Center. These scenarios combine the movement of infantry battalions with aircraft support and live fire. In the past, the Marine Corps did not possess a venue adequate enough to support this type of training and had to instead rely on classroom instruction and simulation, which provided unrealistic and limited practical experience for command, control and maneuver.




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‘4th Tanks’ fulfills retired tanker’s wish



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. White observes an M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank fire at Range 500 during a visit to the Combat Center, Sunday.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY LANCE CPL.
NATALIA CUEVAS

Marines of 4th Tank Battalion invited 82-year-old retired Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. White of San Diego aboard the Combat Center, Sunday, to fulfill his wish of hugging a tank.

“I really appreciate them letting me come up here and watch the tanks fire,” White said. “I would have loved to drive one, but at least I got to hug a tank again.”

White served in the Marine Corps for 17 years. Although he originally joined to be a tanker, he was made a tank commander.

White didn’t like the paperwork associated with the job so he transitioned to ammunition hauler. Even after switching his military occupational specialty, White’s heart remained with tanks. After retirement, White’s last wish was to hug a tank.

“I invited Mr. and Mrs. White to Range 500 because Marines like him paved the way for guys like me,” said Capt. Christopher J. Silva, inspector-instructor, Company D, 4th Tank Battalion. “I wanted Mr. White to see his legacy continue with our young Marines.”

During the visit, Marines with 4th Tanks demonstrated the firing

capabilities of the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank for the Whites. Although he liked the improvements, White expressed nostalgia for the old technology, saying back in his day they didn’t have the fancy computers and gadgets inside today’s tanks.

At the conclusion of his visit, White was gifted a plaque naming him an honorary member of Company D, 4th Tank Battalion.

“It was truly an honor sharing our iron monster with Mr. White and his family,” Silva said. “I know the Marines appreciated him spending his valuable time with us at the range and I hope we made our fellow tanker proud.”



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. White hugs an M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank at Range 500 during a visit to the Combat Center, Sunday. 4th Tank Battalion invited White aboard the Combat Center because they wanted to honor his last wish as a former tanker.



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. White, 82, holds a simulated 120mm tank round at the 4th Tank Battalion command post during a visit to the Combat Center, Sunday. 4th Tanks invited White aboard the Combat Center because they wanted to honor his last wish as a former tanker.



Capt. Christopher J. Silva, inspector-instructor, and Master Sgt. Ryan Barbour, tank leader, of Company D, 4th Tank Battalion, present a plaque to retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. White at Range 500 during a visit to the Combat Center, Sunday.



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. White talks to a Marine with 4th Tank Battalion at Range 500 during a visit to the Combat Center, Sunday.

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CH-53 Day Battle Drill

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U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Avery Smith, a motor vehicle operator with Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment 2nd Marine Division provides security during CH-53 day battle drill exercise in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructors course (WTI) 2-17 at Firebase Burt, Calif., Saturday.



U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division prepare to attach a M77 towed 155mm howitzer to a CH-53E Super Stallion during a CH-53 day battle drill in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructors course (WTI) 2-17 at Firebase Burt, Calif., Saturday.



U.S. Marines with Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division fire a round from a M77 towed 155mm howitzer during a CH-53 day battle drill in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructors course 2-17 at Firebase Burt, Calif., Saturday.

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SAPR

hits ground running with sexual violence awareness month

STORY BY
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Runners wearing pristine white t-shirts are doused in colorful powder as they run through a paint station marking the first half mile. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program held its annual Colorful Consent 5k Run aboard the Combat Center April 7, 2017.

SAPR is dedicated to eliminating sexual assault within the Marine Corps and providing continuity of care for victims of sexual assault through effective education, policy, and program support. SAPR held the run to raise awareness of sexual assault, as well as provide the Combat Center community with more opportunities to learn about the installation's resources.

"We are doing this for the third year during the month of April, which is national sexual violence awareness month," said Abby Gustafson, Combat Center Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "We like to hold large scale events like this one so we can inform as many people as possible and spread awareness."

The event began with opening remarks from members of the Morongo Basin Sexual Assault Services office located in Yucca Valley, Calif. After the opening remarks more than 575 participants lined up at the start line with clean-white shirts. The run took the participants around a 5-kilometer course, starting at the installation's physical fitness test track and snaking through the open desert.

"It was fun hanging out with friends and family. We jogged most of it but overall it was a good time,"



CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Marines throw colored powder onto participants of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response annual Colorful Consent 5k Run held aboard the Combat Center, April 7.



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said Cpl. Michael Reynoso, optics technician, 7th Marine Regiment. "Also they spread the word on sexual assault prevention, which I think everyone should know about."

The runners went

through four different stations where they were covered in various colored powders. At the finish line, the runner's once white shirts were caked with colors from the various stations they ran through.



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Marines throw colored powder onto participants of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response annual Colorful Consent 5k Run held aboard the Combat Center, April 7.

According to Gustafson, a denim day is scheduled in the coming weeks. Denim days are conducted in order to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault. The SAPR office also plans

on talking to Marines at the mess halls and Marine Corps Exchange to further spread awareness.

"My unit let us come out here to support the SAPR program and it feels pretty good," Reynoso said. "I'm

glad I did it and got the opportunity to learn more about resources for victims of sexual assault."

For various resources or assistance, call the 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line at 760-799-0273.



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Runners begin the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response annual Colorful Consent 5k Run held aboard the Combat Center, April 7.

Sunset Cinema

Friday, April 14

3:30 p.m. – The Little Mermaid (NDVD-Free Admission), G
6:00 p.m. – Beauty and the Beast (3-D), PG
9:00 p.m. – Before I Fall, PG-13
11:30 p.m. – KONG: Skull Island, PG-13

Saturday, April 15

10:30 a.m. – Mulan (NDVD-Free Admission), G
12:30 p.m. – Rock Dog, PG
2:30 p.m. – The Shack, PG-13
5:30 p.m. – Get Out, R
8:00 p.m. – Logan, R
11:00 p.m. – ChiPs, R

Sunday, April 16

12:00 p.m. – KONG: Skull Island: PG-13
2:30 p.m. – Before I Fall, PG-13
5:00 p.m. – Beauty and the Beast (3-D), PG
7:40 p.m. – ChiPs, R

Monday, April 17

1:30 p.m. – Over the Hedge (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
3:30 p.m. – Avatar (NDVD-Free Admission), PG-13

Tuesday, April 18

1:30 p.m. – A Bug’s Life (NDVD-Free Admission), G

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Wednesday, April 19

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3:30 p.m. – Armageddon (NDVD-Free Admission)
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Thursday, April 20

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3:30 p.m. – Ice Age: The Meltdown (NDVD-Free Admission), PG

5:30 p.m. – Rock Dog, PG
7:20 p.m. – Get Out, R

Friday, April 21

1:30 p.m. – Ice Age: Collision Course (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
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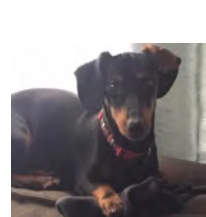
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