



WTI 2-17

Pfc. Benjamin Kelly, machinegunner, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, provides security as a CH-53 ‘Super Stallion’ helicopter lands at Del Valle Field during a non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17 aboard the Combat Center, April 21, 2017. NEO exercises simulate real-life scenarios where non-combatants are evacuated from a potentially hostile area.

‘The Ready Battalion’ conducts NEO

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY CPL. JULIO
MCGRAW

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One conducted a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise aboard the Combat Center, April 21.

NEO exercises simulate real-life scenarios where non-combatants are evacuated from a potentially hostile area. MAWTS-1, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., conducted the NEO exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17.

“Making the exercise as close to real life as possible helps prepare Marines, in the event they have to perform an evacuation like this,” said Sgt. Mark Eubanks, logistics team leader, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group.

The five-hour exercise afforded Marines a chance to practice the procedures of evacuating U.S. personnel and local civilians from a foreign country. The operation took advantage of

the vertical take-off and landing capabilities of aircraft such as the CH-53 ‘Super Stallion’ helicopter and the MV-22 ‘Osprey’ tilt-rotor aircraft.

The exercise spanned from MCAS Yuma to the Combat Center. The exercise required aircraft landing at three locations aboard the installation, which included; Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Del Valle Field and Range 220. As the aircraft landed, Marines of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment and Combat Logistics Battalion 26, set up an evacuation control center and prepared role-players, acting as U.S. citizens, for evacuation.

As the role-players finished going through the ECC, they were escorted to the aircraft and taken to MCAS Yuma.

The WTI course is used to train Marines in advanced tactical aviation training to certify them as weapons and tactics instructors for their units. WTI is a seven-week course consisting of 18 academ-

ic training days followed by the flight phase which consists of 25 training

days where they apply their skills within various scenarios.



Cpl. Brandon Armwood, roleplayer, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, interacts with a Marine from 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment during a non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17 aboard the Combat Center, April 21.

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LANCE CPL. CLARE SHAFFER

U.S. Marines with 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division fire a M142 high mobility artillery rocket system rocket during final exercise one as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17 at the Combat Center, Tuesday. This exercise is designed to execute a simulated special operating forces raid while simultaneously supporting regimental combat team objectives and focusing on conducting all six functions of Marine Aviation.



CPL. HARLEY ROBINSON

A UH-1Y Huey with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 prepares to land in Kiwanis Park, Ariz., during the Assault Support Tactics 3 training while supporting the semiannual Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17, Friday.



STAFF SGT. ARTUR SHVARTSBERG

A U.S. Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One prepares to land during assault support tactics 3 as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17 at Kiwanis Park, Yuma, Ariz., Saturday.

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PMO hosts annual Community
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Marine Corps’ Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps’ Facebook page. This week’s top shot comes from Cpl. Aaron James Vinculado



CPL. AARON JAMES VINCULADO

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. David Hirt, left, AH-1 instructor and Maj. Stephen Piantanida, AH-1 instructor with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) observe the terrain using night vision goggles during offensive air support exercise (OAS) 5 in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor course (WTI) 2-17 at Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Ariz., April 11, 2017. OAS is designed to focus on the integration of all air combat element aviation assets with a developed ground scheme of maneuver to conduct close air support. WTI is a seven-week training event hosted by MAWTS-1 cadre, which emphasizes operational integration of the six functions of Marine Corps aviation in support of a Marine Air Ground Task Force and provides standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications to support Marine Aviation Training and Readiness and assists in developing and employing aviation weapons and tactics.



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High Desert firefighters attend Center EOD class

Firefighters from all over the High Desert were in attendance at The Combat Center recently for a class directed at explosive ordnance recognition. The course was conducted by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) section.

Approximately 30 men, representing five fire stations in the California Division of Forestry (CDF) and the Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms Fire Departments, attended the class sponsored by the Combat Center’s Fire Department.

EOD and the fire departments have coordinated their efforts because it is likely that both units

would become involved in the event of a bomb threat. A considerable amount of information was provided for the firefighters by the Marines at EOD in an effort to make the work between the two units as smooth as possible.

“The training was good,” said fire Captain Jim Henley, battalion training captain from the CDF in Joshua Tree. “When we have a civil disturbance bomb threat, at least we’ll know now what we’re looking for.”



The information that the firefighters gained from the Marines at EOD will be taken back to the fire stations and passed on through the

departments, according to Capt. Henley. “We hope to make this an annual program if we can,” said the captain.

EOD Sergeants Ron L. Stombaugh, Michael J .Muttoni and James H. Vance conducted the class, which included instruction on identifying homemade bombs and handling the actual bomb threat.

The entire scope of the bomb threat situation was covered, including some psychology on the type of person who makes bomb threats, evaluating the threat and determining the proper action to take once the threat has been made.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Scarlett Michele Locke**
Born on April 5, 2017
Born to Alex and Rhiana Locke

Cameron Christina Becker
Born on April 5, 2017
Born to Colton Becker and Caitlin Bungart

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Born to Ryan and Madison Farrell

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Born to Michael and Meranda Lomio

John Edward Palmer III
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Born to John and Chelsea Palmer

Xavier Quanmane Warren Jr.
Born on April 20, 2017
Born to Xavier and Adrianna Warren

Logan Kaito Hubbard
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Born to Jack and Ayumi Hubbard
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5. River to the Rio Grande
10. Christian name
14. ___ vera
15. Appeared
16. Halftime lead, e.g.
17. Procrastinate
19. “Buona ___” (Italian greeting)
20. Queen, maybe
21. Anoint
22. Cheapskate
23. Convened
24. No longer in
26. Guessed
30. Sideways
34. Aerial maneuver
35. 50 Cent piece
37. Dress down
38. Bid
40. Dracula, at times
42. Hairdresser’s locale
43. More favorable for all
45. ___ de deux
47. Be inclined
48. Treaded
50. Looks over
52. “Belling the Cat” author
54. Order between “ready” and “fire”
55. Tangle
58. Boorish
60. “We’ve been ___!”
63. Coil
64. Early name for nuclear reactor
66. Buddy
67. Shaped like a hemisphere
68. Length x width, for a rectangle
69. “Don’t bet ___!” (2 wds)
70. Go on and on
71. Freshman, probably
- ### Down
1. Apple variety
2. Brio
3. At sea
4. Undertake, with “out”
5. Bob Ross, for example
6. Coastal raptor
7. Possibly
8. Bony
9. “Comprende?”
10. Something wanted or needed
11. Bad day for Caesar
12. Shrek, e.g.
13. Back
18. “Yes, ___”
22. Allots, with “out”
23. Grocery store
25. Bar bill
26. High up
27. As yet
28. Balkan capital
29. Apply gently
31. Rattling sound from congestion of lungs
32. Agreeing (with)
33. Advances
36. Drivel
39. Drive away
41. Bug
44. ___ gestae
46. Shore, esp. a resort area
49. Treat
51. Reduced instruction set computer (acronym)
53. Spot broadcast, often
55. Jerk
56. Indian bread
57. The “A” of ABM
59. Call from the flock
60. Bring on
61. On the safe side, at sea
62. Campus bigwig
64. Make sense, with “up”
65. Congratulations, of a sort
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 - Main Street Motel, 3494 Main Street, San Diego
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Daniel
FLORES

Soldotna, Alaska Corporal, ground radio repair technician, 1st Tank Battalion

FLORES EARNED THE 2016 INNOVATION CHALLENGE FOR THE CREATION OF HIS MULTI-PURPOSE CABLE UNIT. FLORES IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON INNOVATING NEW, MORE EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES.



>I'm from Soldotna, Alaska. It's more rural, there were maybe 5,000 people from my hometown.

>I grew up with a relatively normal sized family. I have an older brother, a younger brother and then my parents. We were a pretty close family. My dad owns a fishing business in Alaska so we helped out with the business a lot growing up. I hope to be a part of it someday.

>All three of us brothers joined the Marine Corps. My older brother is a sergeant with [Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard] and my little brother is part of the aircrew on CH-53's. Our parents love that we're all in, doing something we love.

>Both of my grandparents on my dad's side were in the military. My grandma was in the Marine Corps way back in the day, about 20 years after Opha Mae Johnson joined and my grandfather was an engineer in the Army, he built runways over in Germany. Then my grandfather on my mom's side was in the Army over in Korea.

>We weren't super pushed toward military service. My parents just wanted to make sure that we had a plan. My mom always wanted one of us to go to college and be a doctor or lawyer or something big, but that's not really what we wanted to do.

>I always had an interest in joining the military, but my brother influenced me to join the Marines. I wasn't ready for college, but I needed to do something and the military is something that's important to me.

>The camaraderie and the patriotism is what drew me in to the military; I wanted to do my part. When I was younger, I heard about 9/11 and the resulting wars and that resonated with me. I thought "I want to help, I want to do something." Even if I'm not getting deployed I'm still able to support the effort.

>I chose ground electronics as my [military occupational specialty]

because electronics have always come easy to me. I can understand them and it's just kind of second nature.

>I get to explore a lot with my MOS. I get to experiment with different things and test new systems that will make my MOS more efficient as far as communication goes. I get to come down to the FabLab and try some things out.

>I took metal shop all four years of high school and then I took the general electronics class. I liked the freedom to design what you wanted. With metal working and electronics you don't have to build a certain thing. You can create what you want to and explore a little bit more.

>The coolest thing we ever built in high school was a dune buggy. We used the engine from a Volkswagen Bug and we built one out of a steel frame and it could do wheelies. It had seven seats on it, there were two seats on the front, two seats on the side above each wheel and then three seats in the back. This thing looked crazy. In the center seat you had a little lever, and those three seats were on a slide bar, so it slid all three people's weight back and threw the entire thing up on a wheelie. It's the metal shop's mascot now.

>My favorite thing I built for the Marine Corps was the cable test box. It makes it more efficient and more affordable to test certain cables in the tank. It saves a lot of time and effort. I wanted to make a more efficient process because the one now takes almost a full day, and with the cable test box, it takes 15 minutes.

>Growing up our parents were very supportive of us in every way. They never said you have to do this. They told us to figure out what we want to do and go for it. They raised us with the mentality of if you put your mind to it you'll get it.

>I love fishing, hunting and anything outdoors. I love being outside; I like the freedom. You're going out on your own and you're also getting

food that you know where it's coming from. In Alaska, we're pretty big on the sustainable food so going out and getting your own food, knowing where it's coming from and having the knowledge that you worked for your food instills a sense of pride.

>Fishing and hunting always takes patience, but it's always worth it in the end because you're putting food on the table. Growing up we never bought any meat. We're a big hunting family, there aren't many families who don't hunt in Alaska.


>I wrestled in high school and I played a little bit of football. So staying active has stayed a huge part of my life. Wrestling was my favorite sport because it was more of a who's better

thing. You're putting your all in to it. It's not so much a team effort, it's how well you can do as a person. It's the warrior mentality, you have to earn it.

>My favorite thing about being in the Marine Corps is the bond I share with any Marine, anywhere. You can get along with them. It's the brotherhood or sisterhood that you don't really see anywhere else. Everybody's backing you, and everyone backs each other.

>If I had to give life advice to someone it would be you're going to make mistakes in your life and you're going to be stronger for it. There's no set standard to life, you don't have to do anything someone wants you to do, you can forge your own path.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo



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Combat Center promotes environmental

LANCE CPL. CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

On a sunny afternoon nearly 3,700 Combat Center patrons rallied at the Earth Day Extravaganza, April 21. Lincoln Military Housing and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs hosted the event at LMH Athletic Field to promote environmental awareness.

"This is a community event held to get everyone to come out and recognize Earth Day and show them other ways they can be conscious of the Earth," said Lt. Col Timothy A. Pochop, director of NREA.

NREA co-sponsored the event with LMH to provide a fun and informational experience for all who attended. Combat Center patrons learned about programs and facilities that support the installation's progressive conservation and energy standards.

"We have different information booths here promoting what's available to Combat Center patrons on base and in the com-

munity to celebrate Earth Day," said Shanese Campbell, environmental trainer, NREA.

The Combat Center and NREA, who uphold a commitment of being good stewards of the environment, provided representatives from: Hazard Waste Management Branch, Range Sustainment Branch, Water Conservation and Natural and Cultural Resources to provide information on the conservation programs aboard the Combat Center.

Thelma and Louise, who serve as two female desert tortoise Combat Center ambassadors, also made an appearance, allowing families to observe, interact with, and learn about members of the threatened species. The event also featured a miniature carnival ride, giant slide, pony rides and a bounce house for children.

"The goal of the event is for everyone to come together in celebration of Earth Week," said Monalisaleilani Atuatasi, district manager, LMH. "And I think we did just that and more."



LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

Annie Smack, wife of Gunnery Sgt. Eric Smack, battery gunnery sergeant, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, slides down a giant slide with her son, Carter, 1, during the Earth Day Extravaganza at Lincoln Military Housing Athletic Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21. LMH and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs hosted the event to make Combat Center patrons more conscious about the environment in a fun and informative way.



LANCE CPL. CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

Mary Lane Poe, biologist, Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs, shows a Combat Center child the different parts of a desert tortoise using Thelma and Louise, desert tortoise ambassadors, as a reference during the Earth Day Extravaganza at the Lincoln Military Athletic Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21. LMH and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs hosted the event to encourage Combat Center residents to be more aware of the environment.



LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

Evan Morrison, son of Staff Sgt. Joshua Morrison, mortarman, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Regiment rides a pony during the Earth Day Extravaganza at Lincoln Military Housing Athletic Field aboard the Combat Center, on April 21



LANCE CPL DAVE FLORES

Brad Brinhall, director, Semper Fit, passes out water bottle to participants of an Earth Day 5K Fun Run hosted by Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs and Semper Fit at the Desert Winds Golf Course aboard the Combat Center, April 21. In keeping with the Combat Center's commitment of being good stewards toward the environment, NREA hosted Earth Day events in the month of April.

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LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

Sgt. Aaron Medlin, squad leader, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Regiment, enjoys a carnival ride with his daughters during the Earth Day Extravaganza at Lincoln Military Housing Athletic Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21. LMH and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs hosted the event to encourage Combat Center residents to be more aware of the environment.



CPI JUL 10 MCGRAW

Staff Sgt. Westin Fisher a Marine with Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group, his wife, Sadie Fisher, program director, Armed Services YMCA, and their children Isabelle and Andrew, dig a hole during an Earth Day clean up at the Long Canyon Preserve in Yucca Valley, Calif., Saturday. The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Armed Services YMCA and the Mojave Desert Land Trust partnered to clean and restore the desert landscape in the canyon for Earth Day.



CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Erin Adams, deputy assistant chief of staff, G-5 Government and External Affairs, speaks to volunteers prior to an Earth Day clean up at the Long Canyon Preserve in Yucca Valley, Calif., Saturday. The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Armed Services YMCA and the Mojave Desert Land Trust partnered to clean and restore the desert landscape in the canyon for Earth Day.

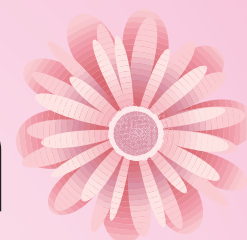


CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Sgt. James Thomas, maintenance chief, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, tees off during the Earth Day Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course aboard the Combat Center. April 21.

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A CH-53 'Super Stallion' helicopter lands at Del Valle Field during a non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17 aboard the Combat Center, April 21.

A silhouette of a soldier running through a field at sunset. The soldier is in the center, moving away from the viewer. The background is a bright orange and yellow sky, with a dark horizon line. A small, dark, rectangular object is visible on the left side of the horizon.

CPL. DOMINIC BOMERO

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jonathan E. Vazquez a Meteorology/Oceanography analyst forecaster with Marine Air Control Squadron One runs to scout a suitable position for an Automated Weather Observation System at a forward arming refueling point during Assault Support Tactics 3 in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor course 2-17 at Yuma, Ariz., Friday.



CBI JULIO MCGRAW

A CH-53 'Super Stallion' helicopter prepares to take off at Del Valle Field during a non-combatant Evacuation Operation exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-17 aboard the Combat Center. April 21.

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Gunner, golden retriever comfort dog, meets the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Lion during the Provost Marshal's Office annual Community Safety Event at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21, 2017. PMO hosted the event to educate the community on various programs and strengthen community based partnerships.

PMO hosts annual Community Safety Event

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. NATALIA
CUEVAS

Provost Marshal's Office showed Combat Center patrons ways to stay safe in the upcoming summer months, during the Provost Marshal's Office annual Community Safety Event, at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21, 2017.

"We are here today to promote safety by showing our capabilities," said Sgt. Trent Hall, Special Reaction Team member, PMO. "We also want to improve public relations and show the children and the community what it is that we do for them."

PMO, including the Military Working Dog section, joined with San Bernardino Sheriff's Department and the Joshua Tree Search and Rescue Team to educate Combat Center patrons about the different resources and programs available to the community.

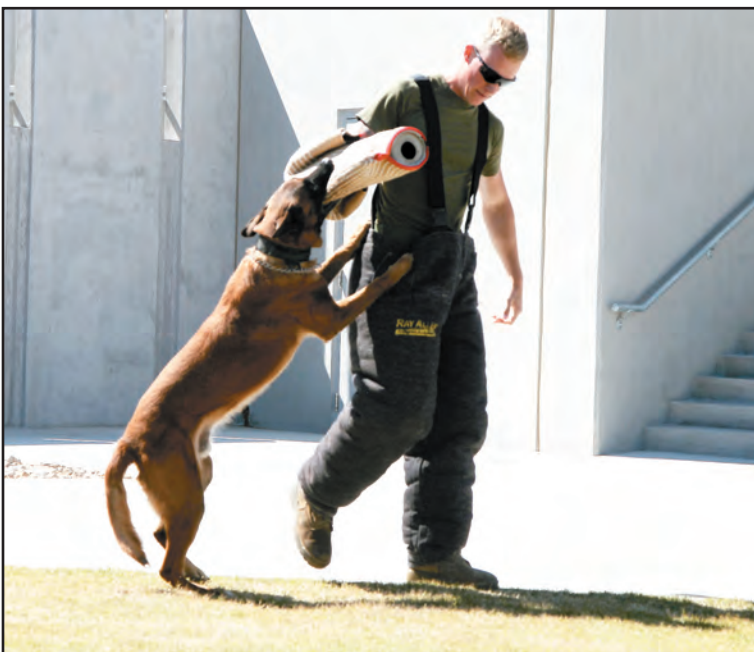
PMO's MWD section demonstrated the dogs' discipline and abilities in front of a large crowd. The canines attacked and defended against Cpl. Preston Ford, MWD chief trainer, PMO, who played the role of a perpetrator. In a separate demonstration, SRT Marines subdued Special Agent Cody Cunningham, Criminal Investigations Division, to show the crowd the effects of an X26P Taser.

Combat Center patrons were also able to meet professional freestyle motocross riders, Cal Vallone, Destin Cantrell and Jimmy Fitzpatrick, who performed tricks off a 35-foot ramp.

PMO conducts law and order operations in support of the Combat Center in order to provide a safe and secure environment for Marines, sailors, civilian employees, and families to work, live and train. For more information, visit PMO's page at www.29palms.marines.mil.



Special Reaction Team members, Provost Marshals Office, subdue Agent Cody Cunningham, criminal investigator, Criminal Investigations Division, with an X26P Taser during PMO's annual Community Safety Event at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21, 2017. PMO hosted the event to educate the community on various programs and strengthen community based partnerships.



Cpl. Preston Ford, chief trainer, Military Working Dog Section, Provost Marshal's Office, demonstrates how PMO would detain a suspect during the PMO's annual Community Safety Event at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21, 2017. PMO hosted the event to educate the community on various programs and strengthen community based partnerships.



Cal Vallone, professional freestyle motocross rider, performs a trick during the Provost Marshal's Office annual Community Safety Event at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, April 21, 2017. PMO hosted the event to educate the community on various programs and strengthen community based partnerships.

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MEFEX

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U.S. Marines with Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division, engage the Table 5 course of fire in modified Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear Level 4 during III Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise (MEFEX) on Range 160, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, April 25.



U.S. Marines with Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division, engage the Table 5 course of fire in Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear Level 1 during III Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise (MEFEX) on Range 160, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, April 25. MEFEX serves as a simulated war exercise meant to strengthen the capabilities of the Marine Expeditionary Force and Division levels.



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11:30 p.m. – Life, R

Saturday - April 29, 2017

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7:00 p.m. – KONG: Skull Island (3-D), PG-13
9:30 p.m. – Life, R
11:50 p.m. – CHiPs, R

Sunday - April 30, 2017

12:00 p.m. – Life, R
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5:00 p.m. – KONG: Skull Island, PG-13
7:30 p.m. – Ghost in the Shell (3-D), PG-13

Monday - May 01, 2017

6:30 p.m. – Ghost in the Shell (3-D), PG-13

Tuesday - May 02, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Life, R

Wednesday - May 03, 2017

5:00 p.m. – The Baby Boss, PG
7:10 p.m. – CHiPs, R

Thursday - May 04, 2017

5:00 p.m. – Before I Fall, PG-13
7:10 p.m. – KONG: Skull Island, PG-13

Friday - May 05, 2017

8:00 p.m. – Beauty and The Beast, PG
11:00 p.m. – Ghost in the Shell, PG-13

The City of Twenty-nine Palms is Accepting Applications for the Following Part-Time Seasonal Positions in the Recreation Department:

Part-time/Seasonal: Summer Day Camp Aide- Starting Hourly Rate \$11.01
Under general direction performs a variety of duties in the Recreation Department for the Summer Day Camp Program including but not limited to planning, organizing and implementing daily weekly and monthly activities for all age groups and the community as a whole through the City's Recreation Program. The successful applicant must pass a nationwide background check and possess or have the ability to obtain current certifications in CPR and First Aid upon hire. Experience working in a day camp/day care setting is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age. The period of employment for this part-time seasonal position is from June 12, 2017 to August 18, 2017, at a minimum of 20 hours per week. **Closing Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

Part-Time/Seasonal Lifeguard- Starting Hourly Rate \$10.74
Under general supervision performs a variety of duties in the Recreation Department for the Luckie Park Pool including but not limited to enforcing swimming pool rules and regulations; patrols swimming pool areas; corrects unsafe practices; assists swimmers in distress; performs CPR and first aid as required. The successful applicant must pass a nationwide background check and possess or have the ability to obtain current certifications in Lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid upon hire. The period of employment for this part-time seasonal position is from May 27, 2017 to September 3, 2017, at a minimum of 20 hours per week. **Closing Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

Applications and full job announcements are available on the City's website at <http://www.29palms.org/> or may be picked up at Twenty-nine Palms City Hall and at the Park and Recreation Office at 74362 Joe Davis Road, Twenty-nine Palms, CA 92277. Return completed applications to City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Twenty-nine Palms, CA 92277.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY AND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS Joshua Basin Water District

Requirements for Appointment

- Appointee must be a resident of Joshua Basin Water District.
- Appointee must be a registered voter of Joshua Tree, CA 92252
- Since this position is filling the unexpired term of the previous incumbent, the term of office is through November 2018.
- A completed application as well as a Statement of Qualifications, resume, or curriculum vitae **and** a letter of interest **must be submitted to Joshua Basin Water District by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2017.**

Background
On March 24, 2017 the death of a Board Member, who was elected to a four-year term of office in November 2014, resulted in a vacant seat. At the April 19, 2017 Board meeting, the Directors supported appointment of a replacement to this position in lieu of a special election to fill the vacated seat.

About Joshua Basin Water District
Joshua Basin Water District (JBWD) was founded in 1963 when several older private water systems in the Joshua Tree area were merged. The JBWD is nearly 100 square miles in size and serves about 5,500 customers. It has about 300 miles of pipeline, 5 active wells, and 17 reservoirs. Current issues facing the JBWD include; meeting the new water quality standards for JBWD's naturally-occurring Chromium VI at the most affordable cost, the systematic repair and/or replacement of aging infrastructure, long-term sustainability of the water supply including formation of a groundwater sustainability agency and maximum recharge of imported water from the state water project, assuring a continued sound fiscal position for JBWD and continuing to provide for a highly trained staff.

Board of Directors
JBWD is governed by a five-member elected Board of Directors, which collectively makes policy decisions. Regular Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Board members are expected to attend regular and special meetings, scheduled as needed. Board members may also represent the Board at meetings of other agencies.

Process
The Board will interview all candidates, meeting the minimum legal requirements, on May 18, 2017. The time of interviews will depend on the number of applications received. Tentatively the Board will make a final decision at that May 18, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**The application form and related information are available at the Joshua Basin Water District Offices at 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 and on our website at www.jbwd.com.*

For more information, contact Beverly Waszak at (760) 974-0072

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THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY IS RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS :

Lifeguard
The starting salary is \$10.61/hr.

Water Safety Instructor
The starting rate is \$11.45/hr.

Interested candidates who do not currently hold a lifeguard certification are welcome to enroll in the Town's upcoming certification course on May 5th – May 7th and May 12th-14th. The fee for the course is \$220.00. Successful candidates that complete the course will have the opportunity to interview for summer positions with the Town of Yucca Valley Aquatics program and, if hired, may be eligible for a 50% fee reimbursement.

Closing date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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Kennel Technician
\$13.93/hr – \$20.17hr
Part-time, Non-benefitted position:

Under general direction, performs a variety of duties involved in maintaining the Animal Shelter areas in a clean and sanitary condition; care for, feed and exercise impounded animals; provide customer service in the shelter during afternoon office hours; assist in placement or disposal of animals; and assist w/ethanizing animals when necessary. Min. Quals: H.S. diploma or equivalent w/1 year experience in care and handling of animals or equivalent related field required. This position requires availability on the weekends and holidays.

All positions require the successful candidates to pass a post offer criminal background screening, tuberculosis and drug screening; and possess a Class C California driver's license with a satisfactory driving record.

Applications available at Town Hall/Yucca Valley or visit the website at www.yucca-valley.org for application, job announcement and job description.

Closing date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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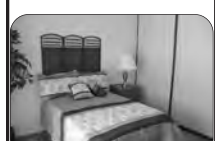
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Combat Center hosts ANZAC Day Celebration

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Tactical Training Exercise Control Group hosted an Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day celebration aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.

ANZAC Day recognizes the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces during the Battle of Gallipoli in World War I. Similar to Memorial Day, it honors all Aussies and New Zealanders who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle.

Marine leaders with TTECG and Warrant Officer Class 2 Michael Carroll, exchange infantry weapons officer, Australian Army, spoke about the history and tradition of ANZAC Day before serving a historical gunfire breakfast.

“The gunfire breakfast was taken by soldiers on the morning prior to battle during WWI,” Carroll said. “This may have included biscuits served with coffee laced with rum and/or condensed milk.”

For Marines like Lance Cpl. Ian Andrews, role player, TTECG, the gunfire breakfast was a nice change from the chow hall. However, according to Andrews, the most rewarding part of the ANZAC Day celebration was learning about Australian mili-



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tary history.

“Before today I didn’t really know what ANZAC Day was,” Andrews said. “Learning about it builds camaraderie and strengthens unity between the two countries.”

Marine Corps exercise controllers are commonly referred to as “coyotes,” however, Carroll goes by call sign “dingo,” an appropriate designation for TTECG’s first Australian exercise controller. He is participating in a bilateral exchange program aboard

the Combat Center for two years. According to Carroll, U.S. and Australian warfighters share a bond that is formed in the common forge of selfless service and shared hardships.

“We share values, we share adversity, and a common goal for peace and prosperity for the world,” Carroll said. “It’s truly an honor to continue this tradition here.”

Combat Center’s 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, simultaneously honored ANZAC Day with a ruck march in Darwin, Australia.

“It’s important to remember the history between the United States and Australia, and how the battles we’ve fought together forged the relationship our countries have today,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Jorge Jacinto, senior enlisted advisor, TTECG.



Warrant Officer Class 2 Michael Carroll, exchange infantry weapons officer, Australian Army, speaks to Marines with Tactical Training Exercise Control Group during an Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day celebration aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday. ANZAC Day recognizes the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces during the Battle of Gallipoli in World War I.



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