

Sgt. Krystian Madrid, intelligence specialist, 7th Marine Regiment, holds his son following his unit's homecoming at Victory Park aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Thursday.

'Magnificent Seventh' return home

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
 LANCE CPL. ISAAC CANTRELL

Excited families and eager friends welcomed home 7th Regiment Marines and sailors at Victory Park Thursday. Members of the 'Magnificent Seventh' deployed as part of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Central Command 17.1.

SPMAGTF-CR-CC conducts crisis response, contingency operations, theater security cooperation, enabling operations and all other missions as may be directed throughout the U.S. Central Command area of operations in order to support CENTCOM requirements. 7th Marines served as the command element for SPMAGTF-CR-CC 17.1 throughout a nine-month deployment. As the command element, they were responsible for providing command and control for the SPMAGTF.

"We were busy the whole time," said Lt. Col. Chris McGuire, operations officer, 7th Marines. "It was our hard work and dedication to mission accomplishment that made

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marcus Gilmore, personnel officer, 7th Marine Regiment, hugs his wife at Victory Park aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Thursday.

Beating the heat

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SAFETY DIVISION

It's that time of year again when our desert weather reminds us why we live in an area that isn't overly populated....The heat!

Just like in cold and wet parts of the country, when the weather starts getting too cold and wet, riders pack up their motorcycles in the garage for a long winters nap. There are also those that pack their bike up when temps start cranking well above the century mark. However, there are those out there that see the heat as an opportunity that allows us to ride year round.

So with that being said, I would like to offer up some ideas to not only make our riding in the summer more bearable, but safer as well.

Riding during the summer months with your full-up armored protective gear could actually be a detriment.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KAYLEE DUBOIS

Motorcycle Riders line up to participate in the two hour Armed Forces Motorcycle Safety ride at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., May 19, 2017. The formation ride was approximately 80 miles with two designated checkpoints along the way.

It could lead to you having heat related injuries, such as fatigue, muscle cramps, headaches, dizziness, nausea, and even becoming unconscious.

But leaving your protective gear hanging in the closet doesn't do much good either. There are alternatives you can use that can help you stay cool and protected at the same time.

Those of you that have been out here for a summer or two already know, there really isn't a "cool" time to ride. But, we can prepare ourselves to make the ride as safe as we can, and to make it as enjoyable as possible at the same time.

So, what do we do, stop riding during these months? No! We just ride smarter. We exchange that heavy up armored jacket with a mesh one that has protec-

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SAMUEL KING

A biker rolls out after the annual motorcycle safety rally at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., April 14. More than 500 motorcyclists came out for the event that meets the annual safety briefing requirement for base riders.

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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. Justin Smith.



A U.S. Marine Corps M1A1 Abrams tank with 1st Tank Battalion, Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 stands by to be refueled during Integrated Training Exercise (ITX) 5-17 aboard the Combat Center, Aug 4. The purpose of ITX is to create a challenging, realistic training environment that produces combat-ready forces capable of operating as an integrated Marine Air Ground Task Force.



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Marines Donate Blood for Open Heart Operation

STORY BY CPL. T.D. BRUNO

Marines from 29 Palms have given 10 pints of Type "O" blood for Marcelyn Medcalfe of moonlight Gardens, who faces an open heart operation on Aug. 31.

However, more blood is needed.

According to local authorities, it does not have to be any given type

blood when given to the Red Cross Bank or the San Bernardino Blood Bank.

Dates and places for giving blood are as follows: Indio, at the Elks Club, 11 - 12:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Palm Springs Desert Hospital, Sept. 26, 11 to 12:30 p.m. San Bernardino Blood Bank any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Saturday

from 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Marines wishing to participate in this blood donation program can contact the Informational Services Office - Extension 281. Transportation to the blood centers will be furnished.

When giving blood, give name of Marcelyn Medcalfe, care of St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles, for "Open Heart Surgery."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNA GRACE SHELTON

Born August 6th, 2017
Born to Chad and Kathryn Shelton

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Born to Jaycey and Rose A. Reed

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Born to Jose and Jennifer Lara

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Born to Elidio and Adela Guillen

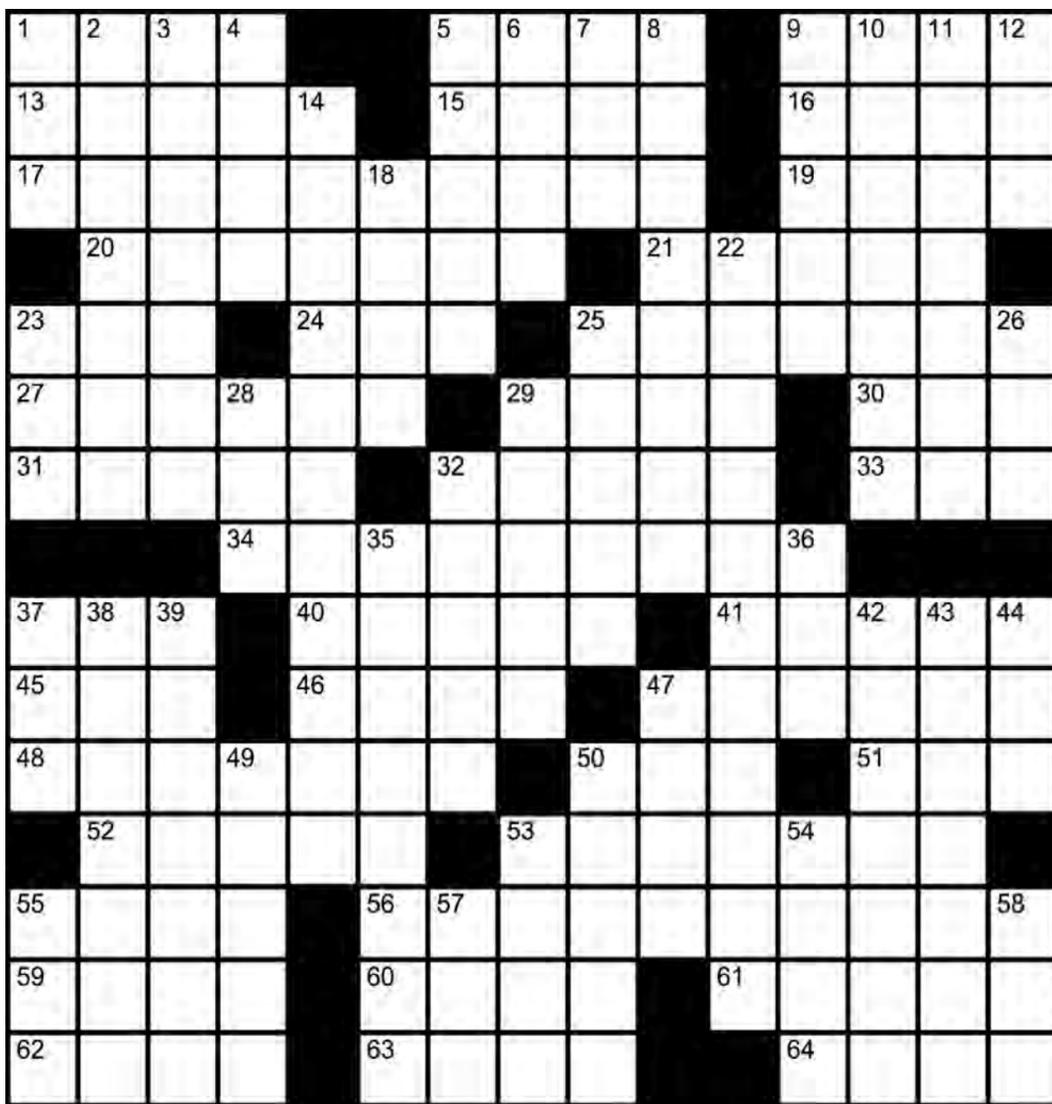
Braxton Allen Patterson

Born August 9, 2017
Born to Jasmine and Nicholas Patterson

Annabeth Grace Alvey

Born August 10, 2017
Born to Brandon Alvey and Beth Nelson

CROSSWORD



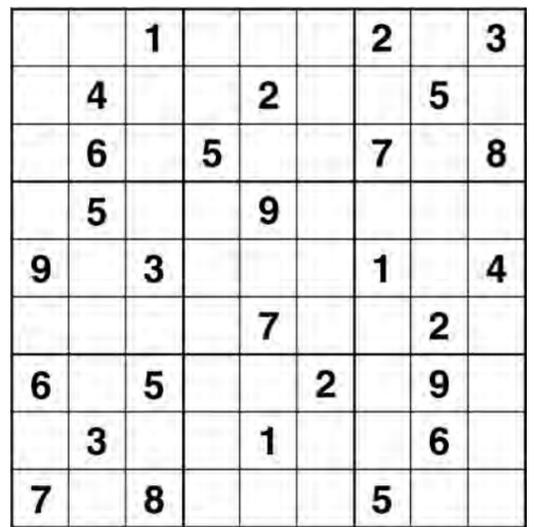
- Across**
- Strong fiber
 - Bit
 - Amounted (to)
 - Archaeological find
 - ___ lamp
 - Elliptical
 - Eloquent
 - Bondman
 - Scientist that studies minute forms of matter
 - Bond, for one
 - Absorbed, as a cost
 - Congratulations, of a sort
 - Roundabout course
 - Essence
 - MasterCard alternative
 - Ring bearer, maybe
 - Money in the bank, say
 - On any ___ day
 - Arch
 - Separating two adja-

- cent vowels
- Appropriate
- Rainbow ___
- Sense of touch
- "Flying Down to ___"
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Extent
- Welcome to _____, son
- Clinch, with "up"
- "A jealous mistress": Emerson
- Swindled
- Keeps in memory
- Elevator inventor
- Two forms of an element
- Composes
- "Cool!"
- Bacteria discovered by Theodor Escherich
- Deuce topper
- Food sticker
- Black stone

- Down**
- "My man!"
 - Freshens, in a way
 - Person who lays slate for roofing
 - Josip Broz, familiarly
 - Creme de la creme (2 wds)
 - Boor's lack
 - Egg cells
 - Bodily weakness
 - Trig function
 - Like streets
 - Kind of law
 - "The Lord of the Rings" figure
 - Skilled event
 - 100 dinars
 - Ironware with stone like enamel
 - Alias
 - Catlike, carnivorous mammal
 - "Don't give up!"

- "20,000 Leagues" harpooner ___ Land
- Computer woe
- Shape of the earth
- Brazen
- Decline
- Branch
- Mideast money
- Shared annuity
- Spiked iron plate on soles of boots
- In a short and concise manner
- Undertake, with "out"
- Balance sheet item
- Brazen one
- Walloped, old-style
- Brio
- Bananas
- Decide to leave, with "out"
- "Fantasy Island" prop
- Half a dozen

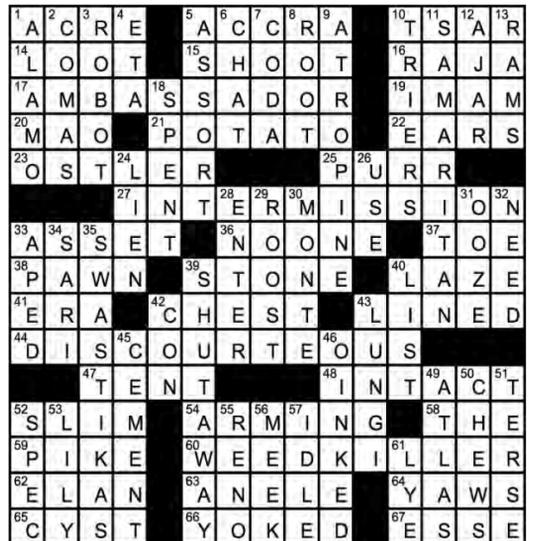
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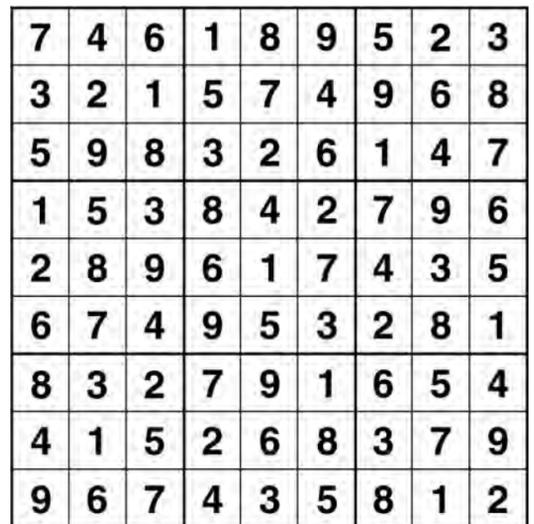
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Last week's answers



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- Main Street Motel, 3494 Main Street, San Diego
- Trolley Stations, Palomar Street & San Ysidro, San Diego
- Vulcan Baths, 805 W. Cedar Street, San Diego
- Dream Crystal, 1536 Highland Avenue, National City
- Sports Auto Sales, 1111 National City Boulevard, National City

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Thomas

Forrethill, Ca. Corporal, Public Affairs, Headquarters Battalion

MUDD

>I'm from a little town called Foresthill in northern California. That's where my dad lives.

>Even though I call Foresthill home, I've lived in several towns throughout northern California, including Sacramento, Auburn and Roseville. I moved around a lot, but I always stayed in northern California.

>I'm the oldest of six (soon to be seven) siblings between both parents. The next oldest, my brother, Andrew, is the only sibling that I'm 100% blood related to. My sister is expected to be born this month.

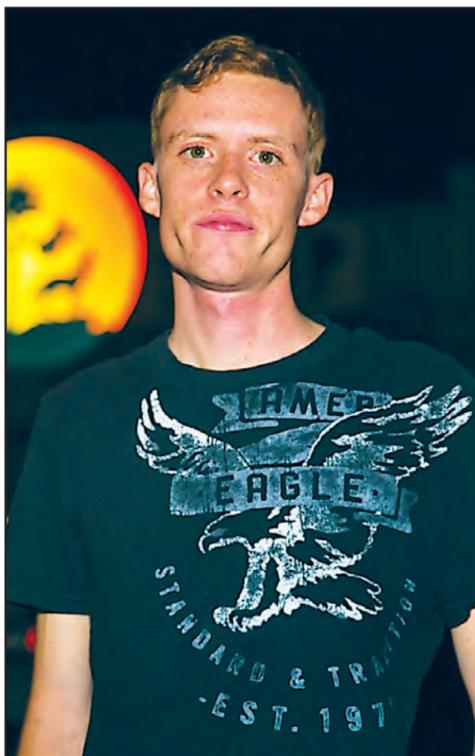
>My parents split up after Andrew was born, when I was two years old. He and I became very close. I've always felt that the oldest brother needs to look out for his younger brother and to help him if something is going on. Whenever I get a new brother or sister, I see it as another person that I can be there for. I know I will have an impact on their lives and, in some way, take care of them.

>When I was young, I thought my parents being apart was normal. It wasn't until around 2nd grade that I realized that my family was different. It was hard and there were times when I was forced to choose between seeing my mom or hanging with my friends on the weekend. In the end, I chose my mom. Once I reached 6th grade, I began to accept it. I figured that there was nothing I could do about my parents' relationship, so why not enjoy what I had.

>I would stay at my dad's house during the week, so we didn't get a lot of time to bond because I had school and he had work. When I went to my mom's house on the weekend, we had a lot more time together. We'd play board games and card games and go out.

>My mom and I used to play a lot of games like Life, Trivial Pursuit and Monopoly. I tried Dungeons and Dragons for the first time when I was around 12 years old. It was like a video game, but I had full control of everything that happened with my character and the storyline.

>At first, we didn't have a lot of video games at either of my parents' houses. When I was around 8, my dad went out and bought me and my brother an X-Box and the first Halo game. Around the same



time, my mom bought a PlayStation that my brother and I started playing. Playing video games was a way for me to bond with both of my parents.

>I love video games because it allows me to separate from reality and take part in something that I would never actually be able to experience.

>I joined the Marine Corps at the end of the summer after I graduated high school. I have family members who were in the military, but I was the first to join the Marine Corps.

>My recruiter came to me first. I was hesitant, because I wanted to talk to recruiters from other branches before I made my decision. After visiting the other recruiters, I realized the Marines had exactly what I was looking for. There was a sense of pride

and camaraderie in the Marines that none of the other branches' recruiters showed.

>My brother joined the Marines shortly after I did. I think when I joined I motivated him. We both have very similar mindsets and he was looking for the same thing as me.

>I've always been very stubborn. Over the years, I've been able to use my stubbornness in a productive manner. Whenever I've been challenged, or when I've had to push myself, my stubborn attitude would help me push through. It's helped me to realize I'm capable of more than I thought.

>One thing I learned being in the Marines is that it's ok to be wrong some times. Most people don't like being or sounding wrong. You have to be humble and learn from your mistakes.

>My biggest role models in the Marine Corps have been Sgt. Alejandro Bedoya and Cpl. Julio McGraw.

>Bedoya was the first NCO who was in charge of me. He taught me a lot of important leadership fundamentals, and was immensely helpful and respectable. McGraw took over once Bedoya left. When Bedoya first left, there were some growing pains getting used to new leadership, but I could always go to McGraw if I needed help. McGraw has always been the guy who held the shop together. If there was a problem, he would always work with me to solve it so we could both learn from the experience.

>Words that I've always lived by are "who cares what people think?" If I'm doing something that I enjoy and someone has a problem with it, why would I let what they think dictate what I do. Don't let what people think hold you back from doing what makes you happy.

>If I could go back to the moment I stepped on those yellow footprints and give myself some advice, I'd tell myself to enjoy every moment. Whether I had decided to stay in the Marines for twenty years or get out after four, like I soon will, eventually my career would've ended. Everything is temporary. Eventually everybody will move to different places and we won't all be able to see each other as often, so enjoy every moment.

Interviewed and photographed by Lance Cpl. Isaac Cantrell



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LANCE CPL. CODY OHIRA

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Justin R. Martin, a UH-1Y Huey crew chief attached to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, inspects a GAU-21 .50 caliber machine gun during Northern Strike 17 at the Combat Readiness Training Center Alpena, Mich., Aug. 10. Northern Strike is a joint exercise hosted by the Michigan Air National Guard that emphasizes on close air support and joint fire support to enhance combat readiness.



LANCE CPL. DAMON MCLEAN

Corporal Jarris Wade, number one rifle inspector, U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, executes a rifle inspection during an indoor ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington D.C., Aug. 11. The guest of honor for the parade was Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Sonny Perdue, and the hosting official was the Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, Gen. Glenn M. Walters.



SGT. WESLEY TIMM

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Eric M. Smith, commanding general of 1st Marine Division, tours the site of Bloody Ridge in Guadalcanal, Solomon Island, Aug. 9. The tour was used to teach the Marines about Bloody Ridge and the Battle of Guadalcanal, which took place from Aug. 7, 1942 to Feb. 9, 1943.



LANCE CPL. NELSON DUENAS

Lance Cpl. Betsaida Hernandez uses a handheld anemometer to measure the speed and direction of the wind Aug. 8 on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan. Hernandez, a Lindon, Utah, native, is a meteorological observer in training to be a meteorology and oceanography analyst forecaster, with Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



CPL. SAMANTHA BRAUN

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller, center, speaks with Eddie B. Calvo, governor of Guam, at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, Aug. 11. Neller visited Guam to tour facilities and meet with Marines.

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Combat Center Commanding General awards PWD employees

STORY BY PFC. MARGARET GALE

Public Works Division held an awards presentation here August 2, 2017 to recognize recipients who have reached 10, 20, and 30 years of service.

PWD took the opportunity to highlight the hard work and achievements of personnel within the PWD. Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III, Combat Center Commanding General, presented the 20 & 30 Years of Service award to Hector Valentin, having served 20 years and James Bellamy, having served 30 years. Lt. Cmdr. Juan Chavira, Public Works Officer, PWD, presented the 10 Years of Service awards to John Liggins, PWD, Patrick McCollum, PWD, Jason Soto, PWD, Hector Olvera, PWD, and Kenny Wilkins, PWD.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Public Works Division received Service Awards aboard the Combat Center August 2. Combat Center Commanding General Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III awarded the recipients for their dedicated years of service.



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Combat Center Commanding General Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III awards Hector Valentin and James Bellamy, Public Works Division, with 20 and 30 year Service Awards aboard the Combat Center August 2. The recipients are award for the dedicated years of service.



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Lt. Cmdr. Juan Chavira, public works officer, Public Works Division, acknowledges recipients of the 10 years of Service Award aboard the Combat Center August 2. The recipients were award for the dedicated years of service in PWD.

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tion in all the critical areas, i.e. back, shoulders, and elbows. These jackets run anywhere from \$60.00 to over \$200.00. There are cooling vests out there that help to combat the heat. If this doesn't work for you, then something as simple as putting on a wet t-shirt underneath your jacket can offer some relief. Although you will have to make regular stops and re-wet the shirt for it to stay effective.

One of the best ways to deal with the adverse temperatures is to simply plan ahead. Early morning rides are much more enjoyable during the summer months. Temperatures are lower in the morning, which helps to keep you cool while rolling down the road. Late afternoon rides should not be counted out as they put you on the roads as the temperature is dropping rather than rising. Plus the sun is up much later this

time of year so if your ride gets "extended" you won't be left in the dark.

Hydration/water--for you not just the bike, make sure you have plenty of water with you to stay hydrated. This is more a necessity than a recommendation. Increased perspiration rates are your enemy but can be combated with a camelback or some other like-type system.

Have fun out there and stay cool.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KATHRYN REAVES

Team Shaw members navigate motorcycles through markers during a Motorcycle Safety Foundation intermediate training course at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., July 26.

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the operation an overall success."

Working alongside McGuire was Col. William Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, who has now completed his ninth deployment.

"We have a very talented team with a lot of amazing individual success," Vivian said. "It's always a very fulfilling experience to lead a MAGTF."



Zarion Gilmore, the son of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marcus Gilmore, personnel officer, 7th Marine Regiment, makes a sign for his father prior to the unit's homecoming at Victory Park aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Thursday. 7th Marines completed their nine month deployment as the command element of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force - Crisis Response - Central Command 17.1.

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ITX 5-17 2/1 Long Range Raid

Sgt. Kassie McDole



A Marine with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 fires his M4 carbine at a simulated enemy during a long range raid, for Integrated Training Exercise 5-17 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Az., Sunday.



A CH-53E Super Stallion with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464, Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 takes-off during a long range raid, for Integrated Training Exercise 5-17 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Az., Sunday. The purpose of ITX is to create a challenging, realistic training environment that produces combat-ready forces capable of operating as an integrated MAGTF.



Marines with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 prepare to load in to a CH-53E Super Stallion during a long range raid, for Integrated Training Exercise 5-17 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Az., Sunday.



Marines with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 discuss their next movement during a long range raid, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-17 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Az., Sunday.



Lance Cpl. Ryan A. Somershoe, a rifleman with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 examines a simulated weapons cache during a long range raid, for Integrated Training Exercise 5-17 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Az., Sunday.

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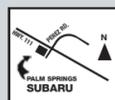
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Hot Summer Nights Concert MCCS hosts Old Dominion



EMELINE TOOLE

Geoff Sprung, Old Dominion bass guitar player, performs at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, Saturday. Marine Corps Community Services hosted the event where Old Dominion performed for hundreds of Combat Center patrons as a way of expressing their appreciation for Marines and sailors.

BY LANCE CPL.
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A warm breeze swept through Victory as children sat atop the shoulders of parents, overlooking the sea of people gathered to watch the show. Once Old Dominion stepped on to stage, the mass of spectators erupted in cheers and thunderous applause, kicking off the Hot Summer Nights Concert.

Marine Corps Community Services hosted Old Dominion, a five-man American country music band, to perform for hundreds of Combat Center patrons at Victory Field, Aug. 12, 2017.

MCCS hosts various events throughout the year that are designed to enhance the morale of Marines, sailors and their families.

"The Old Dominion show was a great success," said Randi Evans, a special events administrative specialist with MCCS. "Overall, the event went smoothly and we've received a lot of positive feedback on social media." The band's performance

aboard the Combat Center was their way of expressing their appreciation for Marines and sailors.

"It was a simple decision when we were asked to come and play for the Marines," said Matthew Ramsey, Old Dominion's songwriter and lead vocalist. "It's an honor that we get to perform for those who have done so much for our country."

During the show Old Dominion performed some of their most well-known songs such as "Said Nobody," "Nowhere Fast" and "No Such Thing as a Broken Heart." MCCS also provided food and beverages for purchases during the event. Combat Center patrons of all ages expressed their joy in being able to enjoy a live band and spend time with friends.

"This is actually my first week here and I'm trying to get to know the base a little," said Pfc. Brianna Clark, student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School on base. "This is a good opportunity to meet new people and listen to great music."



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Beat the heat this summer by heading to one of the many pools aboard the Combat Center. The Officer's Club pool has lifeguards who are available to assist children who have trouble swimming. The family pool, located on Cottontail Road, offers swim lessons for non-swimmers. For swimmers who wish to swim competitively, the family pool also offers "team-ready" classes, which teach competitive strokes, starts, turns, and finishes.

On August 18, the pool will host a dive-in movie, showing "The Little Mermaid" at 8 p.m. On August 25, they will show "Moana" at 8 p.m.

The swim team will start after Labor Day, and is open for all swimmers between the ages of 5 and 18 years old.

The Training Tank is currently closed for renovations, and is expected to re-open in October.

Officer's Club pool hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

- Lap Swim: 5 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- Unit Training: 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Open Swim: 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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- Lap Swim: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat/Sun

- Open Swim: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays

Family Pool hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sat/Sun

- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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For more information on the Officer's Club pool, call 760-830-7250. For more information on the Family Pool, call 760-830-6727. For more information on the Training Tank, call 760-830-6212.

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