



LANCE CPL. MALIEK FOWLER

U.S. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, pose for a group photo during a mass reenlistment ceremony aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 24.

3/11 stands together for re-enlistment

COURTESY STORY

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Regiment, held a mass re-enlistment ceremony for nine Marines at the 3/11 motor pool

aboard the Combat Center August 24, 2017.

According to Staff Sgt. Michael Hinson, 3/11 career planner, Marines participated in the mass re-enlistment to assist

Lt. Col. Robert McCarthy's, battalion commander, recognition of the importance of retention in the Marine Corps. The newly re-enlisted Marines came from several military occu-

pational specialties throughout the battalion such as field artillery, field artillery control man, motor transport, motor

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U.S. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, recites the oath of reenlistment administered by Lt. Col. Robert G. McCarthy, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines during a mass reenlistment ceremony aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 24. The Oath Reaffirms the Marines commitment to the Marine Corps and to the Nation.

September's Preparedness Month comes to Combat Center

STORY BY
 CPL. DAVE FLORES

As fall draws near, the Combat Center would like to remind its patrons that September is National Preparedness Month. The theme for this year is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

The purpose of National Preparedness Month is to ensure people have the capabilities in place to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from threats and hazards that pose great risk to our Nation.

"Preparedness Month is a Department of Defense wide initiative aimed toward insuring everyone is prepared for any disaster or natural event that might occur at their duty station," said Michael Burns, force protection supervisor, G-7, Mission Assurance. "It gets people to think about how to be prepared in the case of an emergency."

In the coming month, several disaster topics will be discussed and the installation's patrons will be educated on how to react in the event of certain natural disasters. During week one, patrons will learn about building emergency kits and communications plans, week two will cover flash floods, during week three there will be discussions held on how to prepare for earthquakes and the final week will review communicable diseases.

According to Burns, it is important to become familiar with internal preparedness plans, as well as promote preparedness amongst units, families and co-workers. An opportunity to do so will be presented on September 15, the Prepareathon National Day of Action.

For more information about National Preparedness Month visit www.ready.gov/september.

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Marine Corps Community Services golf pro offers lessons at Desert Winds Golf Course

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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 Sgt. Jessica Quezada.



From left to right, Marine Corps Sgt. Herbert Cosio, Sgt. Austin Elder, Sgt. Michael Thomas and Sgt. Martin Minner retire the colors during a Los Angeles Chargers and New Orleans Saints pre-season game at the Stub Hub Center in Carson, Calif., Aug. 20. Marines of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Orange County presented a Color Guard for their local football team to support the players and more importantly the community.



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Labor Day salutes skill, strength of U.S. workers

BY CPL MARK HOGAN

To many Americans, Labor Day is simply the last holiday of the summer season. Since it always involves a three-day weekend, millions of people observe it by jamming the nation's highways, trying to have as much last-minute 'fun in the sun' as possible before the approach of winter.

The true meaning of Labor Day is all but lost to many of us. That is unfortunate,

because Labor Day has a deep significance for all Americans.

So let's refresh our memory. Let's take a quick look at the history of Labor Day and the American heritage it represents.

Labor Day is a working man's holiday. Observance of it began in 1882 when the Knights of Labor, a workers' organization of the time, sought to name the first Monday in September

'Labor Day.' Working people throughout the nation asked for state laws to make it a legal holiday. Oregon, in 1887, was the first to act. Other states quickly followed suit. Congress declared it a national holiday in 1894. Now it is a legal holiday throughout the United States and Canada as well.

From the beginning, the idea behind Labor Day was to commemorate the efforts of the American labor force

— that group of working men and women who represent a cross-section of American strength and know-how.

Why a special day just for working people? As members of the armed forces, we can provide one ready answer. Our weapons, our equipment — used in our daily job of protecting America's freedom — are the result of American skill. Without the labor force, there would be no planes to fly, no

missiles to launch, no uniforms to wear, no barracks, no office equipment — none of the ordinary tools we use every day.

So while you are on your way to your holiday fun spot this Labor Day, take a moment to remember that the car you're riding in, the road you're driving on — in fact, just about everything that makes America great — are products of the American working man and woman.

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- Like some knees
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- "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
- Commemorative marker
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 - Say "Li'l Abner," say
 - Hold back
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 - "It's no ___!"
 - Margin
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Lucas C.G. KLUENDER

Massillon, Ohio PFC supply specialist, Distribution Management Office, Headquarters Battalion

>I was raised by my mom and my step-dad with my sister and two brothers. My mom is in college studying environmental science and my step dad works as a construction worker.

>I grew up in Massillon, Ohio. The football hall of fame is in Canton, Ohio, so football is popular back home, especially in the high schools. My school even had an indoor football stadium.

>I was really involved in high school. I was in the national honor society and in a national marketing competition. I was also in teen court, which is where students would figure out the best punishments for rule breakers.

>I played three varsity sports while in school: track, cross-country and swim. Cross-country was my favorite because I've always been a distance runner.

>English and history were my primary subjects, so I tutored other students during lunch. I finished some basic college classes while in school, like environmental science and English Composition 1 and 2.

>My step-mom used to repair damaged military gear and once, when I was little, she let me try on the dress blues and cammies she was fixing because she knew how much I loved the Marine Corps.

>I joined the Marine Corps the October after I graduated high school. Joining the Corps was something I wanted to do since I was a kid. I would see films of Marines doing remarkable things and sacrificing so much that it drew me toward wanting to be one of them.

>My step-dad is one of my biggest role models. He was going to be an Army Ranger, but several unfortunate events came his way, so he was unable to finish. Despite the things going on in his life, he took in children that weren't his and raised them as if they were his own.

>I'm going to start college classes soon. Right now I just want to earn an associate's degree because I'm not sure what I want to major in. I've been thinking about becoming an orthodontist. I had really crooked teeth so I had to wear braces. Thanks to my orthodontist I have straight teeth now which gave me a huge confidence boost. I want to give people the same confidence that I received.

>I've also thought about owning a franchise like McDonalds or Chipotle because that makes great money. Franchises sell themselves; all the owner has to do is get a convenient location. There was this brand-new Chipotle that was opened downtown where I lived and it



became popular fast.

>My favorite part about the Corps is that when things get stressful here there's always someone to

make it better, usually by being funny. Another thing is that I didn't have many friends before but when I joined I made lots of friends with many different people.

>Advice I have for new Marines is try not to emulate bad leaders. If you do, you'll become a bad leader for someone else. Always strive to be better than your leaders.

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Around the Forces: Hurricane Harvey



MALCOLM MCCLENDON

Texas Army National Guard aviation crews with the 36 Combat Aviation Brigade, conduct search and rescue operations over Houston, Texas, Tuesday. Hurricane Harvey formed in the Gulf of Mexico and made landfall in southeastern Texas, bringing record flooding and destruction to the region. U.S. military assets supported FEMA as well as state and local authorities in rescue and relief efforts.



PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS BRANDON

The Coast Guard responds to search and rescue requests in response to Hurricane Harvey in greater Houston Metro Area Wednesday. The Coast Guard is working closely with all federal, state and local emergency operations centers and has established incident command posts to manage search and rescue operations.



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CHRISTOP

Air Force Airmen from the 48th Rescue Squadron load gear for a joint Search and Rescue operation throughout the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey utilizing Air Force small boats and Navy helicopters from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 7.



MASTER SGT. RYAN O'HARE

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 26, from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune N.C., load heavy equipment onto trailers at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., Aug. 30.



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transport maintenance and career planner. The ceremony was held to inspire others to join and stay in the Marine Corps.

"Being a part of a mass re-enlistment was motivating," said Cpl. Gael Volcy, career planner, 3/11. "To be able to see everyone from the battalion come and witness the ceremony was a great experience."



U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Robert G. McCarthy, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, congratulates Marines during a mass reenlistment ceremony aboard the Combat Center, Aug 24.

LANCE CPL. MALIEK FOWLER

Combat Center legal counsel educates and advocates for victims

BY LANCE
CPL. ISAAC CANTRELL

The Victim's Legal Counsel Organization is here to help. According to Capt. Benjamin Goodrich, the Victims' Legal Counsel of the Western Region, the mission of the VLCO is to educate and advocate for their clients. Goodrich provides education for his clients by informing them

about the processes of the military justice system.

"I educate people on the military justice system, and their rights and the options that are available to them," Goodrich said. "Most people aren't aware of their options or how those options can affect their decisions down the road. I provide counsel throughout the entire legal process."

According to

Goodrich, clients have voices that can, at times, be overlooked throughout investigations and trial processes; the VLC is there to ensure the client's voice is heard.

"Clients have interests, and their interests need someone to advocate for them, be it any time between pre-investigation to post-trial," Goodrich said. "I can represent their needs for them to inves-

tigators, their command, judges and attorneys to ensure their needs are met."

The VLC's services are available to all active duty service members, reservists serving on active duty and former members entitled to retired or retain-er pay, military dependents of service members and retirees, and all Department of Defense employees who are vic-

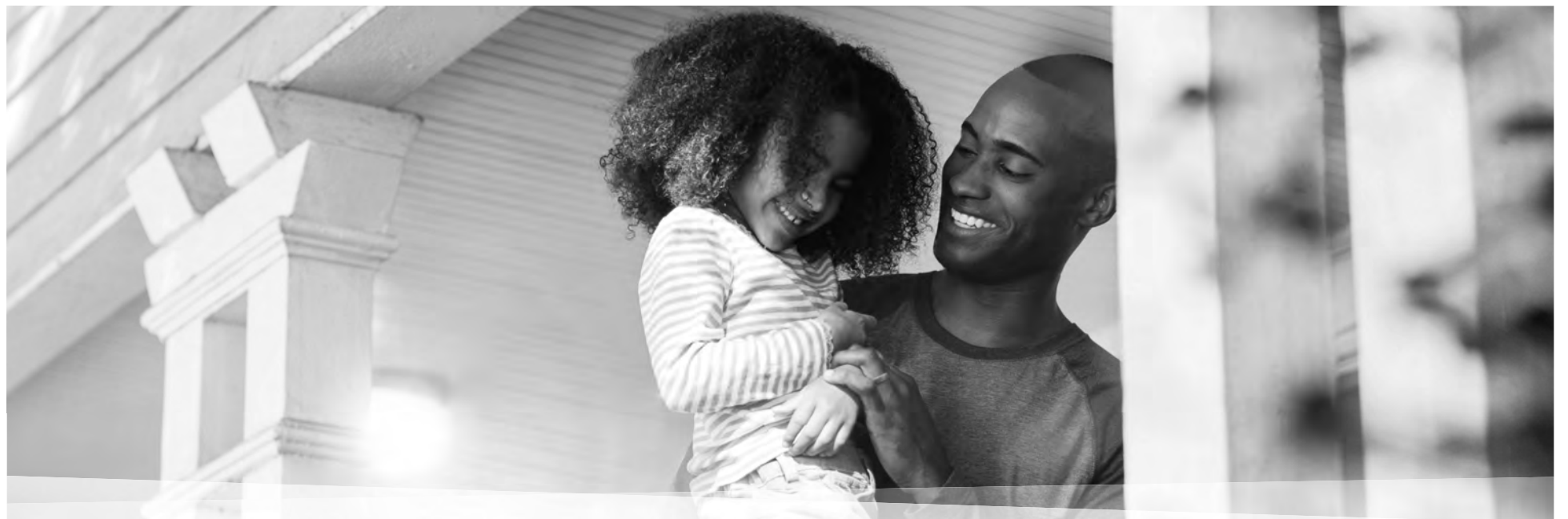
tims of sexual assault.

In order to contact the VLC, call the VLCO office at 760-830-5162/5159. To contact the VLC outside of business hours, call 760-212-6889. The VLC is available for contact at all hours.

"I am here to provide a service for the victims, whenever they need me," Goodrich said.

To report a sexual assault, call the Sexual

Assault Prevention and Response support hotline at 760-830-0273, get in contact with the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 760-401-230 or contact with a Uniformed Victim Advocate. In addition, victims can file reports with Naval Criminal Investigative Service by calling 760-830-6275, or Provost Marshal Office at 760-830-6800.



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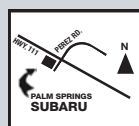
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Sgt. Stephen Cooper, instructor, Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School, chips a golf ball to the green during the Earth Day Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, aboard the Combat Center, April 21. Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs held the tournament to help raise awareness of Combat Center patrons to being good stewards of the environment.

PGA golf pro offers lessons aboard Combat Center

STORY BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Marine Corps Community Services' mission is to take care of Marines and their families by providing quality of life programs, products, and services in support of the Marine Corps' objectives. One of the many ways MCCA achieves that mission aboard the Combat Center is through programs offered at the Desert Winds Golf Course.

The Desert Winds Golf Course is the only 18-hole, championship course within a 60-mile radius of the installation and is open every day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Upon request, active duty service members can participate in a

free golf clinic instructed by Gene Shouler, golf course professional, MCCA.

"As a [Professional Golfers' Association] member, my primary responsibilities are to run the golf course, maintain a golf shop, provide programs, lessons and various services," Shouler said.

Shouler, a Navy veteran, joined the MCCA team in July of this year and is ready and willing to help service members and their families improve their golfing. In addition to the free clinics for active duty service members, the golf course also offers a junior clinic for children ages 7 – 17 and a group instruction program called Get Golf Ready.

"The program was established by the PGA of America," Shouler said. "It's a way for golfers who have never played golf to be able to play decently on the golf course within five weeks."

According to Shouler, the play on the course is currently limited, which enables golfers to play a full round of golf in approximately 3 and a half hours.

"The purpose of this establishment is to provide recreation for active duty military and their families," Shouler said. "We're here to help them unwind when they leave work or return from deployment."

For more information about the golf course and the services offered, call 760-830-6138.



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Charles Hill, compliance support supervisor, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, tees off during the Earth Day Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, aboard the Combat Center, April 21. NREA held the tournament to help raise awareness of Combat Center patrons to being good stewards of the environment.



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Sgt. Stephen Lake, new troop handler, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, drives a golf ball during the Earth Day Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, aboard the Combat Center, April 21. Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs held the tournament to help raise awareness of Combat Center patrons to being good stewards of the environment.

BEAT THE HEAT

head to the pool

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.

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.

Mon-Fri

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

Sat/Sun

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

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Family Pool hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

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- 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.

Sunset Cinema

Friday - Sept. 1

5:30 p.m. Wish Upon PG 13

7:40 p.m. Dunkirk PG 13

10:00 p.m. Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets PG 13

Saturday - Sept. 2

10:00 a.m. Free Matinee: The House R

12:00 p.m. Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets PG 13

2:40 p.m. The Emoji Movie PG

5:20 p.m. Dunkirk PG 13

7:40 p.m. War for the Planet of the Apes PG 13

10:20 p.m. Girls Trip R

Sunday - Sept. 3

10:00 a.m. Free Matinee: The House R

12:00 p.m. Dunkirk PG 13

2:30 p.m. The Emoji Movie PG

4:50 p.m. The Dark Tower PG 13

7:20 p.m. Annabelle: Creation R

Monday - Sept. 4

10:00 a.m. Free Matinee: The House R

12:00 p.m. Free Matinee: Jason Bourne PG 13

2:40 p.m. Annabelle: Creation R

5:00 p.m. Atomic Blonde R

Tuesday - Sept. 5

10:00 a.m. Free Matinee: Gone in Sixty Seconds PG 13

12:30 p.m. Free Matinee: Furious 7 PG 13

3:30 p.m. Free Matinee: The Fate of the Furious 8 PG 13

6:30 p.m. Girls Trip R

Wednesday - Sept. 6

6:30 p.m. Last Showing: Wish Upon PG 13

Thursday - Sept. 7

6:30 p.m. Last Showing: War for the Planet of the Apes PG 13

Friday - Sept. 8

5:00 p.m. Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets PG 13

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Innovation Challenge Timeline:

- Idea submission deadline: 08 September 2017
- Submission Review and Finalist Selected: 05-15 September 2017
- MARADMIN to announce finalists: 19 September 2017
- San Diego-area Hackathon: Planned 27-29 October 2017



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