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Hundreds gather for Sgt. Maj. Crespin's retirement ceremony

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
 LANCE CPL. ISAAC CANTRELL

Hundreds of Marines, sailors and loved ones gathered in the stands of the Commanding General's lawn, Sept. 29, to watch as Sgt. Maj. Avery L. Crespin, sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion, delivered a heartfelt speech about his 22 years of service in the Corps and the lasting impact his time in service will have as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

Crespin enlisted in the Corps in March 1995 and underwent recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif. More than two decades of active duty service provided Crespin the opportunity to serve in a multitude of billets, units and military occupational specialties, to include time spent as a Marine Security Guard.

During his time on MSG duty, Crespin served at MSG Detachments Islamabad, Pakistan, Caracas and Venezuela. During his tour in Pakistan, Crespin aided in the evacuation of all non-essential American personnel on two occasions due to embassy bombings in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Nairobi, Kenya and various known threats in the region.

During his retirement ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Crespin received a meritorious service medal for his time in service. Lt. Col. Michael Cable, commanding officer, Headquarters Battalion, and a close friend of Crespin spoke during the ceremony. At the end of the service, Crespin delivered a speech that addressed topics such as his time in service and the people who helped and

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Lt. Col. Michael Cable, commanding officer, Headquarters Battalion, addresses the crowd during the retirement ceremony for Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, former Headquarters Battalion sergeant major, at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray field aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 29. Crespin served in more than five units and Military Occupational Specialties in his 22 years of active duty service.

PMO conducts active shooter drill in base theater

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
 CPL. CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

The Combat Center's Provost Marshal's Office conducted an active shooter training drill at the base theater aboard the Combat Center.

The purpose of the drill is to hone the skills and reaction time of the installation's military police. During the



A Marine with the Provost Marshal's Office posts security while sweeping an unsecured building during the active shooter scenario at the base theater aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 26. The purpose of the Active Shooter training is to maintain operational readiness to ensure that the Marines are prepared for any problem situation, foreign or domestic.

drill, a simulated shooter overtook the theater, while PMO provided support to simulated injuries of bystanders and brought down the assailant and took him into custody.



Marines with the Provost Marshal's Office perform first-aid on a victim with a simulated sucking chest wound during an active shooter training scenario at the base theater aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 26.



A Marine with the Provost Marshal's Office debriefs a role-player following an active shooter training scenario to gather any information about the culprit aboard the Combat Center, Sept. 26.

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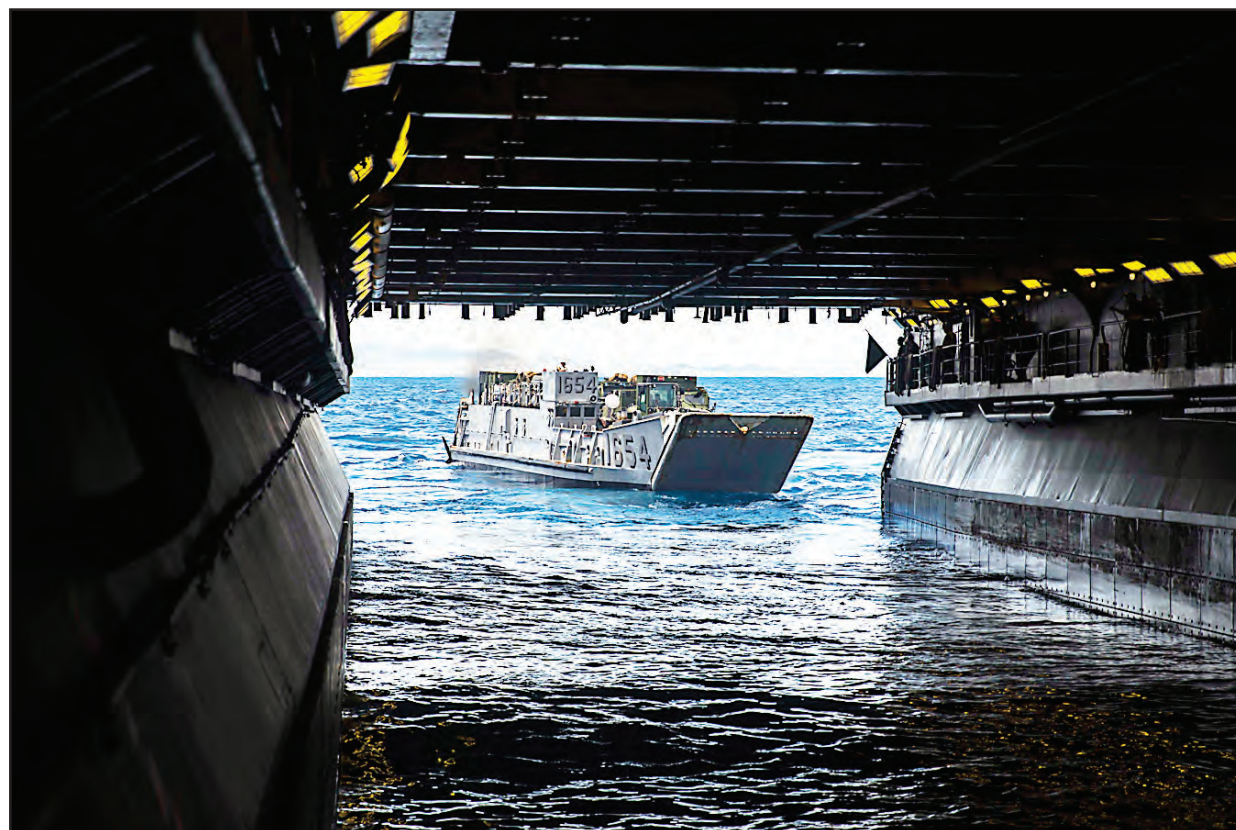


Marine major leads relief efforts in Dominica

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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. Juan A. Solo-Delgado.



A U.S. Navy landing craft, utility assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) exits the well deck carrying personnel, supplies and equipment to support relief efforts in Puerto Rico aboard, Sept. 25. The 26th MEU is supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency, and local authorities in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands with the combined goal of protecting the lives and safety of those in affected areas.

Combat Center legal counsel educates and advocates for victims

BY LANCE CPL. ISAAC CANTRELL

The Victim's Legal Counsel Organization is here to help. The VLCO is fully committed to providing legal advice, representation to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and to ensure the victims' rights are protected at all stages of the military justice system, said Capt. Benjamin Goodrich, the Victims' Legal Counsel of the Western Region.

"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."

The VLC can speak on your behalf to outside agencies to include command, investigators and other attorneys to support your choices and decisions. 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, Goodrich said.

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

The VLCO offers free legal services to military service members, service member's dependents and DOD employ-

ees. The Combat Center VLCO is one of eight offices throughout the Marine Corps.

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.

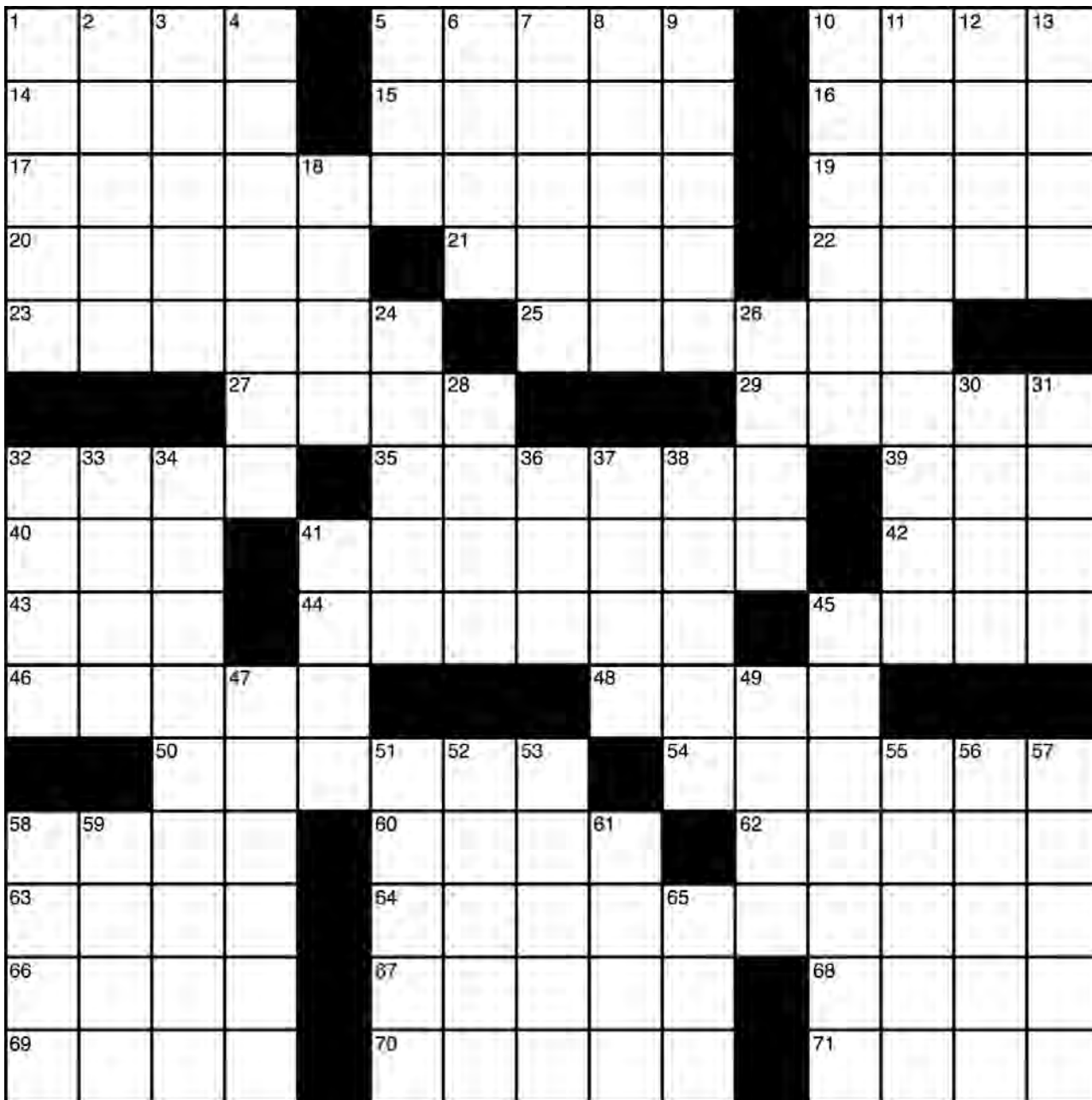
"I am here to provide a service for the victims, whenever they need me," Goodrich said.

To report a sexual assault, call the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response support line at

760-799-0273, get in contact with the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 760-401-2301 or contact 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.

For further information, visit <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Offices/Legal-Services-Support-Team/Victims-Legal-Counsel-Organization/>.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. _ Ackland, actor.
5. Units regarded as a source of nuclear energy.
10. Tomb consisting of stone chest covered with stone slabs.
14. Mark placed above a vowel to indicate pronunciation.
15. _ Jones, actress.
16. Column forming end of side wall of portico.
17. Place where someone was born.
19. Habitation of wild animals.
20. Rounded like an egg.
21. City in the Western Galilee district in northern Israel.
22. Anything that serves as an enticement.
23. One who is chosen to count votes in a legislative body.
25. Having a horn.
27. Any place of complete bliss, delight and peace.
29. Gigantic huntsman.
32. Titled peer of the realm.
35. Custodian of the four winds.
39. Protective cover mounted to a vehicle front to protect the finish from stones.
40. Acronym for Interface

Down

41. Extreme gluttony.
42. Movement once around a course.
43. Groove in the earth caused by wheels.
44. Cruel, oppressive dictator.
45. American rock band formed by singer/songwriter Mark Oliver Everett.
46. Comrade.
48. Pour molten metal from a ladle into ingot molds.
50. Shaped like a wedge.
54. Particularly bad batsman in cricket, usually a specialist bowler.
58. Change direction abruptly.
60. Beat thoroughly in a competition.
62. Province in northeastern Bulgaria, bordering the Black Sea.
63. Paints used by an artist.
64. Without material form.
66. Place ceremoniously in a position.
67. Dense growth of bushes.
68. Latin for "knee."
69. Form of the possessive case of "we" used as a predicate adjective.
70. Secret rendezvous.
71. Acronym for Office of Real Estate Services.

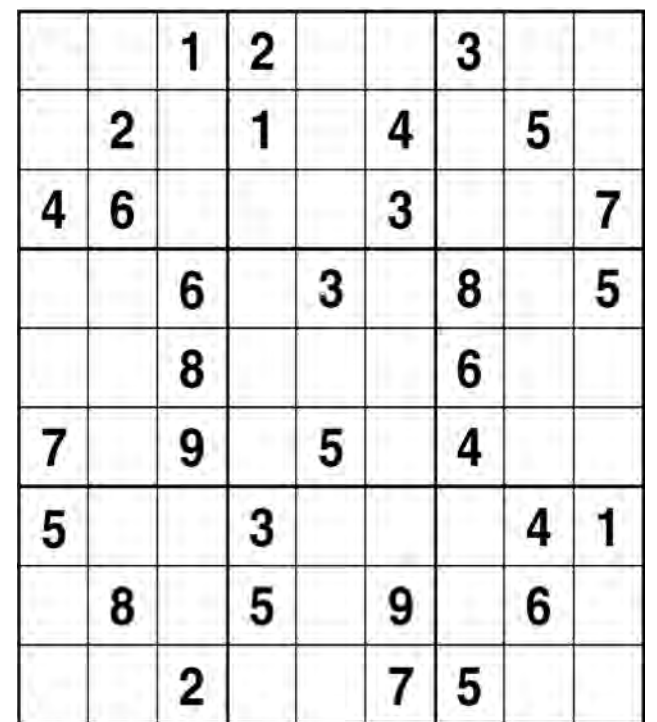
Down

1. Ruffle on the front of a woman's blouse.
2. Head of a missile that protects the payload from heat during its passage through the atmosphere.
3. Pertaining to the calf of the leg.
4. Established in a desired position.
5. Used by the Pharaohs as a symbol of their power over life and death.
6. Sister of moon goddess Mayari.
7. Plant with leaves resembling spinach.
8. Very large in scale.
9. Not mixed with extraneous elements.
10. Person who convenes a meeting.
11. Imperceptible by the ear.
12. Rapid bustling commotion.
13. Allowance for weight of a container in which goods are moved.
18. Pay close attention to.
24. Poised for action.
26. Offensively curious.
28. Closely resembling the genuine article.
30. Examination conducted by word of mouth.
31. Soft surface textures.
32. One of the 48 constella-

tions listed by Ptolemy.

33. Female reproductive cell.
34. Resembling a network.
36. Peruvian name for certain species of Oxalis which bears edible tubers.
37. Cotton fabric with the nap raised on one side used to dress wounds.
38. Express in speech.
41. Town of Buckinghamshire, England.
45. Historical poem written by William Cullen Bryant.
47. Persons staying with another.
49. Overhanging lower edge of a roof.
51. Authoritative proclamation.
52. Protective covering made of metal and used in combat.
53. Not smooth and even in texture.
55. Tangled mass of prickly plants.
56. Devoid of meaning.
57. Sloping mass of loose rocks at the base of a cliff.
58. Pseudonym of Joseph Stalin.
59. Function customarily served by another.
61. Lowest part of the musical range.
65. Vietnamese New Year celebration.

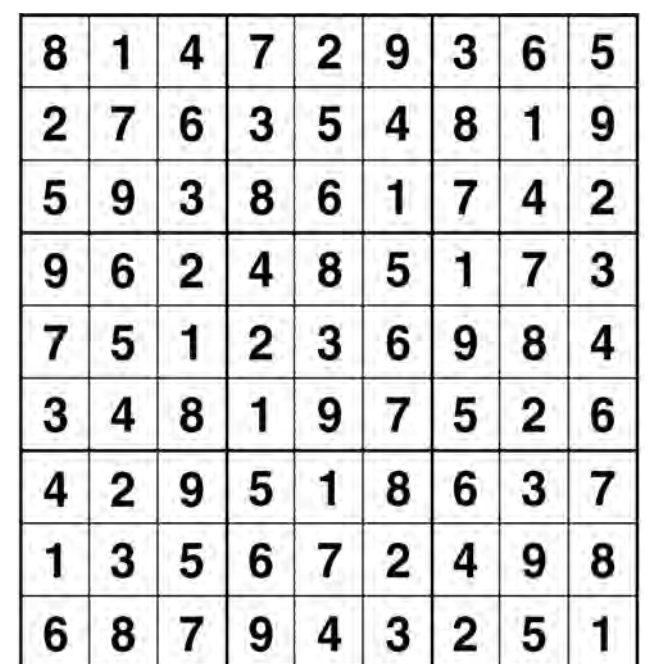
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Steven J.K. ELLIOT

Haltom City, Texas Vehicle commander, 1st Tank Battalion

ELLIOT LOVES TO BUILD COMPUTERS. HE BUILT HIS OWN PERSONAL GAMING COMPUTER AND HAS HELPED OTHERS BUILD THEIR OWN PCs. WHEN HE LEAVES THE MARINE CORPS, HE PLANS ON GOING TO COLLEGE TO BECOME A PROGRAMMER AND MAKE HIS OWN VIDEO GAMES.

>**I grew up in Haltom City, Texas.** I lived with my mom, dad, and older sister. When I was around 10 years old we moved in to my cousin's old house when his family moved to the family ranch.

>**My family has a ranch out of town** where I did a lot of ranch work. I herded goats, did cattle work and broke horses, which means that I trained them to be safe to ride.

>**I played baseball, football, cross-country and basketball** in middle school until I injured my knees in the 8th grade. I joined the marching band in high school and played alto and tenor saxophone. Outside of marching band season, I focused my attention on theater. One day, I came in to the auditorium early to practice and I noticed that the stage manager and the tech crew hadn't cleaned up after themselves. I spent about an hour cleaning the stage because I didn't want an accident or injury to occur.

>**My dad was a police officer** in the city of White Settlement, Texas. Even though he always had work, he did try to make it to as many of my sports games as he could. He used to be a SWAT instructor and even though he is primarily a firearms instructor now he still works as a patrol sergeant too.

>**My role model is my great-grandfather.** My great-grandfather was born in the 1920s; he experienced the Great Depression and World War II. He saw the adversity that was going on in the world and he decided not to let it dictate what he did. He wanted to join the military but his brother already joined therefore he wasn't allowed to due to the sole survivor policy. Instead, he started a business that collected metal which was turned into bul-



let casings, which were then sent to the troops. He also had a wheat farm and three quarters of his crops were sent to feed the troops. Even after everything that happened he was able to persevere.

>**My mom loved taking pictures and videos of me** all the time. There's a catalog of my entire life, from when I was born until now. She worked as a McDonald's manager. I remember going behind the counter when I was a kid and choosing any of the

toys I wanted. I ended up collecting most of the toys they sold there.

>**My older sister, Adrian, and I used to fight a lot** as kids. Now we are great friends, and we love spending time with each other. Before I turned 21, I was my sisters designated driver. Every time she would invite me somewhere, I knew I would be the driver. My sister was a little mad that she lost her DD when I came of age.

>**One Christmas, we went to my family's home** in Brownsville, Texas. My great uncle is a game rancher. He has 15 square miles of land where he raises everything from elk to Javelina hog. During our visit, my dad and I went out at four in the morning and about 30 minutes after we arrived over 20 deer and hogs surrounded the feeder. My dad noticed a deer with something sticking out of its hind leg. My uncle told him that it was a \$50 training dart that he lost, but the deer left before my dad got the chance to shoot it. About an hour and a half passed by and I shot a spike, which is a deer that is about two or three years old that has antlers that haven't started to grow outwards. That was the first hunt I ever went on with my dad.

>**I joined the military because** I remember watching the World Trade Center falling on September 11th. The reason I joined the Marine Corps was because I was told by several of my teachers that I was lazy and did subpar work. I knew that wasn't true and wanted to serve my country while proving them wrong.

>**If I could give someone advice** it would be that there are good times and bad times, and you just have to roll with the punches. Don't let your bad times ruin your good times.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Natalia Cuevas

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Halloween Safety 2017: MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Safety Division

■ A few safety tips from MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Safety Division can help protect all ghouls and goblins regardless of age who plan to go trick-or-treating this Halloween

Trick-or-Treat Hours: Trick-or-Treating aboard MCAGCC this Halloween season is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

Flame Resistant Costumes: When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does

indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

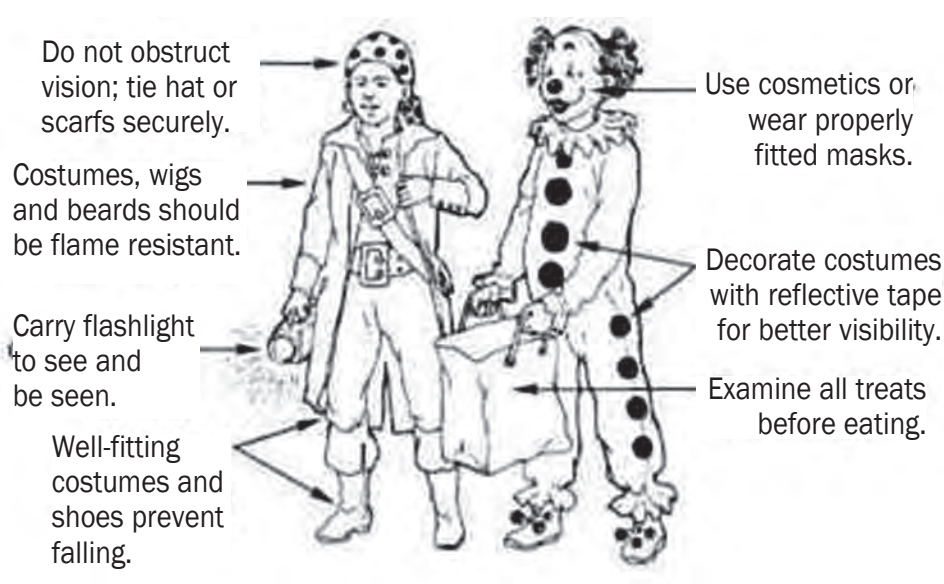
Costume Designs: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

For greater visibility

during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.

To easily see and be seen, children should also always carry flashlights.

Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.



- Do not obstruct vision; tie hat or scarfs securely.
- Use cosmetics or wear properly fitted masks.
- Costumes, wigs and beards should be flame resistant.
- Decorate costumes with reflective tape for better visibility.
- Carry flashlight to see and be seen.
- Examine all treats before eating.
- Well-fitting costumes and shoes prevent falling.

Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy, comfortable shoes. High heels are not a good idea for safe walking.

Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.

Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories or weapons should be of soft and flexible material. **NOT AUTHENTIC!**

Pedestrian Safety: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

Choosing Safe Houses: Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

Children should not enter homes or apartments



unless they are accompanied by an adult.

People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could

brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited. Battery operated lighting for pumpkins is the preferred method of display.

Let's all have a safe and injury free Halloween season!

Retires

motivated him along the way.

"As I look out at all of you, I can't help but feel as if God is winking at me," Crespin said. "He has shown me that I have done something right and good. I have been, and continue to be, blessed by all of your love, friendship and camaraderie. For that, I am truly grateful, even if some of

you are here to ensure that I'm actually leaving."

The last line drew laughter from the crowd and, by the end of the speech, tears were shed. Many were sad to see Crespin leave, as he served as a role model and mentor to many Marines aboard the Combat Center.

"I just want to say thank you to all of you, and to let you know how grateful

and lucky I was to have worked with and known all of you," Crespin said. "For the past 22 years, the Marine Corps has been a huge part of my life. The lessons I have learned and people I have met have helped shape me into who I am today. Thank you to each of you for making me a better person and Marine."



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1st Lt. Andrew Veal, an infantry officer with Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit talks to local residents regarding a damaged road caused by flooding in Ceiba, Puerto Rico, Monday. The 26th MEU is supporting Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency, in helping those affected by Hurricane Maria to minimize suffering and is one component of the overall whole-of-government response effort.

CPL. JUAN A. SOTO-DELGADO



LANCE CPL. SANTINO MARTINEZ

Cpl. Caleb J. Becker, a bulk fuel specialist with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, uses a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement to refuel Hospital Oriente in support of Hurricane Maria relief efforts in Humacao, Puerto Rico, Monday.



LANCE CPL. TAYLOR COOPER

A Marine prepares to swab the bore of an M777 howitzer during a Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Thursday. The Marines conducted the MCCRE to maintain readiness for future operations. The Marines are with 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment.



LANCE CPL. ALEXA HERNANDEZ

U.S. Marines with Regimental Surveillance and Target Acquisition Company (RSTAC), 1st Marine Division, fire the M40A6 sniper rifle during a live fire drill at Fort Irwin, Calif., Monday. RSTAC is an experimental company designed to build proficiency in scout sniper operations for service level exercises culminating in live fire full-mission profiles, reporting surveillance and reconnaissance control center operations and high-angle precision fires.



SGT. ALLISON DEVRIES

Sgt. Adolfo Godina Jr., a motor transport operator, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, meets Gavin Mazza, a Mission varsity football player, during a meet and greet at Mission Viejo High School, Calif., Friday. Godina was selected to be apart of the 5th Annual Mission Armed Forces tribute football game at the Mission Viejo High School honoring active duty service members, veterans and Gold Star families.

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A U.S. Marine Corps ordnance technician with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 inserts a training missile into an AH-1Z Viper at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan, Thursday.



An AH-1Z Viper soars through the skies over Okinawa, Japan, Thursday. The squadron conducted aerial live-fire training in Okinawa, which is crucial to maintaining a stronger, more capable, forward deployed force in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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Maj. Robert Gill, the officer in charge of Joint Task Force - Leeward Island's security element, helps U.S. sailors with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22 unload luggage from a U.S. Navy SH-60 Seahawk helicopter at Douglas-Charles Airport in Melville Hall, Dominica, Sept. 25. Gill and his Marines provide security and stability at landing zones and at the U.S. Department of State's evacuation control center at the airport. At the request of partner nations and both the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development, JTF-LI has deployed aircraft and service members to areas in the eastern Caribbean Sea affected by hurricanes Irma and Maria. The task force is a U.S. military unit composed of Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, and represents U.S. Southern Command's primary response to both disasters.

Methodist University grad leads relief efforts on ground in Dominica

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U.S. Marine Maj. Robert Gill, class of 2004, put his minor in leadership from Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina, to use on the Caribbean island of Dominica in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria with the Joint Task Force - Leeward Islands as the officer in charge of the task force's security element.

The task force is a U.S. military unit composed of Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, and represents U.S. Southern Command's primary response to the hurricanes that have affected the eastern Caribbean.

Gill and his Marines support JTF-LI by providing security and stability on the ground at landing zones and at the U.S. Department of State's evacuation control center, assisting the voluntary departure of

American citizens and others via JTF-LI air support from Dominica to the neighboring island of Martinique.

Gill is a reserve Marine with Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Southern Command, a unit deployed to Central America during the hurricane season. In the wake of Hurricane Irma, the unit was tasked to serve as the backbone U.S. Southern Command's response to that hurricane, and Hurricane Maria, in the Caribbean's Leeward Isles.

When talking about the more than 70 Marines under his command on Dominica, Gill says they come from diverse backgrounds, they continually demonstrate selflessness and there is nothing more awe-inspiring than to work with them.

"It's an honor to be able to lead these Marines," he said.

The security element arrived on Dominica on Sept. 23, and immediately

went to work establishing the evacuation control center in conjunction with representatives from the U.S. State Department.

They hit the ground running, literally, rushing out to greet arriving aircraft dropping off rescued survivors and hustling to help helicopters disembark passengers and take off again, with engines still running.

They braved roads blocked by debris and washed out by landslides to secure landing zones, allowing search-and-rescue personnel to land in areas known to have U.S. citizens in need of assistance.

It was intense work in an austere and challenging environment. Gill provides leadership to keep his team going, focused on the mission and what needs to be done.

When asked how his time at Methodist University prepared him for this deployment, Gill said he learned to never give up, whatever you do. "Set goals, there will be bumps but stay focused, keep driving and

pushing no matter the circumstances."

This advice clearly served him and his team well. Before they closed the evacuation mission, Gill's team facilitated the evacuation of more than 300 American citizens and others to safety from Dominica.

They are currently facilitating the delivery of much-needed humanitarian aid by helicopter to areas of Dominica that remain unreachable by road.

When he is not serving duty as Marine, Gill works as an operations analyst for the Armed Services Cooperation in Alexandria, Virginia.

"With my experience as a Marine and in my civilian career, I've been able to build on the foundation of leadership training that started for me at Methodist University. As Marines, we train for a variety of situations. Being able to use our skills to help the people of Dominica makes this mission even more meaningful."



Maj. Robert Gill, the officer in charge of Joint Task Force - Leeward Island's security element, gathers flight helmets from a U.S. sailor with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22 to give to U.S. citizens departing Dominica at Charles-Douglas Airport in Melville Hall, Dominica, Sept. 25. Gill and his Marines provide security and stability at landing zones and at the U.S. Department of State's evacuation control center at the airport. At the request of partner nations and both the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development, JTF-LI has deployed aircraft and service members to areas in the eastern Caribbean Sea affected by hurricanes Irma and Maria. The task force is a U.S. military unit composed of Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, and represents U.S. Southern Command's primary response to both disasters.

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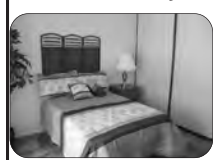
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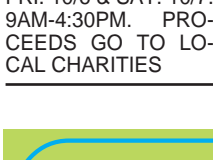
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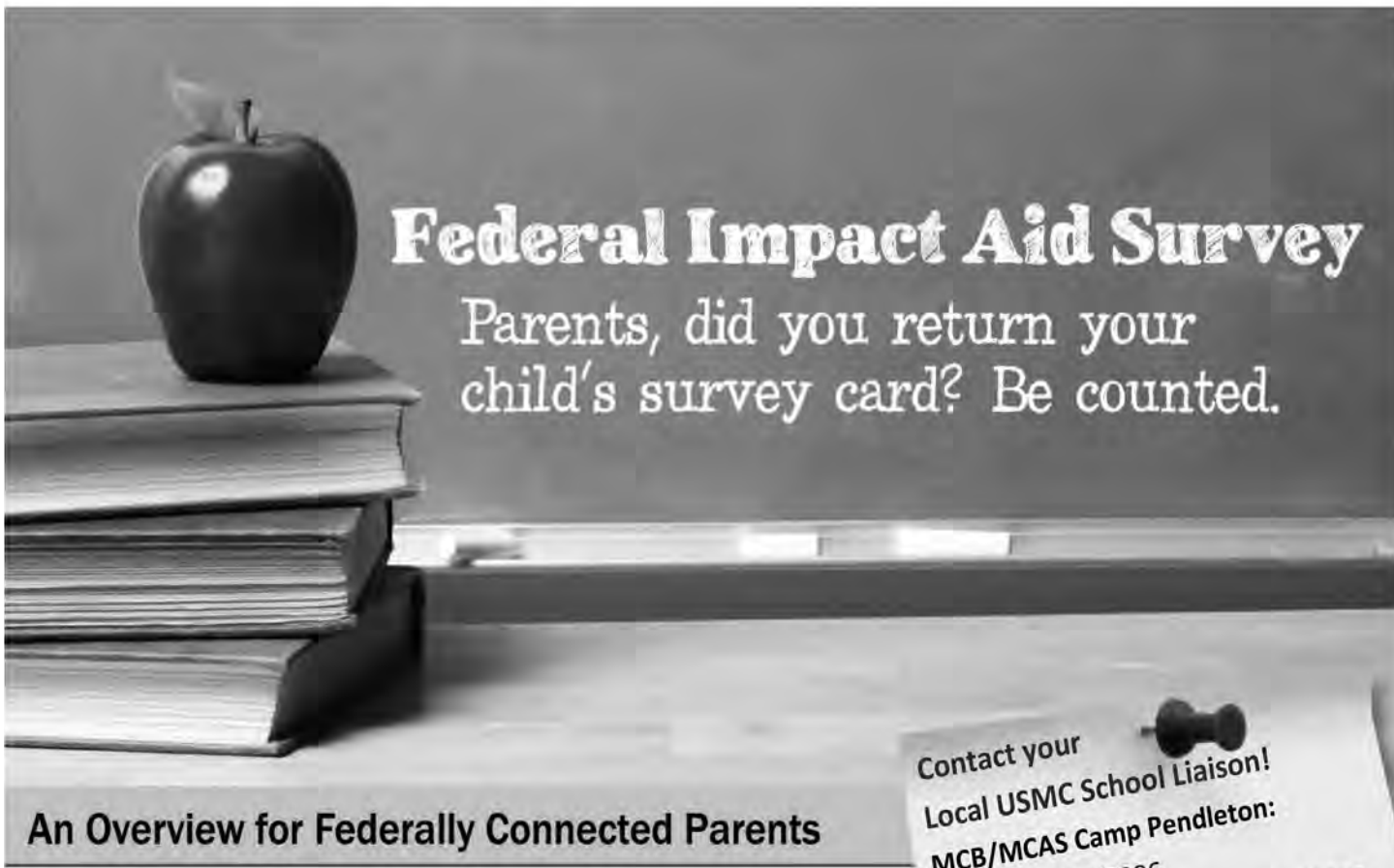
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Federal Impact Aid Survey

Parents, did you return your child's survey card? Be counted.

An Overview for Federally Connected Parents

- ★ Federal Impact Aid is a law that provides a way for the federal government to reimburse local school districts for the loss of property and business tax support associated with federally connected students residing on/off base in the county.
- ★ The funding that your child's school receives in Impact Aid directly impacts his or her education by providing replacement funding for operating expenses such as materials, equipment, staff, special education programming, and building improvements as part of the general funding of the district.

Contact your Local USMC School Liaison!

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MCAS Yuma: 928.269.5373

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MCAGCC 29 Palms: 760.830.1574

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What can I do?

It's simple: Each year your child receives the Federal Survey Card form that requests confidential information regarding his/her federal connection (including military dependents). Simply by thoroughly completing and promptly returning this brief survey, you contribute to your child's school funding!

- ★ Incomplete cards cannot be submitted for Impact Aid; thereby creating a loss of funding for the district.
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For more information, contact your local School Liaison



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- Friday - Oct. 6**
- 5:30 p.m. Home Again PG13
 - 7:40 p.m. Wind River R
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- 12:00 p.m. Leap! PG
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- Wednesday - Oct. 11**
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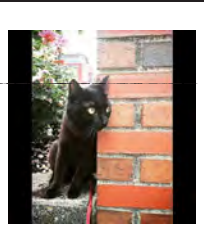
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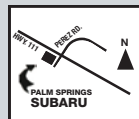


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