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An MV-22 Osprey prepares to land on Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13. The landing was conducted as part of a non-combatant evacuation operation exercise in order to prepare Marines for the evacuation of non-essential U.S. citizens and Department of Defense personnel from dangerous situations overseas.

# MAWTS-1 stages NEO aboard Combat Center

#### STORY BY LANCE CPL. PRESTON MORRIS

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., conducted a non-combatant evacuation operation aboard the Combat Center, on Oct. 13, as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructors Course 1-18.

The NEO exercise simulates real-life scenarios where non-combatants are evacuated from a potentially hostile area. In this case, several MV-22 Ospreys and CH-53E Super Stallions took part in landing in areas aboard the Combat Center, including Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field and Del Valle Track and





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Joshua McGlone, maintenance chief, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, meets his son, Jethro McGlone for the first time during 1/7's homecoming at barracks 1403 and 1404 aboard the Combat Center, Saturday. The Marines had not seen their families for more than six months since being deployed and for some Marines this was the first time they held their children.

### Families, friends welcome 1/7 home story and photos by CPL. NATALIA CUEVAS

Families and friends welcomed Marines home during the 7th Marine Regiment's homecoming at Barracks 1403 and 1404 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13 and 14. The Marines had not seen their families for more than six months since being deployed and for some Marines this was the first time they held their children.

The Marines arrived in two groups, the first on Friday afternoon and the second on Saturday evening. Upon

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Field, which were staging areas for role-players acting as non-combatants to be evacuated.

"Our main landing zones at Gray Field and down at the track are being used as a pretend consulate," said Master Sgt. Matthew Dank, air traffic control chief, MAWTS-1. "The operation consists of the rapid deployment of forces to secure vital areas and effectively evacuate civilians from hostile areas."

The NEO has been a crucial part of WTI for years now. The exercise falls under the guidance of the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, which provides plenty of training areas for MAWTS-1 to conduct different

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Master Sgt. Matthew Dank, air traffic controller, Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, watches as an MV-22 Osprey comes in to land on Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13.



Cpl. Deric Kama, small arms technician, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, embraces his wife, Mackenzie Kama, during 1/7's homecoming at barracks 1403 and 1404 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13.

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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 Lance Cpl. Alexa M. Hernandez.



Lance Cpl. Logan Stutte, a gunman with Regimental Surveillance and Target Acquisition Company, 1st Marine Division, provides surveillance during a field operation at Fort Irwin, Calif., Oct. 2. RSTAC is an experimental company designed to build proficiency in scout sniper operations for service level exercises.



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### **Marine hikes 400 miles to reenlist**

#### STORY BY SGT. H. G. **MCGRATTAN**

A former Marine reservist with a lot of determination and very healthy feet trekked more than 400 miles to re-enlist in the Marine Corps, and to "emphasize the effort being made by

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other Americans in Vietnam."

J. C. Foster, a graduate of the University of West Virginia and a Marine reservist for six years, told reporters that "you can talk all you want, but there comes a time when you have to get up on your feet and make people have done."

His 404 mile hike began in Welch, W. Va., and ended at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was met at the Marine Base by Maj. Gen. J. O. Butcher, commanding general, and Master Sgt. F.

N. C. The 28-year-old former reservist was whisked away in the recruiter's sedan, after a short meeting at Lejeune, to Wilson, N.C., where he took the oath of reenlistment.

notice. This, in effect, is what I L. King, a recruiter in Raleigh, Camp Pendleton for training, and has requested to be sent to Vietnam.

> His "hike" was marred only by one day of rain and a host of mosquitoes for travelling companions. Foster reenlisted for two years.

He is scheduled to report to

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5. Land on a point occupied by an opposing blot in back38. Daughter of one's brother or sister. 40. \_ Giles, invented Romanization system for

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69. \_ Game, TV show starring Linden Ashby. 70. Any location that demonstrated past human activity.

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tary system with only one law-making body. 28. Native of Asia. 29. Aggregate of accumulat-

gammon and put the blot on the bar.

8. Pair of curtains which overlap at the center and are the full width and height of the stage.

12. Dance at Jewish weddings and bar mitzvahs. 13. Street name for lysergic acid diethylamide. 15. Very light brown. 16. Person accessing a system either by direct or indirect connection.

17. Small measure. 18. Substance that yields hydrogen ions when dissolved in water. 19. Small valley in West

Germany. 22. Acronym for European Monetary System. 23. Winged goddess of the dawn in ancient mythology. 24. Food served and eaten in one sitting. 26. Practioner of judo. 29. Young swan. 31. Tan\_, Academy Award-

winning composer. 32. \_ River, all female acoustic quartet. 34. term used for an extremely dry climate.

the form of Mandarin used in Beijing. 41. Streaked with color. 43. Early liquid fueled rocket used by U.S. astronauts. 45. \_ Christy Minstrels, folk group in the '80s. 46. Derivate of Latin word "taverna." 48. Raises in a rigid condition. 50. The Jericho \_, TV movie starring Peter Strauss. 51. Used to denote a woman's maiden name. 52. Social gathering to carry out some communal task. 54. Beyond calculation. 61. Optical effect wherein gas or dust surrounding the object luminesces light from the object. 63. Large, heavily built goat antelope of the eastern Himalayan area. 64. Move with sweeping, effortless, gliding motions. 65. Quarrelsome grouch. 66. The \_, film directed by George Roy Hill. 67. English linear measurements equal to 45 inches. 68. Inspiring fear.

#### Down

1. Emperor \_, leader of prehistoric China. 2. Be a mystery. 3. Distinct part of the surface of something, especially a piece of land. 4. Merited through behavior. 5. Unit of time equal to 3,600 seconds. 6. Contraction of is not. 7. School teaching mechanical and industrial arts and applied sciences. 8. \_ with Mussolini, film directed by Franco Zeffirelli. 9. Substance used to help fire spread. 10. Circular projection sticking outward from the crown of a hat. 11. Head of a glass of beer. 13. Any of several soft, smooth, closely woven fabrics such as wool flannel. 14. Warm and humid. 20. Protein encoded by Drosophila mod(mdg4) gene. 21. Jack \_ Diamond, alias of gangster Jack Moran. 25. Over again. 26. Taking an oath. 27. Said of a parliamened literature, plays or musical works treating the same theme.

30. Prince of \_, film directed by Barbra Streisand. 31. Sauce made from lentils and spices, usually served with rice.

33. Hebrew letter. 35. Confirmed in number. 37. Devine mother of Hinduism. 39. Meriting by services. 42. Shop where unusual or foreign food are sold. 44. Give the impression of being. 47. Street slang for "parents.' 49. Comes to an end. 52. Richard \_, author of Illusions. 53. Unit of money used in most European Union countries. 55. Informal term for "meal." 56. My Dog \_, novel by Willie Morris. 57. Extremely small. 58. Odin's son.

59. Light, happy song.
60. In addition.
62. Expiate a fault.

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- Sports Auto Sales, 1111 National City Boulevard, National City

### WHAT I'VE LEARNED



Orlando, Fla. Lance Corporal, administrative specialist, IPAC, Headquarters Battalion

> I was born and raised in Orlando, Fl. I'm the youngest of three children. My brother and I are only a year apart while my sister and I are 6 years apart.

> We grew up close and then my sister, obviously being six years ahead, branched off. My brother and I weren't always that close but when my sister left my brother and I just naturally leaned on each other and it was the best thing that ever happened to us. He's actually the one who convinced me to join the Marine Corps.

> Growing up was kind of rough because we came from a rough neighborhood. I wasn't allowed to play outside and our house was broken into often.

> I would say my dad had the most influence on me because he was the tough one. He was stern and he was the one who really enforced discipline. My mom did too, but then we all grew taller than her so she eased up a little bit.

> As a child I was really into music, I still am. I play three different instruments; the guitar, drums and piano with the piano being my forte.

> I was raised in a church setting. We would go almost every day. My mom used to take me to these prayer meetings and at around seven years old I got tired of going to these churches. So one day I decided to learn how to play an instrument. So I started playing and as my mom was dragging me along to church I connected with other musicians my age and played onstage. Eventually I became top notch and I started getting payed. Myself and a couple of friends formed a band and I guess you can say that was my first unofficial job.

> The drums were self-taught, I picked up little things along the way. I went to school for piano for about two years. Then I got tired of learning the classical style and decided to do my own thing. Guitar was self-taught as well. Piano helped me play the other instruments because it teaches you rhythm and sound and I played by ear so when I picked up the guitar it just came naturally. > I'm the first one in my immediate family to show interest in instruments. My brother dabbled but he wasn't consistent. If he stayed with it though, he would have excelled. He didn't really practice like that and he'd still show me out on performance days. We used to play guitar together. > Music is healing in a sense. It brings joy. It's fun, it livens up my day. Nothing is better in this world than creating something and the people around you enjoying it. I think that's one of



the greatest pleasures in life. When I'm not playing sports or volunteering, I'm making music. I have my guitar and my drums in my room and I'm constantly creating things.

> I think music speaks for me sometimes. I don't have to tell you what I'm thinking I just play.

> Church influenced me in several ways. Out of all my friends, I had church friends and then I had friends who weren't really involved in that kind of lifestyle. I always ended up being the more level headed among my non-church friends. I was very cautious about what I did and if it wasn't for the church I wouldn't have been like that.

> I also played soccer growing up, that was my very first sport. Eventually, we moved from our original home town and then I made a group of friends who were really into basketball.

first but my brother was set on joining. > I was doing something I wasn't supposed to be doing and when my parents caught me they told me to grab my stuff and get out of the house. I found places I could crash and people who wanted to speak to my parents but I realized I didn't want to be back and forth. I wanted the first time I left the house to be the last time I came back. > After that the military popped

into my head and then my brother spoke to me and convinced me I could do it. I went to the recruiting office that day and the next day I took my test and I was gone four months later.

> I'm currently on the color guard. I fell in love with drill in boot

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THE LATTER INSTRUMENTS BEING SELF-TAUGHT. camp, I was very good at it. When the door opened for me to be on the color guard I dove in head first. I like sharp-

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> ness and precision and drill is that. > I recently started playing for our unit's football team. It's a much more physically draining sport on the body than basketball but I like it because when you're playing football you're required to play in short spurts making the thinking process a lot quicker. It requires me to think on my feet.

> > My favorite part about being **a Marine is** the different people who seem to have the same story that I do. The common ground we find as Marines is invaluable. I work at IPAC in new joins and I'm constantly checking-in Marines from the newest to the more senior. I've gotten to meet people and become long term friends and it's because of the uniform that I got to see these kinds of people. I'm a social person so being able to do that as my job in the military is something I'm grateful for.

> > The Marine Corps taught me maturity. I had to mature really quickly in order to be better at what I do. There's still room for improvement but I can honestly say for a fact that if I wasn't here, I wouldn't be close to what I am now. That's one thing I appreciate the Corps for doing for me is aiding me in becoming a better man.

> > If I had to give advice to someone it would be stay as patient as possible. I know it sucks, because a lot of bad things happen to good people and a lot of good things happen to bad people but there will be a day when all those hardship will be worth it. There's going to be a day when everything you went through will not only help to mold you as a person but also allow you to help the next person who is going through almost the exact same thing as you. Everything you're going through is for a reason. So if you're going through something rough, don't beat yourself up about it take the experience and learn from it.

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By eighth grade year, I was completely in love with basketball.

> I spent a year in college before my brother convinced me to join the Marine Corps. My brother always wanted to go to the military because my sister was in JROTC. And he fell in love with the uniform and military presence, way before he was even able to join. In school, he didn't do well in any other subject but he aced JROTC. Our dad tried to convince him to go to college

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo





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Marines and sailors of the 24th Marine **Expeditionary Unit** arrived in Puerto Rico Sunday. USS KEARSARGE welcomed the 24th MEU on board to transport MEU personnel to areas of need in Puerto Rico. The 24th MEU is assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with civil authorities, with the unique capabilities that the Department of Defense can bring to the island following the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.

CPL. BRIANNA GAUDI



LANCE CPL. HALEY MCMENAMIN

Pfc. Henry J. Sechrist, HQ Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, takes inventory of AN/PRC-152 radio components aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday. The radio allows the ability of commanders to pass information among their forces, which is critical to the outcome of an engagement on today's' battlefield.



LANCE CPL. ANDY MARTINEZ

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A Marine with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 pulls a thick rope across Nakagusuku Beach, Okinawa, Japan, Saturday. The 'Heavy Haulers' banded together and devoted their morning to cleaning up the beach of plastic debris and fishing industry waste. HMH-462, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, is currently forward deployed under the unit deployment program with MAG- 36, 1st MAW, based out of Okinawa, Japan.



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### NEO From A1

training scenarios aboard the installation.

"MAWTS-1 and the Combat Center have a great relationship," Dank said. "That relationship definitely helps contribute to making the training effective."



An MV-22 Osprey prepares to take off at Torrey Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13



An MV-22 Osprey crew member runs toward an Osprey on Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13

### Welcome From A1

arrival to the installation the Marines went to the armory to clean their rifles and turn them in. Shortly after, the Marines arrived at the barracks where they were greeted with open arms by families and friends.

"Our mission is to raise the morale of America's troops and their families," said Teresa Cherry, center manager, Palm Springs United Service Organizations. "There is no better way to do that than to welcome the Marines home."

The USO often comes to the Combat Center to provide services for departing and homecoming Marines and it was no different for the arrival of the 1/7 service members. Prior to their arrival the families of the Marines and sailors were provided snacks and refreshments courtesy of the USO as they awaited their loved ones' return.

According to Maj. Brandon Stibb, battalion executive officer, 1/7, the Marines conducted pre-deployment training aboard the Combat Center before they deployed for six months rendering them unable to see their loved ones for nearly a year.

"For some of the Marines this will be the first time they will see their newborns," Stibb said. "There are a lot of emotions during events like this and it's important to the Marines and sailors to have the support of their loved ones."



Families and friends await the arrival of Marines and sailors with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, returning from deployment during the 1/7 homecoming at barracks 1403 and 1404 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13.

### October is Bike Month at the Combat Center

Combat Center and Natural ply to explore your communi- Individuals and teams accumu- Center, "find a worksite" and join dren. We encourage you to sign

Marine Corps Air Ground bon emission footprint or sim- miles throughout the month. explore clubs, search Combat civilians, dependents and chil-

Resources and Environmental Affairs Division are sponsoring October Bike Month 2017. This will be the second time this event has taken place. Whether you bike to work or school to save money or time, preserve your health, offset your carty, October Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride.

NREA encourages all cyclists to sign up, whether it be as individuals or as part of a team of up to 10 riders, and to log your

lating the highest number of miles will be recognized weekly. The winning team at the end of the month will get to hold the rotating Bike Challenge trophy in their work center.

To sign up and log your rides, visit www.strava.com. On Strava a worksite. If your worksite hasn't been established, contact Eddie Valls at 760-830-8480. Once you've joined, log your rides on Strava and your weekly and monthly miles will be tracked.

This program is open to everyone, including active duty,

up and log your miles to and from the office and for recreational rides.

For any questions, contact Eddie Valls, or email joe. valls@usmc.mil, or contact Rick Buckles at 760-830-8239, or email richard.buckles@usmc.mil.



### 4th annual domestic violence awareness ride held

### STORY BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Approximately 30 Combat Center patrons participated in the Family Advocacy Program's fourth annual Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 13.

Participants rode through the community to raise awareness for domestic violence while learning about the services that can be utilized to prevent domestic violence aboard the installation and in the surrounding community.

"October is domestic violence awareness month and we want to raise awareness for those who have been affected by domestic violence," said Jason Dickson, prevention education specialist, Family Advocacy Program. "All service members, as well as people working aboard the installation, are mandated reporters. If everyone is informed they'll know the proper actions to take if they see, hear or suspect an incident of domestic violence."

Throughout the event there were five places for riders to stop and gather resources about domestic violence awareness. The first was the Protestant Chapel aboard the Combat Center, where the San Bernardino Deputy District Attorney spoke about the proceedings of a domestic violence incident in the legal system. Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, Calif., was the second stop of the day. While there, riders were briefed by the instalviolence statistics and what to look for when they suspect an incident of domestic violence. Following that stop riders split into two groups and took turns gathering information from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and Unity Home in Joshua Tree, Calif., on the legal procedures for a domestic violence incident and the ways in which victims are assisted.

"I came here to gain information to pass on to the Marines on how to raise awareness and the warning signs and prevention steps we can take to decrease domestic violence across the nation," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 McKinley Lindor, personnel officer, Installation Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Battalion. "Awareness is important because domestic violence affects the victims and the community as a whole. I plan on returning next year, hopefully with more riders because having a large group of riders is an uncommon sight so when people see us they take notice which, in turn, can help raise awareness."



CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

lation's Criminal Investigation Division about domestic Motorcyclists ride down Highway 62 during the 4th Annual Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 13.





CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Motorcyclists prepare to depart the Combat Center, during the 4th Annual Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 13.

Motorcyclists rode down Highway 62 during the 4th Annual Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 13. The ride was hosted to raise awareness for domestic violence amongst Combat Center patrons as well as provide them with resources in the event that they suspect an incident of domestic violence has occurred.



CPL. MALIEK FOWLER

Motorcycles sit in front of the Protestant Chapel aboard the Combat Center, prior to the start of the 4th Annual Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 13.



CPL. MALIEK FOWLER

Motorcyclists depart the San Bernardino County Sherriff's Department during the 4th Annual Roar Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride, Oct. 13.





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Photos by Cpl. Jocelyn Ontiveros



Marines with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, evacuate a casualty during a quick reaction force exercise in the Middle East Oct. 10. They are part of a QRF that is capable of responding to developing situations on short notice. Marines with 2/7 were tasked to conduct a QRF to quickly recover simulated casualties and take them back to safety. This was the first exercise 2/7 has conducted after replacing 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.



Cpl. Matthew Lecompte and Lance Cpl. Dulton James with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, run toward simulated casualties while training in the Middle East, Oct. 10.



Service members with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, triage the simulated casualty and apply a splint before evacuating him to safety during a quick reaction force exercise in the Middle East, Oct. 10.



Marines with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, make their way toward simulated casualties during a quick reaction force exercise in the Middle East, Oct. 10.



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CPL. DAVE FLORES

A Fight Night competitor prepares for his fight in the octagon at Victory Field, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13. Fight Night is an annual event hosted by Marine Corps Community Services to boost the morale of service members aboard the Combat Center.

# Mixed martial artists battle it out during Fight Night 2017

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Combat Center patrons gathered for Fight Night 2017 at Victory Field aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13. The annual event, which was hosted by Marine Corps Community Services, held eight separate bouts, which included fighters from Fight Club 29. Major figures from the Ultimate Fighting Championship such as Dan Henderson, a former mixed martial artist and Olympic wrestler, and Mike Beltrain, a renowned UFC referee made special appearances. "MMA is one of the toughest sports because there is so much to learn when it comes to all of the different MMA fighting styles and preparing for all of the different things that can happen," Henderson said. "I think that's the same thing that makes it exciting for the fans; the fact that anything could happen at any time." Competitors of the fight night included Marines who train at Fight Club 29, one of whom was Cpl. Xavier Vines. Vines fought his first amateur fight during the final match of the event. "Fighting has ups and downs," Vines said. "Sometimes, your back is against the ropes. Other times, you're running the fight and everything is going well. Fighting, like life, is a roller coaster."



Those who competed in the event came from a variety of backgrounds, including military and public service. Although many of the competitors have faced adversity, they are all passionate about the sport.

"There are people who tell me that fighting is a waste of time and ask me why I do it," Vines said. "I do it because I love fighting, why not do what I enjoy?"

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Cpl. Xavier Vines, a fighter with Fight Club 29, gets ready to enter the octagon during Fight Night at Victory Field, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13.



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Mike Beltrain, referee, announces Andrew Freelove, Marine Corps retiree, as the winner of Fight Night at Victory Field, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13.



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Mike Hart, 23 ABC morning show anchor, presents the fighters of the red corner during Fight Night at Victory Field, aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 13.



### PMO Prescription Drug Take Back Oct. 28

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The Combat Center medications. This ini- Rates of prescription scription medications unused medicines-flush- drugs to PMO's booth ing them down the toilet set-up in front of the or throwing them in the trash-both pose potencine cabinet. In addi- tial safety and health Center on Oct. 28. The hazards. So please bring service is free and anonadvised that their usual your unused, expired or ymous, no questions methods for disposing of unwanted prescription

Marine Corps Exchange aboard the Combat asked.

### 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.

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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.
- ☆ Information provided is protected under Privacy Laws.

For more information, contact your local School Liaison



### Sunset Cinema

Friday - Oct. 20 5:30 p.m. - Home Again PG13 8:00 p.m. - Kingsman: The Golden Circle R 10:40 p.m. - Mother! R

Monday - Oct. 23 6:30 p.m. - American Assassin R

7:40 p.m. - Kingsman: The Golden Circle R 10:30 p.m. - Mother! R Saturday - Oct. 21 12:00 p.m. - American Assassin R 2:30 p.m. - The Lego Ninjago Movie (3-D) PG 5:10 p.m. - It R

Sunday - Oct. 22 12:00 p.m. - The Lego Ninjago Movie (3-D) PG 2:40 PM- American Assassin R 5:00 p.m. - Kingsman: The Golden Circle R 8:00 p.m. - Mother! R

Tuesday - Oct. 24 6:30 p.m. - Kingsman: The Golden Circle R Wednesday - Oct. 25 6:30 p.m. - Home Again PG13 Thursday - Oct. 26 6:30 p.m. - The Lego Ninjago Movie PG





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Make sure swords and props are flexible, so they can't accidentally hurt you or anyone else.		Make sure there aren't any parts of your costume that drag on the ground or block your vision.		Cross streets at crosswalks, and never enter the street from in between parked cars.
	Trick-or-treat only at houses that are lit up, and never go inside of anyone's home.		Stay away from pets. Even pets you know may not recognize you in your costume.	
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# Morongo Basin spreads breast cancer awareness

The Morongo Basin joined the rest of the nation in recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In Yucca Valley, the Desert Christ Park Foundation invited people to honor loved ones who survived or were killed by breast cancer with a remembrance event Oct. 14. Attendees put names of loved ones on pink ribbons to be hung from the park's entrance gates to create community awareness. The park provided a peaceful reflection tent for those who wished to spend some quiet moments reflecting.

The Morongo Basin Healthcare District is helping spread a message of health with new billboards in Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms.

"Women need to get mammograms," Morongo Basin Healthcare District's CEO Jackie Combs said. Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. Getting mammograms regularly can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Board President Marge Doyle shared her personal story with breast cancer during the health care district's Sept 21 board meeting. "As a breast cancer survivor, it is really, really

> important to get your mammograms," Doyle said.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening mammogram every two years if you are 50 to 74 years old. If you are 40 to 49 years old, talk to your doctor about when to start and how often to get a screening mammogram.

The Morongo Basin Healthcare District partners with local organizations to improve awareness, education and cancer screening.



