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Lance Cpl. Benjamin Berry, a rifleman with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, provides security for his squad leader who is conducting a census. The Marines conduct censuses get to know the people in their area and to be able to distinguish insurgents and Iraqi civilians.

Story and photos
Pfc. Jerry Murphy
Regimental Combat Team 1

HABBANIYAH, Iraq — Two years ago, Al Anbar was said to be the most violent province in Iraq. It was a place where the insurgency in Iraq had begun and where the bloodiest battles took place. Today, thanks to the hard work and sacrifices made by the Marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen, it has become a model for the rest of Iraq.

Marines of 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, have put in countless hours and have risked their lives to ensure their area of operations within Al Anbar province stays that way until they leave Iraq and beyond.

"In the last year, violence in Al Anbar province has dropped 80-90 percent. The province is the way it is now as a result of

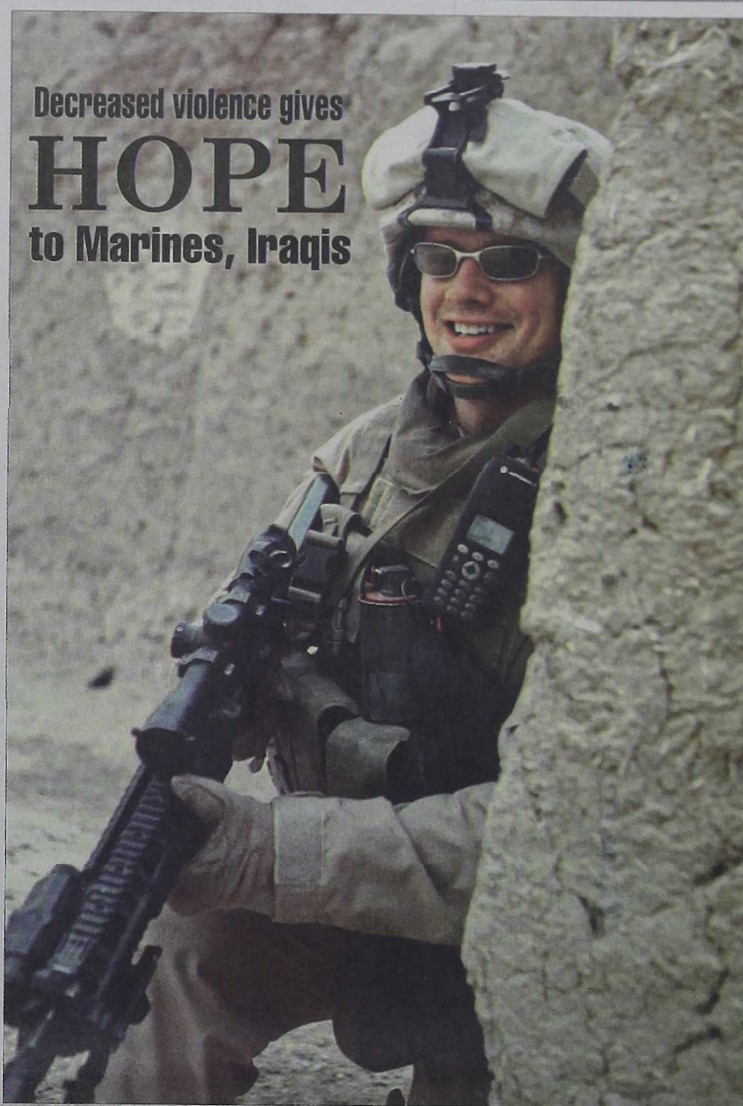
the hard work the Marines are putting forth every day along with their tactical patience and balance," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jim M. Roussel, the assistant intelligence officer for 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines. "This battalion has worked very hard and has done an outstanding job in accomplishing its goals and what we want to do is set up the unit that comes in after us for success."

With the reduction in violence, the extraction and refining of natural resources such as oil have begun to stabilize; furthering exportation and significantly increasing the country's gross domestic product.

Iraq's spending budget in 2007 was \$41 billion and has increased to \$70 billion for 2008, according to the Special Inspector General's Quarterly report to the

See HOPE, 6A

Decreased violence gives HOPE to Marines, Iraqis



Cpl. Andy Evenson, a team leader with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, takes a knee while providing security during a routine presence patrol.

22nd MEU first slated to deploy with Osprey

Cpl. Peter R. Miller
22nd MEU

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — Next summer, the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit is scheduled to become the first unit of its kind to deploy with the MV-22 Osprey aircraft, the replacement for the venerable CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter.

Forty members of the MEU's Command Element and Combat Logistics Battalion 22's Landing Support Platoon gathered together with Marines from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 June 6, for a primer on the revolutionary aircraft.



Staff Sgt. Michael E. Aguilar, a crew chief with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263, explains the internal layout and workings of the MV-22 Osprey to Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Command Element. Cpl. Theodore W. Ritchie

"I'm not here to sell you on the aircraft," said Maj. Todd Schiro, VMM-263 squadron

a few minutes."

A quick overview of the Osprey's capabilities showed the eager crowd that the aircraft's range, speed, payload and operating altitude proved far superior to the aircraft it's replacing.

According to Schiro, the ability to takeoff vertically, a typical characteristic of rotary aircraft, paired with the speed and maneuverability of a turboprop airplane will make the Osprey a dynamic addition to the MEU.

The Osprey will extend the long-range operational capabilities of the MEU to take the fight further into tougher ter-

ritory than ever before.

The improved technology will also free up hundreds of man-hours for the aircraft's maintenance crews, said Schiro.

The MV-22 requires about seven maintenance hours for every hour of flight time to stay airborne, whereas the CH-46 requires about 24 maintenance hours per flight hour.

This means the maintenance process is more efficient, saving time for a unit that must respond quickly to potential contingencies around the globe.

See OSPREY, 6A

Guardian angels: Security Platoon protects rebuilding of Rutbah

Cpl. Ryan Tomlinson
Regimental Combat Team 5

RUTBAH, Iraq — Over the course of two years, the city of Rutbah has encountered change towards its people and government. With Coalition forces' support, the town has been able to rebuild its structure and remain safe from the insurgency.

Marines with Security Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, have helped make the changes possible for the western Al Anbar province city.

"Our mission is to provide security for Coalition forces leaders while interacting with Iraqi leaders of Rutbah," said Cpl. Daniel M.

Smith, a scout squad leader with Security Platoon. "We're here to help build a better infrastructure in Iraq."

The platoon visits the city weekly to converse with the people and to escort key personnel to carry out requests for materials such as medicine, food and water.

"Being around the people makes me feel like I'm really doing my job

as an infantryman," said Lance Cpl. Sergio A. Flores-Reyes, 20, a scout with Security Platoon from San Juan, Texas. "I like what we're doing for these people. I came here to do something great and to actually accomplish it feels special."

The Marines with Security Platoon are ready to conduct operations

See REBUILDING, 6A

All-Marine Corps Boxing Team



netime after work, head over the Area 3 Gymnasium where the All-Marine Corps Boxing Team trains for competition. m about the new youth boxing program on page 1B.

Sergeant's Course

Four Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Command Element and more than 100 other Marines graduated Sergeant's Course 4-08. Read more on 1C.



Wi-Fi Central

The Central Area Recreation Center has added an Internet and gaming room on the second deck. To learn more about it, turn to page 1D.



MAN on the street

What are you doing to practice safe driving?



"I try to stay away from drivers with North Carolina license plates."

Cpl. Jason Morales
Chicago
2nd Marine Logistics Group

"I always obey the speed limits and wear my seatbelt."



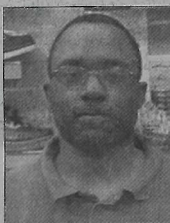
Lance Cpl. Mark Beckstrom
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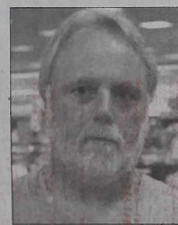
"I always wear a seatbelt, stay off my cell phone and look at least three car lengths ahead. Defensive driving is the best offense."

Staff Sgt. Daniel Langlois
Athens, Ga.
2nd Marine Division

"I drive defensively, use turn signals, watch for pedestrians and I'm always cautious of other drivers."



Maurice Richardson
Charleston, S.C.
Marine Corps Exchange



"Don't drink and drive!"

Michael Redziejewicz
Hazlet, N.J.
Visiting

VA reaching out to vets with mortgage problems

VA has a 'solid record of success' in helping

Press release
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Many home owners have found it difficult recently to pay their mortgages, but quick intervention by loan counselors at the Department of Veterans Affairs has actually reduced the number of veterans defaulting on their home loans.

"VA is reaching out to veterans — both those who use our home-loan guaranty program and those who don't take advantage of our guaranties — to keep people in their homes," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "I'm proud of our solid record of success in helping veterans and active-duty personnel deal with financial crises."

Accounting for much of this success are the VA counselors at nine regional loan centers who assist people with VA-guaranteed loans avoid foreclosure through

counseling and special financing arrangements. The counselors also can assist other veterans with financial problems. VA counselors have helped about 74,000 veterans, active-duty members and survivors keep their homes since 2000, a savings to the government of nearly \$1.5 billion.

Depending on a veteran's circumstances, VA can intercede with the borrower on the veteran's behalf to pursue options — such as repayment plans, forbearance and loan modifications — that would allow a veteran to keep a home.

To obtain help from a VA financial counselor, veterans can call VA toll-free at 1-877-827-3702. Information about VA's home loan guaranty program can be obtained at www.homeloans.va.gov.

Since 1944, when home-loan guaranties were offered with the original GI Bill, VA has guaranteed more than 18 mil-

lion home loans worth \$9 billion. Last year, about 1 million veterans, active-duty members and survivors received loans valued at \$24 billion.

About 2.3 million homes still in effect were purchased through VA's home-loan guaranty program, which helps home loans more affordable for veterans, active-duty members and some surviving spouses by protecting lenders from the borrower fails to repay the loan. More than 90 percent of VA-backed home loans are given without a downpayment.

April data shows the closures are down more than 50 percent from the same months in 2003. VA attributes this to prudent credit writing standards, its supplemental loan security program and VA financial counselors.

America supports you 'GI Java' brews hope

Press release
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The relationship between service members and their coffee is so storied that the hot black liquid has a role in nearly every war movie ever made.

With a desire to support the troops and an understanding of that relationship, the mother and daughter team of Tamra Gravitt and Crystal Espiritu started GI Java. The coffee shop serves its brew to each customer with honor, integrity and excellence above the call of duty, according to a news release from the coffee shop.

The company, with five locations in Washington state, offers coffee in military-themed packaging. The small is called a private, and the large is called a sergeant. A portion of all sales goes to U.S. Wounded Soldiers Foundation, and donations for the foundation are accepted in all five shops.

U.S. Wounded Soldiers Foundation provides the needs of service members wounded while in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The foundation is a supporter of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and companies with service members and their families serving at home and abroad.



Semper Safe

Don't stress the heat

High humidity added to hot weather creates a dangerous combination. It interferes with the body's ability to cool itself. Long exposure to hot, humid weather can result in heat cramps or heat exhaustion and if heat stress continues, a person may suffer a heat stroke, which can be fatal. See Marine Corps Order 6200.1E fluid replacement guidelines along with the following information to help you ensure the summer heat doesn't get the best of you.

What causes heat stress? Factors leading to heat stress include high temperature and humidity, direct sun or heat, limited air movement, physical exertion, poor physical condition, some medicines, prior heat injuries and inadequate tolerance for hot workplaces.

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion:

- Headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness, or fainting.
- Weakness and moist skin.
- Mood changes, such as irritability or confusion.

- Upset stomach or vomiting.

Symptoms of heat stroke:

- Dry, hot skin, with no sweating.
- Mental confusion or losing consciousness.
- Seizures or convulsions.

Preventing Heat Stress:

- Know signs/symptoms of heat-related illnesses; monitor yourself and coworkers.
- Block out direct sun or other heat sources. Consider using a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).
- Use cooling fans/air-conditioning; rest regularly.
- Drink plenty of water — about 5 to 7 ounces every 15 to 20 minutes.
- Use sport drinks to replenish lost electrolytes or salts and minerals lost from sweating.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, or heavy meals.

- Know and follow your unit's standard operations procedure for physical training and operations in hot environments.

What to do for heat-related illness:

- Call 911 (or local emergency number) at once.
- While waiting for help to arrive, move the person to a cool, shaded area; loosen or remove heavy clothing; provide cool drinking water, fan and mist the person with water.

Leaders and supervisors:

It is your responsibility to help ensure your personnel avoid potential heat related injuries on and off-duty. To assist you in your duties, a "Leader's Guide" is available at the Camp Lejeune, Safety Division Web site. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative for more details. The Safety Division Web site is: <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>.

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Route Clearance Platoon on duty

Story and photos
Cpl. Shawn Coolman
Regimental Combat Team 5

ALANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq

— Nomadic tribes once drifted aimlessly throughout the Iraqi desert to find food and water. Now, the Marines of Route Clearance Platoon wander the same desert not for food or water, but to find and clear improvised explosive devices.

Marines with Route Clearance Platoon, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, travel the span of RCT-5's area of operations to conduct route clearance missions to keep Coalition forces safe while they conduct their various operations.

"Typically, Route Clearances Platoon's main mission is to ensure the mobility of any of the units in the area," said 1st Lt. Mark D. Tucher, 24, platoon commander, Route Clearance Platoon. "We're looking to clear the roads for any IEDs that are in place against Coalition forces and Iraqi civilians."

Searching for IEDs is only one mission assigned to Route Clearance Platoon. The Marines also provide security for convoys and aid

the infantry battalions in patrolling throughout RCT-5's area of operations, which is about the size of South Carolina.

"We're out there just showing the Iraqis that we are on the ground patrolling, and making sure everything is good," said Tucher, who is from Belton, Texas.

In the near future, an Iraqi route clearance team may be utilized to assist the Marines on missions.

"The Iraqi army route clearance team is still in the process of the initial training phase," said Tucher. "We're going to train the Iraqis to do what they need to do; it's ultimately their country and they are going to have to take ownership and responsibility for their area of operations."

Until then, the Marines here are continuing their mission to aid Coalition and Iraqi Forces traveling the roads of Iraq.

"Many people put in a hard day's work for different reasons, but I know that my hard work makes everyone's lives a little easier and safer," said Lance Cpl. Enoch E. Chavarria, 21, a combat engineer with Route Clearance Platoon, who is from San Pedro, Calif.



Lance Cpl. Enoch E. Chavarria, 21, a combat engineer with Route Clearance Platoon, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, visually inspects a tire on a vehicle in Rawah, Iraq, June 12. The platoon travels RCT-5's area of operations to clear the roadways of any dangers that may cause harm to Coalition forces and Iraqi civilians.



Route Clearance Platoon, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, travels down one of the many roads that fall under RCT-5's area of operations Western Al Anbar province, Iraq, June 12. Route Clearance Platoon travels throughout the province to find and clear improvised explosive devices in order to make the roadways safer for Coalition forces and the Iraqi people. The platoon also aids the infantry battalions with patrols and escort convoys as they travel the roads of Iraq.

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Marines, Ind. Nat'l Guard fight back storm waters, help save local town



Marines and sailors of Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, move a hose through the water from the White River junction in Elnora, Ind. Local authorities in Elnora requested the 26th MEU to provide support to reinforce the levees from flooding of the White River. Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Johnson-Campbell



Marines and sailors of 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit stack sand bags to reinforce the levees. Cpl. Jason D. Mills

Cpl. Jason D. Mills
26th MEU

ELNORA, Ind. — Approximately 140 Marines and sailors from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit were called into action here after state and local agencies requested their assistance to fortify a levee in imminent danger of being overrun by the floodwaters which have devastated the area.

The Marines, who were later joined by soldiers from the Indiana National Guard, prisoners incarcerated at

the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Carlisle Ind., townspeople, Mennonites, Amish farmers and local volunteers reinforced nearly a mile of levee in Elnora, Ind.

After receiving the word to mobilize, the Marines rushed out to Elnora via CH-53E Super Stallion and CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters and began filling sandbags and building and reinforcing levees shortly after arriving at 3 a.m. and continued their efforts until 5 p.m. when they were called off

due to more thunderstorms in the area.

The Marines worked with a feverish determination throughout the night and into the morning, most of the time with smiles on their faces, because they had the knowledge they were doing something of real good for those they are sworn to serve.

"It's good to know that we can go out there and help these people, and I think it's going to be a real rewarding experience, just being able to help and know that we're



Marines and sailors work together with locals to reinforce the levees. Cpl. Jason D. Mills

doing something good for this town," said Lance Cpl. Alex Nelson, Evansville, Ind., native and Marine with the 26th MEU.

Receiving word of the incident

After receiving the word to move the original 88 leathernecks, most not knowing what they were headed into, Leathernecks grabbed what gear they could and headed out to an even more uncertain community.

Before the moon had a chance to disappear under the tree line, the Marines were in the air, off to what was sure to be a long and difficult task.

Upon landing at a local fire department near Elnora, the Marines headed off to Bedford, Ind., where they made their base of operations. There they decided to split up into two teams, one would go to the Town Hall to

fill sandbags and the other headed to Elnora to begin reinforcing the levees.

Taking action

After nearly two hours of hard work, word passed to consolidate the two groups, so all of the Marines could fight off the fast-approaching flood waters at the levees. And upon arriving at the scene, it was apparent why.

The rising waters had already crested in several areas and were threatening to crest in many more. Immediately the arriving Marines began assisting their fellow Marines, National Guard and locals already fighting back the torrent of flood water.

After hours of struggling against Mother Nature, the Marines were finally able to take their first real break since late the night before, when almost 200 additional National Guard soldiers ar-

rived around noon.

Wrapping up

Seeing the Marines, diers and locals were v out fresh food and lac water some of the le brought out fried chi and green beans for lu "I think this is the best c we've had since we've t out here," commented o the Marines.

Even though the waters eventually reach 29.9 feet - the highest part of Indiana had since 1913 - the levees protecting the homes of 736 residents of Elnora.

"Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief are among the primary mission capabilities of the MEU," said command officer Col. Mark J. ens. "Though it's not w we came here to do, we're ready to help those affected by this crisis."

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- Camp Lejeune provides formal school training for over 53,000 Marines and Sailors annually. This included skills such as Computer Programming, computer Software, Electronics/Data communication maintenance, Construction/Engineering, Logistics, Electrical/ Utilities Maintenances, Supply Administration, Auditing/Finance and Accounting, Diesel and Gasoline Engine Repair.
- Camp Lejeune Marines are educated:
 - High School Diploma:99%
 - Post Secondary Education.....38%
 - Baccalaureate Degree.....8%
 - Masters or High Degree1%
- Monthly 450 to 600 Marines and Sailors exit the Service.

This is a total of over 5,000 Services Members exiting Annually.

Active-Duty Military.....	43,974*
Dependants of Military Personnel	88,839*
Federal Retirees (Within 50-mile radius).....	14,771*
Dependents of Federal Retirees (50-mile radius)	50,120*
Civilian Work Force on Camp Lejeune.....	4,321*
Total Supported Population:.....	151,905*

* Most recent economic impact statement, Public Affairs Office, Camp Lejeune.
 Note: Many military personnel are not counted in the county population because it is a federal installation and their assignment is with in that installation.

Marines on a mission



A UH-1 Huey helicopter with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167 lands at a task-force assembly area in Al Anbar province, Iraq, before a reconnaissance mission. Cpl. Jason W. Fudge

HOPE, from IA

United States Congress.

"That means that, economically, once the violence is under control, this country will be just fine," said Roussell, who is a lieutenant in the Chicago Police Department when not either drilling or deployed with the reserve battalion.

Although it can't be said that violence is under control, May resulted in 19 U.S. deaths, which is the lowest U.S. death toll in Iraq since the invasion five years ago according to Department of Defense reports.

"It just shows that progress is being made, but it's not easy. It's hard and time consuming," Roussell said. "We're trying to plant this

difficult flower in the middle of the desert and it's just beginning to bud."

For the remainder of their deployment, 2nd Bn., 24th Marines have many goals to carry out and turn over to the next unit, but to Roussell, three stood out above the rest.

"First, we want to establish a government based on the will and determination of the Iraqi people. Second, that government has to be legitimate in their eyes. And third, we have to allow the transition of power to provincial Iraqi control," he said.

In the progress of these goals, Roussell related coalition efforts in Iraq to the popular American sport of football.

"We're very close. It's

like in football when you're down to just the last five yards and you've got the winning score on the board," he said. "You don't want to make any mistakes in those last two minutes to change the outcome of the game."

With it being the second deployment in the last four years for the Chicago-based unit, there has been a significant amount of differences between this deployment and the 2004 deployment just south of Baghdad.

"Last time, there were five mortar attacks on us in the first week we were there. The Iraqi police and Iraqi army were almost non-existent and the whole deployment was almost all kinetic [warfare]," said Sgt. Billy J. Benskin, a team

leader with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines. "This time, we have different missions than last time and the IA and IP are doing a great job in providing security for the area. It seems like the Iraqi people are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

In seeing that light, the Iraqi people have begun to understand that the Coalition forces are not here as occupants of their country, but have realized that they are here to help.

"By doctrine, what we do as an American Military, is face evil in the world and give people the opportunity to determine their own destiny," said Roussell. "We no longer have a doctrine on occu-

REBUILDING, from IA

at a moments notice to escort 2nd LAR elements and other units aiding the government and people of Rutbah.

"It's really cool to actually be involved with the planning of the government in Rutbah," said Pfc. Ian R. McIntosh, a gunner with Security Platoon. "It makes me feel that I'm making a difference by rebuilding the town that's [one of] the gateways of

shipping in Iraq."

The Marines will continue their efforts of supplying the re-building of a city that was at once a zone and is now a peaceful area.

"The city went from against them to us working with them," said Sgt. 21, from Sacramento. "It not only shows progress but it also demonstrates that were winning the war. For those who came before us, their sacrifices were worth it."

OSPREY, from IA

VMM-263 returned in April from a land-mark seven-month deployment, which took it to Al Asad air base within Al Anbar province.

This was the Osprey's first combat deployment and allowed the pilots and crews time to refine techniques and gain real experience during combat missions.

The seven mishap-free months have given VMM-263 Marines confidence in the aircraft, said Schiro, a confidence that extends to the squadron's formerly ground-pound sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Octaviano Gallegos.

"I was one of the Osprey's biggest critics," said Gallegos, a seasoned infantry Marine. "But, I can tell you from a listed ground-fighter's perspective, this is a good aircraft."

VMM-263 is scheduled to deploy as the Aviation Component for the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit next summer. To stay abreast of the unit's upcoming pre-deployment training and deployment, visit www.22meu.usmc.mil.

pation; we just don't have one. We don't believe in it and that's why the American people call on us."

"We don't invade countries to invade them. We're not doing this for territorial expansionism" he said. "We're not trying to make Iraq the 51st state."

With the change in attitude of the Iraqi people towards American Forces, the potential for this historically and environmentally rich country to flourish is beginning to grow.

"The Iraqi people thought we were coming in to take their country over in the beginning but, in fact, we don't have any interest in that at all, it's just the opposite," said Roussell. "We want to turn Iraq into a very prosperous

country and a model of civilization. Iraq is a very rich country. Between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers there's (thousands) of years of history. It's the cradle of civilization. You go to the market, they have tomatoes, oranges, watermelon and every other fruit vegetable imaginable.

Although an American presence in Iraq may continue for years to come, Roussell remains optimistic about where Iraq is headed.

"You look back at the history of counterinsurgency and most of the time, you're talking about a 10-year vestment," he said. "We've already made the investment on the front half and we just need to finish on the back end."

Retired Military Breakfast

There is a breakfast scheduled for retired and active-duty military at the Ball Center aboard Camp Lejeune, June 28.

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All retirees and active duty are welcome to attend the breakfast and share their stories. For more information, call retired Sgt. Maj. George Meyer at 938-1610.

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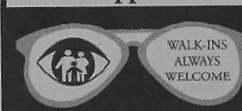
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Teen Express, Teen Trek camps
Marine Corps Community Services' Children Youth Teen program is offering weekly fun trips for children ages 9-18. The Teen Express, for kids ages 9-12, offers a different trip opportunity every Tuesday. Destinations include rock climbing, Jungle Rapids, parks, the Golfin' Club, ice skating, Fort Lejeune and more. Teen Trek offers similar opportunities for youth ages 13-18. Pre-registration is required for each field trip and lunch and transportation are included. Registration forms can be found at Bldg. 1966. For more information, call 313-15 or go online to www.mccslejeune.com/tml.

Teen Squad Camp
Summer camp for military and civilian Marine dependant teens, ages 13-18, is scheduled to run through Aug. 22. The day camp runs Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. - 6 p.m. Teen Squad conducts field trips, teaches life skills and offers a lot of fun. Participants can sign up for one week or all summer. Meals and two camp shirts are provided. For more information, visit www.mccslejeune.com/tesource and Reference Office in Bldg. 1966 on Lejeune Street.

Slow Sports

The Slow Sports Club holds its regular monthly meeting June 26 at the Jacksonville County Club. Guest speaker is former Davidson College basketball player, Mike Knowles. For more information, call 313-752.

Business challenge

Semper Fit program at Camp Lejeune invites all-comers to a fat and weight loss challenge. Participants complete their own 12-week program any time between July 7 - Oct. 1. Those who complete the challenge will be eligible for a free full-body massage. To enter, contact a personal trainer at Semper Fit Fitness Center. For more information, call 451-0470.

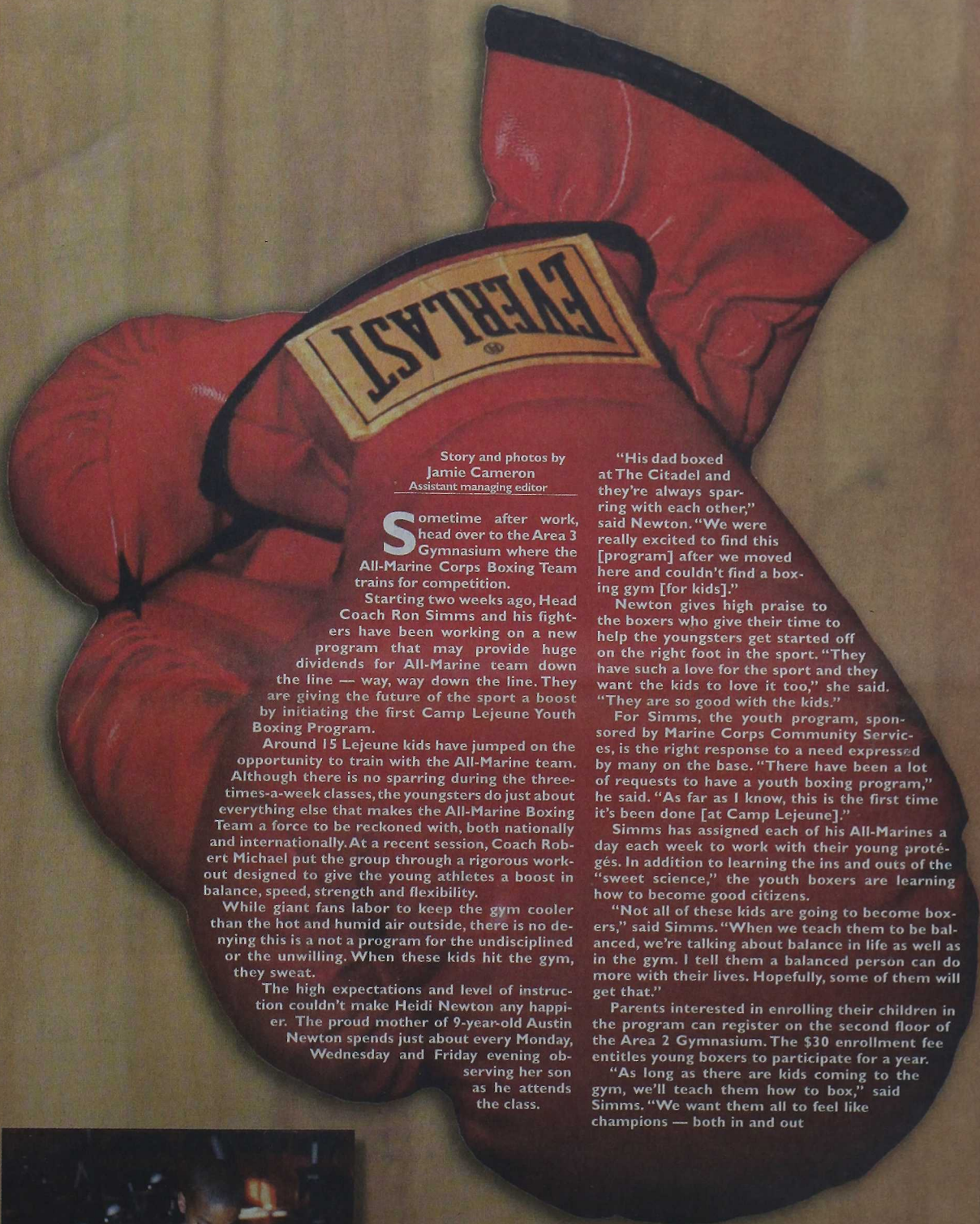
Military Appreciation Night

The Kinston Indians are giving their appreciation for military personnel by extending free admission to active duty, retired service members and their families at home Wednesday evening. At all other home games throughout the season, military members enjoy reserved seating for \$4. For more information, call 252-9111 or go to their website at www.kinstonindians.com.

Men's basketball try-outs

Camp Lejeune's Varsity Men's Basketball Team try-outs are scheduled to take place every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:30 p.m. at the Camp Lejeune Fitness Center Gym. For more information, call Lee Williams at 4716.

Lejeune kids hitting the heavy bag



Story and photos by
Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Sometime after work, head over to the Area 3 Gymnasium where the All-Marine Corps Boxing Team trains for competition.

Starting two weeks ago, Head Coach Ron Simms and his fighters have been working on a new program that may provide huge dividends for All-Marine team down the line — way, way down the line. They are giving the future of the sport a boost by initiating the first Camp Lejeune Youth Boxing Program.

Around 15 Lejeune kids have jumped on the opportunity to train with the All-Marine team. Although there is no sparring during the three-times-a-week classes, the youngsters do just about everything else that makes the All-Marine Boxing Team a force to be reckoned with, both nationally and internationally. At a recent session, Coach Robert Michael put the group through a rigorous workout designed to give the young athletes a boost in balance, speed, strength and flexibility.

While giant fans labor to keep the gym cooler than the hot and humid air outside, there is no denying this is a not a program for the undisciplined or the unwilling. When these kids hit the gym, they sweat.

The high expectations and level of instruction couldn't make Heidi Newton any happier. The proud mother of 9-year-old Austin Newton spends just about every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening observing her son as he attends the class.

"His dad boxed at The Citadel and they're always sparring with each other," said Newton. "We were really excited to find this [program] after we moved here and couldn't find a boxing gym [for kids]."

Newton gives high praise to the boxers who give their time to help the youngsters get started off on the right foot in the sport. "They have such a love for the sport and they want the kids to love it too," she said. "They are so good with the kids."

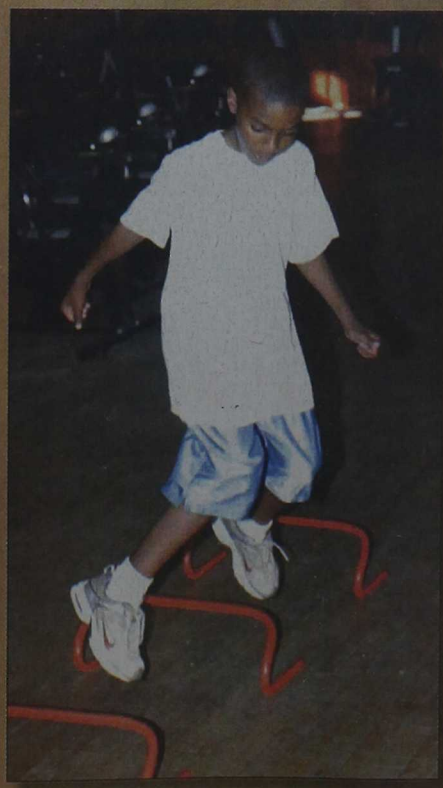
For Simms, the youth program, sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services, is the right response to a need expressed by many on the base. "There have been a lot of requests to have a youth boxing program," he said. "As far as I know, this is the first time it's been done [at Camp Lejeune]."

Simms has assigned each of his All-Marines a day each week to work with their young protégés. In addition to learning the ins and outs of the "sweet science," the youth boxers are learning how to become good citizens.

"Not all of these kids are going to become boxers," said Simms. "When we teach them to be balanced, we're talking about balance in life as well as in the gym. I tell them a balanced person can do more with their lives. Hopefully, some of them will get that."

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program can register on the second floor of the Area 2 Gymnasium. The \$30 enrollment fee entitles young boxers to participate for a year.

"As long as there are kids coming to the gym, we'll teach them how to box," said Simms. "We want them all to feel like champions — both in and out."



In the photo at left, 10-year-old Devonte Woods works on his footwork during a conditioning circuit course at a recent youth boxing program session. Above, Coach Robert Michael sets out goals for his young athletes to accomplish in their technical training.

Bringing home the meat, offshore style



Lejeune Outdoors
By Jamie Cameron

It was a call I sit beside the telephone for every night during the fishing season. "I think it's time for a meat trip," said my pal, Brian Degan of Beaufort. "The weather looks good for Friday. Are you in?"

Am I in? Buddy, when somebody with Brian's offshore fishing savvy invites you to join them, in what is arguably the absolute best time of year to go out into the mid-Atlantic, you cancel your prior engagements and call in sick.

For the uninitiated, a "meat trip" is a fishing expedition with the sole purpose of putting tasty gamefish into the ice box. A successful adventure can keep you (and your friends) eating in fine style for the next seven days — which is how long I'll keep cleaned fish (no guts, no gills) on ice before I feel the need to break out the vacuum-sealer and throw whatever remains in the freezer.

In early June, the waters off North Carolina typically host a great variety of gamefish, including dolphin (mahi-mahi), king mackerel, wahoo and a host of bottomfish like grouper, sea bass and triggerfish.

With Morehead City's Nate Bachelor rounding out our three-man crew, we set out from Beaufort Inlet in Brian's seaworthy center-console craft shortly after sunrise on June 6.

With the seas running around 3-4 feet, Brian decided to delay the 15-mile opening leg he had planned to put us on the mahi-mahi bite. Instead, he pointed the bow toward a series of underwater lumps just eight miles from the inlet. The waves kept us from making good time, but there was only one other boat trolling the area by the time we arrived. Our captain had us rig up for king mackerel and we cut the engines back to slow-trolling speed.

Trolling in the open ocean is best described as 95 percent boredom and

5 percent pure adrenaline. For the better part of an hour, we burned through our quota of boredom, without a single fish, or even a bite for our efforts.

The seas were settling a little and the promise of hungry dolphin just a few miles further out was beckoning so we agreed upon one more pass through the area before we reeled in and fired up the engines again. Of course, that was the pass that produced a strike, and though we never hooked the fish, we decided it might be a good idea to give it a few more minutes. That proved to be a wise decision when the drag suddenly started screaming on the rod with a skirted ballyhoo way back in the spread. Brian took the rod and Nate manned the gaff as we eased the fish to the boat. When we finally saw it, we were pleasantly-surprised to find Brian was fighting a nice dolphin — not the king mackerel we were expecting. In short order, Brian brought the 12-pounder to the side of the boat and Nate deftly gaffed the fish and stowed it in the iced-down fish box. We were finally on the board.

The waves were calming so Brian set our course toward his bottomfishing honey hole, but we stayed at trolling speed and picked up two more dolphin and a king mackerel on the way. With all of those sportfish in the box, we contemplated pulling in the lines and quickening the pace so we'd have more time to try or luck on the bottom for grouper and all the other tasty reef fish species — that's when something hit the diving plug swimming just under the prop wash.

Nate took on reel-cranking duty

and we waited to see what we had hooked. In less than a minute, the fish came up to the surface and everyone onboard became quite serious with the realization there was a cobia on the line.

Cobia are highly-prized for their fighting abilities and excellent table qualities. The 20-pounder Nate was attached to didn't disappoint, as it came to the boat several times, only to take off on deep, powerful runs back to the bottom. Slowly, but surely, Nate worked the fish back up each time and finally, after some 10-12 minutes, it appeared to be ready for the gaff.

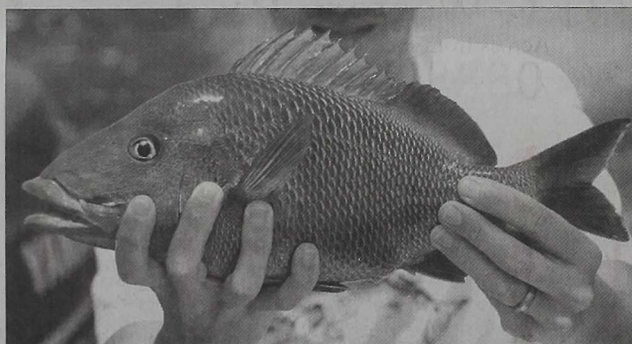
In deference to my buddy (and benefactor) I will say only that Brian's gaffing job was ... stressful, but ultimately successful. With Nate's first cobia in the boat, we decided it was a good time to quit trolling and hit the underwater rocks for some variety in our bag.

Bottomfishing in 90-100 feet on rocks sometimes no-bigger than a Volkswagen Beetle is among the most-technically challenging endeavors in offshore angling and our captain, Brian, happens to be very, very good at it. With Brian at the wheel checking the direction and speed of the current, the electric fishfinder and depth sounder, all Nate and I had to do was drop our baits to the bottom when we were told.

After countless tries at different spots, we finally struck gold at a nondescript rocky ledge, some 30 miles from the inlet. The action was fast and furious as Nate and I quickly loaded another fish box with 14- to 15-inch sea bass, white grunt and a red porgy.

By the time somebody finally looked at a watch, it was 4:30 p.m. — way past our scheduled departure time.

In the two weeks following our meat trip, I have eaten fish nine out of 14 days. I have had it pan-seared, grilled, broiled, smoked and as ceviche — the national dish of Peru in which fresh fish is "cooked" in lime juice. I have eaten so much fish, I can't eat anymore — well, for a couple of days anyway.



Bobcat's 2-day camp gives hope to unsigned veterans

News report
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Bobcats are giving 13 unsigned veterans another shot at the NFL.

New coach Larry Brown began a two-day minicamp Friday. It serves as a tryout for the Bobcats' summer league team, which begins play next month in Las Vegas.

Former North Carolina guard Jackie Manuel, ex-Washington Forest forward Trent Strickland and Wingate alum guard Harrington were among the players on hand. Manuel and Strickland spent last season in the NFL Development League. Harrington played for a team in Russia.

Former Alabama forward Chuck Davis and ex-Kentucky guard Gerald Fitch were also at the minicamp, a first for the Bobcats.

Tide tables for New River Inlet

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

Today		
High tide	8:47 a.m.	9:10 p.m.
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High tide	9:26 a.m.	9:47 p.m.
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Saturday		
High tide	10:05 a.m.	10:24 p.m.
Low tide	4:24 a.m.	3:50 p.m.
Sunday		
High tide	10:46 a.m.	11:01 p.m.
Low tide	5:00 a.m.	4:33 p.m.
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High tide	11:29 a.m.	11:41 p.m.
Low tide	5:35 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
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Hiking tour

Wednesday
Enthusiastic hikers who wish to get to know the trails aboard Camp Lejeune are invited to participate in the June 25 guided hiking tour. The trip starts at the Brewster Recreation Area Main Field. Participants must register by June 24 and bring their own water and comfortable hiking shoes. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 451-1440.

Kids' fishing derby

June 28
The Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled the 2008 Emerald Isle Youth Fishing Derby, June 28 at the Bogue Inlet Fishing Pier. The event is free and fishing gear will be provided for those children who do not have their own. For more information, call 252-354-6350.

Urinalysis coordinator's course

June 30
This Semper Fit workshop is provided to Unit Substance Abuse Program Representatives as a "train the trainer" instruction and potential Unit Substance Abuse Control Officers, Substance Abuse Control Specialists, Drug and Alcohol Program Advisors, Observers, and Administrative Assistants. The June 30 course is scheduled to run from 1-5 p.m. at the Semper Fit Health Promotion office in Bldg. 302. Course materials are provided and mandatory testing is required for certification. For more information, call 451-3648.

Youth Sports football camp

July 7-11
The Camp Lejeune Youth Sports Office is invited youngsters interested in learning the basic skills and training techniques of American football to register for this free 5-day session by July 3. The camp will take place at the Paradise Point soccer fields. A morning session for 6-10 year olds will run from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The afternoon session, for ages 11-15, will run from 12:30-3:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-2177.

Lejeune Mud Run

July 12
The Lejeune 8-kilometer Mud Run is scheduled for July 12 at Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune. The race — a leg in the Lejeune Grand Prix Series 2008 — is open to everyone. Early registration is \$20 per runner and is open until July 10; after that, the fee is \$25 and will continue until 7:30 a.m. on race day. The course is a challenging off-road run designed to test runners at all fitness levels. Participants can expect both natural and man-made obstacles throughout the nearly five-mile course. At the check-in on race day, runners will be issued a Champion-Chip device to record their official times. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each division and participants will receive points towards the overall Lejeune Grand Prix Series standings. For more information, call Mike Marion at 451-0092.

Mud Bog Racing

July 12
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Running Club

Ongoing
The Camp Lejeune Running Club is free to anyone who wishes to earn a little extra credit for their exercise program. Record your training miles at any area fitness center and receive a free performance T-shirt after 500 miles. Track workouts will be held every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House. To learn more, call 451-7002 or e-mail craisno@usmcmccs.org.

Semper Fit Challenge Passport

Ongoing
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Mixed martial arts and combat fitness classes

Ongoing
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit presents Lee Stuckey, a Marine and mixed martial arts professional cage fighter and Andrea Lucie as the new program instructors. Classes take place in the Area 3 boxing gym Fridays starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 451-0826.

Yoga and pilates classes

Ongoing
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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes

Ongoing
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Sports presents Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instruction, scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 7:30-9 p.m. Classes are provided by Club Jiu-Jitsu of Jacksonville. Sessions take place in Bldg. 1742, adjacent to the Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. For more information, call 581-0077 or visit www.clubjiujitsu.com.

Roller-hockey spring league

Ongoing
Hockey players and hockey player wannabes from Camp Lejeune are being sought to form an inline roller-hockey team to play in the Marine Corps Air Station New River spring league. Experience is not required. The season is ongoing. For more information and a practice schedule, call Brandon Kjartansson at 910-545-8070.

Base karate team

Ongoing
Camp Lejeune is starting a base karate team to compete in Amateur Athletic Union and National Karate Federation competition. All styles and karate skill levels, from white to black belt, are welcome to participate. The team will consist of a minimum of four female and six male competitors. Practices take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Green room at Goettge Memorial Field House, starting at 6 p.m. For more information, call Chief James Stolarczyk at 450-9127.

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2nd Medical Battalion clips Disbursing 10-9

Story and photos by
Jamie Cameron
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Teams are jockeying for playoff position as the Camp Lejeune intramural softball regular season enters its final week. With so much on the line, it's easy to understand the increased intensity and competitiveness shown by the teams of late.

2nd Medical Battalion's 10-8 win over Disbursing Monday evening was a prime example of that — the game featured four lead changes and nearly required extra innings to decide.

Michael Parson got things rolling for 2nd MED Bn. with a two-out double in the first that scored two runs. DISBO answered quickly with a sharp single up the middle from Angelo Rossi that cut the lead in half.

DISBO took advantage of 2nd MED Bn.'s scoreless second, starting with a lead-off single from Craig Zygmunt. Dominic Sinibaldi followed with a base hit of his own and both runners scored on Dave Caron's huge triple. Fill-in pitcher Jenny Nunu capped the inning with an RBI base hit, making the score 4-2 in favor of DISBO.

The 2nd MED Bn. bats answered the call in the top of the third inning, starting with back-to-back singles from Christian Santos and John Hallahan. With one out, the table was set for big Matt "Superman" Rosenberg, who sent a 310-foot shot over the left field fence. The three-run homer gave 2nd MED Bn. a slim 5-4 lead, but only briefly.

DISBO led off the bottom of the third with a Ryan Burton single, followed by Rossi's ground-rule double that one-

hopped the center field fence to runners on second and third. Zach M. whacked in two runs with a flare to short center field. With DISBO back the lead and looking for more, 2nd MED Bn. shortstop Michael Barker ended the threat with a sparkling defensive play — snagging a hot line drive and firing over to first to beat the runner back to the bag.

Barker then let his bat do the talking in the top of the fourth inning, smacking an RBI single to knot the score at 6-6.

The 2nd MED Bn. defense held down the DISBO line-up in the bottom of fourth and then took up the bats for two runs in the fifth. Rosenberg got intentional walk to lead-off and both and Justin Simmons scored to make it 8-6 2nd MED Bn.

The DISBO offense failed to score the second consecutive at-bat and paid the price at the top of the sixth inning. Jason McGee led off with a single and eventually scored on a close play at plate. Santos added to the 2nd MED Bn. lead with an RBI single to make it 10-6.

The score remained the same the way to the bottom of the seventh inning, with DISBO needing four runs to extend the game into extra innings. Christopher Tavarez led off with a sharp single down the third base line and advanced to third on Rossi's single. With runners at the corners and two outs, Mays hit an infield grounder that scored a run but forced the second out at second. Zygmunt added to the lead with a run-scoring sacrifice fly, making it 10-8 with two outs. DISBO scrapped out another run, but fell just short of the end.



In the photo above, 2nd Medical Battalion pitcher Justin Simmons settles underneath an infield pop-fly during the game against Disbursing. At right, 2nd MED Bn.'s Jason McGee slides across home plate to break an 8-8 tie in the fifth inning as DISBO's Dominic Sinibaldi tries to make the tag. McGee was ruled safe on the play.



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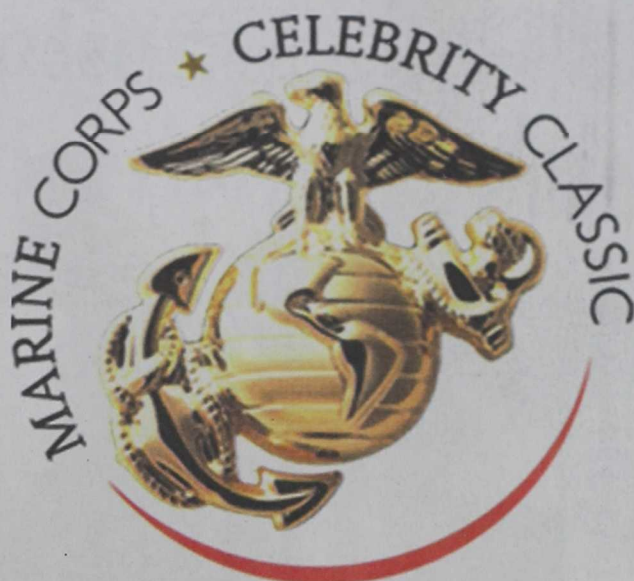
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1st LAR Marines compete in Highlander Games

Cpl. Dean Davis
1st Light Armored Recon Battalion

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif — In a place where Marines strive to train the best they can for war, warriors of 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division took on a different challenge during Mojave Viper Saturday.

The Highlander Games, a competition between each of 1st LAR's companies, evoked a spirit of comradeship as Marines competed in light armored vehicle pulls, tug of war, 240-G machinegun assembly, volleyball, tire flipping, tanker bar tossing and grappling.

"This brings the battalion together so that Marines and sailors from each company can get a chance to know each other," said 1st Sgt. Devon A. Lee, Headquarters and Support Company first sergeant. "It also allows the Highlanders to rest, re-arm and prepare for the next phase of Mojave Viper."

Previously held by Company C, bragging rights and the coveted Claymore broadsword went to a recently added reserve company who showed their mettle, explained Lee.

"The Claymore symbolizes strength, power and authority. The company that best represents those traits has the privilege of carrying the sword until the next Highlander Games," Lee said. "Company F best demonstrated the warrior spirit during the games and they deserve to represent 1st LAR."

"It was pretty great to see us win it during our first ever Highlander Games," said Sgt. Jason Collins, a intelligence specialist with Company F. "We are the only reservist company here, so a lot of this was a learning game too."

As the games came to an end, Marines thoughts turned back to the training ahead of them in preparation for deployment to Iraq later this year.

"I hope the Marines understand the importance of teamwork and how it applies to their assigned mission," said Lee, 34, from Alexandria, Va.

"When the next Highlander Games come, we'll be ready to defend the sword," said Collins. "We'll let the big guys get bigger and the skinny guys get faster."



Company F Marines compete against Company C in the tug-o-war competition while Joseph Y. Delpizzo, second from the right, a scout with Company F, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division cheers on his Marines during the Highlander Games. Company F, a newly-added reserve company, won the games competing for its first time ever. Cpl. Dean Davis.

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Community group takes troops fishing

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June 7 event was organized by Military Appreciation Day, Inc., a non-profit organization that organizes events for active-duty military, National Guard and reservists out for a free fishing and family fun.

MAD organization and its 200 members took 300 service members and their dependents out for a beautiful fishing and entertained another 200 troops and family members with various activities at the Morehead City Jaycee parks.

MAD, Inc. chartered both the Carolina and the Continental Shelf head for the day, while another 62 boats and captains were provided by volunteers.

On-boat activities included kid games at the docks, sight-seeing tours of the waterfront provided by Mystery Tours, a walk tent, face painting, snow cones and cotton candy. The MAD members provided a lunch of hamburgers and dogs at the city park.

As a great day of fishing, with a variety of dolphin (mahi-mahi), king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, snapper, sea bass and even a sailfish.

A sailfish was caught aboard the Reel Trouble, captained by Mark Vann of Morehead City, N.C. "I got involved with this year because enough isn't done for our troops that what they do is not only me, but to a large number of people.

Seeing the smiles on the faces of the troops at the cookout, I'll be back to come," said Vann. Vann's wife was Gunnery Sgt. Jason Marshall

and Staff Sgt. Mike Power. Power was the angler on the sail, but landing the fish and releasing it was truly a team effort according to Vann.

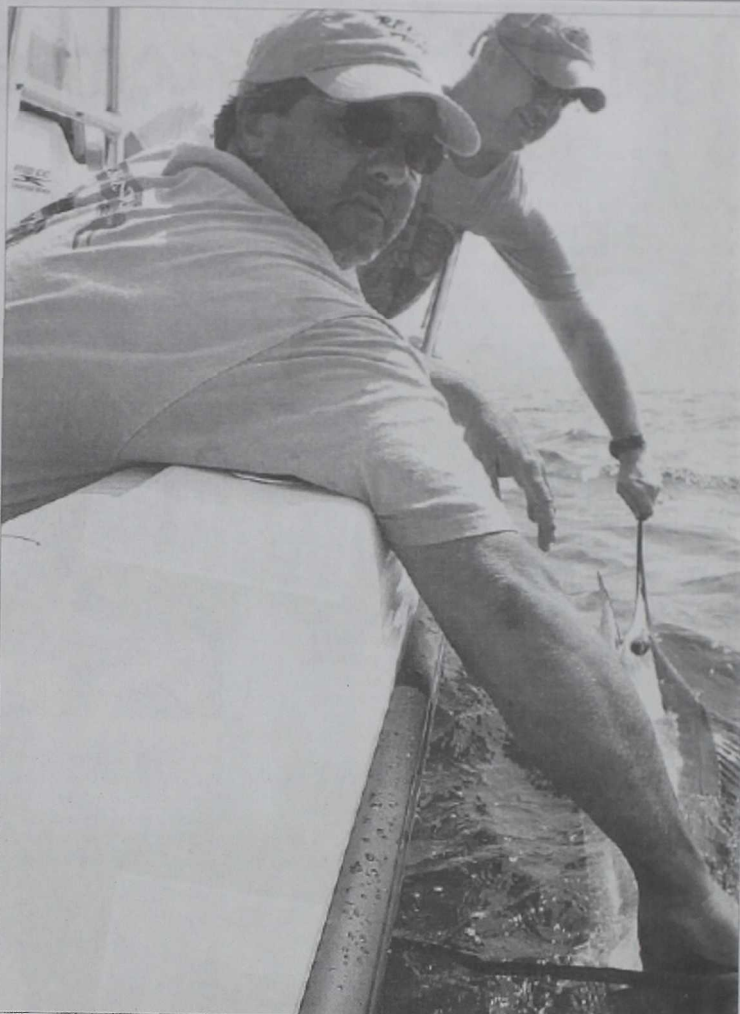
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The crowd was treated to an acrobatic fly over by Red Eagle Air Sports flying team, which was in the area performing at the Cherry Point Air Show.

"It was a great day and from my perspective, all our heroes and their families enjoyed themselves. Plenty of fishing, food, entertainment and relaxation going on. Every hero I spoke with was very appreciative of what we have done for them," said Emmitt Morehead, one of the many MAD volunteers who work year-round to do what he can to help thank those who serve America. Morehead's wife, son, father and mother-in-law also worked as volunteers for MAD III.

One of MAD's honored guests, Marine Corps Capt. Tim Doran said, "I can't find the words to adequately express me and my family's gratitude for all that you did for us. 'Support the Troops' has become a fashionable, yet insincere catchphrase that diminishes as this war continues. Few believe in it and fewer do anything toward it ... You fellas surely did something wonderful yesterday. Our time there is the talk of the house this morning and me and my children will carry these memories with us forever. Please extend our warm thanks to all that helped out."

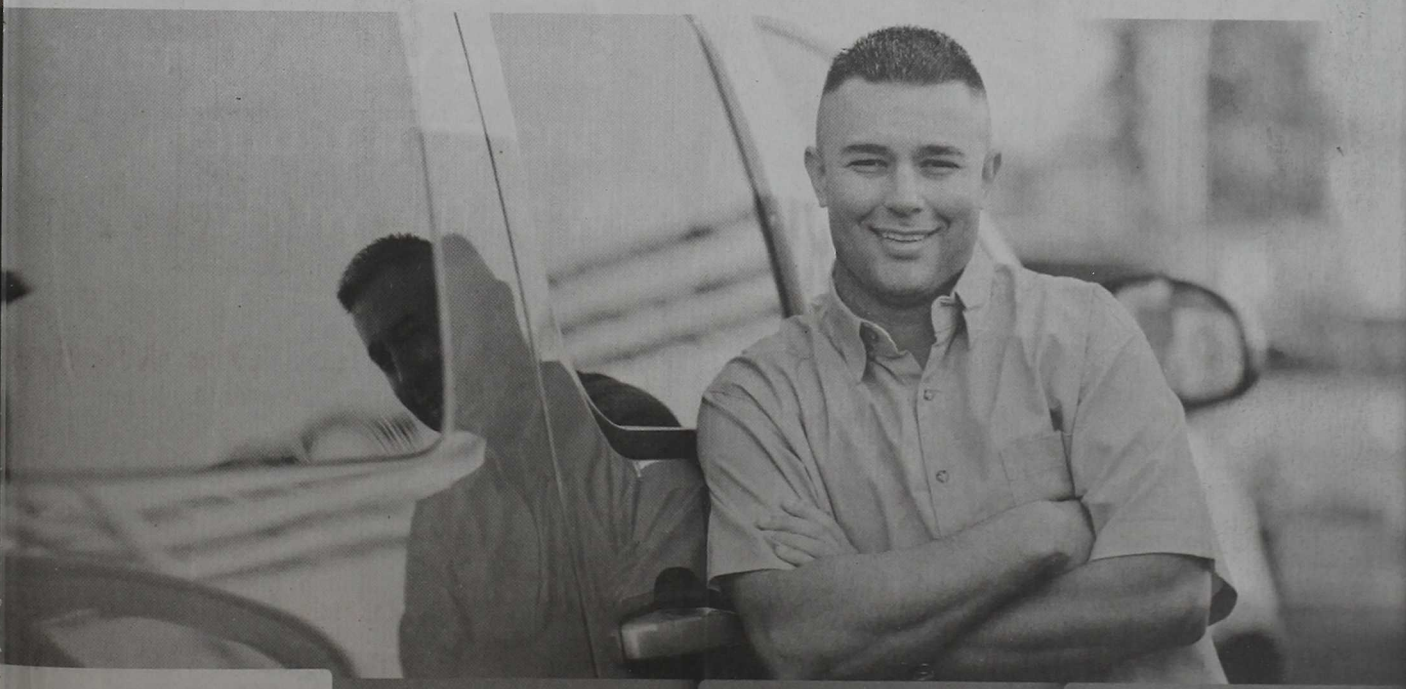
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Capt. Mark Vann (front) and angler Staff Sgt. Mike Power admire Power's sailfish, caught aboard the Reel Trouble during the third annual Military Appreciation Day, before releasing it back into the sea. Photo contributed

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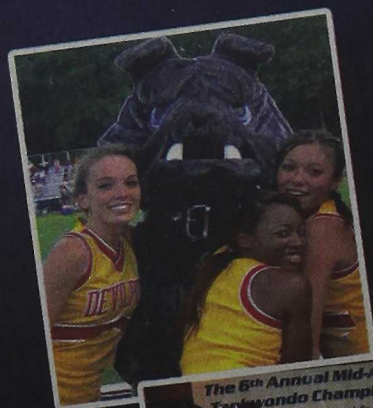
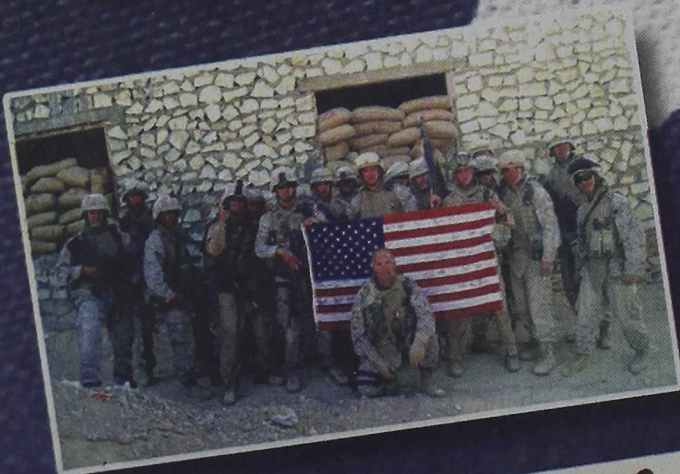
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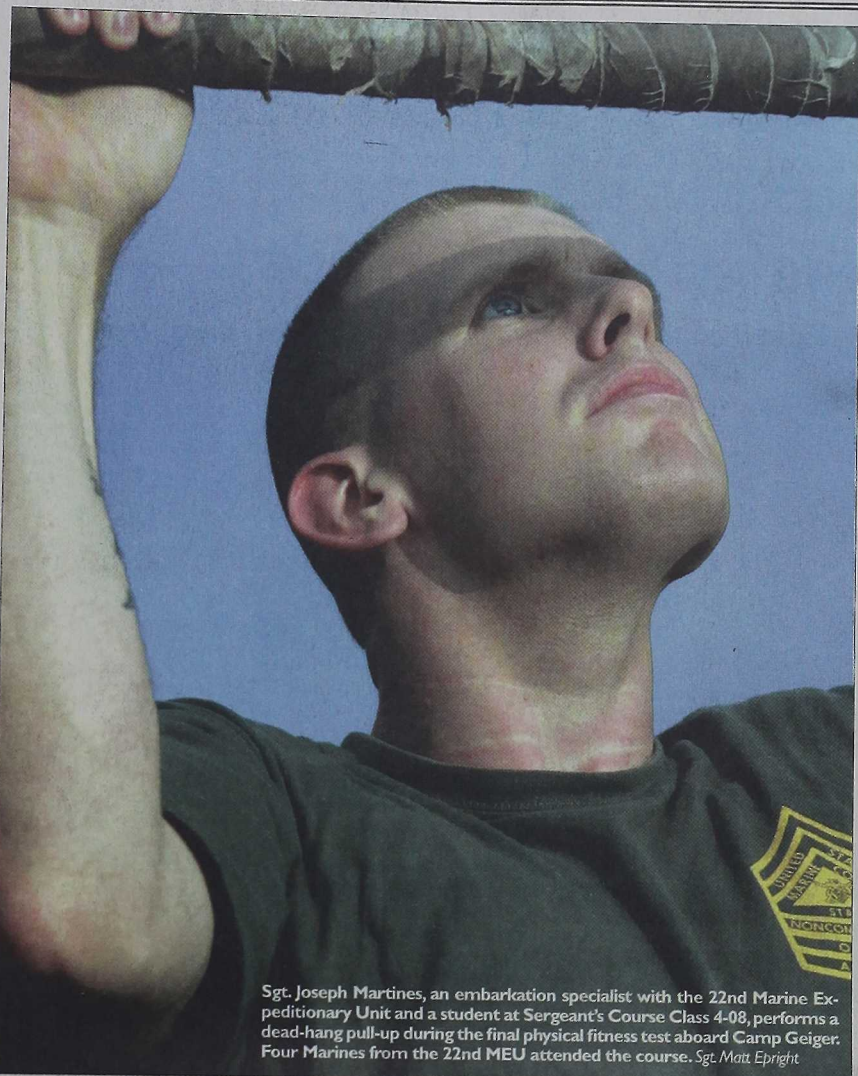
Capt. Mark C. Oleson, commanding officer of Camp Lejeune Naval Air Station, is scheduled to host the quarterly military health care town meeting July 17 at 10 a.m. in rooms A and B in the hospital. The event is free for military family members to attend. Questions, ask questions and express concerns about health care issues. A registration will be given on-site. For more information, call Raymond White at 450-4463.

Daily mixer

The U.S. Naval Academy Reserve Officer Training Corps East 2008 Career Occupational Specialty Mixer is for all company-grade officers. The weekly mixer runs every Thursday at The Lodge (next to the stables on Street) starting at 6 p.m. Come by to interact with SNA and NROTC members from around the country. Appropriate attire required. Refreshments and beverages will be provided.

Continuing education seminar

The College of Continuing Education's Command Staff College and Expeditionary Warfare seminar programs will commence next week in September. Enrollment requests received no later than Sept. 1. The on-site groups meet each week for a couple of hours in the evening from May. For CSC participants deployed or deployed, there is also an online seminar opportunity to enroll or discuss particular situations. Contact the CCE Coordinator at 451-9309 or ccamplejeune@usmc.mil.



Sgt. Joseph Martines, an embarkation specialist with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit and a student at Sergeant's Course Class 4-08, performs a dead-hang pull-up during the final physical fitness test aboard Camp Geiger. Four Marines from the 22nd MEU attended the course. Sgt. Matt Epright

22nd MEU Marines graduate Sergeant's Course

Sgt. Matt Epright
22nd MEU

Four Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Command Element and more than 100 other Marines graduated Sergeant's Course 4-08 at Camp Lejeune, June 2.

The MEU Marines' Sgt. David Friedman, a radio operator; Sgt. Omar Sanchez, a career retention specialist; Sgt. Ezekiel Kitandwe, a combat photographer and Sgt.

Joseph Martines, an embarkation specialist, graduated after six weeks of intense study and evaluation in numerous subjects ranging from land navigation and patrolling, to sword manual and close-order drill.

"It's a lot of information and they throw it at you really fast," said Kitandwe. "On the other hand, it also teaches you time management."

Many of the study subjects are included in the four comprehensive

written examinations the students receive while at the course.

Not all subjects can be evaluated from a written test, though they are subjects that require discussion and study.

"We do guided discussions on things like leadership and mentoring," said Master Sgt. Dewayne Smith, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the Sergeant's Course. "I try to instill

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Lejeune's civilian police hit base beat

Lance Cpl. Ryan Turmage
Marine Corps Base

Civilian police officers have been working hand-in-hand with Marines and the Military Police here for more than a month now.

"We love working with our Marines and the Military Police. They are generally really great people with a lot of knowledge to share," said Elvin Capestany, who was stationed here as a corporal in 1972 and one of the first civilian police officers to begin work.

"I didn't feel like I was doing my part for our country when my son deployed to Iraq; I had to get back to the Corps," said Capestany. After undergoing a physically and mentally demanding nine week training course, Capestany, along with 21 other officers, dispersed to Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and MCAS Cherry Point.

The requirements for the job are much like those of the Marine Corps, such as being able to pass a physical agility test, a medical evaluation, psychological testing, as well as maintain personal appearance standards, just to name a few. "We have the most respect for our MPs. They stand post for about 16 hours per day and when they aren't on post they have to do mountains of paperwork," said Arthur Roulund, retired master sergeant serving 30 years in the Marine Corps and now a police officer here.

Most of the Marine Corps Police Department's officers are former or retired Marines and were at one time in their career stationed here. "We're back at home," said Roulund.

The civilian officers working with the Military Police also share little secrets about Camp Lejeune that may be unknown to young Marines patrolling the streets. "While patrolling, if we get a call to a distant area, we know a few shortcuts that these younger guys don't know about," said Capestany.

"We're here to assist the MPs and to show the community we aren't here to harass, we're here to help," said Roulund.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is now accepting applications for civilian base police officers. As a civilian cop on a military installation, jobs will consist of patrolling streets, being the assistant desk sergeant and guarding the front gate.

For more information and to apply for the Marine Corps Police Department visit <http://chart.donhr.navy.mil>, create your resume and join the fight.

Marine retires after 40 years of faithful service

Sgt. Tara Smith
Marine Corps Base

Former president Ronald Regan once noted, "Some people wonder all their lives if they've made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem." Evidence of this can be found in the 40-year career of Col. Donald J. Anderson, assistant chief of staff, Department of Public Safety, Marine Corps Installations East.

Anderson will retire from his Marine Corps career tomorrow. However, it is a career that he doesn't eagerly step away from. "I could easily spend a couple more years in the Marine Corps, but I've always heard you will know when the time is right to get out of the Marine Corps and that time has come for me," said Anderson.

His entrance into the Marine Corps, might resonate with some Marines who left college after the attacks at 9-11. Anderson remembers his own post-college years in another era.

"I was spending more time partying and drinking than going to school. I was watching a lot of news about Vietnam and I wanted to do something," Anderson said.

"I was just thinking, if I don't do something with my life, then I'm going to get into trouble. I chose to join the Marine Corps. I actually wanted to be a Navy SEAL, but they couldn't guarantee me that, so I joined the Marines. I wanted to be an 03 [Infantry]; I wanted to go to Vietnam and I wanted to fight the

enemy. Believe me, the recruiter gave me exactly what I asked for."

After arriving at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in 1968 and completing the Infantry Training School at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Anderson deployed with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines to Vietnam.

"I had a leader in Vietnam, — Lt. Jack Klump — and there was just something about him that really stuck with me. His leadership, his style, and his professionalism really impressed me," said Anderson. "He eventually retired as a Lieutenant General, deputy commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He has always had an impact on me, and it is my good fortune that Lt. Gen. Klump [USMC ret] will be coming to Camp Lejeune to retire me. So, that is how I was led into the Marine Corps. Vietnam was a great experience. Not because it was a combat experience. It was because of the camaraderie and the relationships you develop."

After spending a year in Vietnam, Anderson switched from infantry 'grunt' to corrections specialist.

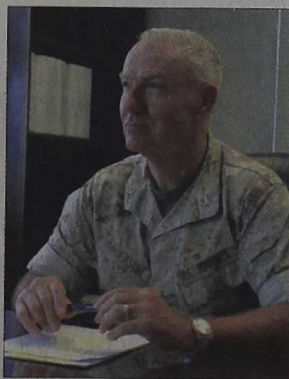
During his enlistment, he served two tours on the drill field and was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant. "When I was a drill instructor graduating platoons of recruits, I was watching them stand on their own two feet and stand as men for the first time. And on Paris Island, women [were] standing as independent women for the first time [as well]. That is very rewarding. It is rewarding knowing you contributed to the development of that person and their character. Many of those recruits got the leadership and direction they needed — from the Marine Corps," said Anderson.

After earning an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, Anderson became a warrant officer and served as officer in charge of Maximum Security and Death Row at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. In true Marine fashion, Anderson set about correcting any deficiencies he saw. "Our job was to maintain safety and security of the institution. While there, we developed a system to control prisoners that was later presented to the American Correctional Association at a conference in Toronto, Canada. This system is still used today," said Anderson.

During 40 years of service, Anderson was provided the opportunity to see different cultures and ways of life. A deployment to Mogadishu offered insight to a people who were stricken with famine and turmoil. "We had air field security and would bring food into Mogadishu and give it to the people who were starving. What I found most different there was the culture of the people," said Anderson. "They view life totally different than we do. It is hard for us, coming from our culture, to recognize this; but living in that culture for a period of time one can almost begin to understand it. It's a culture of 'survival of the fittest'."

During his career, Anderson saw changes in society as well as the progress in the Marine Corps. Women started playing a larger role in the work force and the military. "I was with Marine Helicopter Squadron 1 and we were in New York. We were standing in the rain waiting for the President. There was a young female Marine, a lance corporal with the security detachment. A civilian lady walked up to us and [referring to the lance corporal] said 'get this woman out of the rain.' The civilian didn't say anything about the male Marines. The female Marine said, 'I am a Marine. I'm doing my job and I'll stay here.' That was really enlightening to see that. I've

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Col. Donald J. Anderson
USMC 1968-2008

Center maintains communications currency

Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage
Marine Corps Base

Need training in communication? How about single channel radio, satellite systems or fiber splicing?

Communications Training Center-2 opened in 2007 to train all Marine and civilian communicators locally, rather than paying to send them to other communication schools.

"This training center saves the Marine Corps countless amounts of dollars by not sending Marines

away for training and centralizes where they receive training," said Steven Bowling, training administrator for CTC 2, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

There are three Communication Training Centers in the Marine Corps located at Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton and Okinawa, Japan. Depending on their current sched-

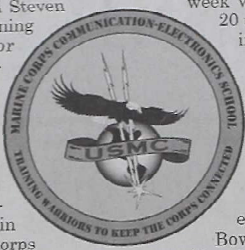
ule, anywhere from one to 10 courses are held each week with a range of 20 to 100 students in each class.

"Any communication [Military Occupation Specialty] that requires the training is eligible," said Bowling. "We also offer industry standard certification courses, such as Security +, Microsoft and Certified Inform-

mation Systems Security Professional."

Those who have not heard of the training facility and need the course to better perform their job, should discuss the opportunities through their proper chain of command and sign up for the career building experiences.

"Unit specific training can be requested and accommodated. Training not currently offered but that is needed can be arranged through outside vendors and coordinated through the CTC-2," said Bowling.



Young Marines receive help from Leathernecks



Members of the Jacksonville Chapter Leathernecks Motorcycle Club stand with Camp Johnson Young Marines, June 4, — the beneficiaries of the club's annual fund drive. Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

The Leathernecks Motorcycle Club International is more than just your ordinary gang of hog enthusiasts; they just so happen to be devil dogs themselves.

The organization has chapters in all regions of the U.S. The Jacksonville chapter has decided to give back to the Marine Corps and the community, June 4, aboard Camp Johnson. Each year, the Leathernecks

give a donation to a pre-determined group. On June 4, the group chose the Camp Johnson chapter of the Young Marines.

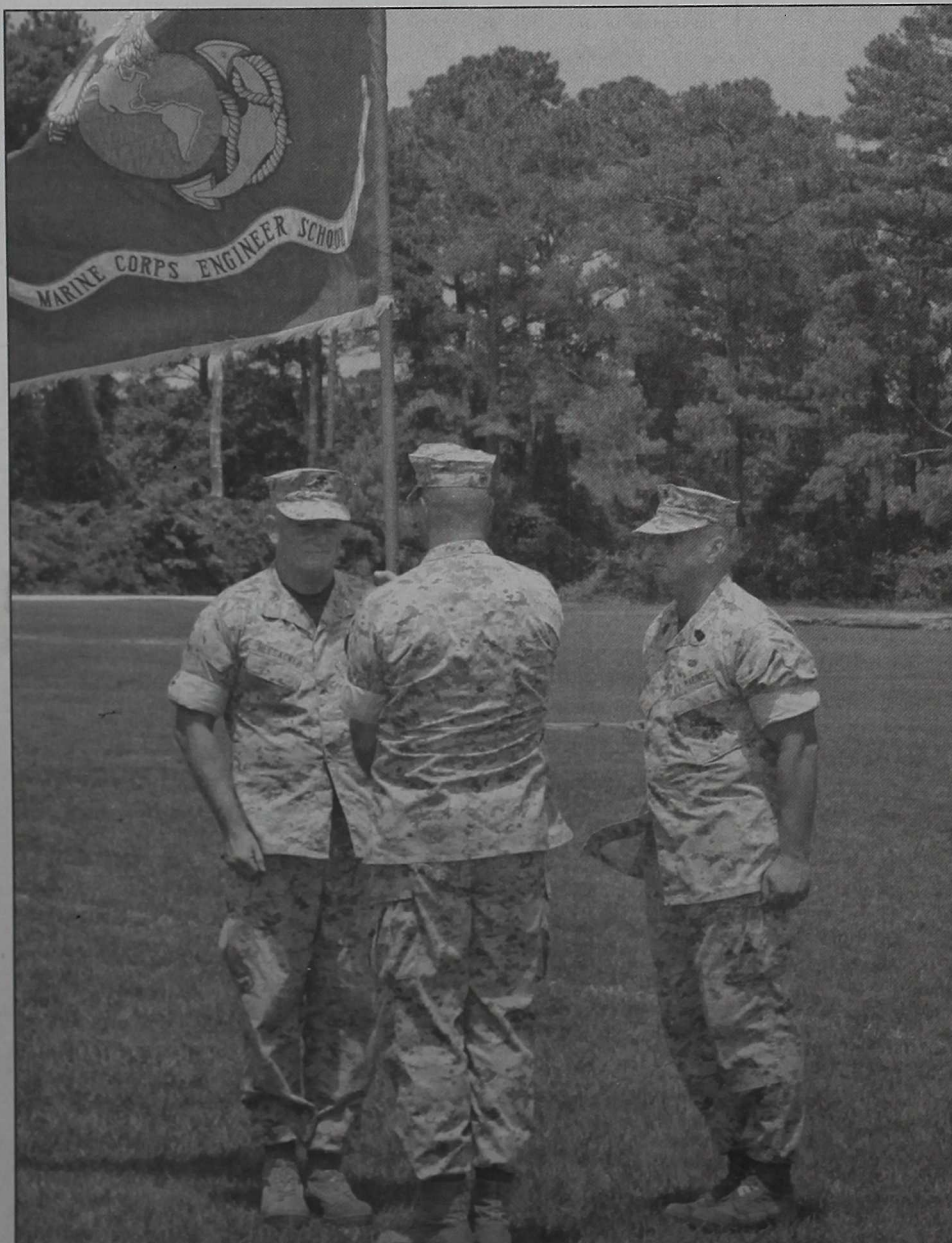
Bill Sanford, president of the Leathernecks' North Carolina Chapter, said each year, different fund raisers and raffles allows the club to give back.

The 30 or so members of the chapter are mostly active-duty and retired Marines, some of whom happen to be deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Other chapters [of the Leathernecks] have given to Young Marine programs in the past and had a great response, so we checked the Young Marine Web site and found the Camp Johnson group on the top of the list. That's how we chose them," said Sanford. "We have always had a great response for the donations in the past, so we enjoy doing it."

The local Young Marines programs are looking for adult volunteers. For more information on how and where to volunteer, visit www.youngmarines.com

Engineer School change of command



Col. David "Steve" Heesacker takes the Marine Corps Engineer School unit colors from Col. David McMiller at the MCES Change of Command June 12. Heesacker was previously the Director of Logistics for Special Operations Command Europe where he was stationed since July 2006. McMiller will now be the II Marine Expeditionary Force G-7. Christi Prickett

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seen a lot of growth, not only with acceptance from other people, but also from people who simply want to do their job," said Anderson.

Always being prepared and committed is a mantra for success, and this is the type of dedication that is at the core of the Marine ethos. Anderson's career gives evidence to this through the time he spent with HMX-1. "It is a great deal of responsibility. You take it very seriously. The operational tempo out there was incredible. We had 175 military police and that was to meet our presidential support requirements, particularly during elections. Marines take things seriously everywhere, but when you have a job [the mobility asset] in direct support of the leader of the free world, you have to take it extremely seriously. On one of our trips to Africa, we had an active threat against the President. We took every measure possible to be prepared to meet that threat. Looking back, we really didn't do anything more than we always do. Marines always assume there is a threat. You have to approach it that way," said Anderson.

He also noted this applies to Marines in training. "We have to be prepared at all times. Like I've told my Marines, you aren't paid to take a physical fitness test twice a year. You don't work out for a month or two in order to pass a PFT twice a year. You are paid to pass a PFT 365 days a year," he said.

Another example of Marines being prepared and motivated to respond to a threat came Sept. 11, 2001, when Anderson was in command of the Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga., which had 25 percent of the nation's nuclear assets. "Right after 9/11, I had a little more than 400 Marines working for me. Within 12 hours [of the attacks], I had all but three of my Marines back on the

base and ready to go. The other three were leave and out of sight but they were back in 24 hours. That's because of their commitment to the Marine Corps and their nation," said Anderson. "When I went down to the field area at about two in the morning, the quitoes were terrible. It was a hot and humid environment that was uncomfortable at I walked up to a young Marine and said, 'What is it going, son?' And he looked at me and said, 'Meritorious, sir!' He had this gleam in his eye and a smile on his face. I said to him, 'You're sitting down here eating [meals ready to eat] you're hot, you don't have any air-conditioning and the mosquitoes are about to carry you away and you're telling me it's meritorious!' He said, 'Sir, that is what it's all about.' And he hit home. That is what it's all about. That young man was well trained, he was motivated, he is still in the Corps today," said Anderson.

Anderson explained this high standard of excellence in the Marine Corps ethos is what he has strived for by all means. He also noted that it can't be achieved as an average Marine. "I have been blessed in 40 years [in the Marine Corps] to have a few who have supported and believed in the Marine Corps and the line. I've been blessed to have the best leadership that anyone can ask for and the Marines to work with me where I am because a lot of Marines don't look a heck of a lot better than what I am. It is a team effort, Verizon, you have a phone, but then you have all those people behind you," he said.

With his distinguished career coming to a close, Anderson sees a bright future for the Corps. "I realized I needed to step aside and let the young men and women, with new vision and fresh eyes, step up and lead our Corps through this century and into the next."

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in [the students], more than anything else, you need to know the answer to every question. But, you need to know where to find the answer."

The instructors don't just test the sergeants on knowledge. There are also several performance evaluations and even uniform inspections.

"It's important to make sure you have the uniform and you know how it fits," Smith said.

The instructors rated the sergeants on how well they inspected each other's uniforms.

"As a sergeant, you're expected to know how to inspect others," Smith said. "The primary purpose of the instructors is to make [the sergeant] a better sergeant, which inevitably helps them make better Marines around them."

With students coming from all over the East and West Marine Corps commands and three even coming from foreign countries, they bring a wide range of skills and knowledge coming into the course.

The sergeants use this to their advantage by helping each other study or practice unfamiliar skills.

Martines said he struggled at first with less-structured drill commands. But, after spending time working with the other sergeants, he passed his final drill evaluation with a score of 94 percent.

"It's a good melting pot," said Gunnery Sgt. James Knight, one of the instructors for the course.

Back at the unit, leaders miss the Marines that were in the course, but all agree that being a bit short for a few weeks is a small price to pay when they get back a more focused and knowledgeable leatherneck.

"The course is a benefit to the Marine and the unit by getting back a smarter Marine," said Rob Evans, Friedman's boss and the assistant communications officer with the MEU. "You can't worry about your bottom line — you have to know your Marines have every opportunity to progress in the Marine Corps and get promoted along the way."

And the Marines who attended the course feel the same. "It was a good experience and worth the six-week course was worth the effort."

"It's not the nightmare they told me it was going to be," Kitandwe said. "It's demanding. But, it's not at all — I learned a lot."

Knight has seen a lot of Marines come through the course during his time as an instructor and know the course is set up to make them successful.

"If a student comes here and has a genuine concern for learning common skills, they're going to do fine," Knight said. "If they come here with a good attitude, there's no reason they won't graduate with a good GPA."

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Artist meeting

Coastal Carolina Artists and Crafters Guild has planned a presentation Art Exposure in the upstairs presented by painter, Ellen Elder. Tuesday meeting is scheduled to take place in the Northwoods Parks and Recreation Building at 621 Person Dr. For more information, call 938-7077.

Free youth trips

The Marine Corps Community Services has planned summer trips for tweens (ages 9 through 12) and teens (ages 13-18) for summer. The Tween Trip is set to travel Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 12. The Teen Trek adventures are set to travel each Thursday through Aug. 14. Registration is at Bldg. 1966, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. For more information, call 938-2238.

Motorcycle ride

Motorcyclists from across Eastern North Carolina are invited to participate in the 2008 Harley-Davidson Desens Jr. and Ken Heroes Ride. The ride is scheduled to depart Sunday from New River Harley-Davidson in Jacksonville. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. The ride is set to depart at 12:30 p.m. and travel to the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Belvoir, Washington, and back. Following the ride, all riders are invited for a breakfast at New River Harley-Davidson. There is a charge to participate in the ride, but donations will be accepted for a scholarship fund. For more information, contact Coastal's Foundation Office at 938-6234.

Cartoon workshop

Onslow County Public Library has planned a cartoon workshop for children with professional cartoonist Steve Barr. The workshop is set to take place at the Swansboro Branch Library Wednesday at 10 a.m., at the Main Branch in Jacksonville Wednesday at 2 p.m., at the Beaufort Branch Library June 26 at 10 a.m. and at the Richlands Branch Library June 26 at 2 p.m. Space is limited; register early. For more information, please call Onslow County Public Library's Youth Services Department at 455-7350, 455-2311 or your local branch library.

Pop fest

Trinity Trio presents the 11th annual Coastal Pop Fest scheduled for Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m. at the Lejeune High School Auditorium. Doors are scheduled to open at 6:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. For more information, call 389-4695.

Have Wi-Fi, will surf

Recreation Center connects warriors to cyberspace

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Lance Cpl. Blong Khang, of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, has earned some downtime; and he knows how to use it.

Having completed a recent tour in Iraq and on his 30-day post-deployment leave, the Marine had just returned from fishing Friday afternoon when his "Doc," a shy sailor who didn't want to share his name, invited him to hang at the Central Area Recreation Center.

The lure was free food, but once they got there, the service members happened on something much more sweet.

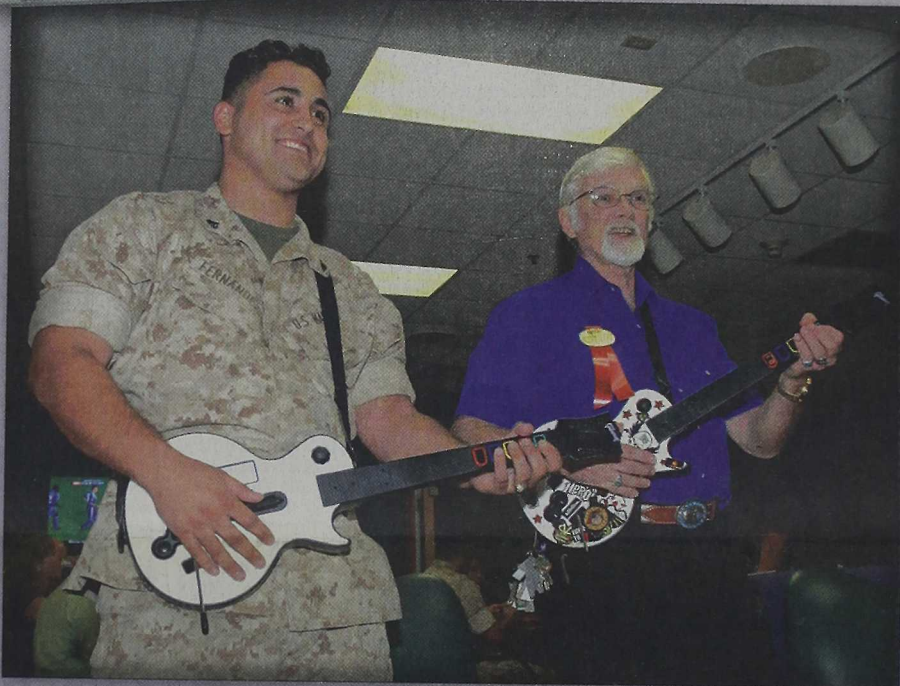
Friday was the grand opening of the new Wi-Fi Central hangout on the second deck; a place where young service members can relax, snack and interact with the latest in technology, be it surfing the Internet on their laptop or challenging a buddy to the latest Nintendo Wii game.

"What they're doing is a good thing, because there are a lot of single Marines here who want access to the Internet," said Khang, who has always enjoyed watching movies while downloading items from the Internet on the CARC's first deck.

Thanks to the efforts of Marine Corps Community Services' Single Marine Program, Khang and his colleagues will have the opportunity to do the same even more comfortably upstairs in Wi-Fi Central.

Furnished with computer work stations and stools as well as comfortable chairs for gaming, Wi-Fi Central offers an oasis of respite for the weary Marine or sailor. Free coffee, hot chocolate and tea are served, and soda, energy drinks and beer may be purchased.

"We're trying to give [service members] a place where they can feel at home," said Bill Bennight, manager of the CARC.



Cpl. Steven Fernandez, a Marine with the Division of Family Readiness, challenges Central Area Recreation Center manager Bill Bennight to a game of Guitar Hero on the Nintendo Wii gaming system located in the Wi-Fi Central lounge on the CARC's second deck. Kelli Huffman

Bennight and his staff go out of their way to give their mostly young, single service members a "home away from home" to just be themselves. Bennight and recreation assistant Shea O'Malley do their best to remember and use the first names of their guests. They also smile a lot. Also, O'Malley has been known to make chocolate chip cookies for the Marines and sailors who hang at the CARC while Bennight often challenges folks to a friendly game of pool.

"We're trying to spoil them as much as possible," said Bennight, who, after serving a full career in the U.S. Air Force and 16-1/2 years with MCCS, will retire at the end of the month.

The CARC as well as other area recreation centers aboard base fall under the Single Marine Program, though geological bachelors and married Marines are also welcome. Susan Goodrich is the SMP coordinator. She said obtaining Wi-Fi for the recreation centers just made sense.

"The major attraction to these recreation centers are our computers. We don't have enough space to put all of the computers that they need here," said Goodrich. "The answer was to go Wi-Fi."

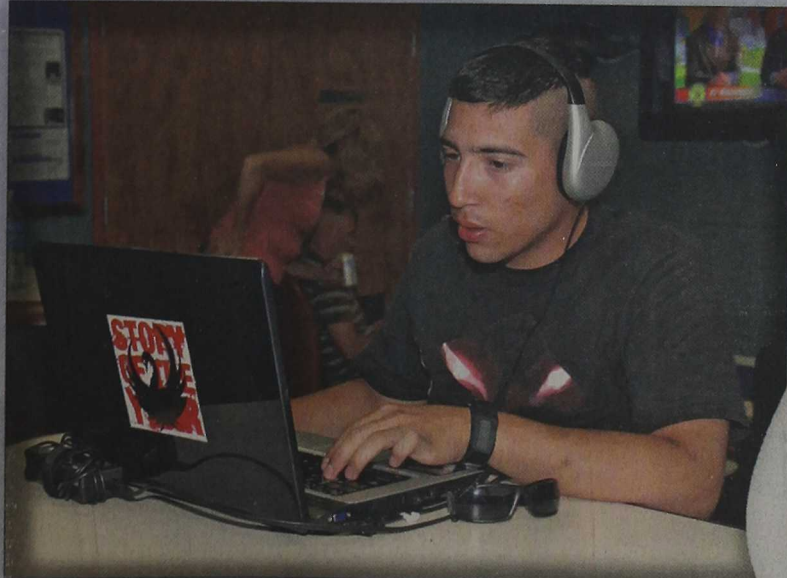
Bennight agreed. He said he has seen close to 40 individuals sitting all around the first deck, including on the floor, us-

ing their laptops. The addition of Wi-Fi Central gives those people a comfortable place to sit and access the Internet ... or play a game ... or watch a movie or a game on the flat-screen television.

Cpl. Steven Fernandez, a Marine with the Division of Family Readiness, is a frequent visitor to the CARC. He said he comes because he likes to play the video games, and plans to come back to play the video games supplied at Wi-Fi Central.

"It's definitely a place to hang out. It gets us out of the barracks," he said, adding that it especially gives

See WI-FI, 6D



Pvt. Nick Castro-Arrin of 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, plays a game on his laptop at the Central Area Recreation Center's Wi-Fi Central room Friday. "It's awesome," he said of the new space. "I like it here, especially the opportunity to get free Wi-Fi instead of having to pay for it at the barracks." Kelli Huffman



Design by Kelli Huffman



The Lejeune High School Class of 2008 posed for this photograph during graduation rehearsal at the base theatre Thursday. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman

Class of 2008 Devilpups released to the world

ather Owens
and Living editor

Lejeune High School released 46 seniors, one of the smallest classes in school history, into the "real world" Thursday with a touching ceremony at the base theatre.

The LHS Class of 2008 is actually 48-members strong but two seniors had already graduated.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Commanding Officer Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr. gave the commencement address. "Our nation has been at war throughout your school years. Significantly, this is a phenomena that has not occurred since the late 1960's and early 1970's when the United States was at war in Vietnam," he said.

More importantly, the LHS Class of 2008 was directly affected by the operational tempo of that war as military dependents. "The sacrifices you and your classmates have endured together, the emotional pain of family separation, the hardships bearing responsibilities normally borne by the loved parents, and preserving through high school's normal trials and tribulations have forged in you

a resilience, a strength and, among your class, bonds that will last for a lifetime."

The Lejeune High School Class of 2008 distinguished itself in academics, extra-curricular activities and sports. At least 17 students received scholarships for further education, with many of them receiving multiple awards.

The class also had three students with grade point averages so stellar, that it ended up with a valedictorian, Ashley O'Rourke, and co-salutatorians, Joseph "Jak" Kramer and Brendan Mulcahy.

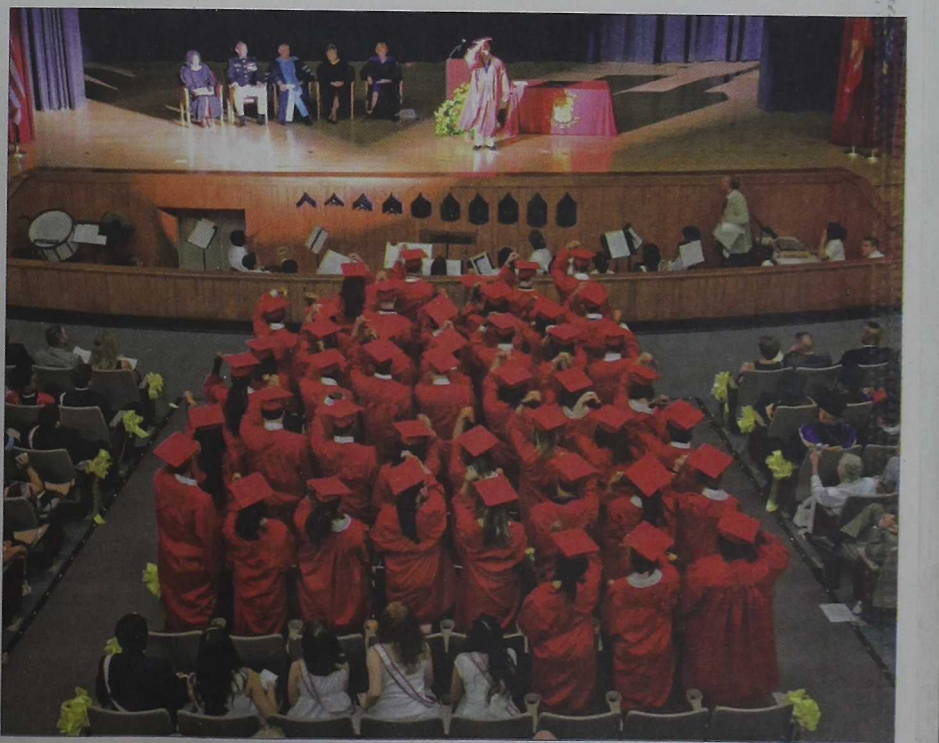
All three are 18, have attended school together since the eighth grade, have parents who are friends with one another and have participated in many activities, several of which they led, over their years living aboard Camp Lejeune. All three mentored a younger generation by teaching religious education for the Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel aboard base.

O'Rourke, the daughter of

See 2008, 7D



A class of just 48 members, the Lejeune High School Class of 2008 has a valedictorian and co-salutatorians. They are, from left to right, co-salutatorian Brendan Mulcahy, valedictorian Ashley O'Rourke and co-salutatorian Joseph "Jak" Kramer. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman



At left, Lejeune High School senior turns to face the camera in the milieu which followed graduation in front of the base theatre. Each graduate received a yellow rose with scarlet tips to match the school colors. Above, lead by class president and co-salutatorian Brendan Mulcahy, the Class of 2008 stands as one to perform the rite of passage of turning their tassels to signify that they are graduates. For more photographs from this story, visit www.camplejeuneglobe.com. Cpl. Patrick Fleischman



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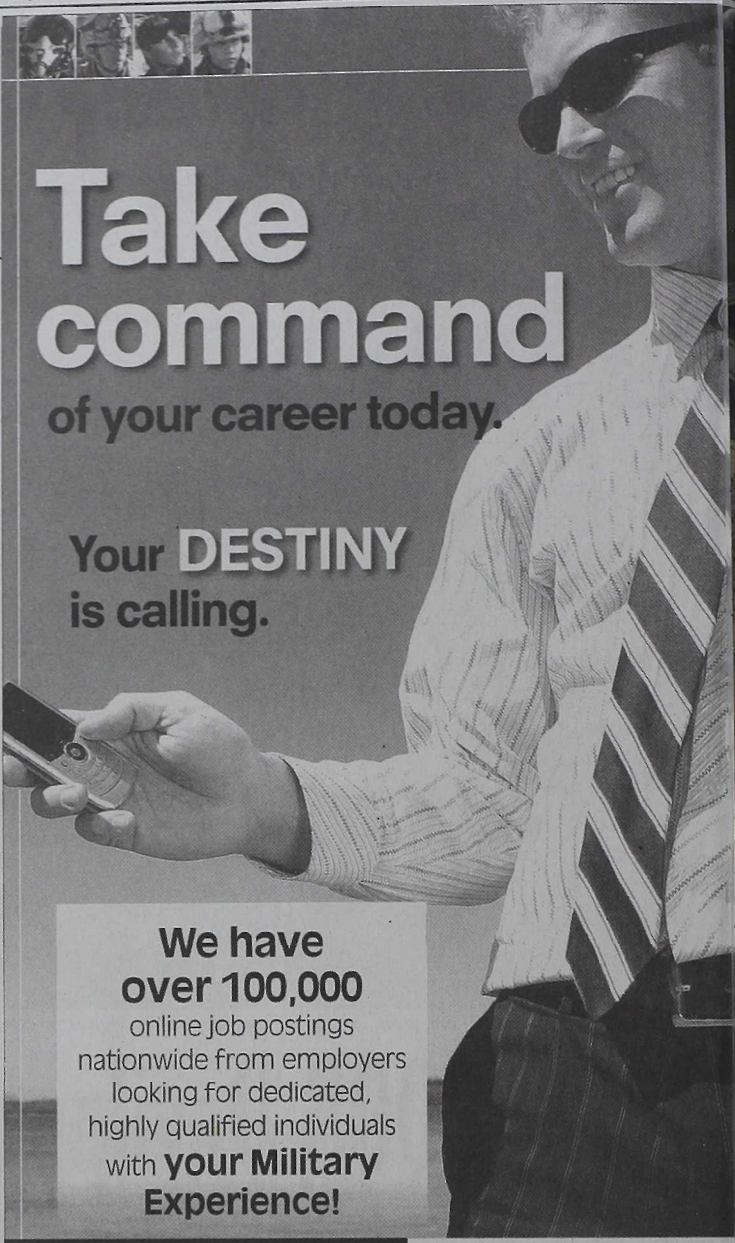
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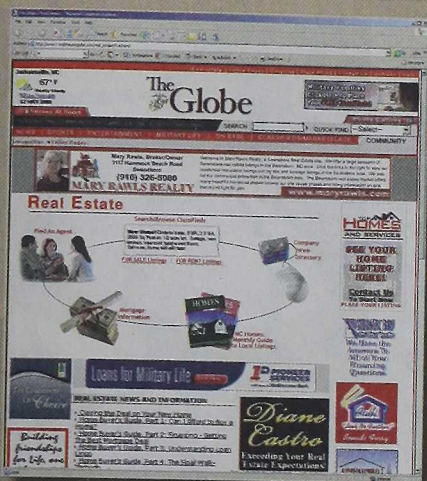


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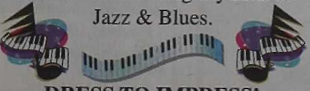
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Check out your summer reading program

Judy Bradford
Camp Lejeune Libraries

Looking for something educational and entertaining for your children to do on a summer day? Camp Lejeune Libraries are sponsoring a summer reading program to encourage reading while school is out and keep those reading levels up. Come join us for "Catch the Reading Bug" for preschool through 12 years of age and "Metamorphosis" for teens. The official kickoff is tomorrow at 2 p.m. with "Story-yeller," Scooter Hayes. Enjoy storytelling, face painting and buggy crafts.

Visit the Main Library on Tuesdays at 1:30 through 2:30 p.m. or Tarawa Terrace Community Center on Thursdays at 1:30 through 2:30 p.m. for preschool through 12 years of age. Teens will meet every other week at the Main Library on Tuesdays starting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

How does the summer reading program work? Read or be read to for at least 15 minutes per day for seven days and turn in your reading log to receive a small weekly prize. At each meeting there will be a drawing to give away two prizes for those turning in their reading log. Make sure you pick up a new reading log each week.

Schedule:

- Tuesday; Insects Don't Have a Chance at the Zoo with guests from the Lynnwood Park Zoo
- June 26; Bugs are Yummy Meals with guests from the Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary
- July 4; No program
- July 8 and 10; Bugs on Pets with guest veterinarian Karen Weekes
- Week of July 13; No program
- July 22; Bugs are Yummy Meals with guests from the Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary
- July 24; Insects Don't Have a Chance at the Zoo with guests from the Lynnwood Park Zoo
- July 24; Don't Get Stung! Take a Bite Out of Crime with guests McGruff and the Camp Lejeune military police
- July 31; Bugs N' Stuff with guest Steve Somers, the Spectacular Teacher
- Aug. 5 and 7; Bee a Safe Firefly with guests from the Camp Lejeune Fire Department
- Aug. 8; Final celebration and ice cream social

Children do not have to attend the weekly meetings in order to participate in the program. Each participant who turns in a reading log will receive a certification of participation. All reading logs must be turned in by close of business Aug. 7 in order for the final number of hours read during summer reading program 2008 to be announced. To register, drop by your library, call 451-3026 or visit the Web page at www.mcslejeune.com.

New game show looking feature military families

Victor Marten-Hurtado
Martene Media

The network that brought you "Extreme Makeover: Home edition" and "Oprah's Big Give" is looking for families for its new game show, where the entire family could walk away with a huge cash prize.

Are you an outgoing and fun military family with teenagers and or kids (ages 7 through 21)? Would you love to finally pay off that debt, buy that flat screen television, new refrigerator or even a new bedroom set for the kids' room?

This is a fun new game show where they bring the game to you. Your whole family gets to participate for a chance to win money and amazing prizes. The producers are looking for outgoing and fun families with a lot of personality.

The producers of this new show recognize the sacrifices that military families make every day and their vital contributions and are looking to give military families a chance to play and win.

For consideration, submit the following information via e-mail: Name, contact info, picture of your fam-

ily and your home, brief bio of each member of your family, your family, any challenges like mentioning, what home improvements you could use and want to be on the show. Email information to tvshowcasting@martene.com. For further information call 310-727-3337, or gameshow casting.

Marten-Hurtado served as director of Army Entertainment 2001 to 2007 and serves as the Martene Media, which specializes in military casting.

Wi-Fi, from ID

the younger Marines and sailors a constructive outlet for their down-time.

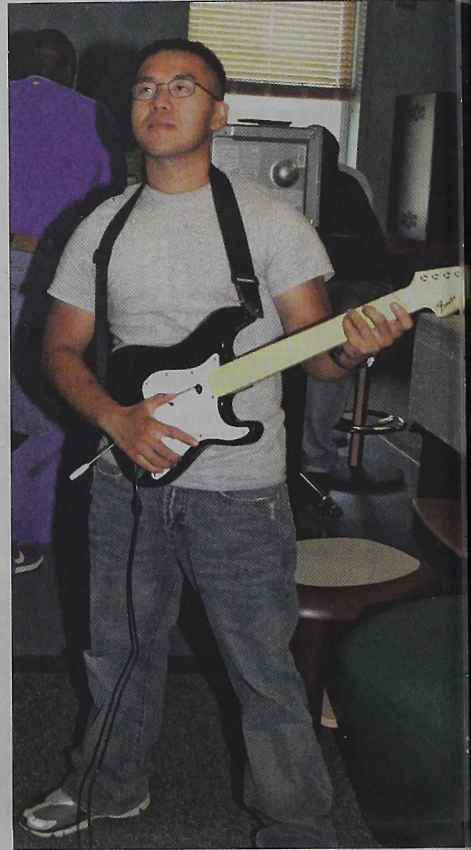
That's just what Goodrich, Bennight and their staff hope.

The CARC is located in Bldg. 62 on Lucy Brewer Road. It is open to all active-duty service members with a valid ID card. Service members may bring a guest; however, all patrons must be 18 or older due to the sale of beer. To find out more about the CARC, SMP or other MCCS initiatives, visit www.lejeunemccs.com. For more photographs from this story, visit The Globe Web page at www.camplejeuneglobe.com.

Local Wi-Fi Hot Spots

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Community Services offer free Wi-Fi, wireless technology which allows laptops and other devices access to the Internet, at a variety of locations:

- Central Area Recreation Center
- John A. Lejeune Education Center
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Lance Cpl. Blong Khang of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment plays the video game Rock Band at Wi-Fi Central. Khang recently returned from duty in Iraq and was enjoying part of his leave relaxing. Kelli Huffman

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Cole, shown third from the left with co-presenters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Carolinas Hurricane Conference, is a hurricane expert. Scott Kennedy

Hurricanes: An intimate knowledge

er Owens
Living editor

Cole recites hurricane facts like a 10-d rattling off baseball statistics. Warning Coordination Meteorology with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Center for Environmental Prediction in Silver Spring, Md., Cole has been interested in weather systems, especially hurricanes, since his boyhood spent in Florida. Hurricanes have always been a part of his life, he says.

"I learned a lot about hurricanes from a nearly-encyclopedia book that came from my curiosity. As a child, I was always interested in how hurricanes have affected different areas."

While attending college, Cole has lived in coastal locations. Not really to chase the sun, that's just where his work and interests lie.

Cole knows the names, years and characteristics of hurricanes from recorded times to the present and he seems to measure the events of his life by what was happening each hurricane season.

For example, he lived in Charleston, S.C., when Hurricane Floyd brushed by in 1999, a Category 3 storm nearly a decade ago.

It was that experience, in which he remembers seeing all of the transformers in his neighborhood, he says, "I've never encountered a major hurricane."

But, as a weather professional and hurricane historian of sorts, Cole has heard plenty about the bad ones. "Those folks who have gone through the core of a major hurricane have commented to me that they would never go through that again," he says.

From friends who went through a fairly-intense storm he recalls, "They said their walls were just breathing with wind gusts."

He also notes that in 1879, a storm came in which wiped a small East Coast town off the map. That storm was listed as a Category 3 storm, though it could have been higher, he reasons.

Major hurricanes tend to hit along the North Carolina coast at least once every 10 to 15 years.

Cole calls the 2005 Hurricane Ophelia "a little reminder of how intense hurricanes can be."

Yet, the last Category 4 storm to hit North Carolina was Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

That's all to say that it is mathematically possible for North Carolina to face a significant hurricane in the coming years.

Preparation can make weathering a hurricane safer.

"Wherever you live, know the threats of hurricanes and any evacuation routes. You can probably hunker down in the wind in most cases. [However], listen to local elected officials and, if they tell you to evacuate, you need to get out [of town] in time," he says.



2008, from JD

Col. John O'Rourke and his wife Laura, participated in four sports, the yearbook, school newspaper, National Honor Society and the prestigious summer leadership and citizenship program, Girls' State. She received 23 merit and academic scholarships worth more than \$100,000. O'Rourke plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study sports medicine.

Her valedictory speech focused on the joys and challenges of living in a military environment, how Camp Lejeune will always be home for the Lejeune graduates and how to be successful in life. "We are all military dependents. We all share a special bond that is uncommon in most other high schools. It's a bond and a life unexplainable, only to be understood by those who experienced it. Where else could you find a group of students who could not easily answer the question, 'Where are you from?'" she said.

Kramer, the son of Lt. Col. (retired) Brian Kramer and his wife Patricia, plans to study biomedical engineering at Tulane University in New Orleans. He will attend the university on a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps four year scholarship with a Marine Corps option.

During his tenure at LHS, Kramer participated in three sports, most recently co-captaining the cross country team with his friend Mulcahy. He was also the president of student government and

participated in NHS and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

His speech to the class focused on the many changes which the Class of 2008 have experienced. "This constant need to adjust obviously is nothing new to us. Throughout our lives we have had to lose good friends and make new ones where ever we went. This common bond that we all share has made us very close," he said.

Mulcahy, the son of Col. Sean Mulcahy and his wife Bridget, was co-captain of the cross country team and participated in two other sports. He was the class president for the past two years and a member of NHS and FCA. Mulcahy also attended the prestigious Naval Academy Summer Institute and Boys' State. He plans to attend the University of California Los Angeles on a four-year Navy ROTC scholarship with a Marine Corps option.

Mulcahy was pleased to share the salutarian honors with his best friend. "We are happy to be sharing it with each other, Jak and I, more than if either one of us just had it ourselves," he said.

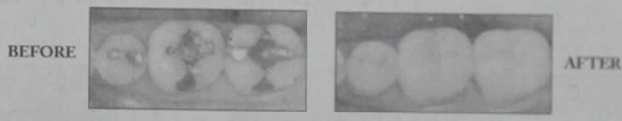
His speech reminisced on the year plus encouraged the seniors to give back to the country. "Seniors, we can all stand proud and share in the honor of our parents who support and defend each and every American's liberty and freedom. Our parents are sterling examples of putting others before oneself. May God bring home safely all of our Marines and sailors," he said.



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