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Tuition assistance reinstated, but money expected to run out

SPECIAL TO THE WINDSOCK

MCAS CHERRY POINT

The recent and unpopular change to tuition assistance has been switched back to the previous program. As of Oct. 26 the Marine Corps, directed by the Department of Defense, rescinded its Oct. 17 decision to make significant cuts to tuition assistance. However, the size of the overall tuition assistance budget has not changed, and cuts to the program's offerings are expected to come from the DOD early next year.

Maj. Shawn Haney, public affairs officer for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said the limit for graduate students would remain at the reduced level of \$250 per semester hour.

Haney warned that all Marines should know, due to the TA budget cut from \$53 million in FY 2011 to \$28 million in FY 2012, funds are expected to run out. The anticipation is that fewer Marines will be able to receive TA benefits this fiscal year Haney added.

"All Marines are encouraged to wisely utilize tuition assistance to maximize Marine Corps financial resources and to ensure the most effective academic experience," stated the MARADMIN 639/11.

The initial TA policy change in mid October announced that tuition assistance would drop from \$250 to \$175 per semester hour for undergraduate courses and from \$350 to \$225 for graduate semester hours, with the ceiling for each student's overall tuition assistance to drop from \$4,500 to \$875 per year for undergraduate coursework and \$1,125 for graduate students. The memo also laid out a number of new criteria for eligibility for tuition assistance.

Last year's allowance granted Marines up to \$4,500, and no more than \$250 per credit hour per year. Since the reversal Oct. 26 last year's provisions are again in place for the tuition assistance program.

Commanders are encouraged to appropriately review TA requests to ensure fiscal discipline. It is likely that next fiscal year's tuition funds will be exhausted before the end of September 2012, according to the MARADMIN.

Marines can still seek and obtain financial aid and grants to help fund their education during active-duty service, in addition to using their TA benefits.

Approved requests should be supported with academic goals and evidence of informed selection of educational opportunities, according to the MARADMIN. Marines

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Upholding traditions



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band plays the national anthem Tuesday morning as the Grand Old Flag is raised in front of the Gen. Christian F. Schilt headquarters building. As the 236th Marine Corps birthday approaches, 2nd MAW took a moment to remember those Marines who came before them during the daily duty of raising the colors they serve to protect. After the flag raising, Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, 2nd MAW commanding general, thanked his Marines for their good work, stating the wing's readiness statistics have improved greatly over the last year.

Corps takes next step in social networking with eMarine

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

Recently, the Marine Corps has partnered with the Family Programs Division to create eMarine, a more robust and user friendly form of communication online.

The eMarine site is essentially a social media program featuring more security and better communication between the Marine, the unit and their relatives than other current sites.

"I believe eMarine is a huge step forward for us," said the Mark S. Laughton, the family readiness officer of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. "It's going to allow the individual command to have its own controlled site to post family readiness information, provide email

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OFFICIAL USMC PHOTO

Then 1st Lt. Roy S. Geiger conducts aviation training at Pensacola, Fla. in 1916. According to Dr. Fred H. Allison, an oral historian for the Marine Corps University, his actions led to the creation of a Marine airfield in Miami, Fla., which would train pilots for World War I.

Looking back

Fifth aviator perfects ground support role

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

Gen. Roy S. Geiger served in Marine aviation from its infancy to its fruition into a battle-changing force. His role in applying aircraft to tactical situations helped develop close air support doctrines in use today.

Geiger's flying career began in 1916 as the Marine Corps' fifth aviator after serving nine years prior.

According to Dr. Fred H. Allison, an oral historian for the Marine Corps University, his actions led to the creation of a Marine airfield in Miami, Fla., which would train pilots for World War I.

In France, he commanded a squadron from the 1st Marine Aviation Force and received the Navy Cross for leading bombing

raids against the enemy.

Having learned how to apply tactical air forces in France and the campaigns of the Banana Wars, Geiger encouraged using aviation as a support arm for the infantry. As the director of Marine aviation, he advanced this doctrine between the world wars.

These concepts parted with the traditional thinking of the Army, which stated that strategic bombing instead of tactical bombing would win wars. Geiger's concepts would be implemented in the Pacific during World War II.

In August of 1941, he commanded the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and in 1942 led the "Cactus Air Force" on Guadalcanal in

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Squadron to put training to the test in Afghanistan

VMA-223 deploys in support of combat operations

LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

MCAS CHERRY POINT

More than 200 Marines from Marine Attack Squadron 223 left for Kandahar, Afghanistan early Monday morning, in support of combat operations.

"Our primary mission is to support Marine Expeditionary Units that are on the ground," said VMA-223 Sgt. Maj. Steven P. Brunner. "Ultimately we want to provide combat air support for them."

The squadron has spent the last year preparing for the deployment, said Brunner. "We have been through multiple inspections and three deployment-for-training exercises. We have gone to Enhanced Mojave Viper twice, where we supported the infantry units on the ground there at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms."

The entire squadron geared up and put their max effort into the training, said Brunner. He and the commanding officer even stayed in the barracks along with the squadron while the troops trained at EMV.

They felt that it was very important for the squadron to be there with the infantrymen

at MCAGCC 29 Palms and not only support them, but also share accommodations with them, he said.

"We wanted to experience everything that the infantrymen have to go through. We felt that it was important for the grunts to see the support that they have from the squadron."

Brunner said that he is hoping for a successful deployment. "Anytime that we are given a mission, we should be able to successfully meet timelines. If we get infantry-

men on the ground that need immediate air support, we should be able to fulfill that. The only way that we are going to be able to do that is by making sure aircraft are up at all times and ready to fly."

Many of the Marines going are deploying for the first time, said Brunner. "Before we went on leave, I asked for a show of hands to see how many Marines were going on their first deployment, and I was surprised to see the amount of hands that went up," he said.

"This deployment is a culmination of all our training and all of the Marines have risen to the occasion. We could not be any more proud of them," said Brunner.

"The Marines are motivated, excited, and ready to go. We can't wait to get over there and support the infantrymen."

Upcoming events:

Cherry Point 236th birthday events

November 8

Pageant and cake-cutting ceremony, and birthday meal

November 10

2nd MAW CG birthday run

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Happy birthday Marines

Cherry Point 236th Marine Corps birthday events

Pageant and cake-cutting ceremony

The Marine Corps birthday historical uniform pageant and cake cutting ceremony will be held at the Gen. Christian F. Schilt headquarters building parade deck at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Proper attire for the event will be the Marine Corps woodland Combat Utilities Uniform for Marines and business casual for civilians.

The birthday meal will follow the pageant.

Birthday meal

This year's Marine Corps birthday meal will be served at the Cherry Point Mess Hall Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. All active-duty military, family members, civilian employees and military retirees are welcome to attend.

Meal price for non meal card holders is \$7. Family members of E4 and below pay \$5.95.

Attendees paying with cash are encouraged to have exact change or small bills if possible. Please have photo ID for entry. The menu will include French onion soup, deviled eggs, grilled steaks, baked lobster tails, baked potatoes, steamed green beans, corn on the cob, dinner rolls and birthday cake.

2nd MAW birthday run

Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, will lead a wing-level formation run Nov. 10 in celebration of the 236th birthday of the Marine Corps. All air station personnel are advised to obey all road guards and traffic signs as this run will impact traffic on that day from approximately 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Celebrating 100 years of Marine Corps aviation



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Keeping the guns in shape for strikes against the communist forces was a never-ending job for ordnance men of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing during the Korean War. After each strike against the enemy, the guns were thoroughly cleaned and polished to ensure proper operation. Periodic checks required the entire gun assembly be removed from the wings of the "Corsair."

Chaplain's Corner : Care for the giver

Lt. Cmdr. Eric Malmstrom

MWSG-27

It is the same every year. Before the Halloween candy is off the shelf, we already see Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah decorations in all the stores. We are already bombarded with holiday ads and it isn't even Thanksgiving. Before long our already busy schedules will get even crazier. So, this is a good time to remember not to overextend ourselves.

Among professional church workers and volunteers one common problem is "burnout." It is even very common among Marines and Sailors. There are those individuals who everybody turns to when there is a problem. We turn to them because we know they truly care. We turn to them because we know they will resolve any problem we bring to them. Because they are so good at what they do, we continue to ask more of them and they never let us down. Eventually, however, these individuals will reach the point where they have nothing left to give. A good analogy is a well. One can come to a well and draw water for months and even years with no problems.

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FATHER IGNATIUS MADAMERE

Job Title: Catholic Chaplain

Age: 56

Unit: Headquarters and

Headquarters Squadron

Hometown: Okigwe, Nigeria

Arrived At Cherry Point: Oct. 2011

Recently added to Cherry Point's support infrastructure is a Catholic priest dedicated solely to services aboard the air station.

Father Ignatius Madamere is a civilian priest who has prior experience serving military installations. Madamere said serving a community of people who give all that they have to protect freedom is the highest honor one can aspire to achieve. He served at Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

Catholic Mass is celebrated every Sunday in the main station chapel at 9 a.m. Madamere said his position is important for preparing Cherry Point's warriors for battle.

"The human person is both body and spirit," Madamere said. "As much as we care for the body, there is also the need for the spiritual part. The two components balanced together make for holistic growth."

"When there is that holistic growth between nature and spirit, you see the full potential of the human person. When you're in the military and in the Marines, you need your potential to the fullest."

Highlight Your Superstar

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Fly High

Highlighting Cherry Point's Warriors



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI



LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

The Sasser family received the Military Family of the Year award for the second time at the Carolina Grill in Havelock. The members of the Sasser family (from left to right) are Harlie, Amy, Jason, Zachary, and Cameron. More than 50 members of the Havelock Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, local business owners, and community members were present at Carolina Grill to show support and give gifts and donations to the Sasser family.

Sailor and family reclaim the title of Military Family of the Quarter

LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

MCAS CHERRY POINT

HAVELOCK, N.C. – The Havelock Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee honored the Military Family of the Quarter, Oct. 24 during a reception at Carolina Grill in Havelock, N.C.

The recipients were Petty Officer 1st Class Jason K. Sasser, his wife Amy, and their three children Zachary, Harlie, and Cameron. Sasser is a hospital corpsman radiology technician at the Cherry Point Naval Health Clinic.

"We have been doing this as long as I can remember as a way of showing our thank you to not only the military, but the individual military units. We want to thank them for how they enhance our community by being a part of it," said Brenda K. Wilson, cochairman of the Military Affairs Committee. "It brings our community closer together."

For the second time, Sasser and his family earned the title of Military Family of the Quarter.

"Winning this award again is proof that military members are doing good things not only in their military life, but also in the community. This shows that the community is watching and they see what is going on," Sasser said.

The award is given by the Havelock Chamber of Commerce each quarter to show the community's support for Cherry Point service members.

Wilson said she can't remember a service member ever winning the award more than once.

The Sailor and his family were the top contenders again, for reasons that are very obvious to his peers and fellow community members.

"His nomination came directly from his unit. When we seek candidates, the base puts out a request to various units

to nominate someone. The hospital chose him again because he has continued to exemplify what this is all about, not only doing a good job at work, but doing a good job with his community and his family as well," said Wilson.

The family was awarded hundreds of dollars worth of prizes and gifts from community members and local businesses throughout Havelock and New Bern.

The Sassers continue to have a positive impact out in the community. Sasser has volunteered more than 40 hours of his time to work with Boy Scouts of America, working with scouts at the pack and troop level.

He also donates his skills and services to many charitable groups and organizations such as Angel Food Ministries, Operation Christmas Child, and Encore Pets.

Amy and the children also get in-

volved volunteering with Encore Pets as well. They clean cages, play with the pets, and answer questions for potential adoptees.

Encore Pets is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that finds homes for homeless animals.

They also provide rescued pets proper veterinary care, offer low-cost services to those who can't afford to care for their pets, and educate the community on animal related issues.

"It is important for us to do this as a family," said Sasser.

"Volunteering teaches my kids great values. We support a community that graciously supports us."

In addition to winning this competition, Sasser recently won the Sailor of the Year competition, and will represent Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point at the Sailor of the Year selection board in Boston, Mass., in November.



PFC. MAXWELL S. PENNINGTON

An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 participates in a confined area landing exercise Oct. 20 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. The squadron used two newly built landing pads constructed by Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 personnel for drills to simulate landing in a dusty terrain similar to Afghanistan.

VMM-161 breaks in new training asset

LANCE CPL. ERICA DISALVO

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER, TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Swirls of dust flew up around a Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 MV-22B Osprey as it landed upon newly constructed landing pads during a confined area landing exercise Oct. 20 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Col. Patrick Gramuglia, the Marine Aircraft Group 16 commanding officer, made an appearance during the training to express his gratitude for the efforts of

the 16 Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 who spent more than three weeks clearing the area and constructing the two new landing pads.

"The landing pads are exceptional," said Gramuglia. "The workmanship and what they will allow our MAG to do with training will really help us out."

The pads serve as a way to give pilots a visual of the ground at all times while cutting down on the amount of dust encompassing the aircraft which can lead to maintenance problems. By cutting down on dust the landing pads also increase safety by eliminating the "brown out" effect, which blocks visibility of

the terrain with clouds of dirt and dust as pilots are landing.

"This is a long process," said Staff Sgt. Jaydin S. Keo, a heavy equipment staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge with MWSS-374 and a Modesto, Calif., native. "Our initial site survey showed rough terrain and a lot of dirt that needed to be moved. There were a lot of man-hours involved to get us where we are today."

Since returning from Afghanistan in March, Keo has completed four helicopter landing zones, and explained each site is a new beast with different terrain, weather and time restraints.

The airfield was designed to cover virtually every mission essential task that a Marine wing support squadron does in a deployed environment in a very short period of time, including the creation and destruction of a forward operating base, explained Lt. Col. Scott R. Johnson, the commanding officer of MWSS-374.

These new landing pads kicked off their role as the latest 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing training assets by serving as a good practice arena for the crews of VMM-161 who could be called on to conduct confined area landings on terrain similar to this in Afghanistan.



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Master Gunnery Sgt. Kevin D. Basso demonstrates a good swing at the Softball Complex Oct. 21. "On the field I work hard and expect my players to do the same thing," said Basso. "I expect my Marines in the office to turn in their work at near perfection."

Basso's passion on the field reflects his leadership off the field

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

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The passion shown in Master Gunnery Sgt. Kevin D. Basso's eyes when he plays the game of softball is the same fire his Marines see when he is teaching them in his work environment, said Bryant K. Searcy, the athletic director for Cherry Point.

Basso has been in the Marine Corps for more than 24 years and he has been playing softball for almost as long.

When Basso speaks about his love for baseball and softball, one can literally watch the fire and drive erupt on his face and in his voice.

"I have played baseball my whole life," Basso said with a rise in his voice. "When I got into the Marine Corps they had gotten rid of the baseball program and I began playing softball."

Softball was a whole new beast to tame, said Basso, and he hated it when he first started to play.

"I thought this game was stupid and for old guys," said Basso. "After playing for more than 22 years, I have learned there is more to the game."

Basso has spent the last 13 years coaching teams and has used his experience in leading teams to victory to help him mentor Marines.

"I have seen the passion Basso uses on the field and it is inspiring," said Searcy. "I have talked to his Marines and been told he gets the same way in the office when he is trying to mentor about the Marine Corps."

When Basso is off the field and in the work space he shows the same obsession for perfection in his day-to-day duties as the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing engineering chief.

"I try to teach my guys on and off the field the same



Basso displays a regional trophy and several medals he has won since he started playing softball more than 20 years ago.

philosophy," said Basso. "On the field I work hard and expect my players to do the same thing. I expect my Marines in the office to turn in their work at near-perfec-

tion."

Basso is a great influence on all of the people he meets and expects the best effort out of all his players and Marines said Searcy.

"Master Gunny Basso is a winner," said Searcy. "He has changed the game of softball here at Cherry Point and probably in the Marine Corps. "I have seen the All-Marine softball program grow since he has come in. If he isn't playing the game he is coaching and teaching new players the game of softball."

Basso said the way he leads on the field reflects the way he has been lead off the field.

"I have been taught since boot camp that a Marine gives his all in everything he or she does," said Basso. "I put in my very best in everything I do on and off the field.

"I expect the same out of my players and out of my Marines. If I am willing to dedicate myself 100 percent to teach you something about the game of softball or about being a Marine, then I expect you to give and show me the same amount of effort in living it out."

Basso enlisted in the Marine Corps expecting to play baseball and that was a major reason for his enlistment. More than 20 years of competitive softball later he still has the motivation of a new Marine.

"Being a Marine is great," Basso exclaimed. "But getting to play softball, a game I have grown a huge love for, is just an added bonus."

"Life doesn't get any better than being on the softball field getting to represent the Marine Corps and your home installation."

"That is a love I have grown to admire and I will continue to teach and learn about the game just like I do with the Marine Corps."



Basso steps into a swing during the 2011 East Coast Regional Softball Tournament hosted by MCAS Cherry Point, Aug. 22

Halloween fun

Participants walk, run

1st. Lt. Brett Berkman, a Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2 supply officer, and his wife, Rachel, enjoy a walk during the MWHS-2 Halloween fun run, walk Friday. The entire Berkman family participated in the event, including their 2-month-old daughter, Madison, and Jack Russell Terrier "Archie."

The course began at the Pelican Point Marina with a turnaround point at Miller's Landing. There were several stops along the way giving participants the chance to stock up on candy and other goodies.

The event featured several games and activities set up at the start line for participants to enjoy prior to the race.



LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

TRUNK OR TREAT



LANCE CPL. SOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Marines, spouses and children of Marine Wing Support Group 27 decorated their vehicle trunks for their annual Trunk or Treat event at their headquarters aboard MCAS Cherry Point Friday. The children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and went from trunk to trunk collecting candy and sometimes getting scared by practical jesters.

Landing at sunset



PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS CASEY KYHL

A CH-53E Super Stallion assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, prepares to land on the flight deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) Oct. 11. Essex is part of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is conducting operations in the Western Pacific.

One Marine's journey from Alaska to Afghanistan



CPL. JUSTIN BOLING

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2nd MAW (FWD)

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — One Marine's decision to enlist took him from an icy landscape above the Arctic Circle to the dust-covered deserts of Afghanistan.

Lance Cpl. Lawrence Jones, a native of Noatak, Alaska, is a member of the Inupiat people. Only the town's gravel runway and the surrounding waterways provide access to the rest of the world.

Jones began the process of becoming a United States Marine with a phone call to a recruiter 400 miles away in Fairbanks, Alaska. He had to endure numerous 600-mile-long flights to Anchorage, Alaska, through treacherous snow storms and arctic winds to complete the recruitment process.

Today, a mechanic in Afghanistan, Jones is charged with maintaining the vehicles used by Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, which conducts aviation ground support for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).

2nd MAW (Fwd.) serves as the aviation combat element for the southwestern regional command of NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Growing up, Jones said his fondest memories involve trudging through the snow and ice near his home, rifle in hand, hunting moose, caribou and grizzly bears with his grandfather.

Jones said his relationship with his grandfather, who was a first sergeant in United States Army, inspired him to enlist.

"I wanted to show my grandfather that I was strong like him," said Jones.

He traded his old hunting rifle for a wrench to maintain Humvees, mine-re-

sistant ambush-protected vehicles and fire trucks. These vehicles provide the ground assistance for Marine Corps aircraft in their mission of supplying aerial support to ground troops.

In his Alaskan home, the comfortable temperatures of summer give way to a winter with only 15 minutes of sunlight and temperatures reaching 40 degrees below zero.

Jones' workdays in Afghanistan hover around 90 degrees.

Luckily for him, the Afghan nights grow colder in the final months of the year.

Living in Alaska taught Jones to do the most with what he has. Jones worked tirelessly chopping wood, hunting and working to help his family. Doing more with less is the spirit of mission accomplishment for the Marine Corps in Afghanistan.

"When I miss home, I remember three sights that always bring me joy," said Jones. "I think of seeing a red sun dart across the horizon at 3 a.m., how the full moon lights up the sky during the months of darkness and the dancing colors of the northern lights."

"When I call home, I do not talk, I just listen," said Jones. "Before they hang up they tell me how proud they and our town are of me for being here."

After returning to the states, Jones said he looks forward to having more experiences to learn from, but like his grandfather, he will one day return to his frozen homeland.

"The young kids are going to ask me about the military," Jones said. "I will say you will travel far and see many things."

Lance Cpl. Lawrence Jones, a native of Noatak, Alaska, works as a mechanic for Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 currently deployed to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Jones traded his arctic home for the Afghan heat to repair vehicles used by the squadron.

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However, if there is no water source to replenish the well, eventually it will go dry. Once that well is dry it is a useless hole in the ground. In the same way, if we constantly give of ourselves but never replenish, we will eventually "go dry." When we reach that point, we are as useful as that dried up well. This is true throughout the year, but especially during the holiday season.

Preventing burnout requires a common-sense solution. First, we need to remember to delegate.

We like to think we are the only ones who can accomplish the tasks at hand. We may even think it is more work to have someone else do the task because we will need to go back and fix their mistakes. That may be true in the short term. But, delegating is how the other person will learn to do it correctly the next time. Leaning to delegate responsibilities is not only good leadership, it helps prevent burnout.

We also need to learn how to say "no" sometimes. This is especially true when it comes to volunteer work and things outside our primary duties. Obviously, there are times when "no" is not an option.

This is when delegation becomes an important skill to master. Don't feel you have to go to every holiday event and volunteer your time with every needy organization. It is satisfying to take on extra responsibilities because someone else needs our help. It is great to feel needed and wanted by everybody. But eventually, there is nothing left to give.

Lastly, we need to be sure to replenish our own wells. We need to take care of ourselves in order to have the energy and resources to care for others. In the Scriptures, we often see Jesus go off by himself to get away from the crowds and pray.

If you are a religious person, spend time each day in devotional study. The Scriptures tell us to remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. It is also important to set aside time to do some physical exercise. Along with the obvious benefits of physical fitness, PT is a great antidepressant.

The holiday season is a wonderful time of the year full of special memories. At the same time, it is a tremendously stressful time of the year. Be sure to take care of yourself in order to take care of your family, friends and fellow Marines and Sailors.

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tus Air Force" on Guadalcanal in the South Pacific. Based aboard Henderson Field, it was an isolated and disorganized force operating from an airfield so riddled by enemy bombardment the aircraft would have to dodge craters when taking off or landing. Geiger immediately acted to remedy the situation and set up his headquarters only 200 yards away from the runway, the enemy's primary target.

The Cactus Air Force's two main objectives were to protect the airfield and to stop the "Tokyo Express," convoys of ships dropping thousands of troops off to retake the airfield. Geiger whipped the force into shape and carried out this mission, earning a second Navy Cross. His forces downed 268 Japanese aircraft, sank six enemy vessels and damaged numerous other ships. One of the primary factors in accomplishing this was Geiger's attitude. His was about getting things done.

"He was a square shooter," said Gen. Christian F. Schilt,

one of Geiger's colleagues. "He'd get you in his office and sort of look at you like he was going to give you hell. He was peculiar that way. If they wouldn't do what he told them to do, he'd give them hell."

After a brief stint in Washington, D.C., as the director of Marine aviation, Geiger returned to the Pacific with an amphibious corps under his command. He led these ground troops with the same determination as he had led aviation forces. This corps fought in the battles of Guam, Bougainville, Peleliu and Okinawa. On Guam and Okinawa, Geiger coordinated with the 2nd MAW for his close air support on the same doctrines he had developed during and after World War I.

During the battle of Okinawa, Gen. Simon B. Buckner, commanding general of the 10th Army, was killed in action. Geiger took the reigns of the army and became the only Marine and only aviator ever to command an army

sized force. Three days later, organized Japanese resistance ended. After Okinawa, he became the commander of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

"He was, to my mind, the greatest aviator we ever had," said Gen. William O. Brice, another Marine aviator. "He was the commanding general of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and was the first air officer we ever had to exercise command of both air and ground. He did everything well and didn't ask anyone to do anything he wouldn't do. He was just a brave, fine leader."

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currently enrolled in classes and affected by the changes are now eligible for TA authorizations for any cost that would have been paid by TA prior to the change.

Those who did pay out of pocket prior to the current MARADMIN release can now re-submit their TA applications to the education office.

More information about financial assistance and TA is available at the Cherry Point education office at 466-3500 or on the second floor of the Training and Education building. The education office also provides free counseling for service members thinking about attending school.

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capability for the command to communicate with family directly. Also, some of the technology that's coming in the future, there are going to be some things that will excite folks like the ability to do online chat with your FRO, giving them the capability to pose questions and go back and forth."

eMarine started as an initiative on the West Coast, said Laughton. Gen. James F. Amos, the commandant of the Marine Corps, was impressed with the programs success and ordered the system to be instituted over the whole Marine Corps because it was superior to the tools the family readiness officers had at the time.

Marine Online, Facebook, Marines.mil and the mass communications tool were the main sites previously used by FROs, said Kimberly Johnston, the FRO of Marine Aircraft Group 14. According to Johnston, the mass communications tool was expensive, Marines.mil and Facebook aren't secure enough and Marine Online just isn't as good as eMarine.

Johnston detailed how the page would work.

"There are four different pages - a Marine page, a spouse page, a parent and extended family member page, and a home page," Johnston said. "If it's applicable to everybody, we'll put it on the home page. It can be anything from the Naval Health Clinic information to upcoming events to the command's bio and command intent. For the spouse page, there's a lot of volunteer information and deployment related information. Things that are parent-specific go on the parent and extended family member page."

Service members will become "sponsors" on the site and can access all the pages. Each sponsor can add up to 5 members of their family members as subscribers.

With eMarine service members and all their subscribers can safely communicate, access documents, review photos and videos, participate in forums and gain important information about their unit from anywhere in the world.

As stated on the site, eMarine promotes a community feeling within units by providing a place that is customized to the unit and contains content that is controlled by the unit. These sites can be accessed any time to view information and photos, read stories, ask questions in forums and much more.

Service members should contact their FRO to get started on eMarine.

TRAP for trapped



DENNIS SLOAN

Lance Cpl. Ryan Jackson, a crew chief with the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, fires a M240 machine gun from a UH-1N Iroquois helicopter, Oct. 15, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., during a joint tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel exercise. The exercise tested the reservists' ability to recover downed aircrew from behind enemy lines. Marines with the squadron's parent command, Marine Aircraft Group 49, organize, train and equip combat-ready squadrons to augment and reinforce the active Marine forces in time of war, national emergency or contingency operations. Jackson is a Cleveland, Texas, native.

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LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Ashley Sturm, a Marine spouse, low crawls through the movement-under-fire portion of the combat fitness test. The wives of Marine Aircraft Group 14 and Marine Air Control Group 28 came together Friday for a day of Marine training aboard MCAS Cherry Point to experience what their Marines go through.

Move it, Ladies!

Units give 2nd MAW spouses military experience



LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

MCAS CHERRY POINT

Marine Aircraft Group 14 and Marine Air Control Group 28 spouses spent a day training like Marines when the two units hosted unit Jane Wayne Days aboard the air station, Friday.

Jane Wayne Day is an event the Marine Corps conducts to help familiarize spouses with the day-to-day operations of their military members.

Spouses who attend a Jane Wayne Day event aboard the air station may spend the day running the obstacle course, running a partial combat fitness test, conducting Marine Corps Martial Arts and training in a simulator.

MAG-14 spouses spent the day flying different aircraft in the simulator while MACG-28 spouses got the chance to fire some weapons at the air station Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer.

"I was looking forward to getting the chance to do all of this," said Cassandra N. Sabe. "As a spouse we don't really know a lot about what our husbands go through. This day gave us the chance to experience some of the smaller difficulties our loved ones go through."

Jane Wayne Day is a chance for the wives to spend a day in their husband's boots and conduct different types of training which their Marine counterparts conducted during entry-level training, said Courtney Thorud, the family readiness officer with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252.

"The wives have an opportunity to come here, ask questions and learn firsthand how hard a life a Marine has to live," said Thorud.

Marines helping with the event said they see most spouses come out and really push themselves to do well.

"Jane Wayne Day is all about the wives and learning about the Marine Corps," said Staff Sgt. Scott R. Beebe, a supply chief with Marine Aircraft Group 14. "They leave here with a better understanding of their Marines and what they did to get where they are today."

The wives who come out looking to understand and learn will try everything once, and they try hard to do things correctly to get the full experience, said Beebe.

"This event helps the wives grow closer as a family," said Beebe. "They are one another's support system while their loved ones are deployed and this event helps build morale and the camaraderie between the wives."

Cassandra N. Sabe performs a front knee strike on her "training" partner, Kathleen M. Garretson, while learning Marine Corps Martial Arts during a MAG-14 and MACG-28's Jane Wayne Day, Friday. More than 50 spouses attended the event which had the spouses running the obstacle course, conducting Marine Corps Martial Arts and a partial combat fitness test.



LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

MAG-14 Marines and spouses perform side-straddle-hops during MAG-14's Jane Wayne Day, Friday. More than 50 MAG-14 spouses spent the day learning and conducting various activities their Marines perform throughout their careers.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Paula Leone, a Marine spouse, learns how to repel an enemy assault at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer aboard MCAS Cherry Point, Friday. Many spouses found it a pleasure to experience their husbands' work life for a day.

Sgt. Maj. Thomas W. Foster, senior enlisted advisor for Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28, tells MWCS-28 spouses about the training their husbands receive in the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer during a Jane Wayne event Friday.

THE LOCAL BUZZ

Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

► Birthday events

The Marine Corps birthday historical uniform pageant and cake cutting ceremony will be held at the Gen. Christian F. Schilt headquarters building parade deck 9 a.m. Tuesday. Proper attire for the event will be the Marine Corps woodland Combat Utilities Uniform for Marines and business casual for civilians. The birthday meal will follow the pageant.

This year's Marine Corps birthday meal will be served at the Cherry Point Mess Hall Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. All active-duty military, family members, civilian employees and military retirees are welcome to attend. Meal price for non meal card holders is \$7. Family members of E4 and below pay \$5.95.

Attendees paying with cash are encouraged to have exact change or small bills if possible. Please have photo ID for entry. The menu will include French onion soup, deviled eggs, grilled steaks, baked lobster tails, baked potatoes, steamed green beans, corn on the cob, dinner rolls and birthday cake.

Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, will lead a wing-level formation run Nov. 10 in celebration of the 236th birthday of the Marine Corps. All air station personnel are advised to obey all road guards and traffic signs as this run will impact traffic on that day from approximately 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots are looking for volunteers to assist at various locations in the community for toy drops. All volunteers will need to be in dress blues bravos and will need transportation to and from the site.

The organization is also in need of a holding facility for the toys collected, access to one warehouse bay large enough to hold the toys, and a couple conx containers large enough to hold toys until Dec. 15. Any assistance the local commands could lend would be very much appreciated.

Any organization requesting toys for children less fortunate than others should go to the website <http://bit.ly/ujNaCY> to make contact with the local Marine Reserve for assistance. These toys which are collected are not ear marked for one area or another, but for anyone making a request. The forms and conditions can be found on the website.

Monthly and Weekly Events

Courage to Change

Cherry Point and Havelock Courage to Change is a support group for friends and families of people who suffer from alcoholism.

Meetings are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havelock, Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 241-6155 or 670-6236.

AA Beginners Meeting

There are two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings aboard the air station. The meetings are held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.

The meetings take place in Room 208 of Building 229, in the same building as the tax center, next to the Cherry Tree House.

For more information, call 447-2109.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

There are Al-Anon family group meetings Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for family members and friends of individuals who may have alcohol problems.

The meetings are held at Havelock First Baptist Church.

For more information, call 447-8063 or 447-2109.

Together For Life

The "Together for Life" one-day premarital seminar is held for active duty personnel age 26 and under, within 90 days of marriage.

Please call the chapel at 466-4000 for more information.

Domestic Violence Victims

A support group for victims of domestic violence is provided by the

► Divorce Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program

PREP is a comprehensive divorce prevention and marriage enhancing program that will be held at Miller's Landing Nov. 16. PREP is a skills and principles building curriculum designed to help partners say what they need to say, get to the heart of problems, and increase their connection with each other.

For more information and to make reservations, please call your chaplain's office at 466-3314.

Volunteer Request

The Cherry Point Young Marines youth organization is looking for both male and female Marines who would be dedicated to working with its youth, ages 8 to 18 on Friday nights.

The group meets Fridays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. and one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Young Marines program provides an alternative for youth and seeks to instill a sense of pride in the youth - pride in themselves, in their community and in their country.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Paula Cusson at 444-5914 or go online at <http://www.cherrypointyoungmarines.com/>.

► FCC Classes

If you reside in base housing and are interested in providing childcare in your home or are seeking an on base Family Child Care Provider, this class will provide you with a great deal of information on rules and regulations.

The class will be held at the Cherry Point Child Development Center, building 4298 Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

For more information call 466-4867 or email leigh.velez@usmc-mccs.org.

► SMP Trip to Smithfield

The Single Marine Program will provide a trip to Smithfield Outlet Mall in Smithfield, N.C., Dec. 3, for a day of shopping.

Transportation will be provided by SMP but you must bring money for food and shopping. Single Marines and geographical bachelors are encouraged to sign up.

For more information call 466-3027 or visit the Single Marine Program at Cunningham's.

Marine and Family Programs

Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

The Family Member Employment Program, Transition Assistance Management Program, Relocation Assistance Program and accredited financial counselors can be reached at 466-4201.

- Child Development Resource and Referral – 466-3595.

- Exceptional Family Member Program – 466-3305.

- Family Advocacy Program – 466-3264.

- Library – 466-3552.

- LifeLong Learning – 466-3500.

- Military Family Life Consultant – 876-8016.

- New Parent Support Program – 466-3651.

- Retired Activities – 466-5548.

- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program – 466-5490.

- Substance Abuse Counseling – 466-7568.

- 24/7 Victim Advocate for Confidential Services relating to Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence – 665-4713.

Budget for Baby

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers Budget for Baby classes.

To register call 466-2031.

Breastfeeding Class

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers free breastfeeding classes to expectant mothers. The purpose of the class is to help prepare the mother to be ready and confident to breastfeed once the baby arrives.

To register call 466-2031.

Veterans' Assistance

A representative from the Veterans Affairs Office visits Cherry Point each Thursday in building 4335. Call 466-4201 for assistance.

OFF Limits

MCAS CHERRY POINT AREA

98 CENT ONLY STORE

(BIG DADDY) WESLEY'S GROCERY

COASTAL SMOKE SHOP

EXPRESSIONS

FRIDAY'S NIGHT CLUB (AKA CLUB INSOMNIA, CLUB CLASSICS, INFINITY LOUNGE)

H&D EXPRESS AKA CITGO

NADINE'S FOOD MART

SUPER EXPRESSWAY

TOBACCO OUTLET (HAVELOCK AND NEW BERN)

TOBACCO SHOP & GIFTS (BEAUFORT AND NEW BERN)

TOBACCO TOWN

TOBACCO SHOP (NEWPORT, N.C.)

TWIN RIVERS (NOT THE MALL)

WHITE SANDS CONVENIENCE STORE

MCB CAMP LEJEUNE AREA

BELFAST QUICK MART

BELL AUTO SALVAGE II

BOTTA BOOMS

CASH-N-ADVANCE

CJ'S QUICK MART

CLUB MICKEY'S

COASTAL SMOKE SHOP

DASH-IN

DISCOUNT TOBACCO

D'S DRIVE THRU

D'S QUICK MART

DOLL HOUSE

EASY MONEY CATALOG SALES

EXPRESS WAY

FANTASIES

HIP HOP AND HOOKAHS

ILLUSIONS

JACKSONVILLE SPEEDWAY AUTO PARTS

KINGS DRIVE THRU

KWIK STOP MART

LAIRD'S AUTO & TRUCK CENTER

MILITARY CIRCUIT OF JACKSONVILLE

MOE'S MART

NASH MARKET

ONE STOP SHOP

PAR TECH

PLAYHOUSE

PLEASURE PALACE

PRIVATE PLEASURES (AKA CARRIAGE HOUSE)

RACEWAY AUTO PARTS

REFLECTION PHOTO

REID'S MART

SMOKERS POST

SOUTHERN COMFORT

SMITTY'S R&R

SPEED MART

TALK OF THE TOWN II

TENDER TOUCH (AKA BABY DOLLS)

TOBACCO ALLEY

TOBACCO AND MORE

TOBACCO CLUB

TOBACCO FOR LESS

TOBACCO HOUSE CIGARETTE CENTER

TOBACCO LEAF

VERONA QUICK STOP

VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES

OUTSIDE AREAS

CARLAND

CENTENNIAL ENTERPRISES, INC.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMPANY

JOSHUA EXPERIENCE/ CLUB ACCESS

Hotlines

2nd MAW Command Inspector General

466-5038

Station Inspector

466-3449

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Cherry Point, call 466-2016.

This line's automated answering service is available 24/7.

Sexual Assault

This procedure is not to replace calling 911 if you are in immediate danger. Immediately call 665-4713, which is monitored 24/7. The person answering the call will help you decide the next steps to take. You may remain anonymous.

Severe Weather and Force Protection Information

Cherry Point personnel call 466-3093. FRC East personnel call 464-8333. DDCN personnel call 466-4083.

Nov. 8, 1990

President George H.W. Bush announced he planned to deploy an additional 200,000 U.S. troops in support of Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area doubled by the addition of II Marine Expeditionary Force units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area increased to nearly 90,000 Marines.

Nov. 10, 1921

This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as Nov. 10, 1775. On Oct. 21, 1921, Maj. Edwin McClellan, officer in charge of the historical section, Headquarters Marine Corps, sent a memo to Commandant Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of Nov. 10, 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on Nov. 1, 1921, Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to