

Marine Corps honors aviation centennial with year-long celebration



Marines used helicopters to transport equipment and troops ashore, and evacuate American citizens from Santo Domingo during the Dominican Republic Intervention in 1965. Helicopters have been vital to the Corps since the Korean War, where vertical envelopment was first practiced in 1951.

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ARLINGTON, Va. – This year the Marine Corps is celebrating its 100th year in aviation, leaving behind a legacy of accomplishment and looking forward to a bright future. From May 2011 to May 2012, the Corps will celebrate its aviation heritage.

Events such as open houses, air shows and other community outreach efforts will be hosted Corpwide throughout the year, demonstrating a century of aerial excellence.

The theme for this year in celebration is “100 years of putting the ‘A’ in MAGTF,” highlighting the organic role of aviation in Marine Corps combat doctrine.

From Alfred A. Cunningham’s first flight as a Marine aviator in 1912, to the MV-22B Osprey driven helicopter raids in today’s battlespace, the Corps’ air capabilities have evolved to support the individual Marine.

“The Marine Corps has shown that it’s always at the

forward edge in aviation units,” said Capt. Brian T. Block, a Headquarters Marine Corps spokesperson.

Close-air support and vertical envelopment are essential to our expeditionary objectives, where Marines will have to operate in austere environments, said Block. Marines have continued to adapt and evolve, especially with newer short take-off, vertical landing aircraft.

In its infancy, Marine Corps aviation had to fight for its very existence. The 1st Marine Aviation Force, led by Cunningham, demonstrated its abilities in World War I by flying close-air support missions and anti-submarine patrols. The post-World War I years left the Corps facing budget cuts and other woes, but that did not stop them from fighting from the skies.

During the Banana Wars, Marine aviators saw action throughout the Caribbean and Central America. It was there that Marine pilots perfected close-air

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Changes to NC drug laws

A new North Carolina state law, effective June 1, classifies mephadrone, bath salts and derivatives as schedule I narcotics, carrying the same penalties as cocaine. Synthetic cannabinoids, commonly termed “spice,” carry the same penalties as marijuana.

It is now illegal to possess, sell, manufacture, possess with the intent to sell, or traffic these substances in North Carolina, according to Susan L. Sitze, staff attorney for the Research Division of the North Carolina State Legislature.

Marines train for air support operations in Afghanistan



From left to right, 2nd Lts. Charles M. Felps, Brian C. Neri, James D. Glover and Kathryn M. Wichard create a plan of action for calling in practice airstrikes on a terrain model of a Camp Lejeune bombing range, behind the headquarters building here May 12. The training helped them prepare for an upcoming exercise at Camp Lejeune in preparation for operations in Afghanistan.

Loch relinquishes command of FRC East



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

After almost two years, the commanding officer of Fleet Readiness Center East has passed on command of North Carolina’s largest industrial employer east of Interstate 95.

Col. L. Scott Loch passed on his duties as commanding officer of FRC East to Col. Mitchell A. Bauman during the change of command ceremony at a FRC East hangar May 27.

“This command is made up of a lot of former and retired military members, as well as some very patriotic people who have never worn a uniform,” said Loch. “It is those people that have been a dedicated work force and have made this unit a success.”

FRC East provides unsurpassed service to the fleet, and relentless focus on quality, environment, occupational health and safety.

Loch said he has worked with his employees on several new operations that allowed FRC East to reach higher standards of performance.

“I am very proud of these workers and how hard they

(Left) Col. L. Scott Loch passes on the command of Fleet Readiness Center East to Col. Mitchell A. Bauman during the change of command ceremony inside one of the FRC East hangars May 27.

have been working on implementing these integrities I have brought to the table over the last two years,” said Loch. “Even though I will be working as the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing’s aviation logistics officer, I will still be FRC East’s number one cheerleader. I am very proud and feel very privileged to have worked with these great people.”

“In 32 years of service, departing from this command and these great and talented people will be one of the hardest things I’ve ever done,” said Loch. “So my advice to Col. Bauman is to take care of your workers and maintain focus on the wildly important; quality, schedule, cost and safety.”

Bauman said he feels these four pieces of the puzzle are just as important as the workers.

“Loch has set up this command to win the challenges set before us,” said Bauman. “Success is a choice, and I am going to chose to succeed and make sure the workers of FRC East make that choice too.”

With his parting words, Loch added a final note to his successor.

“Colonel Bauman, your hunger for excellence will serve you and this command well,” said Loch. “I leave with no worries of having the legacy of FRC East given away with you at the reins.”

New marquees foster effective communication

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI
MCAS CHERRY POINT

As a way to inform the Cherry Point community of specific events, destructive weather and flag conditions, new marquees have been exchanged throughout the air station during the month of April to increase communication among residents.

“The primary purpose of the marquees is to alert personnel of events that are happening onboard the air station and act as a secondary emergency communication tool,” said Mike Barton, deputy director of the Joint Public Affairs Office. “The lights on the new signs are far smaller, which increases pixels used to create a message. The greater pixilation combined with colors and animation allows us to present more information in

less time to our customers.”

The new abilities of the signs are much more eye catching, leading to more people reading them and getting the information they need, according to Mary B. Hill, webmaster for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and MCAS Cherry Point. It is one of the quickest ways to get information out to the public.

“The software that we’re using is greatly improved,” Hill said. “People will notice that now there’s color, photos and graphics on there. The greater options with the color and the text allow for increased readability.”

According to Hill, there are a number of common messages displayed on the marquees. Most commonly displayed

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First pitch



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

From left to right, retired Maj. Gen. Michael P. Sullivan, Gunnery Sgt. Ernest M. Aguayo Jr., and Lori Crawford, share stories at the Kinston Indians game at Grainger Stadium in Kinston, N.C., May 18. Aguayo, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing’s current operations chief, threw the ceremonial first pitch at the game. Crawford is the protocol officer for the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and Sullivan commanded the 2nd MAW from 1985-88.

Cherry Point Intramural Championship Game ends with walk-off hit



Corey L. Homa tags-out runner Shane E. Santarsiero at home during the 2011 Cherry Point Intramural Softball Championship Game May 18. Homa and the rest of the Avi Silverbacks celebrated a bottom of the seventh walk-off win to finish the game 11-10 against Can Do Easy. Homa is the catcher for the Avi Silverbacks; Santarsiero is the second baseman for Can Do Easy.

Chaplain: Stop going to church!

CMDR. CARL P. KOCH
MCAS CHERRY POINT

I really mean it: Stop going to church. Or, if you aren't already going: Don't start now! I'm talking to you who faithfully go to church week after week. And I'm talking to you who faithfully sleep in, go to Lowe's, or head to the beach Sunday mornings.

Don't go screwing up those plans with going to church! Don't keep going. Don't start. Stop all this "go to church" garbage. Yes, you read it right. And I'm not telling you this to try to convince you to come to chapel. Chapel is too much like going to church!

So, what's the catch? Why would I be telling you not to go to church? Have I been hitting the communion wine? Or, maybe just hitting my head against some wall? No to both of those questions. There is no catch. I just think going to church is all wrong. And yes, I'm really a chaplain, and a Christian one at that.

For all you church-goers, it's rather simple, if you call yourself a follower of Jesus, stop going to church and start being the church. You are the church! Or, at least a small part of it. I fear we've forgotten this and somewhere along our history, we started calling the building in which the church meets, "church."

When we leave the building, we can leave "church" behind. And, we can leave "being the church" behind as well. That is, until we come back to the building we call church for some kids' event, study, band or choir practice. Most of these events have little to do with "being the church." They often have a lot to do with making the club meetings we call "church" more entertaining.

When we invite others to "come to church," we are inviting them to our building, and our worship service. Too often, these things have little to do with

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Clinic: Medical home port update

LAURIE VARNER
NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC CHERRY POINT

Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point's medical home port is designed to meet the comprehensive health care needs of our enrolled beneficiaries. Our patients will receive the most optimum level of customer service when an appointment is scheduled by calling our central appointment line at 466-0921.

The liberty care clinic at the health clinic will close July 1. The clinic's hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The pharmacy will remain open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the refill location at the Marine Corps Exchange hours will remain from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For those times when medical home port is not available, and if 911 or an emergency room visit is not indicated, patients may report to a local civilian urgent care facility in our area. Our nurse advice

line is available 24 hours a day by calling 466-0921 or toll free 866-450-3230. The urgent care clinics listed below will treat our patients without the need of a referral; however, the patient must notify their primary care manager 466-0921 the next business day. The local facilities are:

- CarolinaEast Medical Center Express Care is open Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and can be reached at 633-8104.
- Carteret General Hospital Urgent Care is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 8 p.m. and can be reached at 808-6641.
- New Bern Family Practice/CCHC is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and can be reached at 633-1678.
- Beach Care Morehead City is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached at 808-3696.



CPL. MICHAEL S. HALL

Job Title: LAAD gunner/ team leader
Unit: 2nd LAAD
Hometown: Middlesex, N.J.
Date Joined: May 26, 2008

What's your job?

My job is to provide bases and convoys with low altitude air defense protection against enemy aircraft and to provide convoy security.

What's your favorite aspect of your job?

My favorite thing about my job is the multiple things we do from the infantry side of patrolling to our main mission of LAAD protection.

What's the most challenging part?

The hardest part of my job is that we jump a lot from LAAD to infantry security and sometimes you forget little things about one or the other.

How does your job support the mission of 2nd MAW and MCAS Cherry Point?

While deployed with 2nd MAW units, it is our job to provide security for bases, convoys and patrols, whether that is through LAAD protection or being put on a foot patrol to help with security.

How does your job differ from garrison to the field?

Here in garrison we are training in our primary job of LAAD, and the main thing we do while in the field or deployed is train or conduct security operations for the mission at hand in Afghanistan.

Highlight Your Superstar

Have a Marine, Sailor or civilian you would like to highlight? Let the Windsock know. E-mail us at cherry.point.windsock@gmail.com or call 466-2536.

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Vintage World War II aircraft soar over Marine Corps Air Station New River during the 2011 Sounds of Freedom Air Show. The air show was part of a national commemoration marking the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

MCAS New River hosts air show

Sgt. Thomas J. Griffith

MCB CAMP LEJEUNE

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — On May 8, 1911, Navy Capt. Washington Chambers used funds appropriated by congress to purchase two Curtiss biplanes, marking the birth of naval aviation.

This year, naval aviation celebrates its 100th birthday, and with a century of defending the nation’s skies and supporting ground operations abroad, Marine Corps Air Station New River had a lot to celebrate. The air station held the 2011 Sounds of Freedom Air Show themed “Soaring for a Century, Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation,” May 14 and 15, to commemorate the occasion.

The show was free of charge and open to the public, although enhanced security measures were in place. Approximately 30,000 guests were attracted to the show’s exciting line up, despite warnings of poor weather.

Maj. Karl Kuga, air show director, told guests they would “see things you won’t see at a theater or amusement park.” About a year and a half’s worth of preparation went into creating the air show. It was the first time Team Red Bull performed in eastern Carolina, and was one of only a handful of shows the Canadian Forces Snowbirds are scheduled to perform at in the United States.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard have come a long way since Navy Lt. Theodore Ellyson, the first naval aviator, flew the Curtiss A-1 Triad. An F/A-18 Super Hornet sped past air show guests at close to 650 miles per hour, 10 times faster than the Triad, and an A/V-8B Harrier demonstrated its ability to go backward and side to side.

Guests found themselves busy with nearly 20 acts, including the crowd-favorite Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration and jumps by the U.S. Army Special Op-

erations Command Parachute Demonstration Team, the Black Daggers. More than 30 static displays dotted the flight line, from a CH-46 Sea Knight from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training to modern weapon systems from Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. Patrons were given the opportunity to get up close with equipment used by the U.S. military.

“It was just phenomenal,” said Kuga. “The feedback was that this was the best air show that’s ever taken place at New River.”

A series of showers around noon on the second day sent guests running for tents, putting chairs over their heads and covering themselves with blankets to keep dry. However, dedicated fans were not deterred and tried to tough it out. Josh Knight, a former Marine mortarman with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division and his wife and daughter were among those who stayed.

“It’s just like another day in the field,” said the Tampa, Fla., native. “I’m so used to it and we’re already wet, so there’s no point in going home.”

Unfortunately, the threat of lightning looming on the horizon five miles out eventually brought the air show to an early close.

“We were a bit disappointed,” Kuga explained. “Sometimes it’s more important to make sure everyone is safe.”

The 2011 Sounds of Freedom Air Show was just one of a few air shows and events that celebrated the Centennial of Naval Aviation this year. New River’s next air show is scheduled for May 2013.

“We’re all naval aviators in the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Navy,” said Kuga. “We have a great history that we’re very proud of. It means freedom, in my opinion.”



Sgt. Thomas J. Griffith

Members of the Canadian Forces Snowbirds fly in formation during the 2011 Sounds of Freedom Air Show aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., May 14. The Snowbirds last performed at New River in 2006.



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Guests at the 2011 Sounds of Freedom Air Show aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., take time to view a CH-53E Super Stallion from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 May 14. In March, eight squadron Marines who were deployed in Afghanistan were recognized for retrieving a downed Chinook helicopter and in 2010 the squadron supported relief efforts in Haiti.



Sgt. Thomas J. Griffith

The U.S. Army Special Operations Command Demonstration Parachute Team, The Black Daggers, present the national colors to kick off the 2011 Marine Corps Air Station New River Sounds of Freedom Air Show at MCAS New River, May 14.

North Carolina transport squadron moves Afghan forces toward future

CPL. SAMANTHA H. ARRINGTON
2ND MAW (FWD)

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The F/A-18 Hornets of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 launched earlier than usual from Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, May 19.

“We launched our mission early because there was a lot of enemy activity,” said Capt. Joe F. Freshour, an F/A-18 Hornet pilot with VMFA-122. With insurgents carrying out attacks throughout southwestern Afghanistan, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) Hornet pilots found themselves busy, providing precision strikes to suppress the insurgents.

“Launching early left us short on gas, so we contacted VMGR-252 while they were refueling their C-130 on Camp Bastion and asked for refueling support,” said Freshour, a native of Boring, Ore.

A KC-130J with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 received the request and provided in-air fueling so the Hornets could continue providing close-air support for troops on the ground.

“Once we refueled, and literally when we disconnected from the hose, we got a call saying (2nd Reconnaissance Battalion) was getting fire,” explained Freshour. “We flew over to those Marines and were able to eliminate the enemy attacking them. The only reason we were able to do that was VMGR-252 supplying us with fuel.”

VMGR-252, a 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing KC-130J Hercules squadron deployed out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., to Afghanistan’s Kandahar Airfield, supports U.S. Marines, Afghan forces and other coalition troops. They provide aerial refueling, battlefield illumination, and transport cargo and troops in Afghanistan’s Nimroz and Helmand provinces and beyond.

“We are part of the greater logistics effort,” said Maj. Scott Koltick, the detachment commander for VMGR-252, and a native of Pittsburgh. “We’ve got to move beans, bullets and Band-Aids around Afghanistan.”

As Afghan National Security Forces work to take the lead role in operations in Afghanistan, VMGR-252 facilitates those efforts by transporting Afghan troops and supplies for missions.

“About a month ago there was a prison break in Kandahar, and the Afghan command authorities decided they needed to transport Afghan troops from Bastion to Kandahar and needed to do it quickly,” said Koltick. “We flew to Bastion on short notice and picked up a couple plane loads of Afghan commandos, which are specially trained troops, and flew them to Kandahar so they could reinforce that part of their battle space.”

In addition to transporting Afghan soldiers and materials for missions, Koltick said the Afghan troops also rely on the Marine Corps’ Hercules for much-needed rest.

“Something as simple as taking an Afghan soldier from southern Afghanistan back to his family in Kabul so he can support his family, is a very big deal,” said Koltick. “We take being able to travel so easily for granted in the U.S., but even something that seems as simple as taking Afghan soldiers home on leave is a very big part of forming and supporting the Afghan army.”

Since 2006, VMGR-252 has been a constant presence in Afghanistan. The North Carolina-based Marines deploy as a detachment, and work alongside their counterparts from VMGR-352, out of MCAS Miramar, Calif., and VMGR-152, out of MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, to form a consolidated squadron in Afghanistan.

“In Regional Command Southwest, we carry about half of the total cargo on our aircraft, and about a third of the passengers,” said Koltick. “Doing this for seven days a week, and 24 hours a day for months at a time, from a commander’s perspective, is really significant.

“The Marines work 24 hours a day in a constant flurry of activity,” he added. “To me that really says how reliable the Marines that I brought out here are.”

In addition to the traditional transport



Sgt. Christopher A. Savoie, a KC-130J loadmaster with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252, and a native of Opelousas, La., assists a passenger while exiting a KC-130J in Kabul, Afghanistan, May 20. VMGR-252, a 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing KC-130J Hercules squadron, deployed out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., to Afghanistan’s Kandahar Airfield to support U.S. Marines, Afghan forces and other coalition troops. They provide aerial refueling, evening battlefield illumination, and transport cargo and troops in Afghanistan’s Nimroz and Helmand provinces and beyond.

and refueling roles of the KC-130J, one Hercules in Afghanistan has demonstrated a new capability for the Marine Corps. A detachment of C-130 Marines at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, deploy the Harvest Hawk KC-130J, which has the ability to transport troops and conduct aerial refueling. It also provides close-air support for ground troops with a complement of AGM-114 Hellfire and Griffin missiles, as well as a target site system from the AH-1Z Viper attack helicopter.

“The Harvest Hawk is the source of a

huge amount of pride within the C-130 community. For a C-130 guy like me who’s been in the community for a long time, if you would have told me 12 years ago that I would be the detachment commander of a unit that deploys ordnance, I wouldn’t have believed you,” said Koltick. “In that short amount of time, we have changed drastically, and we do operations differently. Our Marines have had to get much smarter on things like ordnance, and our intelligence Marines have had to start looking at the battlefield differently.”

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Your Highness - Starring: Danny McBride, James Franco, Natalie Portman, Zoëy Deschanel, Justin Theroux. Thadeous has spent his life watching his perfect older brother Fabious embark upon valiant journeys and win the hearts of his people. Tired of being passed over for adventure, adoration and the throne, he's settled for a life of wizard's weed, hard booze and easy maidens. But when Fabious' bride-to-be, Belladonna, gets kidnapped by the evil wizard Leezar, the king gives his deadbeat son an ultimatum: Man up and help rescue her or get cut off.

Rio - Animated- Starring the voices of: Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, George Lopez, Tracy Morgan, Jemaine Clement. Blu is a domesticated Macaw who never learned to fly, and enjoys a comfortable life with his owner and best friend Linda in the small town of Moose Lake, Minnesota. Blu and Linda think he is the last of his kind, but when they learn about another macaw who lives in Rio de Janeiro, they head to the faraway and exotic land to find Jewel, Blu's female counterpart. Not long after they arrive, Blu and Jewel are kidnapped by a group of bungling animal smugglers. Blu escapes, aided by the street smart Jewel and a group of wisecracking and smooth-talking city birds. Now, with his new friends by his side, Blu will have to find the courage to learn to fly, thwart the kidnappers who are hot on their trail, and return to Linda, the best friend a bird ever had.

Madea's Big Happy Family - Starring: Tyler Perry, Loretta Devine, Shad 'Bow Wow' Gregory Moss, Cassi Davis (II), Isaiah Mustafa. Madea, everyone's favorite wise-cracking, take-no-prisoners grandma, jumps into action when her niece, Shirley, receives distressing news about her health. All Shirley wants is to gather her three adult children around her and share the news as a family. But it's up to Madea, with the help of the equally rambunctious Aunt Bam, to gather the clan together and make things right the only way she knows how: with a lot of tough love, laughter... and the revelation of a long-buried family secret.

Movies are subject to change without notice

Marine Corps Harriers return to Afghanistan



PEC: SHAUN DENNISON

AV-8B Harriers with Marine Attack Squadron 513, deployed out of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., rest at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, following their arrival May 20. VMA-513, which was the first entire Marine Corps Harrier squadron to deploy to Afghanistan in 2002, recently returned after nearly a decade. “There is nothing impossible for the Marines of the squadron,” said Sgt. Maj. Scott E. Cooper, the VMA-513 squadron sergeant major, and native of Huntington Beach, Calif. “Their hearts are in the right places. They are focused on their missions, and they want to be here.”

CPL. SAMANTHA H. ARRINGTON
2ND MAW (FWD)

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – One of the first Marine Corps Harrier squadrons to see action in Afghanistan has returned after nearly a decade.

Marine Attack Squadron 513, which first deployed to Afghanistan in 2002, will also be the first Marine Corps Harrier squadron to fully operate in Afghanistan since the departure of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing’s VMA-231 in 2010.

“We were the first deployed out here, and now my Marines are ready, trained, equipped and motivated to get moving on this deployment,” said Sgt. Maj. Scott E. Cooper, the VMA-513 sergeant major, and a native of Huntington Beach, Calif. “I have complete faith in them for success.”

The AV-8B Harrier is a short take-off, vertical landing aircraft used by Marine

Corps since 1985. 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) employs the Harrier as a close-air support aircraft for Marine, Afghan and coalition troops on the ground in southwestern Afghanistan.

Beginning May 24, the AV-8B Harriers of VMA-513 will provide close-air support for Marines and their Afghan and coalition partners operating in southwestern Afghanistan, as the F/A-18 Hornets of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 prepare to return home to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

“I am proud of my Marines and what they have accomplished out here during the deployment,” Lt. Col. John A. Bolt, the VMFA-122 commanding officer, and a native of Tavares, Fla. “These Marines are the future of the Marine Corps and it gives me hope for the future of Marine Corps aviation.”

The Marines and Sailors of VMFA-122 spent seven months at Afghanistan’s Kandahar Airfield. They provided close air support for U.S. Marines, and Afghan, British, Georgian and other coalition forces operating in Nimroz and Helmand provinces.

“The Marines are going to be able to slow down for a couple months, recuperate and regenerate,” said Sgt. Maj. David A. Cadd, the VMFA-122 sergeant major. “They are true warriors. They worked tirelessly and lived up to their missions. Their mission was to ensure those ground troops were protected as best as possible and they accomplished that.”

According to Bolt, VMFA-122 was the first Marine Corps squadron deployed to Afghanistan to use the GBU-54 Joint Direct Attack Munition, a laser-guided bomb kit that allows traditionally unguided

weapons to be used in precision strikes. “That was a success for us,” said Bolt. “It allowed us to engage multiple targets and better support the ground troops.” Cooper, VMA-513’s senior enlisted Marine, said that this is the first deployment for many of the Marines in his squadron, but he believes the Marines are well trained, capable and ready. “There is nothing impossible for the Marines of the squadron,” said Cooper. “Their hearts are in the right places, they are focused on their missions and they want to be here.” “I’m excited to be out here on a combat deployment,” said Cpl. Brandon W. Keilers, a fixed-wing aircraft mechanic with VMA-513, and a native of Tomball, Texas. “This is what I’ve wanted to do since I joined and now I’m finally here doing what I love.”



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Relief efforts in Joplin, Missouri



CPL. DAVID ROGERS

Maj. Thomas McGee, commanding officer of Recruiting Station Kansas City, Mo., finds a ladder among debris, so he and others can begin patching the roof on the house of one of his Marines May 23. The roof was damaged by a tornado that ripped through Joplin May 22.



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support and integrated it into doctrine. In July 1927, a squadron of five Marine aircraft successfully dive-bombed Sandinista rebels in Ocotal, Nicaragua. Less than a year later, Medal of Honor recipient 1st Lt. Christian F. Schilt performed aerial medical evacuations in the town of Quilali after Marines on the ground were surrounded by several hundred Sandinista rebels.

In World War II, Marine aviators demonstrated their agility and resolve as they battled Imperial Japanese forces in the sky, sinking ships and providing close-air support to their counterparts on the ground. Fighting high in the skies of Wake Island and over tree lines throughout the Pacific, another chapter of history was forged by men in the cockpit, and the crews on the ground that kept them aloft.

The breakthrough of vertical envelopment, or insertion by helicopter, was applied in 1951 during the Korean War when Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron 161 transported 224 Marines to Hill 884 during Operation Summit. The corps has applied this concept in every conflict since.

In an age of new and emerging technology, the Marine Corps continues to make aviation history with accomplishments like the first intercontinental Osprey flight in April. The Osprey itself is a hallmark with its hybrid fixed and rotary wing capabilities, allowing Marines to get to the fight faster without the need for a runway.

Additionally, the Corps is looking to replace the venerable F/A-18 Super Hornet and AV-8B Harrier with the advanced F-35B. The Joint Strike Fighter has advantages in short take-off, vertical landing, a stealthy airframe and an advanced integrated helmet that makes flying more intuitive and simple for pilots.

“The F-35B is the tactical aircraft we need to support our Marine Air Ground Task Force from now until the middle of this century,” said Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps. “Our requirement for expeditionary tactical aircraft has been demonstrated repeatedly since the inception of Marine aviation.”

In the past 100 years, Marines have gone beyond land and sea to become a dominant force from every angle. The Corps’ innovation and implementation in close-air support and vertical envelopment have revolutionized modern warfare and allowed Marines to claim victories worldwide. As the dawn of Marine Corps Aviation Centennial approaches, Marines will be reminded of their aviation heritage.

“It is our goal this year to honor our rich aviation history,” said Block. “As Marines we need to be conscious that we’re an air-ground team. It’s that relationship that makes us so successful, wherever we are.”

MARQUEES from page A1

messages welcome home troops returning from deployment, visiting VIPs, changes of command, notify the public of security, flag and weather conditions, etc. However, there are a number of regulations regarding the use of the marquees. In addition, the marquees will not be rented out, or used for personal messages, such as birthdays, engagements or marriages.

Four marquees were replaced as the culmination of a project started in late 2009, with the aim of improving on-station communications and energy efficiency of the signs.

Not only do the marquees increase efficient communications with the public, they also save money. According to Barton, the new system will save approximately \$40,000 per year, eventually paying for itself through savings over a number of years. The lights on the new signs use less electricity and have a much longer life span than the old incandescent bulbs, leading to larger savings.

For questions regarding the marquees or to request a message to be posted, call the Joint Public Affairs Office at 466-4241, or email chpt.jpao@usmc.mil.

CHAPLAIN from page A2

“being the church” and a lot to do with being a club for people who like to play “church.”

People have told me, “I heard a great sermon yesterday!” Or, “The praise music really spoke to my heart.” Great. I’m happy for you. But what do these things have to do with being the church?

Unless the sermon moved you to be who Jesus called you to be, and to do what he called you to do, you just listened to a good speech. Any good country song could also speak to your heart.

Being the church is not about hearing great sermons. Being the church is about extending the love and compassion of Jesus to those who don’t yet know him, or to those who have never experienced either from the church. Not just for an hour on Sunday. Not just during an event for the needy. Not just when the right people are watching. Always.

Now, if the church wants to get together to worship or to study, wonderful. If the church wants to invite others to join them, great. But, I pray it doesn’t slip back into thinking it’s going to church. Maybe it needs to slip out of thinking it’s going to church first. We’ll see.



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Heidi Newfield and her band rocks during the 2011 WRNS Military Appreciation Concert that featured her and Bill Gentry at the air station theater May 25. Newfield opened up the show with an acoustic-style show, where she and two of her band members played guitars and sang – no fiddles, drums or bass.

Military appreciation country concert rocks air station

Pfc. Cory D. Polom
MCAS Cherry Point

More than 250 Cherry Point patrons crowded the station theater and surrounded the colored lit stage before erupting into a controlled frenzy of singing and applause for country singers Heidi Newfield and Bill Gentry, during the WRNS 2011 Military Appreciation Concert May 25.

Cheers and screams could be heard roaring from outside the theater for several hours through the night.

“It was a Wednesday night party,” Gentry said with excitement. “Cherry Point rocks! The Marines here know how to get down and party.”

Newfield opened the show with an acoustic-style show, where she and two of her band members played guitars and sang – no fiddles, drums or bass.

“This show is all about giving back as much as I can to the Marines and Sailors of Cherry Point,” Newfield said to the crowd onstage. “I feel humbled when I look out at the crowds and see the men and women who fight to keep our nation safe and free looking back at me. It’s a huge honor for me to perform for these great servicemen and women.”

Newfield played a melody of hits from her new CD and from her former band’s hit list, Trick Pony, before relinquishing the stage to Gentry.

“Events like this let our Marines and their family members know how important they are,” said Gentry. “We, as artists, would like the service members to know that country music (fully supports its military.) You guys fight to keep our country and the world free against all odds.”

Gentry said he feels like the most important part of this show is to give the Marines and their families a break from work and reality, and this is a time for them to sit back, relax and enjoy the music.

“It’s an amazing feeling being up in front of service members performing,” said Newfield. “The more excited and rowdy they get the more amped and energetic we get.



Pfc. Cory D. Polom

Heidi Newfield and her band rocks out as the crowd gathers around the stage during the 2011 WRNS Military Appreciation Concert that featured her and Bill Gentry at the air station theater May 25. “This show is all about giving back as much as I can to the Marines and Sailors of Cherry Point,” Newfield said to the crowd.

Without our servicemen and women, we wouldn’t be able to do what we do.”

After performing for the Cherry Point patrons, Gentry said he can’t wait to return to the air station and rock the stage all over.

“The energy was great,” said Gentry. “These Marines and their families know how to rock. From the kids on the apron to the older people sitting in the seats and everyone standing up in between they rocked it tonight. I hope they enjoyed the show as much as I did. You could not have found a happier place in the world tonight. The energy and excitement that the Marines had really pushed my

band and I to do even better then we usually do.”

Gentry and Newfield both said they love doing shows for service members.

“It truly humbles me to be able to perform for these amazing men and women,” said Newfield. “I feel like the more excited they get the more I give them. If just one of these amazing men and women has a great time then that gives back to me and the other country stars 10-fold.”

Newfield said she loves performing for the troops and wishes they could perform for them more.

“Performances like this give me a renewed sense of joy,” said Newfield. “I’m proud to be an American, and because of men and women like you who sacrifice everything. I am able to entertain millions around the world because of you, thank you all for your proud service and dedication to our great nation.”

Gentry said he feels so alive and excited to be performing for the Marines and their families, and the best part about performing is he knows he is doing what he can to give back to men and women who defend our nation.

“You guys are the reason I get to do what I love,” Gentry said to the crowd. “Without you guys keeping the world safe we wouldn’t have the amazing freedoms we do. You all are the true heroes. Thank you all for coming out tonight to allow us to give back in the little way we can. There is no way I could repay the men and women of our armed forces, but I’ll rock on and give back as much as I can through my music and performances.”

“The energy was great. These Marines and their families know how to rock.”
– Bill Gentry
Country Music Artist

Bill Gentry sings a hymn he dedicated to his father during the 2011 WRNS Military Appreciation Concert that featured himself and Heidi Newfield at the air station theater May 25.



Pfc. Cory D. Polom

The Local Buzz

Announcements

► *Indicates new announcement*

► Volunteer Opportunity

The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores is recruiting volunteers to provide visitors with valuable conservation education and experiences. Volunteers assist in a variety of areas, including visitor education, exhibit interpretation and special events.

Volunteering at the aquarium offers hands-on, feet-wet learning experiences, along with fun social opportunities.

No prior experience is necessary and anyone with an interest in North Carolina’s habitats and animals is encouraged to apply. Flexible schedules are available. Additional benefits include free Aquarium admission, discounts at the aquarium’s gift shop and on special activities.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Chris Carlin at 247-4003, ext. 286 or visit the volunteer page at the Pine Knoll Shores section of <http://www.ncaquariums.com/>.

The Aquarium is five miles west of Atlantic Beach at 1 Roosevelt Blvd., Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

► Golf Tournament

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is holding a golf tournament at the Sounds of Freedom Golf Course June 17.

Cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team with food and drinks included. Check in is at 7 a.m.

All teams must be signed up and paid for no later than June 10.

For more information, call at 466-7181 or 466-4428.

Kids “Cast-A-Way” Fishing Tournament

All Cherry Point kids, ages 3-15, are invited to free fishing, pizza and drinks at Catfish Pond, located off Rifle Range Road, Saturday.

Kids need to bring a fishing pole, tackle and bait, and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to attend the event.

Parents must register their kids no later than Monday at Pelican Point Marina, Cherry Point Community Center, The Cherry Tree House, Child Development Center or the station library.

For more information, call 466-2762.

Authors Luncheon Scheduled

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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 447-8063 or 447-2109.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

There are Alcoholics Anonymous 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

began selling tickets for this year’s Annual Authors’ Luncheon at the First United Methodist Church in Havelock Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

The event will feature talks from a number of local and regional authors as well as the sale of books.

The author list includes Deborah Wallis, author of Sweet Dreams and Flying Machines, a murder mystery set at Cherry Point.

Tickets are \$20 and proceeds go to support the library.

For more information, contact the library at 447-7509 for details and tickets.

Artists Go Wild in N.C. Aquarium Exhibit

North Carolina’s Wildlife from the Mountains to the Coast exhibit at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores features 27 works by members of the North Carolina Wildlife Artist Society and runs through July 5.

Cherry Point Road Construction

This project includes lane merging and repairs/improvements at the intersection of Roosevelt Boulevard, “A” Street and Cunningham Road.

Phase construction expected as follows:

(1) “A” Street between Cunningham and Roosevelt, mid-April to June

(2) Cunningham between “A” Street and Roosevelt, late-April to June

(3) Roosevelt between Highway 101 and Slocum Road, June to August

(4) Roosevelt between Jack Rabbit Road and Navy Boat Docks, August to September

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Updates will be provided via all-hands email, Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/MCASCherryPoint>, and MCAS Cherry Point website at <http://www.marines.mil/unit/mcascherrypoint/Pages/default.aspx> as phased work progresses. Questions or concerns should be addressed directly to the ROICC Engineering Technician, Mr. Marc Garland at 466-4759 or marc.garland@navy.mil or the ROICC Construction Manager, Lt. Tom Barley at 466-4732 or thomas.barley@navy.mil.

Carteret County Domestic Violence Program.

The group meetings are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 728-3788.

Marine Corps League Meetings

The Cherry Point Detachment of the Marine Corps League meets the third Tuesday of each month at Miller’s Landing at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 515-1175.

Disabled Veterans

Chapter 26 of the Disabled American Veterans meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center in Havelock at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Doug Matthers at 447-2761.

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.
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- Library – 466-3552.
- LifeLong Learning – 466-3500.
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Budget for Baby

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To register call 466-2031.

Breastfeeding Class

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This week in Marine Corps History

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June 8, 1995

A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed aboard the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Capt. Scott O’Grady, United States Air Force, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

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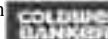
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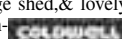
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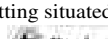
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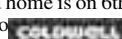
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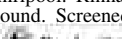
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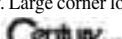
101 Portside Lane ~ \$324,000
Beautiful River Bend Canal Waterfront! For details and photos, visit "Featured Listings" at: www.JLoCascio-NewBernNC.com

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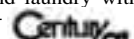


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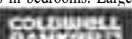
214 Lake Tyler Drive ~ \$266,000
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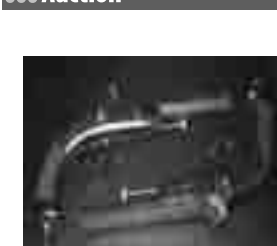


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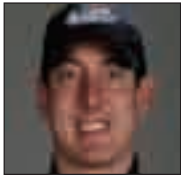
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NASCAR INSIDER

By RICK MINTER / The Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Trevor Bayne speaks to the media prior to practice for the Nationwide Series Top Gear 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 26. (NASCAR photo)

Illness teaches young Daytona 500 champ about life, friends

Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne was back at Charlotte Motor Speedway last week, talking publicly for the first time about the medical mystery that has sidelined him for more than a month and telling of his plans to return to Nationwide Series competition this week at Chicagoland Speedway, and to the Cup Series on June 19 at Michigan International Speedway.

Bayne might have been expected to have had “Why me?” thoughts about falling ill just as he’d become a major player in NASCAR, winning the sport’s biggest race at age 20 and having fast cars wherever he raced.

Instead, he talked about the positive side of the experience.

“It has been incredible to me – and a real eye opener of how supportive everyone in our sport is,” Bayne said. “I think that is the biggest thing I have learned through all of this.”

He said that during his illness he heard from nearly every one of his competitors. Some went out of their way to reach out to him.

Carl Edwards flew up to the Mayo Clinic, bringing along his guitar.

Tony Stewart sent his plane to fly Bayne’s parents back and forth to the hospital.

Michael McDowell spent five days visiting with him. Others sent regular text messages.

“Another thing that has been put into perspective for me is how blessed we are to be race car drivers,” he said. “You get wrapped up sometimes and go through the motions, but when you have to sit there for four or five weeks and watch races, you realize how cool it is that you get to be the one driving it.

“I am actually in a sense thankful for this eye-opener.”

Bayne said he never really found out exactly what was wrong with him. Initially he and others thought it was related to an insect bite he noticed back before he raced at Texas Motor Speedway in early April. Then things got worse, as he experienced double vision and inflammation.

“The cause isn’t exactly sure yet,” Bayne said. “Their biggest hope is that it was an isolated event that is temporary and is gone now. The

diagnosis, I don’t have it yet. I don’t know. It could be just a series of events where you get a bug bite and your immune system is down and we had been running for a couple months hard every day after Daytona and it wears down your immune system. That is what I am hoping for.”

Matt Kenseth drove Bayne’s Nationwide Series car for him at Charlotte, winning the Top Gear 300. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. drove the Wood Brothers Ford in the Coca-Cola 600, starting ninth and finishing 11th.

Bayne said he was able to rest easier because throughout his ordeal, the Woods, who own his Cup car, and Jack Roush, who fields his Nationwide car, assured him that his rides would be waiting for him when he was able to come back.

Eddie Wood, co-owner of the No. 21 Ford that Bayne drove to victory at Daytona, said there was never any doubt about what his team would do.

“Trevor is our guy, and he is our driver and whatever he is going through we are going through,” Wood said. “We have tried to make the best of it. When you are as old as we are, you have seen all of it, done all of it and been to the bottom and top of it. You have almost been back to the top, fall back down, it is just racing. “You just take it and go.”

Bayne said he never once thought, “Why me?” as he experienced the high of winning the Daytona then the low of his illness.

“I told everybody that I didn’t buy a ticket to get on the roller coaster,” he said. “I didn’t want to go to the very top and bottom, but luckily I do have my faith, and that is what defines me, because if I was defined by this, I would be in trouble right now.”

At Charlotte, like other tracks, the driver press conferences run on a tight schedule, with one driver walking to the microphone just as the previous one walks away. Kevin Harvick arrived early for his appearance and listened to much of Bayne’s question-and-answer session.

Asked what he thought of the young driver and how he’s handled himself recently, Harvick said he was impressed.



Matt Kenseth, driving Trevor Bayne's No. 16 Ford, crosses the finish line to win Saturday's Nationwide Series Top Gear 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. (NASCAR photo)

“I think Trevor is obviously a special person,” Harvick said. “He doesn’t get rattled by too much. He’s a good kid, and it’s hard to believe when you hear him talk and hear the enthusiasm and hear everything that comes along with him, it’s hard to believe that he is 20 years old. Trevor is just a good person.”

He said Bayne’s enthusiasm is one of his greatest assets.

“When you have that guy driving your car, it just spreads to everybody on your team, and I think you can hear the confidence in the Woods and everything, that they believe in him,” Harvick said. “It’s unfortunate, and it’s the same old question you ask: Why does that stuff happen to a guy like that? Why can’t it happen to somebody else?”

“But he handles it well, and he’s going to be around for a long time. It’s fun to see that enthusiasm.”

NOTEBOOK

Ragan looking for consistency

David Ragan followed up his win in last week’s non-points Sprint Showdown with a career-best finish of second-place in the Coca-Cola 600.

He said the back-to-back strong runs have boosted his confidence, but he knows there’s more work to be done.

“I feel great about the rest of the season,” he said. “We’ve just been inconsistent. We’ve had some fast cars. We’ve run good. Certainly this race is a great race, it’s a great momentum builder, but if we go to Kansas and blow up and finish last and go to the next race and wreck and finish 30th, we’re going to be back where we were.”

He said what he and his No. 6 team need the most is to begin finishing at the front on a consistent basis.

“We’ve got to string some top fives and top 10s week after week after week, and that’s what’s going to turn our season around,” he said. “I’m very, very proud of our team.”

Ragan moved up three spots in the points standings, to 18th, and is 40 points behind 10th-place Ryan Newman.

Speeding flap draws contrition

Kyle Busch’s speeding incident, where he was clocked doing 128 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone, dominated the discussions during the opening round of driver interviews prior to the Coca-Cola 600.

Busch was apologetic.

“I’m certainly sorry for my actions and for my lack of judgment,” he said. “This is something that I can take and learn from and hopefully move forward and not let happen again.”

His Sprint Cup car owner Joe Gibbs stood in the back of the room as Busch answered questions. He then answered some himself afterward.

“It’s a very serious issue,” Gibbs said. “We want to go through this the right way. And there’s a lot to consider, and we’re going to do that, and we’re going to kind of step through it, and we’re going to try and do the right thing.”

Gibbs pointed out that it was in his neighborhood in 2008 that drag racer Doug Herbert lost his two sons in a speeding-related wreck.

“For me and for all of us at Joe Gibbs Racing, I’m hoping that there’s something maybe I can do going forward to make it something positive,” Gibbs said.

Kevin Harvick, Busch’s chief rival on the track, was among those asked to comment about the incident.

“I think some people are their own worst enemy when it comes to being responsible as a person or as a business person or anything that comes with life’s responsibilities,” Harvick said. “Since I’ve been about 16 or 17 years old, I haven’t been into really driving fast down the highway or anything reckless on the road. It’s not really the place to do that.”

Busch: media thrashes drivers

Kurt Busch’s car-to-crew communications in recent weeks have included some sharp criticism of his team. In saying that those tirades have come to an end, he included some criticism of the NASCAR media corps.

“I always laugh and listen to you [media] guys contradict yourselves because you say that you want us to be more colorful, but all that you want to do to a driver is just thrash them when they show personality,” he said. “That’s what I’m going through with this radio, and from now on, there’s not going to be anything on it except solid team communication, because that’s all there needs to be.”

Sunday Cup win cements Harvick’s reputation as ‘closer’

Kevin Harvick’s become “The Closer” when it comes to winning Sprint Cup races this season.

In winning the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday, Harvick led just two laps. He took the top spot for good when Dale Earnhardt Jr. ran out of fuel with the checkered flag in sight. It was a remarkably similar scenario to the Indianapolis 500 earlier in the day when Dan Wheldon led only the final few yards after rookie J.R. Hildebrand wrecked in the final turn.

Earnhardt, who hasn’t won since 2008, took his loss in stride, since he and his team took a risky gamble not stopping for fuel late in the race.

“If we had won, it would’ve been a gift,” he said.

In Harvick’s two earlier victories this season, he’s led a total of seven laps, one at Auto Club Speedway and six at Martinsville Speedway.

He said it’s just a matter of sticking to his game plan.

“[At] California, coming to the white flag I knew what I wanted to do, because the year before I had given the race away coming to the white flag,” he said. “[At] Martinsville our car just came on strong, and it all just played out and we were able to capitalize with a fast car there at the end.”

He said his strategy always has been to save his equipment for when it really counts.

“I’ve never been a guy that’s led a bunch of laps,” he said. “It’s one of those deals where you get toward the end of the race, and I feel like we can take the car to another level and we always have something left, we always have a race car left, we always have brakes left.

“I guess that’s kind of the way I was taught to race. I was always taught to race, save everything you had, keep all the fenders on it, and then when it’s time to go, whatever you’ve got to do, you’ve got to do.

“You’ve got to be there at the end to make something happen. It’s just never been our style to lead a bunch of laps.”



Kevin Harvick celebrates winning the Sprint Cup Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday. (NASCAR photo)

SPRINT CUP POINTS

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|-----------------------|
| 1. Carl Edwards |
| 445; Leader |
| 2. Kevin Harvick |
| 409; behind -36 |
| 3. Jimmie Johnson |
| 408; behind -37 |
| 4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. |
| 402; behind -43 |
| 5. Kyle Busch |
| 392; behind -53 |
| 6. Kurt Busch |
| 377; behind -68 |
| 7. Matt Kenseth |
| 374; behind -71 |
| 8. Clint Bowyer |
| 365; behind -80 |
| 9. Tony Stewart |
| 356; behind -89 |
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2 Points between Nationwide points leader Elliott Sadler and third-place Reed Sorenson (Ricky Stenhouse Jr. is second, one point behind Sadler)