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More Marines with concussion, mild brain injury qualify for Purple Heart

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MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS, Quantico, Va. – A decision this month by the commandant of the Marine Corps will allow more Marines and Sailors who served with Marine commands in combat to receive the Purple Heart for mild traumatic brain injuries (mTBI) and concussions. Under the Marine Corps' revised criteria announced in Marine Administrative Message 245/11 published April 15, the Marine Corps will no longer limit awarding of the Purple Heart for mTBI/concussions solely to those cases where the Marine lost consciousness.

According to Lee Freund, head of military awards branch at Headquarters Marine Corps, the purpose of this

new MARADMIN is, "To get the word out on the commandant's decision to revise the previous Purple Heart criteria for mTBI ... (and) to inform Marines and Sailors serving with Marine commands in combat of the basic rules for determining Purple Heart eligibility for all types of wounds or injuries."

MTBI/concussions, which can be caused by a blast or blow to the head, will now qualify for the Purple Heart if a medical officer makes a disposition that the Marine is "not fit for full duty" for more than 48 hours due to the persistent signs, symptoms or findings of impairment from the concussion, provided the disposition was made within seven days of the event.

This change is retroactive to the start of the Global War On Terrorism,

which began Sept. 11, 2001.

The two basic eligibility requirements for awarding of the Purple Heart established in executive order and Department of Defense regulations remain unchanged: the wound or injury must be the result of direct or indirect enemy action and must have required treatment by a medical officer at the time of the wound or injury.

However, MARADMIN 245/11 provides revised criteria by which Marine commanders will apply the second of these eligibility requirements to cases of mTBI/concussion where the visible signs and symptoms of the severity of the injury may not be apparent.

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Under the Marine Corps' revised criteria in Marine Administrative Message 245/11, published April 15, Marines and Sailors who served with Marine commands in combat will receive the Purple Heart for mild traumatic brain injuries and concussions.



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The cottonmouth snake is one of four venomous snakes found on Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The cottonmouth snake is dark colored and has a wide, flat head, much wider than its neck.

Venomous snakes reside aboard Cherry Point

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As temperatures begin to rise, so does the risk of being bitten by a venomous snake. These snakes come in a variety of colors, sizes and variations. The best way to prevent a snake bite is by avoiding all snakes.

The four types of venomous snakes aboard Cherry Point include the cottonmouth, copperhead, and the pygmy and timber rattle snakes.

A cottonmouth is black, brown or olive colored with lighter bands on its side and is typically found in wetland areas such as rivers and lakes.

A copperhead is tan to brown with hour-glass shaped crossbands down the length of the body. Its tail has a green or yellow hue. It is the most commonly encountered venomous snake here.

A pygmy rattler is gray in color with black blotches all over their body, including the underside and inhabits swamps, marshes, wet prairies and floodplains.

A timber rattler has a base color of pale gray, tan or peach with dark cross-bands across the back and is typically found occupying heavily timbered second-growth areas where rodents are abundant.

"The worst thing about interacting with these snakes is the risk of being bitten," said Alan D. Steinhauer, a U.S. Conservation Law Enforcement officer aboard Cherry Point. "If one of these venomous snakes bites you, you are in for a lot of pain."

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PFC. CORY D. POLOM

Gunners with Battery A, 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, fire a Stinger simulator during the battery's training April 21. More than 50 gunners with 2nd LAAD fired the Stinger to maintain their proficiency and tactics with the missile.

2nd LAAD grasps live-fire feel during simulator missile launch

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Gunners with Battery A, 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, conducted Stinger launch simulator training April 21 at Cherry Point.

"This training benefits the gunners of the unit," said Gunnery Sgt. James P. Ulery, operations chief for Battery A, 2nd LAAD Bn. "This training gives them a chance to gain confidence in their ability to fire a live Stinger missile."

Ulery said a 2nd LAAD Marine's primary mission is to protect ground units from air-attack, and Stingers are the main weapon to perform the task. Stinger missiles are able to track and engage aircraft up to an altitude of 10,000 feet and cover a distance of eight kilometers.

"It's expensive to fire a real Stinger missile," said

Ulery. "We use this training to give the Marines the live-fire feel for less than an eighth of the expense. They are experiencing the exact feel of a real Stinger missile launch from the beginning sequence of fire, to the actual kick power that is felt."

The Marines fired a 25-pound aluminum tube out of the Stinger missile launcher to simulate the initial firing of the actual Stinger missile. The simulator has the initial loft shot of the real missile, and then propels itself to the target.

"At 2nd LAAD we thrive on our training," said Ulery. "We train to be the best at what we do, and this training we do helps prepare our Marines to be the best."

For some 2nd LAAD Marines, it was their first time firing the Stinger launch simulator missile.

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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive finishes with bowling



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

Pfc. Aaron W. Mossor launches his bowling ball down the lane during the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Bowling Tournament at the Stars N' Strikes Bowling Alley April 29.

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The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society hosted a nine-pin no-tap bowling tournament April 29 at the Stars N' Strikes Bowling Alley to raise money for Marines, Sailors and their families who may need financial support.

The bowling tournament was the second and final event for this year's fund drive hosted by NMCRS. During the month of April, Marine Corps installations around the world helped the organization by hosting special events in an effort to raise money.

"This tournament is important to help raise money for an organization that gives and gives," said Lance Cpl. Zachary A. Wolaver, a motor transport mechanic with Marine Air Control Squadron 2. "By us coming out here and having a good time bowling, we get an easy way to give back so that others can be helped. I would gladly pay \$15 to bowl in this tournament just to help out a fellow Marine or Sailor in need."

The tournament consisted of eight four-man teams and raised \$256 for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

In April, as the fund drive month ended, the NMCRS raised more than \$450 between its golf and bowling tournament, and had a grand total of more

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History: Naval, Marine Aviation jump forward into age of jets

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI
MCAS CHERRY POINT

After the second World War, the United States had a large new fleet of propeller-driven aircraft. Aircraft such as the F4U Corsair and the F6F Hellcat had to be mass produced in order to put as many able aircraft on the front as possible. However, with the invention of the jet fighter, those aircraft were going to be made obsolete in short order. With the arms race ramping up between America and the former Soviet Union, the Navy and Marine Corps had to adapt to the new age of air warfare.

Naval Aviation advances jet technology

Military jet technology advanced swiftly after World War II. According to James R. Casey, deputy executive director of the Marine Corps Aviation Association, Marine Fighter Squadron 122 was the first to receive jets aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in the form of McDonnell Phantoms in 1947. However, these aircraft were unproven at the time, and would have to prove themselves in the upcoming Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Retired Maj. Gen. Michael P. Sullivan, who commanded MCAS Cherry Point and the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, witnessed the changes first hand. As a brand new second lieutenant straight out of the jet fighter training course of flight school in 1956, he had the rare option of flying either jet or propeller aircraft. Due to supply and training shortages of the jet squadrons, Sullivan opted to fly an AD Skyraider

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Marines golf to raise funds for MCAA



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

(Above) Kyle W. Chambers watches as Andrew T. Ortyl hits a chip shot on the first hole during the Marine Corps Avionics Association Golf Tournament at the Sound of Freedom Golf Course April 30. Ortyl and Chambers played for one of the 30 four-man teams in the tournament.

(Right) Corey B. Forrest sends a putt on its way to the hole during the Marine Corps Avionics Association Golf Tournament at the Sound of Freedom MCAA. The tournament raised \$7,000 for the MCAA.



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

From the chaplain: Looking for the stars

CMDR. JAMES GOODBOW

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An old story is told of two prisoners who shared a small cell, blocked from any kind of light except a tiny window three feet above their heads. The prisoners, with nothing to occupy their time, sat and stared at the window above their heads. One of the prisoners saw nothing but bars across the window, reminding him moment by moment of the reality of his imprisonment. With each day he became increasingly discouraged, bitter and angry, with a growing sense of hopelessness. However, the other prisoner looked through the window to the stars beyond. Instead of bitterness and despair, he felt hope by envisioning the possibility of starting a new life in freedom. The prisoners were looking at the same window but one saw only the bars while the other saw stars. If you stop and consider, the difference in their vision had a huge impact in their lives.

Vision is a vital concept that fuels our lives. We know that life has a way of presenting us with problems, challenges, disappointments and experiences that are difficult to deal with. What happens if you allow your life to become consumed by all those challenges? You might feel like your tires are spinning but you are not getting anywhere; looking at the bars and missing the stars!

How do we see the stars? How do we become a visionary? Let me give you a couple of ways. First, if we want to see the stars, we need to look to our God-given abilities to spot the possible solutions to the problems of our lives. Our relationship with God is our greatest resource as we cultivate the heart of a visionary. Together with God, we begin to

see beyond the problems to the solutions. Visionary people focus on the solution and not upon the problem. They first reach out to God, ask for God's help, and believe that God will provide the ability to find the solutions. The Psalmist promises, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Visionary men and women draw upon God's strength and stretch out our wings of faith to see not the bars but into the stars. We hear that again in Psalm 121, "I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

Another important aspect of vision is utilizing your God-given ability to see what God wants to do in your life. None of us are here by accident. God has given us life and as Jesus says, "Life abundantly." God has a plan and purpose for your life. The visionary works with God to discover and live out that divine purpose. In fact, a visionary begins to see the possibilities of life and become the woman the man of God whom our creator planned for before we were even born! Think of the power of the person who listens to God's voice and aligns his/her life with God's vision. You might be the one to whom God is whispering, "It's time to make a change; you are heading down the wrong road. Follow my direction; you can be so much more. Let me help you focus on the stars and get beyond the bars." I invite you to stop and listen for God's voice. Then step out in faith, put your trust in the Lord to open or close doors as you follow the vision our creator has given you. Jesus said, "With God, all things are possible."



CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN

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What's your job?

I provide weather forecasts for the air station and pilots to use for planning. The forecasts allow the pilots to account for turbulence, icing and other weather conditions.

What's your favorite aspect of your job?

The region where the air station is located experiences nearly all weather systems, making for a fast-paced work environment.

What's the most challenging part?

When the summer months come along, flight traffic picks up and the air station seems to experience constant temperature changes.

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

Pilots cannot fly without our support because of how important weather is to their flight planning.

How does your job differ from garrison to the field?

During a deployment the tempo tends to be faster paced, and we don't have the luxury of all of the technology available stateside.

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Lance Cpl. Elizabeth A. Deanes paints the face of a student of Arthur Edwards Elementary School at the school's fair April 29. "The look on the children's faces really gives you a humbling feeling," said Pfc. David W. Kent, a data networker with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271. "It gives you a feeling of gratitude and lets you see the real reason of why we do what we do overseas. It's not about us or the U.S., it's about the children here that we give those freedoms to. It's about the future, and this is our way of giving back to the future." Deanes is a motor-transport operator with MWSS-271.

MWSS-271 volunteers for school fair

Pfc. Cory D. Polom
MCAS Cherry Point

For more than 10 years, Arthur Edwards Elementary School has held a school fair for their students during the spring. For the last two years, Marines and Sailors with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 have helped the school with the event and continued carrying on their support during this year's fair April 29.

"The Marines and Sailors are great sports," said Melissa B. Mays a member of the parent-teacher organization with Arthur Edwards Elementary School. "They really enjoy helping and it allows parents whose spouses are deployed to be with their children and not have to run a game for us."

Military children make up roughly 80 percent of the student population at the elementary school.

"It pays out huge dividends to come and volunteer at these kind of events," said 2nd Lt. Eric C. Froese, the training officer with MWSS-271. "We as Marines are here to serve our country and our community. This is just another way we can give back to a community that has been extremely supportive of our mission and cause."

Froese said he feels like the children's reaction to whenever they see a service member come into their school has a positive impact toward them, and the students truly care for

the American troops.

"I have seen kids ask to take pictures with the Marines," said Froese. "I have seen kids salute privates and smack corporals in the face with sponges. It is a lot of fun and the Marines and Sailors both love helping."

The Marines and Sailors assisted the parent-teacher organization with games and activities like putt-putt, face painting, bouncy houses and also served as a target for children to throw wet sponges.

"We couldn't do this event without the Marines and Sailors of Cherry Point," said Mays. "They are a blessing from above and it really makes the life of these parents a lot easier, so they can go around with their children and just have fun."

Froese said he feels volunteering with the school has given the children a more positive light and feel of the U.S. Armed Services.

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Cpl. Brandon C. Luke gets hit in the face by a water-filled sponge thrown by an Arthur Edwards Elementary School student at the school's fair April 29. "It pays out huge dividends to come and volunteer at these kind of events," said 2nd Lt. Eric C. Froese, the training officer with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271. "We as Marines are here to serve our country and our community. This is just another way we can give back to a community that has been extremely supportive of our mission and cause." Luke is an assistant integrated maintenance management systems clerk with MWSS-271.



Pfc. Cory D. Polom

Students line up to throw soaked sponges at Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 during the Arthur Edward Elementary School's fair April 29. MWSS-271 Marines and Sailors volunteered to assist parents with the event, so they could spend more time with their children. Roughly 80 percent of the children who attend the school come from military families.



Pfc. Cory D. Polom

A student lines up her shot while Lance Cpls. Justen A. Rogers, left, and Derik E. Parsons, center, run a game during the Arthur Edward Elementary School's fair April 29.

Barrel swap in Spain



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS RYAN G. WILBER

Gunnery Sgt. Jason Neale, right, and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Zach Cirocco demonstrate how to change the barrel of an M-240B machine gun during weapons training at the Sierra del Retin weapons range in Barbate, Spain, April 19. Neale is the military advisor for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, and Cirocco is a construction mechanic.

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Operable Unit 2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2
Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina

This **Proposed Plan** presents a revision to the original selected remedy for past environmental concerns at Site 10, Hot Spot 2 at Operable Unit (OU) 2 at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, and provides the rationale for this preference. The United States Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes a Soil Cover with Groundwater Monitoring as the appropriate remedy for Hot Spot 2, because the original remedy of Soil Vapor Extraction was not effective at this soil hot spot.

The Navy, the lead agency for site activities, and the support agencies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4, and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) issues this document. The Navy and the USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, will make the final decision on the Preferred Alternative for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 after reviewing and considering all information submitted during the **45-day public comment period** that commenced **April 11 and has been extended to June 10, 2011**. The Navy and USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, may modify the Preferred Alternative or select another remedial action for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 based on new information or public comments; therefore, public comments on the Preferred Alternative are invited and encouraged. Interested parties may submit written comments to:

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All-armed forces tournament not first big dance for one Marine

Pfc. Cory D. Polom

MCAS CHERRY POINT

Over the last several weeks, patrons of Cherry Point enjoyed exciting game after exciting game of indoor and outdoor volleyball for the 2011 Armed Forces Tournament.

One of the key players for the All-Marine Corps women's team was a rookie who brought years of experience and leadership to the table.

Casilia D. "Cassie" Loessberg was a unique rookie having seen more action than expected from an All-Marine Corps volleyball player. She played in her first armed forces tournament but has seen bigger stages.

"I graduated from University of Miami, Fla., where I played volleyball for four years in a very young program," said the 23-year-old corporal. "We made the National Collegiate Athletic Association Volleyball Tournament both my junior and senior years."

Loessberg joined the Marine Corps Reserves during her final two years of NCAA volleyball.

"After going through boot camp, I used the tools I learned to help better my team," said Loessberg. "It helped me develop my leadership skills and gave me a mind set of self-motivation that helped me push my teammates."

Loessberg said she feels the level of competition between the NCAA world to the armed forces tournament is drastic but one in the same.

"You see girls here at the armed forces tournament giving everything they have to give to this sport," said Loessberg, who serves as a motor-transport operator with 4th Medical Battalion. "It isn't more competitive than NCAA ball because those girls are going to school to do just that ... play volleyball all day, every day. Here, we are Marines first and then we get to have fun and play sports if our job allows it."

After graduating, Loessberg was told by Peter P. Cruz, the current All-Marine men's volleyball coach, that she should try out for the women's Olympic volleyball team.

"It was just an honor getting to play on the same court as the best in our nation," said Loessberg. "Those girls are the best and to get to tryout was truly humbling."

Loessberg's team heard of her past and refined talents and team coach Nyla C. James



Pfc. Cory D. Polom

Casilia D. "Cassie" Loessberg, right, sets the ball to her teammate Donna L. Patrick during a beach volleyball match during the 2011 Armed Forces Volleyball Tournament April 7-14. Loessberg was named to the Indoor All-Tournament Team and will represent the U.S. in the 2011 World Military Games as a member of the All-Armed Forces Team. Loessberg and Patrick are members of the 2011 All-Marine women's volleyball team.

didn't allow her team to be star struck by their teammate.

"I told them from the very beginning of camp that no one was a for sure," said James. "Cassie is a great player yes, but she doesn't let that go to her head. She knows she can't beat a team by herself."

James said she was excited that she had someone on her team who brought a lot of experience and knowledge of the game from higher levels.

"Cassie came from the same sports background as I did," said James. "It was nice having someone who could demonstrate what I was trying to teach the girls. She brings a unique aspect of the game to this team."

Risa A. Smith, a second year All-Marine team player, said she felt a strong connec-

tion to Loessberg.

"Right away I noticed that Cassie didn't think she was better than everyone because of her past," said Smith. "She didn't boast or anything, she just played the game her way. She played amazing for us as a rookie and she stepped up to the level we needed her to. She was a true leader by example and a great teammate."

Loessberg said she was excited to play for the Marine Corps in this year's armed forces tournament and looks forward to play for the U.S. Armed Forces Team at the 2011 World Military Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, July 12-25.

"Cassie is going to do great while representing the U.S. in Brazil this summer," said Smith. "She shows a lot of heart and passion when she plays. Her intensity is

amazing and she will do great for years to come."

Loessberg was named to the Indoor All-Tournament Team, which are the best six players in the tournament, and was selected as a member of the Indoor All-Armed Forces team, which she will represent the U.S. in the 2011 World Military Games.

Loessberg holds several of the Hurricanes volleyball records for her career as well as single season records, such as career dig leader with 2,008; single season record for most digs with 584 in 2009; and single game record for the most digs in a five-set match with 49 digs against Texas Arlington in 2007. She was also named to the 2009 All-Atlantic Coast Conference team and was a 2009 All-American honorable mention.

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Symptoms of a venomous bite include discharge of blood from the wound, marks on the skin and swelling at the wound, severe pain around the snake bite, blurred vision, weakness, dizziness and fainting.

If a person is bitten by a snake, they should seek immediate medical attention, Steinhauer said. A person should stay calm, wash the bite with soap and water, and if it is going to take longer than 30 minutes to arrive at a medical facility, apply a bandage two to four inches above the bite.

Steinhauer said to ensure enough pressure is applied to the bite, so it can then slow the spread of the snake's venom.

For years, one Cherry Point resident has used a simple method to ward off snakes. However, he has not been fortunate enough to avoid all snakes.

"Mothballs work great for keeping snakes out of your yards," said John M. Ruth, a safety specialist with the joint safety office aboard Cherry Point. "I usually put some along my fence line once a year, and it keeps the snakes out of my yard. This year I hadn't gotten to it, and we had two copperheads come into our yard."

Ruth said his big, black Labrador retriever, Gus, had cornered one of the two snakes, and one snake bit the dog on the nose.

"Gus is alright and he is going to live, but it just goes to show you the importance of avoiding these and all snakes," said Ruth. "My father always tells me copperheads travel in pairs. So if you see one, be prepared for another in the area."

There are many ways to avoid snake bites. Stay away from tall grass, watch where you walk, remain on running paths, and do not try to handle a snake unless trained to do so.

"Ways to help keep away and avoid snakes in your yard are to keep your grass mowed," said Steinhauer. "Avoid wood piles, other rubble piles and shrubbery."

Steinhauer said last year he was called to a home on Cherry Point twice in one night to remove six copperhead snakes that were living in pallets of wood behind the home.

"Most snakes are harmless unless provoked," said Steinhauer. "Families need to sit their children down and explain to them the dangers of snakes. If they happen to see a snake, move away from the snake and call a conservation officer immediately."

If a snake is spotted, regardless of whether it's venomous or not, call the U.S. Conservation Law Enforcement Agency at 466-3242, or, if after hours, contact the provost marshal's office at 466-3615 to have the snake removed.

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"This was my first time firing the simulator, and it definitely gives you the real-life simulation of a live Stinger missile," said Lance Cpl. Joseph S. Spindle, a gunner with Battery A, 2nd LAAD Bn. "It gives you a feel of a live missile's kick, and it was great getting a chance to freshen-up our tactical skills."

The focus of the training was to allow these Marines become familiar with their air-defense tactics techniques and procedures. Ulery said the training has afforded his Marines the opportunity to get a better feel for firing the actual Stinger, and he is confident that his Marines have a better knowledge of what to expect in combat.

"Our Marines got the training we needed them to get," said Ulery. "These trainers don't have a strong back-blast like the real missile, however, people can still get hurt from the missile fire that comes out of the launcher."

PURPLE HEART from page A1

"Very mild concussions that resolve quickly without prolonged impairment will not qualify for the Purple Heart," said Freund.

Prior to release of the MARADMIN, an mTBI/concussion only qualified for the Purple Heart if there had been an observed loss of consciousness. As explained in the message, recent medical research has shown that an mTBI/concussion without loss of consciousness can result in more serious brain impairment than earlier believed. Symptoms of mTBI/concussion can include headaches, intolerance of sunlight, temporary amnesia and decreased cognitive functions.

MTBI/concussion is a physical injury, caused by the inflammation of brain tissue that can have long-lasting effects if not diagnosed and managed properly.

"We've learned a lot more about mTBI and concussions during the last six months," said Freund.

According to Navy Cmdr. Dave Tarantino, director for clinical programs for Marine headquarters' health services, traumatic brain injury is divided into three categories from most to least severe: severe or penetrating, moderate and mild. Severe or penetrating TBI and moderate TBI have previously qualified for the Purple Heart because those injuries require evacuation to a medical treatment facility where the injury can be treated by a medical officer. However, there are no definitive medical tests to diagnose mTBI or determine its severity.

"In order to assess mTBI and concussions, corpsmen and medical officers rely on a combination of history, physical examination, clinical signs and symptoms and other findings," said Tarantino.

DoD guidelines in effect in the combat theater for the last year require that any service member who is involved in a potentially concussive event must be placed under a 24-hour period of observation to determine if they have suffered an mTBI/concussion. That period of observation can be extended if the member exhibits signs or symptoms of an mTBI/concussion. However, evaluation by a medical officer or assignment to administrative light duty solely for the purpose of observation or screening will not be considered justification for the Purple Heart.

If a medical officer determines that the Marine is "not fit for full duty" for a period greater than 48 hours due to signs, symptoms, or findings of impairment from the mTBI/concussion caused by enemy action, then the injured Marine's command will indicate that information in the remarks section of the Marine's personnel casualty report.

In some cases, the Marine's final disposition may not be known when the initial PCR is released. Additional medical information can be included in supplemental PCRs.

Given the natural resilience of the brain, combined with proper diagnosis and management, most Marines who have suffered from mTBI/concussion recover fully and experience a very high return to duty rate, explained Tarantino.

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"The NMCRS is so important," said Lance Cpl. Andrew R. Richards, a motor transport mechanic with MACS-2. "With everything we do for the nation, it is nice to see there are people out there giving back to an organization that helps us as service members. It's nice to know that our families will be taken care of if we need help because of those who gave back to NMCRS."

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in the meantime and wouldn't fly a jet until eight months after beginning active service in the Marine Corps. This gave him a special insight into the capabilities of both styles of aircraft.

"What made the AD good was that it had four hours of internal fuel," said Sullivan. "With external tanks, it could fly for seven hours. It had 12 stations under the wing plus four 20 mm guns. It was a flying ordnance dump. The AD's were doing just fine in South Vietnam, but then in North Vietnam, they were getting their butts shot off. A prop is just too slow in a high-risk environment."

Jets, though not immune to enemy fire, stood a better chance of surviving operations over enemy territory.

"Jets were more survivable. When jets came in, it was a quantum jump over ADs," Sullivan said. "There were some drawbacks, but overall they were faster, simpler. The jet engine is more reliable than a propeller engine, they had better radios, better avionics, navigation systems and everything."

Out of these advantages, the primary factor was speed. According to Sullivan, an AD could cruise at 190 knots and only go 250 when flying level. A jet, on the other hand, could cruise at 520 knots. The difference in speeds greatly affected the outcome of a dogfight.

"The statistics were 80 percent of all air-to-air kills since the first World War, the guy getting shot didn't even know the other guy was there," said Sullivan. "The next 18 percent, when the first guy figured out he was in trouble, the other guy was already on his tail. Only in two percent did they start out in a neutral start."

Speed was a deciding factor in these statistics because a jet could come in and attack a propeller engine fighter before the propeller engine fighter even knew the jet was there. According to Casey, the speed of the aircraft also meant it could get to an area of operations faster and stay on target longer by flying from carriers.

When Navy and Marine fighters weren't combating the enemy in the air, they were supporting troops on the ground with bombing runs.

"One of the missions of Marine aviation is air superiority, but everywhere we go we usually already have it," said Sullivan. "So I used to tell my pilots, 'you're a fighter pilot, but you're going to spend 98 percent of your time throwing yourself at the ground. You better get good at bombing.'"

Through trial and error, this became evident during the Korean War. As more squadrons switched over to the jet, more growing pains were being felt by the new logistics system that had to be created. Casey said that, because jets were new, neither the Navy nor the Marine Corps had a stockpile of parts, causing chronic supply problems. As one example, the squadron that Sullivan was supposed to report to only had three oxygen masks for their whole compliment of fighters and pilots.

Despite the obstacles, Naval and Marine Corps aviation continued to advance at lightning speeds similar to the computer boom of today.

"In my day, we were going through airplanes right and left," said Sullivan. "I flew about eight different kinds of fighters. Every couple years, the new ones came on the line. We went from the basic jet to the basic jet with missiles, to basic jet with radar, to swept-wing jets and then with afterburners. Now we have F-22s and F35s."



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Marines of Marine Attack Squadron 225 go over the manuals concerning the new A-4D Skyhawk on the flight line of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in 1962. Jets proved themselves to be more reliable, more survivable and much faster than their propeller-driven predecessors. This led to the Marine Corps replacing all propeller-driven fighter aircraft with jets prior to American involvement in the Vietnam War.

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Marine Corps UAV squadron welcomes new commander in Afghanistan

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CAMP DWYER, Afghanistan – Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 welcomed a new commander while deployed with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, April 30.

The Marines and Sailors said goodbye to Lt. Col. Daniel T. Lathrop who relinquished command to Lt. Col. Mikel R. Huber during a ceremony on the squadron's runway.

"The Marines did a great job out here and did everything I asked of them and more," said Lathrop, a native of Marcelus, N.Y. "For the Marines that I have worked with over the last year and a half, I am very proud of you all."

The ceremony marked the completion of nearly two years in which Lathrop served as the squadron's commanding officer. Lathrop will now move on to serve with Marine Forces Pacific in Hawaii.

"It's kind of bittersweet to change command while deployed in combat operations with only a couple weeks remaining," said Lathrop. "But I have a lot of faith and confidence that Lt. Col. Huber is going to do great things with the squadron."

Under Lathrop's command, the squadron operated 24 hours a day providing, aerial reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition support for Marines on the ground and their coalition partners in southwestern Afghanistan.

"Our mission was to provide overwatch for the units on the ground," said Lathrop. "We were the eyes in the sky for the infantry battalions."



CPL. SAMANTHA H. ARRINGTON

The Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 color guard present the squadron's battle colors during the VMU-2 change of command ceremony at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, April 30. The Marines and Sailors said goodbye to Lt. Col. Daniel T. Lathrop who relinquished command to Lt. Col. Mikel R. Huber during a ceremony on the squadron's runway. "I am excited to take command of VMU-2, and I am proud to call myself a Night Owl today," said Huber.

Huber, the son of a career Navy officer, grew up in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and, served previously as the operations officer for Marine Aircraft Group 14 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., where he and his family now call home.

"I am excited to take command of VMU-2, and I am proud to call myself a Night Owl today," said Huber. "My plan for the

remaining couple of weeks in Afghanistan is to complete our turnover with VMU-3 and ensure that they are ready to take over combat operations. After that we will redeploy back to Cherry Point and take some much deserved rest."

In addition to ensuring his Marines return back to Cherry Point safely, Huber said he must also prepare his squadron for

the future. VMU-2 is currently scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan again in 2012.

"The deployment schedule will have us back out here in a year," said Huber. "Once we go home we will begin training again and look back on this successful deployment and see how we can improve our operations."

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Life & Times

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May 5, 2011



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Candace L. Batschelet, a waitress at Miller's Landing, serves soup to Gunnery Sgt. Paul G. Thayer and his wife, Elizabeth, during a recognition dinner at Miller's Landing April 19, for more than 480 people like Elizabeth, who volunteer within the Cherry Point community. Paul is a support equipment manager of the aviation logistics department of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Cherry Point thanks community volunteers

Dinner guests represent more than 56,000 hours of service

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

MCAS CHERRY POINT

More than 480 volunteers were recognized during a catered dinner at Miller's Landing April 19, for volunteer efforts aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point throughout 2010.

"The people in this room represent more than 17 organizations, nine squadrons, the adopt-a-school programs and more than 50,000 hours," said Col. Philip

J. Zimmerman, the air station commanding officer. "(Volunteering) epitomizes the American way, and it is an honor to be up here to recognize your efforts on a daily basis over the past year."

Estimates state that if the volunteers and programs were paid for, it would cost the Cherry Point community more than a million dollars just to pay the volunteers their hourly wages. However, the real value goes beyond money.

"The value is community support and community in-

volvement," said Alesha Burkeen, the Family Team Building program director for MCCS. "It's about building community bonds and taking care of one another."

Volunteer organizations included the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts Troop 82, Cherry Point's Young Marines, Cub Scouts Pack 460, Girl Scouts of Rainbow, and more military and civilian organizations. The volunteers contributed to the Cherry Point community in several ways, such as the Red Cross working with the Navy in the Naval Health Clinic and the Young Marines educating children in Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or DARE.

According to the volunteers, they play an important role aboard Cherry Point.

"If there weren't any volunteers, I think it would put a really big hurt on Cherry Point," said Linda Eldredge, the chairwoman of Red Cross volunteers aboard Cherry Point. "Without volunteers, it makes it harder for organizations to accomplish their purpose."

In further recognition of Cherry Point volunteers, the Single Marine Program recognized its members who contributed to Single Marine Program volunteer opportunities. It held a pizza party at Cunningham's April 20 and awarded Sgt. Joyce Ramirez a plaque for her performance as the president of the Single Marine Program for the past two years.

"Volunteering means a lot to me," said Ramirez, an assistant warehouse chief for Marine Aircraft Group 14. "I'm a big family person, and I'm away from my family for all these years. It helped me cope. I'm still volunteering even though I'm not the president anymore. I think that for you to be in the Marine Corps and volunteer is the greatest thing in the world."



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Marines, Sailors and civilians gather at Miller's Landing April 19 to recognize more than 480 volunteers who gave their time to improve the Cherry Point community in 2010. "If there weren't volunteers, I think it would put a big hurt on Cherry Point," said Linda Eldredge, the chairwoman of Red Cross volunteers for Cherry Point.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Col. Philip J. Zimmerman, commanding officer of MCAS Cherry Point, presents Linda Eldredge, the chairwoman of the Red Cross volunteers of Cherry Point, a trophy in recognition of the Red Cross' role aboard the air station at Miller's Landing April 19. The Red Cross had 18 volunteers donate more than 4,800 hours of their time to the Cherry Point community.



FRC East commanding officer spells out course change

SPECIAL TO THE WINDSOCK
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Fleet Readiness Center East Commanding Officer Col. L. Scott Loch announced a “course correction” in depot operations during a series of town hall meetings recently.

“Our fiscal and performance reality tells us we have to adjust,” Loch said. “The production management system we use today is flawed and contains embedded inefficiencies. Regardless of how hard we work or how skilled we are, our system prevents us from reaching our full potential, and we’re going to change that.”

The course correction cited by Loch will come in the form of three separate initiatives: re-engineering the production management system, reducing operating costs, and restructuring into a competency aligned/integrated product team organization.

Loch said the current production management system only allows the command to focus on one area, often at the expense of another. The new system adopts business rules which enable the command to attack everything at once, increase the speed at which products move through the organization, and drive down work in progress without increasing resources or staff.

“We’ve done a study to determine what should be our optimal WIP, and what product should be in each shop,” Loch explained. “Whatever we have over that number we’re going to take it out and set it aside. Then we’re going to attack what’s left, using the same resources, skill sets, and people that we have today. Working less volume will allow us to put aircraft, engines, and components through the plant faster, reduce our WIP, place it on the flight line into the hands of the warfighter. In four to six months the entire backlog will be gone, and we’ll go out and look for more work. We’re going to work smarter, not harder.”

Loch said he is committed to driving down the command’s operating costs by scrubbing budgets, eliminating duplication and cutting anything that doesn’t add value to the depot’s mission of delivering readiness to the fleet. He is also committed to going after waste, fraud, and abuse; specifically, in the areas of overtime, worker’s compensation and the Transportation Incentive Program.

“Overtime is a tool we use to address the ebbs and flows of work,” Loch said. “Work’s not steady all the time, sometimes you have to work longer than you normally would in order to get the job done – that’s what overtime is for. But if I find waste, fraud and abuse of overtime, I’m going after it.”

The colonel said the command also has to remain focused on workplace safety if it’s going to reduce operating costs. He shared that there are two costs associated with safety. The first and most important is the personal cost, which occurs when an employee gets injured or maimed. There is also the financial cost – costs incurred when injured employees are getting paid to remain at home or do temporary jobs, while someone else executes the work the injured employees were hired to do.

“Ultimately, we have to take ownership of our own safety. Safety is about an attitude – if we’re hurrying, lazy or complacent, we’re going to get hurt, and that’s a travesty,” Loch said. “In days past, years past, what were you told? Production cannot stop for safety reasons. Today is a new day and I’m telling you that production has to stop if things aren’t right. If you have an unsafe situation, production must stop until the problem can be corrected.”

In order to implement the new production management system, the colonel said FRC East was going to resume what it started several years ago – going to a competency aligned, IPT organization. Part of that restructuring includes breaking Production (Code 6.2) into trade competencies (sheet metal, electricians, etc.). The IPTs will then purchase the services of the competency artisans to accomplish the work. The command will continue to move artisans in response to changes in workload levels.

“Being a competency aligned organization is going to allow us to do something very special,” Loch said. “There’s going to be a group of people (IPT leaders) responsible for production execution on the floor. They will be given a budget and a core team to execute work. When they need specific skills, they’ll purchase those skills sets from the competencies. This is going to allow us to do business the right way, at the right time.”

The colonel said reengineering the production management system will reduce costs, enable the depot to staff to workload more effectively, and get the command’s focus on what’s really important – quality, schedule, and cost – all done safely.

“There is no contingency plan if this doesn’t work, because we aren’t going back,” Loch said. “If you don’t believe, if you’re faint of heart, or if you can’t commit, then working at FRC East is not for you. That’s not a threat, that’s just the reality we have today.”

“The bottom line is, if we call ourselves employees who are actually committed to providing unsurpassed service to the Fleet, then we have to correct our course. It’s really that simple.”



DAVID HOOKS

Fleet Readiness Center East Commanding Officer Col. L. Scott Loch explains the depot’s new way of doing business during a town hall meeting with employees.

Now playing: *These films are playing at local theaters*

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“AFRICAN CATS” (G)

“African Cats” is a live-action nature documentary.

This epic true story is set against the backdrop of one of the wildest places on Earth and captures the real-life love, humor and determination of the majestic animals of the savanna.

The story is narrated by Samuel L. Jackson and is centered on two cat families and how they teach their cats the way of the wild.

It follows three mothers, a lioness, a leopard, and a cheetah, as they prowl the plains of Kenya, Africa on a mission to protect their cubs.

Among several lions and cheetahs, the focus is on Mara, an endearing lion cub who strives to grow up with her mother’s strength, spirit and wisdom.

Then there is Sita, a fearless cheetah, who is a single mother raising five mischievous newborns.

Also on hand is Fang, a proud leader, who must defend his family from a once banished lion.

All these many species are competing for space and food in this vast land, and the animals must constantly find the best way to stay alive.

The film was directed by nature filmmakers Keith Scholey (TVs “Nova”) and Alastair Fothergill (“Earth”) and released by Walt Disney Studios.

“African Cats” presents spectacular photography, thrilling sound, and compelling narration, and features the song “The World I Knew” by American Idol winner Jordan Sparks.

This film is the third release by Disney nature, following last year’s “Ocean,” and 2009’s “Earth,” to be shown on Earth Day.

“African Cats” is a gripping, captivating and beautiful documentary about these majestic kings in one of the wildest places on Earth.

“WATER FOR ELEPHANTS” (PG-13)

“Water for Elephants” is a romantic period piece about a traveling circus during the Depression era.

It tells a story of a love between two people in a different time and place, who overcome incredible odds to find love.

Robert Pattinson (“Twilight” saga) stars as Jacob Jankowski, a veterinary medicine student who is notified that his parents died in a car accident right at the time of his final exams at Cornell University.

Jacob immediately drops out of school and takes the first train out of town. He joins a small traveling circus that is trying to survive during the Depression era, taking a job as the caretaker for the animals, including a temperamental elephant.

In the circus of a bygone era, he falls in love with the star performer and together they discover the beauty amidst the world of the Big Top.

Reese Witherspoon (“Walk the Line,” “Legally Blonde”) stars as Marlena, the glamorous center-of-the-ring circus performer.

Christopher Waltz (“Inglourious Basterds”) co-stars as August, the sadistic ringmaster and domineering husband of Marlena, who threatens to spell tragedy for all involved.

Against all odds, Jacob and Marlena come together through their compassion for a very special and extraordinary elephant.

The unforgettable Hal Holbrook (“Into the Wild”) portrays the old Jacob.

The biggest star of this film is Tai, a 9,000 pound Asian elephant, who is called Rosie and is apparently the only hope for this second-rate traveling show.

James Frain (“Tron Legacy”) appears as Rosie’s caretaker.

Director Francis Lawrence (“I Am Legend”) based this intriguing story on Sara Gruen’s 2006 best-selling novel from a script by Richard La Gravenese.

Veteran Jack Fisk (“There Will Be Blood”) brings his enormous talent to the production design of this film by recreating life in the 30s in every detail.

“Water for Elephants” is an emotional, old-fashioned film with an unexpected romance played out in a uniquely compelling setting with stunning sets and magnificent animals.

“SOUL SURFER” (PG)

“Soul Surfer” is a sports drama about a teenage girl who summons the courage to go back into the ocean after losing an arm in a shark attack.

This is the inspiring true story of Bethany Hamilton, a competitive teen surfer and shark attack survivor, who lost her left arm and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through sheer determination and unwavering faith.

AnnaSophia Robb (“Race to Witch Mountain,” “Jumper”) portrays Bethany Hamilton, a 13-year-old teen who was born to surf.

Bethany is a natural talent who took to the waves at a young age. She lives on the Kauai Coast, leading an idyllic, sun-filled surfer girl’s dream.

She also is competing with her best friend, Alana Blanchard, played by Lorraine Nicholson (“World Greatest Dad”) in the national competitions.

Until one beautiful Halloween morning in 2003, when Bethany was on a typical ocean outing, a 14-foot tiger shark came out of nowhere, bit her left arm off, and changed her life forever.

The story made headline news, and in the moving aftermath, Bethany fights to recover and wrestles with the future and what it might bring.

Dennis Quaid (“Battle for Terra”) and Helen Hunt (“Cast Away”) appear as Bethany’s parents, Tom and Cheri, who strengthen her with their love.

With the support of her parents and her youth group leader, Sarah Hill, played by Carrie Underwood, (who is making her big screen debut), Bethany refuses to give up and begins to train for a return to the ocean.

When the devastating 2004 tsunami in the Pacific Ocean occurred, Bethany gets a whole new perspective.

She travels with Sarah to Phuket, Thailand, witnessing life far beyond her shorelines and discovering a much greater purpose and determination in her life.

At the National Championships, Bethany faces her biggest rival, Malia Birch, played by Sonya Balmores Chung, and competes with her new one arm technique.

Now, her biggest dreams and her life have become about pushing her own physical limits to touch the souls of others.

Also starring are Kevin Sorbo (“Meet the Spartans”) as Holt Blanchard, Ross Thomas (“the Cutting Edge 2”) as Noah Hamilton, Chris Burch as Timmy, and Jeremy Sumpter as Byron.

Most of the surfing scenes are played by Bethany Hamilton herself.

Sean McNamara (“Bratz,” “Raise Your Voice”) directed this real life drama which is based on the 2004 memoirs by Bethany Hamilton, Soul Surfer: A true Story of Faith, Family and Fighting to Get Back on the Board, and interviews with her family.

“Soul Surfer” is an inspirational, heart-warming and powerful story of a teenager who would not give up on her dreams or her life and who has become a source of inspiration, faith and hope to millions.

Note: Soul Surfer is a term coined in the 1970s and is used to describe a talented surfer who surfs for the sheer pleasure of it. Although they may still enter competitions, a Soul Surfer motives go beyond winning.



THE LOCAL BUZZ

Announcements

► *Indicates new announcement*

► **Mother's Day Buffet at Miller's Landing**

Miller's Landing will host a Mother's Day buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The cost is \$16.95 per person, \$6.95 for children 6-10, and children five and under eat for free.

Seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call 466-9067

► **19th Annual Food Drive**

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, will conduct its 19th annual food drive May 14.

In Havelock, the donated food will be given to the Havelock-Cherry Point Ministerial Outreach program for distribution to those in need. Also participating this year is the Havelock Moose Lodge.

Those who wish to donate, please bag and place food items at accessible location for letter carriers to retrieve on May 14.

► **Cherry Point to Host Sprint/Relay Triathlon**

The Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Athletic Division is slated to host a "Sprint/Relay Triathlon" aboard the air station May 21.

The event is open to the public, and competitors can take on all three segments as an individual or as a team of three with each athlete focusing on a separate leg of the race.

The race will encompass a 400-meter swim, 10-mile bike ride and a three-mile run, which starts and ends at Hancock Pool, but routes throughout the air station.

The competition begins with check in between 6-7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. For fee structures and registration information, visit <http://www.mccscherrypoint.com/sprinttriathlon.htm> or call 466-2208.

► **Civil War History Meeting**

The New Bern Civil War Roundtable group will hold a meeting at the Fireman's Museum on Hancock St. in New Bern May 11.

The meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m. with guest speaker, John Guss, a N.C. park ranger who will present, "Surrender Proceedings at Bennett Place".

The formal surrender of the last Confederate Army to Union forces at Appomatox will be one of the talking points at the meeting.

For more information or directions, contact Pete Meyer at 670-3678 or e-mail at pjmeyer42@suddenlink.net.

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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"A" Street between Roosevelt and Cunningham Boulevards will be closed April 25-June 1 for construction. Anyone requiring access to "A" Street should use the Cunningham Gate.

A portion of Fourth Avenue, near the fire station, will be closed for construction Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. Motorists should remain alert and follow all warning and detour signs.

Updates will be provided via all-hands e-mail, 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.

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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.

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

AA Beginners Meeting

There are two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings weekly 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.

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Domestic Violence Victims

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

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May 5, 1983

In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force Col. James Mead was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

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050 Help Wanted

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Responsibilities include:
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 • Assisting the DMH Manager in the planning, implementation, oversight and administration of the Disabilities and Mental Health program areas.
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Requirements: BA/S in Special Education or Early Childhood Education with a minimum of three to five years related experience required. Working knowledge and sensitivity to child care issues of low income, at risk children and families. Strong leadership, time management, organizational, written, and verbal skills required. Strong computer skill required. Location: Newport, NC.

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050 Help Wanted

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Trades

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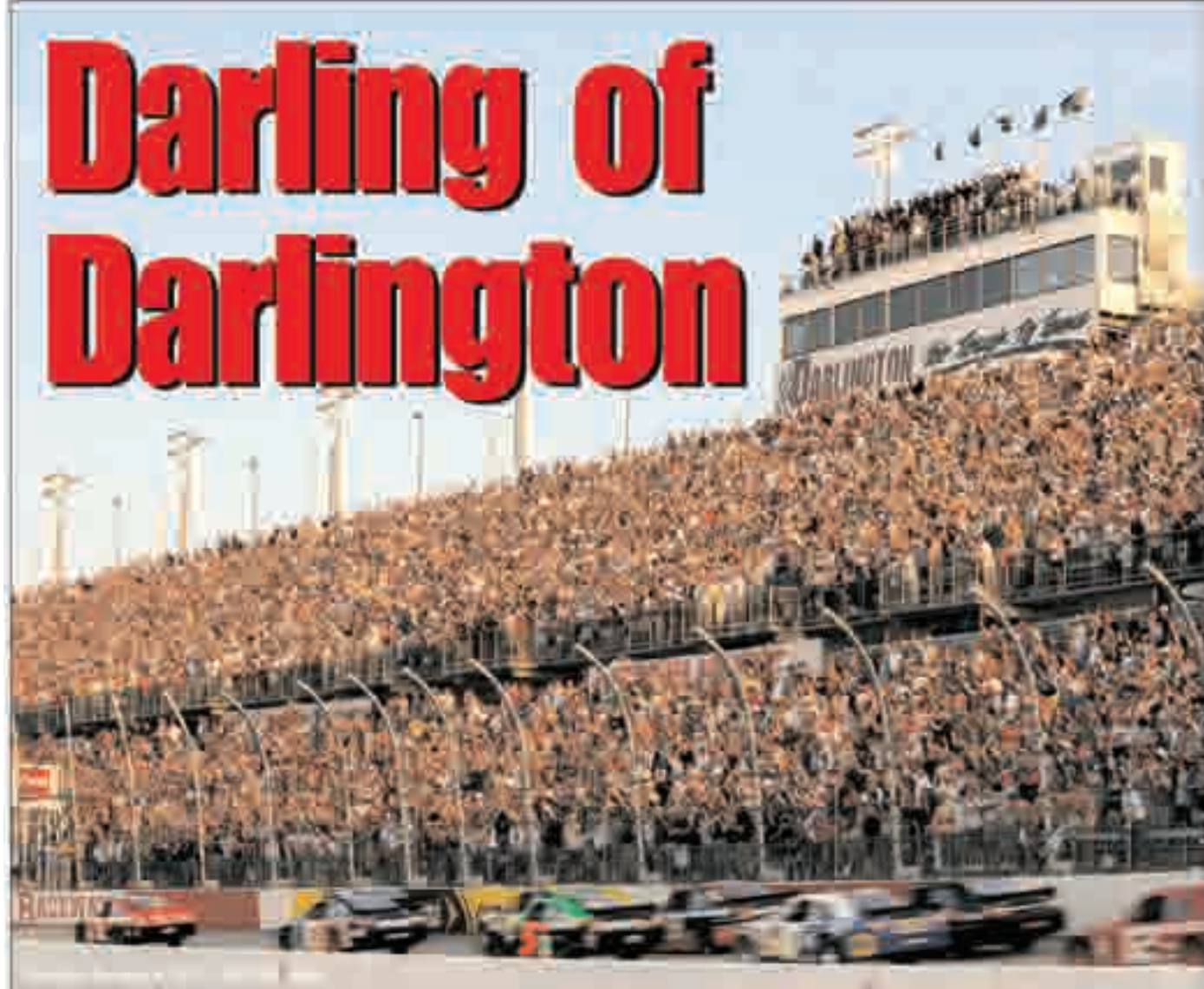


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Where: Dover International Speedway
When: May 13, 8:30 p.m. (ET)
TV: SPEED
2010 winner: Austin Dillon

NASCAR INSIDER

By RICK MINTER / The Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Darling of Darlington

Gordon leads in wins at track, but respects its tough reputation

It isn't often in the world of NASCAR racing that the race track itself shows the disdain with the drivers who will be competing on it. But that seems to happen every time a major NASCAR event heads to Darlington Raceway, known both as the "Track Too Tough to Tune" and the "Lady in Black."

"The egg-shaped, 1.396-mile track opened in 1950, and it obviously wasn't designed for today's speeds, or even the speeds of decades past. Therefore it's become known as a great test of driver ability."

Even the sport's all-time best drivers have been known to require a "Darlington Strip" or slowdown the right side of their cars after an encounter with the wall.

Jeff Gordon leads all active Sprint Cup drivers with seven Darlington wins, is third on the all-time list behind David Pearson, who has 10 victories, and the late Dale Earnhardt, who has nine.

Gordon said during his media appearance at Richmond International Raceway that Darlington's "Too Tough to Tune" moniker is deserved.

"That track can just reach out and bite you so fast, and you have to race the track," Gordon said. "It's a one-groove race track [and] it's just one of those tracks where you can be sitting around by yourself and just make the slightest little habits and you're in the wall."

"We've seen it just eat up race cars and competitors over the years. It's just one of those tracks that you have to stay on your toes at all times because it can be a very tough track."

He said it's not so tough now that it has a fairly new coat of asphalt, which provides

more grip, but it won't stay that way for long since the asphalt will wear from age, taking with it the grip level it has now.

"As the pavement wears such and every year it starts to get back more and more to the too-tough-to-tune," Gordon said.

Initially, the best way to be successful at Darlington is to flirt with a Darlington Strip.

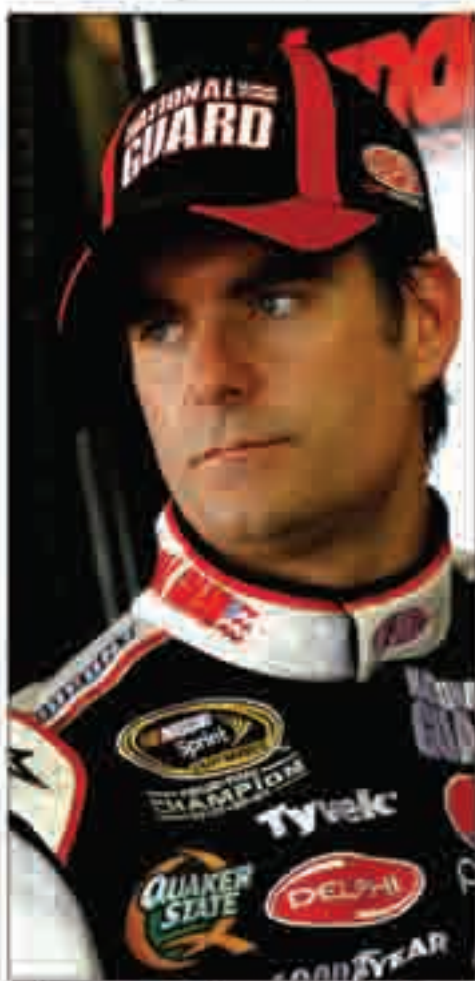
"It's a fast race track, but you have to be really committed to the line that it takes to go fast around there, which is right up next to the wall," Gordon said. "You have to be committed to the gas, especially in qualifying."

"To me, you just have to be able to go for it there and then just get the balance right. You have to keep that car on the edge through the corners and then compromise because [Two] One and Two is totally different than Three and Four for what it takes to get the car through the corners."

Gordon said that his first trip to Darlington didn't intimidate him as much as one might expect, largely because he had experience racing on short tracks in the Midwest that had similar layouts. He qualified fifth and led a lap, but dropped out with handling issues before the end and wound up with a 24th-place finish. Six Darlington starts later, he won the 1995 Southern 500 and went on to win three straight Darlington races.

"I remember going there and liking it," Gordon said. "It reminded me of Winchester Speedway and Salem Speedway a little bit, where you run up against the wall at those places."

"I wasn't worried or nervous or scared about that. We ran really fast and something happened to us. I think I had a great run, but not a great finish."



Jeff Gordon during practice for the pole's Sprint Cup Series SHOWTIME Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on May 7, 2010. (NASCAR photo)

NOTEBOOK

Wunderkind Busch adds to wins

How's this for some accomplishments before reaching the age of 26? Kyle Busch, with his win on Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway two days before his 26th birthday, now has 21 Sprint Cup victories, 47 in the Nationwide Series and 26 in the Camping World Truck Series, for a total of 94 in NASCAR's elite three-series.

A.J. Gordon, NASCAR's original "The Wonder," had 26 Cup wins before turning 26, which puts Busch in some pretty fast company.

Busch's latest victory showed a level of maturity that one typically expects from a veteran driver. He dominated the race, leading 235 of 400 laps, debuting his Joe Gibbs Racing team mate Denny Hamlin, who is a master at his home track.

Busch, showing among other things that he's still willing to learn, said he used some tips gathered from Hamlin to adjust his interpretation.

"Denny did a nice job of helping me have a little bit just full, talking somewhat to me," Busch said. "We've been the same thing at odd-end-of-half-gallop, two-mile places, that played up the game, surprised in a little bit that you."

"That's what it's all about. I've been talking a lot about Joey Logano, the David Gibbs driver, and Denny has, too."

"We're trying to help each other a little bit. Joey has been a good help to me at a few places. It's been a good relationship between us three. We're all relatively young [and] we can be here for a long time. It's good to make sure we have a good relationship."



Kyle Busch (NASCAR photo)

Newman: Montoya lacks 'class'

Short-track racing typically brings some hard feelings as a result of incidents on the track. On Saturday night at Richmond, the main dust-up was between Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson. Montoya left the track without comment, but Newman, who aired his complaint to NASCAR officials after the race, spoke to reporters about the incident.

"I was intentionally crashed and it ruined my day," Newman told media members as he was leaving the NASCAR trailer.

Newman started the race in the 10th position and raced among the top 10 until the incident with Montoya.

He said he is only looking for fairness from NASCAR.

"I don't know that you can have that," he said, adding that he didn't feel like he was responsible for the initial incident that apparently provoked Montoya. "I'm not going to try to dump myself into the wall, but to retaliate the way he did just didn't show much class."



Ryan Newman, driver of the No. 33, spins off of Jimmie Johnson during the Southern and Darrell Waltrip 400 at Richmond International Raceway on Saturday. (NASCAR photo)

Johnson lauds Earnhardt's team engagement

Jimmie Johnson told reporters last week at Richmond that he's been impressed with the way his new shop mate, Dale Earnhardt Jr., has been engaged with his team, admitted to getting better and communicating his ideas to others in the Hendrick Motorsports complex.

Johnson said he has a lot more interaction with Earnhardt now that they're under the same roof. Last year Earnhardt's cars were prepared in the name shop of Mark Martin.

"Now there is a lot more time that I spend with him, whether it's talking or through e-mails," Johnson said. "I get home and spend it at or Monday morning and I had three e-mails from him explaining different scenarios about what he thought went on with the car and how to make our staff better."

"And then I looked at who he had sent it to and it was the engineers, the crew chief and myself."

"I don't know what he was like before, or if this is new, or what. I have seen his commitment from afar, and I know we've all hoped for a little more success and different outcomes for him, but he—like he was better and has always been—is committed to his team and to doing his best job. I'm excited to work with him and to really see that first-hand, even more than I have in the past."

Earnhardt said he believes he's become a better team player after moving from Dale Earnhardt Inc. his first team to his current employer.

"I got better at my communication when I first started working with Hendrick because how they do things is different than what I've done in the past at DEI," Earnhardt said. "The team meetings after the practice, the team meetings during the week prior to the race, and the communication between the driver and the crew chief being more on a daily basis, all those things are opportunities for us to be prepared for you to just be continuously giving the crew chief and the team your information and your



Dale Earnhardt Jr. signs autographs last weekend at Richmond International Raceway. (NASCAR photo)

thoughts and ideas."

He said that wasn't the way things worked back in the day at DEI.

"We just kind of showed up and went to the track, and if Dale [Earnhardt] said and then crew chief [Dey] Furry [sic] needed to know something he'd call me and ask me if whatever," Earnhardt said. "We just didn't do those things, which a lot of teams didn't at the time. But at Hendrick, they just do it differently. So I think Dale gets better at utilizing their approach and utilizing their ideas on what communication is. And that's helped me a lot."

SPRINT CUP POINTS

1. Carl Edwards 335; Leader
2. Jimmie Johnson 326; behind -9
3. Kyle Busch 305; behind -30
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 301; behind -34
5. Kevin Harvick 300; behind -35
6. Kurt Busch 289; behind -46
7. Clint Bowyer 284; behind -51
8. Ryan Newman 277; behind -58
9. Matt Kenseth 276; behind -59
10. Tony Stewart 275; behind -60

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

2,050 Laps run among the top 15 by Jeff Gordon in the last six Cup races at Darlington, the most of any driver

558 Laps led by Greg Biffle in the last six Cup races at Darlington, tops among drivers

100 Fastest laps run by Kyle Busch in the last six Nationwide races at Darlington, leading all drivers

4 Cup points positions gained by A.J. Allmendinger at Richmond, where he finished 7th, more than any top-25 driver in the standings