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## Cherry Point receives environmental award

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYKI  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus declared Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point as an environmental award-winner in the category of environmental quality, industrial installation, March 23.

Cherry Point's Environmental Affairs Department works year-round to protect the environs of the station from pollution and waste, and has been recognized through secretary of the Navy, secretary of defense and presidential-level awards 42 times since 1988.

Jeffrey K. Christopher, the restoration and recycling division head of the environmental affairs department, says that the environmental affairs department plays a role in efficient Marine operations aboard Cherry Point.

"We support the mission of the Marine Corps by enabling Marines to go out and do what they have to do without being impeded by adverse effects," Christopher said. "If you have to generate waste and it's handled wrong, then it will cause the Marines to stop what they're doing to go back and clean it. While waste will always be generated and need cleaning up, we make sure it's done right and the impact is the least intrusive on Marine operations."

The department's environmental endeavors do not only impact current operations, they also ensure the future.

The environmental affairs department has many recycling programs in place to achieve a greener future. These programs can recover resources for resale and avoid the high costs of disposing toxic wastes. By recycling spent rifle cartridges, jet fuel, wood and other items, the department raised more than \$400,000 in new funds and saved almost \$1.1 million for the air station.

In another effort to "go green," building 1016 was outfitted with solar panels to help save on energy spending. About 25 percent of the building's energy will be provided by the solar panels during sun-lit periods, which are usually when the power demand is highest.

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CPL. RASHAUN X. JAMES

A KC-130J Hercules with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 flies over the Middle East with two Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 MV-22B Ospreys April 3. Six Ospreys with VMM-266 returned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit after a trek from Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, to Souda Bay, Greece, with the assistance of a pair of KC-130J Hercules from 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), which provided transport and aerial refueling support.

## 2nd MAW makes aviation history with intercontinental Osprey flight

CPL. RASHAUN X. JAMES  
2nd MAW (Fwd.)

The Marine Corps completed an aviation first, April 8, by flying MV-22B Ospreys on the tiltrotor aircraft's longest movement to date.

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"As far as aerial refueling missions are concerned, this was a Marine Corps and Naval aviation first," said Capt. Ben Grant, the executive officer for

the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 detachment currently deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan. "Never before has an MV-22 movement been conducted this far or on this scale. On this mission, the MV-22s travelled in excess of 2,800 miles from Camp Bastion to Souda Bay, using aerial refueling provided by KC-130Js. We transited three continents over land and water, three combatant commands' areas of responsibility, and did it with no major issues."

The mission was conducted to return VMM-266 Marines, cargo and aircraft to the USS Kearsarge and the 26th MEU, which had been tasked to the Mediterranean region in support of operations in Libya.

"This mission validated a capability that should ultimately be seen as routine," said Grant. "We affirmed the ability of the MV-22 to be long-range deployed with KC-130J support."

Grant said the mission was conducted over two separate movements consisting of two Hercules and three Ospreys. During both movements, the KC-130Js not only refueled the MV-22Bs, but also transported more than 50,000 pounds of VMM-266's essential cargo, maintenance and support equipment. Nearly 100 Marines also made the journey, so they could join the rest of the 26th MEU and prepare for their return to the U.S.

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## ARFF Marines beat back blazes



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYKI

Aircraft rescue firefighters work to put out the last of the fire during a training exercise on the flight line April 8. According to Sgt. Maxwell A. Smith, a crew chief and rescue man with ARFF, they do their jobs as best they can. "We take our job very seriously and train as much as we can," said Smith. "Fire is nothing to be really afraid of. We're trained to deal with it. We're one of the only groups of Marines here that would run right into a fire while everyone else is running away from it."

## Air station holds brief to welcome new personnel

CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

When joining a unit for the first time, Marines may be left in the dark about various aspects of life on the air station. That is where the welcome aboard brief, provided by the Marine Corps Community Services relocation assistance office, comes into play.

Approximately 25 Marines attended the welcome aboard brief at Miller's Landing March 28.

The welcome aboard brief is designed for new personnel, including sergeants and below, company grade officers, and spouses of these Marines or Sailors.

"The brief is important for new personnel because now they know when, where and how they can get assistance when needed," said Sandy K. Langlois, the relocation assistance program coordinator with MCCS. "We want our Marines, Sailors and family members to be aware of what is available for them and to not have to worry about anything."

The brief featured more than 15 speakers who explained what their services offer the new personnel. It also included information from several institutions offered off the installation and a ticket drawing and prize give away at the end.

The speakers informed the group on the services provided by the air station. For example, Cmdr. Carl P. Koch talked on behalf of the chaplain services, a corporal from the air

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## Armed forces volleyball produces fast-paced competition at annual tournament

PFC. CORY D. POLOM  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Teams demonstrated extreme amounts of courage and heart as the first match of the 2011 Armed Forces Volleyball Tournament began inside Cherry Point's Marine Dome April 7.

"The competition this year is better than it was last year by far," said Mary K. Arvidson, a defensive specialist for the All-Navy women's team. "Last year the defenses on all the teams were really sketchy. This year the teams have stepped up and the defense is amazing, which makes for a great competitive tournament."

The first day of competition produced two undefeated teams for the women's pool and the men's was just as close.

"This team has exceeded my expectations of play," said Sarah W. Lusk, head coach for the women's All-Army team. "These girls came to play."

After the first day, the Navy and Army women were undefeated after winning both their games against their opponents.

The teams in this year's tournament are the All-Marine, All-Navy/Coast Guard, All-Air Force and the All-Army men's and women's teams.

"The cohesion between the teams and the players is really great," said Arvidson. "All the teams are really strong this year, and it is hard to pick the toughest."

The Air Force and the Navy teams opened up play for both pools on the first day.

Both Navy teams beat the Air Force teams; the women in five sets and the men in three.

The teams play each other twice in round-robin play and the team with the best record will be given the gold medal.

"The Army team has a lot of powerful hitters," said Arvidson. "In the end only one team will be able to hold the gold medal, and my team and I will keep taking this tournament one game at a time."

After the tournament is finished, the athletes will be notified who made the All-Armed Forces teams that will be representing the United States of America in the 2011 World Military Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, July 12-25.

Branches also be fielded teams to compete in beach volleyball.

Each branch has two male and two female teams that are competing in the 2011 Armed Forces Beach Volleyball Tournament that kicked off yesterday at Cunningham's beach volleyball courts.

The beach tournament ends tomorrow, and the best men and women's team will be selected to compete as the representatives for the U.S.

"The trick to doing well in this tournament for all teams is to not get discouraged but not get too confident," said Lusk. "It just takes one play to gain momentum and only one play to kill it."



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

Risa A. Smith with the All-Marine team serves the ball during its game against the All-Army team the first day of the 2011 Armed Forces Tournament at Cherry Point's Marine Dome April 7-16. The Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and the Marine Corps all sent their best men and women to represent their services in the tournament.





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# From the chaplain: Parables from pop stars

LT. CMDR. JOHN B. SEARS  
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In a recent hit song, pop star Alecia Beth Moore, aka P!NK, belts out a power ballad about self-acceptance that is fairly universal in its sentiment about past mistakes.

“Made a wrong turn once or twice, dug my way out, blood and fire, bad decisions. That’s alright, welcome to my silly life,” she sings. The encouragement is to accept oneself as you are – to understand that even with all our faults and foibles we can learn to accept ourselves and know that for those that love us we are just perfect.

It is the kind of tune that is fun to blare in your car with the windows down as you sing along on the way home from base; and truly aren’t most of P!nk’s songs that way? Nothing beats “So What” after a bad breakup. It is also a message that perhaps some of us need to hear at times when we are too down on ourselves and too critical of our futures. However, as fun as it may be to apply what I call auto-therapy (driving with the tunes going), simply telling yourself you are an OK person despite your faults is only a good start at best.

No matter how old we are, the chances are we have all done something of which we are ashamed; perhaps even badly hurt someone who we love. Even in a culture of honor, courage and commitment, we have to admit none of us are as perfect as the standards for which we strive. There has probably been a moment when we let our children or our spouse down and brought them to tears. There may have occurred a time when we looked in the mirror and admitted that we are not the people we want the world to see and that we struggled to look at ourselves, ashamed of what we have done. I’ve counseled all kinds and ranks of people and I can tell you if you haven’t felt something similar to these personal failings, odds are very strong that you indeed will.

There once were two young men growing up in America who led quite different lives. The first was a high school dropout who worked at a local fast food place, and then joined the Army, rose to the rank of sergeant, and came home to be the head cook at Kentucky Fried Chicken. The second tested at an IQ of 167 in the fifth grade and skipped sixth

grade. He went on to graduate high school and went to Harvard at age 16. He earned a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Michigan. Based on that information, most people would choose to emulate the second man. It would be a tragic mistake. The first man is Dave Thomas, the founder of the Wendy’s restaurant chain. He is a millionaire, philanthropist and now high school graduate (he went back and finished decades later). The second is Theodore Kaczynski, also known as the Unabomber; a domestic terrorist responsible for injuring 23 people and killing three.

The point is that if we ever want to be our best self, then we must do more than cheer ourselves on with positive self talk. At any moment in life we could look at ourselves and judge ourselves too harshly or too easily. Certainly the snapshot of Dave Thomas’s or Ted Kaczynski’s lives wouldn’t lead us to believe in the dramatically different outcomes that their early years seemed to predict. But where honor, courage and commitment really find life is not in those bad choices we make but in the larger pattern of our lives. God cares whether we lie, cheat, steal, murder, commit adultery, etc. and so should we. However, we already know we will fall short and sometimes do those very things we wish we would not do. Character is forged instead in what we do next. When faced with an NJP, do we fess up and change or do we continue to make bad decisions? When we upset or disappoint our spouse, do we angrily and defensively fight back or do we look to heal the hurts and right the wrongs we committed, seeking reconciliation and forgiveness?

Life is not so much about how hard we can hit or how perfect we are. It is about how many times and how well we can get back up. We will all find something daunting in life and we will all fail at some point. But it takes so little character to do the right thing when times are easy or succeed when we cannot be beaten. True character comes in how we get back up and most of all in what we do next. Why do you think learning how to fall is one of the first things you learn in MCMAP? If we can handle our falls on the

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CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO

### SGT. TAI TRAN

**Job Title:** Aviation maintenance technician  
**Unit:** Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2  
**Hometown:** Concord, Calif.  
**Date Joined:** May 1, 2006

#### What’s your job?

I maintain the RQ-7B Shadow aircraft so it is mission ready for reconnaissance missions, force protection missions and for base security.

#### What’s your favorite aspect of your job?

It has to be seeing my Marines grow. Coming here are 18 and 19 year old kids and to see them grow and understand our job and role in the Marine Corps is great.

#### What’s the most challenging part?

The hardest aspect of our job would have to be finding and replacing the parts that need to be fixed. But all in all maintaining the aircraft is simple after working with it for awhile.

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

We provide intelligence, reconnaissance, surveillance and act as eyes in the sky for the troops on the ground. We act as a satellite to many of the Marines on the ground and really whenever they are unsure of something and need a better look, we can provide it for them.

#### How does your job differ from garrison to the field?

While we’re deployed we are launching aircraft day in and day out, conducting 24-hour operations. Here it is more relaxed and low-tempo.

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# Aerial observation post



CPL. SAMANTHA H. ARRINGTON

Cpl. Nathan J. Roeller, a UH-1Y Huey crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., surveys the surrounding terrain during a mission in Afghanistan April 4. As a crew chief, the Denver, Colo. native, conducts preflight inspections of the aircraft, observes the surrounding terrain and air while in flight, and mans the Huey's door gun.

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# Patrolling in Helmand province



Lance Cpls. Matthew Dyke, left, and Zachary Brizio, of 1st Platoon, Company I, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, set in their M240B machine gun during a security patrol through a poppy field March 27. Elements of the 26th MEU deployed to Afghanistan to provide regional security in Helmand province in support of the International Security Assistance Force.

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Kyle G. Butzer swings in on a tee shot at Cherry Point’s Sound of Freedom Golf Course during the air station’s annual Single Marine Program Devil Dog Open April 8. The tournament’s winning team registered a score of 59, 13 shots under the course’s par 72, and the top nine finishing teams received prizes ranging from golf gear to gift certificates redeemable at the courses golf shop.

# Air station holds annual Devil Dog Open

CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

On the eve of professional golf’s Masters Tournament weekend at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Marines came out to Cherry Point’s Sound of Freedom Golf Course to see if they could channel their inner Tiger Woods during the air station’s annual single Marine program Devil Dog Open April 8.

Calm and clear spring skies staged the tree-skirted, river-neighboring course beautifully for the more than 100 competitors who came out for the four-player teamed, best ball-scramble formatted tournament.

“It was a great day for golf,” explained Jim Ferree, manager and golf professional for the course. “Getting these single Marines out here with their fellow Marines and retirees builds great camaraderie.”

Ferree added that with the Masters going on at the same time and the interest it adds to golf, it’s natural for the thought of sinking a putt to win the Masters to cross the golfers’ minds.

“In your wildest dreams, if you’re going to dream, dream big,” Ferree said.

“We tried, but to no avail,” joked Jaime A. Bayze, an AV-8B Harrier engine mechanic with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14. “It’s much more difficult than it looks.”

Bayze teamed up with three other Marines from his shop, Kyle G. Butzer, Christopher W. Potts and Michael J. DeJesus to collectively shoot a 2-under-par 70.

One shot that did come into fruition for the team was a 60-foot putt Butzer sank on the fourth hole, which the team unanimously decided was their team’s shot of the day.

“He was sinking putts all day,” Bayze said. “Must have been the pointers the golf professionals gave him during the clinic.”

The clinic Bayze was speaking of was one of which two golf professionals, Dr. Mac Powell and Mike Springer from the National University Golf Academy, put on for free prior to the tournament. Powell is the dean of the academy and Springer is a two-time PGA tour winner.

“They flew out from Carlsbad, Calif., to put on this clinic,” Ferree explained. “They also generously paid the entry fees for all of the single Marines,”

“It’s nice to come out here and give back,” said Powell. “My grandfather was a gunnery sergeant in the Marine Corps, and I’ve got two cousins that are currently serving.”

Bayze said the golf lessons were invaluable for him and the other Marines.

“For how expensive golf lessons are and to be able to come out here and learn from pros for free was priceless,” Bayze added.

The clinic was held at the driving range at the course, which Powell told Ferree was one of the nicer military courses he’s played.

“The trees aren’t too forgiving, but that’s what is lovely about the East Coast, all the trees.”

Staying out of the trees, the tournament’s winning team registered a score of 59, 13 shots under the course’s par 72. The top nine finishing teams received prizes, ranging from golf gear to gift certificates redeemable at the course’s golf shop.

“The tournament just keeps getting better every year,” said Bayze.



CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN  
PGA professional Mike Springer, right, guides Jaime A. Bayze through a proper golf swing during a free golf clinic prior to the annual Single Marine Program Devil Dog Open at Cherry Point’s Sound of Freedom Golf Course April 8. “For how expensive golf lessons are and to be able to come out here and learn from pros for free was priceless,” said Bayze.



CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN  
Jim Ferree, the manager and golf professional at Cherry Point’s Sound of Freedom Golf Course, tallies the team scores for the participants in the air station’s annual Single Marine Program Devil Dog Open April 8. “It was a great day for golf,” said Ferree. “Getting these single Marines out here with their fellow Marines and retirees builds great camaraderie.”



CPL. TYLER J. BOLKEN  
Michael J. DeJesus lags a long putt at Cherry Point’s Sound of Freedom Golf Course during the air station’s annual Single Marine Program Devil Dog Open April 8. More than 100 golfers participated in the tournament, which awarded more than \$1,200 in prizes.



## *F-35B undergo rigorous test, evaluation*



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# Perfect game of 300



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(Above) Heather M. Williamson bowls for another strike at the Stars N' Strikes Bowling Center March 4. Williamson bowled a perfect game in the bowling center Feb. 25, the first time she has ever bowled a 300 game in her 20 years of playing. According to Velma A. Sharp, secretary of the Ladies Only Bowling League aboard Cherry Point, the only two women of the Carteret Craven United States Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association who accomplished perfect games were aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

(Right) Williamson is the second woman in the Carteret Craven United States Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association to ever bowl a 300, doing so at the Stars N' Strikes Bowling Center Feb. 25. Williamson, a Marine spouse, said the whole bowling community took part in the event. She said as she bowled that day, no one talked to her for fear of throwing Williamson off her game. When she threw the last ball, she sank to her knees and covered her face with her hands in disbelief. The bowling center exploded with cheers when the pins fell down.



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**MOVIE SYNOPSIS**

**Take Me Home Tonight** - Starring: Tophir Grace, Anna Faris, Dan Fogler, Teresa Palmer, Chris Pratt. Recent MIT grad Matt Franklin should be working for a Fortune 500 company and starting his upward climb to full-fledged yuppie-hood. Instead, the directionless 23-year-old confounds family and friends by taking a part-time job behind the counter of a video store at the Sherman Oaks Galleria. But Matt's silent protest against maturity comes to a screeching halt once his unrequited high school crush, Tori Fredeking, walks into the store.

**Rango** - Animated - Starring the voices of: Johnny Depp, Isla Fisher, Abigail Breslin, Ned Beatty, Alfred Molina. Rango is a sheltered chameleon living as an ordinary family pet facing a major identity crisis. After all, how high can you aim when your whole purpose in life is to blend in? When Rango accidentally winds up in the gritty, gun-slinging town of Dirt - a lawless outpost populated by the desert's most wily and whimsical creatures - the less-than-courageous lizard suddenly finds he stands out.

**Beastly** - Starring: Vanessa Hudgens, Mary-Kate Olsen, Alex Pettyfer, Neil Patrick Harris, Peter Krause. Kyle Kingdon has it all - looks, intelligence, wealth and opportunity - and a wicked cruel streak. Prone to mocking and humiliating "aggressively unattractive" classmates, he zeroes in on Goth classmate Kendra, inviting her to the school's extravagant environmental bash. Kendra accepts, and, true to form, Kyle blows her off in a particularly savage fashion. She retaliates by casting a spell that physically transforms him into everything he despises.

**Helena from the Wedding** - Starring: Lee Tergesen, Melanie Lynskey, Gillian Jacobs, Dagmara Dominczyk, Paul Fitzgerald. Newlyweds Alex and Alice Javal host a New Year's Eve party at a cabin in the mountains for their closest friends. However, the arrival of an unexpected guest leads to revelations about the institution of marriage and anxiety in the late blooming professional class.

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# Crew chief’s passion for flight conquers fear of heights

**CPL. RASHAUN X. JAMES**  
*2nd MAW (rto)*  
**CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan** – Cpl. Erin C. Pesti is afraid of heights, but that doesn’t keep her down.  
“When I get to fly I have an opportunity to go somewhere new and meet new people,” the Athens, Ga., native said. “I get to watch them and see how they live and react to the things around them. My least favorite part of my day is when I’m not flying. I get irritated when I don’t fly very often.”  
Pesti, a KC-130J Hercules crew chief with Marine Aerial

Refueler Transport Squadron 152 is currently serving her fifth month deployed to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, where her squadron supports 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).  
“As a crew chief I perform general maintenance, preflight and post-flight checks, and I advise the pilots on flights,” she said. “I’m also responsible for knowing the limitations for air-speed, pressures for the hydraulics, fuel quantities and keeping the fuel going to the engines and transferring fuel to the receivers during aerial refueling.”  
Pesti said she couldn’t have

imagined when she enlisted in the Marine Corps that she would eventually become a Hercules crew chief, guaranteeing the safety and functionality of a multimillion dollar aircraft.  
“I came in the Marine Corps on an open contract and got this,” she said. “I feel like I got lucky because I love what I do.”  
When Pesti is not busy performing her duties during a flight, she said she studies KC-130J specifications, with the goal of earning the next level in her crew chief designation.  
Fellow crewmembers said Pesti is best known for her rest-

less personality and contagious humor. Despite despising work involving ladders due to her fear of heights, Pesti said she enjoys flying and feels confident in her duties on the KC-130J.  
Sgt. Joshua A. Palmer, a KC-130J loadmaster with VMGR-152, attested to her strength, admirable work ethic and sense of humor.  
“Pesti can inject humor into many dry situations, often lightening the mood and making long, arduous days more bearable,” Palmer said. “She has a very outgoing attitude and is a pleasure to have as a fellow crewmember.”  
Palmer said he has known Pesti since they both went through their military occupational specialty training in Pensacola, Fla. He said the two have served side-by-side through survival, maintenance and KC-130J-specific training, a partnership which was rekindled at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma on Okinawa, Japan, the home station for VMGR-152.  
“She has come a long way since we were in school together,” Palmer said. “After aircrew training we parted ways, and then ran into each other in Okinawa, Japan, where we were both stationed.”  
Pesti said she’s flown on many missions, once traveling to Cambodia and recently supporting Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 on its retrograde flight from Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, to return with other elements of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. However, she said the flights she holds closest to heart

serve the Marine Corps in a different way.  
“My most memorable missions are those where we take Marines who were killed in action home,” Pesti said. “Those are the most important to me because those Marines get to go back home to their families. Not to say that taking supplies and lighting up the skies for the troops on the ground isn’t important, but those final flights are personal.”  
Prior to deploying to Afghanistan, Pesti worked for VMGR-152 crew chief staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Master Sgt. Daniel J. Farrell.  
“When Cpl. Pesti worked for me she showed she is determined, unwavering, hardworking, loyal, responsible and mature,” Farrell said. “This is why we sent her on the deployment. The Marines are all handpicked by the senior Staff NCOs, and we were confident in her abilities to do this squadron justice and get the mission accomplished.”  
Along with working toward her next crew chief designation, Pesti said she is pursuing a promotion to sergeant, but she said she sees her most important goal as improving herself and her shop, one day at a time.  
“When I first met Pesti, she was a headstrong girl from Georgia,” Palmer said. “Becoming a respected crew chief is a grueling task, taking many hours of studying and many hours of flying, learning all the complex aircraft systems. It is here that any crewmember grows or is defeated. She is one of those that has not been defeated.”



CPL. RASHAUN X. JAMES

Cpl. Erin C. Pesti waits for permission to begin her preflight checks on a KC-130J Hercules at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, April 3. Pesti, an Athens, Ga., native and KC-130J crew chief with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, is currently serving her fifth month deployed to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, where her squadron supports 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).

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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 from April 11 to May 25, 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:

**Mr. Jason Williams, Code OPNCEV**  
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The Proposed Plan is based upon the findings of previous site-related documents contained in the Navy's Administrative Record for MCAS Cherry Point. The Administrative Record can provide important background and site investigation information about the Site. The Proposed Plan and specific Administrative Record reference documents associated with OU2, Site 10 are available via the MCAS Cherry Point Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) public web site and can be accessed at <http://go.usa.gov/2EH>, then click "Administrative Record File" link.

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In addition, you are invited to a **public meeting** regarding the investigations and the Preferred Alternative for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 at MCAS Cherry Point. The meeting is scheduled for:

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## ENVIRONMENT from page A1

In the past, the safety berm on the rifle range had been eroded by natural elements and hundreds of thousands of bullet impacts. This degraded the safety aspect of the range, necessitating its repair. The environmental affairs department suggested using coal ash from Cherry Point’s central heating plant. Using the coal ash to improve the range and the surrounding areas saved the station nearly \$2.1 million because 16,000 tons of ash did not have to be disposed of in a landfill.

According to the submission for the environmental awards, Cherry Point’s efforts in recycling and environmental conservation produced a total of more than \$4.2 million in savings and new funds.

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The winner of the award from the secretary of the Navy is automatically entered for the secretary of defense-level award, whose winner will be announced later this year.

## WELCOME ABOARD from page A1

station provost marshal’s office spoke in regards to emergency services and regulations aboard the air station, and representatives from the commissary, education services, legal, Marine and family programs, and the Single Marine Program were several of the other speakers who spoke of how and what they provide for the personnel aboard the air station.

Col. Philip J. Zimmerman, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, began the brief by addressing how nice an installation Cherry Point is and that the newcomers need to take advantage.

“This is the fourth time I’ve been stationed at Cherry Point, and I can easily say that it is my favorite place that I’ve been in the Marine Corps,” Zimmerman said.

From asking questions about what there is to do on and off the air station to asking questions about college education opportunities, attendees left the brief with an increased knowledge base.

“I can tell you from compiling the surveys from yesterday’s brief that all attendees gained some knowledge about one or more services provided on the base and that’s our goal,” Langlois said the day following the brief. “The more Marines who realize the services are here to help them, the more they will pass that information on to a fellow Marine in need.”

Registration is required for the brief, which is held once a month. To register, contact Veronica Ham at 463-1635 or e-mail hamv@usmc-mccs.org.

The next welcome aboard brief is scheduled for April 27 at Miller’s Landing at 8 a.m. and usually lasts until 11 a.m.

“As a newly commissioned officer, and this being our first duty station, my wife and I found the brief to be a valuable asset and source of information,” said 2nd Lt. Brad A. Kuharik, an airframes officer with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14. “The brief was very informational and would be beneficial to all new Marines, as it provides vital resources to assist in both the professional and personal environments.”

## OSPREY from page A1

“Our weather radar, familiarity with international flying, cargo capacity, communications and navigational abilities, and ability to aerial refuel the MV-22 makes us a combat multiplier for them, ensuring their success,” Grant said of the KC-130J’s abilities.

Grant said the mission went well, a result of not only planning but the Marines’ ability to adapt to the situation.

“Though we had prepared for a myriad of contingencies, none arose that required us to alter our timelines or routing,” said Grant. “While each movement encountered expected and unexpected friction that had to be immediately addressed, each was handled superbly by the KC-130J and MV-22 Marines. Everyone involved worked as a team of professionals.”

Grant said while the mission was the first of its type at this scale, he believes more missions of this nature will occur in the future. He said he sees movement like this becoming as routine for the Osprey as they are for other Marine Corps aircraft including F/A-18 Hornets, AV-8B Harriers and CH-53E Super Stallions.

“It was not without many learning points for both the MV-22 and KC-130J crews,” said Grant. “We are still developing and refining these procedures as the MV-22 continues to mature. Great credit goes to the MV-22 pilots and crews for their ‘can-do’ attitude and planning of these two movements.”

Since responding to a request to support Regional Command Southwest’s area of operations, the Fighting Griffins of VMM-266, based out of Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., have provided aviation and assault support for 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and other coalition ground forces in Afghanistan, explained Lt. Col. Romin Dasmalchi, the VMM-266 commanding officer. Simultaneously, other elements of VMM-266, including reinforcements from an AV-8B Harrier detachment, participated in other activities, notably recent operations in Libya.

“It’s been a challenging deployment for the Marines here,” Dasmalchi said. “They’ve been split up into two theaters and have found motivation in the fact that the squadron was still able to operate with great success.”

Before VMM-266 departed Afghanistan, the squadron and VMM-264, another New River, N.C.-based MV-22B squadron, conducted an aircraft exchange, allowing four of VMM-264’s Ospreys to return back to the U.S. for maintenance. In return, VMM-264 inherited four newer Ospreys from VMM-266 to continue to conduct operations in Afghanistan, said Dasmalchi.

“Our Marines had their work cut out for them once we accepted these older aircraft,” said Dasmalchi. “The aircraft had to be operationally sound before we embarked on the long-range flight to Souda Bay. The Marines did an incredible job, logging thousands of maintenance hours, all while supporting Regional Command Southwest simultaneously.”

Grant credited the mission’s success to KC-130J and MV-22 maintenance and support Marines, cooperation from the United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force, which aided with ramp space and air traffic control and support from other Marine units, like meteorological service. He also said many Marines throughout the region, other military services and U.S. government agencies worked behind the scenes to ensure smooth coordination.

“As Marines, we are not just warriors from the sea. We are warriors, from anywhere to anywhere on the globe,” said Grant who also serves as a KC-130J weapons and tactics instructor. “This mission got the MV-22s on their way home. The next mission may be to get them to the fight, or from one fight to another.”

## CHAPLAIN from page A2

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**308 North Carolina Drive ~ \$218,000**  
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**687 Crump Farm Road ~ \$199,000**  
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**919 Buckingham Road ~ \$189,500**  
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LANCE CPL. TYLER MAIN

Sailors from Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 1, Company 15, clear the extraction point in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where a CH-53D Sea Stallion is lifting part of another CH-53D back to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay April 8. The damaged helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing in the bay March 29, killing one of the crewmen and injuring the other three.

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# Life&Times

Section B

April 14, 2011

## Camp Desert Kids help families understand deployments

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

MCAS CHERRY POINT

Military Families United and Marine Corps Community Services partnered together to give young children a taste of Afghanistan at the Camp Desert Kids event at the Cherry Tree House April 9.

The event taught children what life was like for their deployed parents in forward operating bases and also taught them a little bit about life in Afghanistan.

“The purpose of Camp Desert Kids is to give children an educational experience about Afghanistan, to give them insight into where their parent is deployed currently or where they’re about to deploy,” said Kasey Timberlake, a life skills trainer and MCCS volunteer. “It gives them an idea of what the children over there experience and how their culture is different than ours, helping them to understand what life is like for their parents.”

Children first filled out a “passport” before heading to Afghanistan. After having their picture taken for the passport, they were given short language and culture classes to learn how to say hello and goodbye in Pashto.

After completing their culture training, they were taken to a make-believe FOB where previously deployed Marines taught them about experiences in Afghanistan. While inside the FOB, the children tried on Marine equipment like helmets, flak jackets and back packs and played in two-man tents to learn what deployed life is like. To demonstrate what life is like for the Afghans, Marines and volunteers showed the children an Afghan bazaar, how Afghans vote, and gave them Afghan bread, rice and tea to eat and drink.

The tour of Afghanistan event ended in a “mess hall” where the children could eat all the pizza they wanted.

MCCS Cherry Point hosts an annual deployment event for children every year. Camp Desert Kids has been held before at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Fort Bragg, N.C. According to Timberlake, MCCS took into account the event’s past successes and invited Military Families United to help host one aboard Cherry Point as well.

The Camp Desert Kids event was considered a success by the Marine volunteers.

“It’s a great event,” said Sgt. Horton J. Brickman, a floor chief with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 and a volunteer for the event. “It helps open up the eyes of not just the kids but also the spouses as to what their significant other is going through and what their daily life is like in Afghanistan. While their parent is deployed, it gives the family a peace of mind and helps open up their eyes as to what they’re doing over there.”



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Jakob Halstead, 5, plays in a backhoe under the close supervision of Cpl. Billy D. Shannon, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 heavy-equipment operator and volunteer for Camp Desert Kids. The event was an educational experience for the families of deployed Marines who learned about what life was like on a deployment. The event was hosted at the Cherry Tree House April 9. Jakob’s father, Sgt. Nathan R. Halstead, is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan this summer as an avionics technician with Marine Light Helicopter Attack Squadron 467.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Cpl. Alyssa D. Mobley teaches children how Afghans vote during the Camp Desert Kids event at the Cherry Tree House April 9. Mobley is a maintenance management specialist with Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 274, and served as a volunteer for the event.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Esperanza Soliz, 8, gets ready for action at the Camp Desert Kids event hosted by Marine Corps Community Services and Military Families United at the Cherry Tree House April 9. Her father, Staff Sgt. Gabriel Soliz, is currently forward deployed with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Jonathan Rominger, 4, raises his hand to answer a question in a language class where the kids learn how to say hello and goodbye in Pashto. The class was a part of the Camp Desert Kids event at the Cherry Tree House where children learned about the lives of their deployed parents and the children of Afghanistan April 9. Jonathan’s father, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Danny Rominger, is currently deployed with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).



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# Distracted Driving Awareness Month

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**There are three main types of distraction**

- Visual – taking your eyes off the road
- Manual – taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive – taking your mind off what you’re doing

**Defensive Driving Tip**

Many things can distract you while you drive. Pull over if you have to eat, talk or text on a cell phone, or write notes.

- While all distractions can endanger drivers’ safety, texting is the most alarming because it involves all three types of distraction.
- 20 percent of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.
- The age group with the greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the under-20 age group. 16 percent of all drivers younger than 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving.
- The age group with the next greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the 20- to-29-year-old age group. 13 percent of all 20-to-29-year-old drivers in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted.
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- Cell phone use while driving, whether it’s hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver’s reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent.
- Driver inattention is a factor in more than one million crashes in North America annually, resulting in serious injuries, deaths and an economic impact reaching nearly \$40 billion per year.
- Cell phone use while driving has been found to quadruple your risk of crashing.
- The AAA Foundation’s 2010 Traffic Safety Culture Index found 52 percent of drivers feel less safe today than they did five years ago, and distracted driving was the most common reason cited for this.
- The AAA Foundation’s 2010 Traffic Safety Culture Index found more than two in three drivers report having talked on a cell phone while driving within the past 30 days; 59 percent report doing this on more than one occasion. Of those who report talking on their cell phone while driving, 57 percent report usually using a hand-held phone.
- The AAA Foundation’s 2010 Traffic Safety Culture Index found nearly two in three drivers say that drivers talking on cell phones are a very serious threat to their personal safety. Sixty-four percent of drivers say that they personally consider it unacceptable for a driver to talk on a hand-held cell phone while driving. Only two in five drivers consider it unacceptable for a driver to talk on a hands-free cell phone while driving; nearly three in five consider it acceptable.
- Other activities while driving such as eating, smoking, adjusting music or rubbernecking can also be dangerous.
- Dealing with passengers is one of the most frequently reported causes of distraction. Young children are four times more distracting than adults as passengers, and infants eight times more distracting.

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

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**“TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT” (R)**

“Take Me Home Tonight” is a romantic comedy set in the late 1980s, where an aimless college graduate pursues his dream girl at a wild Labor Day weekend party. Topher Grace (“Spider-Man 3,” “Predators”) stars as Matt Franklin, a nice 23-year-old recent Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) graduate, who should be working for a big Wall Street company and starting his climb to the top. Instead Matt, who has problems with growing up, returns to his home in Los Angeles, much to the disappointment of his parents. With no serious directions for the future, Matt takes a part-time job in a video store at the mall. However, when his old high school crush, Tori Frederking, played by Teresa Palmer (“I Am Number Four”), walks in the store one day, his behavior takes a turn towards adulthood. Especially, when Tori invites him to an end-of-summer party, Matt thinks that finally he might have a chance with the girl of his dreams. With his sister Wendy, played by Anna Faris (“House Bunny”) and best friend Barry (played by Dan Fogler (“Love Happens”) in tow, Matt embarks on a once in a lifetime evening. During the course of this wild Labor Day weekend, the friends share indescribable experiences, including stealing a car, a marriage proposal, and a huge dance-off, that will change the course of their lives. Director Michael Dowse (“It’s All Gone Pete Tong,” “Fubar,” “Goon”) also wrote the screenplay for this raunchy 1980 Go-Go fare. “Take Me Home Tonight” is supposed to be a nostalgic approach to the 80s and the pain of growing up in this era, but doesn’t quite accomplish that task.

**“THE SOURCE CODE” (PG-13)**

“The Source Code” is a mind-bending science fiction fantasy thriller and action drama in which a military operative is sent back in time to figure out how to foil a terrorist plot on a train. Jake Gyllenhaal (“Love and Other Drugs,” “Prince of Persia,” “Brothers”) stars as U.S. Army Capt. Colter Stevens, a decorated Army helicopter pilot from a battle in Afghanistan. Stevens suddenly wakes up, disoriented, on a commuter train heading towards Chicago, sitting opposite a beautiful woman he has never seen before, but yet she is talking to him like a friend. He soon discovers that he is in the body of an unknown man and is part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train. In an assignment unlike he has ever known Stevens learns that he is part of a government experiment called “The Source Code,” a program that enables him to cross over into another man’s identity in the last 8 minutes of his life. With a second and much larger target threatening to kill millions of people in downtown Chicago, Stevens re-lives the incident over and over again, gathering clues each

time, until he can solve the mystery of who is behind the bombs and prevent the next attack.

Michelle Monaghan (“Due Date,” “Eagle Eye”) co-stars as Christina Warren, the ill-fated passenger Stevens met on the doomed commuter train. Vera Farmiga (“Up in the Air,” “Orphan”) co-stars as Air Force Capt. Colleen Goodwin, Capt. Stevens’ handler, who is a mysterious military operative, explaining his mission and communicating with him on a computer monitor. Also starring is Jeffrey Wright (“Quantum of Solace”) as Dr. Rutledge, in charge of this military experiment.

Duncan Jones (“Moon”) directed this smart and intelligent action thriller with a complicated science fiction plot, scripted by Ben Ripley (“Species III”), and “Groundhog Day” flashbacks. Gyllenhaal is great in battling time and space as a soldier who is sent into the body of a doomed and unknown man, and then desperately racing to find the bomber. “Source Code” is a different science fiction adventure, a thought-provoking and highly stimulating and technical time-traveling psychological thriller filled with mind-boggling twists and heart-pounding suspense.

**“INSIDIOUS” (PG-13)**

“Insidious” is a suspense horror tale about a family that looks to prevent evil spirits from trapping their comatose child in the realm called The Further. Patrick Wilson (“The Switch,” “Watchmen,” “The A-Team”) and Rose Byrne (“Get Him to the Greek,” “Knowing”) star as Josh and Renai Lambert, who with their three children share a happy family life. Shortly after moving into a new house, the family discovers that dark spirits have possessed their home. And when tragedy strikes their young son, Dalton, played by Ty Simpkins (“Pride and Glory”), Josh and Renai begin to experience things that even science cannot explain. Trying to escape the haunting and save their son, the family moves again. However, they soon discover that it was not the house that was haunted. Co-starring are Lin Shaye (“Snakes on a Plane”) as Elise Rainier as a ghost-buster expert; and Barbara Hershey (“Black Swan”) as Lorraine Lambert, Josh’s mother. Director James Wan (“Dead Silence,” “Death Sentence,” “Saw”), who is also the producer of the cult series “Saw”, collaborated with the people behind “Paranormal Activity” and now brings us this straight- forward unsettling concoction. “Insidious” is a creepy and unsettling modern fright-fest, a very lame haunted house movie with a very scary parenting problem.



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# The Local Buzz

## Announcements

► *Indicates new announcement*

### ► Cherry Point Road Construction

Starting on/about Monday, April 18, 2001, the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Cherry Point will be overseeing a construction project for the complete milling and paving of Roosevelt Boulevard from the Main Gate to Navy Boat Docks with miscellaneous repairs and improvements throughout. Included in the project is the addition of a merging lane and repairs/improvements at the intersection of Roosevelt Boulevard “A” Street/Cunningham Road.

#### Phased 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, June to August
- (4) Roosevelt between Jack Rabbit and Navy Boat Docks, August to September

#### What motorists should know:

Asphalt will cure that same day and be available for traffic.

Active construction areas will be clearly marked by flagmen, barricades, safety cones and signage as appropriate.

It is requested that motorists be patient and exercise extreme caution in/around active construction areas.

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](mailto:marc.garland@navy.mil) or the ROICC Construction Manager, Lt. Tom Barley at 466-4732 or [thomas.barley@navy.mil](mailto:thomas.barley@navy.mil).

### ► Volunteer Opportunity

White Oak Elementary School, of Cape Carteret, is requesting volunteers to help with its annual field day event at the school 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m April 21.

Volunteers will help run stations, play games, interact with the students and help with clean up.

To volunteer at the event, sign-up at the single Marine Program desk in Cunningham’s or for more information, contact Autumn Steward-Campbell at 393-3990.

### ► 2011 Oriental Boat Show

The 2011 Oriental Boat Show is Saturday and Sunday at Pecan Grove in Oriental, N.C. This event kicks off in conjunction with the upcoming 2011 Oriental Dragon Boat Festival July 22-23.

Families can learn to steer or get paddling instruction for the upcoming festival during the boat show. Dragon boat paddlers move in unison, combining strength and teamwork into a synchronized movement originated in ancient China.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.orientaldragonboat.com> or contact Elizabeth Buckman at 249-0840.

### ► DOD Survey for Past and Present Military Helicopter Pilots and Aircrew.

If you are or were a U.S. military helicopter pilot or crewmember, the Department of Defense wants to know if you suffered back/neck pain or injury (not resulting from an aviation mishap) that may be related to your service in helicopters.

Back pain afflicts approximately 20 percent of the general population, but studies have indicated military helicopter crews are reporting unusually high rates of back pain and related injuries.

A Department of Defense-sponsored study is under way to better understand the mechanisms of those injuries, the impact such injuries may have on operational readiness, safety and quality of life, and to identify the best options available for reducing such injuries in the future.

Researchers for the office of the secretary of defense (AT&L) are urging current and former military pilots and crewmembers to complete this short online survey at <http://www.DoDhelicopterseatsurvey.com>.

Completed surveys are anonymous and should only be taken once. If you participated in a similar January 2010 Navy and Marine Corps survey, please do not complete this survey, as the results will be merged with this study.

The survey will be available online from April 1 through April 30.

## 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 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.

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### 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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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.

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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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### Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

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- Exceptional Family Member Program - 466-7547.
- Family Advocacy Program - 466-3264.
- Library - 466-3552.
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- Military Family Life Consultant - 876-8016.
- New Parent Support Program - 466-3651.
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- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program - 466-5490.
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# This week in Marine Corps History

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April 15, 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called “Shuffly” and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.



NEXT  
UP...

**SPRINT CUP**  
**Race:** Aaron's 499  
**Where:** Talladega Superspeedway  
**When:** Sunday, 1 p.m. (ET)  
**TV:** FOX  
**2010 winner:** Kevin Harvick (right)



**NATIONWIDE SERIES**  
**Race:** Aaron's 312  
**Where:** Talladega Superspeedway  
**When:** Saturday, 3 p.m. (ET)  
**TV:** ESPN2  
**2010 winner:** Brad Keselowski

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS**  
**Race:** Bully Hill Vineyards 200  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway  
**When:** April 22, 8 p.m. (ET)  
**TV:** SPEED  
**2010 winner:** Kyle Busch



By RICK MINTER / The Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Sprint Cup racing last October at Talladega Superspeedway. (NASCAR photo)

## Talladega’s bump-and-grind racing promises excitement, risks

After several weeks of basically going it alone on the race track, Sprint Cup drivers are headed to Talladega Superspeedway, where the restrictor-plate rules make it a necessity to find drafting partners on the race track.

At Daytona in February, drivers perfected the tandem, or push draft, where two cars hook up bumper-to-bumper and stay that way all the way around the race track, a maneuver that allows a tandem to run far faster than one car by itself.

At Daytona, which is narrower than Talladega, the pairings didn't result in the big packs of cars that used to be common at Daytona and Talladega, the two tracks where restrictor plates are used to slow speeds, and the only two tracks where the tandem draft or push draft pays off.

But Jimmie Johnson said last week on a teleconference with reporters that the big packs might return in Sunday's Aaron's 499 at Talladega.

"That possibility is definitely there," Johnson said. "We're all learning a lot about the push drafting and how it works. It just depends on how close together we can all

stay."

Johnson went on to say that if the big packs come back, so will the chances of one of the "Big Wrecks" that have been a factor in restrictor-plate races for years.

"If we're all in a big pack, regardless of the tandem pushing or not, your chances of a big crash are there," Johnson said. "Then if we get into a spread-out situation where cars are separated, you might have a single car spin or something like that. It just depends on where the pack is."

Johnson, who has a win at Talladega in 2006 and four top-five finishes in 18 career starts on the Alabama track, said that even though nearly every driver has been in a Big Wreck in the past, the potential of danger doesn't seem to affect the way they race or make them uncomfortable behind the wheel.

"The fact that we can bump and push and do what we do shows how comfortable we are," he said. "The fear part is pretty far removed. It runs through your mind quickly when you're sideways, but up until then you're confident and comfortable and bouncing off one another, pushing guys around,

and we can't even see as the pusher.

"You're just like, 'Alright man, lead me through. We're going.' It's not that intimidating until things go wrong."

Johnson's Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon, a six-time winner at Talladega, said that when it comes to two-car tandems, he's more comfortable out front than in the pushing position.

"I kind of like to be the guy seeing where I'm going," he said, adding that since Talladega is wider than Daytona, there's going to be more room for more tandems, especially at the end, and that makes the role of spotter even more critical. At Daytona, teams set up their radio communications so one spotter could direct two drivers, even two from different multi-car teams and manufacturers.

"It's really going to be more about the spotters and getting the spotters in sync and trying to communicate well with what's coming up," Gordon said. "That's going to be intense in the final laps. It's about being there at the end and then just how intense it's going to be, and hopefully you make good decisions."

### NOTEBOOK

#### Roush drivers shine in Texas

When it was all said and done in Texas last week, Roush Fenway Racing's drivers had won about everything in sight. Carl Edwards won the pole for Friday's Nationwide Series race, then went on to lead 169 of 200 laps to score his 30th career Nationwide triumph and the first ever for Ford's new Mustang.

On the Sprint Cup side, Roush's David Ragan won the pole for the Samsung Mobile 500, and his teammate Matt Kenseth led 169 of 334 laps to end his 76-race winless streak. All told, Ford drivers using Roush equipment took five of the top seven finishing positions in Saturday's Cup race at Texas.

"I'm really proud of what we've been able to do in 2011," team owner Jack Roush said in the post-race interview session. "We tuned up our engineering program with Ford's help over the winter, and we got a new Ford nose," he said. "Everybody got a new nose this year, but our new nose was better than our old nose, I think. And we've had our FR9 engine really up to speed."

Edwards also left Texas with the Sprint Cup points lead. He's nine points ahead of Toyota's Kyle Busch heading into this weekend's race at Talladega Superspeedway.

#### Edwards earns new nickname

Carl Edwards, like many of his fellow Sprint Cup drivers, flies his own airplane. Most times a race driver's flying draws little attention, but Edwards said he's fairly well-known at one small Texas airport.

Here's how he said he came to be known as "Downwind" down in Texas.

"I was flying a little [Piper] Saratoga," Edwards said during his regular media appearance at Texas Motor Speedway. "I got my pilot's license, and it was my first plane, and I flew it all over the country. [NASCAR president] Mike Helton and those guys were always telling me that I had to get a plane with two engines [but] this little thing was great."

During a cross-country trip he stopped for fuel at an airport in Dimmit, Texas. The problem was, he forgot to check the airport's wind sock, which would have told him which way the wind was blowing so he could land facing into the wind, the proper direction for a safe landing.

Instead he landed downwind.

"I am landing at 60-80 mph plus 20 mph wind, and I am screaming down this runway trying to stop," he said. "I get to the end, and there is a guy ready to take off the correct direction."

"I can see him look at me like, 'You idiot,'" Edwards didn't speak to the pilot of the crop-duster plane that he went nose-to-nose with at the end of that runway and thought he'd gotten away with a bonehead move.

Then a year or so later, at an autograph session in Texas, his downwind landing came up again.

"I hear from the crowd, 'Hey, Downwind!' and I think 'Oh, man he knows ... somebody knows,'" Edwards said. "He was like, 'I was that guy in that crop duster. You are a terrible pilot!'"



Carl Edwards greets fans Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. (NASCAR photo)

## Ragan improves early in his 'must win' season

David Ragan openly admitted in his preseason interviews that 2011 is a "must win" year for him. After nearly making the cut for the Chase in 2008, he struggled the next two seasons, finishing 27th and 24th in the final points standings.

He's had his disappointments this year, most notably a penalty for an improper lane change while he was leading the Daytona 500 in the closing stages.

But he's also had some high points. He's been at or near the top of the leader board in several practice sessions, mostly on superspeedways, and last week at Texas Motor Speedway he got the first pole position of his five-year Sprint Cup career. He went on to lead seven laps at Texas and finish seventh. It was his second straight top-10 run, coming after an eighth-place effort at Martinsville Speedway just the week before.

And he's climbing his way back up the points standings. He's 17th headed to Talladega Superspeedway, one of his better tracks. He was 25th after crashing in the second race of the year, at Phoenix.

He pointed out in his pole-winner's press conference at Texas that his improved performance is part of a progression that begins with having faster race cars.

"When you are fast in practice, and we have qualified in the top five and top 10 two or three times this year, when you do that, you eventually qualify on pole," he said. "If you finish second, fifth and eighth, you eventually win a race."

"That is our main goal."

He emphasized that the key is that he and his Roush Fenway Racing teammates all have had faster cars of late.

"I think we are all qualifying better because our cars are faster and easier to drive and we don't have to reinvent the wheel on qualifying days," he said.

Ragan also said he needed something like a pole-winning performance, since his sponsorship from UPS is up



David Ragan (right) stands with Carl Edwards - current leader in Sprint Cup points - after qualifying on Friday for the April 9 race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. (NASCAR photo)

for renewal at the end of this year.

"We feel like the last couple of years we have underperformed for our sponsors and fans," he said. "Everyone really went to work at Roush Fenway and Ford in developing this new engine and getting new chassis components and race cars."

"I put a lot of pressure on myself and our team to run comparable races as our teammates [Greg Biffle, Carl Edwards and Matt Kenseth], and I think the three guys on our team with me are the three best drivers in the garage."

"They do a good job, and that puts pressure on us to go run fast. It is good to have come out of the box with some good runs and good qualifying runs and good races."

"We have to continue to get better and concentrate week to week."

### SPRINT CUP POINTS

- |                       |
|-----------------------|
| 1. Carl Edwards       |
| 256 Leader            |
| 2. Kyle Busch         |
| 247; behind -9        |
| 3. Matt Kenseth       |
| 243; behind -13       |
| 4. Jimmie Johnson     |
| 243; behind -13       |
| 5. Kurt Busch         |
| 240; behind -16       |
| 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. |
| 235; behind -21       |
| 7. Ryan Newman        |
| 233; behind -23       |
| 8. Juan Montoya       |
| 232; behind -24       |
| 9. Kevin Harvick      |
| 228; behind -28       |
| 10. Tony Stewart      |
| 213; behind -43       |

## NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

**1,496** Laps run in the top 15 by Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the last 12 Cup races at Talladega, top among all drivers

**321** Laps led by Jeff Gordon in the last 12 Cup races at Talladega, the most of any driver

**120** Laps led by Tony Stewart in the past six Nationwide races at Talladega, top among drivers

**43** Points separating Sprint Cup points leader Carl Edwards and Tony Stewart, who is in 10th place



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G1291A	2010 GMC 1500 XT CAB	21	\$23,990	72@\$374/mo
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