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Chaplain's Corner: 9/11 remembered

Lt. CMDR. ERIC MALMSTROM

MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27

It is hard to believe that the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 took place ten years ago. Since that time we have become accustomed to a new norm. We don't think twice about long security lines at airports. We even plan ahead to wear shoes that are easier to take off at the security check point. We don't even notice the added security measures around base. We are accustomed to multiple deployments in support of OIF and OEF. We have been exposed to evils that we only read about in books. As a result, we have paid a heavy price in every way imaginable.

But there is a bright side that has come from the myriad of changes in this post 9/11 world in which we live. I have heard many say that this generation will emerge as the next "Greatest Generation." Today's Marines and Sailors have risen to meet challenges that make our WWII vets stand up and take notice. We have endured nearly ten years of combat operations along with natural and economic disasters. Yet we continue to stand firm and rise to the occasion.

Before 9/11 many in religious circles questioned the faith of today's youth because of dwindling church attendance. As a civilian pastor it is easy to get caught up in the numbers game. Even as military chaplains we gauge our effectiveness on numbers. But to be perfectly

honest, there are many other measures of faith. Personally, I have seen tremendous faith in the Marines I served with in Iraq. I have seen tremendous faith in the Sailors and Marines here at Cherry Point. As a whole, the American people were quick to forgive following 9/11. We did ask for justice to be served. But we did not seek vengeance. Rather than seeking to get back at "those people" we have worked hard to seek out those responsible for terrorist acts.

Another bright side is that we have learned to focus on what is truly important. We saw this in the days following hurricane Irene. Regardless of the amount of damage to house and property we all recognized that human life is far more important and valuable than anything we might own. Neighbors were quick to help neighbor and generously give to those who were in need.

I'm not sure what the terrorists had envisioned in a post 9/11 America. But I'm pretty sure it's not this. The American way of life continues with all of our beloved freedoms. We continue to cherish the free exercise of religion and we see faith alive and well in the American people. So as we approach this 10th anniversary of 9/11 I ask you to continue to pray. Pray for the families of those who died on that fateful day. Pray for our gold star families. Pray for our government and those who serve in the military. Pray for our nation, giving thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and those who fight to defend them.

Celebrating 100 years of Marine Corps aviation



OFFICIAL USMC PHOTO

Two wounded Marines of the 1st Marine Division in Korea are loaded aboard an idling helicopter to be flown to a field hospital in the rear. Helicopter technology was just beginning to come of age for military use in the 1950's. In that day, most helicopters were used to transport supplies and war materials.

VMAQ-2 Playboys outplay HMLA-467 Rock Stars



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

The Playboys cornerbacks Jerett D. Fazendine (left) and John C. Selph (center) break on a high thrown ball to Rock Stars' wide receiver, Jake A. Grady, during the 2011 Intramural Flag Football Championship game at the softball complex aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Aug. 31. The Playboys attacked early and often on their way to a 48-28 victory that brought the game to an early end due to the mercy rule in accordance with the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association.

Fly High

Highlighting Cherry Point's Warriors



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

LANCE CPL COREY J. GARRETSON

Job Title: Hand-line operator

Unit: MCAS Cherry Point

Hometown: Canal Fulton, Ohio

Date Joined: January 4, 2010

What's your job?

I help the other Aircraft Rescue Firefighters resolve any aircraft emergencies as well as respond to structural alarms in the hangars and other buildings on the air station.

What's your favorite aspect of your job?

Helping the people we interact with is the most rewarding part of my job, knowing we are helping people everyday.

What's the most challenging part?

The hardest part of the job is the amount of knowledge we have to know about the aircraft. Every day I learn more of the vital information about the aircraft to better perform my job.

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

When we deploy we are still doing the same thing with additional job titles. I will have to also go out if there is a downed aircraft to assist in the extraction of a pilot and provide first aid if needed.

Highlight Your Superstar

Have a Marine, Sailor or civilian you would like to highlight? Let the Windsock know. Email us at cherry.point.windsock@gmail.com or call 466-3542.

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Sgt. Caleb Bailey, left, an AV-8B Harrier mechanic with Marine Attack Squadron 231, Marine Aircraft Group 40, Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan, refuels one of the squadron's aircraft while Cpl. Nicholas Waters, a plane captain with the squadron, monitors the refueling and provides communications between the pilot and Bailey Feb. 10, 2010. Marines of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, still find themselves engaged in the global war efforts protecting the land of the free.

September 11, 2011

2nd MAW remains engaged in the fight

CPL. SAMUEL A. NASSO

MCAES CHERRY POINT

For many, the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, still seem fresh in their minds, as if it happened yesterday. It's hard to fathom that it's been a decade since the devastating attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the crash of Flight 93 in a field in Pennsylvania. Feelings associated with the tragedy range from confusion, anger, resentment and fear. Millions of Americans felt this way as they watched thousands of their counterparts struggle in the most calamitous terrorist attack in history. Ten years later, the Marines of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing find themselves engaged in the global war on terror, where they have been a cornerstone for the United States' efforts protecting the land of the free.

According to the U.S. Central Command, the U.S. has endured more than 6,000 casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The attack of 9/11 changed the way America operated and still operates today, impacting the civil rights of all citizens. Airports, sporting events, ceremonies, and essentially any attention-drawing medium attracts potential terrorism threats. This created constant stress for national security as they aimed to protect Americans.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Americans across the nation turned to their televisions, newspapers, and the internet to attempt to absorb what was happening. As the day developed and the confusion brushed away, terrorism was discovered at the root of the tragedy.

2nd MAW was already preparing for what could be next. According to the 2nd MAW command chronology from September 2001, the staff immediately shifted into high gear by planning and preparing for the inevitable war against terrorism.

All assets aboard Cherry Point prepared for the unexpected.

2nd MAW had the first detachment of fast-moving jets in support of operations into Afghanistan shortly after the events of 9/11, said 2nd MAW commanding general, Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis.

Marine Wing Support Group 2 and Marine Air Control Group 28 prepared for homeland defense while Marine Aircraft Group 29 and MAG-14 units with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Bataan waited for their call.

Marine Attack Squadron 542 led the way as the first 2nd MAW aircraft to fly a combat mission in support of the war. The war accelerated during November as the 26th MEU flew into bases in Afghanistan for combat operations. Marine Aerial Refueler Squadron 252 supported with two KC-130's flying night and day logistics and refueling missions.

Marines battled 24/7 to find and eliminate the insurgents as the focus of the nation swayed from Afghanistan to Iraq and back to Afghanistan, where it remains today.

"Since 9/11 the Marines of 2nd MAW have made tremendous progress in developing and continuing aviation operations around the world," said Davis. "Our primary focus is supporting the Marines on the ground in constant close contact with the enemy."

At the beginning of this year, 2nd MAW (Fwd.), led by Maj. Gen. Glenn M. Walters, deployed to Afghanistan from Cherry Point. The wing's Marines and Sailors accepted a yearlong commitment as the air combat element of NATO International Security Assistance Force operations in Afghanistan's Helmand and Nimruz provinces.

Walters said he sees the Marine wing's biggest accomplishment at the halfway point of its yearlong deployment as its ability to adapt to an ever-changing battle space.

"About 18 months ago, it was all about Marjah, but now it's more about Sangin and the fight up north," said Walters.

Walters said he feels these battlefield moves better support ground forces, both operationally and logistically. As the battle on the ground shifts, he said, so too must air support.

"The war has shifted," added Walters of operations in 2011. "We as aviators have to adjust what we are doing to better support the fight up there."

The wing has continued to grow and has seen many advances in the technology, equipment, and tactics we employ on and above the battlefield, Davis added.

Though squadrons from across the Marine Corps fly daily in the Afghan skies under the 2nd MAW (Fwd.) banner, five East Coast squadrons and Cherry Point's own Marine Air Control Group 28 are currently deployed. Combined, they provide coverage for Marines and their Afghan and coalition partners in the region, ranging from close-air support with AH-1W Super Cobras to constructing expeditionary airfields in the heart of enemy activity.

"Our success in combat is due in large part to the innovative and challenging training we do in preparation for deployments," said Davis. "While we continue to introduce new models of aircraft and different variants of ground and command and control equipment – we always look to see how we can best utilize what we have to support our mission and the Marines on the ground."

As Sept. 11 approaches on Sunday, Marines, Sailors, and DOD employees aboard the air station, as well as millions of Americans, will reflect not only on what happened Sept. 11, 2001, but also about the service members and families affected by the war that ensued. A decade is half the life of many current Marines and Sailors and for many aboard the air station, expressing how perpetually different each service member's 9/11 story is.



CPL. SHANNON L. VAN PELT, Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2 band saxophonist and native of Clarkston, Mich., keeps a watchful eye on the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area Headquarters building while on guard duty in reaction to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001. Increased security measures have been enacted since the attack.

1st Lt. Shawn Piner, a naval aviator with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366, was 16 years old on Sept. 11, 2001, in a high school algebra class in Bucktown, Penn.

Pfc. Brandon M. Clark, a student with CNATTw, was 9 years old in a 4th grade classroom at an elementary school in California. Master Gunnery Sgt. William F. Sisco, the 2nd MAW commanding general inspector chief, was 37 years old and the detachment commander of a Marine Corps security guard post in Damascus, Syria.

Marines and other service members alike were in drastically different stages in their lives when the terrorists attacked, but war doesn't wait for anything. Many of the 2nd MAW Marines stateside and currently deployed joined because 9/11 motivated them to honor their fallen brothers and sisters by facing danger eye-to-eye.

"Even as we introduce new technology and as units and Marines continue to deploy into harm's way – leaving family and the comforts of home behind – we all remember the events of 9/11; and more importantly our call to service for this great nation," Davis said. "We have changed uniforms, aircraft, and war zones over the past 10 years...but the mission for 2nd MAW remains the same: first to fight...we have been, and will continue to be the MAW the commandant and president goes to when they need air support and in a hurry."

Where were you when the terrorist attacks happened?



Cpl. Lindsey L. Goodwin, 26 years old

Goodwin, a staff secretary clerk with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2, was a 16-year-old 11th grader. She was in a physics class at the time. "It was scary. I lived right down the road from several chemical plants, and we didn't know if they were going to be hit next or not. On top of that, I felt horrible for the families of those lost in the towers," she said.



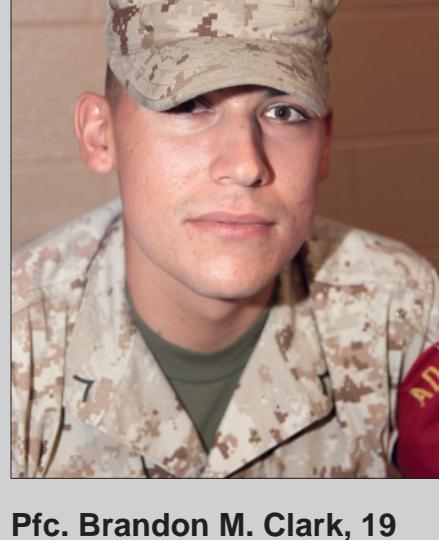
Gunnery Sgt. Robert B. Reed, 35 years old

Reed, acting first sergeant for Battery A, 2nd Low Altitude Defense Battalion, was 25 years old at the time and a team leader for an LAAD detachment with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, Calif. "We were pulled out of the field, sent to the armory to draw our weapons and waited until further notice when we'd have a chance to get our payback," he said.



Master Gunnery Sgt. William F. Sisco, 47 years old

Sisco, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general inspector chief, was a 37-year-old gunnery sergeant at the time, assigned as a detachment commander in Damascus, Syria. "Once we found out it was an attack by Al-Qaeda, our security heightened and we locked down our perimeter. We were on standby to provide security anywhere necessary," he said.



Pfc. Brandon M. Clark, 19 years old

Clark, a student at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Cherry Point, was a 9-year-old 4th grader in elementary school in Tulare, Calif. "I didn't understand what happened or what was going on. At my age it was above my head, but as I grew older I began to understand the impact it's had on our country. 9/11 taught me a lot about what the world can be like," he said.

Dakota Meyer

Heritage of Honor: *Marines in history prove worthy*

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

MICAS CHERRY POINT

The Medal of Honor has had a long history since its inception in 1861. Through all of the nation's wars Marines have proven that they "go above and beyond the call of duty." This still rings true to this day as the nation prepares to award Dakota Meyer, a prior Marine sergeant, with the award for his actions in Afghanistan in 2009.

Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands saw much heroism during the battles of World War II. Not the least of these was Maj. John L. Smith, commanding officer of Marine Fighting Squadron 223, who was awarded the Medal of Honor. Following the tradition of past medal recipients, Smith led his squadron to victory through personal skill and daring. Being only one of 297 Marines to have received the medal, he is a member of a small but well recognized part of American history.

The Medal of Honor began when an Iowa senator introduced a bill to "promote the efficiency of the Navy." It was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on Dec. 21, 1861, authorizing 200 medals for enlisted members of the Department of the Navy. Officers would be excluded from the award until congressional legislation in 1915 corrected this.

The original bill was not clear

on what constitutes an act deserving of the medal. The Battle of Little Big Horn led to the adoption of a policy similar to today. There were numerous nominations for the award so a special board was convened to determine who truly deserved the Medal of Honor. The board determined, "the conduct which deserves such recognition should not be the simple discharge of duty, but such acts beyond this that if omitted or refused to be done, should not justly subject the person to censure as a shortcoming or failure." This judgment would eventually lead to the well-known phrase, "above and beyond the call of duty."

From the start, Marines seemingly had no problem meeting the requirements. The first Marine recipient was Cpl. John F. Mackie who earned it by his actions aboard the USS Galena at Drewry's Bluff during the Civil War. The Galena was travelling up river toward the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., when river defenses opened fire on the ship. Despite artillery constantly raking the deck, Mackie maintained musket fire against the fortifications and then crewed the Galena's cannon when the original crew was wounded or killed. During the Civil War, sixteen other Marines earned the medal for their actions.

Six Marines and nine Sailors earned a special place in history by becoming the first service members to earn the Medal of Honor for actions on foreign soil in 1871. A flotilla was dispatched to Korea in search of an American ship that had been destroyed. Korean forces opened fire on the American ships and the flotilla took punitive measures. A combined force of several hundred Sailors and Marines overran several Korean forts.

Marines continued to distinguish themselves wherever they were sent. Marines earned the medal during the Chinese Boxer Rebellion, Spanish-American War and other actions. Seven Marines of this period received the honor twice. Only twelve other service members ever received this honor. However, congressional legislation in 1915 ended this practice.

World War I saw the first significant use of aircraft in combat and also saw the first Medals of Honor won by members of Marine Aviation. During a scouting mission, 2nd Lt. Ralph Talbot and his observer, Gunnery Sgt. Robert G. Robinson, were ambushed by 12 enemy scout aircraft. Despite the odds and Robinson suffering 13 bullet wounds, they managed to shoot down two enemy aircraft and then flew back for medical treatment. Rob-

inson would survive his wounds while Talbot would die in a crash several days later.

Following actions in World War I, Congress realized that many acts of bravery weren't recognized by any medal. In 1918, they instituted several other medals for bravery that didn't meet the high criteria of the Medal of Honor. Among the medals were the Distinguished Service Medal and Silver Star, which had specific criteria spelled out for each.

During World War II, ten more Marine aviators were awarded the medal, including Smith. Most were for actions near the Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal.

The last Marine aviator to receive the Medal of Honor was Pfc. Raymond M. Clausen Jr. who was a member of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 in 1970.

A Marine patrol inadvertently placed itself inside a minefield while attacking enemy positions. One Marine was dead and 11 wounded. Clausen came to help with an evacuation helicopter and made six separate trips through the minefield to get all the wounded out and did not give the pilot the signal to leave until he was sure they were all aboard.

The Medal of Honor has a legendary stature that intrigues thousands, going so far as to spawn a video game franchise with the

name.

For some, it's not a look at a legend like Achilles at Troy, it's a window into the substance of America.

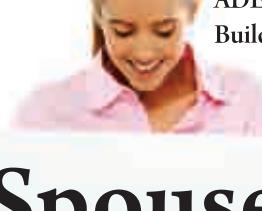
"The neatest thing about Medal of Honor history is that not only is it a way of recognizing the efforts of the military and the people who serve in it; it's a microcosm of military history from the Civil War onwards," said Laura Jowdy, an archivist of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

"Reading the citations is a way to understand the history of this country; they're small little stories that combine to show the bigger picture," Jowdy added. "It shows what people in the military are capable of doing today. "It's a way of taking pride in the military and of understanding American history on a greater scale."

Sept. 15 will mark another historical day for the Marine Corps and the Medal of Honor as Dakota Meyer will become the first living Marine to be recognized with the Medal of Honor for combat actions since the Vietnam War.

During his second deployment, while serving with Marine Embedded Training Team 2-8, Meyer, with shrapnel in his right arm, charged through a kill zone five times to save 15 wounded Afghan soldiers and four of his fallen team members at Ganjal Village in Afghanistan in 2009.

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1:00pm - Captain America PG 13

6:00pm - Killer Elite: Sneak Preview

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MOVIE SYNOPSIS

Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Pt. 2 - Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint. In the epic finale, the battle between the good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all-out war. The stakes have never been higher and no one is safe. But it is Harry Potter who may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice as he draws closer to the climactic showdown with Lord Voldemort. It all ends here.

Captain America - Starring: Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell, Sebastian Stan, Tommy Lee Jones, Hugo Weaving. Steve Rogers volunteers to participate in an experimental program that turns him into the Super Soldier known as Captain America. As Captain America, Rogers joins forces with Bucky Barnes and Peggy Carter to wage war on the evil HYDRA organization, led by the villainous Red Skull.

Killer Elite - Starring: Jason Statham, Clive Owen, Robert De Niro, Yvonne Strahovski, Dominic Purcell. An ex-special ops agent is lured out of retirement to rescue his mentor. To make the rescue, he must complete a near-impossible mission of killing three tough-as-nails assassins with a cunning leader.

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BATTING TO CONTINUE: Cherry Point Marine, Sailor showcase their talent



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MCAS CHERRY POINT

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (August 31, 2011) — Their hearts raced as two competitors prepared to face off. A loud crack of lumber was heard over the diamond as a batter rips a screeching line drive to the outfield giving Petty Officer 3rd Class Bobby C. Brown a chance to showcase the talents he has as an outfielder. After diving for the catch, Brown threw to first base to double up the runner who left first before the catch. Brown threw a rocket and hit Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan R. Cape in the glove getting the out for their team.

Both Cape and Brown are candidates for the All-Marine softball team after showing great mental and physical talent in the game of softball during the 2011 East Coast Regional Tournament.

The All-Marine camp was held Aug. 26-Sept. 2 at Cherry Point, which is the home installation of both Brown and Cape.

Brown and Cape have been selected to attend camp twice with Marine Corps sports but neither have been selected to the All-Marine team before.

"I've played baseball my whole life and had to switch to softball about five years ago," said Brown. "I played baseball in high school and college and that has helped me over the last five years in my transition to softball."

"I appreciate the game and the hard work that goes into it."

Brown said he is honored to be at the All-Marine softball camp learning and playing with the best the Marine Corps has to offer.

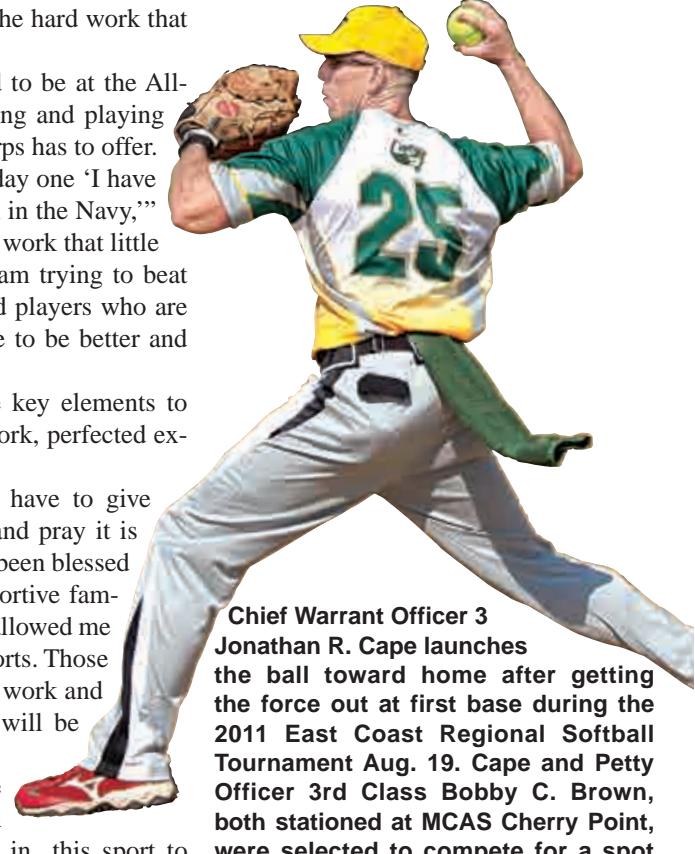
"I have told myself from day one 'I have to work harder because I am in the Navy,'" said Brown. "I feel I have to work that little bit harder to get noticed. I am trying to beat out some amazingly talented players who are tough on me. They push me to be better and expect me to be perfect."

Brown said he thinks the key elements to making the team are hard work, perfected execution and a lot of heart.

"To make this team you have to give it all you got, all the time and pray it is enough," said Cape. "I have been blessed by God to have a very supportive family and a command that has allowed me to compete in All-Marine sports. Those support points plus my hard work and good work ethic hopefully will be enough."

Cape and Brown will have to battle hard and depend on their history and experience in this sport to secure a spot on the All-Marine softball team.

"My past has set me up for success," said Cape. "My desire to win is a trait I've learned over the years. The older I've gotten and the younger the talent pool gets drives me to stay in shape to compete. At this level of competition you need to be at your best physically and mentally. Without preparation and dedicated support you cannot, and probably will not, make it to this level of play in anything you do."



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan R. Cape launches the ball toward home after getting the force out at first base during the 2011 East Coast Regional Softball Tournament Aug. 19. Cape and Petty Officer 3rd Class Bobby C. Brown, both stationed at MCAS Cherry Point, were selected to compete for a spot on the 2011 All-Marine softball team. "My past has set me up for success," said Cape. "My desire to win is a trait I've learned over the years. The older I've gotten and the younger the talent pool gets drives me to stay in shape to compete. At this level of competition you need to be at your best physically and mentally. Without preparation and dedicated support you cannot and probably will not make it to this level of play in anything you do."

PHOTOS BY PFC. CORY D. POLOM

Petty Officer 3rd Class Bobby C. Brown aggressively rounds third base during the 2011 East Coast Regional Softball Tournament Aug. 19. "I've played baseball my whole life and had to switch to softball about five years ago," said Brown. "I played baseball in high school and college and that has helped me over the last five years in my transition to softball."

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favorite vehicle, and the bike and car with the most donations will be named number one. The donations will go to benefit this year's CFC.

The annual fundraising campaign's main focus is to provide needed financial support to local, national and international charities. Common nonprofit organizations, such as the American Red Cross and multiple wounded veteran charities receive major funding from CFC contributions.

There are options to do a payroll donation, give cash, or write out a check. When using the payroll option, Marines can give a minimum of a dollar per month for a year and civilians can donate a dollar per pay check, totaling 26 dollars for the year. Contributions through a one-time donation are welcome as well as unit fund raisers for the campaign.

Even with the economy today Bob Whitbeck, CFC coordinator and member of the local federal coordination committee, said she hopes the Marines and civilians at Cherry Point can still find a way to help their community.

"I do think that people are trying to be more careful with their money; it's tight for everybody," said Whitbeck. "But we hope that Cherry Point patrons realize that there are people who desperately need help around the world. If you know your financial situation is stable, why not help someone in need?"

In 2010 Cherry Point raised a total of \$222,159 for the CFC, continuing a trend of raising more than \$200,000 for more than a decade. The committee hopes to keep that tradition this year. The goal aboard Cherry Point is to ensure 100 percent contact. All personnel should have the opportunity to make a donation explained Whitbeck.

There are about 2,500 organizations listed in the CFC charities list.

"Everyone should be able to look at the list and find an organization that would benefit someone they know," Whitbeck said.

If anyone has questions about the Cherry Point CFC or the upcoming block party contact Whitbeck at 466-4237.

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and establish future 2nd MAW training opportunities," explained Pirrotta.

This exercise will give local citizens many opportunities to see the Osprey in action.

With more than 100,000 flight hours under its belt, the Osprey has proven itself a tough and reliable aircraft to the Marines who pilot it and to those who ride in the back. This versatile aircraft can accomplish many Marine Corps missions, such as delivering troops into combat, performing rescue and recovery operations, and providing humanitarian assistance in locations that can't be reached by airplane.

Belize citizens will see an aircraft that looks, sounds and performs like no other, while the Marines enjoy the beautiful scenery that makes Belize such a popular tourist destination on the Caribbean Sea.

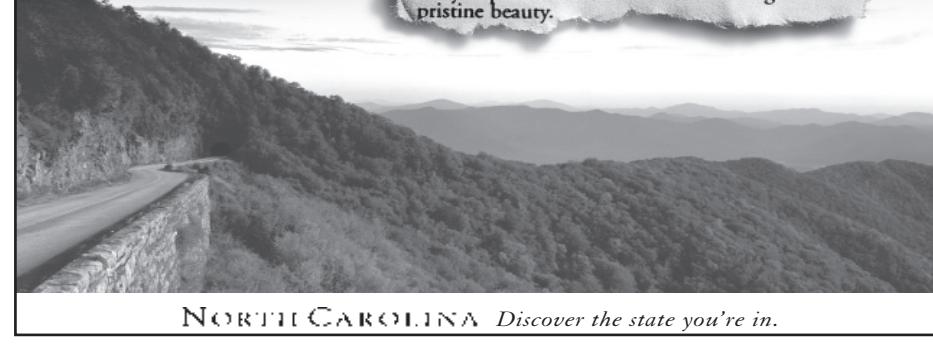
"There has been a significant amount of planning with multiple units for this exercise," said Pirrotta. "We are glad to be at the execution stage."

Poker nights



PFC. CORY D. POLOM

Every week the Single Marine Program hosts a poker tournament for Marines, Sailors and their families at Cunningham's. The winners compete for a \$25 gift card for the Marine Corps Exchange and a spot at the quarterly tournament. The two nights of weekly play are Mondays and Thursdays starting at 6:30 p.m., and the quarterly tournaments take place on Saturdays during the last month of the quarter. The quarterly tournament winner receives a \$100 gift card to the MCX. Participants must be 18 years old.



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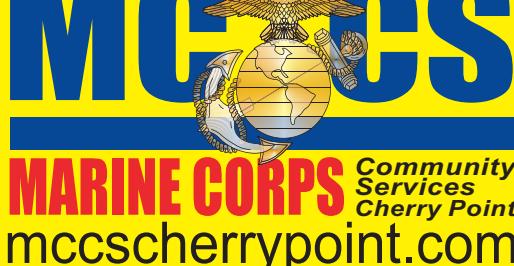
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September 8, 2011

Marines take center field

VMAQ-3 organizes unit fun day with Kinston Indians



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Kinston Indians pitcher Michael Rayl covers his heart and bows his head for the National Anthem and the Marine Corps color guard provided by Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3, Aug. 31. The game was also a military appreciation day at the ballpark, allowing VMAQ-3 and Single Marine Program Marines and Sailors to attend the game for free.

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

MCAS CHERRY POINT

When Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3's color guard took the field, hundreds of people stood up in respect for the national flag and the Marines carrying it. The military took center stage that night at Grainger Stadium, home of the Kinston Indians, when the Indians supported the squadron with a military appreciation night, Aug. 31.

After spending eight months in Afghanistan and with more deployments on the horizon, VMAQ-3 organized a special unit fun night with the Indians. The squadron enjoyed hot dogs, burgers and beer at the tailgate party before the game. Afterward, the Marines and their families attended the game for free. The Kinston Indians military appreciation night events involved both civilian and military components serving to improve the relationships within VMAQ-3 and with the community.

The unit get-togethers can be useful family functions that provide opportunities to mingle and help Marines and their families to get to know each other.

"The family aspect of unit get-togethers is important because I just moved here and now my family can meet everybody's wives and kids," said Sgt. Joshua Nieves, an airframe mechanic for VMAQ-3. "It brings us as a unit closer together because now she met all the Marine's wives so she has someone else to rely on. It's not always just going to be us two alone."

According to Nieves, the spouses creating a social network is helpful because they can be

a source to pass information and can help provide support to one another. The event also allowed Nieves, who was previously stationed in California while his family stayed in Florida, to spend more time with his daughter.

Unit parties also serve to improve the atmosphere of the workplace even after the party is finished.

"Military appreciation days are good not only for unit morale, but also unit cohesion," said Cpl. Jacob B. Mol, tool room manager for VMAQ-3. "Basically, bringing us together and having a good time makes it easier around the work area. It gives us things to talk about and memories to enjoy while we're working which can make everyone altogether happier."

Mol explained that he was humbled by the community hosting the military appreciation night. He said knowing the community appreciates the work helps make the job easier.

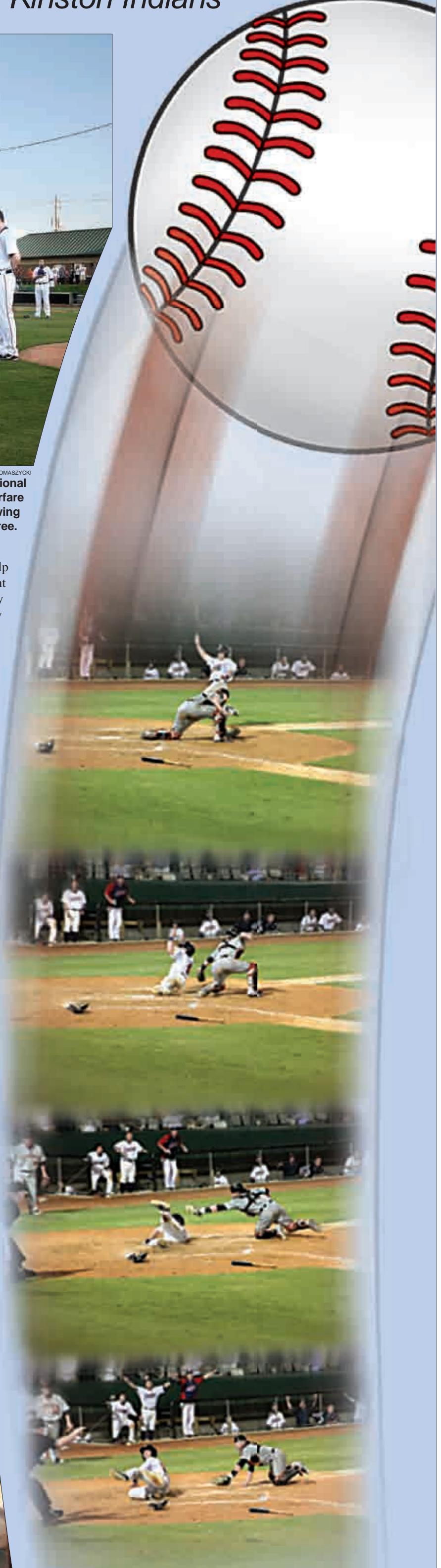
The color guard provided the public a point of focus for the military appreciation night. More than one employee at Grainger Stadium thanked Marines for their service.

"They're taking the opportunity to show us that they understand our sacrifice and the stresses we go through by being deployed in harm's way," said Lt. Col. Marty Moore, commanding officer of VMAQ-3.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

Sgt. Joshua Nieves, an airframe mechanic for Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3, and Jasmine N. Nieves, his daughter, collect their tickets for a Kinston Indians game, Aug. 31. All the family members were welcome to come for the party, which can help family members develop a supportive social network to use when their Marine spouses are deployed.



PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

A series of photos as Jordan P. Casas scores the only run of the game to win it for the Kinston Indians.

From the clinic: Medical Home Port

Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point's Medical Home Port is designed to meet the comprehensive health care needs of its enrolled beneficiaries. Patients will receive the most optimum level of customer service when an appointment is scheduled by calling the central appointment line at 466-0921.

The Naval Health Clinic's hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Medical Home Port appointments begin at 7:30 a.m. and active duty sick call begins at 7 a.m. The pharmacy will remain open Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the refill location at

the Marine Corps Exchange remain open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For those times when Medical Home Port is not available, and if 911 or an emergency room visit is not indicated, patients may report to an urgent care facility in our area. The nurse advice line is available 24 hours a day by calling 466-0921 or toll free 1-866-450-3230.

The urgent care clinics listed to the right will treat patients without the need of a referral; however, the patient must obtain a retro referral by calling 466-0261 the next business day.

The local facilities are:

Carolina East Med Center Express Care: 252-633-8104
Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Carteret General Hospital Urgent Care: 252- 808-6641
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 12-10 p.m.

New Bern Family Practice/CCHC: 252- 633-1678
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.;
Sunday, 1 p.m.-5:30 a.m.

Beach Care Morehead City: 252- 808-3696
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Good bikers use good sense on the roads

MAJ. WILL KLUMPP

MCAS CHERRY POINT

It was an early June afternoon and ideal for riding – dry, sunny and not too hot. I was enjoying the trip home to Richlands from Cherry Point and looking forward to relaxing after a busy day planning support for an upcoming 2d Marine Aircraft Wing exercise.

The 2006 Harley Davidson Electra Glide I had recently traded for was proving itself an ideal machine for my taste. It was big, it sounded great and it was plush enough to comfortably carry me through my occasional 1,500-mile pleasure rides.

As I passed through the town of Trenton and headed west on U.S. Highway 41, I ended up behind a large white sedan that I recall thinking was something my grandfather might have driven. I was following the big American-made car a few hundred feet back when its right blinker started flashing. I began to slow a little, feathering both clutch and brake as the sedan turned right.

There was a truck to my right waiting to turn left onto U.S. Highway 41 from the same intersection, and my years of riding experience automatically set in motion a series of routine thoughts and actions. Make eye contact to ensure the driver sees me. Prepare to clutch and give a quick twist of the throttle to get the driver's attention with a noisy "bark" from the bike. Maintain a couple of fingers on the clutch and brake levers for quick reaction should the driver not see me. Look for an "escape" to avoid collision if the driver pulls out. I confirmed the driver's awareness of me, relaxed a little and prepared to resume my cruising speed as I neared the intersection.

At that moment, moving at 50 miles per hour and now just feet from the intersection, I was faced with a situation that all my experience would not be able to get me out of. From the opposite side of the truck a car appeared and turned right, directly in front of me.

With less than a second to react, I clutched, barked the throttle and aggressively engaged front and back brakes. I found my escape in the left lane – no traffic and a broken yellow line made using that lane a good choice. I started to angle the motorcycle to the left. The vehicle ahead of me turned 45 degrees toward a driveway on the left. I locked up the brakes in a desperate attempt to avoid hitting it.

I felt my body impact the back of the car as my bike struck and careened off the bumper. Falling to the street, I caught a glimpse of my bike heading toward the right-hand ditch where it came to rest more than 100 feet down the road.

As I began to assess myself and the situation, it was quickly apparent that my lower left leg had suffered the brunt of the damage. It was wrong ... the angle. In



COURTESY PHOTO

Motorcyclists ride after a motorcycle safety stand down hosted by the 2nd Marine Logistics Group June 30, at the Russell Center aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The intent of the stand down was for the Marines in attendance to walk away knowing how to make better decisions when it comes to riding.

a macabre attempt to convince myself that I had only dislocated my ankle, I reached down and tried to pull it back into alignment with my leg. As reality and pain became more vivid, I focused on fighting off shock and dragging myself out of the road.

The next hour was filled with strangers with lots of questions, sirens, IV's and, of course, pain. Looking at the glass half full – the pain from the ankle injury helped mask any pain from other injuries.

Now, more than two months after the crash, I am back at work, at least part time. I am healing well from surgery to reattach the end of my tibia and put back together salvageable pieces of my splintered fibula, with a little help from some metal hardware. In another month, I will have surgery to remove two screws that are holding both lower leg bones in a stable position while ligaments heal. I should start walking with crutches and begin physical therapy in early October.

I am lucky. I lived. I am not paralyzed. I don't have a

traumatic brain injury. I have all my limbs.

God spared my life, but he left it up to me to be smart and wear the right safety gear. If not for the leather boots I was wearing that day, I would have lost my lower leg. I may have even bled to death on that rural highway.

There are three points to my story. First, experience and training help motorcycle riders stay safe on the road. Second, sometimes things happen, and all the experience and training in the world may not keep a rider completely safe from negligent drivers. Third, the personal protective equipment prescribed by the Marine Corps may save life and limb when experience can't.

Motorcycles can be dangerous when in the hands of inexperienced and reckless riders, or when encountering a negligent driver. Developing good rider skills and using the right equipment make sense to the smart biker, and the smart ones have a better chance of surviving when things go wrong.



These films are now playing at local theaters

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"RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES" (PG-13)

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" is a new adventure and science fiction fantasy in the 43-year-old franchise, where a single act of both compassion and arrogance leads to a war unlike any other.

This film is an origin story set in present day San Francisco, where man's own experiment with genetic engineering lead to the development of intelligence in apes and the onset of a war for supremacy.

James Franco ("127 Hours," "Eat, Pray, Love," "Milk") stars as Will Rodman, a scientist searching for an Alzheimer's cure.

While experimenting with a drug that he hopes can cure his father's illness, he stumbles onto a formula that boosts ape IQ.

After his work is deemed a failure, Will becomes the guardian of Caesar, an infant chimp who was exposed to Will's drug in utero.

When Caesar displays unusual intelligence, Will decides to take him home and continues his experiments in secret.

But as Caesar's intellect and abilities grow, he comes to represent a threat to man's dominion over Earth.

As Caesar grows into a rough hard to control adolescent, he is put into a detention facility which is staffed by sadist, led by Dodge Landon, played by Tom Felton (Draco from the "Harry Potter" series, where he eventually starts a prison riot).

The king of motion-capture creatures, Andy Serkis (Gollum from "Lord of the Rings," "King Kong") portrays the genetically enhanced subject, Caesar, an ape with a killer attitude, who transforms into a revolutionary and rises the world's population of apes to overthrow their human oppressors.

Along the way, Caesar enlists the help of Maurice, an orangutan who knows how to use sign language; and a chimp named Rocket.

John Lithgow ("Leap Year") plays Charles Rodman, Will's father, who suffers from dementia.

Co-starring is Freida Pinto ("Slumdog Millionaire") as Caroline Aranha, a primatologist and Will's sweetheart; and Brian Cox ("Red") as John Landon, the other zoo keeper.

Rupert Wyatt ("The Escapist") directed this original story, set in present time, with

outstanding special effects.

This so-called prequel is the first installment of the series that uses computer-generated apes with real human emotions, including the magnificent Caesar, the leader of the revolt.

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" is a grand science fiction adventure with a satisfying climax where a primate revolution is taking over the Golden Gate Bridge.

"COLOMBIANA" (PG-13)

"Colombiana" is an action thriller about a young woman vigilante.

The film tells the story of a young woman who works as a hired gun while trying to track down the people who murdered her parents years ago in 1992 in Bogota.

Zoe Saldana ("Avatar," "Star Trek") stars as Cataleya Restrepo, a rash and unstable young woman, who after witnessing her parents' murder as a child, grows up to be stone-cold assassin.

Turning herself into a professional killer and working for her uncle, she remains focused on her ultimate goal, to hunt down and get revenge on the crime boss, Don Luis, played by Beto Benites ("Hermano"), responsible for her parents' death, and his vicious right-hand-man, Marco, played by Jordi Molia ("Knight and Day").

She works for her uncle, Emilio Restrepo, played by Cliff Curtis ("Crossing Over"), who has taught her the ways of a killer.

She makes her living as a hired gun by day, but her personal time is spent engaging in vigilante murders that she hopes will lead her to her ultimate target.

Amanda Stenberg plays the young 10-year-old Cataleya, who is pursued by Colombian thugs and cleverly escapes to the United States to live with her uncle.

Michael Vartan ("Monster-In-Law") co-stars as her boyfriend, Danny Delaney, who is not aware of how Cataleya earns her living.

Also appearing is Lennie James ("The Next Three Days") as Special Agent Ross, who is hot on her tail.

Olivier Megaton ("Transporter 3") directed this explosive production, the brainchild of French director, actor and writer Luc Besson ("From Paris with Love") who also produced the film and wrote the screenplay.

"Colombiana" is a violent and disturbing action drama with some great and exciting action scenes by the sexy Saldana's character, the killing machine.



THE LOCAL BUZZ

Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

► Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff

The air station is hosting the Combined Federal Campaign 50th Anniversary Kickoff Block Party Sept. 16. Events will include motorcycle and automobile displays at the parking lot across from Cunningham's. There will also be tug-o-war competitions, beach volleyball and a battle of the bands at Cunningham's.

Those looking to participate in the motorcycle and automobile displays should contact David Carrico at 466-3685 or by email at david.carrico@usmc.mil. Those who want to participate in volleyball or tug-o-war, contact Semper Fit at 466-4272.

For more information about the kickoff, contact Bobbie Whitbeck at 466-4237.

► Twin Towers Memorial

To recognize the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, a large structural steel artifact from the World Trade Center will be placed in Havelock Sunday near the Harrier display by the Havlock Police Station.

The ceremony for the memorial will begin at 8 a.m.

► Volunteer Opportunity

The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores is seeking volunteers to help deliver its conservation message.

Anyone interested in joining the volunteer crew is invited to a drop-in volunteer open house, from 9-11 a.m. on Sept. 17.

Aquarium staff members and current volunteers will be on hand to talk about the positions available and the benefits of volunteering, and to provide tours of the Aquarium from a volunteer's perspective.

9/11 Commemoration

There will be a 9/11 commemoration ceremony at the Cherry Point headquarters building flagpole at 7:45 a.m., Friday.

It will be held in memory of the 10th anniversary of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Women's Expo

There will be a Women's Expo at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front St., Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

Monthly and Weekly Events

Courage to Change

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

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

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

AA Beginners Meeting

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

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

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

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

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

The meetings are held at Havelock First Baptist Church.

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

Together For Life

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

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

Domestic Violence Victims

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

Carteret County Domestic Violence Program.

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

For more information, call 728-3788.

Marine Corps League Meetings

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

For more information, call 515-1175.

Disabled Veterans

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

For information, contact Doug Matthers at 447-2761.

Hotlines

2nd MAW Command Inspector General

466-5038

Station Inspector

466-3449

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Sexual Assault

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

Severe Weather and Force Protection Information

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

Sept. 6, 1983

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Marine and Family Programs

Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

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

- Child Development Resource and Referral – 466-3595.

- Exceptional Family Member Program – 466-7547.

- Family Advocacy Program – 466-3264.

- Library – 466-3552.

- LifeLong Learning – 466-3500.

- Military Family Life Consultant – 876-8016.

- New Parent Support Program – 466-3651.

- Retired Activities – 466-5548.

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

- Substance Abuse Counseling – 466-7568.

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

Budget for Baby

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

To register call 466-2031.

Breastfeeding Class

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

To register call 466-2031.

Veterans' Assistance

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

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2nd MAW Marines perform aviation logistics exercise aboard ship

CPL. BRITTANY J. KOHLER

MCAF NEW RIVER

BALTIMORE, Md. — Approximately 80 Marines from several units within 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing participated in a week-long load/offload and communications training exercise aboard the Aviation Logistics Support Ship, S.S. Wright, currently docked in Baltimore, Md.

The purpose of the T-AVB exercise is to maintain and provide aviation logistics support and sustainment to 2nd MAW. The exercise focused on load planning, loading, communication operations and galley operations aboard the ship. The training ensures the efficiency of a functional and deployable 2nd MAW logistical asset, which is required to conduct safe and effective T-AVB embarkation.

"The training teaches the Marines all the steps and processes it takes to make a deployment happen and to be able to support the aircraft," said Gunnery Sgt. Michael K. Ward, mobile facility staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14, Cherry Point.

The S.S. Wright is one of two aviation logistics support ships used by the Marine Corps. Their mission is to provide a rapid tailored deployable intermediate maintenance activity, or IMA, to support forward deployed aircraft.

"What we did was take these facilities and put them all over the ship in a functioning capability to simulate day-to-day operations in a deployed environment," said Ward.

The mobile facilities look like storage containers that ships carry for goods or cargo. They are used for a variety of things to provide a workspace and storage for aviation maintainers, supply, bulk storage, etc.

Every mobile facility is configured into a work center, so the Marines not only have a container

that houses their components, but also an environmentally controlled work center with electricity, lights, air conditioning and other components that fit their needs in order to complete their job.

"They can pick up these mobile facilities (at Cherry Point) and put them on the T-AVB, and within a matter of days be a completely operational (IMA)," said Charles R. Doyle, aviation planner, aviation logistics department, 2nd MAW. "Then the T-AVB can sail to any part of the world to offload if required."

The majority of the maintenance equipment and supplies that are required to maintain forward deployed Marine Corps fixed wing and rotor wing aircraft will be delivered by the T-AVB.

"We still have legacy aircraft out on the flight line that require support," said Doyle. "This ship can be configured into a floating aviation logistics platform from the sea, so there is no host nation support required. For the aircraft to be able to fly, we have to have good parts and we have to be able to replenish these parts. That is where these ships come in handy."

Though the training was cut short due to safety precautions related to Hurricane Irene, Ward affirmed the training exercise a success.

"A lot of these Marines didn't know much about the job in the beginning of the week," said Ward. "By the end of the exercise, I didn't have to give out much instruction, they knew exactly what they were doing and they did it safely."

The training was conducted in preparation for an upcoming exercise, Bold Alligator, slated to take place in January. Bold Alligator is similar to the exercise conducted in Baltimore, just on a larger scale. According to the U.S. Fleet Forces Command Blog, Bold Alligator 2012, will be the largest amphibious exercise conducted by the Navy and Marine Corps in the last 10 years.



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Aviation logistics Marines with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing guide a mobile facility to its proper location aboard the S.S. Wright Aug. 24 during an amphibious training exercise. Approximately 80 Marines of several units within 2nd MAW participated in a weeklong load/offload and communications training exercise aboard the aviation logistics support ship, currently ported in Baltimore, Md.

Pinpoint technology: MACS-2 tests future warfighting concepts

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Marines from Marine Air Control Squadron 2 assisted Headquarters Marine Corps by testing a new composite tracking network during a field training exercise that took place in Dam Neck, Va., July 28-Aug. 30.

"This piece of equipment will help us, as Marines, get back to our amphibious roots," said Maj. Jason A. Sharp, the operations officer for MACS-2. "This unique capability will eventually allow the Tactical Air Operations Center to detect, identify and distribute hostile targets to joint agencies like Aegis cruisers and fighters providing active air defense to protect our forces."

Sharp said CTN is the adaptation of the United States Navy's Cooperative Engagement Capability modified for Marine Corps use.

"MACS-2 possesses the only expeditionary ground-based sensor within the Department of Defense, which can detect and track long range air breathing targets within 300 nautical miles," said Sharp. "It can also pick up theater ballistic missiles at ranges of 400 nautical miles for 360 degrees and up to one million feet in elevation."

Sharp added that CTN will provide the Marine Air Ground Task Force commander a sensor netting solution that will help defend friendly forces from hostile aircraft and cruise missiles by correlating sensor data from local

and remote radars in the CEC network.

"MACS-2 will test this new capability during Operation Bold Alligator, Jan. 20 - Feb. 12, 2012," said Sharp. "The TAOC will share its air picture with an E2-D Hawkeye providing air surveillance for the carrier strike group. This type of operation falls right in line with the commandant's guidance to return to our naval roots."

According to a release from the National Defense Industrial Association web site, <http://www.NDIA.org>, Bold Alligator is a sea-based amphibious operation that includes a forcible entry mission against conventional and asymmetric threats.

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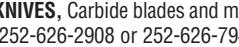
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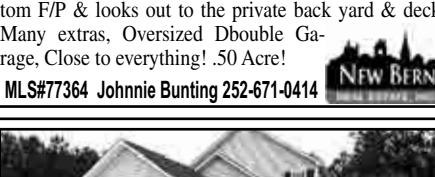


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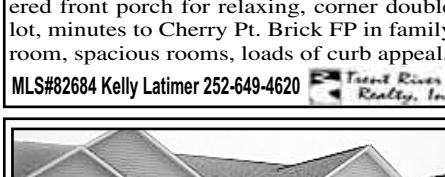
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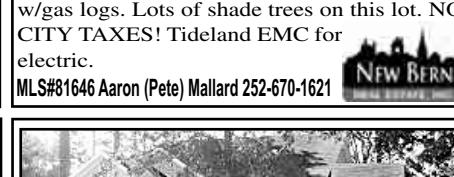
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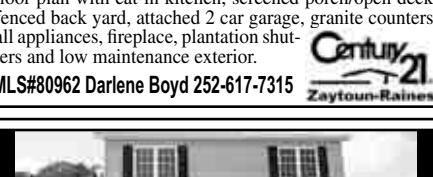
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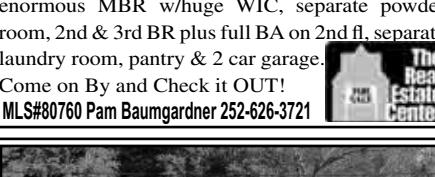


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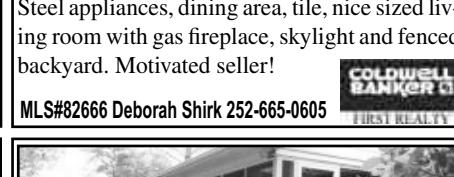
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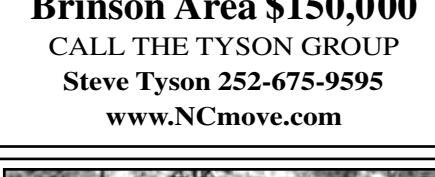


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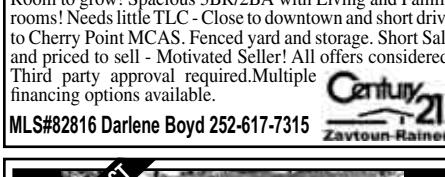
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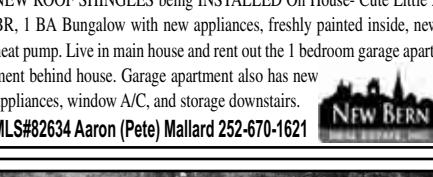
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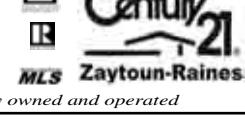
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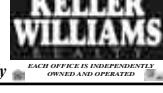
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benefits including 401k.

Apply in person at

290 Keel Rd. Grantsboro

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

AAE/EOE

Medical

The Craven County Health Department

has an opening for an

LPN II

The primary responsibility of this position is to function as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the Adult Primary Care clinic. The position requires graduation from an accredited practical nurse program, one year of practical nursing experience and a license to practice as a practical nurse in the state of North Carolina.

State of North Carolina application (PD107) is required and must be submitted to the Employment Security Commission.

Craven County is an EEO/A employer.

Medical/Health

NURSE NEEDED

Diabetes & Endocrinology Consultants need to add a nurse to our team.

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050 Help Wanted

Office

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Management, Purchasing and Customer Service. Call

252-229-6083 for an appointment

050 Help Wanted

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*****HIRING NOW*****
FT Days or PT Evenings
FUNDRAISING/TELESALES ON BEHALF OF SHRINER'S ORGANIZATION
Must have a sense of humor and a loud voice!
FT up to \$25 per hour.
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Graduation from high school required. Knowledge in accounting and computers; responsible for recording and making deposits and working as cashier is busy, fast paced office. Must pass criminal background/drug check. Full time position 8-5 daily, open on Saturdays.

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901 Lake Road, Havelock NC. Must apply in person.

060 Lost & Found

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MOBILE HOME HEAT AND COOL UNITS 24,000 BTU package system. \$1499 Discount City Havelock 252-447-1880

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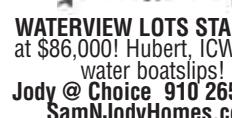
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HOME NEAR CHERRY POINT 107 Pirates Lane, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, pool, 2 decks, gas fireplace, \$125,000. (252)342-5615

210 Homes for Rent

2 & 3 BEDROOM homes for rent! \$550-\$625/month + deposit. References required. (252)633-4918

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH DUPLEX

in New Bern. \$465 per month. HUD ok. (252)224-0872 or 259-1467

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH

in Trent Village. \$850/m + deposit REQUIRED pet with fee. (910)548-5448

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH

Trentwoods area, 3,300sq.ft., no inside pets, \$1,250 per month. (252)670-1229

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2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex with garage. All major appliances, washer and dryer. Application fee required. Pets okay with applicable fees. Available 9/25. \$725/month. (252)229-0076

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