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The new training forward operating base nears completion at Camp Devil Dog, N.C. Non-infantry graduates of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., train here after recruit training to build on the skills they learned previously. Lessons taught here include patrolling, manning entry control points, digging fighting holes and more.

## Support Squadron builds post for MCT

LANCE CPL. SCOTT L. TOMASZYCKI

A new training combat outpost now stands at Camp Devil Dog for Marine Combat Training students to use. Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 combat engineers out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point built the forward operating base in a several month-long project that concluded Dec. 16.

MCT provides combat training for non-infantry Marines. At the conclusion of the 29 day training cycle, the students conduct a "Three Day War" during which they practice most of the skills they learned and operate from a combat base.

"This is going to enable the Marines to immerse themselves in the environment of being in a FOB as part of their final exercise at MCT," said 1st Lt. James P. Heg, a combat engineer platoon commander for MWSS-271. "With HES-CO barriers, (sand-filled barriers), around them they can't see over it because its seven feet high, so they're going to be able to get into that combat mindset.

"They'll enter the FOB and be able to conduct training, plan patrols; they'll be able to actually live as though they're living in a forward operating base in country. It'll add that 'train as you fight' mentality to everything that they do."

The project not only provides better training facilities for students at MCT, but also provides valuable experience for the support squadron.

'This has an enormous amount of training value for my Marines," Heg said. "Each and every one of these Marines at some point is going to put up HESCO, build a guard tower, build a hut.

What this has done for us is given us a two-way street opportunity to not only train our Marines but also give SOI East that awesome capability of keeping their training realistic."

All Marines are riflemen, and MCT is one of the places Marines go to learn their trade.

"For every Marine out there, learning these skills is common training, they're common skills for the basic rifleman," said Gunnery Sgt. Scott J. Burns, the MCT logistics chief. "MCT enhances what they learned a little bit at boot camp, and they come out here and learn what they're going to need if they go into combat."

## VMA-231 XO takes reigns as CO during change of command

LANCE CPL. GLEN E. SANTY

Marines, Sailors, families and friends packed the Marine Attack Squadron 231 hangar for the change of command ceremony held for Lt. Col. Shawn R. Hermley, the previous executive officer of the 'Ace of Spades,' replacing Lt. Col. Joseph D. Williams as commanding officer of VMA-231 at the squadron's hangar Friday.

"He has guided this squadron with a steady hand," said Col. Andrew G. Shorter, commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 14. "He was always one of the 'go to guys' and we respect you for that and we'll

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Lt. Col. Shawn R. Hermley (left), the previous executive officer of Marine Attack Squadron 231, receives the squadron colors from Lt. Col. Joseph D. Williams, the previous commanding officer of VMA-231, during the change of command ceremony Dec. 16.

### **LAAD Marines mentor New Bern High School students**

In the interest of area high school students, Marines from the 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion from MCAS Cherry Point formally adopted New Bern High School Dec. 8.

The year-long mentorship program was brought on by the school principal Thomas B. Marsh III, who wanted to start the program to help out "at risk" students. Marsh says problems that lie beyond the childrens' control can make them think they'll fail, but bringing in the Marines can offer something they can learn and benefit from.

"A lot of times these kids don't get enough positive support or see models that are successful," said Marsh. "I think the Marines are the perfect role model, and if the children can realize Marines are people too, maybe they'll have something to hook themselves to."

The two dozen or so Marines spoke with four children about life, classes, and the Marine Corps.

"As a LAAD battalion, we first maintain proficiency in our basic

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## Northrop-Grumman hosts return luncheon for VMAQ-4

LANCE CPL. GLEN E. SANTY

In the spirit of the season the Northrop-Grumman Corporation, the manufacturers of military aircraft, defense electronics, precision weapons, commercial and military aerostructures, hosted a homecoming party in honor of Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4's return from Afghanistan at Miller's Landing Dec. 15.

The significance behind VMAQ-4's deployment was the inaugural use of the Improved Capability III, EA-6B Prowler in Afghanistan by the Marine Corps.

The EA-6B Prowler is the Navy and Marine Corps tactical jamming aircraft that interrupts enemy radar and communications from the air.

"The new weapon system did awesome. It's really a cut above," said

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Cpl. Stacy K. Chester, a K-9 handler with the military working dogs, pets Dingo, a five-year-old German Shepherd, Dec. 15. "My closest family is over 1,500 miles away," said Chester. "I have friends I work with, but Dingo is my best friend. If we had to drive him to get the antivenin I wouldn't have Dingo here with me right now."

## Dog saved by Marines after snake bite

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM MCAS CHERRY POINT

Dingo, a five-year-old German Shepherd, has suffered broken hind legs during his time as a Marine Corps working dog, yet he recently fought for his life not in combat but right here aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point after being bitten by a venomous snake during a training exercise Dec. 5.

During the training exercise Dingo was searching the wood line for the simulated criminal, and after a few brief moments in the woods he was struck by the snake.

"I noticed a red mark on Dingo's leg as we were in pursuit of the 'criminal'," said Cpl. Stacy K. Chester, a K-9 handler with the military working dogs. "When

I noticed his leg I called him off to take a look. It had begun swelling and I immediately rushed him to the vet."

When Chester got Dingo to the air station veterinarian, Capt. Curtis R. Cline, they began to shave the hair on Dingo's leg, finding a second puncture wound, indicating that Dingo had been bitten by a snake. The vet's assistants and kennel personnel began calling around to the local area looking for antivenin.

"Most snakes are hibernating at this time of year," said 2nd Lt. Lloyd T. Hardee, kennel master for the military working dogs. "With the weather changing so drastically over the last month from cold to warm these

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## AV-8B Harriers fly over Wake Island



AV-8B Harrier vertical/short take off and landing jets with Marine Attack Squadron 311, from Yuma, Ariz., fly over Wake Island as they make their trans-pacific crossing on the way to join the aviation combat element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. The 31st MEU is the only continuously forward-deployed MEU and remains the nation's force in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region.





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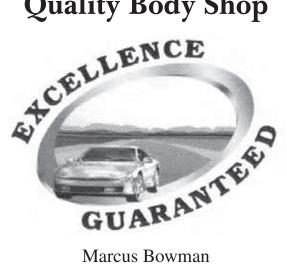
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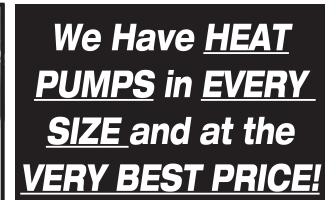


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Maj. Stephen Driskill, the operations officer with VMAQ-4. "There's a noticeable difference between the ICAP III Prowler and all of the other versions. It's really the latest and greatest and we barely scratched the surface of its capabilities."

Northrop-Grumman representatives along with the VMAQ-4 squadron all gathered for the seasonal luncheon. The representatives presented awards to the squadron for its 776 successful sortie missions and 2,776 accumulated flight hours acquired during their deployment.

"Obviously, we've invested a lot into the squadron and Marine Corps," said Steve Hogan, the vice president of information operations and electronic attack and integrated product team leader for the company's aerospace systems sector of Northrop-Grumman. "It's important for them to know that Northrop-Grumman is there to support them, just as they support Northrop-Grumman."

VMAQ-4 returned from their six-month deployment in November, just in time for Thanksgiving.

"Getting back right before the holidays, it's hard to describe the excitement and relief," said Driskill. "It feels good to be home and I'm proud to be a part of the lucky few who got the chance to be home with their families during the holidays."

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miss you for that."

During the ceremony Williams took the time to thank everybody he worked with while commanding the squadron. His thanks ranging from Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, commanding general of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing to all the Marines' spouses and families.

"Sacrifice is easy to say but it's really hard to do," said Williams. "As I look back at my

time in command, and looking at these Marines, I am amazingly proud. So thanks again to the spouses, or Lady Aces, and to the Marines of 231. I can't tell you how proud I am, Semper Fi."

Hermley reported to the 'Ace of Spades' in June 2008 and took over as the executive officer of the squadron. In 2009 he deployed with the 'Spades' to Afghanistan. Departing

Afghanistan early, Hermley took charge of a detachment from Marine Attack Squadron 542 detachment as the officer in charge. The detachment joined Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (Reinforced) and deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Some of Hermley's personal awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

that the Marines are doing this."

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and in turn educate others on what we do."

said it was a great experience for her daughter.

Burdette said.

military occupational specialty training to include air defense and security force mis-

sions," said Lt. Col. Joel A. Burdette. "As soon as we have those things in check, it's

important for the Marines to turn our energies outward to the community to help others

It gives them confidence in their Marine Corps and it also allows them to develop

"I think it's really important for kids to have a proper schooling experience both aca-

personal and meaningful relationships with the individual Marines that serve them,

demically and socially so they can learn all the knowledge they need to go to next step,

whether it be college, military or the workforce," said Lance Cpl. Chad M. Angelie,

an assistant gunner with the battalion. "We're helping out by giving them some of the

Phyllis A. Strader, mother of Marilyn Strader, 14, a student at New Bern High School

"She's really happy and seems to be learning a lot," said Strader. "I'm really grateful

skills and helping them figure out how to problem solve on their own."

with two Gold Stars.

"Having been the XO of this squadron for three years I know what a great legacy of leadership this squadron has," said Hermley.

"This is a tremendous honor."

Williams will be proceeding on to 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Aviation Training System here.

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snakes are waking up thinking they are hungry, and that is what happened to Dingo."

Hardee explained once a snake awakens from hibernation its instinct is to feed and protect itself. During this period of time venomous snakes don't have as much control on how much venom they release into a victim. In Dingo's case, the snake had released a large quantity of venom into his leg causing the swelling to progress quickly.

"When I saw the swelling begin to rush up Dingo's leg and I knew it was a snake bite, I thought the worst," said Chester. "After a few phone calls it became apparent no one in the local area had the antivenin we needed for Dingo. I thought I was going to lose my best friend."

Hardee contacted his supervisors who informed Col. Philip J. Zimmerman, the MCAS Cherry Point commanding officer, of the situation.

"The Marine Corps is different with the working dog program than the other branches," said Hardee. "These dogs belong directly to the air station commanding officer. When Col. Zimmerman heard what happened and

that we needed to get Dingo treatment and care he needed he said 'do whatever it takes to get that dog treatment.'"

Cline called his supervisor seeking knowledge and her advice on the situation.

"When I called my supervisor she told me she was in Norfolk and had the antivenin and to have the dog transported there for further treatment and care after he was stabilized," said Cline.

Hardee then contacted the search and rescue team with Marine Transport Squadron 1 who fly the HH-46 Sea Knights fondly known as Pedro.

"My first thoughts when briefed by our operations section was 'wait a dog?'" said Capt. Brett Malavenda, a pilot with VMR-1. "After being told that it was a working dog I said, 'hey we have a Marine bitten, let's get moving.' Those dogs are just as important to this base as the Marines. They protect us and detect bombs that could kill hundreds of Marines. I was happy to fly him."

Chester flew with the VMR-1 crew as they took Dingo to Naval Station Norfolk, Va. Dingo spent the next few days there getting

treatment for the bite.

"The whole flight I stood by Dingo hoping and praying we would get to Norfolk in time to save his leg as well as his life," said Chester. "People don't realize what these dogs mean to their handlers. Yes, they are our partners when we are investigating locations or standing guard. But we deploy with these K-9's. While down range in theater we are on our own. We are going out with different platoons and units each time we leave the wire. The only person I know is my dog. These dogs will die for us and us for them."

Chester and Dingo returned from Norfolk to Cherry Point on Dec. 8. Dingo's leg was watched over for the next several days to see if there would be any tissue or muscle loss from his encounter with the slithery serpent. Dingo currently has not lost any muscle or tiggue.

"Dingo is doing great," said Hardee. "He is back to his old self. The only problem we face now is to see if he will be able to conduct the tasks needed from him."

Hardee said when something traumatic happens to a dog they don't think 'ok I've

done this training 200 times and nothing happened.' They think, 'hey last time I did this exercise I got bit' and might not perform the task needed.

"This event has helped all involved from the K-9 unit to VMR-1," said Cline. "My staff at the vet clinic now knows who has antivenin and who doesn't. We have a contact with VMR-1 if we need to rush an animal to another location."

Chester expressed his gratitude for all involved and knows without all their help Dingo's leg or life would be lost.

"They saved my best friend," said Chester. "My closest family is over 1,500 miles away. I have friends I work with, but Dingo is my best friend. He knows when I'm having a bad day, when I'm upset and when I am ready to go to work.

"If we had to drive him to get the antivenin I wouldn't have Dingo here with me right now. I know that without the teamwork shown by VMR-1 and the vets, Dingo would be dead."





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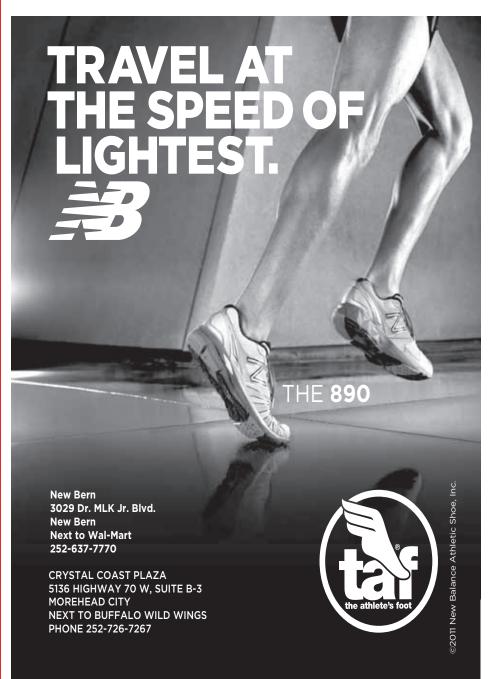
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## Harriers take on new fire power



SGT. ELYSSA QUESAL

Ordnance technicians with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 (Reinforced) load an advanced medium-range air-to-air missile onto an AV-8B Harrier aboard USS Makin Island Dec. 8. The squadron serves as the aviation combat element for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which embarked USS Makin Island, USS New Orleans and USS Pearl Harbor in San Diego Nov. 14, beginning a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Middle East regions.



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The O U2 R OD Amendment h as b een r eviewed a nd a pproved by the N avy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), in consultation with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR).

A public comment period was held from April 11, 2011 to June 10, 2011, and a public meeting was held on April 27, 2011 to solicit comments on the Proposed Plan. There were no public comments made concerning the Proposed Plan. Final signature for the OU2 ROD Amendment was completed on September 8, 2011. The action selected for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 is Soil Cover with Groundwater Monitoring. The effectiveness of this remedy will be reviewed every five years.

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# Recon Battalion takes to the skies during jump training

LANCE CPL. JOSHUA J. HINES

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Hanging high in the cloudless sky the sun shines brightly as a UH-1Y Huey takes to the air. Within moments the chopper reaches an altitude of 1,500 feet and the Marines on board get the ready command. The jump master yells, "Go!" and with a solid tap on the shoulder the

Marines jump one-by-one.

This was the scene as Marines with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, took part in the airborne jump sustainment training held aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Friday.

The jump was part of a quarterly training regimen for the airborne qualified Marines of 2nd Recon. In order to continue to be qualified, the Marines must parachute every quarter to stay current as a jumper and to maintain performance and proficiency.

"Obviously parachuting in a reconnaissance battalion is used as a means of insertion, and is a huge part of getting the Marines on the ground in order to conduct their mission," said Staff Sgt. Jerry Fortenberry, platoon sergeant, paraloft platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Recon Bn.

Prior to the day of the jump the Marines receive classes on safety precautions and how to handle emergency situations. The Marines also go through a practical application portion in which they act out what they might do if certain situations were to occur, such as emergencies and how to properly deploy their reserve parachute.

"Before the Marines can actually go up in the helicopter and jump, they go through all of the motions of a live jump, from start to finish, while on the ground," said Fortenberry.

During the application portion of the training the Marines even use a mock UH-1Y Huey, which is the actual helicopter they used during the training.

"This is high risk training, it's not like going to the rifle range once a year, this is something that needs to be done pretty often," said Fortenberry. "In order to be a proficient jumper we try and jump at least twice a month at a minimum."

Throughout the training, groups of eight Marines would board the helicopter handing off their static line to the Jump Master to be "hooked in". Once reaching the appointed drop zone the Marines would exit from the helicopter at which time their parachute would quickly be pulled for them by the force of their exiting the helicopter



Marines with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, parachute toward their target landing zone during the 2nd Recon Bn. airborne jump sustainment training held aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Dec. 16. The jump was part of a quarterly training regimen for the airborne qualified Marines of 2nd Recon.

"This has been a good opportunity to further their training and work on their grouping, landings and assembling on a drop zone," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Urquhart, battalion training

chief, H&S Co., 2nd Recon Bn. "Some of the Marines are less experienced, but everyone has done pretty good throughout the training."

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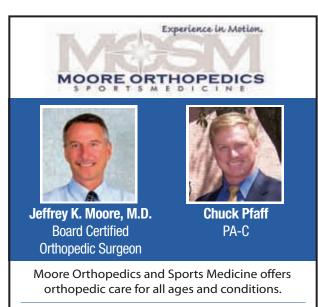
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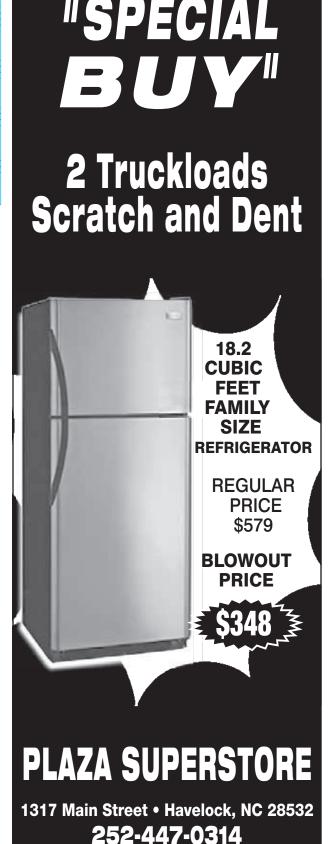
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**Tower Heist** - Starring: Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Casey Affleck, Alan Alda. Queens native Josh Kovacs has managed one of the most luxurious and well-secured residences in New York City for more than a decade. Under his watchful eye, nothing goes undetected. With only days before Arthur, a Wall Street titan, gets away with the perfect crime, Josh's crew turns to petty crook Slide to plan the nearly impossible to steal what they are sure is hidden in Arthur's guarded condo. Though amateurs, these rookie thieves know the building better than anyone. Turns out they've been casing the place for years, they just didn't know it.

Jack and Jill - Starring: Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes, Allen Covert, Al Pacino. Jack Sadelstein, a successful advertising executive in Los Angeles with a beautiful wife and kids, who dreads one event each year: the Thanksgiving visit of his identical twin sister Jill. Jill's neediness and passive-aggressiveness is maddening to Jack, turning his normally tranquil life upside down.

Rum Diary - Starring: Johnny Depp, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Rispoli, Amber Heard, Richard Jenkins. Journalist Paul Kemp travels to the pristine island of Puerto Rico to write for a local newspaper, where he becomes obsessed with Chenault, the wildly attractive Connecticut-born fiance of Sanderson. Sanderson, a businessman involved in shady property development deals, is one of a growing number of American entrepreneurs who are determined to convert Puerto Rico into a capitalist paradise. When Kemp is recruited by Sanderson to write favorably behalt his latest unsequences. about his latest unsavory scheme, the journalist is presented with a choice: to use his words for the corrupt businessmen's financial benefit, or use them to take him

Immortals - Starring: Henry Cavill, Luke Evans, Kellan Lutz, Mickey Rourke. A mortal chosen by Zeus named Theseus must lead the fight against the ruthless King Hyperion and his evil army with the fate of mankind and the Gods at stake. Movies are subject to change without notice



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Cpl. Lucas Chambers, Cpl. Steven Kries, and Cpl. Josey Chambers work together as crew chiefs and mechanics on the UH-1Y Hueys of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan. The three men, all from Scott County, Tenn., are cousins. They've spent their entire lives and Marine Corps careers together. They're currently deployed alongside one another in Afghanistan for the second time in two years.

CPL. BRIAN ADAM JONES

2ND MAW(FWD)

**CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan**— Lucas, Josey and Steven grew up together. They graduated high school together. They joined the Marine Corps together.

They completed boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., together. They trained to be helicopter 1 dbg`mhbr+`mc bgdbjdc hmsn sgdhq @rst unit together.

And now for the second time in two years, they're deployed to Afghanistan together.

The three men, all from Scott County, Tenn., are cousins. As they discharge their duties as mechanics and crew chiefs on Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369's UH-1Y Hueys, they have one an-

"We grew up really tight," said Cpl. Josey Chambers. "We have literally been together our entire lives."

After graduating Scott High School in 2008, the cousins joined the Marine Corps in rapid succession, all with aviation contracts. They went to boot camp in the same platoon, and all trained to work on the same type of aircraft. In an even more rare scenario, they all received orders to HMLA-369, based at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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we lucked out and were assigned to the same squadron," said Cpl. Steven Kries.

The squadron, currently deployed to Afghanistan with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), provides close-air support with UH-1Y Hueys and AH-1W Super Cobras for coalition forces operating in southwestern Afghanistan, saving forces of NATO and Afghan forces alike.

"Our families get a little comfort knowing we're out here able to watch each other's backs," said Cpl. Lucas Chambers.

"If I don't talk to my parents for awhile, they're calling his parents looking for updates," said Steven.

In the holiday season, Lucas admits Christmas in Afghanistan will "probably just be another day here."

But he said he worries about his family back home, missing the three young men over the holidays.

"That's probably the worst part of it," Lucas said, "knowing they're going to be thinking of us and missing us."

The cousins' circumstance has allowed them to stay exceptionally close during their time in the Marine Corps. The Marines said they like being able to lean on each other in Afghanistan.

"Everyone out here is like family, but g`uhmf sgdrd ftxr cd@nitely helps," Josey said.

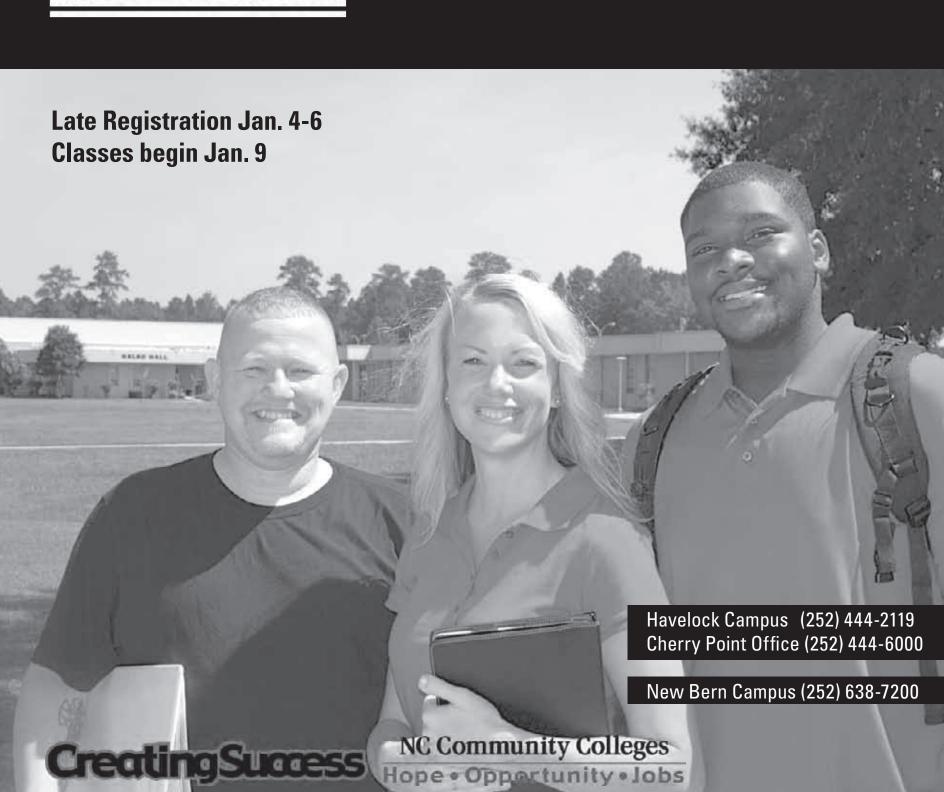


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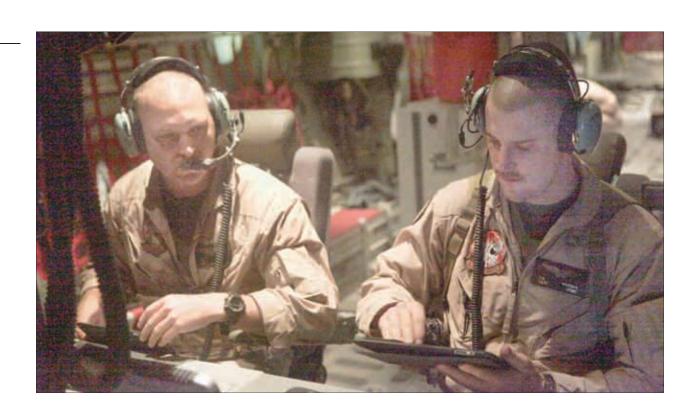
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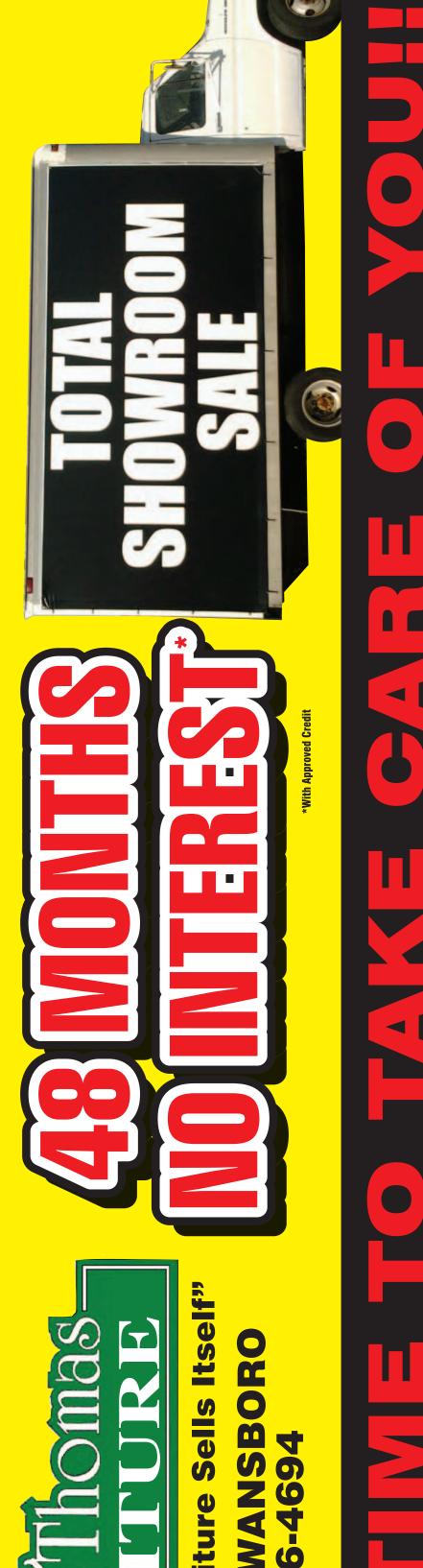
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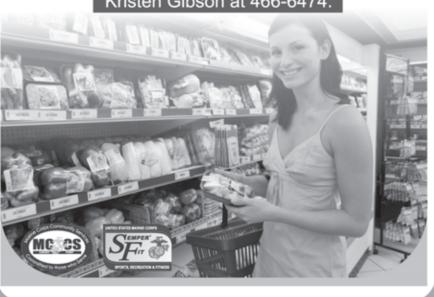


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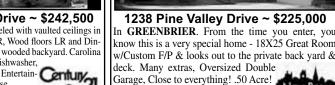


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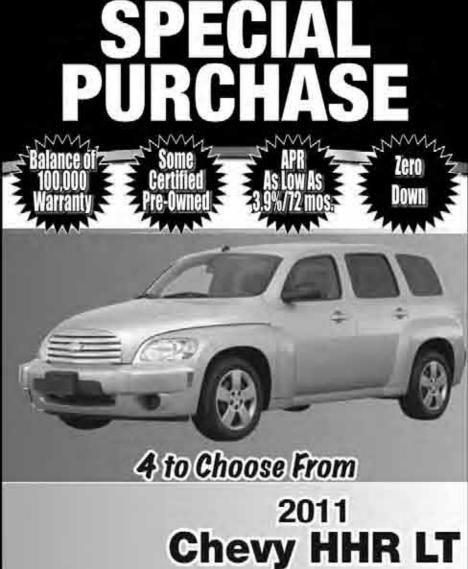
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'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live. I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree. No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands. With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind. For this house was different, it was dark and dreary, I found the home of a Marine, once I could see clearly. The Marine lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States Marine. Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed? I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these Marines who were willing to fight. Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would

month of the year, because of the Marines, like the one lying here. I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The Marine awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, this life is my choice; I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my

God, my country, my Corps." The Marine rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night's chill. I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night, this

guardian of honor so
willing to fight. Then the
Marine rolled over, with a voice soft
and pure, whispered, "Carry on
Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is
secure." One look at my watch, and
I knew he was right. "Merry
Christmas my friend, and to all a
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