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## Marine rescues young swimmer at Atlantic Beach

Pfc. Mike Granahan  
MCAS Cherry Point

Sgt. Michael A. Pickett was enjoying a relaxing Saturday swimming at Atlantic Beach July 6, but all that changed when he saw someone on shore begin to shout and point toward the water.

Pickett turned to look and saw an 8-year-old boy struggling to keep his head above water. The child had been pulled about 70 yards offshore by a rip current, said Pickett, a special intelligence communicator with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2.

"As soon as I saw him I swam straight out as fast as I could," said Pickett. "I didn't know how long he had been going under and I didn't want to take the chance of him going under for good and me possibly losing sight of him."

Without hesitation and at risk of getting pulled out to sea himself, Pickett swam to the distressed youth, said Gunnery Sgt. Elek L. Williams, a special intelligence communicator with MWHS-2 and Pickett's staff noncommissioned officer in charge.

"After reassuring the boy and supporting his efforts to stay afloat, (Pickett) kept his wits about him and swam perpendicular to the current until the rip no longer affected their course," said Williams. "Still supporting the weight of the boy and now further away from safety, he made his way back to shore."

Pickett turned the boy over to the care of a lifeguard approximately 20 yards from shore. Relieved to know the child was alive and well, Pickett took a well-deserved rest on shore.

"I have a son that's about to turn 6, so the only thing I could think of was what if it was him out there, and I hope someone else would do the same thing," said Pickett.



Sgt. Michael A. Pickett, a special intelligence communicator with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2, rescued an 8-year-old boy July 6.

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A Marine with Marine Air Control Squadron 2 returns to Cherry Point July 18 after a seven-month deployment to Southern Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

## MACS-2 returns from Afghanistan

Pfc. Unique B. Roberts  
MCAS Cherry Point

After a nearly seven-month deployment to Afghanistan, more than 80 Marines with Marine Air Control Squadron 2 returned to Cherry Point July 18.

"Since deploying in response to Operation Enduring Freedom, MACS-2 was responsible for providing air command and control in support of Marine Air-Ground Task Force operations in southwestern Afghanistan," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hanson, commanding officer of MACS-2.

"We were providing air traffic control at forward operating bases across Regional Command Southwest," said Maj. Jason Sharp, the detachment commander. "We also had air defense controllers doing tactical control of aircraft that were 16,000 feet and above in ... a 70,000-square-mile piece of air space."

During the deployment MACS-2 faced many challenges but ensured that the mission was successfully

completed, said Sharp.

Sharp, who has deployed six times, acknowledges that all deployments have their challenges but there is nothing his Marines cannot accomplish with unit cohesion and determination.

"The biggest challenge we faced was relocating the tactical air operation center," said Sharp. "It took us about 10 days to fully relocate it and continue to provide control services."

MACS-2 Marines displayed unwavering courage during the deployment and made their leadership proud, said Hanson.

"I could not be happier," he said. "There's no happier feeling than when your Marines successfully deploy, support the mission, and return safely to their unit and families. It's really important, and I feel very good about it."

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## Feds Feeds Families food drive underway

Lance Cpl. Andrea Cleopatra Dickerson  
MCAS Cherry Point

For the past three years, the Feds Feeds Families food drive conducted by Marines, Sailors and community members aboard the air station has collected and distributed thousands of pounds of non-perishable food items to a local food bank.

Established by President Obama, Feds Feeds Families is a federal program that runs annually through the summer months. It encourages federal employees to donate dry goods and other items to their local community to help provide relief at a time when many are experiencing economic hardships.

"The need for help has increased," said Carolyn Newborn, the director of the Living Waters Ministry Outreach food pantry. "Over the past few years, we have been helping more than 100 families a month."

Through donations, Cherry Point and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing personnel have already collected and distributed approximately 2,000 pounds of food so far this year.

The yearly campaign helps further strengthen the bond between Cherry Point and the surrounding communities, said Gunnery Sgt. Addam Baker, the Cherry Point program drive manager.

"This food drive benefits not only the local Havelock community members; it benefits the Marines as well," Newborn said. "Sometimes we have service members who get assistance to help their families while they're deployed or between pay periods when their money just won't stretch far enough."

Donation boxes are located at the Marine Corps Exchange, the convenience stores, the Commissary, the Child Development Center, Cherry Tree House, Cunningham's, Miller's

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## Military Family of the Quarter: The Smalls go big

Pfc. Unique B. Roberts  
MCAS Cherry Point

The Havelock Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee honored the Military Family of the Quarter during a reception in Havelock Tuesday.

The recipients were Petty Officer First Class Zachary Small, with the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Marine Unit Cherry Point, and his wife, Jaclyn. Small is the lead petty officer for the cryogenics school aboard the air station.

"The chamber has been presenting this award for more than 13 years," said Gary Baldree, the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. "It's been part of our program for a long time."

Upon receiving the award, Small and his family expressed great gratitude.

"I feel humble. I didn't even know this award existed," said Small. "You don't do it to get recognized

– but for them to see that it's not just me but my wife too – it means a lot actually. It's more (meaningful) than any other award because it recognizes the family," said Small.

The committee awards Cherry Point service members each quarter to show appreciation for exceptional service and community involvement.

For a year and a half, Small and his family have been working hard and making it their charge to help others in and around Havelock.

Small has dedicated more than 32 hours to volunteering, offering his services to the Havelock Elementary School Spring Carnival and the Meals on Wheels program, committing his free time to providing food to those in need. He also volunteered at the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band Christmas concert.

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Petty Officer First Class Zachary Small, the lead cryogenics instructor at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, and his wife Jaclyn, receive the Military Family of the Quarter award during a reception in Havelock Tuesday. The family completed hours of community service throughout the local community.

Pfc. Unique B. Roberts

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# News Briefs

## FY 14 MMEA Command Visit

Marine Administrative Message 364/13 released July 19 announced fiscal year 2014 annual enlisted assignments branch visits to major commands. The visits will take place between September and December.

Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments personnel are tentatively scheduled to visit Cherry Point Dec. 5.

Enlisted monitors will be available for personal interviews to discuss the needs of the Marine Corps and the desires of individual Marines.

## CMC Revises Hazing Policy

Marine Administrative Message 359/13 released July 18 contained Gen. James F. Amos's revised and republished guidance, reemphasizing the Corps' commitment to ensuring all Marines are treated with dignity and respect.

Significant revisions include mandatory reporting of all hazing allegations and entry of all hazing allegations into the Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Database. The message includes refinements to the definition of hazing, including specific actions that are considered as hazing.

Reference A reiterates that hazing is a warfighting and leadership issue that destroys trust and confidence in unit leadership and has no place in a disciplined and professional military force. It is prohibited, and will not be tolerated.

## Marines Test Patrolling System

Marines are testing prototypes of the new Marine Austere Patrolling System at an End User Evaluation July 17-24 in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division developed MAPS as an individual, wearable power management and distribution system, enabling Marines to patrol longer without resupply.

The system boasts an advanced solar panel and a water filtration system. It integrates flat-form batteries and provides a central source of electrical energy that can be adapted to any equipment's electrical requirements.

Common electronics the vest can power for Marines include gear such as radios, night-vision goggles, global positioning system, laptops and Universal Serial Bus-powered equipment.

The wearable power system provides potential to reduce the weight of carrying multiple spares of standard batteries by up to 10 pounds for a multiple-day mission.

## Chaplain's Corner :

# Aesop's 'The Farmer and the Snake'

LT. STEVEN J. VORIS  
MAG-14

One winter a farmer found a snake stiff and frozen with cold. He had compassion for it, and taking it up, placed it in his bosom. The snake was quickly revived by the warmth, and resuming its natural instincts, bit its benefactor, inflicting on him a mortal wound. "Oh," cried the farmer with his last breath, "I am rightly served for pitying a scoundrel."

Whether or not one aids an injured enemy is a moral issue. The natural human inclination is to aid someone in need. Offering compassion to someone in need is actually a religious requirement in most religious traditions, even if the person is an enemy. The Geneva Convention, likewise, requires aid be offered to injured enemy combatants. Unfortunately, there are

enough anecdotal stories about well-meaning service members who came to harm from helping injured enemy combatants to require the topic be addressed in more detail. Even though aid is given to the enemy, doesn't mean that those providing assistance should drop their guard.

Our enemies practice a code of conduct similar to the one we use, "If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape." When aid is offered, precautions should be implemented to keep the enemy from harming anyone else. While it is admirable for the farmer to save the freezing snake, there is no reason he shouldn't have duct-taped the snake's mouth shut until he had moved the snake to a safe location for release.

# Powers of attorney explained

1ST LT. MICHAEL R. LOVEJOY  
LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY

A power of attorney is a document one person uses to grant someone else (the "agent") the power to conduct personal and business transactions on their behalf; or as is often said, to "step into the grantor's shoes," and exercise his legal rights. No one has the right to buy a house, get a credit card, or lease and apartment in your name without your express permission. A power of attorney is the express permission you provide another individual to do some or all of these things. For example, if no one else's name is on the title to your car, you are the only person with a legal right to sell that car. If you wanted your father to sell your car while you are on deployment, giving him a

power of attorney could allow him to do that.

As members of the military, our line of work often puts us in far away and hard to reach places. While we are gone, life goes on back home for the people and things we leave behind. If you have a vehicle, a house or a child that someone else will be taking care of in your absence, providing that person a power of attorney will give them the legal authority they need to manage your affairs.

There are simpler ways to manage some affairs than through a power of attorney. Setting up an allotment or automatic bill pay with your bank might be easier than having someone else pay your bills every month. If you are deployed to a combat zone during the federal income tax filing

deadline, you rate an extension and don't need to give someone a power of attorney to file your taxes. If you have a joint bank account with your spouse, a power of attorney is not necessary to withdraw money; your spouse already has that power as a joint account holder. Similarly, a co-owner of your house and cars does not need a power of attorney to drive those cars or have repairs made to the house - he or she already has that power as a co-owner.

For anything your agent doesn't already have the right to do, however, you need a power of attorney. Once you have decided to get a power of attorney, you will have to decide which kind is best for you. A general power of attorney

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LANCE CPL. ANDREA CLEOPATRA DICKERSON

A Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 Marine bids farewell to his child July 17 before departing for Afghanistan. The Marines, along with detachments from a variety of fields, are filling critical roles as 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) nears the halfway mark of its one-year deployment.

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## CPL. HECTOR L. DEJESUS

**Job Title:** Combat Videographer  
**Unit:** Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron  
**Age:** 23  
**Hometown:** Allen, Texas  
**Date Joined:** March 23, 2009

The stereotypical image of a Marine has become that of an infantryman in combat or a pilot dropping supplies to troops, but without the support of combat videographers, the public would not know nearly as much about a wide array of duties and actions of Marines today.

Cpl. Hector L. Dejesus, a combat videographer with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, said he chose his job because other combat videographers' work changed his view of the military. This made him want to impact others in the same way. He said he also wants people to understand the importance of his job.

"As combat videographers, our sole job in the Marine Corps is to document and archive all Marine Corps activities from boot camp all the way up to grunt units," said Dejesus.

Producing local commander's access channel television shows "Commander's Corner" and "Under the Radar," creating commercials and printing posters to pass on information in an entertaining way are challenging aspects of the job, said Dejesus. His favorite part though, is documenting activities and training Marines on the air station. He said he thinks it is cool to get a taste of every aspect of the Marine Corps without having to be in any particular military occupational specialty.

Although he finds it challenging at times to edit videos and come up with fresh, creative ideas, Dejesus said he enjoys his job and is looking forward to learning more and advancing his career.

"Sit down and actually learn your craft and develop it," said Dejesus. "Don't be restricted to what your job is, step outside the box."



PFC. GRACE L. WALADKEWICS

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# MWCS-28 parents become 'Spartans' for a day



PHOTOS BY PFC. VICTOR A. ARRIAGA

Marines with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28 demonstrate the ammo can lift portion of the combat fitness test for parents and other family members Friday. The families toured the squadron and installation to learn more about where their Marines work during MWCS-28's Parents Day.

## PFC. VICTOR A. ARRIAGA

MCAS CHERRY POINT

Cecilia Ramirez traveled across the country to say goodbye to her son as he left on a six-month deployment to Spain. She waved as Cpl. Israel Ramirez boarded a bus July 17 but decided to extend her stay to take advantage of an unusual opportunity.

Her son's unit, Marine Wing Communication Squadron 28, hosted a Parents Day Friday to allow parents and other family members to get a feel for what their Marines do on a day-to-day basis.

"I've been with him every step of the way since he decided to join the Marines," said Ramirez. "I didn't expect that the command would come out and just reach out to you. I think it's great for all families because it lets the parents know how their children are doing and what they are going through."

Squadron leadership keeps families in mind during the planning process, said Master Gunnery Sgt. John Hornick, the communications chief for MWCS-28.

"When we do planning for operations, we make sure that families and readiness are a big part of it because we understand it's not just spouses who are affected," said Hornick.

Marines demonstrated the combat fitness test and Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques during the event. The families then toured the squadron and installation to learn more about where their Marines work.

"I love it," said Ramirez's wife, Maria. "I don't really get a chance to see what my husband does but to come out here and see what he does is pretty exciting."

During the tour, Marines gave the families a chance to talk on a PRC-117 radio and see various satellite dishes MWCS-28 works with.

"I appreciate that the command put in the time to get the resources together to allow the families to feel like a part of the command," said David Knox, father of Sgt. Micah Knox, a field wireman with MWCS-28.

Marines said they looked at the day as a nice way to spend more time with their parents.

"This will give them more of an understanding and perspective," said Knox. "I get to

spend the day with them so I'm a pretty happy camper."

By the end of the day's activities, Cecilia said she was satisfied with how the day went and had a better understanding for what her son does.

"I'm very proud of my son," said Cecilia Ramirez. "I've heard nothing but great things about him from MWCS-28, and it's great to see what he does."



A family member explores the inside of a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement MK23 cargo truck Friday. Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28 hosted a Parents Day to allow family members to get a feel for what their Marines do.

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Sharp said he was happy to reunite with his family.

“This is a remarkable homecoming, and I appreciate all of the MACS-2 staff and the band for coming out,” said Sharp. “It’s awesome to see all the families here. This is the first time I’ve come home and there has actually been an event like this, so this is amazing.”



PFC. UNIQUE B. ROBERTS

**Maj. Jason Sharp greets his family as he returns to Marine Air Control Squadron 2 headquarters aboard Cherry Point from a seven-month deployment from Southern Afghanistan.**

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Jaclyn is involved with volunteering as well.

During 2012-2013, Jaclyn took on the role of head coach of the Cherry Point cheerleading team. She volunteered more than 65 hours in which she held 13 practices and performed for eight games. While coaching, Jaclyn’s main focus was safety and teamwork. While working with Marine Corps Community Services, Jaclyn designed, planned and implemented a cheerleading program that has been approved for the summer of 2013.

Jaclyn said she doesn’t expect anything in return except for her experience to be awesome.

“I was very impressed with the family itself,” said Baldree. “I was very excited to see that they were selected.”

Although the family has been recognized for their achievements, they plan to continue their volunteer work.

Jaclyn remains committed to cheerleading and Zachary is preparing for a dragon boat race later on in the month.

After setting the standard for excellence, the Smalls have set the bar high for future Military Family of the Quarter Award nominees, said Baldree.



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Landing, the air station theater, and Pass and ID. The most preferred items are non-perishable and canned food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, grains, soup, canned proteins, 100 percent juice, condiments, paper products, hygiene items and other non-perishable goods, said Newborn.

Volunteers will collect donations every Friday until the end of August.

“We survive off of the donations we receive,” Newborn said. “Our cupboards were getting low. Without this food drive, I don’t know what we would do.”

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Pickett’s quick and selfless actions made all the difference that day, said Williams.

“Pickett’s immediate response to the situation saved the boy from being swept out to sea in a rip current and potentially drowning,” said Williams.

MWHS-2 nominated Pickett for the 7th Annual American Hero Awards to be presented by Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Fox, the commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force. The awards recognize Marines for heroic action both at home and abroad.

“I would 100 percent do the exact same thing if I was presented with the same situation again,” said Pickett. “We as Marines are trained more than the average person, and if we can use the skills we have been taught to help someone in need, I think we should do it, no questions asked.”

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allows your agent to conduct any transaction in your name. A special power of attorney limits your agent’s authority to specific tasks, such as selling a car, buying a home or seeking medical treatment for one of your children. The common wisdom used to be to give a general power of attorney to someone you trust before going on deployment; this is no longer good advice for two reasons. First, giving someone a general power of attorney gives that person unlimited authorization to do anything on your behalf, and it is frequently abused. Many a salty barracks lawyer can tell you a story of a young Marine coming back from deployment to find the person he entrusted with a general power of attorney has drained all his bank accounts, spent his reenlistment bonus and maxed out several credit cards in his name. Although immoral, all of the actions of that person are authorized under a general power of Attorney.

The second reason why a general power of attorney is not recommended is that there is a major risk it will not be accepted. As a result of the frequent misuse of general powers of attorney, many businesses and government programs will not accept any general power of attorney. Even if you have been happily married for 20 years, a bank has no obligation to accept a general power of attorney you have given to your spouse. The way around both of these problems is to get a special power of attorney.

A special power of attorney is a document that lists specific powers you are granting to your agent, rather than saying they can do anything and everything in your name. If your spouse has a special power of attorney that specifically says you are authorizing your spouse to enroll dependents in Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System and ship your household goods to your next duty station, it is much more likely your spouse will succeed in getting those things done. If you are out of the area while a bank is processing your mortgage application, the bank will be much more likely to allow your agent to sign on your behalf if that person has a special power of attorney specifically authorizing them to sign a mortgage application.

Although it will require some thought on your part, listing out the powers you want to grant to someone in a special power of attorney is the best way to ensure your family and your property are set up to succeed. Giving someone a general power of attorney “just in case” is a fire-and-forget solution that is no longer a substitute for careful planning. If one of those “just in case” scenarios does come up, you do not want a general power of attorney to be your only bid for success.

At Legal Assistance, located in building 219, we draft powers of attorney on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday from 7:30—11 a.m. and 1—4:30 p.m.. If you need a power of attorney for a vehicle-related issue, please bring your vehicle registration.

Legal Assistance can help you with non-criminal legal matters. A limited number of walk-in appointments are accepted weekdays at 7:30 a.m. at the Legal Services Support Team, Bldg. 219. Please note that Notary availability is severely limited on Fridays due to sequestration.

# Ordnance Marine goes for aerial observer wings



PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. CHRISTOPHER JOHNS

Staff Sgt. Franklin Williams, an aviation ordnance technician with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 465 "Warhorses," fires a GAU-21 .50-caliber weapon system during a training mission in the desert outside El Centro, Calif., July 17. Williams used this flight to complete part of his syllabus to become an aerial observer.

## LANCE CPL. CHRISTOPHER JOHNS

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR

**EL CENTRO, Calif.** – This flight is not his first, nor will it be his last, but Staff Sgt. Franklin Williams, an aviation ordnance technician with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 465, needed it to earn his aerial observer wings.

The mission was a gun run, a flight where CH-53E Super Stallion crews use the GAU-21 .50-caliber weapon system to engage targets on the ground, much like they would in combat. Flights like these are a crucial part of the syllabus for training aerial observers.

Following his tour as a drill instructor, Williams arrived to the squadron in March 2012 and quickly set his sights on becoming an aerial observer, part of the crews who man these aircraft. By November that year, he got the chance to fully immerse himself into the syllabus.

Williams wanted to learn how the weapons he and his Marines maintain are used and pass that information on to his maintainers to help them improve service. The result could be a more operable weapon system with fewer stoppages and better communication between air crews and ordnance Marines.

Williams intends to get his Marines involved with the training as well.

"My goal is to have a few of my [Marines] become aerial observers after me, so they can see for themselves how the guns are operating, raising their efficiency with their primary job, fixing these weap-



Sgt. Christopher Johnson, right, an aerial gunner instructor with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 465, briefs Staff Sgt. Franklin Williams, an aviation ordnance technician with the Warhorses, aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., July 17. Johnson served as one of Williams' evaluators during the training mission.

on systems," said Williams.

Since he began the training, Williams has seen how crews handle the weapons systems and taught crews a few tricks to ensure the weapons perform more

smoothly.

"I learned a lot about cleaning the different parts of the weapon from him," said Lance Cpl. Ray Mabin, a crew chief with the "Warhorses." "It helps a lot to know

that if I run into a problem with the weapon system, Staff Sgt. Williams is there to ensure I can trouble shoot it properly."

# Marines train to become Jump Master certified



LANCE CPL. SHAWN VALOSIN

Jump master instructor Sgt. 1st Class Walter Veazey (right) instructs Marines with 2nd Marine Logistics Group and other units going through a jump master course aboard Camp Lejeune July 19. The Marines in the course inspected each other's equipment and learned what to look for during missions.

## LANCE CPL. SHAWN VALOSIN

2ND MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** – Marines with 2nd Air Delivery Platoon, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, trained with Army airborne units at a jump masters' course aboard Camp Lejeune July 19.

Sgt. 1st Class Walter Veazey and two other jump master instructors from the Army Advanced Airborne School traveled from Ft. Bragg, N.C., to train and certify Marines.

"As a paratrooper you get told to do everything, whether it's 'get on the plane,' or 'pull your chute' ... as jump

masters, these Marines will be in charge of the other airborne personnel," said Veazey. "They can be part of mission planning, executing timelines and will be responsible for the safety of everyone else."

To be considered a jump master Marines must safely demonstrate all jump commands and safeties, check the aircraft properly and complete a 50-question test. They must also inspect two Marines with no combat load, and one with a full combat load in a five-minute timeframe.

To even be considered for the jump master course, one must be a noncommissioned or commissioned officer. Marine corporals must have completed 15 jumps, ser-

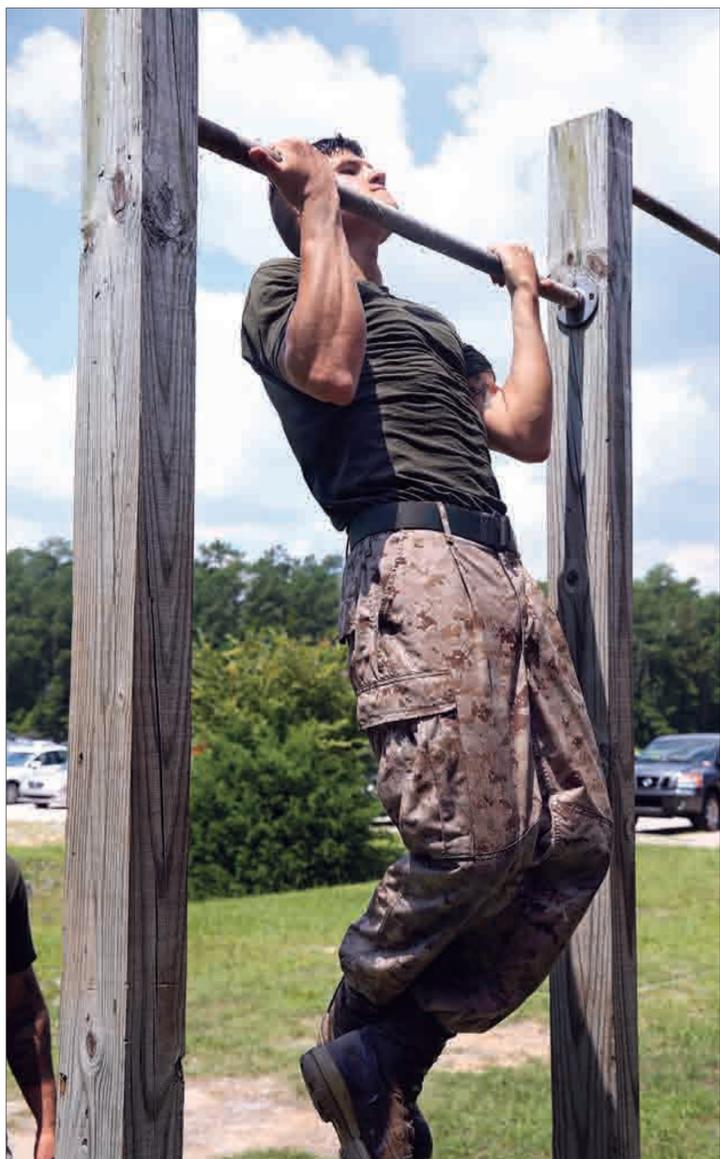
geants must have completed 12 jumps and every service member must have completed a jump within 30 days of attending the course.

While in the course, Marines also learn about individual aircraft specifications, establishing drop zones, drop zone sizes for various speeds and what changes must be made when increasing the number of jumpers.

"It's great to see the confidence build as the Marines progress in their training," said Veazey. "Everyone here actually wants to be here doing this training ... their motivation is always high and that motivates me to keep doing this."



Lance Cpl. Corey Coffey, a low altitude air defense gunner, clears a log on the air station obstacle course during 2nd LAAD Battalion's squad competition July 18. Marines had to work as a team to get themselves and all of their gear through the course.



Lance Cpl. Montana Crisp, a low altitude air defense gunner, pumps out pull-ups during a squad competition July 18.



1st Lt. Patrick Wilcox, battalion logistics officer for 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense, climbs to the top of the rock wall during 2nd LAAD Battalion's squad competition July 18. All Marines on the team had to make it to the top of the wall as fast as they could before they could move on to the next event.



(Left) Marines work together to push a Humvee across a field near 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion July 18 during its squad competition.



## Endurance, esprit hallmarks of LAAD squad competition

Pfc. Victor A. Arriaga  
MCAS Cherry Point

A 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion squad competition had Marines participating in seven separate events at locations throughout Cherry Point July 18.

During the day-long competition, 12 teams of eight Marines each competed in events like a Humvee push, a rock wall climb and a canoe race.

"It was definitely a team-oriented event," said Lance Cpl. Marcus Dorsey, a field radio operator with 2nd LAAD Bn. "We all learned about each other's strengths and weaknesses from this competition."

During the competition, Master Sgt. Terry A. Erb, the battalion's operations chief, was at the Marines' sides encouraging them to push themselves.

"The purpose of this competition was to physically and mentally challenge the Marines," said Erb. "I wanted to build up our unit cohesion and instill teamwork among the Marines."

Team leaders stoked their Marines' morale and momentum as they tackled each new challenge.

"You have to look out for your team," said Cpl. Corey Oncken, a low altitude air defense gunner with 2nd LAAD Bn. "We all put out so it brought us closer as a whole."

After the competition, the Marines came together for a cookout.

"It made me really happy to see how much the Marines put out," said Erb. "It was nice to give the Marines a chance to do something they normally don't get to do."

Sgt. Patrick R. Gilbert, a battery noncommissioned officer with 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, reaches the top of a rope on the obstacle course during 2nd LAAD Battalion's squad competition July 18. This was the first of seven events 2nd LAAD Marines completed during the competition.

(Right) A team of Marines push a tire during the logistics relay portion of 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion's squad competition July 18. Marines had to move a log, sandbags and a tire across a field as a team.



Photos by Pfc. Victor A. Arriaga

# Bridge Co. Marines deploy improved ribbon bridge from sky



PHOTOS BY CPL. TIMOTHY CHILDERS

A CH-53E Super Stallion deploys an improved ribbon bridge during a training exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 16. Five IRBs were dropped into Oceanside Harbor. It was the first time the Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group deployed the bridges in this manner.

## CPL. TIMOTHY CHILDERS

1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

**CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Marines with Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conducted improved ribbon bridge training aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 16.

During the exercise, five IRBs were transported and delivered by a CH-53E Super Stallion and dropped into Oceanside Harbor. It was the first time the battalion deployed bridges in this manner.

“The purpose of today’s training is to show the capabilities of air operations in conjunction with the bridge platoon itself and its capabilities for the MLG,” said Staff Sgt. Timothy J. Liners, Bridge Co. gunnery sergeant. “The setup within the basin area was pretty swift. I can definitely say that this platoon has worked hard to lead up to this moment.”

The IRB is a transportable floating bridge that is easily deployable on any calm body of water. It can be used as a ferry to transport military equipment and vehicles across water or as a bridge to transport Marine forces.

“These bridges are easily deployable in water to support the mobility of other units,” said Cpl. Alexander D. Krieger, a combat engineer with Bridge Co. “We can ferry tanks or whatever you want, or even make bridges to span rivers.”

Using Bridge Erection Boats – small twin-jet aluminum vessels – ropes and a few tools, the Marines deployed and assembled the bridges into a five-piece raft that included ramps on each end.

“The training today was a really good time,” said Cpl. Alexander C. Alberter, a combat engineer with Bridge Co., 7th ESB, 1st MLG. “I learned a lot and it was something I’ve never done before.”

After the IRB was assembled, the Marines maneuvered it to the shore to test its integrity. Tactical vehicles were driven on the bridge and shuttled into the bay to demonstrate its capabilities.



Marines with Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, assemble an improved ribbon bridge raft during a training exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 16.

# Ridin' into the sunset



CPL. CODEY UNDERWOOD

Marines and Sailors with Company E., Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, board a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU, for a raid rehearsal as a part of Talisman Saber 2013 July 17. Talisman Saber is a biennial training activity aimed at improving Australian Defense Force and U.S. combat readiness and interoperability. The 31st MEU is the Marine Corps' force in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region and the only continuously forward deployed MEU.

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## HISTORY COMES TO LIFE



PHOTOS BY PFC. CAYCE NEVERS

Civil War reenactors at Fort Macon State Park fire a cannon Saturday. A volunteer with the 1st North Carolina Volunteers/11th North Carolina State Troops Civil War Reenactment Regiment explained the responsibilities of each the five members required to fire the cannon.

### *Fort Macon teaches locals about Civil War*

PFC. CAYCE NEVERS  
MCAS CHERRY POINT

Crowds gathered at Fort Macon State Park Saturday and Sunday to take a trip into the past – back to a time where the North and South were locked in combat and four years of war left more than 600,000 soldiers dead.

Spectators learned about life during the Civil War from the 1st North Carolina Volunteers/11th North Carolina State Troops Civil War Reenactment Regiment.

Volunteers offered presentations on topics such as Civil War women's attire, children's drill demonstrations, reenactments of the fort's siege and recapture, musical demonstrations, and musket and cannon firing demonstrations.

"It is going great," said Lance Cpl. Mark A. Lewis, a volunteer with 1/11 North Carolina Volunteers and a rifleman with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, based in Camp Lejeune. "This is the most people I have seen at a fort reenactment, honestly. I did Fort Delaware and there were nowhere near as many people."

Lewis has been reenacting events like this for many years.

"My mom got me into this stuff. She took me to a little reenactment outside of our hometown in Georgetown, Delaware," said Lewis.

Lewis said that he and his wife met a

1/11 North Carolina Volunteer when they attended a reenactment in Gettysburg, Pa. She introduced them to some people, and soon Lewis and his wife were participating in the Civil War Reenactment at Fort Macon.

While hundreds of people came and went from the fort, activities continued throughout the day.

"I am big into history and being a service member; I love learning about the wars and battles that took place in the United States," said Lance Cpl. Kyle A. Biessener, a military police officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. "The information they presented today was very informative, and the volunteers who put on these events know a lot about the history of the United States."

The Civil War was the physical manifestation of the internal strife and political polarization that nearly ended the Union's brief history.

"I find this to be really important in American history," said Lewis. "In my opinion, this is the war that defined America."

The Civil War Reenactment is just one of the many events held at Fort Macon State Park. For more information and event schedule, visit <http://bit.ly/NCFMSP> or call 726-3775. The next reenactments are scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22.



Visitors to Fort Macon State Park watch as volunteers from the 1st North Carolina Volunteers/11th North Carolina State Troops Civil War Reenactment Regiment prepare a cannon for a firing demonstration Saturday.



(Above) Children, led by a Civil War reenactor, prepare to march during a children's drill demonstration at Fort Macon State Park Saturday. The children learned musket manual, facing movements and marching.

(Left) Volunteers fire their weapons after performing a reenactment of the fort's seige Saturday.

(Below) Civil War reenactors play the role of the Union Army marching on Fort Macon.



# CHERRY POINT MESS HALL

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Monday-Friday

Breakfast 6-8 a.m., Lunch 10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,  
Dinner 4-6 p.m.

### Saturday-Sunday/ Holiday Hours

Breakfast/Lunch 8:30-11 a.m.,  
Dinner 3-5 p.m.

### FAST FOOD LINE

#### Monday-Friday

Breakfast 6-8 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,  
Dinner 4-6 p.m.

### Breakfast Menu

Assorted fresh fruit, assorted hot and cold cereals, fried eggs and omelets to order, scrambled eggs and hard-cooked eggs, grill special, pancakes, French toast or waffles, breakfast potatoes, breakfast meats, creamed beef or sausage gravy, assorted muffins, breads and breakfast pastries.

### Specialty Bar Menu & Blendz

**Tuesday and Thursday Lunch (Blendz)** - Banana-strawberry yogurt, banana-blackberry yogurt, banana-peach yogurt, banana-pineapple yogurt, banana-mango yogurt, banana-blueberry yogurt, Asian chicken chopped salad, Asian beef chopped salad, Savannah fried chicken salad, Southwest chicken strip salad, chef salad bowl, buffalo chicken salad, turkey club salad, beef fajita salad, BLT club salad, Southwest flank steak salad, chicken caesar salad, Chinese chicken salad, antipasto salad.

**Monday** - Pasta primavera, lasagna, chicken rotini casserole, baked ziti with four cheeses, meatballs, baked Italian sausage, boiled rigatoni, boiled spaghetti, simmered ziti, simmered linguine, simmered fettucini, simmered penne rigate, simmered rotini, Italian meat sauce, alfredo sauce, caesar salad, toasted garlic bread and breadsticks

**Wednesday** - Chicken enchiladas, taco beef filling, burritos, Mexican rice, refried beans with cheese, Mexican corn, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, chopped onions, sliced jalapeño peppers, taco shells, flour tortillas, taco sauce, salsa, sour cream

**Friday** - Wings of fire, honey-barbecue wings, teriyaki wings, French fried chicken wings, French fried garlic fries, corn on the cob, baked beans, carrot sticks, celery sticks, blue cheese dressing, ranch dressing

### Weekly Menu

#### Thursday July 25

**Lunch** - Cream of broccoli soup, Jamaican jerk chicken, Creole macaroni, cilantro rice, succotash, balsamic roasted potatoes

**Dinner** - Chicken and orzo soup, pork scaloppini with herbed tomato sauce, baked stuffed shells, rice pilaf, marinara sauce, stewed chick peas with zucchini, mixed vegetables

#### Friday July 26

**Lunch** - New England clam chowder, maple glazed salmon, turkey pot pie with baking powder biscuits, long grain and wild rice, green beans, cauliflower polonaise  
**Dinner** - Turkey vegetable soup, mambo pork roast, lasagna, candied sweet potatoes, marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, Mexican corn

#### Saturday July 27

**Lunch** - Beef barley and onion soup, vegetable and black bean enchiladas, chicken and broccoli casserole, confetti rice, Spanish-style beans, steamed vegetable medley  
**Dinner** - Cream of chicken soup, java molasses pork loin, Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, Lyonnaise potatoes, buttered egg noodles, stewed tomatoes, peas

#### Sunday July 28

**Lunch** - Vegetable beef supreme soup, baked citrus herb-crusted fish, fried chicken, brown rice pilaf, red bliss mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green bean casserole, corn  
**Dinner** - Turkey noodle soup, creamy Cajun shrimp penne, meat loaf, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, Louisiana-style smothered squash, okra mēlange

#### Monday July 29

**Lunch** - Minestrone soup, beef short ribs, chicken and Italian vegetable pasta, steamed rice, roasted zucchini, steamed baby carrots  
**Dinner** - Bayou jerk pork loin, turkey meatloaf, buttered egg noodles, islander's rice, Lyonnaise wax beans, broccoli polonaise, brown gravy, chicken gumbo soup

#### Tuesday July 30

**Lunch** - Salmon with tomato cucumber relish, chicken fried chicken, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, sausage gravy, succotash, southern-style greens, cream of potato soup  
**Dinner** - Roast beef, baked ziti with Italian sausage, parsley buttered potatoes, peas, vegetable stir fry, toasted garlic bread, navy bean soup, horseradish sauce

#### Wednesday July 31

**Lunch** - Santa Fe glazed chicken, baked smoked chicken, southwest orzo pasta, whipped sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, simmered mustard greens, raisin sauce, chunky beef noodle soup  
**Dinner** - Swedish meatballs, spicy shrimp with cheesy grits, rice pilaf, French fried cauliflower, French cut green beans, brown gravy, chicken noodle soup

# Scholarships set spouses up for success



PFC. MIKE GRANAHAN

Rosalee Bobadilla (left) receives an Enlisted Spouses Club scholarship from Nikki Cook July 18. "You see a lot of scholarships out there and you think you'll never get it, but when you actually receive one, it's an honor," said Bobadilla. "I'm proud of myself and I know my family is proud of me too. It makes me feel good to know that there are spouses out there helping other spouses." Cook is the ESC scholarship chair.

#### PFC. MIKE GRANAHAN

MCAS CHERRY POINT

The Cherry Point Enlisted Spouses Club awarded three scholarships to Marine Corps spouses and family members July 18.

Rosalee Bobadilla received a \$500 scholarship; Elizabeth Welborne and Kierra Fleming each received \$250 scholarships.

The club's scholarship program is funded solely by donations and fundraisers and provides military spouses the opportunity to further advance their education. Scholarships are available to both active duty and reserve component spouses.

Most military spouses share similar experiences, and their intimate knowledge of each other's situation drives them to come together and help one another, said Nikki Cook, the scholarship chair for the Cherry Point ESC.

"You need to have people who can understand what you're going through and can empathize with your situation," said Cook. "If you have a friend who knows exactly what you're going through, it helps."

Receiving a scholarship is a rewarding experience and a welcome contribution to one's education, especially when made possible by a group of peers, said

Bobadilla, a scholarship recipient in pursuit of an associate degree.

"You see a lot of scholarships out there and you think you'll never get it, but when you actually receive one, it's an honor," said Bobadilla. "I'm proud of myself and I know my family is proud of me too. It makes me feel good to know that there are spouses out there helping other spouses."

Members of the ESC and recipients of the scholarships encourage other military spouses to get out and get involved in the programs available to them.

"This is the first military-sponsored scholarship that I've applied for, but in the future I will definitely seek out more," said Bobadilla. "I would definitely encourage others to apply."

The ESC started providing scholarships to spouses in 1998. The Cherry Point chapter hopes to continue that tradition and expand its membership, said Cook.

"We like to have new faces and new ideas," said Cook. "We would like to keep this program going indefinitely. We will always be here for the spouses."

For more information regarding eligibility and applications visit <http://www.cherrypointesc.org/scholarship-information.html>.

# Don't get burned, protect yourself

#### CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Summer is here! Who doesn't want to be outside, sunbathing, swimming, playing catch on the beach or just barbecuing in the backyard? While summer means fun in the sun, make sure you're not getting too much of a good thing. Avoid consequences of overexposure to the sun like sunburns, premature aging of the skin, wrinkling and skin cancer, including melanoma, by practicing proper sun protection. The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daylight savings time are the most hazardous for ultraviolet light exposure in the continental United States. UV rays are the greatest during the late spring and early summer in North America.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends easy options for sun protection:

#### Sunscreen

- Use sunscreen with sun protective factor 15 or higher, and both UVA and UVB protection.
- Sunscreen wears off. Put it on again if you stay out in the sun for more than two hours and after you swim or sweat.
- Check the sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years, but its shelf life is shorter if it has been exposed to high temperatures.

#### Clothing

- Wear clothing to protect exposed skin.
- Loose-fitting long-sleeved shirts and long pants made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection from the sun's rays.
- A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one.
- Darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors.
- If wearing this type of clothing isn't practical, try to

wear a T-shirt or a beach cover-up. Keep in mind that a typical T-shirt has an SPF rating lower than 15, so use other types of protection as well.

#### Hats

- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears and neck.
- For the most protection, wear a hat with a brim all the way around that shades your face, ears, and the back of your neck.
- A tightly woven fabric, such as canvas, works best to protect your skin from UV rays.
- Avoid straw hats with holes that let sunlight through.
- A darker hat may offer more UV protection.
- If you wear a baseball cap, you should also protect your ears and the back of your neck by wearing clothing that covers those areas, using sunscreen with at least SPF 15 or by staying in the shade.

#### Sunglasses

- Sunglasses protect your eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts. They also protect the tender skin around your eyes from sun exposure.
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.
- Sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays offer the best protection. Most sunglasses sold in the U.S. regardless of cost, meet this standard.

#### Shade

- Seek shade, especially during midday hours.
- You can reduce your risk of skin damage and skin cancer by seeking shade under an umbrella, tree or other shelter before you need relief from the sun.
- Your best bet to protect your skin is to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing when you're outside - even when you're in the shade.

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### NOW SHOWING

#### Friday, July 26

5:00pm - Monster University G  
7:30pm - World War Z PG13  
10:00pm - The Heat R

#### Saturday, July 27

2:00pm - Monster University G  
4:30pm - Man of Steel PG13  
7:30pm - World War Z PG13  
10:00pm - The Heat R

#### Sunday, July 28

2:00pm - Monster University G  
4:30pm - The Heat R

### movie synopsis

**Monster University** - A look at the relationship between Mike and Sulley during their days at Monsters University -- when they weren't necessarily the best of friends.

**World War Z** - United Nations employee Gerry Lane traverses the world in a race against time to stop the Zombie pandemic that is toppling armies and governments, and threatening to destroy humanity itself.

**The Heat** - An uptight FBI Special Agent is paired with a foul-mouthed Boston cop to take down a ruthless drug lord.

**Man of Steel** - A young boy learns that he has extraordinary powers and is not of this Earth. As a young man, he journeys to discover where he came from and what he was sent here to do. But the hero in him must emerge if he is to save the world from annihilation and become the symbol of hope for all mankind.

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# Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

## ► Four Lenses Workshop

Four Lenses, an interactive workshop, on personality, values, communication, conflict styles, and strategies for building terrific relationships, will be held at Miller's Landing today at 5:30 p.m. Discover the personality type of yourself and others. Learn how to communicate more effectively and approach conflict more productively based on the preferences of others.

Call 466-4637 to sign up or for more information.

## ► Overeaters Anonymous Meeting

The Overeaters Anonymous program is a 12-step organization for anyone who has issues with food or eating. The program combats compulsive eating habits and promotes living a healthy, rewarding life.

The program is free and will be held Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 406-9300.

## ► Barracks Cooking Class

Semper Fit will host a barracks cooking class at the Semper Fit Center from 10:30–11:30 a.m. Aug. 6.

Food and microwave recipes will be provided.

For more information and to sign up, call 466-6474 or email gibsonkd@usmc-mccs.org.

Registration is required.

## ► Deployed Spouses Movie Night

Marine Corps Family Team Building will show "Pitch Perfect" during a movie night for spouses of deployed service members Tuesday at Twin Rivers Theatre. The show starts at 6 p.m.

## 8th and I Evening Parade

Cherry Point personnel can sign up with Crystal Coast Travel and Leisure for a trip to Washington, D.C., to see "The Evening Parade" Aug. 2 at the Marine Corps War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery.

The parade honors Marines who have given their lives since Nov. 10, 1775. The cost is \$250 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging and a day to sight see.

For more information, call 466-2172 or 466-2197.

## ► National Night Out

Havelock's 17th annual National Night Out will be held Aug. 3 at Walter B. Jones Park beginning at 3 p.m. The event is free and is a partnership between police and the community advocating crime prevention and a drug free community.

There will be a performance by Madison Rising.

For more information, call 447-3212.

## Sergeants Major Golf Tournament

The Cherry Point Sound of Freedom Golf Course will host the Cherry Point Sergeants Major Golf Tournament Aug. 9 at noon.

The tournament will be in four-player superball format and will give service members an opportunity to meet Cherry Point sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Benjamin L. Pangborn, and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Christopher G. Robinson.

Registration for annual golf members and E-5 and below is \$35. Registration for E-6 and E-7 is \$45 and registration for E-8, E-9, officers and all others is \$50.

For more information, call 466-3044.

## Volunteer Oyster Reef Build and Restoration

The N.C. Coastal Federation will host a volunteer opportunity to help rebuild an oyster reef at the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve on Stump Sound, Holly Ridge, N.C., Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Restoration efforts will be divided into two sessions; a morning session and an afternoon session.

Volunteers will place bags in the water and install plants along the shoreline.

Lunch will be provided between noon and 1 p.m.

To register or for more information, visit [nccoast.org](http://nccoast.org).

## MCAS Cherry Point's Sprint Triathlon and Relay

Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command will host Cherry Point's 10th Annual Sprint Triathlon and relay Aug. 17.

The event is open to the public. Registration for active duty, retirees and reservists before July 27 will be \$20 or \$70 for a team. All others before July 27 will be \$40 or \$115 for a team.

Registration for active duty, retirees and reservists from July 28–Aug. 3 will be \$35 or \$95 for a team.

All others from July 28–Aug. 3 will be \$50 or \$140 for a team. A \$20 fee will be added from Aug. 4–7.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CPSprint> or in the Marine Dome. A \$20 fee will be added from Aug. 4–7.

For more information, call 466-2208.

## Free Blue Star Museum Admission

Blue Star Museums offers free admission to more than 1,800 museums for active duty military and up to five dependents from May 27 through Sept. 2.

Blue Star Museums is a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Joining Forces, MetLife Foundation and nearly 2,000 museums across the country.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/bluestar13>.

## Monthly and Weekly Events

### Disabled Veterans Meetings

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

For information, call Ancil Jones at 349-0006.

### Al-Anon Group Meetings

Al-Anon family group meetings are held Mondays at 8 p.m. for family members and friends of individuals with possible alcohol problems.

Meetings are held at Havelock First Baptist Church.

For more information, call 447-8063.

### Baby Boot Camp New Parent Program

New Parent Support Program hosts a free Baby Boot Camp monthly at the Training and Education Building.

The next Baby Boot Camp is Aug. 21–22 from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Parents with children 1-year-old or younger will receive a hands-on ex-

perience learning to adjust to parenthood.

Reservations are required.

To register, call 466-3651.

### Domestic Violence Support

Support groups for victims of domestic violence are provided by the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program.

Meetings take place Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 728-3788.

### Welcome Aboard Expo

Cherry Point hosts a Welcome Aboard Expo each month at Miller's Landing.

The expo is open to all new Marines, Sailors, civilian employees and spouses.

The next expo is Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

For questions or to register, contact Sandy Langlo is at 466-5743.

### Cherry Point Education Fairs

The Cherry Point education office is currently hosting monthly career and education fairs at the Jerry Marvel Training and Education building, room 171b.

The next fair is Friday.

For more information, call Dana Bayliss, at 466-2046.

### L.I.N.K.S. for Marines

Marine Corps Family Team Building hosts a Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills course, for Marines class at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training every month.

The next class is Aug. 21 from 7 a.m.–noon.

Marines will get a chance to test their knowledge of Marine Corps history, culture and traditions while discovering resources, services and benefits available on base.

They will also gain insight on separation and deployments.

For more information, call 466-4637.

## ► Craven's Got Talent Fundraiser

Special Olympics Craven County, with New Bern and Tryon Civitan, will sponsor Craven's Got Talent Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.

The show will feature local acts, as well as new acts.

Tickets for the show are \$5.

Proceeds raised at this event will go toward Craven County Special Olympics athletes.

For more information, call 636-6606.

## Marine and Family Programs

### Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

#### Building 298

- Library – 466-3552.
- Retired Activities – 466-5548.

#### Building 232

- Exceptional Family Member Program – 466-3305.
- Child Development Resource and Referral – 466-3595.

#### Building 232

- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program – 466-5490.
- Substance Abuse Counseling – 466-7568.
- New Parent Support Program – 466-3651.
- Family Advocacy Program – 466-3264.
- Military Family Life Consultant – 339-6084.
- Families Overcoming Under Stress Representative – 466-7137.

#### Building 4335

- Education – 466-3500.
- The Family Member Employment Program, Transition Assistance Management Program, Relocation Assistance Program and accredited financial counselors can be reached at 466-4201.

#### 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.

#### Marine Corps Family Team Building

Educational resources and services to foster personal growth and enhance the readiness of Marine Corps families. Marine Corps Family Team Building is located in Building 232.

For more information, email [family.readiness@usmc.mil](mailto:family.readiness@usmc.mil).

## Religious Services

### Sundays

9 a.m. – Liturgical Protestant Service, Fellowship Chapel

9 a.m. – Roman Catholic Mass, Memorial Chapel

11 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service, Memorial Chapel

### Tuesdays – Thursdays

11:45 a.m. – Roman Catholic Mass, St. Michael's Chapel

## Signs of Terrorist Activity:

### Elicitation

*Elicitation is the act of attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people discreetly.*

*The purpose of elicitation is to collect information that is not readily available. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.*

*If you observe suspicious activities, call Cherry Point Emergency Dispatch immediately at 466-3616 or report it online at [USMCEagleEyes.org](http://USMCEagleEyes.org).*



**OPERATION EAGLE EYES**

## 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.

### Suicide/Stress

To talk to someone at the National Suicide

Hotline, call 1-800-273-8255.

To seek confidential counseling with personal battles, call the DSTRESS line at 1-877-476-7734.

### Sexual Assault

This procedure is not meant to replace calling 911 if you are in immediate danger. Immediately call 665-4713, which is monitored 24/7.

### Severe Weather and Force Protection

Cherry Point personnel call 466-3093.

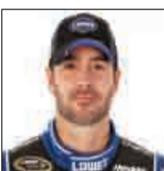
FRC East personnel call 464-8333.

DLA personnel call 466-4083.

# NEXT UP...

## SPRINT CUP

**Race:** Samuel Deeds 400 at The Brickyard  
**Where:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway  
**When:** Sunday, 1 p.m. (ET)  
**TV:** ESPN  
**2012 Winner:** Jimmie Johnson (right)



## NATIONWIDE SERIES

**Race:** Indiana 250  
**Where:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway  
**When:** Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (ET)  
**TV:** ESPN  
**2012 Winner:** Brad Keselowski

## CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

**Race:** Mudsummer Classic  
**Where:** Eldora Speedway  
**When:** Wednesday, 8 p.m. (ET)  
**TV:** SPEED  
**Inaugural Race**



# Sprint Cup drivers look back at Brickyard 400 wins, history at historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway

This weekend's Samuel Deeds 400 at the Brickyard marks the 20th running of a race many thought would never happen. For years, the only race run at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was the world-renowned Indianapolis 500. NASCAR was considered by many Indy fans to be a lesser form of racing, not worthy of competing on the hallowed oval that had been the focus of motorsports since the turn of the 20th century.

Legend has it that NASCAR's founder, the late Bill France Sr., was denied credentials to the 500 in 1965 and had to buy a grandstand ticket to watch as one of his NASCAR teams, the Wood Brothers, led Jimmy Clark to victory in the race.

But that all changed in 1994. The Sprint Cup Series ran the Brickyard 400 before crowds that rivaled the throngs that had been showing up for the 500.

Rick Mast won the pole for the inaugural Brickyard 400, and Jeff Gordon, who had lived for a time in nearby Pittsboro, Ind., won the race.

Simply racing on the historic track meant it was a great race for anyone involved that day.

"Everybody relates racing to either Daytona or Indy," said Bill Elliott, who finished third in the first Brickyard 400 and won it in 2002. "Having NASCAR and Cup being able to go there was very important."

"To pull off a win there, along with Daytona — don't get me wrong, all of them were big wins — but that was definitely a great place to win a race. And I've always enjoyed racing there over the years that I did race there."

In the beginning, many old-school open-wheel fans resented the presence of NASCAR racers at the Brickyard. Columbus, Ind., native Tony Stewart, who grew up following events at the Brickyard and initially raced in the Indy Racing League and was a series champion before moving to NASCAR, was among them.

"The first time they came, I'll be honest, I was 100 percent against it," Stewart said. "When you grow up in the state of Indiana, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the Holy Grail to you. I didn't want to see anything different come to it. To me, it was the Indy 500 and that's all it was supposed



Tony Stewart kisses the bricks a second time at Indianapolis following his 2007 win.



Bill Elliott kisses the bricks at Indianapolis after his 2002 win.

to be.

"But after watching the first race, the second year, I was kind of on the fence, and by the third year I was a fan of it. Luckily, my career path allowed me to come race here every year."

Stewart, who has raced in the Indianapolis 500 five times and run there in the Cup Series 14 times with wins in 2005 and 2007, now has no problem with other circuits invading his home track.

"Now with Formula One coming in, Moto GP, the Grand-Am Series, Nationwide cars running here, I think the mind-set has changed that it's too historic of a speedway to run one race a year on it," he said. "To be able to bring so many great different series and divisions here, it's pretty neat that a lot of people get the honor to race here at Indy now."

Stewart, who started from the pole in his first Indy 500 in 1996 and had a best finish of fifth the next year, makes no secret of his love for the Speedway or his desire to win there.

"This is an event that I definitely circle on the schedule," he said. "Emotionally, I have a lot invested in it."

"To us, it's definitely not just another stop on the schedule. You don't just pull in and say, 'We're going to go in and try to win the race,' then pull out of here."

"When you're here, you're amped up because you're at Indianapolis."

And for Stewart, kissing the bricks in the traditional Indy winner's ceremony is about as good as it gets.

"It was everything to me," he said. "My whole life, since I was a kid, that's what I wanted to do. Not that I had some fascination with kissing bricks as a child. But my fascination to do it here was pretty obsessive."

## Scott Bloomquist heads to Mudsummer Classic 'to win'

In most of the interviews heading into Wednesday night's Camping World Truck Series race on the dirt at Eldora Speedway, there's been little focus on the "ringers," those dirt-racing specialists who have secured rides for the first major NASCAR race on dirt in 43 years.

Scott Bloomquist, a 49-year-old dirt Late Model racer from Mooresburg, Tenn., who many consider one of the most talented drivers in any form of motorsports, will be driving a truck fielded by Kyle Busch Motorsports. He says he doesn't mind flying under the radar for now.

"I hope I am being overlooked," he said. "But I think they'll be surprised."

Throughout his career, Bloomquist has found great success when the stakes are high and there are unknowns about the racing, two factors that will come into play this week at Eldora.

He leads all drivers with six wins in the Dream at Eldora, a Late Model race that pays \$100,000 to the winner. He's also a three-time winner of the World 100 at Eldora, the most prestigious event in the dirt Late Model world. He's also won numerous other big-money events, including a \$100,000-to-win race at Batesville, Ark., for Modified cars, a type of vehicle he rarely drives.

"I have nearly a 70 percent win rate on my first visit to a race track," he said. "New challenges really motivate me."

For Bloomquist, participation in a major NASCAR race goes against the image he's created over the years. He's popular with his fans for many reasons, but largely because he marches to his own drummer. He wears his hair long, and his dirt cars carry skull-and-crossbones logos. He'd rather race where he can use his creativity in car construction and likes to compete whenever and wherever he wants, not always following a set schedule or a particular sanctioning body, although he has won multiple national titles in his career.

"It would be hard for me to be a driver in NASCAR," he said. "I like my freedom."

But the truck race at Eldora is different, he said.

"It's a big thing," he said. "It means a lot to my fans, and it means a lot to me, too."

"I really get up for new things, and I'm excited about this race."

"We've tested the truck, and I've got confidence in my ability to make changes to the truck to adapt to the conditions at the track."

"We're going up there to win."

## SPRINT CUP STANDINGS

1. Jimmie Johnson, 696
2. Clint Bowyer, 640
3. Carl Edwards, 623
4. Kevin Harvick, 622
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 578
6. Matt Kenseth, 576
7. Kyle Busch, 576
8. Greg Biffle, 545
9. Brad Keselowski, 529
10. Kasey Kahne, 523

## NOTEBOOK

### Johnson cites 'experience' as reason he's dominating Sprint Cup in 2013

As the Sprint Cup Series heads into the stretch of the season where Chase berths and championships are to be decided and there are no off-weekends for struggling teams to regroup, Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 team have established themselves as one of the organizations to be reckoned with before the final checkered flag falls at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 17.

The five-time champion has four wins already, the most recent running his career count to 64 after just 12 full-time seasons. He's been atop the points standings for all but two of 19 races this season, and his lead heading into the Brickyard 400, 56 points over second-place Clint Bowyer, will continue for at least another week, as there are only 48 points to be won in a given race.

Johnson said his experience is a big reason he's been so dominant of late.

"When you look at the generations before mine in racing, I saw a stat somewhere that the average Cup driver starting point was in the early 30s," he said. "You look at when (Dale) Earnhardt won his last championship and the bulk of his championships, he was older, and I think the same thing went for (Richard) Petty. That's all because of experience."

"I feel that I'm much smarter, focused; my talents are refined, I know the race tracks, I know my industry, everything is so much better today than it was in previous years."

But Matt Kenseth, who also has four wins, has established himself as a title contender in his first year driving the No. 20 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing.

"I think both of those guys [Kenseth and Johnson] could have won more races than that," said Jeff Gordon, adding that regular-season trends can be significantly altered once the 10-race Chase starts. "With the Chase ... all of the sudden, everything gets reset, and you might have a small advantage based on your [bonus points for regular-season victories], but basically ... you're all on a clean slate now and you have to put the best 10 races that you've put together all season long right then and there to win the championship."

Still, he thinks Johnson, his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, is in the driver's seat, so to speak.

"Right now, I think it's the 48's to lose," he said. "They've been so strong and because they've won five championships, you don't expect them to lose that momentum when the Chase starts. Because it is the Chase, anything is possible and can happen."

### Joey Logano scores his 20th career Nationwide win

Joey Logano, the lone full-time Sprint Cup driver who ran in Sunday's STP 300 Nationwide Series race at Chicagoland Speedway, sped away from his Penske Racing teammate Sam Hornish Jr. in the closing laps to score his 20th career Nationwide triumph. He's now tied with fellow Cup driver Greg Biffle for 15th on the all-time Nationwide Series winners list.

Hornish's second-place finish allowed him to take the series points lead from Regan Smith, who struggled to a 13th-place finish. Third-finishing Austin Dillon left Chicagoland with the most money, as he collected a \$100,000 bonus from the series sponsor as the highest finishing eligible driver in the Dash 4 Cash contest. Logano's winner's share of the purse was \$85,615. Dillon's bonus was in addition to his third-place pay of \$53,775.



Joey Logano celebrates his STP 300 win in Victory Lane at Chicagoland Speedway.

## Jeff Gordon looks to regain his winning form in this weekend's Brickyard 400

Jeff Gordon, whose 87 career Sprint Cup victories include four at the Brickyard, said he's looking to regain his winning form as he returns to the track where he, like Tony Stewart, grew up following the Month of May activities down the road from his home.

Gordon heads into this weekend's race 12th in the standings and in contention for a Chase berth with seven regular season races to go, but he likely would be safely in the top 10 if not for five DNFs (Did Not Finish) in the first 19 races of the season. He said that for the most part, he's been competitive, even if the results don't show it.

"Competitiveness versus results are two different things for me right now," he said. "We've really struggled this year. Earlier in the year with the competitiveness, and then we started to get into competitiveness in the cars just driving better and more to my liking and the speed being there."

He's been uncharacteristically off in qualifying, with an average start of 13.1, largely due to poor results on the intermediate tracks, but he's heartened by his 12th-place start and eighth-place finish at Kentucky Speedway three weeks ago.

"Qualifying, we've struggled, so that's something that we've been working on, and I was very pleased with what happened at Kentucky, and I hope we can see some more progress there on the mile-and-a-halfs," he said.

But it's at the Brickyard where he hopes to make the biggest gains.

"I'm very much looking forward to Indianapolis," he said. "We tested there, which is always great and beneficial, but things



Jeff Gordon kisses the bricks in 2004 when he becomes NASCAR's first four-time Brickyard 400 winner.

have evolved since that test, and I think our cars have improved since that test, and we'll be trying to apply that when we get there.

"All signs of that test and things that we have planned, I'm very excited. We had a shot of winning that race a couple years ago, and I always go to that track with confidence and feeling good."

## NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

**4** Sprint Cup victories by Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, tops among all drivers.

**124** Most laps led by a Brickyard 400 winner: Jeff Gordon in 2004.

**11** Fewest laps led by a Brickyard 400 winner: Dale Jarrett in 1996.

**14** Consecutive Sprint Cup races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway without a repeat pole winner: 1999 to 2012.