



Dakota Meyer receives the Medal of Honor, Sept. 15, 2011.



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Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Dakota L. Meyer is fitted in a flight suit Friday aboard Kentucky Air National Guard Base. Meyer was being fitted to make sure he had a working suit before flying in a T/AV-8B Harrier during the Thunder Over Louisville air show April 21. Marine Attack Training Squadron 203 provided the Harrier for Meyer to fly in during the air show.

Meyer suits-up, 'co-pilots' over Louisville air show

"The Marine Corps is by far the greatest institution on the face of the planet."

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From Medal of Honor recipient to Marine co-pilot, Sgt. Dakota L. Meyer flew back seat in a Marine Harrier over his home-state of Kentucky during the 2012 Thunder Over Louisville air show Saturday. Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point based Marine Attack Training Squadron 203 facilitated the flight in a two-seat training variant of the tactical single-seat Harrier. "This is my first time ever flying in a Harrier, but I've seen Top Gun about a dozen times," said Meyer. "If Tom Cruise can handle flying in a jet, then I can too. I just hope I

don't throw-up." VMAT-203 is the only squadron in the American military that flies the two-seated T/AV-8B Harrier. The training version takes off and lands vertically like its tactical counterpart. The additional seat allows for pilot instructors and students to fly together, something that worked well for Meyer. Lt. Col. Robert J. Fails, executive officer for the squadron, was at the controls for Meyer's flight. "What Dakota Meyer and the medal represent is a big deal for the Marine Corps and for this squadron," said Fails. "It's a privilege to fly with Meyer."

Meyer's first feel for being a pilot came when VMAT-203 Marines fitted him for his specialized flight suit and gear a day in advance of the air show. "It was horrible getting fitted and all suited up," said Meyer. "I don't envy pilots at all, that gear is uncomfortable." Pfc. Jaime A. Cardoza, flight equipment technician with the squadron said he never thought he would ever be suiting up a Medal of Honor recipient. "It was an honor to meet him." Growing up in Greensburg, Ky., nearly

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Marine aviator of the year recalls historic rescue mission in Libya

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The magnitude of the moment came to him over the radio in a hoarse whisper. Maj. J. Eric Grunke sat in the cockpit of an AV-8B Harrier at just past midnight March 22, 2011, thousands of feet above the Mediterranean Sea and speeding toward the Libyan coastline. Grunke was serving as a Harrier pilot assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit on the third day of Operation Odyssey Dawn, an international effort to enforce United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973 to protect the Libyan people from Col. Moammar Gadhafi's regime. This night, Grunke was on a rescue mission. Whispering into his radio from a hiding place on the ground was Air Force Maj. Kenneth Hamey. His Air Force F-15 Strike Eagle had just crashed in the open des-

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Maj. J. Eric Grunke, pictured here at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., May 24, 2011, was named Marine Corps Aviator of the Year.

Commandant checks in on Cherry Point

Discusses vision for future

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Commandant of the Marine Corps General James F. Amos visited Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point April 18 along with Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal P. Barrett. During the visit, the commandant discussed the state of the Corps, his vision for the future and provided guidance for more than 1,500 officers and senior enlisted at the station theater. Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, commanding general of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, greeted Amos and Barrett outside the tower on the Cherry Point flight line. Lt. Gen. John Paxton, commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force, and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Gorry, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations East, were also on hand for the visit.



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Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, left, commanding general of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos catch up and discuss the status of the wing on the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point flight line April 18. Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal P. Barrett accompanied Amos on the trip, during which they discussed the future vision of the Corps with more than 1,500 officers and senior enlisted at the station theater.

Attack Squadron returns from Afghanistan



LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

Staff Sgt. Reginald S. Hart holds Landyn, his 17-month-old son, after returning with a Marine Attack Squadron 223 advance party to the squadron's hangar, April 18, after a six-month deployment to Afghanistan.

'Spartans' welcome new commander

Lt. Cols. Gregory T. Puntney, right, and Matthew E. Limbert, incoming and outgoing commanding officers of Marine Wing Communication Squadron 28, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, shake hands after transfer of the squadron colors during a change of command ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point April 19. Limbert was formerly a 2nd MAW plans officer. "I look forward to observing from afar how you will lead the Marines and take them to the next level," Puntney said. "They are poised and ready."



CPL. SANTIAGO G. COLON JR.

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miles away, Meyer used to watch the air show on TV and he said that "Thunder Over Louisville" was the talk of the town.

"Everyone was always talking about 'what's going on at Thunder'," said Meyer. "It's a big deal, so it's going to be awesome to be part of what I always used to watch on TV."

The squadron Marines supporting the show spent a little time with the Medal of Honor recipient, as many worked with him in preparation for the flight.

Lance Cpl. Jacob M. Heaton, an ejection seat mechanic with the squadron, had one-on-one time with Meyer teaching him how to safely arm and disarm the ejection seat

and explaining to him the basic cockpit controls.

"It's not every day that you get to meet a Medal of Honor recipient," said Heaton. "I feel grateful to be able to work for the air show and support Sgt. Meyer."

Meyer thanked the Marines of VMAT-203 and said he loves any chance to spend

time with Marines.

"I miss being in the Marine Corps more than anything in the world," said Meyer. "The Marine Corps is by far the greatest institution on the face of the planet."

Chaplain's Corner : What are your gifts?

LT. CMDR. WESLEY MYHAND

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In the New Testament scripture of I Corinthians 12: 4-5 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. "God has gifted all of us. Some of us are gifted musicians, fishermen, hunters, while others are gifted business people. The list could continue with successful sport stars, movie stars or astronauts. I am trying to cover all the bases. From time to time, I encounter people who ask what it is like to be a chaplain. Some people have shared they don't have the gifts to teach or preach.

I look at some of my friends who can build anything with their hands, and I wish I could be like them. Watching them build furniture, hang doors and construct houses makes me long to be a handy man. Sometimes watching pro fishermen on TV makes me want to be a professional fisherman. I am not a very good handyman and my skills as a fisherman are pretty lacking. God has opened the doors instead for me to be a military chaplain. I believe that is one of the things God created me to be. Over the years God has allowed me to help people through counseling, pastoring and or such programs as Financial Peace University. Many Ma-

rines and Sailors who have completed FPU classes find the challenges of how to save money, change spending habits and to be efficient with their God given resources a difficult process. It takes diligence, work and effort. Finances are a gift from God, and discipline with money is hard work. The same goes for all those professional athletes. It took a lot of willpower for them to hone their skills to achieve the success they experience. Yet, God has blessed many people with gifts and talents to share with others and hopefully in the process God gets the glory.

Each of us has gifts that God has given.

He wants us to use them to glorify Him. By glorifying Him with our gifts, we will feel fulfilled and discover our purpose. Deep down, most of us know what we're good at. The problem is that we often hide our gifts or think somebody's gifts are better than ours. The Bible says if we use our gifts to glorify God, God will grant us more gifts (Matthew 25:29). Go on try it. Use the gifts and talents God has blessed you with. What are you afraid of? Receiving more gifts from God? By the way if any of you are professional bass fishermen - could you give me a few lessons? Maybe this could be a "gift" I could work on!

Celebrating 100 years of Marine aviation



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A CH-53A Sea Stallion lifts a downed UH-34D in Vietnam, Feb. 7, 1968. The Sea Stallion was first flown in October 1964 and entered service in 1966 as a heavy lifting helicopter. With 16,000 lbs. of cargo capacity, this large, all-weather capable helicopter could tow jeeps, a 105-mm Howitzer artillery cannon, or 38 fully equipped combat troops, giving Marines valuable mobility in Vietnam.

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REMEMBER TO RECYCLE



Highlighting Cherry Point's Warriors



Cpl. Mark C. Gonzales

Job Title: Data Network Specialist
Unit: Marine Air Control Squadron 2
Hometown: Marianna, Fla.
Age: 21
Date Joined: Nov. 3, 2008

Checking wires and screens, Cpl. Mark C. Gonzales, a data network specialist with Marine Air Control Squadron 2, has anything but a boring job. With each new call that comes in comes a new challenge, a new solution and a new learning experience.

Gonzales explained that the best and worst part of his job comes in one simple package called troubleshooting.

Troubleshooting to the data Marines consists of a problem that could range from emails not working to downed communications between a network of squadrons, and it's their job to figure it out and repair it.

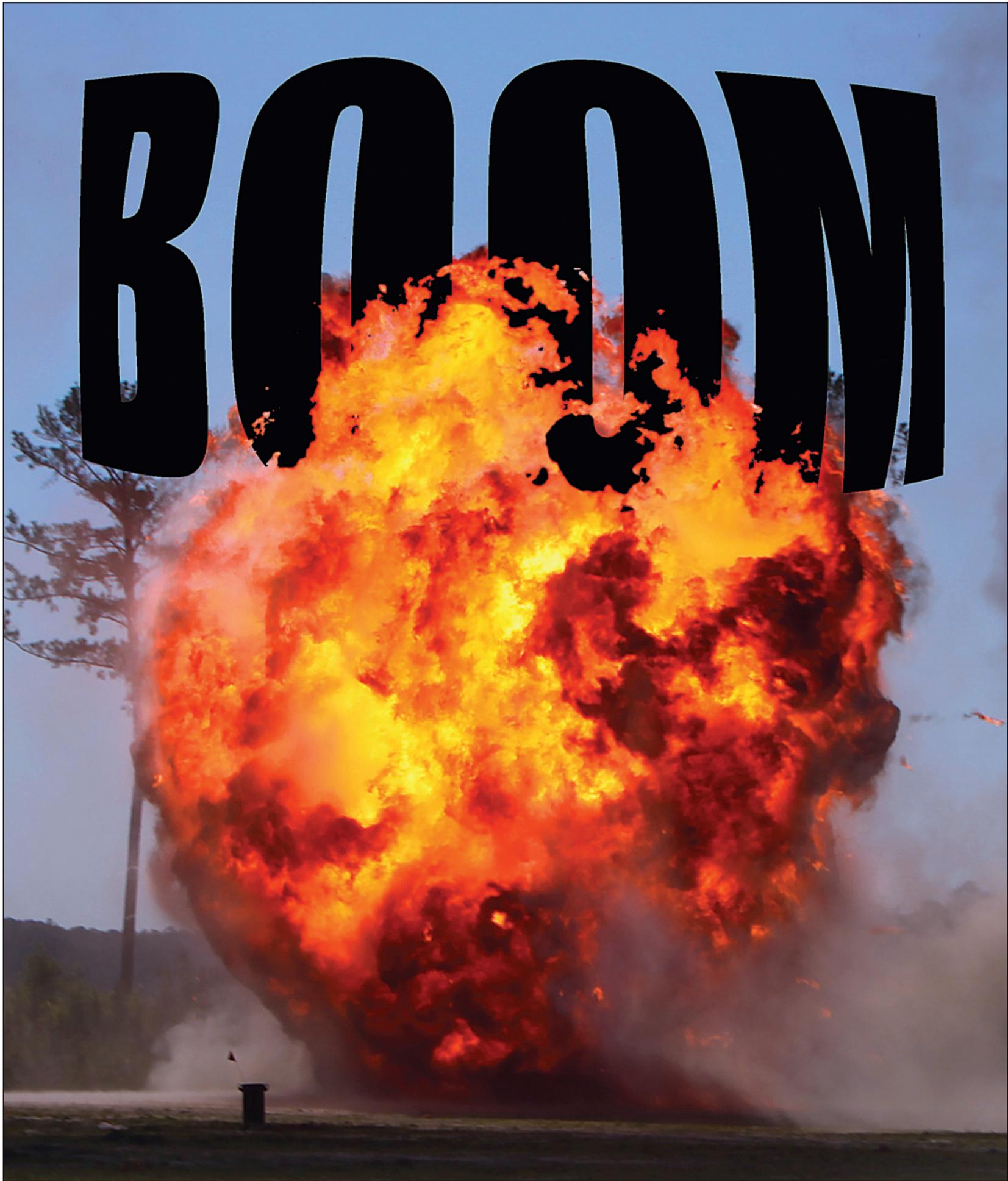
In September 2011, MACS-2 returned to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point from a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan.

"While we were deployed we actually revamped the network," said Gonzales. "We upgraded software and replaced the cabling for the communications systems. We replaced the physical infrastructure of MACS-2 forward by improving it and increasing efficiency."

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A fire-ball erupts from a controlled explosion conducted by explosive ordnance Marines April 17, at the EOD range aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. EOD Marines plan to put on a big bang and ignite a 1,000-foot wall of fire for the 150,000 spectators expected at the 2012 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show May 4 – 6.

Explosive ordnance Marines heat up for air show



LANCE CPL. STEPHEN T. STEWART

MCAS CHERRY POINT

Cherry Point explosive ordnance disposal Marines plan to put on a big bang and ignite a 1,000-foot wall of fire for the 150,000 spectators expected at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Air Show May 4 – 6.

The Marines executed a down-sized practice run April 17, creating a 30-foot wall of fire and detonating other explosives at the station ordnance disposal range.

Sgt. Travis F. Vuocolo, ordnance disposal technician with the air station, explained that the Marines practice not only to make it a great air show, but also to ensure safety.

During the air show, they will detonate charges with aircraft flying overhead and infantry Marines advancing on the ground simulating the battlefield during a full-scale assault by a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, explained Master Sgt. David J. Brown, EOD operations and training staff non-commissioned officer.

“Today we used 10 bags of fuel, but during the air show

we plan to use about 200 bags to create the 1,000 foot wall of fire,” said Staff Sgt Evan T. Crowgey, EOD training SNCO.

Crowgey set off the explosion using an electronic detonation device from a protective bunker about 25 yards away. The remaining Marines stood a safe distance of about 100 yards away as the explosives ignited creating a wall of fire and a heat wave that created a temporary but significant temperature change.

“These explosions put off an immense amount of heat,” said Crowgey. “It was already hot in the bunker, but when the explosions go off I can feel the temperature rise.”

Members of 2nd EOD Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Lejeune, will join the EOD Marines from the air station and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing to provide assistance during this year’s air show.

“The air show is just another opportunity for us to get out there and show people what we do,” said Sgt. Daniel A. Lageman, an EOD technician with 2nd EOD Company.



(Left) Lance Cpl. David S. Shouse, a supply clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, assists the explosive ordnance disposal Marines by filling bags with diesel fuel for an explosion demonstration April 17 at the EOD range aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

(Above) Staff Sgt Evan T. Crowgey, explosive ordnance disposal training staff noncommissioned officer, explains to his Marines the use of a delay cord while setting up detonation cord April 17.

(Right) Sgt. Collin J. Turner, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with 2nd EOD Company, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, pours diesel fuel in a bag in preparation for an explosion April 17.





SGT. LISA R. STRICKLAND



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(Above) Jazlyn Xochitl Torres, 13, and her mother, Gunnery Sgt. Kendira C. Perez, look at photos from when Jazlyn volunteered at an animal shelter. Both of Jazlyn's parents are active duty Marines stationed at MCAS Cherry Point. Through multiple deployments, one which both her parents were gone at the same time, Jazlyn has excelled in school making her parents very proud.

(Left) Jazlyn Xochitl Torres, 13, plays a Canadian folk song "Land of the Silver Birch" on the piano while she practices one of many instruments she has learned to play at a young age. Jazlyn excels at school and in her musical talent while being a child of dual military parents.



SGT. LISA R. STRICKLAND

Jazlyn Xochitl Torres, 13, holds up a present from her father, Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Torres Jr., who recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan.



SGT. LISA R. STRICKLAND

Jazlyn Xochitl Torres, 13, laughs with her father, Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Torres Jr., during a recent interview for a story promoting The Month of the Military Child.

WINDSOCKVIDEO



Jazlyn X. Torres shares a little of her experience as a military child in a video on YouTube. See this video and more at YouTube.com/MCASCPA

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



LANCE CPL. ANDREA DICKERSON

(Above) Lily M. Wade, 13, paints Rihanna Griffus' hand April 3, to help her make patriotic art at the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in celebration of April's Month of the Military Child. Lily volunteered with MCAS Cherry Point Tween Center to help the preschoolers.

(Right) Lily M. Wade, 13, celebrates Month of the Military Child by playing a parachute game with preschoolers at the Child Development Center aboard MCAS Cherry Point April 3. Through the MCAS Cherry Point Tween Center, Lily volunteers her time to help other military children.



LANCE CPL. ANDREA DICKERSON

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For 26 years, the Department of Defense and the Marine Corps have taken time during the month of April to recognize the unique sacrifices of military children.

"Month of the Military Child" was formed in 1986 by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger as an official Defense Department commemoration.

The goal is to recognize and pay tribute to military children for their commitment, sacrifice and unconditional support shown to their parents serving in the military.

Whether it is a permanent change of station or keeping in contact with a deployed parent, children of active-duty Marines face

many challenges that their peers in the civilian sector do not have to deal with.

As the air station celebrates "Month of the Military Child," we take a closer look into the lives of a few of these exceptional children.

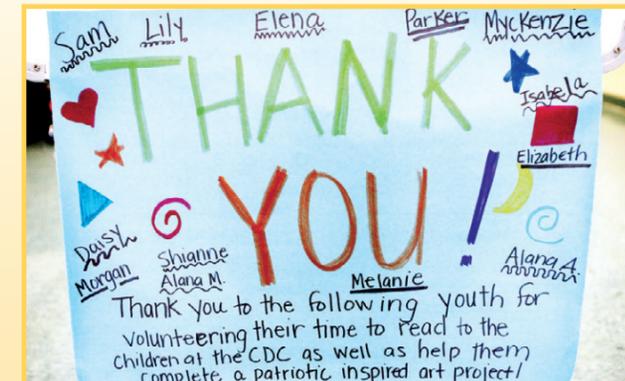
Jazlyn Xochitl Torres and Lily M. Wade, both children of active-duty Marines aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, are great examples of the ways young family members excel in their lives.

According to Jazlyn's mother, Gunnery Sgt. Kendira C. Perez, the hardest part of military for Jazlyn is trying to keep everything as normal as can be. She said, "it can be tricky at times but that is the most important part."



LANCE CPL. ANDREA DICKERSON

Lily M. Wade, 13, a Cherry Point military child, reads to a preschool class at the Child Development Center aboard MCAS Cherry Point April 3. Lily volunteered through the Cherry Point Tween Center to spend time with the preschoolers during April's Month of the Military Child.



SGT. LISA R. STRICKLAND

A poster made by preschoolers from the Child Development Center aboard MCAS Cherry Point shows appreciation for the members of the Tween Center who volunteered to read to them April 3.

Moroccans, Marines prep for final exercise at Exercise Africa Lion 2012

CPL. TYLER MAIN

U.S. MARINE FORCES AFRICA

CAP DRAA, Morocco— Marines of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Battalion Landing Team, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Moroccan Armed Forces service members, teamed up to rehearse the final exercise for Exercise Africa Lion 2012 in Cap Draa, Morocco, April 16.

Starting at their encampments, Marines and Moroccan Soldiers boarded helicopters, flew to the target objective and worked bilaterally to eliminate a simulated enemy threat.

“The entire goal of this exercise is to be able to combine forces, integrate and complete a mission using both countries’ style of tactics,” said Lance Cpl. Samuel-Jesse Landry, a squad automatic weapon gunner with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, BLT, 24th MEU. “I think we did that.”

The multinational force was cooperating days prior to the rehearsal and was able to complete the mission in less than 15 minutes.

Landry thought this was important, not only for the final exercise to be a success, but for success in future operations.

“Maybe one day down the road, since we’re allies, we’ll need to cooperate and lean on the Moroccans’ expertise in a real world mission,” he said.

Sgt. Justin B. Orange, squad leader, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, BLT, 24th MEU, added he would be glad if he had the opportunity to work alongside his Moroccan counterparts in the future.

“They’re a good fighting force, and we’ve had a good time out here training with them,” he said. “They’ve picked up quickly on the things we’ve taught them, and they actually showed us how they embarked and departed from helicopters.”

Landry said the experience he’s had with the Moroccan service members at Cap Draa was a memorable one.

“I’ve never been out of the U.S., I’ve never seen big sand dunes, and I’ve never communicated with people from another country, so this is definitely something I can tell stories about,” Landry said. “Not many people can



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Marines of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Battalion Landing Team, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit wait to be extracted by helicopter during a rehearsal of the final exercise at Exercise Africa Lion 2012, April 16. AL-12 is a U.S. African Command-sponsored, Marine Forces Africa-led exercise involving various types of training including command post, live-fire and maneuvering, peace keeping operations, an intelligence capacity building seminar, aerial refueling/low-level flight training, as well as medical and dental assistance projects. The annual exercise is designed to improve interoperability and mutual understanding of each nation’s military tactics, techniques and procedures.

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ert near the Libyan city of Benghazi.

The 26th MEU's Marines aboard the USS Kearsarge launched a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel, or TRAP, mission to rescue the pilot. Grunke was to provide close air support to protect the downed pilot until help arrived.

Due in part to his actions in Libya, particularly on that day, The Marine Corps Aviation Association named Grunke the Marine Aviator of the Year, recognizing him as the pilot who made the most outstanding contribution to Marine aviation over that past year.

Grunke's contribution came in the form of a dynamic mission over a short amount of time where he dropped two 500-pound bombs on tactical vehicles pursuing the downed pilot and identified a suitable landing zone for the MV-22B Osprey that would make the pickup. Just about three hours prior to all of this, Grunke had been aboard the USS Kearsarge preparing for another night of enforcing the no-fly zone over Libya.

"We were preparing for another armed reconnaissance mission where we would go out and look for targets," Grunke said. "Word started to filter in that, potentially, an F-15 had crashed. We weren't sure why, whether it was enemy air fire or a malfunction or what, so we started to determine, okay we're going to have to launch the TRAP package to go rescue the pilot and his [weapons systems officer] — it was a two-seat F-15E."

The weapons systems officer, Air Force Capt. Tyler Stark, ejected with Harney as the jet went down but was quickly rescued by friendly rebel sympathizers. Harney, however, was on the run.

"The pilot ... had hit the ground, he was alive, he was on his radio, he was trying to get away from up to five or six tactical vehicles [that were] pursuing after him, and he was just trying to get out of the open desert and away," said Grunke.

The Marines aboard the USS Kearsarge launched the full TRAP package to rescue him — two AV-8B Harriers, two MV-22B Ospreys and two CH-53E Super Stallions. A Marine Corps KC-130J Hercules joined the fight to provide aerial refueling.

"When we launch the TRAP, it's an all or none kind of thing," Grunke said.

Lt. Col. Shawn Hermley, who commanded the Harrier detachment assigned to the 26th MEU, said Grunke had recently certified as an airborne forward air controller and was uniquely qualified to execute the rescue mission.

"I told him if we do this, I want you out there in the lead," Hermley said.

After Grunke took off from the deck of the USS Kearsarge, he spoke to the command and control center and learned deadly force was authorized to protect the downed pilot.

He said that was all he needed to know, as his AV-8B Harrier was equipped with two 500-pound laser-guided bombs.

At the helm of the attack jet, speeding toward the Libyan desert en route to save a

"He comes up and actually crying on the radio he says, 'tell my wife I love her.' And again, just underlying the realness of the situation I said, 'don't worry, I'm going to have a bomb on the deck in one minute,'" Grunke said. "I released one bomb, and I'm able to guide it for 50 seconds or so, all the way to a direct impact."

Hermley described Grunke's attack on the vehicle as "impressive." He said looking through the Harrier's targeting pod is a lot

soon as it landed," Hermley said. "The Marines barely even had the chance to get out."

Grunke said he shook Harney's hand back aboard the USS Kearsarge, making a great ending for an extraordinary mission.

Hermley said Grunke's role in the TRAP mission was pivotal. He not only defended the downed pilot from aggressors, he provided invaluable reconnaissance to the rest of the rescue force.

"The hardest part of a mission like that is knowing where the survivor is, and in this instance he had moved about three miles," Hermley said.

"Fortunately for us, every MEU practices a TRAP, because it's a ballet. You're working off of a moving platform — the boat, and you have to have everything moving at the right time," Hermley said. "The key to the TRAP is 'how fast can you execute it?' We had assets airborne within the hour."

Hermley said as Marines, and especially as part of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force aboard a MEU, everyone involved knows they have to react quickly to a mission they hadn't planned on.

"[The Marine Corps Aviator of the Year award] was well deserved. The highlight for him was his performance and execution of that TRAP. He quite possibly saved that pilot's life," Hermley said. "But there was a lot of stuff behind the scenes as well. He was one of my best advisors; he worked a lot of long hours figuring out the best way to execute that mission in Libya"

"It was obvious that we had made a huge difference in liberating this area specifically, a stark contrast from night one where [the Libyan people] were essentially under [Gadhafi's] thumb. I could see visible results of what we did," Grunke said. "Night one, [Gadhafi's forces] were essentially on the footsteps of Benghazi. Night by night by night, we just continuously pushed this line back."

Grunke described the operation in Libya as the chance of a lifetime for an AV-8B Harrier pilot.

"Pinnacle of my career, really, for an attack pilot to be the forward edge, the tip of the spear, to be operating from amphibious shipping; it was absolutely the pinnacle of what I've done so far," Grunke said. "I am so privileged and humbled to be receiving this award, especially since it will be awarded as Marine aviation celebrates its centennial."

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— Maj. J. Eric Grunke

Harrier pilot, Marine Aviator of the Year

fellow service member from certain danger, Grunke switched over to the downed pilot's radio frequency.

"I just start listening to gain an idea of what's going on down there, and I can hear him, wind rustling and him whispering into his radio," Grunke said. "At that point it all became real to me, listening to the guy whispering on the radio. This is no longer North Carolina, this is no longer practice — that's really a guy down there scared for his life."

Grunke arrived overhead and took over as on-scene commander, relieving an Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon. The downed pilot radioed that he was fleeing vehicles with searchlights. He could hear barking dogs and gunfire.

"Within five minutes of being on station, I'm able to get my targeting pod sensor on this pursuing vehicle," Grunke said. "I tell the pilot, 'Okay, I can see the guys ... I've got two 500-pound bombs, do you need them?' He says, 'Yes, yes I do.'"

As he maneuvered to a point where he could release and guide the munitions to the pursuing vehicle, Grunke heard the airman make one more request.

like looking through a drinking straw.

"The dropping of the bomb isn't the hard part, it's an attack we do all the time," Hermley said. "But he was going after a moving target, and one that was tracking toward his friendly. Any pilot in our detachment could drop a bomb, but doing it under pretty high stress circumstances, with that pilot talking to him, fearing for his life, [Grunke's] actions on the TRAP were monumental."

Grunke dropped one more bomb on another vehicle pursuing the pilot, finally delivering the message to the assailants on the ground to leave Harney alone.

"At that point I gave my sole attention to trying to locate a suitable landing zone for the Ospreys that launched from the ship a few minutes after I did," Grunke said.

Noticing a road not far from the creek bed where Harney was hiding, Grunke generated a coordinate for the location and passed it over the radio to the Osprey pilots.

The Osprey, complete with a rescue team of Recon Marines, landed less than 50 meters from the pilot's hiding place.

"They found him very quickly, to the point where he just ran in the back of the aircraft as

Consistency, safety key to 2nd Recon Bn. jumps

SGT. BRYAN PETERSON

2ND MARINE DIVISION

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. –

Free falling at 120 mph, a jump-qualified Marine will experience mental stress more than anything. At least that's what any reconnaissance Marine will say. Once they're in the air, that's it, and then knowing what to do just in case that parachute doesn't deploy is critical.

Four times a year, reconnaissance Marines with Company C, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, much like any jump-qualified Marine, must conduct jumps to maintain proficiency and sustainment, but more importantly, to be ready for what could happen.

The training Company C, 2nd Recon Bn. conducted March 12 - 16 at the Greater Sandy Run Area's Tactical Landing Zone Pheasant aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune wasn't just about maintaining the status quo, however. There was a more distinct focus.

Whether it was Marines making their final jumps before attaching to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Deep Reconnaissance Platoon or prepping another select group of Marines for the 26th MEU's deployment next year, the training was meant to work as a team once on the ground.

The training included low-level static line, high-altitude opening and high-altitude low-opening jumps.

To prepare for the jumps, Marines had to go through refresher training which included mock jumps out of a makeshift CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter, "landing" in a sandpit, air movement maneuvers, triple gear checks – a long, tedious checklist. But, this checklist is meant to leave nothing to chance.

Gunnery Sgt. Brad Dean, a Richlands, N.C. native and operations chief for Company C, 2nd Recon Bn., said the week's training was about getting back in the saddle as a team, not individually. The 17-year recon veteran takes these opportunities to incorporate more training, while keeping Marines proficient.

Some of the things Dean wanted to accomplish were to get Marines to link up once on the ground, then bury their para-

chutes to leave no trace of insertion.

"This week was (the right time) to get the Marines, who are going out on the MEU's, as proficient as possible," said Dean. "Once they go out, it's just them. They have their (para)chutes with them and they will be either training other countries' forces or conducting operations.

"Granted, a lot of what we are doing this week is refresher training. We need to start from the beginning before we can get to that point of jumping out of planes and landing together as a team," Dean went on to explain.

The first two training days were merged into one; Company C cancelled day two due to a rainy forecast. The recon Marines performed at least 85 jumps, which is unusual, according to Gunnery Sgt. Jason M. Elson, the paraloft chief for 2nd Recon Bn. and native of McMechen, W.Va. He said the norm is about 30 per day.

"We knew we wouldn't have been able to get the jumps in (the next day) because of the rain," said Dean. "The (Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266, Marine Aircraft Group 26) really hooked us up today. They gave us three birds for (most of the day) and one stayed with us until we were finished."

On March 14 and 15, the Marines conducted night jumps from UH-1Y Huey helicopters from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167, MAG 29. After they landed, they worked on concealing their parachutes and began conducting small movements as a team. The last day concluded with water insertions at Water Drop Zone Morgan Bay.

When it's all said and done, whether it be the refresher before the training or Marines successfully conducting their jump operations, Staff Sgt. Jerry Fortenberry, the paraloft platoon sergeant with Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Recon Bn. and a native of Clarksville, Ga., said the training is not just a "check in the box" for the Marines – it's for Marines' safety.

"Before they can get in the bird and jump, they have to go through three hours of refresher training, within 24 hours of operations," Fortenberry said. "If they don't pass it, they have to go through an eight-



PHOTOS BY SGT. BRYAN PETERSON

Three reconnaissance Marines with Company C, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, prepare to land after their high altitude open jump March 12 at Tactical Landing Zone Pheasant in the Greater Sandy Run Area aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The recon Marines conducted jump operations from March 12 - 16, which included low-level static line, high altitude opening and high altitude low opening jumps.

hour refresher. This is all to make sure they know the ins and outs. We have Marines fresh out of (U.S Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga.), and the things that they are taught can be lost quickly. This is important stuff.

"It's not like going to the rifle range where you point at a target and shoot,"

Fortenberry added. "We are up in the air. They need to know that the smallest thing can have drastic effects, such as not listening to a jump master when he tells you, to 'hold' because you're at a low altitude, which won't be very forgiving."

Fire weapons from Marine Corps history



LANCE CPL. CHELSEA FLOWERS

Retired Gunnery Sgt. Thomas E. Williams, director of the United States Marine Corps Historical Company, fires a World War II flame thrower during the Fire Weapons From Marine Corps History event at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., April 13. The flamethrower, equipped with gasoline tanks and a gun group, was first used in combat on Guadalcanal in 1943. Its primary use was against defensive positions such as bunkers. This particular flamethrower was used in the movies "Flags of our Fathers" and "The Code Talkers: A Secret Code of Honor."

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Lance Cpl. Robert J. Hamilton III, right, a patient with the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., and his wife, Elizabeth, stand with Drew Brees, quarterback of the New Orleans Saints Friday, during the Nicholas Sparks Celebrity Family Weekend in New Bern, N.C.

New Bern family weekend benefits local, national charities

Renowned author sparks excitement, invites celebrities

CPL. SAMANTHA H. ARRINGTON
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More than 1,000 people including celebrities Drew Brees and Kelli Pickler gathered Friday in the name of charity to kick off the Nicholas Sparks Celebrity Family Weekend in New Bern, N.C.

The festivities began with a celebrity golf tournament and a 5K run and culminated with a family fun night with a screening of Sparks' new film "The Lucky One." Proceeds benefit several charities, including Hope For the Warriors, a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting wounded military members, their families and families of the fallen.

"This weekend is full of fun for great causes and helps different charities gain exposure," said Anne M. Woods, public relations director for Hope For the Warriors. "Hope For the Warriors helps wounded military members restore themselves physically and emotionally."

Approximately 25 Hope For the Warriors members attended, including Lance Cpl. Robert J. Hamilton III, a patient with the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Hamilton was shot through the left side of his body while supporting combat operations with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, in Helmand province during the initial push into Marjah, Afghanistan, Oct. 2, 2010. He has since undergone 17 corrective surgeries and has spent more than 4 months in the hospital.

"Hope For the Warriors has done so much for me and my wife," said Hamilton, a native of Lemoyne, Pa. "I think it's amazing that this weekend's profits are going to Hope For the Warriors. I hope everyone understands exactly how much this means to so many families around the country."

Hamilton said Hope For the Warriors has helped him

and his wife with hotel and day-to-day living expenses throughout his recovery.

"It's been a long road with many obstacles and trials, but events like this and charities like Hope For the Warriors help more than people realize," said Hamilton's wife, Elizabeth. "They've made our lives more comfortable and helped us through difficult times. We are very thankful to them and very thankful to the families involved in this weekend."



Lance Cpl. Robert J. Hamilton III uses a cane to stabilize himself because of combat related wounds sustained in Afghanistan.



Families play on the New Bern riverfront Friday, during the Nicholas Sparks Celebrity Family Weekend.



Families play on the New Bern riverfront Friday, during the Nicholas Sparks Celebrity Family Weekend. The weekend's events in downtown New Bern included a celebrity golf tournament, a 5K run, boat tours, a family fun night, silent auction and a screening of Sparks' new film "The Lucky One."

CHERRY POINT MESS HALL

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday

Breakfast 6-8 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,
Dinner 4-6 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday/Holidays

Breakfast/Lunch 8:30-11:00 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

Monday - Grilled Polish sausage, grilled bratwurst, grilled Italian sausage, grilled frankfurters, rolls, French fries, tater tots, baked beans, corn on the cob, chili, cheese sauce, coleslaw, potato chips, corn chips, pretzels

Tuesday - Popcorn shrimp, steamed shrimp, buffalo chicken fritter, grilled chicken strips, sizzlin Caesar salad

Wednesday - Beef taco meat, chicken enchiladas, bean burrito, Mexican rice, refried beans, Mexican corn, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, chopped onions, sliced jalapenos, taco shells

Thursday - Chinese egg rolls, chilled pineapple chunks, teriyaki beef strips, steamed shrimp, grilled chicken strips, pork fried rice, steamed rice, vegetable lo mein with oyster sauce

Friday - Ziti/linguine/fettuccine, spaghetti rigatoni, pasta primavera, lasagna, chicken rotini casserole, baked ziti with four cheeses, penne/rigate/rotini, baked Italian sausage meatballs (ground beef), meat sauce, marinara sauce, alfredo sauce

Weekly Menu

Thursday April 26

Lunch - Chicken and dumplings, pasta toscano, steamed rice, steamed vegetable medley, Harvard beets, cream of spinach soup **Dinner** - Mediterranean herb roasted chicken, herbed roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, dirty rice, glazed carrots, steamed broccoli, brown gravy, American bounty vegetable soup

Friday April 27

Lunch - Roast turkey, French fried shrimp, French fried fish, dirty mashed potatoes, green beans, calico cabbage, hush puppies, tartar sauce, cocktail sauce, New England clam chowder **Dinner** - Tater tot casserole, baked tomato pork chops, savory baked beans, peas and mushrooms, Manhattan clam chowder

Saturday April 28

Lunch - Baked ziti with four cheeses, arroz con pollo (chicken), club spinach, corn O'Brien, toasted garlic bread, smoked ham and cabbage soup **Dinner** - Three bean chili, apple glazed corned beef, shrimp curry, cilantro rice, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable stir fry, savory summer squash

Sunday April 29

Lunch - Baked fish with butter crumb topping, herbed baked chicken, potatoes au gratin, confetti rice, herbed roasted carrots, balsamic roasted vegetables, tomato soup **Dinner** - Pork chops, smothered onion, chili macaroni, roasted sweet potatoes, French cut green beans, cauliflower combo, Wisconsin cheese soup

Monday April 30

Lunch - Pepper steak, turkey monterey roasts, rosemary red potatoes, steamed rice, wax beans creole, stewed chick peas and zucchini, Southwestern corn chowder **Dinner** - Veal parmesan, Tex-Mex chicken and rice, penne rigate noodles, scalloped cream corn, broccoli and red peppers, Spanish chorizo and potato soup

Tuesday May 1

Lunch - Linguini with clam sauce, Bayou chicken, rissole potatoes, mashed cauliflower, sauteed green beans and mushrooms, beef with vegetables and barley soup **Dinner** - Country fried steaks, baked turkey with noodles, mashed potatoes, creamed ground beef, peas, squash and carrot medley, bean with bacon soup

Wednesday May 2

Lunch - Chicken piccata, Bayou jerk pork loin, Chipotle roasted sweet potatoes, islander's rice, steamed spinach with garlic, Lyonnaise carrots, mango and black bean salsa, cream of mushroom soup **Dinner** - Hungarian goulash, creole shrimp, brussels sprout parmesan, corn, chicken tortilla soup



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From the clinic: Tips to avoid bug bites and stings this Spring, Summer

Laurie A. VARNER

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Community barbeques, family camping trips and state fairs – ahhh, spring is finally here. Without proper precautions bees, mosquitoes, fire ants and ticks can turn a fun outing into a miserable day of itching and scratching.

Dealing with biting and stinging insects during the spring and summer can be down-right annoying, even dangerous. With the best bug repellents in use, a few lucky bugs are bound to get through any barrier and leave itchy bites and stings.

Here are some tips from the Department of Health and Human Services you can use to keep insects away:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent and wear protective clothing when outdoors from dusk to dawn – peak biting times for many insects.

- Don't wear heavily scented soaps, perfumes or bright colors, which attract bugs.

- Don't leave drinks and garbage cans uncovered; get rid of containers with standing water that attract mosquitoes.

- After outdoor activities, beneficiaries should check themselves, family members and pets for ticks – learn more about removing ticks at <http://1.usa.gov/insecttips>.

While bug bites and stings usually are just nuisances that can be treated with over-the-counter oral and topical antihistamines, others can transmit disease or cause serious reactions. Anyone bitten or stung should seek immediate medical attention if they experience the following:

- Signs of allergic reaction: Some people are allergic to insect bites or stings and can experience anaphylaxis, a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction. Signs of an allergic reaction, which may occur within seconds to minutes, include sneezing, wheezing, hives, vomiting, diarrhea, sudden anxiety, difficulty breathing, chest tightness and itching or swelling of the eyes, lips, or other areas of the face.

- Signs of infection: It is normal for a bite or sting to result in redness of the affected area and minor swelling. Sometimes, however, a bite or sting becomes infected and a fever may develop or the redness or soreness may worsen.

Protective precautions taken can make all the outdoor activities that come with spring and summer more enjoyable. To learn more about treating insect bites and stings, go to the National Institutes of Health's website, <http://1.usa.gov/insecttips2>.

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Did You know?

Marine Corps Safety Division Newsletter

New study dissects motorcycle safety gear use and effectiveness

SAFETY DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

Increases in injuries and deaths from motorcycle crashes are not unique to the Marine Corps, but represent a worldwide problem. Our mates "down under" conducted the first major scientific study, the deRome study, of motorcycle Personal Protective Equipment effectiveness since Europe established standards for motorcycle protective clothing.

What does that have to do with Marines?

While these standards are not mandatory outside Europe, they have had a major impact on the design and selection of motorcycle clothing worldwide. Manufacturers compete in worldwide markets and there are advantages to applying a uniform standard to all products in a particular line, not just the products heading to regulated markets.

The European standards focus on two major areas – the resistant of the clothing to tears, cutting or abrasive failure, and the use of body armor to distribute impact forces across a wider area in order to diminish impact injuries from a crash. The

study can help any rider make good decisions about gear that will get the most protection for dollar spent.

What makes this study different is that it did not look only at crashes reported through the police and emergency services, which tend to be the most serious, but instead sought out referrals to individuals through motorcycle repair shops based on repairs to bikes that were dropped or otherwise damaged in an accident.

This led to interviewing the riders who crashed and did enough damage to their bike to warrant repairs, but did not do enough damage to their person to warrant a hospital stay or burial. The results show how different types of PPE worked and whether the PPE sustained damage or failed in the crash. This is especially important because the value of PPE is realized to a much greater extent in lower energy crashes that do not result in death. Higher energy crashes, on the other hand, impose forces on the body and internal organs that are not substantively mitigated by PPE. This study also does not address helmets, which are already well proven in reducing head

injuries, and subject to more proven standards of design and testing.

"Semper Ride," the movie, executes an intentional low side crash by professional stunt man and trainer, Teach McNeal, at approximately 35 mph.

McNeal wore a full leather tracksuit, as well as track quality boots, gloves and of course, a helmet. The "Semper Ride" controlled test resulted in impact area failure of the leather exterior down to the protective Kevlar layer, but still presents only a single data point.

The deRome study measures the results of over 200 crashes at a range of speeds using a wide variety of PPE. The study included riders with minimal or no PPE as well as full PPE with body armor.

The analysis shows the comparative risk of injury requiring hospitalization for each article of PPE as it relates to the part of the body it is intended to protect, compared to the rider not wearing that article.

For more information about Commandant of the Marine Corps Safety and Force Preservation visit <http://1.usa.gov/mcsafety>



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- Thursday, April 26**
6:00pm - Silent House R
- Friday, April 27**
5:00pm - John Carter PG 13
8:00pm - 21 Jump Street R
- Saturday, April 28**
2:00pm - John Carter PG 13
5:00pm - 21 Jump Street R
7:30pm - Silent House R
- Sunday, April 29**
2:00pm - Dr. Seuss' the Lorax PG
4:15pm - 21 Jump Street R

MOVIE SYNOPSIS

Silent House - Starring: Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese, Eric Sheffer Stevens. Sarah is a young woman who finds herself sealed inside her family's secluded lake house. With no contact to the outside world, and no way out, panic turns to terror as events become increasingly ominous in and around the house.

Dr. Seuss' the Lorax - Animation - Starring the voices of: Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Zac Efron. A boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

John Carter - Starring: Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Thomas Haden Church. War-weary, former military captain John Carter is inexplicably transported to Mars where he becomes reluctantly embroiled in a conflict of epic proportions amongst the inhabitants of the planet, including Tars Tarkas and the captivating Princess Dejah Thoris. In a world on the brink of collapse, Carter rediscovers his humanity when he realizes that the survival of Barsoom and its people rests in his hands.

21 Jump Street - Starring: Stanley Wong, Brett Lapeyrouse, Caroline Aaron. Schmidt and Jenko are more than ready to leave their adolescent problems behind. Joining the police force and the secret Jump Street unit, they use their youthful appearances to go undercover in a local high school. As they trade in their guns and badges for backpacks, Schmidt and Jenko risk their lives to investigate a violent and dangerous drug ring. But they find that high school is nothing like they left it just a few years earlier - and neither expects that they will have to confront the terror and anxiety of being a teenager again and all the issues they thought they had left behind.

Movies are subject to change without notice

THE LOCAL BUZZ

Announcements

► *Indicates new announcement*

► **“Always Patsy Cline”**

“Always Patsy Cline,” a show celebrating the life and career of country music superstar Patsy Cline will take place at The Morehead Center in Morehead City, N.C., Friday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The show is the story of her career seen through her correspondence with fan Louise Seger and consists of 27 of her songs. Admission prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

► **Servmart Customer Appreciation**

Eastern Carolina Vocational Centers Servmart will be hosting a customer appreciation day at the Servmart Store aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Wednesday.

Servmart store hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The event will include free barbeque plates and drinks from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., free popcorn served all day, door prizes and vendor demonstrations.

Five percent of store sales and 25 percent of online sales will be donated to the air station’s Marine Corps Community Services Program.

Servmart will be fully stocked with 4,000 different items including administration and maintenance supplies.

For more information call 466-5923 or visit <http://bit.ly/servmart>.

► **Annual Havelock Salute to Veterans**

The Havelock Chamber of Commerce and the Havelock Military Affairs Committee will hold their annual Salute to Veterans at 6 p.m. May 8.

The average annual attendance for this event is more than 450 veterans and their families.

The event includes military appreciation programs, for all wars and all military branches, dinner, traditional cake cutting, silent auctions and entertainment.

Free tickets are now available to veterans and active duty military.

For more information, call Vanessa W. Lawrence at 447-1101.

► **Discover artist community around Weaverville**

Celebrate spring in the mountains and discover the thriving artist community in and around Weaverville,

N.C., during the Weaverville Art Safari May 12-13.

The event is free and features more than 40 artists of national and regional acclaim.

Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. the artists will open their studios to the public for a glimpse of their creative processes.

A preview party at Reems Creek Golf Club May 11 marks the beginning of the event.

Event tickets are \$10.

For more information, visit <http://www.weavervilleartsafari.com>.

► **Hope for the Warriors**

Hope for the Warriors is announcing early registration for the 7th annual Run for the Warriors.

The race will be held at Jacksonville High School May 19. Early registration prices for the half marathon are \$45 and \$20 for the 10K, 5K and one mile walk/run.

For more information, visit their website at <http://bit.ly/hopeforwarriors>.

► **New Bern Flag Football**

New Bern Parks and Recreation is putting together a 4-on-4 flag football league that will begin April 29 and run through June 24.

All games will be played at Kafer Park in New Bern. Registration fee is \$25 per person. To register go to the West New Bern Recreation Center front office no later than April 23.

For more information, contact Trevor Freitas at 639-2907 or by email at freitast@newbern-nc.org.

► **Advanced Riders Courses**

Advanced Rider Track Day is coming to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point April 28-29, May 19-20 and June 23-24; and at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue Aug 4-5, Sept. 15-16 and Oct. 20-21.

Advanced Motorcycle Operators School will be at the air station May 10-12 and Aug 9-11.

Both courses are free, open to any age or rank and consist of all aspects of rider awareness from knowing motorcycles’ limits to increasing confidence and safety.

For more information, contact your motorcycle mentorship program president or installation safety office, or register at <http://bit.ly/cherrypointtrackday>.

Marine and Family Programs

Marine, Family Programs Office Numbers

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

• Child Development Resource and Referral – 466-3595.

Now in Building 87

- Exceptional Family Member Program – 466-3305.
- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program – 466-5490.
- Substance Abuse Counseling – 466-7568.
- New Parent Support Program – 466-3651.
- Family Advocacy Program – 466-3264.

- Library – 466-3552.
- LifeLong Learning – 466-3500.
- Military Family Life Consultant – 876-8016.
- Retired Activities – 466-5548.

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.

Monthly and Weekly Events

► **Courage to Change**

Cherry Point and Havelock Courage to Change support group is for friends and families of people who suffer from alcoholism. Meetings are held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Havelock, Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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

► **AA Beginners Meeting**

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings aboard the air station are held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. The meetings take place in Room 208 of Building 229, next to the Cherry Tree House.

For more information, call 447-2109.

► **Al-Anon Family Group Meeting**

Al-Anon family group meetings are held Tuesdays 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 or 447-2109.

► **Together For Life**

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

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

► **Domestic Violence Victims**

Support groups for victims of domestic violence are provided by the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program. The group meetings are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 728-3788.

► **Marine Corps League Meetings**

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

For more information, call 515-1175.

► **Disabled Veterans**

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

For information, contact Cris Young at 259-3427.

► **Enlisted spouses club**

The Cherry Point Enlisted Spouses Club meets the first Thursday of every month in building 3452. The club is a social/ service organization open to the spouses of enlisted service members.

For information call 626-4319 or visit <http://www.cherrypointesc.org>

► **Friday, Saturday Night Events for Children**

The Bridge Youth Center on Harker’s Island is for children 6-18 to participate in recreational activities Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information contact Patrick J. Tivnan at 843-709-0732.

Hotlines

2nd MAW Command Inspector General
466-5038

Station Inspector
466-3449

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Sexual Assault

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

Severe Weather and Force Protection Information

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



Surveillance

If terrorists have chosen a specific target, that target area will most likely be observed during the planning phase of the operation. They do this in order to determine the strengths, weaknesses and number of personnel that may respond to an incident. Routes to and from the target are usually established during the surveillance phase. Therefore, it is important to notice someone recording or monitoring activities, drawing diagrams on or annotating maps.

OPERATION EAGLE EYES

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- 98 CENT ONLY STORE
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- TOBACCO LEAF
- VERONA QUICK STOP
- VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES

OUTSIDE AREAS

- CARLAND
- CENTENNIAL ENTERPRISES, INC.
- STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMPANY
- JOSHUA EXPERIENCE/ CLUB ACCESS