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Walters takes command of 2nd MAW



CPL. SANTIAGO G. COLON JR.

Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, left, hands the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing colors to Maj. Gen. Glenn M. Walters, relinquishing command of the wing to Walters on the flight line here, May 24. Walters previously served as the assistant wing commander, and as the commanding general of 2nd MAW (Fwd.) during its recent mission in Afghanistan.

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

Less than 90 days after returning from a year-long tour in Afghanistan, Maj. Gen. Glenn M. Walters took command of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing during a ceremony at the Cherry Point flight line, May 25.

"Personally, having commanded 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in Afghanistan, and now to come and command 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in Cherry Point, it's very fulfilling," Walters said.

Walters spent a year in Helmand province, Afghanistan, in command of the aviation

combat element for that region. Now, commanding the Marine Corps' East Coast aviation element, he has more than 15,000 Marines under his charge.

"The Marines behind me, a great portion of them served with us over in Afghanistan, and I cannot think of better Americans or better people to do what we have to do," Walters said. "I know if 15,000 Marines are focused and put their mind on the mission, there's nothing we can't do."

Moments after officially becoming commanding general of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Walters turned to face his predecessor,

Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, and shook his hand.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Walters pointed out that due to the time difference between Cherry Point and Afghanistan, Davis would often go into work early just in case Walters called for support.

"Now that's dedication," Walters said.

"Couldn't pick a better guy to take the wing from me," Davis said. "He knows exactly how I think, I know exactly how he thinks. I think the wing is only going to do better under his leadership. I'm very, very pleased handing off to Gen. Walters."

Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., command-

ing general of II Marine Expeditionary Force, echoed that sentiment in his remarks at the ceremony.

"Not a doubt in my mind that you will continue to do everything we need to do," Paxton said.

Davis said whatever challenges his successor may face, he knows Walters will succeed.

"I know he'll achieve what he sets out to do," Davis said. "I just hope he has one-tenth as much fun as I did and I hope its one-tenth as rewarding, because this is, no-kidding, the very best tour I've had in the Marine Corps."

Back from Afghanistan, Marines describe success behind close-air support mission

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

Operating out of Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, the busiest single-runway airport in the world, the Marines of Marine Attack Squadron 223 brought lethal strike capability with their AV-8B Harriers to back up infantrymen in Helmand province, one of the most historically volatile regions in Afghanistan, in a six-month deployment that ended just weeks ago.

But the Marines in the squadron said what makes them effective in their mission is not the Harrier, but one another.

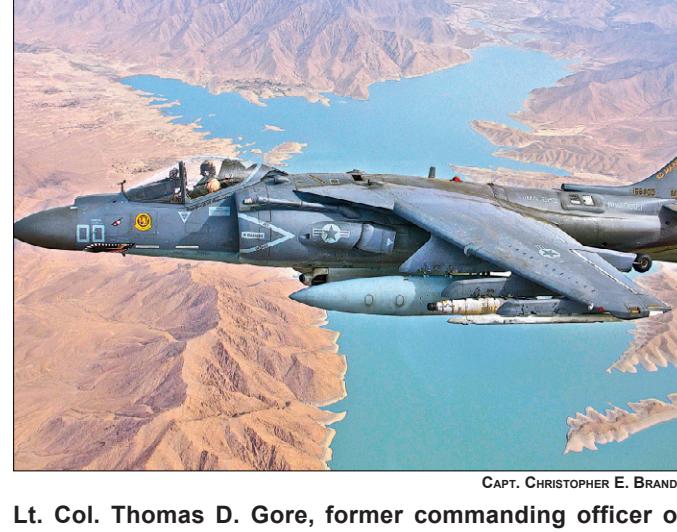
"The Harrier brings with it a Harrier pilot who has, due to his background and his training, a good understanding of the situation being faced by the Marines on the ground and an absolute commitment to do everything within his power to help them," said Lt. Col. Thomas D. Gore, who commanded VMA-223 through its deployment. "That's easy to say when you're talking

about 'yeah, I'll drop that bomb and support the guys on the ground,' but when it's day in day out, showing up and being asked to sweep many kilometers of unpaved road with your LITENING pod, looking for things that are suspicious, that's something that Marine aviation, not just the Harrier, but Marine aviation at large brings to the table. Nobody supports Marine infantry like Marine aviators."

Gore, who relinquished command of the squadron during a May 25 ceremony at Cherry Point, said that his Marines kept the notion of supporting the grunts on the ground at the forefront of their minds, and that was instrumental to the success of a squadron that awarded more than 100 individual awards for the actions of its Marines.

"They knew that they were out there specifically to support Marines outside the wire and they were deter-

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CAPT. CHRISTOPHER E. BRANDT
Lt. Col. Thomas D. Gore, former commanding officer of Marine Attack Squadron 223, pilots an AV-8B Harrier over the Kajaki Dam in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Nov. 20. From November 2011 to May 2012, VMA-223 provided close-air support for Marines and their Afghan and coalition partners conducting counterinsurgency operations in southwestern Afghanistan.

'Olympians' bid farewell to Bajus, welcome Kirchner

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

Lt. Col. Patrick S. Kirchner assumed command of Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 28 from Lt. Col. Thomas P. Bajus II during a ceremony here May 25.

Bajus will move on to duties as the wing air control officer for the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

"I've asked the Marines back here to do three things: to be the example, set their subordinates up for success, and to set the conditions for effective decisions and that's really what we do inside the [Tactical Air Control Center] and they've done it well," said Bajus. "They've done it from the sands of Afghanistan to the seas aboard amphibious ships to the schools of Havelock. They are a combat force multiplier to the wing and also positively contributing to the local community."

Kirchner was the squadron's executive officer before taking command. He said he looks forward to commanding the "Olympians."

"You all have given me something to lead the Marines with, each and every single one of you," said Kirchner, addressing the crowd. "I promise to you that I will give them everything I got each and every day while I'm in command."

Kirchner's career highlights include graduation from the Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor Program and the Weapons and Tactics instructor course.



Lt. Col. Patrick S. Kirchner, commanding officer of MTACS-28.

'Bulldogs' bid farewell to Gore, welcome Sauerland

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MCAS CHERRY POINT

Lt. Col. William R. Sauerland Jr. assumed command of Marine Attack Squadron 223 from Lt. Col. Thomas D. Gore during a ceremony at the squadron's hangar here, May 25.

Gore will next attend the Naval War College in Rhode Island for follow on schooling.

In his final address to the Marines of VMA-223 he focused on their importance in the Marine Corps and added many infantry Marines were alive today because of their efforts.

"To my Bulldogs, you were always ready and willing. Thank you for your dedication to duty," said Gore.

Sauerland assumed command after serving as the squadron executive officer. He said he is honored, humbled and excited to lead the Marines of VMA-223.

"There is 70 years of history in this squadron and the last seven months as the executive officer have been an honor," said Sauerland. "I'm excited to lead us into 71."

Sauerland's career highlights include graduating from the Marine Corps non-resident Amphibious Warfare School as well as the Air Force non-resident Command and Staff College.



Lt. Col. William R. Sauerland Jr., commanding officer of VMA-223.

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Racing, flying, shooting: Jane Wayne guests tap into warrior spirit



PHOTOS BY CPL. GLEN E. SANTY

Marine spouses watch as Lance Cpl. Frank Galinis demonstrates how to operate the .50 Caliber machinegun during the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 Jane Wayne day, May 24. The wives circulated throughout Cherry Point going to different stations set up by members of the squadron.

CPL. GLEN E. SANTY

MCAS CHERRY POINT

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More than 25 military spouses of Marines with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 spent the day racing, shooting and flying in a squadron event designed to bridge the communication gap that commonly occurs between military and civilian couples.

The spouses were separated into five groups and sent to six different stations throughout Cherry Point. They flew the KC-130J Hercules simulator, spent some time in the dark with military issue AN/AVS-9 night vision goggles, raced through an inflatable obstacle course, learned self defense with Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructors, shot some bad guys at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer and ended the day at the air traffic control tower.

"This has definitely helped me figure out what my husband is talking about now," said McKenzie Apodaca. "Today has really put me in touch with my warrior spirit."

Courtney Thorud, the squadron family readiness officer, said that VMGR-252 tries to hold a family or unit day every month but usually only has a Jane Wayne only once a year.

"We really have a dynamic squadron with constant deployments," said Thorud. "In the past two years we've only had one three-week period where everyone was home from deployments."



Ashley Nartins, a military spouse, flies the KC-130J flight simulator as part of the VMGR-252 Jane Wayne day, May 24. Approximately 30 spouses arrived for the event where they shot rifles at indoor ranges and raced through inflatable obstacle courses.



McKenzie Apodaca, a military spouse, shoots the M16 service rifle during the VMGR-252 Jane Wayne day, May 24. Apodaca said that the event put her in touch with her warrior spirit and gave her a better understanding on what her husband did each day.

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Fly High

Highlighting Cherry Point's Warriors



PFC. CHARLES L. WILLIAMS

Job Title: Warehouse clerk

Unit: Marine Aircraft Group 14

Hometown: Marion, S.C.

Age: 19

Date Joined: June 6, 2011

Pfc. Charles L. Williams, Jr., a warehouse clerk with Marine Aircraft Group 14, gives essential gear to units and minimizes the time they spend waiting for it.

The warehouse is filled with everything from desert utilities to ceremonial guidons and water cans. Units come in every day to check out these supplies according to their mission needs.

It is Williams' job to drive the forklift, issue deployment gear, and get assets to garrison units. Without a Marine in Williams' position, distribution and tracking of unit supplies would be a difficult task.

Williams said his favorite part of the job is issuing deployment gear because he gets to meet new people, see new gear and he appreciates the recognition often extended by unit leaders.

"Once in a while you hear a sergeant major or a captain saying, 'you guys are working great. Get them in and get them out,'" Williams said.

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The Lucky Red Lions of Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 bow their heads during the invocation at the redesignation and change of command ceremony on the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, flight line, May 10. The Lucky Red Lions were redesignated from HMH-363 to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363, and moved to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, in California. Lt. Col. Mark Revor, outgoing commanding officer, HMH-363, turned command over to Lt. Col. Timothy Miller, incoming commanding officer, VMM-363.

Red Lions relocate to Miramar with new commander, aircraft

KRISTEN WONG

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – KANEHOHE BAY

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – Service members, families, friends and other guests attended a ceremony, to see off, not only a commanding officer, but also an entire squadron, May 10.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 was redesignated as Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363, bound for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. Lt. Col. Timothy Miller, incoming commanding officer, for VMM-363, relieved Lt. Col. Mark Revor, outgoing commanding officer, HMH-363, during the same ceremony.

"Lt. Col. Mark Revor, 'Rover,' we're going to miss you," said Col. Richard Caputo, commanding officer for Marine Aircraft Group 24. "You had a challenging command and you did it ... when it mattered most. It's an honor to take the squadron into combat. You guys did it all on time, on target, with precision."

Caputo then addressed Miller.

"No pressure, you'll be the first commanding officer of VMM-363 and you're the man who's going to bring it back to life with the tremendous capability of the VMM-363," Caputo said. "I will leave you with this — protect the Red Lion patch, protect its combat heritage, and protect its colors."

Revor lowered the HMH-363 flag for the last time that afternoon. Miller then unfurled the new, bright red flag for VMM-363. Revor will end his five-year tour at Marine Corps Base Hawaii and attend school at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

During his speech, Revor remembered the seven fallen "Red Lions" from two CH-53D Sea Stallion mishaps, one in Kaneohe Bay in March 2011 and the other in Afghanistan in January.

"I will never forget the men and women I served with, the seven Marines we lost, and the family that the 'Lucky Red Lions' came to be over the past year and a half,"



KRISTEN WONG

Sgt. Maj. Mitchell Green, sergeant major, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, assists Lt. Col. Timothy Miller, incoming commanding officer, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363, in unfurling the new flag for his unit during the redesignation and change of command ceremony on the flight line, May 10.

Revor said.

As Revor finished, he turned the microphone to Miller, who recognized the service members of HMH-363.

"While none of the service members of HMH-363 will be joining me in Miramar, you can know that you will be passing on the torch to like-minded service members who are very interested and excited about starting this new tradition with VMM-363," said Miller.

"As part of the Marine Corps' master aviation plan, VMM-363 will relocate to MCAS Miramar in San Diego upon redesignation," said Maj. Jonathan Morel, executive officer, HMH-363.

According to Morel, the service mem-

bers in HMH-363 will be assigned to other units, and the newly designated squadron, equipped with a new staff of Marines and Sailors, will operate with the MV-22 Osprey instead of the CH-53D Sea Stallion.

Morel, like Green has been with the "Red Lions" as long as he has been stationed at MCB Hawaii. Morel's next assignment will be with Marine Aircraft Group 24.

"The squadron has gone through other changes of aircraft in the past, going back to before Vietnam, and this is just another step in the evolution of Marine aircraft," Morel said. "The heart of the squadron and its legacy have transcended these changes in the past and I have no doubt

the proud traditions of the Lucky Red Lions will continue as VMM-363."

The Red Lions were first established in 1952, celebrating their 60th anniversary on June 2. As VMM-363 in MCAS Miramar, its mission will continue to be providing "assault support of combat troops, supplies and equipment during amphibious operations and subsequent operations ashore," according to Miller.

"We're changing air frames, we're changing locations, changing part of our name," Revor said. "But the Lucky Red Lions will live on in the same lineage that we had ... we'll still be there."

Aircraft and personnel recovery platoon trains to rescue downed pilots

CPL. JOHN ROBBART III

15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

WARNER SPRINGS, Calif. – In the unfortunate event that an aircraft goes down, pilots can rest assured the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit has trained a 24-man platoon to come and get them.

The Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Platoon, 15th MEU, underwent specialized training under the supervision of I Marine Expeditionary Force's Special Operations Training Group. The Marines and Sailors honed their skills by performing a simulated recovery, May 10.

"We build these scenarios off of missions that have really happened, such as the recovery mission 26th MEU recently performed," said Maj. Ruben Gutierrez, the officer-in-charge of amphibious raids, special operations training group, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

With a UH-1Y Huey and an AH-1Z Cobra in the air providing escorts, the platoon landed a CH-53E Super Stallion in a nearby location and immediately set up a security perimeter. As the helicopter took off and joined his escorts in the air, the platoon began patrolling in search of the pilot, using a homing beacon to find her location to bring her back to safety.

Other role players were staged in the training area simulating a hostile force, firing at the

Marines during their rescue efforts. The rest of the platoon provided security while Sgt. Scott W. Ghilchrist, the platoon's recovery team leader, climbed up a tree and lowered the pilot to safety.

"They had two safeties and created a pulley system to help ease me down," said Cpl. Brittany L. Jones, one of the role players and a radio operator with the command element, 15th MEU.

Jones added if the recovery platoon were called upon to execute a real mission, she is confident it would go as smoothly as it did during training.

The recovery platoon carried the pilot on a stretcher back to their helicopter and returned to base.

"We are doing everything to make the training for these Marines and Sailors as realistic as possible," said Maj. Scott A. Huesing, the assistant operations officer for the 15th MEU.

This scenario is one of many the platoon will undergo to help improve their specialized skill set.

"The 15th MEU is the middleweight force that can handle missions big or small," said Huesing. "The recovery platoon is one of the many tools the MEU commander can use to leverage a situation."



CPL. JOHN ROBBART III

Sergeant Scott W. Ghilchrist, recovery team leader, Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Platoon, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, prepares to rescue Cpl. Brittany L. Jones, who was playing the role of a downed pilot during training, here, May 9.

'Feats' test Marines collective strength



PHOTOS BY CPL. GLEN E. SANTY
Maj. Ryan Hough, a maintenance officer with Marine Attack Squadron 231, explains the next course for the "Feats of Strength" competition, May 21, at Hancock Lodge. The Marines contend in the in-house competition every month as a way to boost morale and camaraderie throughout the squadron.

"We work hard together and play hard together."

— Sgt. Marcus Beeks, an aircraft electrical systems technician with VMA-231.



One of the groups finish the "Feats of Strength" competition and cross the finish line at Hancock Lodge, May 21. Five teams took part in this month's land-to-sea approach with a relay race on foot and by boat.



Sgt. Marcus Beeks, an aircraft electrical systems technician with Marine Attack Squadron 231, dons a lifejacket for the "Feats of Strength" competition at Hancock Lodge aboard Cherry Point, May 21.



Marines with Marine Attack Squadron 231 complete the aquatic portion of the "Feats of Strength" competition, May 21, at Hancock Lodge. The competition included Marines sprinting then completing a race in canoes in the Neuse River.



Marines with Marine Attack Squadron 231 trudge in during the "Feats of Strength" competition at Hancock Lodge aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, May 21. Most of the canoes spent more time trying to tip each other over instead of finishing the race. The AV-8B Harrier squadron initiated the monthly "Feats of Strength" competition to challenge Marines of the squadron outside of the work place.

CPL. GLEN E. SANTY
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As the enlisted Marines with Marine Attack Squadron 231 splashed about and tried to tip each others' canoes, they didn't seem to notice or care when officers slid past and cruised to victory during the squadron's "Feats of Strength" competition, May 21.

It may not have seemed mission related as the Marines splashed in the Neuse River, however they were participating in a competition organized by squadron leaders to enhance the overall effectiveness of the unit. The AV-8B Harrier squadron initiated the monthly "Feats of Strength" competition to challenge Marines of the squadron outside of the work place.

"It's good for the Marines to break away from the day-to-day monotony and get out and build camaraderie," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jeffrey Stapleton, squadron maintenance material control officer.

Five teams took part in this

month's land-to-sea approach with a relay race on foot and by boat at Hancock Lodge. The five member teams represented: avionics shop, seat-shop, power line, ordnance, the administration shops and the unit officers.

The Marines began the race carrying their canoes from the starting point to the water's edge.

It was there the race heated up. Before long, many teams shifted their focus from taking first place to sinking each other.

The controlled melee continued until officer team members exchanged high-fives on the shore in victory. The final four boats came in bottom up.

However, the rest of the competitors seemed to care little about placing. Sgt. Marcus Beeks, an aircraft electrical systems technician with VMA-231, said that his team's main strategy was to stay afloat.

"Today was pretty awesome," said Beeks, "We work hard together and play hard together."

Lightning II makes historic first flight



PHOTO COURTESY OF LOCKHEED MARTIN

An F-35B Lightning II departs Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, May 10, headed to 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing's Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501, based at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The aircraft made its first flight at Eglin Air Force Base, May 22, signaling the start of the next era of Marine aviation.

COMPILATION ARTICLE

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – The Marine Corps' fifth generation fighter, the F-35B Lightning II, made its first training flight at Eglin Air Force Base, May 22, signaling the start of the next era of Marine Aviation on the cusp of last weekend's Centennial of Marine Aviation celebrations in Washington, D.C.

The F-35B Lightning II is the Marine Corps' Short Take-Off Vertical Landing variant of the aircraft that enables forces to operate in harsh conditions and remote locations where few airfields are available for conventional aircraft. The STOVL variant also enables the F-35B to operate from amphibious ships – a capability that no other aircraft possesses.

The Marine Corps requirement for expeditionary tactical aircraft has been demon-

strated repeatedly since the inception of Marine aviation almost 100 years ago today. From the expeditionary airfields and agile jeep carriers of World War II, to close air support in proximity to troops in Korea and Vietnam, to forward basing on cratered runways and taxiways throughout Iraq, through to today's fight in Afghanistan, the Marines ability to tactically base fixed wing aircraft in the hip pocket of its ground forces has been instrumental to its success on the battlefield.

The F-35B is part of the Marine Corps' ongoing effort to modernize its aging fleet of aircraft and to take advantage of fifth generation technology that will greatly enhance its ability to meet the Marines' expeditionary operating requirements at sea and ashore. The F-35B will replace three legacy aircraft – the F/A-18 Hornet, EA-6B Prowler and AV-8B Harrier, in turn saving the DOD approximately \$1 billion in legacy operations and maintenance costs.

Locked on target



LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

A Marine with 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion fires a PL-87 Stinger Missile at an unmanned aerial target off the coast of Onslow Beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 25.

Air defense gunners destroy targets, prepare for possible conflicts

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

MCAS CHERRY POINT

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – For more than 10 years the Marine Corps has been conducting combat operations against enemies who do not rely on aircraft.

So why does 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion continue to sustain skill sets that would allow them to defend land elements from air attacks?

"There will always be a time and place for this training to pay off," said Lt. Col. Joel A. Burdette, commanding officer of the air defense battalion.

Marines of 2nd LAAD conducted a PL-87 Stinger Missile live fire at Onslow Beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 25.

"UAVs could become a possible threat to us at anytime. That is why my Marines continue to train with the Stinger Missile," said Burdette.

2nd LAAD Marines fired more than 50 Stinger Missiles at targets during their week-

long training exercise to better hone their skills. A UAT is a model airplane used for target practice for different weapon systems.

The UATs flew in a pacing like pattern more than 2,500 meters off the coast before being shot down by the gunners.

The Marines went over several different training scenarios during the day. A few scenarios had the gunners standing at a firing point firing the missile system and another had them hopping out of a Humvee before locking on and firing.

During this type of scenario, the air defense Marines have but moments to get out of a vehicle, locate the aircraft, lock-on and fire the weapon system.

"If we take too long to shoot down an enemy aircraft it could mean the death of us and possibly hundreds of Marines," said Sgt. Roberto Cuesdes, a gunner with 2nd LAAD. "You never know when and where we might be called upon to do this job for the Marine Corps. We have to be well prepared."



CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO

An MV-22 Osprey, with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, drops a Container Delivery System bundle during a training exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 16, 2012. Marines with Air Delivery Platoon, 2nd Marine Logistics Group assembled eight 520-pound CDS bundles as part of the exercise.

2nd MAW Marines send supply operations airborne

CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO

2ND MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – For more than 11 years, Marines have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan against insurgents who commonly prefer to employ improvised explosive devices, making ground operations extremely dangerous.

However, Marines have incorporated their air assets into operations to effectively deliver supplies to troops on the front lines mitigating risk to personnel and vehicles.

Service members with Air Delivery Platoon, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, continued to refine their delivery skills by dropping eight Container Delivery System bundles during a two-day training exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 16-17.

The system consists of a wood pallet set at the bottom, an energy dissipating material – such as thick corrugated cardboard – in between and the cargo on the top. It is all wrapped together and equipped with a high velocity parachute.

“With this system we can pretty much deliver almost any type of supply anywhere we need,” said Cpl. Edwin B. Lathrop, an airborne and air delivery specialist with 2nd MLG.

During the exercise, the air delivery specialists teamed up with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, in order to conduct the training.

“This is common training,” explained 2nd Lt. Sarah E. Simmler, the Air Delivery platoon commander. “This is part of these Marines’ military occupation. Not only do they inspect and pack parachutes, but they also have to be able to put the CDS [bundles] together.”

“We are also supporting the pilots, who have to maintain their proficiency requirements,” Simmler added.

Each CDS bundle weighed nearly 520 pounds and were dropped from an altitude of 500 feet. The pilots had to maneuver the aircraft in order to land each bundle in the target area, which measured only 25-yards in diameter.

“This is a capability directly related to combat,” Lathrop concluded. “We are able to deliver supplies faster and more effectively to any location, but we need to practice here to make sure we can do it right.”



CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO

Cpl. Edwin B. Lathrop (left) and Lance Cpl. Austin A. Trowbridge (right), airborne and air delivery specialists with 2nd Marine Logistics Group, inspect a Container Delivery System bundle during a training exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 16. The air delivery Marines teamed up with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing to conduct air delivery training.

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mined to see as many of those Marines as possible successfully take the fight to the enemy and then come home safely," Gore said.

He said having the Harrier overhead allowed for "a very rapid kinetic strike option," and that there were some spectacular strikes during their time in Afghanistan.

One such strike came at the hands of Capt. Andrew Christ, a Harrier pilot who deployed with less than a year in the Fleet Marine Force. Christ received an individual action air medal for hitting an SUV carrying a team of insurgents who were attacking patrols with a machine gun.

"That thing was going 20-25 miles per hour over undulating terrain, and he exercised a lot of tactical patience not dropping when he was cleared to drop because he was worried about killing or wounding innocent bystanders," Gore said.

Christ said he tracked the vehicle for almost two hours as it went from village to village in northern Helmand province, waiting for it to get clear of populated areas.

"It presented a difficult tactical scenario because of their proximity to innocent women and children," Christ said. "Any time they got close to a compound, it almost forces you to abort the attack because you don't want to risk hurting civilians."

Christ waited for the vehicle to enter an irrigation ditch and then attacked.

Gore said that our enemies know that there's nowhere they can hide from Marine aviation. The Harrier can strike someone in dead of night, whether they're about to take a shot or plant an improvised explosive device, thinking they're safe. "Or they're providing overwatch somewhere, watching their buddy lay in an IED, and they see those guys get (taken out) by aviation ordnance. I'm sure for them at times it must seem pretty intimidating."

Lt. Col. William Sauerland, the new commanding officer, who served as the squadron's executive officer in Afghanistan, said the Harrier provides the ability to rapidly strike the enemy when he pokes his head up, and to see a young pilot like Christ do that effectively is exciting.

"These guys have been training for 3-5 years to get to that one spot in time, that's pretty neat to watch," Sauerland said.

Christ said it is important for every Marine in the squadron to share in the success.

"It's gratifying to us to be able to remove bad guys from the battlefield and protect our

guys on the ground, but it's also extraordinarily gratifying for the maintenance Marines because too often they see a loaded-up jet go out and a loaded-up jet come back," Christ said. "But when it comes back empty and they get to hear the story about the hit and know that was the bomb they fused this morning, the bomb they loaded up, the jet they fueled and did inspections on. Everything they're doing makes an incredible difference and it's important they see that."

Cpl. Thomas A. Carvalho, an ordnance technician with the squadron, said it was very tedious working day in and day out and it was rewarding to see aircraft come back to Kandahar having deployed ordnance.

"The first thought that always went through my head, because it was so infrequent, was 'Finally,'" said Carvalho. "You know you're stopping someone from killing Marines and it feels good."

The staff noncommissioned officers in the maintenance department said every Marine in the squadron knows that.

"We're supporting the guys on the ground. We instilled that in the junior Marines. You're going to do your job and do it well, because there's a guy on the ground who needs your help," said Staff Sgt. Luke Dietz, who leads Marines in the squadron's avionics department.

Gore said he was most proud of the fact that the squadron was always there to provide support when asked.

"In the 6 months there was never a time when the squadron said no to higher headquarters," Gore said. "In 6 months, each and every time they asked us if the squadron could add an extra section or extend our fly window, or extend guys who were airborne, each and every time we said yes."

Sauerland said that the ability to do that came from the sense of teamwork and perspective the Marines had.

"The Army talks about their tanks, the Navy talks about their ships, the Air Force talks about their airplanes. We have all of those, what do we talk about? We talk about our Marines," Sauerland said. "It's one big team. We're all in this together. We're going to win together or we're going to fail together. I'd like to think we're going to win together."

Chaplain's Corner : Decoration Day

Lt. CMDR. PHIL KING

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14 CHAPLAIN

Memorial Day was also called "Decoration Day," the observance begun in Waterloo, New York, established May 2, 1866, to honor dead soldiers from the American Civil War. In 1868 Maj. Gen. John Logan named May 30 a special day of remembrance, which survives until this day as our Memorial Day. In 1971 the federal holiday of Memorial Day was set to be commemorated on the fourth Monday in May.

Since World War I, Memorial Day has also been called "Poppy Day," when volunteers would sell small red flowers to benefit disabled veterans. Following World War I, November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day, when bells would be rung commemorating the Peace of Versailles. Following

the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veteran's Day, a sister observance with the older Memorial Day, honoring those Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who fought and died for our country.

In many locations, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is read on Memorial Day. Lincoln was not the slated orator that Day in 1863, commemorating the 6,000 war dead at the Battle of Gettysburg; Rather, Edward Everett, former president of Harvard University, professor of Greek, a blue-blood from a distinguished Massachusetts family, was the principle speaker. Indeed, Everett waxed eloquent for almost two hours before Lincoln spoke. And yet many years later it is the 10 simple lines, hewn of the wilderness education of Lincoln's address, that capture the timeless mystery, sacrifice, loss and

hope that hangs like a spirit over our collective memory of Memorial Day, making explicit our timeless struggle for freedom. Carved into the stone of the southern wall of the Lincoln Memorial, the Gettysburg Address notes this simple truth:

"But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced ..."

Just to the east and north of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, the "Wall,"

honoring some of the 58,000 who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, keeps a silent vigil of remembrance; connecting in a quarter mile the struggle and suffering of our nation over a century. And that struggle for freedom and justice goes on, carried as a promise and obligation on the shoulders of our children, into an unknown future.

We can see the survivors. The names of some of the dead are chiseled into stone monuments; let their memory live in human hearts and souls that long for the ultimate triumph of peace and divine justice. Thank you to all our veterans. Thanks to all the families. Thank you, for shouldering the burden of our oath.

God Bless and keep all of us.



Cpl. ISAAC LAMBERTH

Sgt. Thomas DeBaker, a team leader with Bravo Company, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, counts Marines and members of the Afghan National Security Forces' National Interdiction Unit, a specialized counternarcotics team, as they board an MV-22B Osprey from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365, in Nimroz province, Afghanistan, May 14.

Blue Knights assist narcotics fight

CPL. ISAAC LAMBERTH

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR / 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

NIMROZ PROVINCE, Afghanistan

— Crews from two MV-22B Ospreys with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 await a call to extract Marines who have been conducting a counternarcotics operation in western Nimroz province to return them to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 14.

Once the call arrives, the pilots and crew chiefs don their gear, prep their aircraft for takeoff and ready their weapons. Rolling down the runway at Camp Bastion, the two aircraft quickly gain speed and lift off, heading directly to the Khash Rod district in northern Nimroz province. Waiting for them are Marines from 1st

Reconnaissance Battalion and members of the National Interdiction Unit, a specialized Afghan counternarcotics team. The ground units are depending on the Osprey crews to arrive in a timely manner before a dangerous situation arises.

Capt. Jason Laird, a pilot and flight leader for the mission, explained that the squadron was assisting ground units in disrupting the supply routes of insurgents who have been smuggling weapons and narcotics.

"It's important to do these types of missions because it helps reduce the amount of funding that can be used against our guys on the ground," said Laird.

In the past, insurgents have sold narcotics to buy weapons and use them against

coalition forces. The operation reinforces the idea to local residents that the country is clamping down on illegal drugs and weapons smuggling.

Several minutes into the flight, the Ospreys begin their descent. Dropping to just above treetop level, the aircraft move in a blur of motion with speed and purpose, rapidly closing the gap between themselves and the Marines on the ground.

"When we go, we need to get in and out," said Staff Sgt. Michael Allen, a crew chief with the squadron. "These guys depend on us to get there quickly."

Landing in a cloud of dust and vegetation, the Marines of 1st Recon Bn. and the National Interdiction Unit hurriedly make their way to the Ospreys. Jumping onto

the ramps of the aircraft, they quickly ready themselves for the ride back. Within seconds, two platoon-sized elements have boarded.

Once everyone and everything is properly secured, the pilots turn the engines up to full power and lift off.

Allen said the operation was a success. The Marines stopped several individuals for questioning and found a cache of weapons.

Making several hard turns on the way back to Camp Leatherneck, the aircrews unload their passengers and arrive back at the flight line, ready to complete the next task at hand.

Sea Knights deployed with MEU



CPL. TOMMY HUYNH

Pilots flying a CH-46E Sea Knight take off from USS Pearl Harbor at sea, May 6. The pilots serve with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 (Reinforced), the aviation combat element for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The unit embarked USS Makin Island, USS New Orleans and USS Pearl Harbor in San Diego, Nov. 14, beginning a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Horn of Africa and Middle East regions.

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March on the beef

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

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Although the unit is constantly sending troops and aircraft to locations around the world, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 celebrated their rich history with an enduring Marine Corps tradition.

The Super Stallion squadron hosted a mess night for more than 50 officers and staff noncommissioned officers aboard the historic USS North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C., May 24.

The squadron has Marines deployed to the Horn of Africa, Afghanistan and will be sending a third detachment to join the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in the coming months.

The commanding officer felt, with a majority of the unit's staff and officers home for a brief moment, that this would be the best time for the unit to conduct the mess night.

"These Marines work hard to lead our squadron into greatness," said Lt. Col. Richard T. Anderson, the commanding officer for HMH-366. "They are constantly away from their families and deserve time to relax and build the esprit de corps between the staff NCOs and officers."

The traditional schedule that HMH-366 followed included a cocktail hour, the March of the Beef and the dinner.

"As one of the senior staff members it is my job, like the other senior enlisted members, to teach and pass on the traditions of the Corps to those junior to me," said Master Sgt. Sean P. Bosh, a maintenance chief for HMH-366. "This event



A staff sergeant with Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 walks up the ramp to board the USS North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C., before the units mess night, May 24.

builds camaraderie between all present and helps build that working relationship between staff and officers. We are the leaders of this unit."

The senior enlisted and officers should be using times like the mess night to teach the junior staff and officers about the traditions and pass on knowledge their seniors passed on to them, said Bosh.

"We do deploy a lot and just being here as the most junior officer has shown me I can trust these guys while I'm flying and hopefully they can trust me," said 1st Lt. Nicholas R. Ferri, a pilot with HMH-366. "With the high octane deployment rate we keep, we need to be able to feel comfortable with who we are heading down range with. These traditions help us do that."

The tradition of the formal mess night dates back to World War II and was conducted by officers of the 3rd Regimental Combat Team in 1953. Still today, the Marine Corps carries on the tradition that usually ends with the final toast and with the words, "Take courage then seize the fortune that awaits you, repair to the Marine Rendezvous where in a flowing bowl of punch, and three times three, you shall drink, 'Long live the United States and success to the Marines.'"



More than 50 officers and staff noncommissioned officers with Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 pose for a photo aboard the USS North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C., before the units mess night, May 24.



Sgt. Maj. Anthony P. Banks, the sergeant major of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366, takes the first bite of beef before the HMH-366 mess night aboard the USS North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C., May 24.

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/ 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

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 May 31

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

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

Friday June 1

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 June 2

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 June 3

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

Monday May 28

Lunch - Beef short ribs, chicken and vegetable pasta, steamed rice, roasted zucchini, steamed baby carrots, minestrone soup **Dinner** - Braised pork chops, turkey meatloaf, buttered egg noodles, islander's rice, lyonnaise wax beans, broccoli polonaise, brown gravy, chicken gumbo soup

Tuesday May 29

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 May 30

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



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Thursday, May 31

6:00pm - The Lucky One PG 13

Friday, June 1

5:00pm - The Pirates! Band of Misfits PG

7:00pm - The Lucky One PG 13

9:15pm - The Five Year Engagement R

Saturday, June 2

2:00pm - The Pirates! Band of Misfits PG

4:00pm - The Pirates! Band of Misfits PG

6:30pm - The Lucky One PG 13

8:45pm - The Five Year Engagement R

Sunday, June 3

2:00pm - The Pirates! Band of Misfits PG

Tuesday, June 5

6:00pm - Finding Nemo G

MOVIE SYNOPSIS

The Lucky One - Starring: Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner, U.S. Marine Sergeant Logan Thibault returns from his third tour of duty in Iraq, with the one thing he credits with keeping him alive - a photograph he found of a woman he doesn't even know. Learning her name is Beth and where she lives, he shows up at her door, and ends up taking a job at her family-run local kennel. Despite her initial mistrust and the complications in her life, a romance develops between them, giving Logan hope that Beth could be much more than his good luck charm.

The Pirates! Band of Misfits - Starring: Hugh Grant, Martin Freeman, Brendan Gleeson. With a rag-tag crew at his side, and seemingly blind to the impossible odds stacked against him, the Captain has one dream: to beat his bitter rivals Black Bellamy and Cutlass Liz to the most coveted Pirate Of The Year Award. It's a quest that takes our heroes from the shores of exotic Blood Island to the foggy streets of Victorian London. Along the way they battle a diabolical queen and team up with a happily settled young scientist but never lose sight of what a pirate loves best: adventure!

The Five Year Engagement - Starring: Jason Segel, Emily Blunt, Chris Pratt. Beginning where most romantic comedies end, this film looks at what happens when an engaged couple keeps getting tripped up on the long walk down the aisle.

Finding Nemo - Starring the voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Alexander Gould. Life along the Great Barrier Reef is full of dangers when you are a tiny clown fish. And for Marlin, a single parent determined to protect his only son Nemo, there are constant fears and anxieties.

MCAS Cherry Point HM Birthday Ball Committee

Golf Tournament



Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012

Time: Shotgun start: 0800
Check-in NLT: 0730
Lunch/Prizes to follow

Place: MCAS Cherry Point
Sound of Freedom Golf Course

Cost: \$50 per player. Includes green/cart fees and lunch.

Who: Open to all civilians and military.

Registration POCS [Register by: 2JUN12](#)

- NHC Cherry Point: HM1 Jason Sasser
Phone: 466-0258 E-mail: Jason.sasser@med.navy.mil
- 2D MAW: HM1 Kip Johnson
Phone: 466-6930 E-mail: kip.johnson@usmc.mil
- 2D MAW: HM1 Andrea Anderson
Phone: 466-7227 E-mail: andrea.anderson@usmc.mil

There will be prizes for Hole-in-One, Longest Drive, Closet to the Pin, and Top Team.

Mulligans & Tee Busters available \$5 each.

From the clinic: Vaccines changed medicine

Laurie A. Varner

MCAS CHERRY POINT NAVAL MEDICAL CLINIC

Vaccines have transformed the landscape of medicine over the course of the 20th century. Before vaccines, parents in the United States could expect that every year:

- Polio would paralyze 10,000 children.
- Rubella (German measles) would cause birth defects and mental retardation in as many as 20,000 newborns.
- Measles would infect about 4 million children, killing 3,000.
- Diphtheria would be one of the most common causes of death in school-aged children.
- A bacterium called Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) would cause meningitis in 15,000 children, leaving many with permanent brain damage.
- Pertussis (whooping cough) would kill thousands of infants.

Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that killed or severely disabled people just a few generations before. For most Americans today, vaccines are a routine part of healthcare.

However, the disappearance of many childhood diseases has led some parents to question whether vaccines are still necessary. Further, a growing number of parents are concerned that vaccines may actually be the cause of diseases such as autism, hyperactivity, developmental delay, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) among others. These concerns have caused some parents to delay vaccines or withhold them altogether from their children.

Please visit one of the following websites for more specific information on these concerns, visit <http://bit.ly/Ljq7dV> and <http://bit.ly/Kk03zg>.

Who licenses, recommends and requires vaccines?

Vaccines are only given to children after a long and careful review by a number of different groups. These different groups either: license, recommend or require vaccines.

Licensure

The first of three processes, licensure, involves gaining approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). As a result, it is the longest of these processes. It can take years, even decades, before pharmaceutical companies can actually start providing the vaccine. For example, the varicella vaccine took about 11 years to be licensed by the FDA. Vaccines are usually made by first showing that they are safe and effective in animals. Once this is established, the vaccine becomes an Investigational New Drug (IND) and the company is given an IND license to further study the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine in adults, and eventually, children. Again, these trials

can take years, giving companies ample time to provide the FDA with proof of long-term safety and effectiveness.

Recommendation

The recommendation process begins only after a vaccine is licensed by the FDA. Doctors don't just decide to start giving the vaccine on their own. They seek the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Committee on Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

While the FDA licensure process involves determining the risks versus the benefits of a particular vaccine, the recommendation process considers the costs versus the benefits. Here's the distinction:

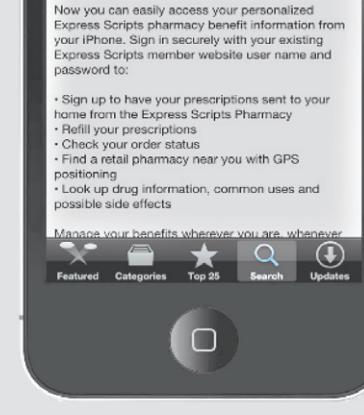
- The FDA examines vaccine safety by considering whether there are any risks (negative effects) associated with the vaccine. They ask: "Do these risks outweigh the benefits of the vaccine or vice versa?"
- In addition to considering the risks and benefits of a vaccine, the ACIP, AAP and AAFP also examine the costs associated with immunizing all or just a segment of the population. For instance, with the chickenpox (varicella) vaccine what is the cost of immunizing children compared with the potential savings in medical and non-medical costs from immunizing them? An example of non-medical costs would be money lost by parents who miss work taking care of their unvaccinated child.
- Another part of the recommendation process is determining which groups of people within the population would benefit from the vaccine, and on what schedule the vaccine should be given based on data previously presented to the FDA.

Requirement

Just because a vaccine is recommended for use doesn't mean that it is required for use. State legislatures and health departments determine whether a vaccine is required. They examine the practicality of requiring it for every child within the state. Factored into this equation is whether a local or state government can afford to pay for the vaccines of children whose parents can't afford it.

However, from the parents' perspective, vaccine requirements shouldn't matter. If a vaccine is considered to be safe and effective by the FDA, and useful for children by the ACIP, AAP and AAFP, then the vaccine is of value and should be given. Local health care budgets, although they determine whether a vaccine is to be required for school entry, have little to do with whether a vaccine is safe, effective and useful.

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THE LOCAL BUZZ

Announcements

► Indicates new announcement

► Meet Super Why and Woofster in New Bern

UNC-TV presents Super Why and Woofster, characters from the PBS' childrens show "Super why" in New Bern June 1-2.

Visits are scheduled to be hosted at the Craven County Public Library Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Union Point Park Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information visit <https://www.unctv.org>.

► Free Annual Passes for National Parks

The National Park Service is currently giving away annual passes for national parks in North Carolina and many other states to active duty service members and their dependents.

For more information, call 910-867-8151.

► Tryon Palace History Summer Camp

The Tryon Palace will host a history summer camp June 18 – 22, taking attendees into the past to experience life before iPods and the Internet.

Campers will explore how colonists lived in colonial North Carolina.

Advance registration is necessary, to register visit <https://tryonpalace.org> or call 639-3524.

Beach Magic

Be amazed and thrilled as Bryan Sanders and Terry Morris fill the stage with tricks, stunts and audience participation at the Morehead City Center Beach Magic Show, June 14.

Admission is \$10.

For more information call 726-1501.

Sunset Dinner Cruise

Join Wilmington Water Tours every Saturday for a sunset cruise with a full captain's buffet catered by Front Street Brewery.

Enjoy music and a nice float down the river.

For more information, call 910-338-3134.

Morehead City Saturday Market

Morehead City will host a market on the second Saturday of every month now through December.

You may find quality, local, handmade or

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.cherrypointsc.org>

Friday, Saturday Night Events for Children

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

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.

Be aware of anyone attempting to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, flight manuals, access cards or identification for a key facility. If you notice anyone involved in above described activities, contact the Provost Marshal's Office at 466-4366.

OPERATION EAGLE EYES

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.

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PLEASURE PALACE

PRIVATE PLEASURES (AKA CARRIAGE HOUSE)

RACEWAY AUTO PARTS

REFLECTION PHOTO

REID'S MART

SMOKERS POST

SOUTHERN COMFORT

SMITTY'S R&R

SPEED MART

TALK OF THE TOWN II

TENDER TOUCH (AKA BABY DOLLS)

TOBACCO ALLEY

TOBACCO AND MORE

TOBACCO CLUB

TOBACCO FOR LESS

TOBACCO HOUSE CIGARETTE CENTER

TOBACCO LEAF

VERONA QUICK STOP

VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES

OUTSIDE AREAS

CARLAND

CENTENNIAL ENTERPRISES, INC.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMPANY

JOSHUA EXPERIENCE/ CLUB ACCESS

Hotlines

2nd MAW Command Inspector General

466-5038

Station Inspector

466-3449

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