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## OPINION &amp; EDITORIAL

## THE EVOLUTION OF THE CULTURAL NORM

**Cpl. Aaron Diamant**

Desert Warrior Staff

As I get ready for work most mornings, I watch the news. I can't tell you if it's because I'm in the news business myself, or because I like knowing what's going on in the world, or just because there's nothing else on. But every once in a while, I see a story that shocks me.

After spending some time as a law enforcement officer and almost four years as a Marine, seeing the worst in people is nothing new to me. It's quite a feat to truly amaze me. I'm not being cynical by any means, I've also seen people do the extraordinary and been blessed with the opportunity to cover some of these events.

Unfortunately, for many people, I believe, the bad is what seems to stick out in our minds.

I recently watched a news segment on middle school children tormenting their 68-year old bus monitor to the point of tears.

For nearly 10 minutes, a group of four seventh-grade children repeatedly called this poor woman names and even suggested her children should commit suicide. Try as she might to ignore them, she ultimately moved to telling them to stop, which sadly ended in her shedding tears. As it turns out, her eldest son did take his own life 10 years ago.

In a typical move, one of the geniuses posted the video he took with his cell phone on the internet, and boom, national news coverage and nearly 2 million views on YouTube.com.

I blame parents. It may seem like a copout, but had these children been raised better, this might not have happened. The bullying problem in America's schools already seems to be bad enough. What is amazing to me, is today's teens don't seem to be happy picking solely on their peers anymore, they've moved to what they perceive as the next weakest victim.

In this case, the next weakest victim is an older woman who spends her time ensuring kids aren't picking on one another, only to become the target of unwarranted ridicule and harassment herself.

*“There are some really great kids out there, but they are becoming fewer and farther between.”*

What happened to the days when children were taught to respect their elders? For that matter, what happened to the days when children were taught to respect others at all?

Not so long ago, children called men and women ‘sir’ or ‘ma’am.’ I personally don't like to be called ‘sir,’ but it is designed to show respect, not title. As Machiavelli said, “It is men who give luster to titles, not titles to men.” If someone's child calls me ‘sir,’ I am not going to tell the child not to do so, I understand and appreciate what that parent is instilling in their child.

Children used to know disrespect equaled punishment, something that doesn't seem to compute in many children anymore. This is because the attitude of the vast majority is, “They're just a child, they didn't mean anything by it.”

This is absolutely false, and a terrible idea. By taking this mentality, you are in fact enabling and encouraging children to disrespect others. You are contributing to the demise of decency in this country.

By no means is this an all-encompassing statement that all kids are evil little hellions, or that all parents fail to execute their

duties. There are some really great kids out there, but they are becoming fewer and farther between. On those few occasions, I am happy to let them and their parents know they are great kids.

Much like training a dog, who is not a rational thinking adult, you must reinforce and reward good behaviors and punish the bad behaviors.

Alas, children being disrespectful and disobedient is the new social norm, and it's a sad realization, one that I firmly believe should be changed.

Where were the children on the bus? Why did no one on the bus come to the aid of this woman?

This is just more evidence that the boisterous, downright evil actions of these children are viewed as socially acceptable by their peers.

I've also had to deal with some military children during various events. Yes parents, I said ‘deal with’ your kids, and I meant it. Even in military families, where the service member is expected to be well-disciplined at all time, the apple, at times, seems to fall far from the tree. Some of your kids have behavior problems and bad attitudes, and many of us would appreciate you adjusting them.

As a young student of law enforcement, I went on a ride along with a county sheriff's deputy, who was also a friend of mine. He got the typical, “come raise my child for me because he won't listen to me” call, and I got to witness the whole thing. To make a long story short; yes, you are allowed to discipline your children and no, it is not a police officer's, or anyone else's, job to do it for you.

Many of you out there have no problems disciplining your subordinates in the workplace, try enforcing some discipline in your kids, too.

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**Front Page Photo**

**Capt. Doug Webster, the British Royal Artillery 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team commander and operations officer and a native of Hampshire, Eng., leads his commandos off a Ch-53 Sea Stallion during Exercise Burmese Chase, on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20.**

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet*

## Hot Shot

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# Marines helping Marines



Photo by Cpl. Shelby Shields

A station wide bone marrow donor registration drive will be held from July 9 to 13. The drive will help determine a possible marrow donor for Gunnery Sgt. Shane Lamont, with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Lamont wants Marines to remember, "no one knows your

body better than you," he stressed.

"If you feel like something is wrong get it checked," he added. "Also, stay on top of your physical fitness and nutrition. It's because I'm a Marine and I take care of myself that I am doing as well as I am."

Representatives from each unit will receive training June 29 and will be available to collect samples within their units July 9 to 12. They will then bring their collected samples and assist with the public drive inside the station main exchange July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Maximum participation in this drive is encouraged and appreciated. For more information, contact your unit representative or Sandra Rookey, MAWTS-1 Family Readiness Officer at (928) 269-6401.

## News to Use

### MCAS YUMA ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The MCAS Yuma main gate will be closed for outbound traffic during working hours due to construction through Friday June 29. The north gate will be open for both inbound and outbound vehicles from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Use caution when driving in and around construction areas and prepare for delays exiting the air station during these dates.

### YUMA TERRITORIAL RIVER REGATTA FLOAT DOWN/ARIZONA ADVENTURE DISCOUNT

The second annual event is slated for June 30 at 8 a.m. at the confluence of Gila & Colorado Rivers. Registration is required to compete in the float contest. Visit [www.caballeros.org](http://www.caballeros.org) for a registration form and more information. Arizona Adventures will offer half price round trip transportation (at a cost of \$5), 50% off river tubes (at a cost of \$5), 50% off river rafts (at a cost of \$5), and all bags of ice will be complimentary.

### STATION VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM SEEKING PLAYERS

MCAS Yuma Athletic Department is seeking players for the station varsity basketball team. Tryouts for the team will June 26-28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested in trying out, please contact the Athletic Department at (928) 269-2383.

### STATION 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Gym: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
16th St. Fitness Center: Closed  
SMP Recreation Center: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Arizona Adventures: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Oasis Pool: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Child Development Center/Youth Center: Closed

### INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING, YUMA MARINES AWARDED

At 7:30 a.m. on July 4, MCAS Yuma and U.S. Army Proving Ground NCO and Marine/Soldier of the Year will be commended during an honorary flag raising ceremony at the Armed Forces Park in downtown Yuma. The public is encouraged to attend and should arrive by 7:15 a.m.

### SOMERTON INVITES COMMUNITY TO HELP BREAK WATER BALLOON FIGHT RECORD

On July 4, 7 to 11 p.m., the city of Somerton will host a July 4th Festival including food, drinks, live music, dancing exhibitions, five inflatable water slides and fireworks. The water balloon fight registration will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and fireworks are set to begin at 9 p.m. For a full schedule, visit [www.somertonjuly4th.com](http://www.somertonjuly4th.com) or call (928) 502-9165.



## Tailspotter

**Otto**

Otto is a lovingly smart seven-month-old Chihuahua mix who is updated on all his vaccinations. For more information about adopting, contact the Humane Society of Yuma at (928)782-1621.



## Fact or Fiction?

### Debunking Lance Corporal underground myths



**Q:** Are we supposed to wear skivvy shirts underneath our utilities uniform?

**A:** Per MARINE CORPS ORDER P1020.34G Marines are not required to wear a skivvy shirt underneath the utilities uniform. But it would behoove you to check with your command before trying to make any fashion statements.

*Submit your question to editor.deedub@gmail.com*

## 5 Questions

Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Committee Chairman



### Don Foltz

**1. What is the Yuma Military Affairs Committee and why was it established?**

The Military Affairs Committee was established many years ago and is made up of community organizations and businesses as well as veteran and veteran support groups. It was long ago discovered that support for our veterans and military require support outside of the normal chain of command. Some of Yuma's civic leaders, many of them former or retired military saw the need to further support our military partners at the Yuma Proving Ground and the Marine Corps Air Station. They chartered the MAC as a standing committee of the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce.

**2. Who benefits from the committee's services and how can someone join if interested?**

All members benefit from the efforts of the committee. Made up totally by volunteers, our goal is to network with all members to further their aims and goals of supporting our military and veterans. We have many active database of members and regularly distribute flyers and information from members and make it available to all members. We also volunteer and assist members in their activities and events. Some examples are the holiday meals sponsored by Crossroads Mission, Holiday food baskets by the Officers' Spouses Club at MCAS, American Legion holiday parties for children as well as hosting active duty military families in our homes during holidays. The entire community benefits from committee member events on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day and the numerous held throughout the community. Also noteworthy are the "honorary" plaques placed in the Yuma Armed Forces Park for any local active-duty service member who has lost their life in service to their country.

**3. As the director, what are the current top priorities for the committee and how does this impact both MCAS Yuma and U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground?**

The immediate top priority is the continued support and upkeep of the Yuma Armed Forces Park which the committee raised funds for and after a eight years of toil finally dedicated the park and returned it to the City of Yuma. As the only park of its kind in Arizona, it honors the service of our military and veterans whether they are active duty, retired or prior service members of the US Armed Forces or Merchant Marines. The park was built with contributions and donations. Over \$250,000 was raised and the park was valued at over \$3,000,000 when it was dedicated. The park was the subject of a Proclamation by the Governor of Arizona. Our secondary priority is to form partnerships with units assigned to YPG and MCAS. These partnerships will add to fostering the close kinship the community has with our active duty military and their families. Some organizations have already hosted units with barbeques and picnics for units returning from overseas assignments and units temporarily assigned here as in WTI. Additionally, every year the MAC recognizes the YPG Soldier and NCO of the Year as well as the MCAS Yuma Marine and NCO of the Year at the annual Independence Day Flag Raising ceremony that is held at the Armed Forces Park at 7:30 am on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. This year's guest speaker is Colonel Kuckuk, Commanding Officer of MCAS Yuma.

**4. Does the group hold monthly meetings?**

We hold monthly meetings the last Wednesday of every month from 7-8 am at the American Legion Post #19, 2575 S. Virginia Drive. Anyone may attend that is interested in our aims and goals of supporting our military community.

**5. How does this military affairs committee reach out to the public?**

Very recently committee members nominated veterans to be enshrined into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF.org). This Hall of Fame honors the contributions veterans have made since leaving military service. Awards are made every October in Phoenix. Our efforts at outreach are mainly through word-of-mouth and articles / coverage of events that appear in the local media. Presently we are working at standing up a website that will make our communication efforts much easier and more widespread. For more information contact: Don Foltz, Committee Chair 928-580-6008 or Yuma County Chamber of Commerce, 180 W. 1st Street, 928-782-2567

# Annual MCCS department awards



Photos by Cpl. Aaron Diamant

Several Marine Corps Community Services sections received awards from station commanding officer Col. Robert Kuckuk, June 20. The Health Promotions department received the coveted Blue H award from Naval Medical Command, the highest level award that can be given to an installation. The Dos Rios Inn received a hospitality award, attributed to the professionalism of the employees and the quality lodging the facility brings to the air station community. The marketing department was awarded first place commercial television advertisement by the International Council of Air Shows for the 2011 air show commercial featuring the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration. "These programs are vital to the air station and the Marine Corps," said Kuckuk. "It is great that our programs are being recognized for excellence both within the military circles and out in the civilian sector. Great work!"

## MCCS Youth's Sports gets a boost from SODEXO

### Pfc. Uriel Avendano

Alcohol Abuse Prevention Specialist

Marine Corps Community Services Yuma Youth Sports received a \$2,500 donation from Sodexo, a food services and management company, on June 23, 2012, at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Oasis Pool.

The donation helps provide equipment, parties, and defrays some of the costs parents have to pay.

Time, money and energy stretched thin and make it difficult for the children of military families to pick up on sports and community based programs.

The MCCS Yuma Youth Sports program on base offers military families a chance to be a part of fun local activities. The tough realities, particular to military families, are not lost on Amarillo, Texas, native and Yuma MCCS Youth Sports coordination William Tracy.

"Ninety percent of our coaches are active duty Marines," said Tracy. "It gives the kids a chance to participate in sports and gives the families a chance to do something here, on base, instead of having to go out."

The MCCS Yuma Youth Sports program offers t-ball, flag football, soccer, basketball and baseball. This summer, cheerleading has been added to the

list of sports available. Once construction at Meyers Park is complete, MCCS will also look into developing track and field events.

"We try to instill in the kids good sportsmanship, camaraderie, and skills," said MCCS assistant athletic director Roberto Pou, a native of Mexico who has lived in Yuma for 32 years. "We're here to provide the kids with something to keep them productive instead of wandering around all summer doing nothing."

Two new fields will be available for t-ball season. In August, MCCS hopes to get track and field under way. Flag football is slated to start in September and three soccer fields are currently under construction for January.

"I think it's a great program that's specifically designed for the dependants of Marine Corps personnel," said Al Schutt, a Detroit, Mich., native and Sodexo general manager. "It's a very tight-knit community and they know what they're doing."

Registration and additional information is available at the community center in Building 1093. Flyers are available throughout the base advertising events and seasons. The age limit for youth sports is 5 to 12, except for soccer, which allows 3 to 4 year olds to participate.



Photo By Pfc. Uriel Avendano

Dave Koopman, MCCS athletic director, is presented with a \$2,500 donation by Sodexo, represented by general manager Al Schutt.

## A Different Kind of Courage : Safeguarding and Enhancing Your Psychological Health

### Courtesy of Screening for Mental Health, Inc.

Up to 20% of veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan suffer from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and two-thirds do not seek treatment. While PTSD is prevalent among people who have been to combat, that is not the only cause. Traumatic events, accidents, or even the death of a loved one, can cause PTSD, and up to 7.7 million Americans are affected by it.

#### PTSD Facts:

- Symptoms of PTSD can appear days, weeks, months or even years after a traumatic event.
- PTSD symptoms include flashbacks, anxiety, anger, depression, emotional numbness, and nightmares
- Service members with PTSD sometimes do not seek treatment

because they fear it will hurt their careers, people will lose respect for them, or they are concerned about the cost of treatment, among other things.

- If service members have symptoms and do not seek help, sometimes their behavior can negatively impact their family relations and career.

People with PTSD often suffer alone-even as the impact of their injury is felt in their family and community. M&FS, Behavioral Health Branch, Counseling Services wants to make sure that no one with PTSD suffers alone and is therefore encouraging people to take an online, anonymous, mental health screening at [www.MindBodyStrength.org](http://www.MindBodyStrength.org).

PTSD is a treatable condition, and it is important for everyone, especially those in the military community, to be aware of its prevalence, signs and symptoms.

For more information about PTSD, visit <http://militarymentalhealth.org/militaryptsd/>.



Photo by Pfc. Uriel Avendano

## Don't cry wolf, the Blacksheep are back

For more photos, visit [Facebook/mcasyuma](https://www.facebook.com/mcasyuma).



Photo by Cpl. Jolene Bopp

**Sgt. Austin Maher**, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 ordnance, stopped to give his wife **Brandi** another kiss after a seven-month deployment.



Photo by Pfc. Uriel Avendano

**Marine Attack Squadron 214** Marines arrive back to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma safely after a seven-month deployment aboard the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit on June 21.



Photo by Cpl. Jolene Bopp

**Lance Cpl. Shawn Donnelly**, Marine Attack Squadron 214 avionics technician, kisses his son after a seven-month deployment.

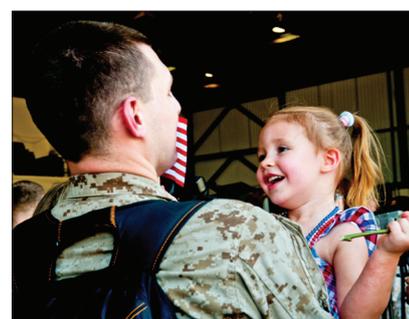


Photo by Cpl. Jolene Bopp

**Cpl. Vincent Augustus**, operations Marine, Marine Attack Squadron 214, holds his niece, **Kayleigh**, after a seven-month deployment aboard the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit on June 21.



Photo by Cpl. Jolene Bopp

**Cpl. Aaron Potter**, avionics technician, Marine Attack Squadron 214 and New Lebanon, Ohio native, waits to welcome home his friends after their seven-month deployment. "I'm excited. My family and I hold a special place for them in our lives," said Potter. "They are both a once in a lifetime kind of friend. It is like we are welcoming home my brothers."

# VMA-311 leader moves across station

Story and photos by **Cpl. Shelby Shields**

Desert Warrior Staff

Family, friends and Marines of Marine Attack Squadron 311 joined together at the squadron hangar June 22 for the change of command ceremony.

Lt. Col. Peter Blake relinquished command of VMA-311 to Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell. Blake will continue on to Marine Aircraft Group 13 Headquarters.

"We are extremely happy to be staying close. It would be so sad to have to say goodbye to such an amazing squadron and Yuma all at once," said Molly Blake, Lt. Col. Blake's wife. "It has been such a tremendous honor to be a part of this team. We've enjoyed getting to know the Marines and their families at every level."

Before the change of command ceremony, Blake addressed his Marines for the last time in an informal school circle.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each and everyone of you," said Blake to his Marines. "The things we've faced and accomplished over the last 19 months I've been here have made us a stronger squadron and I thank you for an amazing experience."

Blake's Marines share the same admiration for him as he does for them.

"Having a CO you're proud of is just as important as having a squadron you're proud of," said Sgt. Maj. William Shaw, former VMA-311 sergeant major. "These Marines and myself are so proud of having the chance to serve with him."

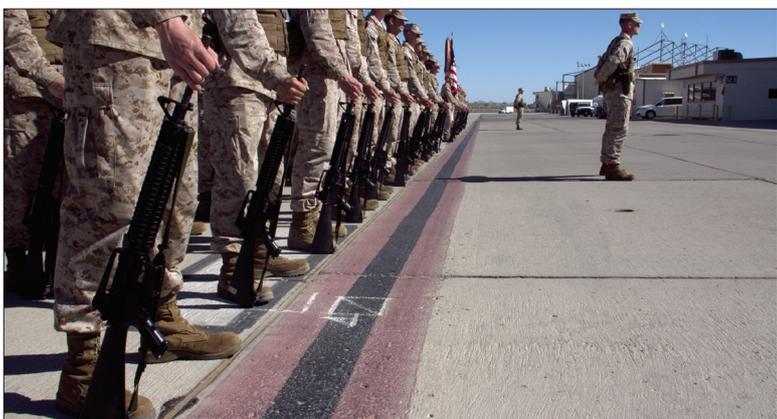
Like Blake, Mitchell did not have to travel far from his previous position as the MAG-13 current readiness officer.

"I am truly honored and humbled to join such a proficient and combat ready organization," said Mitchell.

Following the ceremony, Marines and their families gathered at the Sonoran Pueblo on station to celebrate and honor their former leader and welcome the new.



Past and present Marine Attack Squadron 311 commanding officers, Lt. Col. Peter Blake and Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, salute the color guard during the VMA-311 change of command ceremony June 22 at the squadron hangar.



Marine Attack Squadron 311 forms platoons for the change of command ceremony June 22 at the squadron hangar.



Lt. Col. Peter Blake, former Marine Attack Squadron 311 commanding officer, passes the squadron colors symbolizing the changing of command to Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, oncoming VMA-311 commanding officer, during the squadron change of command ceremony June 22 at the VMA-311 hangar. Blake will transfer to Marine Aircraft Group 13 Headquarters.

# Full Ads

# New Financial Guidance May Help Troops as They Move

**Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 21, 2012 – Homeowners with military transfer orders will be immediately eligible for short sales under new guidance to mortgage servicers that may help tens of thousands of military homeowners moving to a new duty station, Consumer Finance Protection Bureau officials said today.

Military homeowners will be eligible for short sales, even if they are current in their mortgages, Edward J. DiMarco, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, said at a news briefing. They also will be exempt from deficiency judgments from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac when receiving permission for a short sale and relieved of any request for cash, contribution or promissory note so long as the property was purchased on or before June 30, 2012, according to the guidance.

“These changes will make it easier for members of the armed forces with mortgages owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac to honor their financial commitments when they are issued a permanent change of station order,” DiMarco said. The agency classifies the order as a hardship, he noted.

The bureau, along with mortgage service industry regulators, is issuing joint supervisory guidance to address mortgage service practices that pose risks to military homeowners, Richard Cordray, the bureau’s director, said.

“We want to make sure that mortgage servicers comply with the laws that prohibit unfair or abusive practices” when service members have orders to move,

he said.

Roughly a third of active-duty military personnel move each year. Of these, about 185,000 are homeowners who have to sell their houses and move to another community. Many find themselves owing far

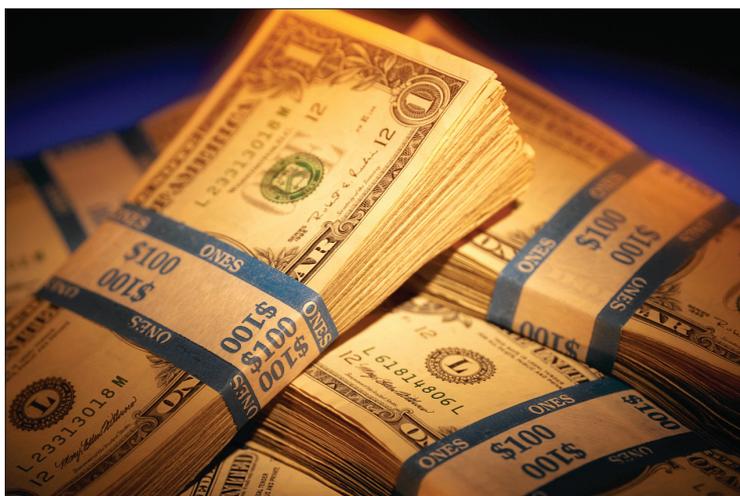


Photo by fafsa.com

more on their homes than they’re worth in the current market.

Service members cannot sit on a property and wait for the market to recover: they must go to their new base, Cordray noted. “They have to move, even if that means taking a big financial hit or leaving their families behind to pay their bills,” he said.

“I have heard over and over from military homeowners whose houses are underwater and they don’t

know what to do,” said Holly Petraeus, director of the bureau’s Officer of Service Member Affairs. “They are terrified that a foreclosure will ruin their finances as well as putting their security clearances at risk, and they are looking for answers.”

But in too many cases, she said, mortgage service providers have not given that help. In her travels to military bases, Petraeus said, service members have told her of mortgage service providers giving them inaccurate information and stringing them along.

“We’ve heard from service members that they were told they had to be delinquent to qualify for help, and advised to skip a couple of payments,” she said. “They’ve been asked to sign waivers of their rights under the Service Members Civil Relief Act just to have their cases evaluated. They’ve been stalled by repeated demands for their loan documents and given a new loan official with each call, ... and they have even been listed as not responding to requests for documents during deployment despite the fact that spouses had powers of attorney.”

Robert L. Gordon III, assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, said the Defense Department welcomes the bureau’s leadership.

“The military lifestyle poses unique challenges to our troops and their families,” he said. “Throughout frequent moves, deployments and transitions they must remain resilient and strong in order to be mission ready.”

Homeowners with questions or complaints may contact the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at [consumerfinance.gov](http://consumerfinance.gov) and 855-411-2372.

# Lt. Col. Arbogast takes command of H&HS



Photos by Cpl. Jolene Bopp

Past and present Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron commanding officers, LtCol. Keith Couch and LtCol. Karl Arbogast, salute the color guard during the H&HS change of command ceremony June 22 at MCAS Yuma's parade field. Couch will transfer to Headquarters Marine Corps in Arlington, Va.



Col. Robert Kuckuk, station commanding officer, awards a Meritorious Service Medal to LtCol. Keith Couch, former Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, during the H&HS change of command ceremony June 22 at MCAS Yuma's parade field.

Left: LtCol. Karl Arbogast, incoming H&HS commanding officer and native of Johnson, Iowa, speaks to guests during the H&HS change of command June 22 at MCAS Yuma's parade field.



# 1/2 Ads

# 4th of July Fireworks Advisory

The Yuma Police Department wants our community to be informed and educated about fireworks. The law allows for the public to possess or use novelty/minor types of fireworks, however many types of fireworks remain illegal in Arizona, specifically those designed to rise into the air and/or explode.

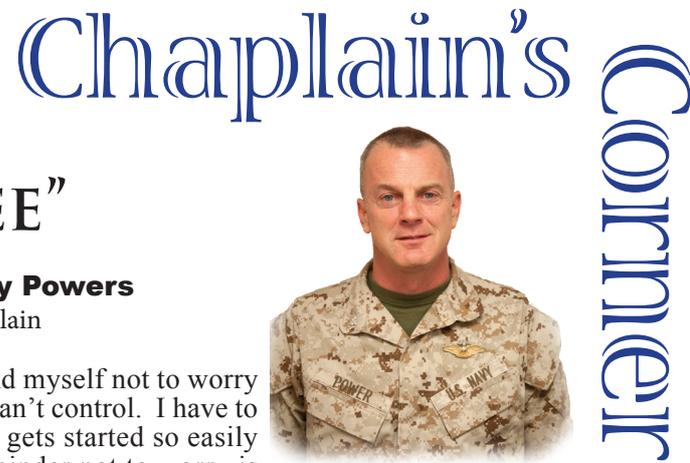
**Acceptable fireworks include:**

- Ground and handheld sparkling devices.
- Cylindrical fountains.
- Cone fountains.
- Illuminating torches.
- Wheels.
- Ground spinners.
- Flitter sparklers.
- Toy smoke devices.
- Wire sparklers or dipped sticks.
- Multiple tube fireworks devices and pyrotechnic articles.

This does not include anything that is designed or intended to rise into the air and explode or to detonate in the air or to fly above the ground, including, for example, firework items commonly known as bottle rockets, sky rockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, torpedoes, roman candles and jumping jacks. It remains unlawful to sell, offer or expose for sale, use, explode or possess any of these fireworks.

Please report any suspected use or possession of illegal fireworks to the Yuma Police Department or station Provost Marshall's Office.

## KEEPING YOUR LIFE "STRESS FREE"



**Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Powers**  
MAG-13 Chaplain

Every once in awhile I remind myself not to worry about negative outcomes that I can't control. I have to do this because the worry habit gets started so easily and so often that a frequent reminder not to worry is in order for me. Psalm 37 especially helps me put in check this habit.

While on a 31st Marine Expeditionary Deployment retired SgtMaj Elmore from Hansen Christian Center taught me and a group of Marines on this psalm for several weeks during a Scripture study and prayer time. Just the deliberate reading of the first verse takes the edge off of worry, "Do not fret." Elmore repeated it often as he was teaching. These simple 3 one syllable words made so much sense.

But what about the busy evildoers and workers of iniquity? In Psalm 37 God promises final judgment for their deeds. And in the meantime God pledges trustworthiness, belonging, nourishment, delight, and rest to those who seek to find their pleasures in the Lord's goodness.

One of the ways a person can experience the reality of God's pledges to us is prayer. And prayer is a mighty weapon to combat worry as well. We gain trust and see our dependence on God and the support of others when we practice prayer. When we experience that God hears prayers and answers in God's good timing, then we break out of the worry habit. Prayer also unleashes us to take all the personal actions that we can do to make our situation better. May God give us wisdom to cast aside worry.

**Chapel Schedule**

**Catholic Mass**

Sunday 9 a.m.

**Protestant Service**

Sunday 11 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Study**

Tuesday 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

**Lunch Time Bible Study**

Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

**Marriage Prep Class**

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# EXERCISE BURMESE CHASE



Sgt. Miguel Machado, the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie radio chief and a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and Sgt. Carmelo Sierra, a 1st ANGLICO, SALT Charlie radio operator and a native of Philadelphia, inspects solar-powered equipment on Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. This gear was being demonstrated and tested as part of Exercise Burmese Chase.



Left: Sgt. Miguel Machado, the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie radio chief and a native of Milwaukee, Wis., inspects solar-powered gear on Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. This gear was being demonstrated and tested as part of Exercise Burmese Chase.



Marines of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie and British commandos of 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, Royal Artillery, call in close air support as part of Exercise Burmese Chase on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. This portion of the exercise helped forward observers to hone the skills they will use in combat.

**Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet**  
Desert Warrior Staff

As the sun rises over the desert hills of southern Arizona, U.S. Marines and British army commandos can clearly see the similarities between Afghanistan and Yuma. From the unbearable heat to the uninhabitable terrain, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's ranges set the stage for the culmination of this year's Exercise Burmese Chase.

Burmese Chase, a bilateral training exercise between U.S. and British military forces, is conducted every year to hone the skills of forward observers, and on June 20-22 it culminated in three days of live-fire close air support on simulated hostile forces.

Marines from 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO), Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and British Army Commandos of 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, Royal Artillery, trained together on the ranges of MCAS Yuma while being supported by elements from here and Camp Pendleton.

This training focused on the improvement of both nations' capabilities to call for fire from supporting arms, especially air assets. During their stint in Yuma, both 1st ANGLICO and the 148th Battery called in dozens of air strikes and casualty evacuations to Marine Aircraft Group 39 assets while Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 provided expeditionary refueling support to keep the helicopters close to operations on the ground.

"This is exactly what we will be doing in Afghanistan," said Capt. Jesse Rangel, the 1st ANGLICO, SALT C air officer and a Hudsonville, Mich., native. "This encompasses the whole Operation Enduring Freedom scheme of maneuver for ANGLICO teams."

ANGLICO exists as a go-between for joint and international forces to coordinate supporting fires, be it ground artillery, naval artillery or air support. The forward observers of the 148th Battery also coordinate supporting fires for ground forces and often work with international assets. Both units strive to assure forces which haven't trained together can operate efficiently with each other.

"We'll be establishing observation posts near villages," added Rangel. "We'll be watching Marine infantry, Jordan infantry and British infantry head in and we need to be able to communicate with supporting aircraft with

the equipment we have out here. We might have to communicate through a young Marine, British soldier or Afghan National Army soldier out front to provide support."

"This is an amazing opportunity for us," said Capt. Doug Webster, the 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team commander and operations officer, and a Hampshire, England native. "It's important because we worked a lot with the Marine Corps in our last deployment in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. All of our boundaries were shared with Marine units. This is a good opportunity to share tactics, techniques and procedures."

However, this training was only the tail end of Exercise Burmese Chase. The operation started with infantry immersion training, which also incorporated fire support and air asset coordination, then continued with live fire artillery training and counter improvised-explosive-device training.

"Both units duly benefited," stated Rangel. "We shaped the exercise so it could encompass the needs of everyone."

Marine Aircraft Group 39, out of Camp Pendleton; Marine Aircraft Group 13, stationed on MCAS Yuma; and the 354th Fighter Squadron, from Oxnard Air Force Base, Calif., engaged in air operations for this exercise. 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provided live fire during operations on Camp Pendleton. While training took place on Yuma's ranges, Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 operated a forward arming and refueling point as well as engaged in other support roles.

"This is the most important job in wing support," said Sgt. Eric J. Benenhaley, the MWSS-371 maintenance noncommissioned officer in charge and a native of Sumter, S.C. "They couldn't do their job if the fuel wasn't there on the ground for them."

This bilateral training exercise made use of the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab's Close Air Support Target Complex, commonly known as "Yodaville." As the only large-scale urban aviation training range in the Department of Defense, this complex provides a realistic target environment for pilots to improve their precision close air support skills.

While this training evolution took place, other Marines from 1st ANGLICO traveled to Great Britain to engage in similar training.

# BURMESE CHASE



Top: Capt. Doug Webster, the British Royal Artillery 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team commander and operations officer and a native of Hampshire, Eng., leads his commandos off a Ch-53 Sea Stallion during Exercise Burmese Chase, on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The commandos and the Marines of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie then proceeded to practice calling in casualty evacuations with the sea stallions.

Bottom: 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, British Royal Marines carry in gear to their makeshift base camp in Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The Marines coordinated while calling in casualty evacuations during this exercise. This training was part of Exercise Burmese Chase, which involved Marine Corps units from west coast installations and British Commandos in close air support training.



Top: Elements of Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 refuel one of Marine Aircraft Group 39's AH-1W Super Cobras while it takes part in close air support operations in Exercise Burmese Chase on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Barry M. Goldwater Range, June 22. The pilots of MAG-39 were guided in their operations by forward air controllers from British and American units.



Capt. Ryan Mathews, the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie officer in charge and a native of Miami, Fla., calls for close air support during Exercise Burmese Chase, June 22. This was the culminating event of the exercise, involving the employment of ordinance on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Yodaville complex on the Barry M. Goldwater range.



An AH-1W Super Cobra from Marine Aircraft Group 39 launches a hellfire missile at a target on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The super cobra conducted close air support during Exercise Burmese Chase along with other MAG-39 and 354th Fighter Squadron aircraft.

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# SMP EVENTS



## “DISCOVER YUMA”

**June 30-** SMP will be hosting an overnight trip to Lake Martinez where Marines will be staying in the cabins at Lake Martinez enjoying an outdoor experience. Food, transportation and a day full of water sports to include jet-skiing, water-skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, water trampoline and the

use of speed boats provided by Arizona Adventures. Total cost is \$60. Payments are due at the SMP recreation center TODAY! Those attending need to be at the SMP rec center at 9 a.m. Saturday for departure. For more information, contact Cpl. Maxmillion Page, SMP President, at (928) 269-2241, or stop by the SMP rec center.

## SEPARATION Jobs that serve you

**Cpl. Jolene Bopp**  
Desert Warrior Staff

In today's economy, finding a job can be nearly impossible for some. Fortunately for those who've served, some companies are giving back to America's veterans. The Top 100 Military Friendly Employers are based on a survey which evaluated a company's long-term commitment to hiring former military, assets dedicated to hiring military and percentage of new veteran hires.

Listed below are the top 10 veteran employers for 2011.

1. Amazon: Retail
2. Southern Company: Energy



Courtesy photo by TAMP

3. CSX Corporation: Transportation
4. BNSF Railway: Transportation
5. URS: Defense
6. ManTech International: Defense
7. Johnson Controls: Industrial Products
8. Booz Allen Hamilton: Defense
9. USAA: Insurance
10. T-Mobile USA: Telecommunications

Approximately 5,000 companies were eligible to make the G.I. Jobs list, only two percent made the cut. For more veteran friendly employers, visit <http://www.gijobs.com/2012Top100.aspx>.

# The Reel Deal

## Station Movie

### Theater Times

Thursday

3D Marvel's The Avengers (PG13)  
7 p.m.

Friday

Think Like A Man (PG13)  
6 p.m.  
Safe (R) 9 p.m.

Saturday

Battleship (PG13)  
4 p.m.  
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG13) 7 p.m.  
The Dictator (R)  
9 p.m.

Sunday

3D Marvel's The Avengers (PG13)  
2 p.m.  
Think Like A Man (PG13)  
5 p.m.

Visit [www.mccsyuma.org](http://www.mccsyuma.org) for updated movie schedules. Or call, (928) 269-2358.

# Events Calendar

Don't forget to mention you saw this on the MCCS Events Calendar!

june 28

### Success over Stress and Anger

**WHEN** Thu, June 28, 1pm - 3pm

**where** Building 598

This weekly group is for individuals who have completed the Anger/Stress Management course and who feel they would benefit from additional support.

### Youth Center Summer Camp Swim

**WHEN** Thu, June 28, 12:45pm - 2:30pm

**where** SMP Recreation Center

Youth ages 8-10 enrolled in SAC summer camp will enjoy the pool every Thursday. For more information, call (928) 269-5390.

june 29



### Toddler Crafts

**WHEN** Fri, June 29, 10am - 11pm

**where** Building 645

Weekly on Friday, until Dec 28, 2012. Call (928) 269-2561 for more information.

### Youth Center: Preteens go to West Westlands

**WHEN** Fri, June 29, 7pm - 8pm

**where** Youth Center

During this event children will play "Manhunt" in pairs, along with several other events in the West Wetlands.

For more information, call (928) 269-5390 SMP center.

june 30

### Live DJ

**WHEN** Sat, June 30, 8pm - Sat, June 23, 1am

**where** Club Pulse

Every Friday and Saturday come out to Pulse the Nightclub to listen to the Live DJ. Call (928) 269-2711 for more information.



july 1

### No Scheduled Events

july 2

### Play Morning

**WHEN** Mon, July 2, 10 - 11 a.m.

**where** Fellowship Hall

Playgroup for parents and children ages 5 and under. For more information, call (928) 269-6053.

july 3

### Reading is Delicious

**WHEN** Tue, July 3, 4pm - 5pm

**where** Station Library

Registered youth ages 10+ will be encouraged to attend. SMART Girls and Passport to Manhood will participate in this program. The program lasts 4 weeks, ending 3 July. (928) 269-5390 for more information.

july 4

### Youth for Unity

**WHEN** Wed July 4, 4pm - 5pm

**where** Youth Center

Children will learn about culture, language, food and the arts. Call (928) 269-5390 for more information.

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# Information on information technologies

## Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet

Desert Warrior Staff

While most Marines are experts within their own job fields, we are often quite ignorant of the work others do around us, even though it is present in our everyday lives. A clear example of this is the work Station Information Technologies does to make life possible here on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.

IT maintains the data communications for the air station. They are responsible for maintaining computer networks, share-drive databases, providing computer, network and server backup, updating and upgrading systems and providing computer troubleshooting when something goes wrong. IT is the advocate for higher headquarters and contractors like NMCI for all personnel on station.

"Everybody here depends so much on computers," said Jack Neely, the station IT director and a native of San Diego. "We strive to keep everything up to date, to keep everything protected and to keep everybody trained. We do our best to take care of everyone."

The Cyber Security department, which works with IT, is responsible for the confidentiality, availability and integrity of data being transmitted on station. It is their job to keep data secure, and they take it seriously.

"We periodically go around the installation and inspect for any personal identifiable information in office spaces or the garbage," said Jason Holloway, the Cyber Security manager and a native of Merit, Texas. "We do go through the

dumpsters. When you throw something away, it goes to a public dump. Just like any other dump in any other city, there are people scavenging there. If they find anything, they can exploit it."

Cyber threats have become the fastest growing dangers in America. Losing PII, hacking and phishing are real threats faced by both the common man and the government.

"We are trying to get people aware of PII," added Holloway. "That is our biggest problem right now. Everyone needs to protect their information. Not everyone on the air station needs to know your home address."

The most difficult challenge for IT is meeting everyone's needs with the limited budget and personnel available. The department currently employs nine civilians, five Marines and four sailors. That said, IT works constantly to trim the amount of money spent on the information needs of the air station.

"We try to make sure we are judicious users of all the limited taxpayer dollars we get," stated Neely. "That's something we strive hard for throughout S-6. We've cut more than \$250,000 out of yearly IT expenses over the last four years."

The IT department gets an average of 20 requests for help daily, but that number can reach as high as 90.

Recently, IT has reached out to the commands to provide more immediate assistance to personnel on station. Each command has an IT point of contact who knows how to take care

of minor technical issues and funnels major ones to the correct people.

"There is such a tremendous reliance on data communications in the manner we have it now with computers and

smartphones," added Neely. "The idea of the old message center is out. Now, the reliance upon email and the instant transmission and attainability of data is extremely essential. If we let ourselves go, the other guy would have an advantage over us. We can't let that happen."

One of the common misconceptions about the computers on station is that the computers are old and slow. This is due to the security measures installed on the computer, not the computer itself.

"The security on the computers slows them down quite a bit, but it also protects them," said Neely. "It's a trade off. Ratchet it down too much, and it's too slow. Loosen it up too much and we get viruses or hacked. We meet in the middle so we are safe and it works."

The new construction should provide a slight increase in internet speed throughout the air station, but it will affect sections which use massive amounts of bandwidth more drastically.

There are also many simple things we can all do to assure the information systems on the air station continue to run properly. Turning off the computer and monitor after work, keeping a record of hardware and programs installed on the computers, removing CAC cards when leaving a desk and going to the department IT representative first in case of a problem are simple actions we can all take to improve the air station's communications.

"Don't click on links from people you don't know," said Robert Butler, a Cyber Security officer, and a native of Perry, Ill. "Don't put unknown media (CDs or thumb drives) in your computer. When you get a phone call and people start asking questions, wonder why."

"If you're handling PII, there's a way to do it," added Holloway. "If you don't know, give us a call. If you have questions, we can come down."

If you think these tasks aren't important enough to devote a brief moment of your life to them, listen to the wise words of Jack Neely.

"Why is IT so important? Imagine your shop without computers."

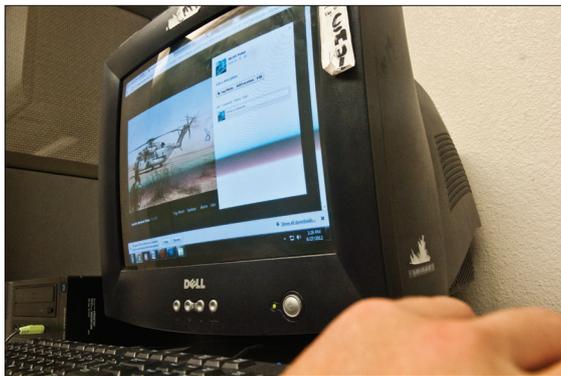


Photo by Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon

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## WHERE IN THE WORLD



Photo By Sgt. Elyssa Quesada

Marines with Battalion Landing Team 3/1 descend from a CH-46 Sea Knight flown by pilots with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 (Reinforced) aboard the ship here June 19 with civilian guests watching from the ship's flight deck and superstructure. The landing team and squadron are the ground-combat and aviation-combat elements, respectively, for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The unit embarked the ship, as well as 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.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Nate Hauser

Marines of Black Sea Rotational Force 12 disembark a Polish amphibious tractor while conducting an amphibious landing during Exercise BALTOPS 2012, June 4. The Marines and sailors of BSRF-12 joined Lithuanian infantry soldiers in the first amphibious landing on Lithuanian soil in 40 years.

Marines with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and sailors aboard USS Pearl Harbor man the rails as USS Pearl Harbor sails into Pearl Harbor here June 13. The unit embarked the ship, as well as USS Makin Island and USS New Orleans in San Diego Nov. 14, beginning a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Horn of Africa and Middle East regions.



Photo By Cpl. Tommy Huynh



Photo By Lance Cpl. Adwin Esters

Corporal Adeoluwa Sopade, a meteorology and oceanography analyst with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force, and native of East Windsor, N.J. fires non-lethal rounds from a Mossberg 590 shotgun with other Marines during an exercise designed to familiarize them with the weapon system. The service members participated in non-lethal weapons and familiarization exercises, June 8 and 9. The training, which included firing multiple weapon systems and different fire maneuvers, is to prepare the Marines to provide limited support in the event of a crisis in the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility.

## Around town, Yuma's hidden hot spots! *Yuma Territorial Prison*

**Lance Cpl. Zachary Scanlon**

Desert Warrior Staff

For me, museums are just another place where relics of the old are stored and stared at. I find it hard for them to grab my concentration. But recently, I found a not-so-uninteresting, interactive museum that's not even that far off from the beaten path. The Yuma Territorial Prison is right off of Interstate 8 in downtown Yuma.

When first entering the prison, it seems like there is not a lot to it but once venturing further you will see it is more than meets the eye.

The first leg of the museum is indoors and showcases the people and artifacts from the prison such as photos of prisoners, weapons and items used in the prison. Also located in the museum was a short movie detailing exactly how life was at the prison. Coming out of there, I had a better appreciation of how rough it really was back then. I could only imagine how people survived in the blazing summer heat without electricity or how people were able to find enough food to eat when the land was barren of vegetation.

As I walked out of the air conditioned museum and back into the scorching Yuma sun, I saw the actual holding areas of the inmates. From that I realized the conditions really were terrible. These outdoor parts were where the prisoners lived. First, I walked



Photo By Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon

past the cells where they lived, which had replicated bunks in a few cells. Also saw the room that they call the "Dark Room", which is just a dark, dank cave with a door. The living quarters were the best area of the whole museum because I could actually see and feel what it was like to be imprisoned during the 19th century.

The last part of the tour was minor, but topped it off quite well with an overview of the Colorado River and the surrounding area on top of a reconstructed guard tower.

As a whole experience, I was very skeptical at first, but the more I ventured into this aged prison from the 19th century, the more I was willing to immerse myself into its rich history.

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## Entertainment Review Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter

**Cpl. Aaron Diamant**

Desert Warrior Staff

Can a story about a vampire killing historical American President thrill and excite viewers?

I'll answer that question with another. Are you serious?

Fortunately, the answer is yes, assuming that moviegoers can suspend enough disbelief and lock into screenwriter Seth Grahame-Smith's eccentric retelling of Abraham Lincoln's secret monster-slaying nightlife.

Certainly, anyone expecting a straightforward and grounded take on the life of our 16th President should pass on the film, as Vampire Hunter is full of one-note characters and ridiculous attempts at tying the supernatural plot to real life events. That said the eccentric film is exactly what viewers should expect from a film directed by Timur Bekmambetov (Wanted) about an axe-wielding President who fights to free America from slavery and undead bloodsuckers, alike.



Courtesy photo by filmofilia.com

This movie is no theatrical masterpiece, it's not 100 percent historically accurate and it's not a true action movie either. What it is, is a fun movie.

For anyone who can accept the experience on its own terms, there are plenty of entertaining moments of vampire hunting to keep your appetite for a fun time at the theater.

SPORTS

# A different degree of martial arts for Marines

## Local karate club shows Marines a world outside MCMAP



Luis Larios, Larios Karate Club sensei and a Yuma, Ariz. native, demonstrates to his students how pressure points affect the body at Larios Karate Club June 25. The studio teaches a form called Kyusho Jitsu which is similar to martial arts taught as a part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.



**Lance Cpl. Zachary Scanlon**  
Desert Warrior Staff

Got your black belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program but want to continue to expand your martial arts skills?

Larios Karate Club is a local martial arts class that teaches students Okinawa Kempo and Kyusho Jitsu styles of fighting. It gives Marines a different style of fighting other than being in MCMAP.

Luis Larios shares, when training in any kind of fighting, it is important to not limit yourself to one style. Try and develop a more well-rounded approach.

This class is also beneficial for Marines because it does not just teach how to fight but how to survive. It also teaches that there are no rules when it comes to being in a kill or be killed situation.

Included at the beginning of each class is a workout regiment to help keep the students in physical shape, which is also paramount in the Marine Corps.

For more information, call Larios Karate Club (928) 726-1258.



German Angulo, Larios Karate Club student instructor and Los Angeles native, punches a training pad during a workout session at Larios Karate Club June 25. Each day starts with martial art related warm ups to loosen up the students before the actual training routine.

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