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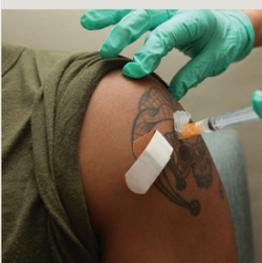


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## Did you know...

August 22, 1942, the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned at Ewa, Hawaii, as the 4th Marine Base Defense Air Wing.

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Lance Cpl. John Wilkes

Cpl. Aaron Day, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 aviation electronic microminiature/instrument and cable repair technician, repairs a circuit card, July 30. Avionic maintainers are responsible for repairing electrical equipment.

## Work behind scenes keeps aircraft flying

Lance Cpl. John Wilkes  
Staff Writer

Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31, avionics division, work

on and repair a variety of aircraft parts. One shop in particular, the microminiature and miniature/instrument and cable repair work center carries out the inter-

mediate level inspection, testing, maintenance and repair of modules, cards, printed-circuit boards, cables and instruments.

The work center is bro-

ken down into different sections that each handle specific repairs.

"69 Alpha receives circuit cards, mostly from generator converter units,

and cables from other work centers as well as squadrons," said Davis. "They

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## USO; supporting those who serve

Lance Cpl. Timothy Norris  
Staff Writer

The United Service Organization is offering active duty service members two free tickets per service member to see and feel the thunder of the Bristol Motor Speedway IRWIN Tools Night Race, Aug. 25.

The event is one of USO's, a non-profit private organization, many programs and events geared towards service members and their families to increase morale and provide all the comforts of home away from home.

Comforts are not limited to the accommodations found in an airport with comfy chairs, the performance of an A-list band, a care-package with basic necessities or an international phone card are some events the USO contribute to support service members in deployed environments and at home.

The USO frequently provides the opportunity to attend events in various sports arenas on a

limited basis. The most recent offer available to Fighbertown Marines is the IRWIN Tools Night Race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

People and organizations volunteer and support the USO making events like the IRWIN Tools Night Race possible. From packages to performances, volunteers and benefactors share a common gratitude towards troops. "Visiting troops and performing for military families never gets old, no matter how many bases or USO tours I go out on," said Gary Sinise, actor and front man for the Lt. Dan Band.

"Each visit is unique and is life-changing in different ways. I always walk away with a renewed sense of their sacrifice, a new story

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## MCFTB program offers habitual tips for success

Cpl. Justin M. Boling  
Staff writer

Marine Corps Family Team Building began their "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" program, Aug. 14-15 and will continue Aug. 21-22.

The program teaches participants a few behaviors that

will improve their lives in numerous ways.

"Life is very complex, more stressful, and much more demanding than it used to be a decade ago," said Becky Salazar, a MCFTB LifeSkills trainer. "Learning and living these principles give us the security to adapt to change,

which in the military, and life is the only thing we are guaranteed."

The classes were held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Air Station bachelor officer's quarters, also known as Irby's Inn.

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## Youth center provides fun for all ages

Lance Cpl. John Wilkes  
Staff Writer

The Laurel Bay Youth Center offers school-age children recreational activities, and programs before and after school.

The youth center opens its doors at 5 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. seven days

a week.

A playground, full sized gymnasium, arts and crafts room, teen center and game room are all housed in the youth center.

"The facility as a whole is broken down into age

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# Tri-Command News Briefs



## MESS HALL MENU

**Monday - Friday** Breakfast: 6 - 7:30 a.m.  
Lunch: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Sunday and holidays** Brunch: 8:30 - 11 a.m.  
Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

### MIDRATS

**Sunday - Thursday**  
11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

\* Take-out window: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10 a.m.  
Sunday - Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### Saturday

**Lunch** Pork loin and mixed vegetables  
**Dinner** Grilled steak and baby carrots

### Sunday

**Lunch** Roasted chicken and vegetable blend  
**Dinner** Fried fish and cabbage

### Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

### Monday

**Lunch** Cajun chicken and sauteed squash  
**Dinner** BBQ spareribs and broccoli

### Tuesday

**Lunch** Fried catfish and vegetable primavera  
**Dinner** Pot roast and sweet sour greens

### Wednesday

**Lunch** Pork loin and spinach  
**Dinner** Beef brisket and vegetable stir fry

### Thursday

**Lunch** Jerk chicken and roasted vegetables  
**Dinner** Pork scaloppini and zucchini

### Friday

**Lunch** Glazed salmon and cauliflower  
**Dinner** Pork roast and peas with celery



## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
- 11:15 a.m. - Weekly Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

### Protestant

- 9:45 a.m. - Protestant Church School (Sunday School)
- 11 a.m. - Protestant Sunday Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Wednesday - Protestant Bible Study

### Other Faith Groups

- For Jewish, Mormon and Islamic support, contact the Chaplain's Office at 228-7775

- The Marine Corps Family Team Building office will hold a Developing Healthy Blended Families workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 6. For more info, call Becky Salazar, LifeSkills program trainer, at 228-7334

- The Parris Island Combat Fitness Center is scheduled for renovations Aug. 20-Nov. 16. During this time, only the basket ball court will be closed.

- As of Aug. 13, the Home Layaway Program provided by MCCS is no longer available. Those with existing accounts will be able to continue to make payments as normal.

- The Marine Corps Family Team Building office will hold a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement workshop at the Air Station chapel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 13. For more info, call RP3 Campbell at 228-7775.

## Hydration Tips

Drink 17-20 ounces of water two to three hours before you begin exercising.  
Drink 8 ounces of fluid 20 to 30 minutes prior to exercising or during warm-up.  
Drink 7-10 ounces of fluid every 10-20 minutes during exercise.  
Drink an additional 8 ounces of fluid within 30 minutes after exercising.  
Drink 16-24 ounces of fluid for every pound of body weight lost after exercise.  
Hint: Re-hydration occurs faster in the presence of sodium, regardless of whether this is provided in a sports drink

## Commentary

# Judge me by my leadership not my ink

Cpl. Justin Boling  
Staff Writer

There is nothing quite like the hum of a tattoo needle vibrating lucid black ink into the skin.

The searing pain of raw skin just turned black is oddly relaxing. The constant urge to see the living piece of art work you will showcase is an overwhelming agony.

I love tattoos. I fell for them when I got my first one at 18. I currently sport five pieces, all of which cannot be seen in uniform or regular clothes.

I understand the purpose behind the Marine Corps' tattoo policy and the importance of a professional appearance.

A Marine exiting the Corps covered in tattoos will have a more difficult time finding gainful employment. This is not always the case, but tattoos do have a negative connotation attached to them.

I will follow the order given, without question. I just do not understand or agree that my tattoos reflect on my leadership.

The problem is not tattoos, but the belief system: the preconceived notion, people with tattoos are irresponsible or bad.

I think being covered from head to toe in ink can get a little obsessive, and can be intimidating or off-putting in our culture.

I try my best to judge people on their individual merit, not their outward appearance or any other preconceived notion. Race, sex and cultural background make people who they are, but they as individuals are what make them great.

I have deployed. I have fulfilled numerous facets of my occupational field, and most importantly I can lead. I do all of this while proudly sporting my tattoos.

Despite all my strengths, my tattoos may disqualify me from serving as an officer or in additional duties.

My tattoos are not excessive but they still are a factor into my eligibility for different career paths.

The stigma against tattoos seems lost to me, in an organization known for sporting the infamous "moto tat." Eagle globe and anchors, devil dogs and unit mascots are proudly displayed on the bodies of talented, intelligent and hardened Marines.

I don't think tattoos are required as a rite of passage for a Marine or anyone else.

Tattoos are just a personal choice to showcase what you feel like beneath the skin.

The emblem I wear on my left breast pocket is the most important—not the ink that is beneath my blouse and olive drab skivvy shirt.

Marines on the flightline or in the field should be judged on their excellence in keeping aircraft flying and rounds down range, not the "USMC" they proudly sport on their arm.

## MCAS Beaufort Movie Schedule

Movie Theater is closed Aug. 18 for Back to School Kids Day Out at the Movies

**Thursday 7 p.m.**

Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter.....R..(1:45)



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## Volunteerpalooza

The event will be located at Bay Circle on Laurel Bay from 4-7 p.m., Aug. 23. Come join unit leaders and enjoy food and fun.



## Things you need to know

### Fraud, Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Beaufort, call 228-7777.

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse within MAG-31, call (252) 466-5038.

The automated answering service on these lines are available 24 hours a day.

### Sexual Assault

The contact number for a Uniformed Victim Advocate is 592-0646. This number can get you in contact with a UVA 24 hours a day.

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- Tornado condition 2... observed within 60 nautical miles
- An all clear broadcast will be

announced sounding "all clear".  
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For more information please call 228-7904, or for example warning tones, visit: www.whelen.com/outdoor/warningtones.htm.

# Fightertown deployed:



**VMFA-251 Thunderbolts** are currently deployed aboard the USS Enterprise in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



**MWSS-273 Sweathogs** are currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



**MALS-31 Stingers** detachment is currently deployed aboard the USS Enterprise in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

# CORPS BITS



## Southern Frontier 2012 kicks off with bang

DELAMERE TRAINING AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, Australia — Marines and sailors with Company F participated in bilateral training with the Australian Defence Force and Marine Fighter-Attack Squadron 232 aircraft as part of Exercise Southern Frontier 2012 July 24-26.

Southern Frontier is a bilateral exercise conducted between the U.S. Marine Corps and Australian Defence Force in order to develop greater interoperability and a seamless response to regional crises. Company F is part of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and VMFA-232 is part of Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

The Australian Army facilitated the Marines use of the training area and conducted concurrent operations within the scenario.

The Marines' role in the exercise was to provide accurate illumination for suppression of targets by Marine aircraft. To achieve this goal, the mortar men used two 60 mm mortars to mark the targets.

Before the start of the fire mission, the Marines prepared a plan of action. Using natural items such as twigs and rocks, the Marines constructed a terrain model to study the area of operations. The Marines used this model to visualize the battlefield and decide where to set their mortars.

Once the mission was received, the Marines jumped into action. Both mortars were set up, and all orders given were relayed by every Marine to ensure none of the orders were misunderstood. The accuracy of the mortar crews was paramount, as a miscalculation could cause the pilots to attack the wrong target. When the command to fire was given, the crew braced the mortar systems and kept their heads down.



Glenn Fawcett

An MV-22 Osprey prepares to fly Japan Defense Minister Satoshi Morimoto to Marine Corps Base Quantico following a joint press conference with Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta at the Pentagon, Aug. 3.

# Japan Defense Minister flies in MV-22B Osprey

By Claudette Roulo and 1st Lt. Jeanscott Dodd  
Marine Corps Bases Japan

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, in a joint press conference Aug. 3, with Japan Defense Minister Satoshi Morimoto, said the military has complete confidence in the MV-22B Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft it recently delivered to Marines in Japan.

The Osprey is key to the department's plans for the Asia-Pacific region, Panetta said during his Pentagon briefing with Morimoto. "It will enable Marines to fly faster and farther from Okinawa to remote islands in Japan. This is a one-of-a-kind platform."

"We have tremendous confidence in this plane," Panetta added. "We fly it in combat operations, we fly it around the world (and) we fly it here in this country. This plane can safely implement its operational

mission."

The MV-22B Osprey will not become operational in Japan until a full report into two recent incidents involving the aircraft is presented to the Japanese government and the safety of flight operations is reconfirmed, Panetta said.

"When the Osprey is operated in Japan, all the relevant issues will be discussed in a Japan-U.S. joint committee meeting," added Morimoto. "In order to solve these problems, we are actively cooperating and (will) give utmost consideration to ensure the safety of the local population."

The defense leaders also discussed plans to realign the U.S. force structure and ways to modernize and advance the U.S.-Japan alliance, including joint operations, training and shared use of training ranges.

"Japan is moving forward with dynamic de-

fense cooperation," said Morimoto. "Under the current security environment, some of the important items, they include the F-35, information security and maritime security and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. So we agreed to further strengthen the

cooperative relationship in these areas between Japan and the United States."

After the press conference, Morimoto took part in a familiarization flight aboard an Osprey, flying from the Pentagon to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia and back.

Morimoto described the

flight as "smoother than I thought it would be," and had the impression that the noise levels of the Osprey were not very high. He added the trip aboard the Osprey was "pleasant" and that he would like to explain his experience to Okinawa's governor as soon as possible.



Glenn Fawcett

Japan Defense Minister Satoshi Morimoto is welcomed by U.S. Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, right, at the Pentagon, Aug. 3.



## Devil Docs learn life-saving contingency for casualties

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — In the aftermath of an unexpected disaster, mass casualties are a common occurrence for first responders.

A Pre-deployment Mass Casualty Care Course was held at the Charlie Company Warehouse and Camp Pendleton's Tango Training Area, to ensure medical operational forces maintain clinical sustainment and combat readiness.

During the simulation, units experienced six casualties from a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, patients were evaluated and treated based on the severity of their injuries.

One patient, after receiving an exploratory laparotomy, was discovered to have internal bleeding from a liver laceration, a life threatening injury, said Cmdr. Bill Haggerson, a general surgeon with 1st Med Bn.

Approximately 60 corpsmen from Charlie Company participated in the exercise in preparation of their upcoming deployment, said Hoang.

The training began, Aug. 1, with lectures covering subjects like massive transfusion protocols, operational ultrasounds and the trauma triad of death; That information was applied a week later during the mass casualty simulation, Aug. 8.

With 60 percent of the participating corpsmen being introduced to the Marine Corps side of medicine for the first time and the various dynamics of being on a deployment, there are a lot of stressful and confusing issues to be addressed before a team works at full capacity, said Lt. Cmdr. Brian Beale, a critical care nurse and company commander with Alpha Surgical Company, 1st Med Bn.



## Corps Shot

Cpl. Isaac Lamberth

Completing 60 years of service, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, known as the 'Ugly Angels,' completed a memorial flight over Helmand province, Afghanistan, Aug. 9. The squadron was created in 1952 and holds the distinction of being the first Marine helicopter squadron to arrive in country during the Vietnam War.

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then test the parts to see if they must be replaced or repaired. 69B carries out the repair of circuit cards and 69C carries out the repair of cables.”

“The repair of circuit cards and cables varies greatly in difficulty,” said Davis. “Some cards can be repaired with a simple cleaning whereas others need much more advanced repair.”

While repairing circuit

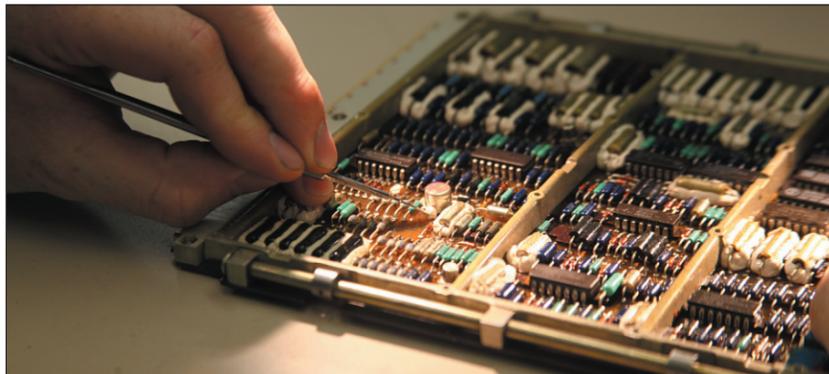
cards, extreme caution must be taken to avoid an electrostatic discharge. Electrostatic discharge is a sudden flow of electricity between two objects caused by contact or an electrical short. To negate the possibility of this happening, Marines use ESD mats and wrist straps that give the Marine the same electrical charge as the part being worked on, said Davis.

“When the repair of the part is complete it is placed in a two layer anti-static bag,” said Lance Cpl. Shaun McCourt, aviation

electronic microminiature/instrument and cable repair technician. “There is a pink inner layer that prevents the part from generating ESD and an outer layer that keeps any ESD from getting in.” The part is then sent back to the squadron or work center that it came from.

Approximately 10 pieces of gear are repaired each day, sometimes more, sometimes less, said McCourt.

“It feels good knowing that things are getting done,” said Davis.



Lance Cpl. John Wilkes

**Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 avionics work section inspects, tests, maintains, and repairs modules, cards, printed-circuit boards, cables, instruments, and miniature and microminiature components.**

**YOUTH**

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groups,” said Deborah Androga, the Marine Corps Community Service youth activities director. “Each age group participates in different activities.”

Activities include visits to the Laurel Bay pool, viewing of movies, arts and crafts and sometimes field trips to local points of interest.

“The MCCS SC Youth Program’s mission is to inspire and enable all young

people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring individuals,” said Androga. “The goal is to provide a safe place to learn and grow, develop ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals and to offer life-enhancing programs that promote character development.”

During the school year, the youth center staff provide transportation for children to and from school, said Angola.

“The youth center pro-

vides a great environment for kids,” said Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Richter, the quality assurance chief at Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122, whose child frequents the youth center. “There is a lot of fun things for kids to do and it helps keep them out of trouble.”

The cost of child care at the youth center is based on total family income. For more information contact the Laurel Bay Youth Center at 228-7640 or visit [www.mccs-sc.com/milfam/cdc.asp](http://www.mccs-sc.com/milfam/cdc.asp).



Lance Cpl. John Wilkes

**Children draw on the sidewalk and play hopscotch at the Laurel Bay Youth Center, Aug. 10. The youth center offers school-age children recreational activities and programs before and after school.**

**USO**

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to share, or a message to relay to a loved one left behind at home.

“It’s those times when I am most proud to be an American,” said Sinise.

Volunteers for smaller events shared similar sentiments behind why they volunteer.

Philip Malmstedt and his wife Susann Malmstedt have been volunteering since 2004 and can trace their desire to volunteer with the USO since Philip deployed while in the armed forces.

“[The USO] shows that a lot of people recognize what [troops] do and appreciate their sacrifice,” said Philip. “I am proud and honored

to be a volunteer in support of the brave and courageous men and women of the United States Military,” said Sinise.

For details on receiving two complementary tickets to the IRWIN Tools Night Race or more information on USO programs and events, go to [www.uso-n.c.org/our-programs/programs/251](http://www.uso-n.c.org/our-programs/programs/251).

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According to Salazar, this program can cost up to several thousand dollars if took outside the military.

“Marine Corps Family Team Building LifeSkills will be providing light refreshments and lunch each day,” said Salazar. “What is a great class, without great coffee and snacks to provide brainpower and energy.”

Dr. Stephen R. Covey, the creator of the program, revealed actions that lead to living with fairness, integrity and human dignity. The program offers the message—“I and I alone can open the door of change within myself.”

“First we take a look at per-

sonal paradigms and principles,” said Salazar. “Your paradigm is how you see the world and it determines how you behave.”

The class concepts were presented using several approaches. Lecture, discussion, group work, videos, presentations and goals will all be used to complete the class.

Marines planning on transitioning into the civilian job market may find the class helpful.

“The professional benefits of taking this class can’t be counted,” said Salazar. “This class is created to improve both your personal and professional life.”

“This class will take you through making priorities, being proactive, how to listen effectively as well as communicating effectively.”

The program fosters changes in participants’ day-to-day life.

“This class made a profound difference in my life,” said Salazar. “It taught me how to prioritize, keep small things small, live a more balanced fulfilled life, put energy into the things I have control over and to let go of things I have no control over.”

“This training has allowed me to become a better spouse, parent, employee, and friend,” continued Salazar. “The principles you learn are universal and stay with you forever.”

A similar class will be held by MCFTB for military families later this fall. For more information about upcoming classes, contact MCFTB at 228-7334.

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# Tri-Command maintenance

## Optimizing living conditions of base housing

Cpl. Justin M. Boling  
Staff Writer

The Laurel Bay community is home to many Marine Corps and Navy families that make up the Tri-Command.

Though the community offers many amenities, its maintenance support keeps the community functioning and optimizes living conditions.

"Atlantic Marine Corps Communities is the largest privatization project in the Lend Lease US Public Partnerships portfolio, spanning from Beaufort, South Carolina to Newburgh, New York," said Dixie Lanier Johnson, the AMCC strategic marketing manager.

"There are 8,059 homes located in four states covering eight military installations.

"Atlantic Marine Corps Communities is creating neighborhoods that strengthen the quality of life for military families stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and Naval Hospital."

If maintenance concerns are not addressed on playgrounds, in the fitness center, and other community attractions, then they may not be repaired. Residents reporting maintenance deficiencies keep the community functioning.

Some maintenance issues may only be addressed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the work week. Emergency maintenance such as refrigeration, major leaks or air conditioning can be reported and repaired at any time.

"Atlantic Marine Corps Communities classifies resident requests based on business operating agreements with the Department of the Navy," said Lanier Johnson. "Each work order is evaluated and placed into three separate categories - routine, urgent and emergency.

Emergency conditions are any immediate threats to life or property.

Specific examples of emergency calls include: no power, electrical short, refrigerator inoperative, sewer back-up, all toilets being backed-up, water leaks or no faucet shut off, broken window on the first floor or during inclement weather, can't secure exit or entry door, smoke alarm or carbon dioxide detector is inoperable.

An urgent service order is a condition with no immediate threat to life or property, but if the problem is not corrected in a timely manner it could lead to hazards. Specific examples include: no heating with outside temp below 60 degrees for four hours,

no air conditioning with an outside temperature over 85 degrees for four hours, electrical outlet, switch or light inoperability, stove/oven repair, refrigerator not cooling, kitchen sink or washer drain plugged, one of two toilets inoperative, visible mold or standing water.

A routine service order is any task which does not meet the definition of emergency or urgent. Examples include: loose door knobs, loose screws or hinges, torn window screens, stove burners inoperative, dishwasher inoperative, slow water drainage, toilet running, faucet dripping, a

cracked window, hard to close or open doors, and questions regarding mold or mildew existence.

"Residents can submit online Routine Maintenance Requests if a Permission to Enter is on file," said Lanier Johnson. "To submit Permission to Enter for future online service requests, residents are advised to visit their local community center office."

All maintenance discrepancies can be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 846-5330 or filing a complaint online at [www.atlanticmcc.com/Tri-Command/Maintenance](http://www.atlanticmcc.com/Tri-Command/Maintenance).

### AMCC Resident Resolution Process

If residents do not feel that their requests are being responded to in a timely manner, residents should follow these steps to fix the issue:

Report the issue to local community management staff. All maintenance discrepancies can be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 846-5330 or filing a complaint online at [www.atlanticmcc.com/Tri-Command/Maintenance](http://www.atlanticmcc.com/Tri-Command/Maintenance).

If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, it is elevated to the operations director and/or director of property management.

If the issue cannot be resolved by the operations director or director of property management, it is elevated to the regional director of property management.

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At any point, residents can engage their local installation military housing office, by calling 228-6000 for the Air Station or 228-2600 for Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island.

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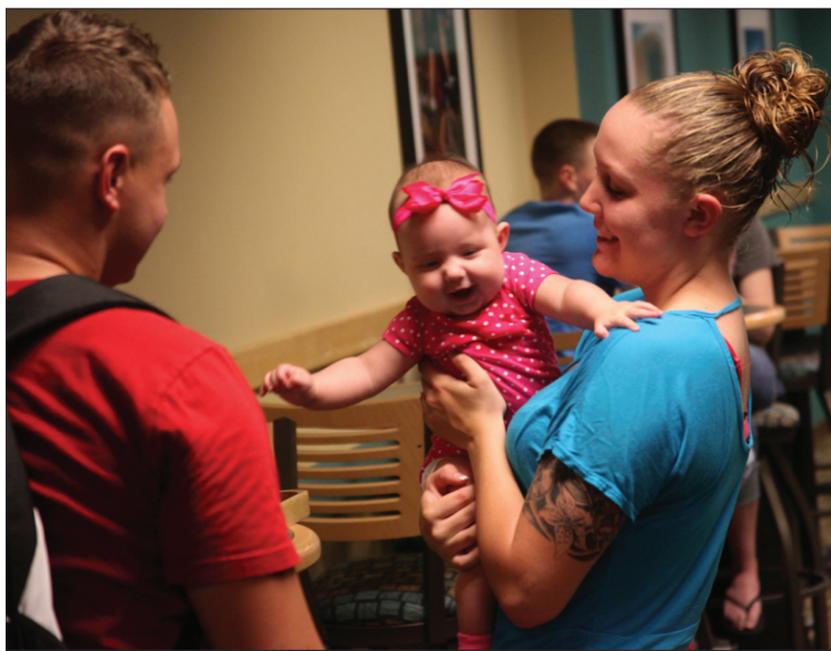
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# Silver Eagles' family flocks together



Cpl. Josh Pettway  
Staff Writer

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 held its family day at Afterburners, Aug. 10.

Family days give units a moment to relax with

their families and fellow Marines.

The unit had the opportunity to enjoy food, beverages and the various games present.

The event was full of competitions including basketball, volley-

ball and horseshoe. A bounce house was provided for children, and a raffle was held to give out prizes.

The event brought Marines and their families together for a day of fun.



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# Shots!

## Immunizations keep Marines medically ready

Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe  
Staff Writer

One priority for every Marine preparing to deploy overseas, change duty stations or depart the Marine Corps is to ensure they are medically sound before beginning the process.

Trained professionals at the Air Station Branch Health Clinic keep service members within the Tri-Command area in prime medical condition by providing medical services including immunizations and vaccinations.

"Most vaccinations are on a set schedule," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Kendrick Boyd, the Branch Health Clinic medical readiness petty officer. "Other vaccines depend on whether your job requires you to come into contact with people. (Purified protein derivative) is a yearly requirement for sections like the provost marshal's office, customer and food ser-



vices."

Marines begin the vaccination process by seeing their unit corpsman. Marines come in from different squadrons after being flagged as delinquent on the Medical Readiness Reporting system which is communicated via Marine Online.

The patient then goes to the immunization section to fill out health information such as prior vaccinations and allergy information.

After the vaccination, service members are asked to stand by for 10 minutes in case of an allergic reaction.

"You could be taking a medication for

20 years and still have a reaction," said Mary Aerne, a Branch Health Clinic licensed practical nurse.

Vaccination dosage depends on factors such as age, body weight and gender.

"Before we give a shot we check off the five rights," said Aerne. "The right dosage, the right route, the right time, the right patient and the right medication."

With the start of the flu season approaching, the immunization shop stocks up on the most recent influenza vaccinations from the Center for Disease Control, said Aerne.

Every year the Center for Disease Control changes the flu vaccination because of the different strands of flu, Aerne added.

"I feel good to be a part of keeping Marines healthy," said Boyd. "Without this crucial process, Marines would not be fully ready for anything and helping Marines get out into the fight is a high light to this job."



Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe

Lance Cpl. David Rangel, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 mobile facility technician, receives his annual purified protein derivative at the immunizations section of the Branch Medical Clinic aboard the Air Station, Aug. 8.



Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe

Service members in the Tri-Command area receive all their overseas and pre-deployment vaccinations at the Branch Medical Clinic aboard the Air Station.



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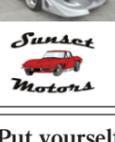
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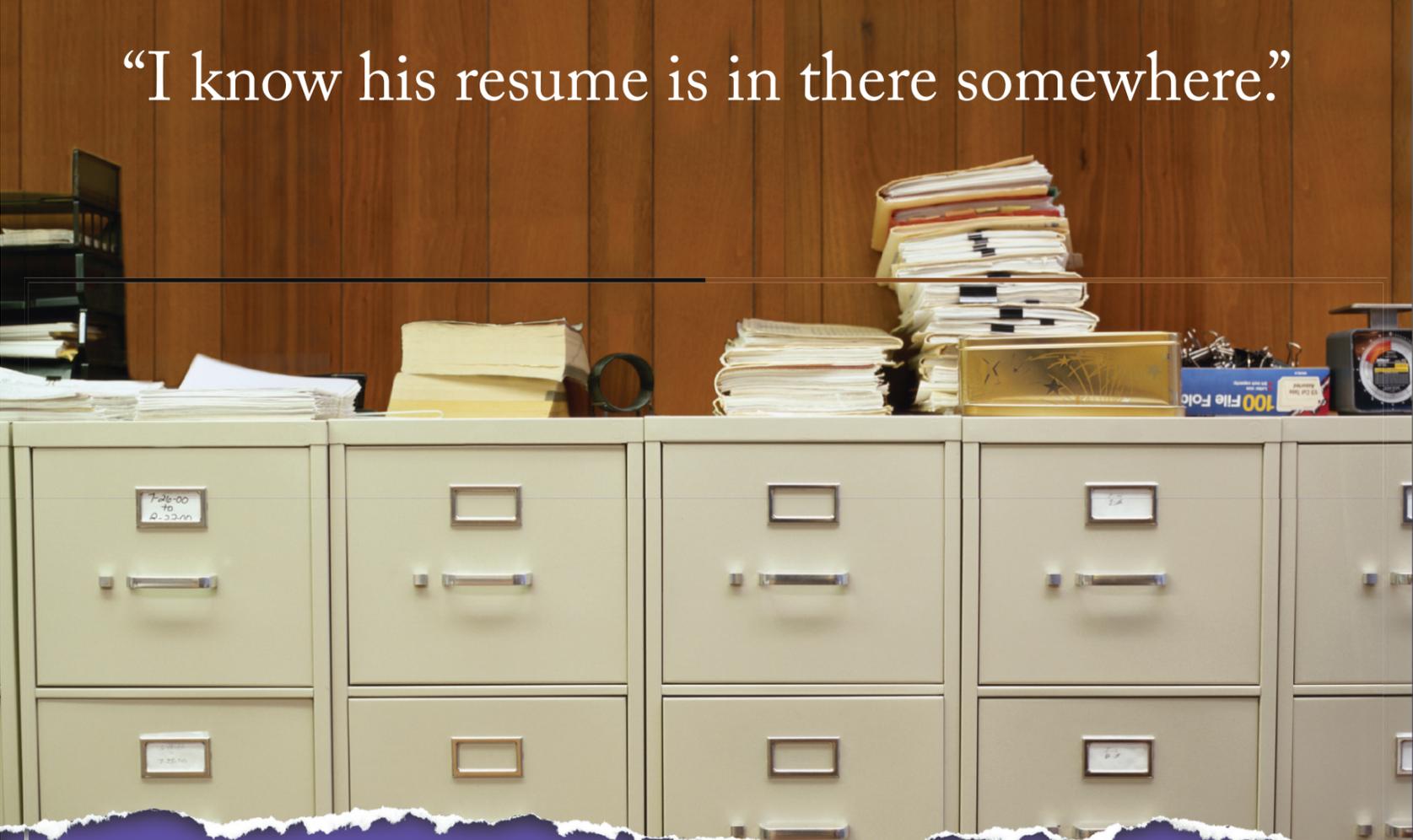


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