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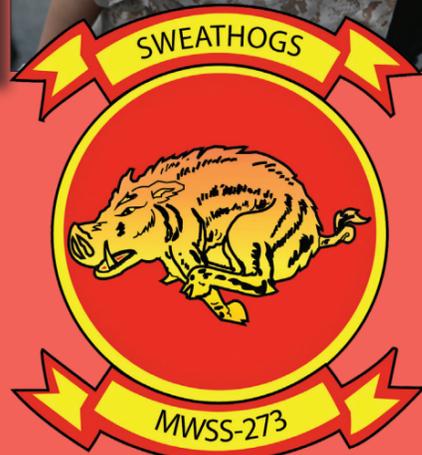
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VMFA-122 pilots become first Fighter Attack Instructors



Capt. Brian Hansell and Capt. Albert Garcia IV, both Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 F/A-18 Hornet pilots, passed the final requirements to receive the fighter attack instructor designation. The criteria for the designation was set forth by Marine Aviation and Weapons Tactics Squadron 1 and Marine Corps Training and Education Command.

Cpl. Justin Boling
Staff writer

F/A-18 Hornet pilots constantly learn and maintain a plethora of tactical knowledge.

Two Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 pilots were the first Marine aviators to earn the fighter attack instructor designation and are tasked with sharing their knowledge with their juniors.

"The purpose of this designation is to provide an instructor cadre at the middle experience level," said Capt. Geoffrey Franks, the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 pilot

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MCCS offers Spanish L.I.N.K.S.

Sgt. Marcy Sanchez
Press Chief

In a move towards educating more Marines and their families, Marine Corps Community Services will offer the Marine Corps' first Spanish Life-styles, Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills or L.I.N.K.S. class at the Air Station's Marine Corps Family Team Building office, Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marines and their families are entitled to many benefits as members of the Armed Forces. Many

of these benefits are unbeknownst to those unaware. To combat this Marine Corps Community Services developed L.I.N.K.S.

According to the 2010 Marine Corps Almanac, more than 22,000 of the Corps' force is Hispanic. With diversity as a focus in manpower, the figure is sure to remain steady.

"This is the first complete LINKS in Spanish, everything is translated in Spanish, all the mentors and material," said Veronica Stephens, the L.I.N.K.S. administrative specialist for MCCS. "[The class allows

spouses] to share experiences with each other and network with others that are going through the same things."

The mission of L.I.N.K.S. is to help Marines and their families understand and adapt to the unique challenges military life often presents.

"We teach spouses to become independent dependants," said Stephens, a native of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. "[At the class, spouses are able] to connect, which is especially important for the Spanish speaking community that feel alone."

Some topics covered at L.I.N.K.S. presentations include; Marine Corps history, tradition and language, benefits and services, financial awareness, dealing with separation and deployments, tips on moving and effective communication.

"Page by page, the information is translated into Spanish for spouses to review," said Stephens. "I put myself in their situation; if I didn't understand anything in English I couldn't ask for help if I didn't know that there are people out there to help me."

To focus on the demo-

graphic, spouses are encouraged to attend the class alone. For those with children, free childcare will be provided by the Child Development Center aboard the Air Station. Lunch will also be provided.

"Our main purpose is to serve the Marines, sailors and their families," said Stephens.

For more information on the class, visit www.mccssc.com. Spouses interested in attending can register by calling Veronica Stephens at 228-7362 or email Veronica.N.Stephens@usmc-mccs.org.

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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

Military Appreciation Day

The event will be located at the Welcome Center aboard Laurel Bay 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 8. There will be free food and fun activities.

- Marine Corps Community Services will hold a Men's Parenting class located at 1617 Laurel Bay Blvd. from noon to 1 p.m., Sept. 17.
- The Single Marine and Sailor Program will hold a Red Cross blood drive at the exchange parking lot aboard MCAS Beaufort from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 12.
- Tobacco Cessation classes are offered for active duty personnel every Wednesday at the MCAS Beaufort Branch Health Clinic from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register, call 228-7424.
- 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 PO2 Adam 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 Right mindedness begins with integrity

Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe
Staff Writer

As the years have progressed the United States has developed a keen sense of the conduct it expects from its Marine Corps.

Recruit training ingrains in Marines the time honored tradition of existing with integrity in everything we do; from the standard we set for ourselves in our daily endeavors to how we personally conduct ourselves.

By doing the right thing while no one is watching, you not only show integrity but you will eventually show technical proficiency, displaying that you know how to get the job done.

Now, I know what you're thinking. If no one hears a tree falling in the woods does it still make an impact? And the answer is most certainly; yes. The seeds from the trees and nutrients from the decaying material will set the stage for future generations of trees to grow.

The purpose of this analogy is to show that not being caught doing something wrong doesn't make you innocent and will present its own rewards further down the road.

The first textbook definition for integrity is the adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty, while the second definition is the state of being whole, entire, or undiminished.

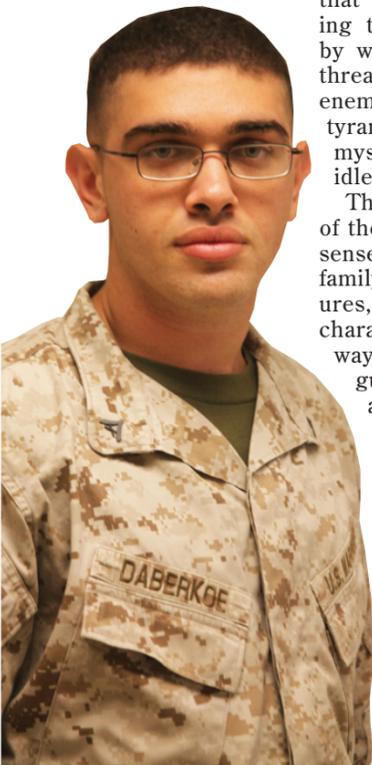
The people that call on us to run toward the sounds of chaos rely on us to establish and maintain order and that requires us to set the right example. By being good ambassadors on and off duty Marines foster a good example.

Doing the right thing while no one is watching is one of the moral pillars that keep the Marine Corps the most revered professional military organization in the world.

At the very core of our Corps are the born Marines who are driven to serve by that deeper sense of calling that says; can I stand by while my way of life is threatened by our collective enemies, oppression and tyranny? Can I stay true to myself by conforming to idleness?

The answer is no because of the factors that drive our sense of morality and ethics; family, friends, religious figures, teachers and fictional characters. They can't always be present with us as guides through our trials and tribulations but honor their memory and think about what quirky remark or surly rebuke, as if they were standing next to you.

As an individual, it's up to you to do the right thing. The generations of Marines and Americans that gave us the means to walk in their stead will be honored.



MCAS Beaufort Movie Schedule

Saturday 2 p.m.
Ice Age: Continental Drift.....PG.....(1:34)

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
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The automated answering service on these lines are available 24 hours a day.

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

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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



New Unmanned Air System Training School welcomes Marines

Future Unmanned Air System (UAS) operators now have access to a new training and logistics activity in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A team from the Navy and Marine Corps Small Tactical UAS program office (PMA-263) here launched the Training and Logistics Support Activity (TALSA) in mid-July to Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force. The activity allows troops to receive UAS training on short notice and expand the previous curriculum to include all Group I UAS assets.

Group I UAS assets weigh less than 20 pounds; typically fly at altitudes below 1,200 feet; and fly between 45 minutes to approximately two hours. They include: RQ-11B Raven, Wasp, RQ-20A Puma and RQ-16B T-Hawk UAS.

"Consistent training and sustainment support are key components for any weapon system and are integral to the warfighter's mission success," said Col. Jim Rector, PMA-263 program manager. "After years of operational contingency funding and rapid fielding of numerous small UAS, we identified this as an area that we needed to rapidly improve."

Rector said small UAVs provide the battlefield commander an organic capability, within his or her unit, to perform over-the-horizon reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition. This reduces operational risks and enhances his or her decision process.



Scot King, a former Marine and president of The Wounded Ride, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to financially assisting combat wounded veterans and their families, poses with Marines from the Brotherhood of United States Marine Corps Riders during an impromptu photo shoot at Camp Pendleton, Aug. 28.

Former Marine bikes across U.S. to raise awareness, funds for wounded warriors

Photo and Story by Cpl. Jovane M. Henry / MEF

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Scot King is a man on a 14,000-mile mission.

On May 7, 2011, the former Marine and president of The Wounded Ride, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to financially assisting combat wounded veterans and their families, set off on a journey across the country to raise awareness and funds for his cause.

King is conducting the bicycle ride to 48 state capitals solo, without any escort or "shadow vehicle," and will take approximately two years overall to complete the journey, culminating with his arrival in the Oregon state capital, Salem, around Sept. 28.

"To my knowledge, no one has ever biked clear across the country with no escort," said King. "It's a challenge, but I'm doing this for a purpose, and that makes every obstacle worthwhile. Every penny that would be going into the escort vehicle is being saved to go to a service member who really needs it."

King established The Wounded Ride, Inc. in 2009, after encountering a homeless Marine in his hometown of Portland, Ore., digging through the garbage.

"I had on a Marine Corps hat, and he looked at me and said 'semper fi', and a light bulb just went off in my head," said King. "I just knew this wasn't right— that something more must be done to better serve those who have served."

Two months later, King lost his job as a wholesale heating, ventilation, and air conditioning branch manager and used the opportunity to research a way to give back to the military community.

"I found several holes during my research into how I could give back," said King. "There seemed to me to be a gap in the care provided to the families of wounded service members. When their loved one is injured, life and the bills don't stop, and it can get overwhelming. Even though there are programs out right now that provide some assistance, I saw that there is room for so much more."

King, along with his vice-president and close friend Ralph Hartmann, started raising money to help remedy the situation, providing funds for bills to families of wounded veterans, assisting in counseling costs and seeking out other organizations who provide care to veterans and their families to collaborate with.

"We're not concerned with who gets the most recognition or money, when it comes to working with and supporting other organizations," said King. "That's not what we're here for. I think if we all work together, we could reach so many more who need our help, and that's what really matters."

In addition to raising funds for those in need, King is also authoring a series of books entitled "AMERICA'S HEROES: Untold Stories of Honor, Courage and Sacrifice", chronicling the stories of average American veterans as told to him throughout his travels.

Once published, he hopes to get the books into every library in the country so Americans, especially children, can read about veterans from every conflict and feel a sense of pride and patriotism.

"World War II, Vietnam, Iraq, flag etiquette, pride in their nation and the understanding that freedom isn't free — these are the things it is so important for children to know," said King. "We can't afford to have a generation that doesn't acknowledge or respect the sacrifices that have been given for them."

Riding across the country alone has given him plenty of thinking time when it comes to the purpose of his ride and the overall goal for his organization, said King.

"The longest I've ridden straight without stopping is 11 hours, and all the time I'm thinking about my fellow Marines and the airmen, sailors and soldiers who are serving this country," said King. "I think about their families, their children, the sacrifices they are making for all of us, and I brainstorm ways to use my organization to ensure they are always cared for."

The camaraderie between King and his fellow veterans has grown and flourished since his journey began. He often stays with veterans or members of local Elks Lodges, many of whom are veterans or

supporters of the military.

"The response to my ride has been overwhelming," said King. "Many people have told me they respect and appreciate what I'm doing, and they take it upon themselves to ensure I'm well-rested and fed so I can continue. There has been an outpouring of goodness around this entire project since the day I started."

Jack Barnes counts himself as one who respects King's drive.

As president of America Supports You Texas, a non-profit organization that promotes public awareness and support for U.S. military service members and veterans, Barnes handled all of King's tour stops throughout Texas, including booking hotels and providing police escorts through several cities.

"King is an outstanding patriot, and committed wholly to the ideals of this country," said Barnes, who is also a veteran. "It is our duty and privilege to support the men and women who serve our country and pay the cost for freedom."

At each state capital, King procures that state's flag. Upon his return to Oregon, slated for Sept. 28, each flag will be hung at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum during a ceremony to commemorate those who have served in the military.

After the flags have flown for one year, King plans to return them to Elk Lodges in each state.

"The Elks Lodges have been such an instrumental part of me getting through this journey as well as I have," said King. "They've supported me, spread the word about my campaign, fed me and given me places to stay. Giving the flags to them is my way of saying thank you and ensuring the flags fly high in an environment that supports those that sacrifice for their country."

Making a difference won't stop once King's bike wheels stop rolling.

From motivational speaking and executing bike rides across the country to providing bikes to veterans with disabilities and continuing to provide funds to those who need it most, The Wounded Ride, Inc. plans to do its part to ensure wounded service members and veterans across the nation have a place to turn.

Proper equipment saves Wisconsin Marine's life

PATROL BASE DETROIT, Afghanistan — Every day Marines put on their protective gear and put their lives in danger. They wear a heavy flak jacket, Kevlar helmet and fire retardant clothing. With temperatures reaching more than 130 degrees Fahrenheit, patrolling with all their gear can become tiresome, but there is one Marine who will not complain about the extra weight.

Lance Cpl. Jacob Noremberg, pointman, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Regimental Combat Team 6, was hit with a bullet when running between compounds, July 28.

The bullet impacted into Noremberg's side Small Arms Protective Insert plate, stopping the projectile and surprising him. Noremberg said he felt the woosh of air rushing out of his flak jacket. "After that, I sprinted as fast as I possibly could to the next compound," Noremberg said. "It didn't matter how tired I was."

Lance Cpl. Robert Owens II, team leader with Noremberg's company, was posting security in the next compound and witnessed his friend get shot.

"He stumbled a little and then continued running to cover," Owens said. "He got inside the compound, laid down and told me he thought he was shot."

Immediately, Owens and other squad members looked Noremberg over. He was not bleeding and did not have any broken bones.

After being checked out by Seaman Casey Patterson, corpsman with the company, Noremberg took a deep breath and posted security.

Noremberg and the rest of his platoon went back to their patrol base, where Noremberg got the chance to fully assess the damage.

If the bullet hit a few inches higher, it would have missed the plate and hit Noremberg.

Owens, from New Lenox, Ill., said he could not believe Noremberg's luck.

"Afterward, I realized just how close I was to being shot," Noremberg added.

Noremberg had a circular red mark on his rib cage for a week after being shot but sustained no serious injuries. The incident served as a reminder of the importance of wearing correct personal protective equipment.



Corps Shot

Courtesy of 2nd MAW

Staff Sgt. Travis A Jakovcic, a UH-1N Huey crew-member with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 467 looks back at another crew and aircraft during takeoff. Four UH-1N Huey helicopter crews and aircraft from HMLA-467 are part of Detachment Martillo of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, South and are participating in Operation Martillo.





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Visitors at sea:



Thunderbolts meet Major General Beydler

Cpl. Rubin J. Tan
Staff Writer

USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea – Maj. Gen. William Beydler, U.S. Central Command's director of strategy, plans and policy, visited the USS Enterprise while deployed in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility, Aug. 19.

Upon arriving aboard the carrier he met Navy Rear Adm. Ted Carter Jr., Carrier Strike Group 12 commander and Navy Capt. William Hamilton, USS Enterprise commanding officer.

During his visit, Beydler visited various command and control spaces aboard the carrier.

"Having the opportunity to speak to our senior leadership lets us view a differ-

ent perspective and also see the concerns our leaders are facing," said Capt. Lee Haight, the ground safety officer for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251.

Officers and staff non-commissioned officers also had the opportunity to meet the general and ask questions inside the VMFA-251 ready room. The distinguished visitor was also presented a plaque by the squadron's commanding officer.

"The opportunity to ask your leadership questions gives everyone a chance to hear directly from your leaders, which takes away assumptions and it also allows leaders to know the concerns of their Marines," said Sgt. Maj. Leveta Smith, Marine Fighter Attack Squad-

ron 251 sergeant major and native of Lewisburg, N.C.

In 1994 Beydler joined the "Thunderbolts" of VMFA-251 as the aircraft maintenance office. During his tenure, the squadron deployed aboard aircraft carrier USS America as part of Carrier Air Wing 1 in support of combat operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq.

Major General Beydler was also the Marine Aircraft Group 31 commanding officer in 2006.

The carrier is currently conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom before decommissioning after more than 50 years of service.



Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Maj. Gen. William Beydler, U.S. Central Command J-5, director, strategy, plans and policy, speaks to Marine officers of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 during his visit aboard aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, Aug. 19.

Tri-Command sailors raise money for Navy Ball



Lance Cpl. Sarah Cherry
Staff Writer

Tri-command sailors are raising money to help honor naval history and tradition at the annual Navy Ball on Oct. 13.

The next fundraiser event is Kid's Fest on Sept. 15 at the Naval Hospital. Kid's Fest is open to active duty service members, veterans and their families. There will be at least 20 activities for kids, including bounce houses, face painting and balloons.

The event is free of charge and donations are appreciated.

A car wash and a golf tournament have been held in support of the Navy Ball.

"The goal is \$8,000," said Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph McDaniel, chairman for this year's ball committee. "We're a third of the way there, after the golf tournament, we should be halfway there."

The money will cover costs involved in the ball, such as food, decoration and entertainment.

"The Navy Ball represents everything we've been, everything we've gone through as sailors," said McDaniel, "This ball represents the last decade of the War on Terror."

This year's guest speaker for the ball served on the USS Cole, which was attacked in Yemen in one of the first major terrorist attacks against the United States in the 21st century. The Navy Ball is held in October to honor naval history and tradition, one of two Navy-wide annual celebrations. The Continental Navy was established on Oct. 13, 1775. A naval com-



mittee was established and two armed vessels were obtained, manned and dispatched to find munitions ships supplying British troops in America.

The Continental Navy was dispersed in 1783 at the end of the Revolutionary War. Six years later, the United States Constitution was ratified creating the U.S. Navy.



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training officer. "A fighter attack instructor will be able to teach at a more general level. "They will be able to instruct in many different areas, which are very important to the tactical employment of the F-18." Capt. Albert Garcia IV and Capt. Brian Hansell, both F/A-18 Hornet pilots, passed the final requirements set forth by Marine Aviation and Weapons Tactics Squadron 1 and Marine Corps Training and Education Command. "We will now be in charge of teaching some of the more junior pilots advanced tactics," said Garcia, a Georgetown, Texas native. "It

is going to enhance the ability for junior pilots to seek out the knowledge they need to know." Weapon system knowledge, air to air combat tactics and low altitude aerial combat strategy only name a few of the skills used to provide close air support to ground forces or provide maritime security. "It was a pretty challenging course," Hansell said "We had both WTI and MAWTS-1 instructors come out to evaluate us. "These instructors would go through all of the mission capabilities of the Hornet to ensure that we have the knowledge and are able to share with junior pilots." "It is a good feeling to have earned the designation, but without the preparation by our squadron and training officer we would have not

been able to accomplish it," Garcia said. The six F/A-18 Hornet squadrons aboard the Air Station fulfill numerous operational commitments around the globe from training with foreign militaries to providing close support to troops on the ground. "We have Weapons and Tactics instructors and TOPGUN graduates on hand, who can teach at a very high level, but we only have a few of them," said Frank. "A fighter attack instructor will be able to instruct at lower level to ensure a higher level of proficiency in less experienced pilots. "We always need the highest standard for instruction at the middle level, which leads to highest level of performance from that level."

Lt. Dan Weekend Honoring Lowcountry veterans

Cpl. Justin Boling
Staff Writer

Lt. Dan Weekend will not only entertain but help support America's wounded heroes.

The two day event begins with Vetpalooza Military Tribute concert scheduled for 7 p.m. at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park in Historic Downtown Beaufort, Sept. 14.

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform at 7 p.m. on Sept. 15, with Bounty Hunter and Berry Michael as the opening acts.

This performance will be the third, which Sinise and his band have performed in support of The Independence Fund for severely wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ticket prices are \$25 at the gate or \$20 for pre-show tickets, which can be purchased at www.ldw3.com.

The Independence Ride and 5k Run will follow the opening evening of music. The event is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. aboard the Air Station, Sept. 15. The run starts at 9:00am and the ride following at 10:00am. The bicycle ride is a 12 mile loop. Riders may complete the loop as many times as they desire.

All the participants in the race and ride will receive free tickets to enjoy the Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band concert at Waterfront Park on Sept. 15.

The ride and run will cost active duty military \$20 and \$25 for civilians. Registration is free for severely injured Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans with 30 percent or greater disability rating and Purple Heart recipients.

Civilians, retired, active duty and wounded service members will ride and run side by side.

On-site registration will be available the morning of the event, but pre-registration guarantees an event T-shirt. Participants can register online at <http://www.active.com/running/beaufort-sc/ldw3-independence-5k-run-and-ride-2012>.

Performances for the first night of music include: Lt. Col. Mike Corrado and his band "Machine Gun" from Wilmington, NC, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and double amputee Dale Beatty and Outlaw 21. Headlining the night will be Army 82nd Airborne Division veteran Rockie Lynn and his band.

Tickets are \$10 at the gate. Admission is free for all military members and dependents with a military identification card.

For more information on the weekend visit the event's website at www.ldw3.com.

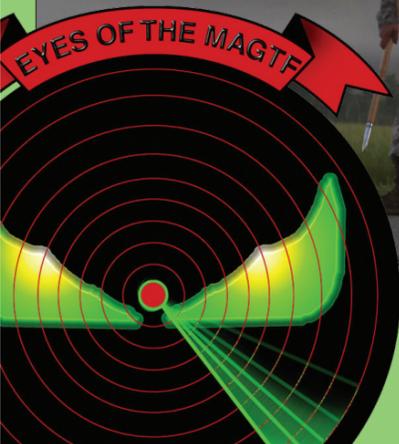


Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Detachment A hits the road



Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe

Marines with Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Detachment A participate in a 5-mile hike in honor commanding officers final days with the detachment abroad the Air Station, Aug. 31.



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