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October 17,
1814, Marines
landed on
Grand Terre
Island, La., to
combat
pirates.

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Air Station mess hall competes for top spot

Lance Cpl. John Wilkes
Staff Writer

The Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Mess Hall has been nominated to participate in the Maj. Gen. W.P.T Hill Competition for Food Service Excellence, Oct. 26.

The competition was established in 1985 to improve food service operations and recognize the best mess halls in the Marine Corps. Competitors are judged on areas such as operations, sanitation, taste and quality of food.

"We have been selected because of our performance in this year's Chef of the Quarter Competitions," said Sgt. Kenya Hubbard, mess hall quality assurance evaluator. "This year we have beat Parris Island in all three quarterly competitions."

The Chef of the Quarter Competition is judged in a similar way to the Maj. Gen. W.P.T Hill Competition. "In both competitions, food is judged on presentation, taste, temperature and more," said Sgt. Tracy Schuster,

mess hall quality assurance evaluator. "However, the Maj. Gen. W.P.T. Hill Competition examines the mess hall as a whole."

At the conclusion of the competition, a select few members from the top mess halls in each category travel to Chicago for an awards ceremony.

"The mess hall has undergone numerous changes from kitchen equipment to a new menu and décor," Schuster said. "We are very confident that we will come out on top."



Lance Cpl. John Wilkes

On Oct. 26, the mess hall will compete in the Maj. Gen W.P.T Hill Food Service Excellence Competition



Cpl. Timothy Norris

Navy Lt. Aileen Heath, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 medical officer, and her staff of corpsmen have helped their squadron, known as the Stingers, become the most medically ready, large squadron in 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Stingers recognized as largest, most medically ready squadron in 2nd MAW

Cpl. Timothy Norris
Staff Writer

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 stands ready to deploy with the highest percentage of medically deployable Marines in 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

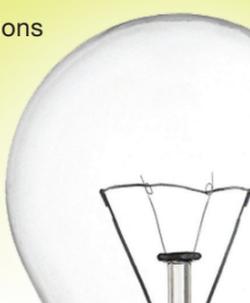
Ninety-three percent of more than 650 Marines at MALS-31, also known as the Stingers, have nothing preventing them from a deployment with short notice making the squadron "fully medically ready."

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Scheduled Power Outages

Street lighting transformer replacements will require power outages aboard the Air Station over the next couple of weeks. The outages will start at 4 p.m. and be complete no later than 6 p.m. The exception to that will be for circuit #2 on Oct. 17 and Oct. 23.

For a full list of locations and times, visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/mcasbeaufort.



Marine Corps Ball Info

- MWSS-273 & CLC-23 - November 8 @ Hilton Head Marriott Resort
- H&HS - November 17 @ Hilton Head Marriott Resort
- VMFA(AW)-533 - November 9 @ Hilton Head Marriott Resort
- MAG-31 - November 8 @ Air Station's Officers' Club
- VMFA-122 - November 17 @ Parris Island Lyceum
- VMFA-312 - November 2 @ Parris Island Lyceum
- MALS-31 - November 8 @ Hilton Head Marriott Resort
- MACS-2 - November 16 @ Hilton Head Marriott Resort
- VMFA-115 - November 9 @ Westin Hilton Head Island Resort

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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

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Smoked ham and spinach	Comed beef and vegetable stir fry

Sunday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Baked fish and roasted carrots	Pork chop and cauliflower combo

Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

Monday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Pepper steak and zucchini	Veal parmesan and broccoli

Tuesday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chicken breast and cauliflower	Fried steak and squash/carrot medley

Wednesday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chicken Piccata and steamed spinach	Goulash/noodles and shrimp

Thursday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chicken breast and fresh broccoli	Salisbury steak and southern style greens

Friday

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Baked fish and vegetable medley	Grilled bratwurst and zucchini



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

High Shooter

The high shooter for the week of Oct. 19 is, **Sgt. D. R. Heil, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31, who qualified with a score of 364.**



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H&HS & MACS-2

E1 to E3 Ticket
 Maximum 2 per service member.

\$11.75

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 Maximum 2 per service member.

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E8 to E9 & W01 to CW03 & 01 to 03

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\$53.75

04 to 06 & CW04 to CW05

Maximum 2 per service member.

\$59.00

Additional Guest Tickets

These tickets are for additional guests (other than their spouse/date)

that have been invited by an attending Marine, Sailor or DOD employee.

\$48.50

Prices increase by \$5, Oct. 22.

MWSS-273 & CLC-23

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E4 to E5 Ticket

\$45

E6 to E7 Ticket

\$55

E8 to E9 & W01 to CW03 & 01 to 03

\$65

04 to 06 & CW04 to CW05

\$75

VMFA(AW)-533

E1 to E3 Ticket

\$40

E4 to E5 Ticket

\$50

E6 to E7 Ticket

\$60

E8, E9 and Officers

\$70'

Additional Guests

\$60

Officers

\$40

Officers

\$40

VMFA-122

All personnel
\$40

VMFA-312

Sales ended

TBA: VMFA(AW)-224, VMFA-115, MAG-31 and VMFA-251.

Tickets and info available via unit FRO.

MCAS Beaufort Movie Schedule

Saturday 2 p.m.

Odd life of Timothy Green.....PG.....(1:44)

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Premium Rush.....PG-13...(1:31)

Saturday 7 p.m.

Red Dawn (FREE Advanced Screening)

PG-13.....(1:54)



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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 1 a tornado is imminent...
 -Tornado condition 2... observed within 60 nautical miles

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 Test tone - A steady tone will be broadcast for 10 seconds, followed by an alert stating "This is a test" and then another 10 second tone.
 For more information please call 228-7904,

Hotlines

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Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	228-6904
Severe Weather and Force Protection	1-800-343-0639
Force Protection information and concerns	228-6924
PMO Dispatch	228-6710

Fightertown deployed:



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



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



VMFA (AW)-533 Hawks are currently serving at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif., for the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course.



VMFA-312 Checkerboards are currently training aboard the USS Harry S. Truman for an upcoming deployment.



VMFA (AW)-224 Bengals are currently deployed in the Western Pacific as a part of the Unit Deployment Program.

CORPS BITS



29 years later: Beirut Marine shares memory of bombing

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – The 1983 terrorist attacks on the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, killed 241 American servicemembers and sent shockwaves through the Marine community.

The official national monument that honors those fallen servicemembers stands only minutes from the Camp Lejeune front gate and tells the world a short, humble message: “They came in peace.”

Approximately 30 Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group visited the Beirut Memorial Oct. 11, to ensure – even 29 years later – the legacy of the attacks and the mission in Lebanon remains strong in the minds of today’s generation.

“It was a traumatic time for the Marine Corps,” said Richard L. Ray, a retired gunnery sergeant who served at Camp Lejeune at the time of the bombings. “Whether it is one, two or 241, it is like you got a body blow to the stomach when you hear something like that.”

Ray worked at the public affairs office on Camp Lejeune the day the attacks occurred. As soon as he learned about the scope of the event, he immediately put on his uniform and reported to his post, where his days blended into his nights as he worked “day on, stay on.”

He joined the Marines on the ground in Lebanon shortly thereafter.

“It had been 14 years since I felt a round go down range,” said Ray, a combat veteran who served three tours in Vietnam. “I can honestly tell you that those 14 years mentally never existed by the time I got to Beirut. Everything I learned popped right back into my head.”

Ray even escorted media through some of the areas known to be threatened by enemy snipers. His role landed him on the front page of a magazine, which questioned the involvement of the U.S. military in Lebanon.



Photo by Ben Kruggle

Ben Baltz, an 11-year-old amputee, is carried across the finish line of the Sea Turtle Tri kids triathlon on Oct. 7 in Pensacola, Fla. The lower half of Baltz’s right leg was amputated when he was 6 years old and diagnosed with bone cancer.

Marine steps in to help boy finish triathlon

Story by Gina Harkins
Marine Corps Times

On the morning 11-year-old Ben Baltz was preparing to race in a triathlon, his dad gave him a piece of dark chocolate. When he opened it, the inside of the foil wrapper contained a message for the young athlete — “You’re exactly where you need to be.”

A few hours later, a photo was snapped of Baltz being carried across the finish line on the back of Pfc. Matthew Morgan, 19, a communications signals collection operator/analyst with Marine Detachment Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla. The two were surrounded by a pack of Marines as they completed the race in solidarity.

The photo, taken by a spectator, went viral — and it’s motivating Americans. That’s because Baltz isn’t a typical athlete. If he wants to run or play baseball, he has to strap a leg on to do so.

Baltz’s parents had to make the tough choice to amputate their son’s leg when he was just 6 years old and battling bone cancer. Now he wears a prosthetic walking leg with a mechani-

cal knee or a running leg for strenuous activities like triathlons.

Twenty-two Marines with the detachment, including Morgan, were volunteering at the Sea Turtle Tri kids’ triathlon on Sunday. They helped set up and then encouraged the kids, who were making a 150-yard swim, a 4-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run to get to the finish line.

Morgan said Baltz was the only contestant he saw with a prosthetic and — for most of the race — he was passing other kids. But about halfway through the running portion, something went wrong.

“I saw Ben fall to the ground,” Morgan said. “I made it there first and he had already regained his composure and was trying to fix his leg. I asked if he needed help and he said, ‘No, I just want to finish the race.’”

But a screw had come out of the prosthetic, and Baltz couldn’t fix it himself. So Morgan said he told him to hop on, and gave him a piggyback ride to the finish.

Morgan said he was surprised by what happened next. The announcer saw him carrying Baltz to the

finish and told everyone to turn to watch what was happening on the course. The crowd cheered, some moved to tears, as the group made their way to the finish line, according to a CNN iReport.

Morgan said he was just there to do the right thing. His commanding officer, Capt. Frank Anderson, said he wasn’t at all surprised by Morgan’s reaction. He said his Marine has the mindset of excellence in everything he does.

“We are selfless as an institution in the Marine Corps,” Anderson said. “Putting others before ourselves is second nature. I’m very pleased with the fact that a young man who is younger than my youngest brother gets the big picture.”

Anderson aid Morgan is nursing his own leg injuries, but he still didn’t hesitate to put Baltz on his back and run him into the finish line.

Baltz’s dad, J.C., a former Air Force pilot turned commercial pilot, said the Marines who were there that morning showed the spirit of the Corps.

“For the Marines to come out there that early in the morning on a Sunday to vol-

unteer their time by helping set up and police the whole area, it just shows how darn caring they are,” he said.

He said his son was a little miffed that he couldn’t finish the race on his own. But Morgan said he knows if his leg hadn’t broken, Baltz would’ve completed the run.

“As far as I’m concerned, he finished that race,” Morgan said. “As long as he knows he could’ve finished it and wanted to finish it, that’s all that matters.”

Anderson said Baltz should know that even America’s toughest warriors get carried from the battlefield sometimes, and Marines don’t leave anyone behind.

J.C. Baltz said Marines reflect the resiliency of the country, just as his son reflects the resiliency of children.

“It’s damn hard to make the decision to amputate your child,” he said. “He was 6 and never really knew any different. We just want him to be a kid and have fun, which is why I encourage him to be an athlete. Now Ben is speaking to people through that photo - it’s amazing what one picture can do.”



31st MEU Marines, Philippine Marines execute helicopter raid

Crow Valley, Republic of the Philippines – First they hear the thumping of the rotors, followed by the deafening thunder of .50 caliber machine gun fire, and by the time they raise their heads to mount a defense it is already too late - the Marines have landed.

Marines and Sailors of Company G., Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, alongside Philippine Marines of the 33rd Battalion, 33rd Marine Company, inserted with helicopters of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262 (Reinforced) to conduct a helicopter raid training exercise here, Oct. 14.

For more than a week, the 31st MEU has been training alongside their Philippine counterparts to increase interoperability during the annual Philippine Bilateral Amphibious Landing Exercise. The Marines of Company G. have spent the majority of that time training in small-unit tactics with Philippine Marines.

“This range serves as a culmination for more than a week of training, since we’ve gone from fire team to squad through to platoon level, and now incorporating the helicopters with live-fire,” said 1st Lt. Sam Long, executive officer for Company G., BLT 2/1, 31st MEU, and a native of Houston, Texas.

The two groups of Marines completely integrated for the raid, with each participating squad consisting of U.S. and Philippine riflemen and machine gunners. Those squads boarded CH-46E Sea Knight and CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters for insertion into a hot landing zone.

As the helicopters approached the target site, crew chiefs from each aircraft suppressed the target area with live ammunition from GAU-21 .50 caliber machine guns and XM 218 .50 caliber machine guns. Solid suppression is vital to the successful insertion of troops in a combat zone.



Corps Shot

Cpl. Michael Petersheim

Cpl. Blaise Conway, a KC-130J load master, and Arlington, Tenn., native with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261 (reinforced), 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, looks out the back of a KC-130J Hercules as an MV-22B Osprey is refueled during a training mission Sep 23. The training consisted of MV-22B Ospreys and AV-8B Harriers with the 24th MEU conducting aerial refueling with the 24th MEU’s KC-130J Hercules planes to practice the skills needed for long-range flight operations.



Air Station firefighters educate youth

Lance Cpl. John Wilkes
Staff Writer

The Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Fire and Emergency Services Department visited the Tri-command schools, child development centers and youth centers throughout Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, to educate children about the importance of fire safety.

According to the National Fire Protection Association there were 1,389,500 fires reported in the United States in 2011.

These fires caused 3,005 deaths, 17,500 injuries, and \$11.7 billion in property damage. Because of the danger fire poses, Fire Prevention Week was established in 1920.

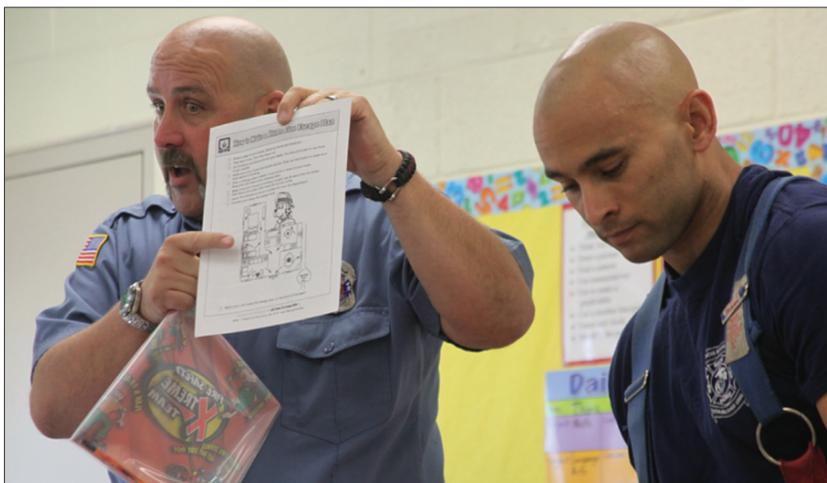
Throughout Fire Prevention Week, Air Station firefighters spoke to children in the Tri-command area to spread this year's theme: "Have Two Ways Out!"

The focus is on the importance of fire escape planning and practice, said Inspector Joseph Otterbine, the Air Station's

lead fire inspector. Children were taught safety procedures but also had fun.

"Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than people realize," said Otterbine. "Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's safety if a fire does break out in your home."

"It is difficult to convey the importance of fire safety to children," said Otterbine. "Luckily, our firefighters are great at doing just that."



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Photos by Lance Cpl. John Wilkes
A competitor pulls a power sled weighing over 100 pounds approximately 60 feet during the Warrior Challenge, Oct. 16.



Lance Cpl. Jaquavious Carlton, a Marine Aircraft Group 31 supply administration and operations specialist, pushes a 75-pound power sled approximately 120 feet during the Warrior Challenge, Oct. 16.



Lance Cpl. Jaquavious Carlton, a Marine Aircraft Group 31 supply administration and operations specialist, carries a simulated casualty around a cone and back during the Warrior Challenge, Oct. 16. The Warrior Challenge has been revamped and takes nearly twice as long as previous challenges.

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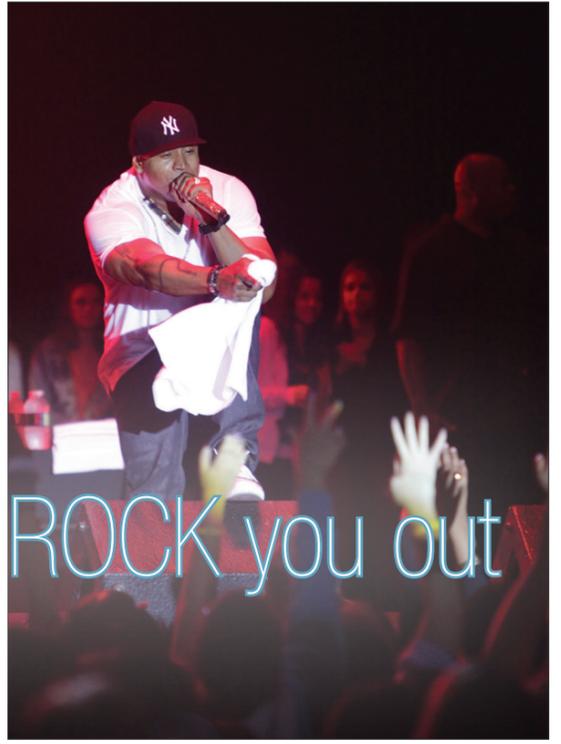
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HallowTIPS for a safe Halloween

Cpl. Justin M. Boling
Staff Writer

Halloween; a festive night filled with fright, fun and cavity-inducing sweets.

Children of all ages will venture out with costumes and pumpkin-shaped pails in hand to fill with a bounty of tasty candy.

Trick-or-treaters will be stepping out aboard Laurel Bay and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island between 5 - 7 p.m. Police officers from the Provost Marshal's Office will be present to ensure everyone's safety during the festivities.

"Parents should always try to make sure they go out with their children on Halloween night," said Gunnery Sgt. Moses Lozano, the crime prevention chief with the Provost Marshal's Office aboard the Air Station. "In accordance with Air Station Order 5100.27A and Depot Order 1710.31A, children nine and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children ages 10 and older may go out alone to trick-or-treat unless directed otherwise by their parents.

"A parent being present with a child can prevent their child from committing or becoming a victim of crime."

There are several hazards

adults and children should be aware of to keep this year's Halloween from becoming a nightmare.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than twice as many children are killed in pedestrian vehicle incidents on Halloween between 4 - 10 p.m. compared to the same hours on any other day of the year.

Keeping children safe on the road can begin with picking out the right costume or adding to it to make it safer.

"Safety in regards to picking out a costume is a very important step," said Lozano. "It doesn't matter how cool a mask looks if you cannot see when you are walking."

"Parents have to ensure that their child's vision is not impaired when wearing a mask," Lozano continued. "Reflective material should also be worked into costumes to ensure that drivers can see children as they cross the street."

Another alternative may be to encourage your child toward face painting and makeup, to ensure their maximum ability to see when walking to and from homes.

"Parents need to ensure their children know to stay on the sidewalk at all times," said Lozano. "If there are no

sidewalks stay in the grass."

Props and toys such as fake weapons could also lead to problems if not properly marked as a fake.

"It is as easy as putting orange tape or anything reflective on the prop, so it doesn't look real," Lozano said. "A parent should want to avoid putting their child in a situation where it appears they have a real weapon."

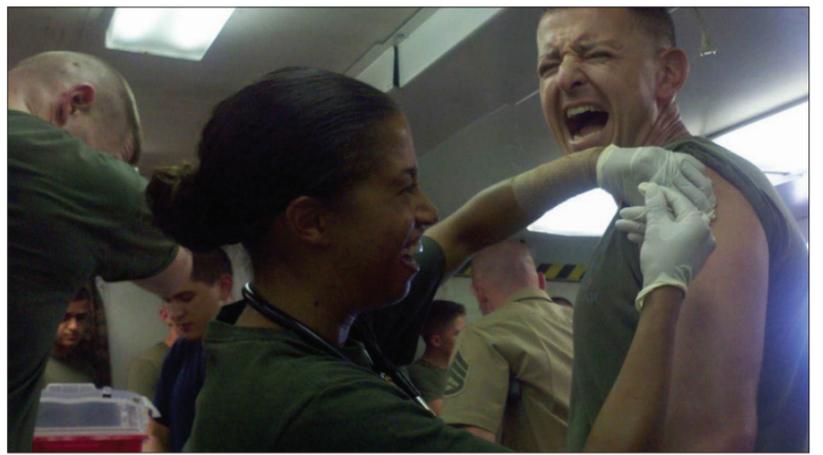
After children fill the bags to the brim with goodies, the evening is still not complete. Parents should ensure all the candy and treats are safe for consumption.

"Look out for any candy that looks like its wrapper has been tampered with, or if the candy has anything protruding from it," Lozano said. "Parents should encourage children not to eat any homemade goodies till after they can be inspected back at home."

"If you are planning on giving out candy, the best option is to go with pre-wrapped, store-bought candy," said Lozano.

Halloween is a time of joy for children, by following a few easy tips, it can stay fun and not a fright.

"Just have a common sense approach to the evening," said Lozano. "If you have any problems or need to report a crime, do hesitate to contact the Provost Marshal's Office."



Cpl. Timothy Norris

Navy Lt. Aileen Heath, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 medical officer, gives Lt. Col. William Gray, MALS-31 commanding officer, a flu shot. Ninety-three percent of MALS-31 Marines have received their required annual flu shot to complete deployability status.

MEDICAL

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"The dedication to medical readiness is taken seriously at MALS-31," said Navy Lt. Aileen Cangianno-Heath, MALS-31's Medical Officer. "Medical hit lists are scrubbed weekly for delinquent dental appointments, audiograms, shots [and other issues] to ensure requirements are met by all of our Marines. There is no excuse for not being medically ready."

The mentality of the squadron has changed, Heath explained. Instead of waiting until it is convenient to take care of a delinquent medical requirement, it has become a top priority to fulfill requirements immediately.

"Our office demonstrates a tough love mentality and a true dedication to the Marines we serve," Heath said. "The key is continuous contact with the command leaders and full support."

Heath along with the four corpsman assigned to the Stingers have taken a hands on approach to the medical preparation of the Stingers by participating in squadron hikes and personally visiting sections to administer required shots. The medical team raised the number of medically ready Marines from 68 percent earlier this year to the current 93 percent.

Second Marine Aircraft Wing has currently set the standard to maintain 80 percent of Marines at every level as medically

ready. With 90 percent set as fully medically ready, a higher standard than what the Marine Corps has set.

"It's only as important as we make it," said Lt. Col. William Gray, Stingers commanding officer. "I'm proud of our Marines. The leadership made it a priority and our Marines made it happen."

The number of Marines who ensure they stay medically ready continues to rise as the Stingers continue to press forward to 100 percent medical readiness.

"Making medical readiness a priority means the individual Marines, our unit and the Marine Corps all win because we are ready to support whatever is required of us," Gray concluded.

TRICK OR TREAT!

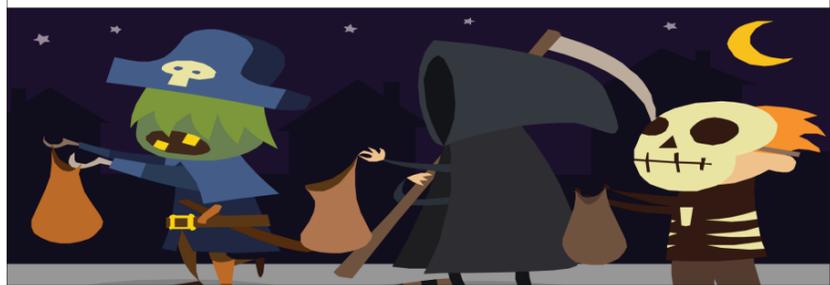
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Thursday, October 25th
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Trick or Treaters, ages 0 - 12, are invited to don their Halloween costumes and bring their treat bags for the annual Trick or Treat in Downtown Beaufort event presented by Main Street Beaufort, USA and the merchants and businesses of downtown Beaufort. Kids can visit more than 65 stores and businesses along Bay, Port Republic, Scott, West, West St. Ext., Charles and Carteret Streets for treats. This "SAFE" event is co-sponsored by the Beaufort Police Department, MCAS Beaufort - A division of CPM Federal, SCE&G and 94.5 The Coast

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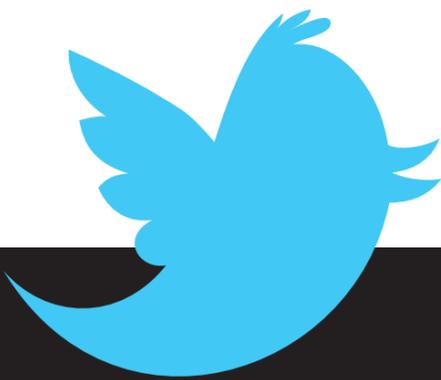
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