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## It's not a Segway: MPs hit the road on new vehicles



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Military police officers with the Provost Marshal's Office here trained on two new T3 Series Electric Stand-up Vehicles July 1.

PMO plans to debut the vehicles at the 2011 Air Show to test their functionality with crowd control and rapid emergency response.

"These give us more versatility," said Bruce Theisen, the training chief with PMO and Putnam, Conn., native. "We have bikes and all-terrain vehicles, but with these we can cover more ground."

The ESVs can travel up to 20 mph, clear obstacles such as curbs and go down stairs.

Additionally, the ESVs are energy efficient and can last approximately ten hours on a single battery charge, making them more environmentally friendly than the gas-powered ATVs.

"We're looking forward to using them," said Lance Cpl. Eric Hersperger, a military police officer with PMO and Boston native. "Most [police officers] think they're a little goofy looking until they use it. Then they don't want to get off!"

Only 15 military police officers are going to qualify and train on the ESVs before

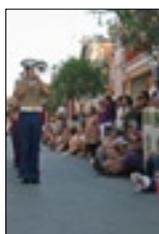
*Cpl. Lisa M. Tourtelot*

Lance Cpl. Eric Hersperger, a military police officer with the Provost Marshal's Office, maneuvers around cones on a new T3 Series Electric Stand-up Vehicle here July 1. Military police officers are currently training to use the two new ESVs, which will debut at the 2011 Air Show. The ESVs can travel up to 20 mph, clear obstacles such as curbs and go down stairs. They are energy efficient and can last approximately ten hours on a single battery charge, making them more environmentally friendly than the gas-powered ATVs.

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Website**

[www.miramar.usmc.mil](http://www.miramar.usmc.mil)



**3RD MAW BAND CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH DISNEY**

The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band performed in several parades at Disneyland for the Fourth of July. See pages 5 and 6 for more photos.



**MARINES, FAMILIES GATHER FOR FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS**

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Camp Pendleton families visited the beach to participate in the Independence Day celebration. See page 4 for more photos.

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# H&HS parents welcome mini-Marines

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Anyone walking around the air station may have looked twice after seeing military parents proudly guiding their three-foot-tall mini-Marines around base during the Bring Your Child to Work Day hosted by Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron here July 1.

Approximately 60 children wearing camouflage with a variety of rank attended the event that started at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until noon.

“The purpose of Bring Your Child to Work Day and other events like this such as Jane Wayne Day is to get the Marines’ family involved,” said Maria Lengerke the family readiness officer with H&HS. “If the Marine’s family is happy then the Marine is happy.”

Parents and children spent time bonding over similar interests and fun activities throughout the morning. Children were allowed to handle inert weapon systems, view the base from the top of the air traffic control tower and watch a K-9 demonstration given by the Provost Marshal’s Office.

Many of the children wore giant grins from ear to ear after the buildup of excitement leading to the event.

“The girls have been looking forward to this all week,” said Master Sgt. George Page, a Detroit native, Marine Corps Community Service exchange officer and father of two young daughters in attendance.

It was not only the kids who had been looking forward to Friday’s events. For some of the parents this was an opportunity to spend time with their children in spite of busy work schedules.

“I have been on back to back deployments so they were really excited about daddy-daughter day,” said Gunnery Sgt. Norm Fistler, an air traffic controller, St. Helen, Mich., native, and father of daughters Katie and Bella ages eight and nine. “I got really into it too and bought them matching camouflage hats to wear.”

Everyone had their own favorite event, but some of the parents and children got equally excited over the more hands-on ones such as the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer station.

Both Master Sgt. Joseph Vaillancourt, a Niagara Falls, N.Y., native, air traffic control maintenance chief and his nephew nine-year-old Rafael claimed the simulated weapons firing was their favorite.

MCCS as well as the Exceptional Family Member Program displayed information for future events as well as coloring books, games and prizes at the Gonzales Mess Hall for the families to take home after the morning’s activities.

Parents who wish to view the multitude of photos or for information about similar events should contact the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar H&HS Family Readiness Officer Maria Lengerke at 858-577-6521.



Lance Cpl. Erica Disalvo

Bella Fistler, 9, lines up a shot in the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer during the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron’s Bring Your Child to Work Day here July 1. Multiple weapons and ammunition were on display to educate and give young children a hands-on experience. Children were given the opportunity to shoot simulated pistols, rifles and machine guns. Parents helped their little ones balance and line up shots before they began the event.

## Religious Services

*The Chaplain’s Office, located in Building 5632 on Bauer Road, coordinates regularly scheduled services. For the location and meeting schedules of religious activities, call (858)-577-1333, or visit [www.miramar.usmc.mil](http://www.miramar.usmc.mil).*

**Sunday:**

9 a.m. Protestant  
Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Protestant  
Children’s Worship

11 a.m.  
Roman Catholic Mass

**Religious Education/Sunday:**

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
Catholic CCD Children K-12

10 a.m. Protestant  
Adult Bible Study

**Weekday Worship Service:**

Mon. – Fri. 11:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass

Mon. 6:30 p.m. Contemporary  
Praise and Worship Service

Wed. 7 p.m. Baptist Service

**Study Groups:**

Mon. 7 p.m.  
Night Bible Study,  
Classroom in the Chapel area

Tues. 6 a.m.  
Morning Prayer Service  
and Study Group

**Islamic Worship Service:**

Fri. at noon.  
Located in the Chapel or visit  
[www.icsd.org](http://www.icsd.org)

**Jewish:**

Jewish Outreach at  
(858) - 571 - 3444  
[www.jewishinsandiego.org](http://www.jewishinsandiego.org)



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the air show, explained Theisen. However, he added that the ESVs are easy to learn due to their stability and maneuverability.

The recent qualifiers on the ESV have sung praises for the new addition to the PMO vehicle arsenal.

“This only makes my job easier,” said Hersperger. “It saves me the energy I need to do my job more efficiently.”

Sgt. Anthony Barnes, a military police officer with PMO and Las Vegas native, agreed after his first test drive that it will be a welcome aid at the air show.

“I can’t get my [patrol car] to anything [on the flight line] because of all the people,” said Barnes. “This gives me another option.”

Between its energy efficiency and mobility, military police officers believe the T3 Series ESV will improve their ability to keep Miramar and its servicemembers and families safe.



Lance Cpl. Eric Hersperger, right, a military police officer with the Provost Marshal's Office and Boston native, guides Duane Blake, a military police officer with PMO, through a training course here July 1. PMO acquired two T3 Series Electric Stand-up Vehicles that they will use for crowd control during the 2011 Air Show. (Photo by Cpl. Lisa M. Tourtelot)

## VMM-166 welcomes Sgt. Maj. Gonzales



**Sgt. Maj. Mark Gonzales**  
INCOMING SERGEANT MAJOR



**Sgt. Maj. Michael Johns**  
OUTGOING SERGEANT MAJOR

**Compiled by  
The Flight Jacket Staff**

Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Johns relinquished his post as the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 166 sergeant major to Sgt. Maj. Mark Gonzales during a relief and appointment ceremony at the Miramar parade deck June 29. Johns helped VMM-166 transition from the CH-46E Sea Knight to the MV-22 Osprey and also deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit during his time with the squadron. Gonzales came to VMM-166 after completing a tour with Recruiting Station Orange County, Calif.

## WWII ‘Wildcat’ of the sky

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World War II aviation featured dozens of aircraft, both biplanes and monoplanes, but one of the more prominent Marine Corps planes was the Grumman F4F Wildcat – one of the first aircraft to match Japan’s Mitsubishi A6M Zero plane in combat.

Grumman originally designed the Wildcat as an upgraded version of an earlier biplane, but later changed the design to a monoplane which gave it greater lift and higher speed. The Wildcat, which had a wingspan of 38 feet and weighed up to 7,950 pounds, was first produced in 1940 for the Navy as a fighter plane.

A British version of the Wildcat got the aircraft’s first combat kill after shooting down a German bomber Dec. 25, 1940.

The Marine Corps and Navy possessed 131 Wildcats when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The Wildcat became well known for its ability to withstand substantial damage while remaining airborne. They were armed with six machine guns and two bombs.

By 1942, the Wildcat mostly served aboard escort carriers while the F6F Hellcat and the F4U Corsair, which were larger, faster and more heavily armed, served as fighter planes for the Marine Corps and Navy.

In its short five years of service, the Wildcat was prominent in the Battle of Wake Island, Battle of the Coral Sea, Battle of Midway and the Guadalcanal Campaign. One of WWII’s top Marine aces, Joseph Foss, who was a Medal of Honor recipient, had 26 confirmed kills with the Wildcat.



*Courtesy Photo*

The F4F Wildcat plane was first produced for the Navy in 1940. It was armed with six machine guns and two bombs. The Wildcat participated in the Battle of Wake Island, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Battle of Midway and the Guadalcanal Campaign.

# 3RD MAW MARINES CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Photos by Lance Cpl. Erica Disalvo  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Serenity Burr, 9, creates her own version of Camp Pendleton in the sand while attending an Independence Day celebration at Del Mar Resort aboard Camp Pendleton here July 4.



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Hundreds of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Camp Pendleton families observe aircraft overhead while celebrating Independence Day at Del Mar Resort aboard Camp Pendleton July 4.



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - The sand castle contest winning sculpture was a larger than life eagle displaying the United States Marine Corps abbreviation during an Independence Day celebration at Del Mar Resort aboard Camp Pendleton July 4.



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Bright fireworks explode above Del Mar Resort aboard Camp Pendleton during an Independence Day celebration here July 4. Hundreds of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Camp Pendleton families visited the beach to participate in the 2011 annual Independence Day celebration on the beach, which consisted of live patriotic music, a sand castle contest and a firework show after sunset.



ANAHEIM, Calif. – The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band drum section, performs a feature, or section solo, during a parade at Disneyland here July 4. The band also performed for a colors ceremony here and the Mira Mesa parade in San Diego.



ANAHEIM, Calif. – The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band plays for hundreds of spectators during a colors ceremony at Disneyland here July 4. They played songs such as “Battle Cry of Freedom,” “Semper Fidelis,” “The Marines Hymn,” “Yanky Doodle Dandy,” “God Bless America,” “Armed Forces Medley,” “Washington Post” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”



ANAHEIM, Calif. - Gunner Sgt. Jesse Barta, the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band drum major, stands at attention while the band plays for hundreds of spectators during a colors ceremony at Disneyland here July 4. They played songs such as “Battle Cry of Freedom,” “Semper Fidelis,” “The Marines Hymn,” “Yanky Doodle Dandy,” “God Bless America,” “Armed Forces Medley,” “Washington Post” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

# BAND DAZZLES Disney: ‘ROCKIN OUT’ FOR FOURTH OF JULY

Photos by Cpl. Alexandra M. Vazquez  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT



ANAHEIM, Calif. - Sgt. Armando Silva and Staff Sgt. Matthew Koscheski, both trumpet players with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band, play a solo during a parade at Disneyland here July 4. The band played several songs including “Semper Fidelis,” “The Marines Hymn,” “God Bless America” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”



SAN DIEGO - The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band marches behind a Marine Corps color guard during the Mira Mesa parade here July 4. The band played “Battle Cry Freedom,” “Semper Fidelis” and “The Marines Hymn.” The band had three performances including two at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.

## FRIDAY 8 SATURDAY 9 SUNDAY 10 MONDAY 11 TUESDAY 12 WEDNESDAY 13 THURSDAY 14

**Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Budget for Baby Class**  
1 – 2:30 p.m.  
L.I.N.K.S. House  
858-577-1807

**Mongolian BBQ**  
6 – 8 p.m.  
Officers' Club  
858-577-4808

### WEEKLY EVENTS...

- Sports Complex Marine Teen training Tues. & Sat. 858-577-4128/4129
- Deployment support for preschoolers, elementary and teenagers Mon. through Wed. 858-577-4588
- QOL Golf: Two Hours After Twilight free Golf for Active Duty 858-577-4155

**Open Cockpit Event**  
**F-5, F-18, CH-46 & T-34**  
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Aviation Museum  
858-693-1723

**FREE Advance Screening: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2**  
6:30 p.m.  
Theater  
858-577-4143

**MCCS FREE PRIZE GIVEAWAYS...**  
**ITT/Travel Office: Legoland Gift Pack**  
Winner will be drawn on July 31  
Stop in and fill out an entry form today!

**Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings**  
6:30 p.m.  
Counseling Center  
858-577-6585

**SHOP MCX**  
**Victoria's Secret Sale**  
June 15 - July 12

**MCX July Appliance Sale**  
July 6 - 12

**Saturday Door Busters - One Day Only**  
July 9

**Taco Tuesday All Day**  
Tacos and Mexican Beer  
Legends Sports Grill  
858-693-1543

**Tobacco Cessation Class (1 of 3)**  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Semper Fit Center  
858-577-1331



**Training with USMC EFMP Attorney**  
858-577-4668

**\*Career Resource Center CAREER FAIR**  
858-577-6710

**Divorce Assistance Group for Men**  
858-577-6585

**Domestic Violence Awareness**  
858-577-6585

**Scotch & Cigar Night**  
858-577-4808

**S.U.I.T. Yourself Series Session 2**  
858-577-4473

**Fish & Chips Special**  
Four battered cod fillets  
Legends Sports Grill  
858-693-1543

**Anger Management II**  
1 – 3 p.m.  
Counseling Center  
858-577-6585

**\*Beyond the Brief: Casualty Assistance Process**  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
L.I.N.K.S. House  
858-577-6203



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### CAREER FAIR AT THE OFFICERS' CLUB

MCAS Miramar Career Resource Center is holding a Career Fair for military, DoD, veterans and family members on Wednesday, July 13 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Bring your resume and come dressed for success. This event is open to all hands. Call 858-577-6710 for more information.

### BEYOND THE BRIEF: CASUALTY ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Join Readiness & Deployment Support for Beyond the Brief: Casualty Assistance Process. The Casualty Process Demystified. Throw on your comfy PJs and head to the L.I.N.K.S. House for some popcorn and a movie (Taking Chance) while we learn together about the Casualty Assistance Process. RSVP by July 7 for free child care. This brief will be held on Thursday, July 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the L.I.N.K.S. House. Call 858-577-7993 to register or for more information.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Get help paying for childcare  
Visit the National Association of Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies website at [www.naccrra.org](http://www.naccrra.org) to see information on eligibility for assistance to pay for and find childcare services. Contact 1-800-424-2246 for information.

### ICE ready for use

The Interactive Customer Evaluation set up for Miramar is ready for use. ICE is the internet version of the "Customer Suggestion Box." It collects feedback on services

provided by installations throughout the Department of Defense. To submit a suggestion, visit the ICE website at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

**Important Phone Numbers**  
**Victim Advocacy 24-hour Hotline**  
858-864-2815

**Eagle Eyes**  
877-356-EYES (3937)

**Military One Source**  
800-342-9647

**D-Stress 24-hour Hotline**  
877-476-7734  
(All calls are strictly confidential)



### WHAT'S PLAYING... AT THE BOB HOPE THEATER

**Fri. July 8:**  
Bridesmaids (R) 6:30 p.m.  
Priest (Not 3D) (PG-13) 9 p.m.

**Sat. July 9:**  
FREE Advance Screening: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (Not 3D) (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.  
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 9 p.m.

**Sun. July 10:**  
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (Not 3D) (PG-13) 1 p.m.  
\*Thor (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

**Wed. July 13:**  
The Hangover 2 (R) 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs. July 14:**  
Kung Fu Panda 2 (Not 3D) (PG) 2 p.m.  
Priest (Not 3D) (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

\*Indicates Last Showing