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Illustration by Cpl. R.J. Driver

**Staff Sergeant Vivian Boone, the adjutant chief for Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, graduated from the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Camp Lejeune, N.C. Aug. 10 as the distinguished honor graduate with the highest grade point average. The SNCO Academy is one of many professional military education schools offered throughout the Marine Corps.**

## Leading by example

Marine Corps offers career courses for leaders

Sgt. Gina C. Rindt  
Staff Writer

As a staff noncommissioned officer in the Marine Corps, a lot is expected from you as a Marine and as a leader.

The Career Course provides Marine Corps Staff Sergeants and Staff Sergeant selectees with the knowledge and skills necessary to assume leadership roles of greater responsibility throughout their career.

The SNCO Academy is a professional military education school under the academic supervision of the Marine Corps University, which falls within the Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Staff Sergeant Vivian Boone, the adjutant chief for the Air Station, and Washington, D.C. native, recently returned from the Camp Lejeune SNCO Academy in North Carolina as the distinguished honor graduate for achieving the highest grade point average.

During her time at the career course, Boone received instruction that

**"I feel the career course will help me as a leader and help my Marines learn from my experiences."**

Staff Sgt. Vivian Boone  
Air station adjutant chief

placed emphasis on the leadership development and war fighting skills necessary to lead Marines in combat. The course also builds upon the knowledge gained in the distance education program.

"[Staff Sgt. Boone] demonstrated her dedication, and motivation to compete with her peers by going through the course and graduating with such honors," said Sgt. Maj. William Burton, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort sergeant major. "It is important for all SNCOs to go to the career course to help better themselves and ultimately the Marines under them."

"The course is highly competitive and allows the participants to absorb different levels of experience from other Marines at the course." Boone said.

Marines are all leaders, and in their own way, must find methods to best employ the knowledge gained from the PME schools they attend, continued Burton. There are many PME opportunities available to Marines where they can learn many skills and ways to become better Marines.

The course offers academics covering topics such as military operations, war fighting, award writing, military correspondence, public speaking and more. While academics are an important part of the course other essential parts including physical training, which are organized by SNCOs in the course, play an important part in educating the SNCOs.

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## Careers up in smoke

### Spice now testable

Cpl. Courtney C. White  
Community Relations Chief

Recent advances in technology and toxicology are aiding Marine leaders in the battle against Spice use.

Until recently, the substances that comprise the cannabinoid commonly known as Spice were undetectable by urinalysis. Now, according to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Trevon Gray, the Air Station investigations officer, "All Marines suspected of using Spice will be required to take a urinalysis, either voluntarily or command authorized, through the Division of Forensic Toxicology."

Spice is a brand name for a mixture of herbs that is often sold as incense or as an herbal smoking blend and is usually smoked for its cannabis-like effects.

According to Marine Corps Forces Command Order 5355.1, Marines are barred from possessing, purchasing, using, selling, distributing, introducing onto a military installation and manufacturing substances that, when ingested and/or inhaled, are capable of inducing

intoxication, excitement, stupefaction of the central nervous system, or a psychologically altered state.

In March, the Drug Enforcement Administration added five synthetic cannabinoids to the list of substances governed by the Controlled Substances Act, essentially rendering them illegal by the DEA. Prior to this ruling, the Marine Corps actively sought to prevent the drug from impacting the welfare and readiness of the Corps and charged any Marine found violating its strict substance abuse policy with Article 92 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice for failure to obey. Marines can also face charges under Article 112A for wrongful use or possession of a controlled substance, and administrative separation from the Marine Corps.

Aboard the Air Station, more than 120 Marines and sailors have been convicted of Spice use.

Although steps have been taken to federally prohibit the substances found in Spice, Marines may still see similar products marketed throughout the state of South Carolina and are cautioned that these products are

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Illustration by Lance Cpl. Kevin T. Ferguson

## MOL reduces excess paperwork

Lance Cpl. Josh Pettway  
Staff Writer

Marine Online offers many time saving features that Marines can use to view their training record, apply for leave or review their awards.

The site is user friendly and faster than filing paperwork, but it is important to still pay attention to details like having the proper contact number, email and address listed. Many of the site's features will save and load old information.

"One of the biggest issues I've seen is, Marines inputting incorrect leave information," said Gunnery Sgt. Edward Tagle, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron administration chief. "Sometimes, MOL auto-fills leave information from previous entries and Marines have, unknowingly, left the information without making the proper change in address."

"The same happens for the phone numbers at times. Even though we have a recall roster, numbers could change at any time, so it is important to use the proper information the first time."

Another reoccurring issue is entering incorrect leave hours. If Marines are staying local,

check out and in hours range from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. On weekends this ranges from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. When leaving the local area, the hours range from 12:01 a.m. to noon.

Applying the proper times helps mitigate accidents, which is ultimately the Commandant's intent, according to Tagle.

Monitoring leave days is as important as applying the correct information. No more than 75 days will carry over into a new year.

Marine Online also supports the Installation Personnel Administration Center by allowing Marines to make changes online they would normally have to go to IPAC for, Tagle said of the various aspects of MOL. "It's a good program and more Marines need to explore it. "Noncommissioned officers can view other Marines' records, which may help them prepare for the arrival of a new Marine."

Marine Online allows users to prepare for some things in advance. Sergeants and above can submit their Fitness Reports through MOL, see who is work-

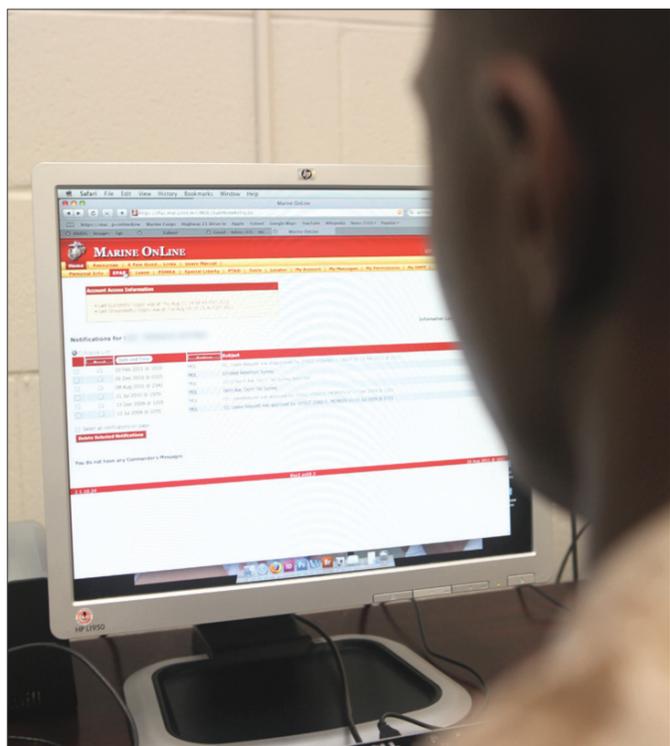


Photo by Cpl. R.J. Driver

**Marine Online, or MOL, offers a variety of different tools accessible to all Marines, which allows them to complete many tasks in quick and efficient manners. Some of MOL's capabilities range from allowing Marines to request leave, submit Fitness Reports and soon MOL will have Service Record Books and Officer Qualification Reports online as well.**

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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 - 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 p.m.  
 Sunday - Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Smoked ham and cabbage soup	Apple glazed corned beef

**Sunday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Baked fish with butter crumb topping	Wisconsin cheese soup

**Monday - Friday Breakfast**

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

**Monday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Southwestern corn chowder	Spanish chorizo and potato soup

**Tuesday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Beef with vegetables and barley soup	Country fried steak and mashed potatoes

**Wednesday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Chicken piccat and islander's rice	Chicken tortilla soup and creole shrimp

**Thursday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Indian spiced roast chicken breast	Bean with bacon soup and spanish rice

**Friday**

<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Baked fish with spinach topping	Louisiana seafood gumbo



### 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  
 • 11:30 a.m. - Wednesday Bible Study  
 • 5 p.m. - Protestant Bible Study

**Other Faith Groups**  
 • For Jewish, Mormon and Islamic support, contact the Chaplain's Office at 228-7775

## HIGH SHOOTER

**Staff Sgt. J.P. Helton** qualified on the pistol range with an expert score of 383 during the week of **Aug. 19.**



# Fightertown News Briefs

### Grab a bite and go

Swamp Fox Drive -Through today in front of building 600 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. H&HS Marines and sailors are invited to pick up the food and take it to go or take a seat in the shade and stay for a bit. RSVP with Lisa Montanez at 228-7663.

### Promotion Photos

The photo studio aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in building 596 is open weekly Monday through Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m.

For any concerns or questions about checking out audio visual equipment, call 228-7735.

### Give your opinion

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort is on Facebook and looking for your feedback. The Jet Stream is trying to get input on what you would like to see, or not see, in the paper. Feel free to comment or give us your opinion on our Facebook page under the discussion tab at [www.facebook.com/MCASBeaufort](http://www.facebook.com/MCASBeaufort).

## BE PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE

### When is hurricane season

June 1 – November 30

### What is a hurricane?

A hurricane is a tropical cyclone, which generally forms in the tropics and is accompanied by thunderstorms and a counterclockwise circulation of winds (in the Atlantic Ocean). Tropical cyclones are classified as follows:

**Tropical Depression** - An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 38 mph or less.

**Tropical Storm** - An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph.

**Hurricane** - An intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

### What are the hurricane hazards?

**Storm Surge:** Storm surge is water that is pushed toward the shore by the force of the winds swirling around the storm. This advancing surge combines with the normal tides to create the hurricane storm tide, which can increase the water level 15 feet or more.

**Inland Flooding:** In the last 30 years, inland flooding has been responsible for more than half the deaths associated with tropical cyclones in the United States.

**High Winds:** Hurricane force winds can destroy poorly constructed buildings and mobile homes. Debris such as signs, roofing material, and small items left outside become flying missiles in hurricanes.

**Tornadoes:** Hurricanes can produce tornadoes that add to the storm's destructive power. Tornadoes are most likely to occur in the right front quadrant of the hurricane.

### What should I do when a watch or warning is issued?

When a hurricane watch is issued for your part of the coast this indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and proactive measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

When a hurricane warning is issued for your part of the coast this indicates sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing proactive actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

### What actions should you take to be prepared?

Have a family disaster plan and disaster supply kit.

Purchase or use a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio in your home with a tone alert feature. This will allow you to receive warnings issued by your local National Weather Service office.

### Stay tuned to local media.



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### 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 numbers for a Uniformed Victim Advocate are 228-4784 and 228-4110. The after hours number is 592-0646.

### Siren sound meanings

Upon notification from the weather office, Giant Voice pre-recorded messages will be broadcast. All destructive weather notifications begin and end with a 12 second wailing siren. Then follow on information is repeated twice between siren wails. The following are abbreviated examples of each warning that will be broadcast through Giant Voice.

- Lightning within 5 nautical miles... announced sounding "all clear".
- Thunder storm condition 1, winds up to 50 knots and/ or hail up to 3/4 of an inch... 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, or for example warning tones, visit: [www.whelen.com/outdoor/warningtones.htm](http://www.whelen.com/outdoor/warningtones.htm)
- Tornado condition 1 a tornado is imminent...
- Tornado condition 2... observed within 60 nautical miles
- An all clear broadcast will be

# Marine awarded Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan

White House Press Release

On September 15th, President Barack Obama will award Dakota Meyer, a former active duty Marine Corps Corporal, the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry. He will receive the Medal of Honor for his courageous actions while serving as a member of Marine Embedded Training Team 2-8, Regional Corps Advisory Command 3-7, in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, on September 8, 2009 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He will be the third living recipient - and first Marine - to be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan. He and his family will join the President at the White House to commemorate his example of selfless service.

Dakota Meyer was born in Columbia, Kentucky on June 26, 1988, attended local public schools, and graduated from Green County high school. In 2006, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at a recruiting station in Louisville, Kentucky, and completed his basic training at Parris Island Recruit Training Depot later that year.

In 2010, he completed his active duty commitment and currently serves in the Inactive Ready Reserve of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as a Sergeant. He is a highly skilled Marine infantryman and Scout Sniper who is also trained as a Combat Lifesaver. At the time of his deployment to combat duty in Afghanistan he was serving as a turret gunner and driver.

While on active duty, he deployed twice to the combat theater, serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan. During 2007, he deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom with Third Battalion, Third Marines, and during 2009-10, he deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

His military decorations include: a Purple Heart Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. His other awards and decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze campaign star, Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, NATO ISAF Afghanistan Medal, and a Rifle Expert Badge (3rd Award) and Pistol Expert Badge (2nd Award).



Photo by Sgt. Jimmy D. Shea

**At the conclusion of his speech to 350 faculty and staff in Green County High School, Greensburg, Ky., Dakota Meyer, watches them as they leave, Aug. 3. Meyer will receive the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor, from President Barack Obama in Washington, Sept. 15, making him the first living Marine recipient since the Vietnam War. Meyer was assigned to Embedded Training Team 2-8 advising the Afghan National Army in the eastern provinces bordering Pakistan. He will be awarded for heroic actions in Ganjgal, Afghanistan, Sept. 8, 2009.**

## Official citation

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

CORPORAL DAKOTA L. MEYER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

For service as set forth in the following

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the repeated risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a member

of Marine Embedded Training Team 2-8, Regional Corps Advisory Command 3-7, in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, on 8 September 2009. When the forward element of his combat team began to be hit by intense fire from roughly 50 Taliban insurgents dug-in and concealed on the slopes above Ganjgal village, Corporal Meyer mounted a gun-truck, enlisted a fellow Marine to drive, and raced to attack the ambushers and aid the trapped Marines and Afghan soldiers. During a six hour fire fight, Corporal Meyer single-handedly turned the tide of the battle, saved 36 Marines and soldiers and recovered the bodies of his fallen brothers. Four separate times he fought

the kilometer up into the heart of a deadly U-shaped ambush. During the fight he killed at least eight Taliban, personally evacuated 12 friendly wounded, and provided cover for another 24 Marines and soldiers to escape likely death at the hands of a numerically superior and determined foe. On his first foray his lone vehicle drew machine gun, mortar, rocket grenade and small arms fire while he rescued five wounded soldiers. His second attack disrupted the enemy's ambush and he evacuated four more wounded Marines. Switching to another gun-truck because his was too damaged they again sped in for a third time, and as turret gunner killed several

Taliban attackers at point blank range and suppressed enemy fire so 24 Marines and soldiers could break-out. Despite being wounded, he made a fourth attack with three others to search for missing team members. Nearly surrounded and under heavy fire he dismounted the vehicle and searched house to house to recover the bodies of his fallen team members. By his extraordinary heroism, presence of mind amidst chaos and death, and unselfish devotion to his comrades in the face of great danger, Corporal Meyer reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

## Heroic actions

**1. Overview** On Sept. 8, 2009, approximately 15 kilometers south into the Ganjgal Village, Kunar Province, Afghanistan, Embedded Training Team (ETT) 2-8, Regional Corps Advisory Command 3-7 joined together with elements of 1st Kandak, 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of Afghan National Army (ANA) and 2nd Kandak of the Afghan Border Police (ABP) for a joint operation to conduct a key leader engagement with village elders to discuss security development plans. Marine ETT advisers were allocated in groups of four to pair with ANA/ABP forces. At the time, Sergeant (then-Corporal) Dakota L. Meyer was serving with his four-man ETT including 1st. Lt. Michael Johnson, Staff Sgt. Aaron Kenefick, and Corpsman Third Class James Layton. The joint operation unit was organized into four elements: an observation post, a quick reaction force (QRF), a dismounted patrol and a security element at the objective rally point (ORP). Meyer was tasked to the security element at the ORP while his ETT team, now joined by Gunnery Sgt. Edwin Johnson, served as the forward element of the joint operation unit.

As they approached, the lights in the village went out and the patrol was ambushed at approximately 0530 by more than 50 insurgents in well-fortified positions along a premeditated one-kilometer-long, U-shaped kill zone within Ganjgal Village and from the mountains above Ganjgal Valley.

The American Soldiers, Marines and ANA/ABP forces took cover, returned fire and made multiple attempts to call for artillery and air support. Meyer was instructed to remain at his post at the ORP. The forward element, his ETT, had been pinned down at their position and encircled by enemy fire. As casualties mounted, the joint operation unit remained pinned down without support for two hours. Upon listening to 1st. Lt. Johnson yell over the radio, "If [you] don't give me this air support, we are going to die out here," Meyer requested permission to enter the kill-zone and was denied the four times he asked. After four denials, he took it upon himself to leave his relatively safe location at the ORP. Meyer mounted a gun truck with Rodriguez-Chavez as the driver.

**3. Rescue** With contact to the forward element lost, Meyer and Rodriguez-Chavez drove the kilometer of the 'kill zone' and entered into the heaviest zone of fire, without the aid of supporting arms, in order to aid wounded American Soldiers, Marines and ANA/ABP forces. The two Marines became the

focus of enemy fire, as a barrage of mortars, rocket-propelled-grenades (RPGs), machine gun and small arms fire were sent their way.

Without hesitation, Meyer and Rodriguez-Chavez evacuated wounded, provided essential aid and recovered bodies of the joint operation unit taking them back to the casualty collection point (CCP), then ventured back into the kill-zone four more times, still in search of the forward element.

Upon reentry, Rodriguez-Chavez warned Meyer that they may get stuck in the rough terrain ahead. In spite of this risk, Meyer remained steadfast, remarking, "I guess we'll die with them." As forward movement resumed, the two continued to be the target of attack by the enemy. Rodriguez-Chavez maneuvered the HMMWV while Meyer staved off the enemy with effective fire atop the turret. An artillery malfunction forced the two Marines to return to the ORP to swap vehicles for a working heavy machine gun. Along the route back, more wounded were discovered, retrieved and transported to safety. In the course of the exchange, Meyer sustained a laceration to his arm from RPG and mortar fire, but it would not deter him.

Still in search of his ETT, Meyer led a fifth and final charge back into the kill-zone accompanied by Marine 1st. Lt. Ademola Fabayo and Army Capt. William Swenson. Air support finally came hours into the fire

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fight in the form of a UH-60 helicopter providing much needed cover. The PARARESCUEMEN aboard the helicopter informed Meyer of spotting what appeared to be four bodies. Meyer dismounted the HMMWV and ran to the identified location. Even with the helicopter keeping an eye on him from above, Meyer was in a riskier position now than he would have been if he had stayed close to the vehicles with other members of his group. He was out in front of the group, moving near buildings and terrain and drawing a high volume of enemy fire. Meyer, disregarding continu-

ing small arms and RPG mortar machine gun fire, ran into the direction of the helicopter until he came upon the four lifeless bodies of the four missing Marine advisors - his ETT. Moving out of the ditch, across the danger zone, he transported the bodies with the assistance of Swenson and the ABP commander.

**4. Conclusion** Over the course of a six-hour fire-fight, without regard for his own personal safety, Meyer entered the kill zone five separate times to evacuate the wounded, provide essential aid and, ultimately, saved the lives of 13 Marines and 23 Af-

ghan soldiers. Meyer personally killed at least eight Taliban insurgents, while providing cover for his team to fight their way out and escape certain death.

Still after all his valiant effort, Meyer does not consider himself a hero. "The heroes are the men and women still serving," he said.

For his actions on Sept. 8, 2009, his selfless valor that day in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Services, Sgt. Dakota L. Meyer has earned the distinguished recognition of being awarded the Medal of Honor.

## MOL

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ing on it, view who has completed a report and when it has been routed.

The command will also have the ability to view record books online.

"I use it periodically

to view promotions and sometimes to see where [my peers] are now," said Lance Cpl. Mario Reyes, a postal clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

Proficiency and conduct marks can be loaded electronically into the system, instead of sub-

mitting a large roster for IPAC. Each section can input their recommendations and then the commanding officer can see and approve them.

Officer Qualification Records and Service Record Books will eventually be available online as well. All updates will

be scanned into their file. This way, Marines will not have to physically carry their book from one duty station to the next.

Tagle concluded by saying that MOL has many capabilities and, "It's a very easy program to learn and navigate, even if users aren't computer savvy.

## LEADING

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"The career course offered a variety of SNCOs from different MOSs to learn from, and compete with each other; which helped me become a better leader for my Marines," Boone said. "The SNCOs play a large role in the physical training program, because they will be expected to do the same with their own Marines."

Boone, who was hand-picked to be the Air Station's adjutant chief, brings many leadership skills to, not only the Air Station, but to the Marine Corps.

"She is a hub for communication aboard the Air Station and plays a vital role in providing the necessary skills to complete her job," Burton said. "[Boone] is capable of doing a great job and received multiple new tools as a SNCO during her time at the Staff NCO Academy."

While many Marines do their jobs above and beyond,

there are those few, who step up and take on roles outside of their military occupational specialty and serve the needs of the Corps. These Marines help teach new Marines, keep a base running smoothly, make sure the military is getting paid and much more.

"I am ready to take on this new position and make a positive difference while there," Boone said. "As a SNCO, I have multiple responsibilities as not just the adjutant chief, but as someone who can help others become better and more proficient with their MOS."

"I feel the [SNCO Academy] has helped me become a more well rounded and knowledgeable Marine and SNCO, which I will plan on sharing with the Marines around me."

The many courses throughout the Marine Corps play a vital role in making sure those Marines, who train to become better at being a Marine and a better leader, will continue to learn and pass on that knowledge to others.

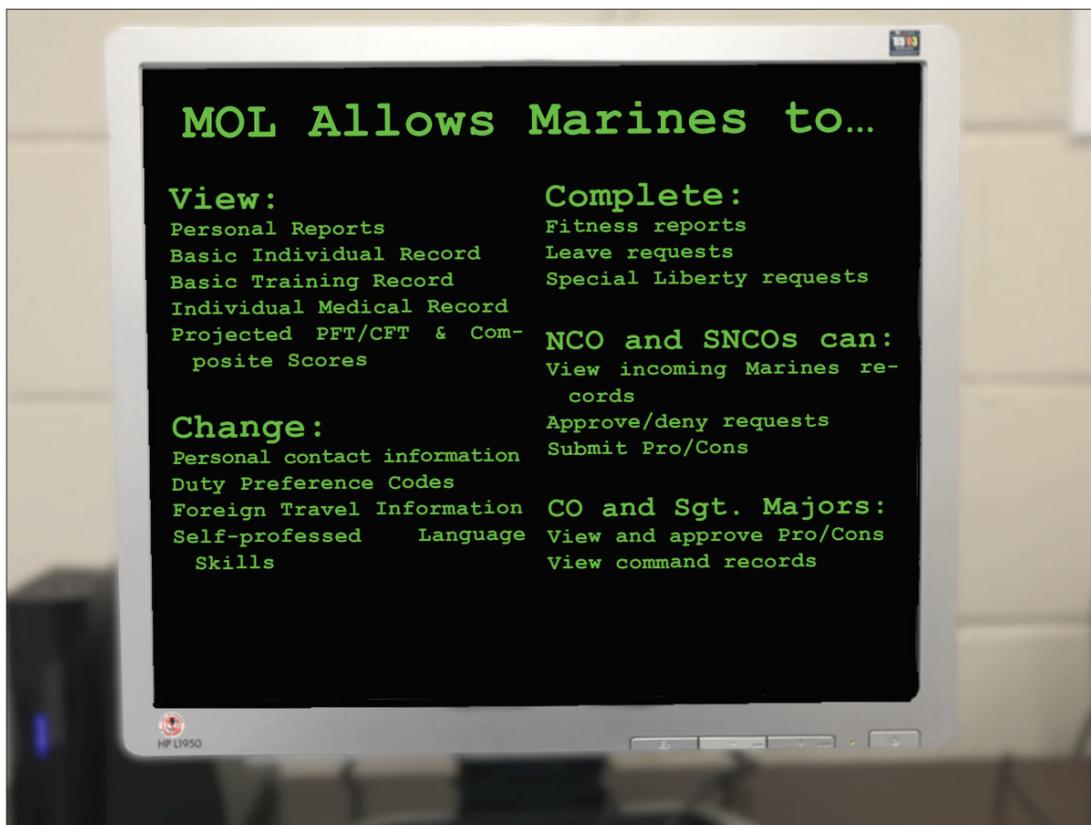


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- Marines.mil at [www.Marines.mil](http://www.Marines.mil)

## SPICE

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included in the list of prohibited substances.

The long-term effects of using the synthetic marijuana alternative are not yet known due to how new it is. The DEA described effects of Spice to be anxiety, nausea, vomiting, elevated blood pressure, seizures, hallucinations, paranoid behavior and non-responsiveness.

"If a service member knows of another Marine or sailor who is using Spice or any other mind-alerting substance it is their responsibility to report it," Gray said. "It is their duty to report

them, not only because it is against rules and regulations, but because they need to help that service member."

Although the Marine Corps currently has a way of testing for Spice, they are still looking for more cost effective ways to handle the problem.

"Using Spice or any other controlled substance is not worth throwing away your career and killing your brain cells," Gray said.

For more information on prohibited substances in the Marine Corps, consult your chain of command, or substance abuse prevention specialists available through Marine Corps Community Services at 228-1620/2044/7057.



Photo by Cpl. R.J. Driver

**Staff Sgt. Cydney Rose, Marine Security Guard screener, speaks in front of an audience of Marines at the Lasseter Theatre aboard the Air Station, Aug. 15. The MSG screeners were aboard the Air Station to inform interested Marines about the qualifications and restrictions to perform MSG duty**

## Marine Corps' best kept secret revealed at Air Station

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Representatives of the Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard Recruiting, Advertising and Screening team, visited to the Air Station's Lasseter Theatre Aug. 15.

The duo informed interested Marines about opportunities available and the qualifications it takes to become a Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard.

"For two weeks out of the month, we travel the East and West coast visiting the various installations informing Marines about the opportunities MSG duty can offer," explained Staff Sgt. Anthony Lappe, member of the Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard Recruiting, Advertising and Screening team. "Marines who complete an MSG tour return with skills that make them stand out ahead of their peers."

According to Lappe, Marines will have the chance to make connections with government officials and agencies, which could help them transition into their civilian lives.

These opportunities had the Marines in the theater hanging on every word, as Staff Sgt. Cydney Rose explained, "the Marines at their post have access to a language coach and state-of-the-art equipment."

The language coach is key in the Marines' worldwide duties.

"They need to know how to say phrases like 'stop, put your hands behind your back' in languages such as French, Italian, Latin and Spanish because of the many embassies we have throughout the world," Rose explained.

The duties of a Marine security guard are like no other. Rose provided insight into how important a responsibility they have and shared her experiences.

"I've personally had to guard the president four times," Rose said, which brought some gravity to the situation.

### MCESG History

The Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard Program, in its current form, has been in place since December 1948, but the Marine Corps has a long history of cooperation and distinction with the Department of State (DOS) going back to the early days of the Nation. From the raising of the United States flag at Dema, Tripoli, and the secret mission of Archibald Gillespie in California, to the 55-days at Peking, the United States Marines have served many times on special missions as couriers, guards for embassies and delegations, and to protect American officials in unsettled areas.

As the saying goes, with great power comes great responsibility, responsibility the Marine Corps places with only a select few.

According to Lappe, the selection process is very detailed. Marines are required to have a secret clearance, be financially stable, a general technical score of 90 or more and sergeants and below must be single just to name a few.

If a Marine fits that criteria and their package is accepted, they are then sent to Quantico, Va., where they will be given all the tools they need to survive three, 12-month tours in a foreign country for sergeants and below and two, 18-month tours for staff sergeants and above.

The best kept secret in the Marine Corps isn't told easily.



It is 7 a.m. in a humid, dimly-lit kennel. Three, industrial sized fans keep the canine aroma flowing through the air. The constant barking and panting coupled with fans must make it hard to sleep at night.

In a matter of minutes, handlers fill the narrow walkway as the working dogs survey their every move, detect every scent and wait until it is their turn to be fed and hydrated.

The feeding marks the beginning of the dogs' work day. A run through the obedience and scent courses in the South Carolina heat is a formidable foe, but a familiar one.

Through a series of photos The Jet Stream aims to portray a day in the life of a military working dog.

