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# Marine keeps family together

Cpl. Courtney C. White  
Community Relations Chief

Every 11 minutes someone is added to the national organ transplant waiting list.

According to kidney.niddk.nih.gov, Polycystic Kidney Disease is a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of numerous cysts in the kidneys. About one-half of people with the most common type of PKD progress to kidney failure.

With PKD running in Angela Santos' family, including taking the life of her mother, she was a likely candidate for the illness. However, she had no signs or symptoms of the disease, that is, until she became pregnant.

"My kidney was, unfortunately, not a compatible match," said Sgt. Craig Santos, a Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Aviation Supply Specialist. "After I was tested, our other family members were tested, but weren't a match either."

In a desperate attempt to save his wife's life, he resorted to the internet to find a donor. He tried posting a wanted ad on both Twitter and Craigslist, with no results, he then relied on [www.beaufortyardsales.com](http://www.beaufortyardsales.com).

"Within 48 hours from posting the ad, we had six people reply, saying they were willing to donate," said Craig, a Charleston native. "We had the first one who replied, tested and the results came back a perfect match."

After reading the ad, Cpl. Stephanie St Laurent, a Marine Fighter Attack



Cpl. Courtney C. White

Sergeant Craig Santos, a Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Aviation Supply Specialist, kisses his wife, Angela Santos, after her kidney surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina, Aug. 24. Craig wasn't a compatible kidney match with Angela, but he did everything in his power to find her a donor.

Squadron 533 jet mechanic, decided to become a donor, to save a fellow Marines' family.

"When I saw the ad I thought to myself 'this Marine really needs help' and as a Marine, we're trained to have each other's backs," said St Laurent, of Oceanside, Calif.

The moment the Santos family saw the message about the willing donor, a friendship was made.

"I was excited, yet shocked, when my husband told me he posted an ad and that he had found a donor," said Angela, a San Diego, Calif.

native. "I definitely plan on keeping in contact with her, this was her first surgery and she did it to save my life. I think she's an amazing person and I appreciate everything - she really is an angel."

St Laurent purchased a Marine Corps Running suit as a gift for Angela. Both patients wore the suits to the hospital.

"I gave her the running suit to keep her warm, to thank her for being a strong person through everything she has been



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Angela Santos, right, a kidney receiver, hugs her donor, Stephanie St Laurent, left, a Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 533 jet mechanic, for donating her kidney at the Medical University of South Carolina, Aug. 27.

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# SRBs scanned to MOL

Cpl. Josh Pettway  
Staff Writer

The Installation Personnel Administration Center recently completed scanning Service Record Books and Officer Qualification Records of Marines currently on station, allowing Fighbertown Marines to view their individual record books via Marine Online.

Gaining access to OQRs and SRBs is faster and more convenient for all with the online format.

The hard copy of the records will be returned to respective units for further distribution to each individual. If there are any discrepancies, assistance is available by the units administrative section and IPAC.

This change is a result of the Corps' attempt to create a paperless environment, which also resulted in MOL, said Staff Sgt. Timothy Callahan, IPAC staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Their personnel records are more accessible now; they can log on at home, and what this means is they have more control."

Commands will also have the ability to view record books online. Headquarters Marine Corps will also monitor who views a Marines record and requires the inquirer to justify the need.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Hull, the IPAC inbound officer-in-charge, only a commanding officer can give another Marine viewing authority.

All recent administrative updates for each Fighbertown squadron have been scanned, ensuring Marines will no longer carry their book

from one duty station to the next.

According to Hull, once a Marine arrives at their first duty station, their records will be

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The administrative center finished scanning 36,000 records for the Marines currently aboard the Air Station for submission to Headquarters Marine Corps, making them soon-to-be viewable on MOL.



Cpl. Josh Pettway

The Installation Personnel Administration Center has scanned Service Record Books and Officer Qualification Records onto Marine Online allowing fast and convenient access. Outside of the individual Marine, the records are only viewable by the commanding officer of the Marines unit and those given permission by the commanding officer.

# Fightertown News Briefs

## Chow Hall

The chow hall will have special hours in observation of the holiday weekend. The main line schedule is as follows: today, regular routine; Saturday through Tuesday, holiday routine; Wednesday, regular routine. The "to go" window schedule is as follows: today, regular breakfast hours and closed for dinner; Saturday through Monday, closed all day; Tuesday, closed for breakfast and regular dinner; Wednesday, regular routine. Midrats schedule is as follows: today through Monday, closed; Tuesday and Wednesday, regular routine.

## Officers' Club closed for renovation

The Officers' Club will be closed Sept. 2 through Sept. 13 for renovations, re-opening Sept. 14 during normal business hours.

## 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.



## 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

**Lunch** Beef, barley and onion soup  
**Dinner** Swiss steak and buttered egg noodles

### Sunday

**Lunch** Fried chicken and brown rice pilaf  
**Dinner** Meat loaf and brown gravy

### Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

### Monday

**Lunch** Beef short ribs and roasted zucchini  
**Dinner** Bayou jerk pork loin and wax beans

### Tuesday

**Lunch** Cream of potato soup and succotash  
**Dinner** Roast beef and parsley buttered potatoes

### Wednesday

**Lunch** Southwest orzo pasta and corn on the cob  
**Dinner** Swedish meatballs and brown gravy

### Thursday

**Lunch** Chicken dumplings and steamed rice  
**Dinner** Herb roasted chicken and dirty rice

### Friday

**Lunch** Roasted turkey and green beans  
**Dinner** Braised beef and noodles and cornbread

## Commentary

# In the midst of budget and manpower cuts, corporals stand tall

Lance Cpl. R.J. Driver  
Staff Writer

The Marine Corps is a lonely place. The first to fight, The Few, The Proud, the world's finest fighting force are all names which symbolize how lonely a place Marines are in, but as the saying goes, "it's lonely at the top."

This green machine is known for producing some of the greatest names in America's warfighting history. According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, 101 Marines have been awarded the Medal of Honor, 58 of them are corporals and below.

In the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, only two Marines have been awarded the Medal of Honor, and no, they weren't majors, generals or sergeants major - they were noncommissioned officers, the backbone of the Marine Corps.

The recipient who stands out to me the most is Sgt. Dakota Meyer, who found all the members of his Embedded Training Team dead after being ambushed in an Afghanistan village. Meyer heroically risked his life to retrieve the rigor mortified bodies of his team after frantic calls for air

support were denied.

According to Marines.mil, this young corporal requested four times to enter the killzone to aid his team, as he listened 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 being the backbone of the Marine Corps that he is, took charge of the situation and the rest is history.

His actions may have been a little too late to save his team, but what Meyers did that day is what every corporal does every day - make things happen.

The Marine Corps as a whole functions similar to the human body. The brain of all the operations comprised of staff non-commissioned officers and officers alike push the signals or orders down to the brain stem or sergeants who send the order down to the spinal column/backbone or corporals who send the signals to the arms, hands, fingers, legs and feet to accomplish the thoughts' orders of the brain.

We all know what happens when the backbone is injured. No matter what the brain wants to happen, it can't get done because the link to the rest of the body is broken.

So it's no surprise that the two most recent Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipients were corporals. What is the Corps without them?

*"Meyer being the backbone of the Marine Corps that he is, took charge of the situation and the rest is history."*



## 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

Go to [www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil)  
For more information on Sgt. Dakota Meyers, follow the link at the center of the page.



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## HIGH SHOOTER

Staff Sgt. Nick Rindt of Marine Aircraft Group 31 qualified with an expert score of 365 during the week of Sept. 1.



## Things you need to know

### Fraud, Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Beaufort, call 228-7777.  
If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse within MAG-31, call (252) 466-5038.  
The automated answering service on these lines are available 24 hours a day.

### Sexual Assault

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

### Siren sound meanings

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- 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

# Fightertown deployed:



**VMFA-115 Silver Eagles** are preparing to deploy as part of the Unit Deployment Program to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.



**VMFA-312 Checkerboards** is currently deployed to Mojave Viper at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

# From **GROUND ZERO** to **Afghanistan**

Navy chaplain carries tragic memories of that infamous day, now a decade old

Cpl. Brian Adam Jones  
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Fwd)

Though he's spent the past 23 years in the Navy, Rondall Brown's thick drawl, formed in the Blue Ridge Mountains, distinctly makes its presence known when one word crosses the chaplain's lips – horror.

Brown's introduction to horror came 10 years ago and 10,000 miles from here, it came to a lieutenant commander serving as a chaplain for a Coast Guard unit in New England. It came as thousands of innocent Americans lost their lives with a collapse and a cloud of dust.

Brown, who calls the mountains of Haysville, N.C., home spent several weeks in New York's Ground Zero immediately following 9/11. The chaplain shepherded families through the carnage that took the lives of their loved ones, offering a first step toward closure.

"I remember one lady collapsing and just crying out, 'Oh my God, my baby, I will never see her again.' Her husband stood there, big guy, clenched fists, with tears streaming down his face. He never said a word," Brown spoke with long pauses, successfully repelling waves of persistent tears.

"I apologize," the chaplain said, running his fingers through his short crop of gray hair. "I'm not normally like this."

Now far away from the wreckage that changed the world, Brown, a Navy captain,



Cpl. Brian Adam Jones

**U.S. Navy Capt. Rondall Brown serves as the command chaplain for the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. In 2001, the chaplain shepherded families through the carnage in Ground Zero that took the lives of their loved ones, offering a first step toward closure. Brown said it was important to him to be in Afghanistan on the 10th anniversary of the attacks, working to eradicate violence in this once terror-stricken region.**

serves in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, as the command chaplain for the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).

"In one sense being here brings a peace for me," said Brown, his face flushed red with emotion. "We are doing something to prevent it from occurring again. If you had been there, and have the vivid memories I do of the horror these families went through, it's unimaginable. There was nothing to take home. There were no bodies."

Brown seemed to recall everyone he led through the devastation in Manhattan.

A young man who worked on the 32nd floor of one of the Twin Towers. His wife of five months worked on the 94th, and over the phone she persuaded him to leave the building. He stood out-

side the door until he was pushed back by firefighters, eventually all the way to the water's edge. Even as he was swallowed by the dust of the collapse, he held the cell phone to his ear.

A tall woman with short blonde hair who lost her fiancé, a fireman, when he responded to the attack.

A brother and sister who had come from California. Their brother turned 65 Sept. 10., prior to being killed in the collapse. The man had just beaten cancer, and the siblings had just celebrated his victory over the disease.

"In one sense it seems much longer than 10 years ago, but in another sense it feels just like yesterday. I think for the people who had loved ones die, it's a very vivid memory," Brown

said staring at the floor, allowing memories to carry him back to New York.

"It was such a stench. I can smell it to this day," Brown said. "They gave me a little ol' mask to wear, but I never wore it. You can't talk to people and wear a mask."

The chaplain said it was important to him to be in Afghanistan on the 10th anniversary of the attacks. He said it was important to work to eradicate violence in this once terror-stricken region.

"There's never a measurement you can put on the loss of a life, civilian or military. But should we be here? Yes, I think so," Brown said. "People here are beginning to take leadership. They're feeling confident with support from the government, with support from the American and coalition troops. When I was in Iraq in Al Anbar, the tide turned there when the people said to the insurgency, 'OK, we have had enough of what you are doing to the innocent civilians.'"

A fitting vision for a man well acquainted to the horror that follows loss of innocent civilians.

*Connect with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) throughout the deployment. Stay up to date with the latest 2nd MAW (Fwd.) news, photos and videos at <http://www.facebook.com/2ndmaufwd>.*

## CORPS BITS



### CLB-6 resupplies Sangin-area Marines

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) convoyed to various bases in the vicinity of Helmand's volatile Sangin district Aug. 26.

Their mission was two-fold. In addition to resupplying frontline troops with general sustainment items such as fresh food and water, they also cast their first stone in the realm of the imminent realignment and retrograde of troops in Afghanistan.

Elements of the convoy made stops at Forward Operating Base Nalay, Combat Outpost Ouellette and Patrol Bases Alcatraz and Robinson to load gear no longer needed in the sustainment of operations.

The battalion's predecessor, CLB-8, did a tremendous job pulling back battle-damaged gear from outlying bases, said Lt. Col. Ralph J. Rizzo Jr., the commanding officer of CLB-6., and it is his Marines' job to maintain that tempo of support. Some of the damaged gear can even be salvaged and repaired once it is back aboard Camp Leatherneck or shipped astern.

Since touching down in theater nearly a month ago, Rizzo and his battalion sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Phillip Orellano, have made it a point to accompany their Marines on such convoys to get a first-hand view of what they can do to support the infantrymen scattered throughout the area of operation.

Though this aspect of a convoy is appreciated by the multitude of unit's posted around the area of operation, it is the items delivered into the infantrymen's stomachs that many look forward to.



### Huey crew chiefs awarded for efforts in Afghan skies

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan — Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 awarded 18 Marines with combat aircrew wings at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Aug. 26.

The combat wings signify service in a combat environment, compared to the basic wings all aircrew receive when their initial training is complete. The crew chiefs of HMLA-267 who received their combat aircrew wings have each flown more than 170 combat mission hours with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).

Crew chiefs are enlisted Marines who fly in the cabin of the aircraft. On the UH-1Y Huey, crew chiefs operate some of the aircraft's weapons, provide the pilots with 360-degree situational awareness, and offer hands-on support when the helicopter is moving troops, equipment or supplies.

The crew chiefs awarded ranged from private first class to staff sergeant.

HMLA-267, deployed out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., has been deployed to Camp Bastion for about three months. The light attack helicopter squadron consists of UH-1Y Hueys and AH-1W Super Cobras. The utility and attack helicopters provide close-air support and transport for Marines and their coalition partners in southwestern Afghanistan.

"I definitely feel like we all earned them," said Cpl. Forest H. Pike a UH-1Y Huey crew chief with HMLA-267, and a native of Cedar City, Utah. "They all deserve it and they've all done more than necessary to earn these wings."



## Corps Shot

Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

**Lance Cpl. Michael S. Adams, from Pawtucket, R.I., a combat engineer with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), cuts metal pieces from a drainage pipe August 19, 2011, while conducting repairs on Route 606 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The operation lasted four days and the engineers covered nearly 33 miles of the road.**



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**The Air Station disseminates information out to many points including the local papers and the hometowns of the service members. This information comes from the working relationship between the public affairs office and the squadron's designated Unit Information Officer.**

## Squadrons passing on information

Sgt. Gina C. Rindt  
Staff Writer

A squadron recently returns from a six-month deployment, their families are excited about the news and waiting for the opportunity to clip a story or photo about their homecoming. But who is there to cover the story or get the information out to the service members, their families, the community and their hometowns?

The combat correspondents aboard the Air Station cover and release stories about the multiple events and festivals aboard the Air Station and in the local community. To get that information they rely on the command's and more specifically the command's Unit Information Officers.

The UIO plays a large role in providing information to the base to help keep the service members, their families and local communities informed. Another role they play is keeping the Speakers Bureau Program up-to-date in order to facilitate speaking engagements in the local community. That contact with local community is not limited to physical engagement, the UIO also controls the flow of digital information.

"I play an active role in developing the social media and reaching out to the families," said 1st Lt. Jennifer Silvers, of Merritt Island, Fla., the UIO for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122. "I also feel I am a filter for [squadron] incidents, which can receive media attention."

As a main point of contact for the squadron, the UIOs use different ways to get their message across to past and current service members in the squadron and their families.

"I'm helping with the development of a new Facebook page and making sure it runs properly," Silvers said. "Being the UIO is important for the squadron's image to the outside world."

Unit Information Officers are not only responsible for

providing information to the public affairs office and keeping the community informed, they have other duties and responsibilities in their squadron and units.

"I am responsible for many other things in the squadron such as being the operations, training and education officer," said Capt. Bill Spink, of Quarryville, Pa., UIO for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31. "I have a lot of responsibilities, which I take charge of and make sure are handled properly and accurately."

"As the UIO I am the direct liaison between the public affairs officer and the community for the commanding officer, the squadron and the Marines and sailors who work here," continued Spink.

Communities throughout the United States have a variety of families, veterans, patrons and military enthusiasts. The UIOs help provide them information through social media sites, radio, television, newspapers and more.

"As a veteran I am interested in what my previous squadrons and the military as a whole are doing," said Tommy Koulianos, of Tarpon Springs, Fla. a Marine veteran. "I enjoy using the digital media more, but still pick up the paper and check on what the units are doing in the community and aboard the Air Station."

"Since the squadrons aboard the Air Station deploy on a regular basis, it is nice to know where they are and what they are doing."

Keeping the service members, their families and friends, local communities and hometowns informed is a responsibility taken seriously by the UIOs. The information released and handed out is something most families can look forward to, it helps the squadrons illustrate how involved service members and their families are with the War on Terror as well as in the local community.

## FAMILY

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through, and so that she will always remember that Marines put family first," St Laurent said.

Going through the process of finding a donor made Angela realize she does not want to take anything for granted and she plans to be an organ donor.

"I was on the waiting list for a year before we found someone," Angela said. "My husband has done all the work, finding candidates and getting the surgery ready. He took over and I couldn't have done it without him. He made all the calls, arrangements and planned out everything."

As soon as the hospital opened, St Laurent was moved into surgery. Three hours later, once the kidney was successfully and safely removed, the doctor began surgery on Angela.

"Before doing the procedure, we make sure there are no signs of any possible issues with the kidney or the transplant in general," said Sara Stello, Medical University of South Carolina administrative coordinator. "We don't want to do anything to jeopardize either the donor or recipient."

Angela's husband sat close and comforted her before surgery, letting her know he was there for support.

"With the surgery just moments away, I'm feeling overwhelmed and nervous because you don't know what the outcome will be," said Craig. "I will be pacing back and forth waiting for word from the doctor while she is in surgery."

After the staff came to get her for surgery, Angela walked toward surgery, but before leaving the waiting room, she turned and gave her husband and aunt



Photos special to Cpl. Courtney C. White

**Sergeant Craig Santos, a Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Aviation Supply Specialist, comforts his wife, Angela Santos, moments before her kidney surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina, Aug. 24. Polycystic kidney disease runs in her family, which made her a likely candidate for the disease.**



**Angela Santos is surrounded by her family after a three-hour kidney surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina, Aug. 24. Angela and her husband will spend six weeks with family close by so they have easy access to the hospital.**

one last hug.

Craig walked his wife to surgery, while her aunt turned helplessly back to the chairs. Sitting down, her aunt prepared herself for the long wait ahead while remembering the painful past of her sister and mother having the disease.

"Sitting here, I can't

help but think about how my sister wasn't able to get a kidney in time, but I know she is in heaven and happy that her daughter is getting one," said Nancy Lester, Angela's aunt and native of Cincinnati, Ohio. "I am so thankful - I can't even put into words how happy I am that she found a donor."

After hours of waiting, Craig and Lester were greeted by the doctor who notified them that the surgery went well, with no complications.

For six weeks following the surgery, the Santos family plans to stay with relatives close by to have easy access to the hospital and have the support of loved ones. Since Craig was still identified as a healthy candidate to donate his kidney, he plans to give his kidney to Angela's sister who was also diagnosed with PKD.

"I believe if we all do something to help save someone else, this world would be a better place," St Laurent said.



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Above: **Angela Santos, left, rings a bell for Stephanie St Laurent for her kidney donation at the Medical University of South Carolina, Aug. 27. The bell honors those who gave the gift of life through an organ donation.**

Left: **Angela Santos hugs her aunt, Nancy Lester, before going into surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina, Aug. 24. Angela asked her aunt to come to the hospital in her mother's stead.**

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scanned so this process will continue indefinitely for every Marine.

"This change alleviates the potential for a Marine

losing any of the information within their record," Hull said. "We also won't have to account for their records. Before, we had to physically inventory all 36,000 records that we currently hold."

No longer will thousands

of records bog down IPAC Marines with the tedious chores of logging, filing and inventorying. With the online system in place, Marines now have the option to view their record as they please with a click of their mouse.





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## Red Ribbon week brings big stars

Lance Cpl. Timothy O. Norris  
Staff Writer

The Air Station and Marine Corps Community Services will host the first free concert to support Red Ribbon week at the Air Station's parade deck September 9th.

The concert opens Red Ribbon week, a tradition 23 years in the making that helps people commit themselves to a life free of substance and alcohol abuse and raises awareness about the dangers of substance abuse.

This is the first time a concert has been included with Red Ribbon week on the Air Station, said Ivey Liipfert, Air Station commercial sponsorship coordinator.

Kellie Pickler, the main performer, is a rising country music star and a 2006 American Idol contestant.

"It will be a big production," Liipfert said. Pickler is no stranger to the military. She has already performed on several United Service Organization tours in support of the military.

She's taking it one step further to raise a voice against substance abuse by performing at Red Ribbon Rocks, Liipfert said. She is wholesome, fun, current and has a great show.

"That's why we choose her," said Liipfert. "She can inspire people by her good example not to use illegal drugs."

The after affects of substance abuse and alcohol on the Marine Corps and families is unacceptable, said Col. Brian C. Murtha, Air Station Commanding Officer.

"It must stop and it must stop now," he added.

Marines and sailors have had grievous consequences on their careers because of drugs and alcohol, said Regena Cooper, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island behavioral health branch head. "This is a fun, interactive way to hear an important message," she added.

Service members can get accustomed to repetitive lectures where information is not always internalized and remembered.

Red Ribbon Rocks is the direct result of Cooper and Liipfert's efforts to try a new approach addressing substance abuse prevention in the Lowcountry.

The event focuses on preventing drug use and stopping it with a simple message: commit yourself to live drug free.

Concessions start at 6 p.m. with food from

local restaurants or guests can try any of the alcohol free "Mocktails."

Representatives from the popular "That Guy" campaign will attend the concert handing out items promoting reasons not to abuse alcohol.

Visitors can also safely know the dangers of impaired driving by navigating a tricycle course wearing drunk goggles.

"You're the Star," will open the concert at 7 p.m. with several individual acts from local Marines displaying various talents. Then, regionally recognized bluegrass band "Blue Dogs" will open for Pickler.

You can win a backstage pass to meet Kellie Pickler by taking a quiz about the dangers of drugs and alcohol at [www.mccs-sc.com](http://www.mccs-sc.com). The first of several backstage passes has already been awarded to one excited fan.

"I'm going to have a sign that says 'Pick Pickler,'" said Jessica Whited, the 16-year-old daughter of an Air Station Marine, and recipient of the pass.

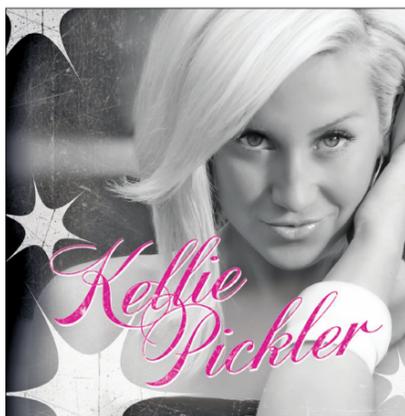
Whited has followed Pickler since her American Idol days. Chants of "Pick Pickler" filled the house from Whited and her parents, who all share a love of country music, to cheer on their favorite contestant.

"She's just great," Whited said.

Whited's 17th birthday is the day after the concert, which, she said, will make it unforgettable.

All of the activities surrounding the concert, approach the same message – Don't do drugs, and don't abuse alcohol.

At least, that is the message MCCS wants people to walk away from the event with, Cooper said.



# TRI-COMMAND

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## TRI-COMMAND SPORT BRIEFS

### Tri-Command Bench Press Competition

The Air Station will host the Tri-Command Bench Press competition from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fitness center. Weigh-in is Sept. 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. There are two different age categories for males and females. For more information, contact the fitness center at 228-7092 or 228-1504.

### Hunting season starts soon

The 2011 Deer Season is fast approaching and hunting aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will begin Sept. 15. All hunters must possess a current South Carolina hunting license, proof of weapon registration, and a current base permit. Base permits can be obtained through the Air Station Game Warden after completing an application and attending a safety lecture. For more information, contact the Game Warden at 228-7017.

### Monthly Newsletter

Through Semper Fit Health Promotions, Marine Corps Community Services publishes a monthly, health-conscious newsletter. The newsletter covers everything from dieting tips to nutritional budgeting. It can be found online at [www.mccs-sc.com](http://www.mccs-sc.com).

### Eat Smart Move More

Eat Smart Move More is a health and fitness initiative promoted by the state of South Carolina, with national affiliation. The local walking and wellness club is free and designed by Semper Fit to accommodate all fitness levels. For more information, please visit [www.eatsmart-movemore.com](http://www.eatsmart-movemore.com)



## Tossing golf clubs, tees for Frisbees puts new twist on putting

Cpl. Josh Pettway  
*The Jet Stream Staff*

Popular sports are commercialized everywhere, and often times steal the spotlight from equally enjoyable pastimes.

Disc golf is a lesser known sport, which anyone can take part in on any number of local courses.

According to [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com), the official disc golf website, disc golf is said to have originated in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1926 by a group of school children who played a game with tin lids, dubbed Tin Lid Golf. As time went on, Tin Lid Golf faded out of the picture, only to be remembered later by one of the participants who heard of the organized disc golf play of today.

The game follows many of the same rules and traditions of golf, including the use of drivers and putters – only in disc form. Each one has a different weight, allowing players to get different distances from their throws. Also, instead of using holes, players throw for a chain basket.

"I love disc golf, it's awesome," said Taylor Short, an avid disc golfer. "The rules are basically the same for traditional golf including putters and drivers as discs."

For the outdoorsmen or other outdoor adventurers, who don't enjoy the slow paced game of golf, disc golfing brings a slightly faster paced game that requires different skill and coordination to play each hole.

Due to the difference in equipment,

mastering how to throw the disc can prove challenging, especially when trying to maneuver around obstacles like trees.

"It is not for everyone, but I've gone out on several occasions to play," said Lance Cpl. Emily Gibson, a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron postal clerk.

The disc golf website also stated the growing popularity of disc golf begins with the fact throwing a flying disc with power and accuracy is a marvelous sensation. The constant challenge,

social nature of the game, good physical and mental conditioning it requires to play well, and low expense are also attractions.

Hoover Links, at Hilton Head Island and The Sarge at Sergeant Jasper Park in Hardeeville both offer 18 holes. For more information on the Sarge call, 368-9413 or for Hoover Links, call 681-3696.

For more information on the sport, visit [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com), or those interested in playing tournaments, can visit, [www.scdgo.net](http://www.scdgo.net).



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The Sarge at Sergeant Jasper Park has 18 holes and has been host to tournaments in the past allowing those who wish to compete a chance to test their mettle against players from across the Lowcountry.





# Lowcountry Legends

## Softball stars in the making

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Recently, a small group's love of softball encouraged them to start their own team.

The Lowcountry Legends is a team comprised of players from the Air Station and local community, whose sole goal is to have fun, while being able to play in tournaments competitively.

The team started in Okinawa, originally as VMFA (AW)-533, and placed first in two Pacific wide tournaments. VMFA (AW)-533's streak was ended when they played against sponsored teams while deployed.

"They play some real ball out there; a lot of them play college level softball," said Clayton Walker, a Lowcountry Legends player. "We know we have the talent to win, but obviously we didn't have everything we needed to play at their level."

"We were a little upset about not being able to play in the intramural tournament here. We had just gotten back from a deployment, but the tournament had started two days earlier."

Despite losing, many players from VMFA (AW)-533 returned, formed the Lowcountry Legends and actively seek out interested players. Tryouts for the team are open to anyone who is willing and able to dedicate themselves.

"We come out here Tuesdays and Thursdays every week," Walker said. "If anyone's interested, we would like for them to be able to give up one week-end a month and for them to come to practice. It's important that our players come to our practices."

The legends are a non-military affiliated team comprised of players from VMFA (AW)-533, one from CLC-23, two from MALS-31, and local civilians.

"I try to come out whenever I can because I love to play," said Nathan Perry, a Lowcountry Legends player.

Already, the Lowcountry Legends are preparing to play in local tournaments, as well as having their own hosted on Fightertown's fields through the Single Marine Program.

"We haven't played locally yet, but we're going to be hosting a tournament here on the Air Station in October," Walker said. "Our first tournament will be held in Walterboro, Sept. 3."

"[The team is] excited [about the]

Labor Day tournament," Walker said. "We want to play as much as possible."

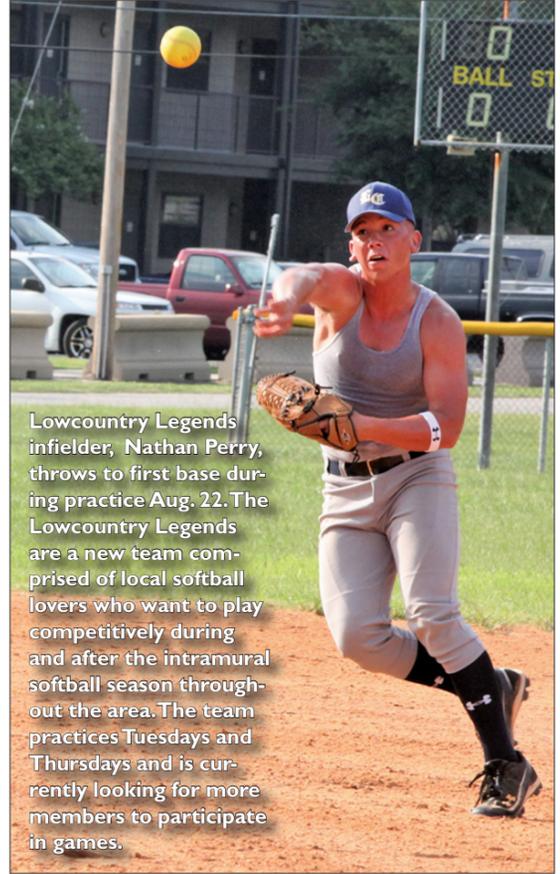
"We'll feel better after playing that first tournament because then we'll know where we stand and if it's worth the hard work, we've got to establish ourselves," he added.

The initial team fee is \$150, which covers uniform items, like hats, jerseys, pants, belts and socks and it also covers the cost of the first tournament. The uniforms are blue and with gold lettering on the hats, while the jerseys have gold stitching along the shoulders.

"We're always looking for new guys, especially since a lot of us are military – meaning a lot of us will cycle in and out, either reaching their end of active service or permanent change of station date," said Walker.

"There are three of us that will be PCSing by January. Then the team will need for more players and anyone that's able is more than welcome to play. We really want to put the word out, because we've invested a lot of time into this and plan on enjoying ourselves, but we also want to be competitive."

For those interested in getting involved with the team, search for "lowcountry legends" via Facebook.



Lowcountry Legends infielder, Nathan Perry, throws to first base during practice Aug. 22. The Lowcountry Legends are a new team comprised of local softball lovers who want to play competitively during and after the intramural softball season throughout the area. The team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays and is currently looking for more members to participate in games.



Photos by Cpl. Josh Pettway

Lowcountry Legends infielder, Nathan Perry, catches a softball during practice Aug. 22. The Lowcountry Legends are a new team comprised of local softball lovers who want to play competitively during and after the intramural softball season throughout the area.



The Lowcountry Legends practices different drills on the Air Station softball fields to grow closer as a team and in skill. The Air Station plans host a tournament with other teams comprised of softball lovers, similar to the Lowcountry Legends.