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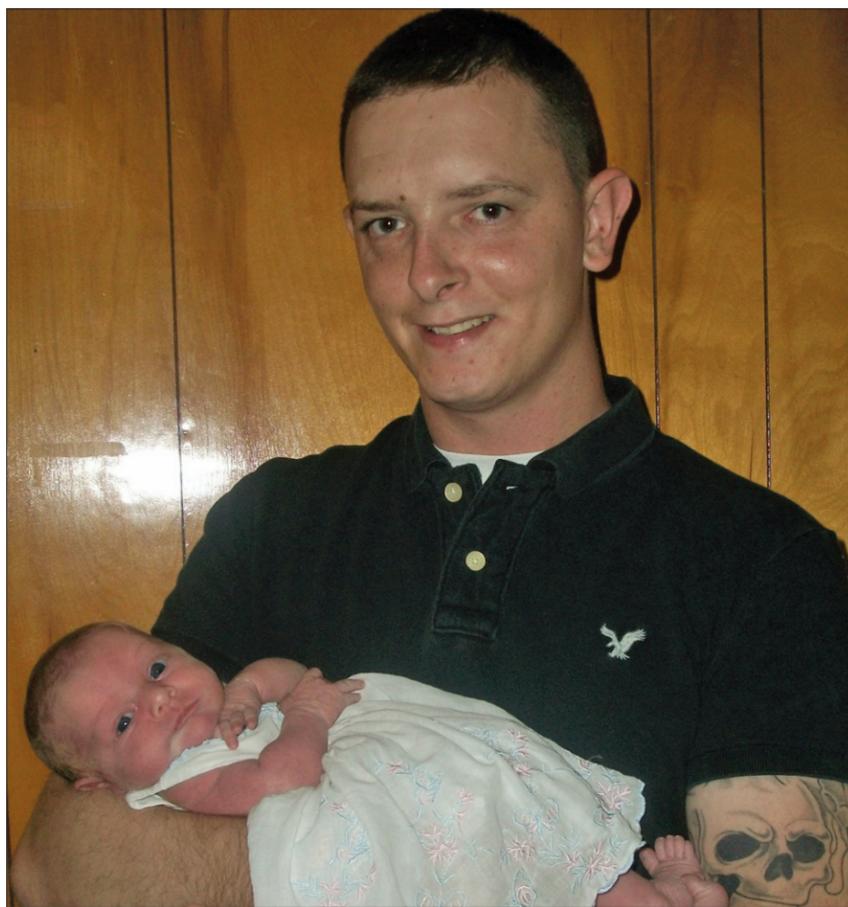
Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan
Staff Writer

Six months ago, Cpl. Mark Lamb departed on a journey to Afghanistan and had many life changing experiences. Upon his return, Sept. 19, his world as he knew it would not be the same.

Lamb, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 motor vehicle operator, was augmented to MWSS-272 of Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., as part of their seven-month deployment to Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan.

The New Orleans native's return to the Air Station was both joyous and somber. While on deployment, Lamb's third child was born and his grandmother passed. "The Marines who return from deployments experience a lot of stress and to see someone familiar when you return means everything," said Derrick Wells, the Sweathogs' family readiness officer. Waiting outside the armory: the Sweat-

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Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Coporal Mark Lamb holds his daughter, Melody, Thursday. While on deployment, Lamb's third child was born and his grandmother passed.

MCCS supports deployed spouses

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Staff Writer

A sense of uneasiness can be present in some spouses as their Marines deploy, but Marine Corps Community Services helps spouses cope with deployment through Hearts Apart meetings, held every Friday.

The weekly gathering takes place in the Marine Corps Family Team Building House on Laurel Bay.

"This is my first time attending and it is really nice to know other spouses are in the same situation as me and it gives me something to do on Fridays," said Lauren Hass, a spouse of a deployed Marine and native of Woodhaven, Mich.

Plenty of seating was available Friday for spouses as they sat together, Sept. 23, with guest speaker Rick Musil, an American Red Cross volunteer.

Musil had lots of valuable advice and information such as what spouses should do in the event of a natural disaster.

Spouses also learned about how the American Red Cross helps keep families informed on the status of their service member. Contact numbers were also given for family emergencies.

"Hearts Apart provides spouses with a lot of information from employment to the many programs available for information such as Military OneSource," said Janice Palmer, a Marine Corps Community Service readiness

and development support trainer.

Upcoming events were announced during the meeting to give spouses the opportunity to get more involved with the community or to simply spend time outside of the house.

The first hour of the meeting focuses on the guest speaker and available resources, while the second hour offers the spouses an opportunity to talk with each other about the trials of being a deployed spouse.

"The second hour of Hearts Apart is a bonding moment because spouses get the opportunity to speak to others in the same situation as them

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At a glance

Who: All spouses of deployed service members
What: Deployment Support Group
When: Every Friday morning from 10 a.m. to noon
Where: 487 Laurel Bay Blvd., Laurel Bay housing



Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Spouses gather for a Hearts Apart meeting at the Marine Corps Family Team Building house aboard Laurel Bay, Sept. 23



Sgt. Gina C. Rindt

Two Human Electro-Muscular Incapacitation training instructors hold a volunteer while they're being tased at the Beaufort Army National Guard Center, Sept. 23.

Keeping law enforcement officials prepared

Sgt. Gina C. Rindt
Staff Writer

The Air Station has various training requirements for all the civilian and military law enforcement personnel, which are required throughout the year.

One portion of the training needed is the Human Electro-Muscular Incapacitation training. The Taser training course was conducted to ensure the required personnel stay current on their qualifications and are properly trained with the non-lethal weapon, Sept. 23.

"The Taser training is conducted on a specific sched-

ule to make sure all police officers receive the necessary training," said Howard Shappee, an Air Station law enforcement instructor. "We have different classes to ensure everyone gets the proper training."

The Tasers used aboard the Air Station are the X26 Taser, which is used as a non-lethal enforcement to help the officers get the desired effect without causing serious bodily harm.

The XP-25 is the type of cartridge used in the X26

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Air Station's semi-annual career expo wraps up

Lance Cpl. R.J. Driver
Staff Writer

The Career Resources Center held its second career expo of the year at the Air Station's Officers' Club Thursday.

The semi-annual expo brought companies like Boeing and Gulfstream along with an assortment of colleges and local businesses

to the Air Station's Marines, sailors and spouses.

A majority of the employers attending the expo are "military friendly companies," explained Rickey Johnson, Air Station career resources center program manager.

He also explained the goal for the expo was to set up service

members for success for when they are no longer in the military. Whether the option is going to school or joining the work force, there is an option for everyone.

With the Air Station being exactly that, an "air" station, the expo brought big-name, commercial aircraft companies so that mechanics and airframers

could see what job opportunities are out there for them.

One such company was Gulfstream, which is based out of Savannah, Ga., and "has had representatives come and speak during the Transition Assistance

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

Saturday

Lunch Baked Ziti and toasted garlic bread
Dinner Shrimp curry and cilantro rice

Sunday

Lunch Baked chicken and confetti rice
Dinner Chili macaroni and cauliflower

Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

Monday

Lunch Pepper steak and steamed rice
Dinner Veal Parmesan and broccoli

Tuesday

Lunch Bayou chicken and cauliflower
Dinner Country fried steak and peas

Wednesday

Lunch Cream of mushroom soup and carrots
Dinner Chicken tortilla soup and corn

Thursday

Lunch Roasted chicken breast and beets
Dinner Lemon chicken and green beans

Friday

Lunch Baked fish and green beans
Dinner Stuffed green peppers and steamed rice



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

Major Douglas Glover of Marine Aircraft Group 31 qualified with an expert score of 381 during the week of Sept. 27.



Fightertown News Briefs

- According to Air Station Order P5110.1F, unregistered vehicles or vehicles which appear to be abandoned will be marked with a 72-hour notice to contact the Provost Marshal's Office to keep the vehicle from being towed. If no contact is made within the 72-hour window, PMO will attempt to reach the last known owner to arrange for the vehicle to be moved. If there is still no contact made, the car will be towed and held by the towing company for upwards of 180 days.
- All services of the Central Billeting Office will be conducted out of its new location in building 933. All check-ins and check-outs will take place in the new Central Billeting office. For any questions, contact Ralph Jackson at 228-6205.
- Naval Hospital Beaufort marks the start of domestic violence awareness month as Capt. Joan Queen, the commanding officer of the Naval Hospital, provides purple ribbons to tie around trees at the establishment Oct. 3 at 9:30 a.m.
- The Lyceum on Parris Island hosts Hispanic Heritage Celebration with authentic hispanic food and entertainment, Oct. 7. For more information and tickets, Air Station Marines call 228-7936, Parris Island Marines call 228-4911.

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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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

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.
- Tornado condition 1 a tornado is imminent... For more information please call 228-7904, or for example warning tones, visit: www.whelen.com/outdoor/warningtones.htm.
- Tornado condition 2... observed within 60 nautical miles
- An all clear broadcast will be

Fightertown deployed:



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



VMFA(AW)-224 Benglas
are currently deployed in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course I-12 to Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.



Cpl. Brian Adam Jones

Lieutenant Col. Alison Thompson stands beside a CH-53E Super Stallion just before a mission in the early morning hours of Sept. 10, 2011. Thompson, the commanding officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464, served as a CH-53E pilot with Task Force 58 during the initial invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. Now Thompson is back in the region as the first woman to command a Marine squadron in Afghanistan. "She's going to do great things in Afghanistan," said Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, who commands HMH-463. "HMH-464 is in great hands."

Ten years after initial invasion, Marine pilot returns to Afghanistan in command

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

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — It's Sept. 12, 2001. The wreckage from the attacks the day before still smolders. An aircraft carrier with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit lies off the eastern shore of the United States.

Several CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters with engines running rest on the deck. The flight lead is a young Marine captain, Alison Thompson. Her freckles and biting blue eyes are veiled by her visor and flight helmet.

She wants to take off. "We had six 53s turning on the line. I kept calling to get clearance," Thompson said. "The plan was we'd load supplies, embark the MEU, go up to New York City, provide any support they needed with our helicopters and go straight over [to the Middle East] from there. I kept calling for clearance to take off and at that point all aviation was grounded, civilian and military."

The mission was ultimately called off. According to Thompson, Rudy Giuliani, then mayor of New York, thought a visible military presence might instill panic among the people.

The day before, Thompson was at home in Jacksonville, N.C., asleep when the

phone rang. It was her dad. She sprinted downstairs and turned on the T.V. just in time to see the second tower get hit.

A few short months later, 9,000 miles away, the 53s are once again on the deck of the ship, turning on the line and Thompson is once again in the pilot's seat.

This time they're cleared for take-off. This time they will push into Afghanistan.

The Marines entered Afghanistan, some riding in Thompson's helicopter. They took Camp Rhino and Kandahar Airfield, then pushed north into the Tora Bora mountains, continuing to seek out the enemy.

Ten years later, it's September 2011 and Alison Thompson is back in Afghanistan. Now she's a lieutenant colonel at the helm of a new mission — commanding Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464. As the first woman to command a squadron in combat, she leads the only CH-53E squadron in the region.

Thompson's experiences over the course of her career have prepared her for command. She spent time as a military legislative assistant for former North Carolina Sen. Elizabeth Dole, served as an aide for the Deputy Marine Corps Commandant for Aviation and returned to HMH-464 as the operations officer.

But she said her most cherished experiences came in 2001.

"I felt very fortunate to be where I was when I was," Thompson said. "It was very expeditionary, a lot of tough terrain, a lot of unconventional things we were doing."

"It was a strange period, kind of eerie. It was exciting too," said Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, commanding officer of HMH-463, a CH-53D Sea Stallion squadron adjacent to HMH-464 on the Camp Bastion flight line. As a major, Gadd was part of the CH-53E detachment with Thompson in 2001 and accompanied her on many of the missions. "It was the Wild, Wild West back then. We operated out of a lot of mud huts and thatched rooms."

"She was a great pilot back then, she's a great pilot now," said Maj. Dennis W. Sampson.

Sampson, a CH-53D pilot with HMH-463, and the squadron's operations officer, also participated in the initial invasion, flying some of the first missions in Afghanistan a decade ago.

"We did a lot of raids and take-downs. She was our tactics officer and it was vital for us to be able to follow her lead back then," Sampson said.

Now Thompson leads several hundred Marines and sailors — pilots, crew chiefs

and aircraft maintainers, among others.

"She's going to do great things in Afghanistan," Gadd said. "HMH-464 is in great hands."

"I just want the opportunity to make a difference," Thompson said, "whether it be tactically or with the individual Marines. From a unit standpoint I take care of them so they're not fighting internal friction so they can focus on their job."

Thompson grew up in Michigan, Nebraska and Kansas wanting to be a pilot but never imagining being a Marine. When she attended the Naval Academy women were not allowed to serve in combat in aviation.

"It just so happened that three weeks before I had to service select at the Naval Academy and I had to decide what I was going to do, Congress lifted the combat exclusion," Thompson said.

As one of the first women to pilot a Marine aircraft, and now as the first woman to command a squadron in combat, she said the feeling is the same — don't mess it up.

"She's a great leader," Sampson said. "She's got great strategic and tactical experience but more importantly, she cares passionately about her Marines and providing support for the Marines on the battlefield."

CORPS BITS



2nd LAAD practices what they preach

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJUNE, N.C. — Marines are known for being prepared for the worst, and that includes the possibility of battling enemy aircraft.

The Marines of 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion continued to sustain skills that support their primary mission and that proactive posture by conducting a live Stinger missile shoot at Onslow Beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sept. 17.

The Marines of 2nd LAAD spent the night on the beach after arriving the day before to set up the firing range and launch site for the unmanned aerial targets.

The air defense battalion provides a short range defense bubble for a forward observation base from any aerial threats.

The Marines who fired the missile system conducted a training fire with the M134 Tracking Head Trainer, a Stinger Missile simulator that does everything but fire a missile. Then they stepped to the firing line to test their skills and composure while firing at a unmanned aerial targets that flew approximately 2,000 meters out over the ocean. The Marines conducted several kinds of training scenarios during the evolution. They fired at the targets from static positions; they also conducted quick reaction fires and even launched the missile while wearing gas masks. The Marines of 2nd LAAD fired at 70 targets with 50 PL-87 Stinger Missiles as well as M240B machine guns and M2 .50 Caliber Heavy Machine Guns.



Secretary of the Navy visits training center

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Sept. 20, to witness first-hand the ongoing training of Afghan National Security Forces.

Mabus walked through several classes with Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan, commanding general of Regional Command Southwest, and Maj. Andrew V. Martinez the academy's director.

"The literacy training but also the specific schools that they go through [have] very high standards and very high enthusiasm," said Mabus. "I think that what it does is get us on a road as we draw down our combat capabilities, they're going to be there in place with the skills, with the training ready to do what they need to do to keep a stable Afghanistan."

The secretary also observed Afghan police and soldiers practicing counter-improvised explosive device training on the JSAS compound.

"These are life or death skills in a lot of cases and the impressive thing about this is how broad the training is," Mabus said.

JSAS specializes in teaching advanced combat skills to Afghan National Army soldiers and Afghan Uniformed Police who already have basic knowledge in military skills.

After visiting JSAS, Mabus commented on the success of Marines and sailors in Helmand province and thanked them for their service.

"The fact that we're able to do this, the fact that our Marines are able to have this sort of success speaks volumes about the Marine skill level, dedication level, patriotism level and their willingness to commit to something bigger than themselves," he said. "Ooh-rah Marines, you're doing a great job here."



Corps Shot

Lance Cpl. Jacob Barber
Captain Lucas Frokjer, officer in charge of the flightline for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, reunites with his family after returning from a seven-month deployment with HMH-463.

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/2ndmawfwd>.



Sgt. Gina C. Rindt

Officer Morrell Carter, a military policeman with the Provost Marshal's Office, sites in on his target.

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Taser, which has the capabilities to reach up to 25 feet. The cartridge probe has a half-inch sharp metal point that penetrates the skin about a quarter of an inch and has a small hook to make sure it doesn't fall out.

"The Taser is one of the many tools used by military and civilian law enforcement personnel to help gain control or subdue a subject that is used [instead of] deadly force," Shappee said.

The personnel who receive the training are sometimes new to the type of Taser being used. The classes can be helpful in getting them comfortable with handling it.

"Continuous training on something is always good and can help improve our skills while using the

Taser," said Lance Cpl. Evan Newcomer, a military policeman with the Provost Marshal's Office.

Through all the training and classes for the X26 Taser, designated for the Marine Corps, the law enforcement personnel will continue to train and become more proficient with the weapon before it's required to be used by all Marine Corps military personnel.

"It is important to make sure the officers know how to use the [X26 Taser] because it still takes a certain type of marksmanship to ensure the weapon is effective," said Benny Fontenot, a law enforcement instructor aboard the Air Station and native of Basile, La. "Having the officers go through classes and refresher training for the Taser will give them more knowledge and experience with [this] weapon."

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hogs' commanding officer, along with the sergeant major and family readiness officer stood and waited for his arrival along with members of the United Service Organization and Yellow Foot Prints Detachment of the Beaufort, S.C., Marine Corps League.

"When Marines get back from combat, it is important to have commanding officers and leaders present because it sends the Marines a message of importance," said Wells.

Upon arriving, USO members surrounded Lamb with many thanks. Lamb also received gift bags filled with baby wipes, bottles, toys and baby clothes.

No family members were present during Lamb's return as his wife and two children were in New Orleans with their new daughter, Melody, born just four days before his return, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

"Everyone said she



Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Corporal Mark Lamb, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 motor vehicle operator, receives gifts for his child from United Service Organization members at the Air Station's Armory Sept. 19. While deployed to Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, Lamb's wife gave birth to their baby girl, Harmony, in New Orleans Sept. 15.

looks like me because we share the same eyes and ears," said Lamb.

Along with a beautiful, healthy newborn, Lamb also found out about the passing of his grandmother.

Lamb was unable to immediately reunite with his family after his return but the Sweathogs' command did their best to take

care of Lamb due to his situation and were able to expedite his check-in process in one day.

Lamb was on the road to see his family by Sept. 21 as he began a nearly 12-hour drive to New Orleans.

"The first thing he did after walking through the door was he ran to pick [his newborn] up and wanted

to feed her and change her diaper," said Megan Kraemer, Lamb's wife, from New Orleans. "I am glad he is back home because last year he was deployed with the 24th [Marine Expeditionary Unit]."

Lamb is going to spend his leave with family for the next few weeks until his return to the Air Station.



Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Children play as their mothers attend a Hearts Apart meeting at the Marine Corps Family Team Building House, Sept. 23. All classes held by MCCS provide free child care to those who attend.

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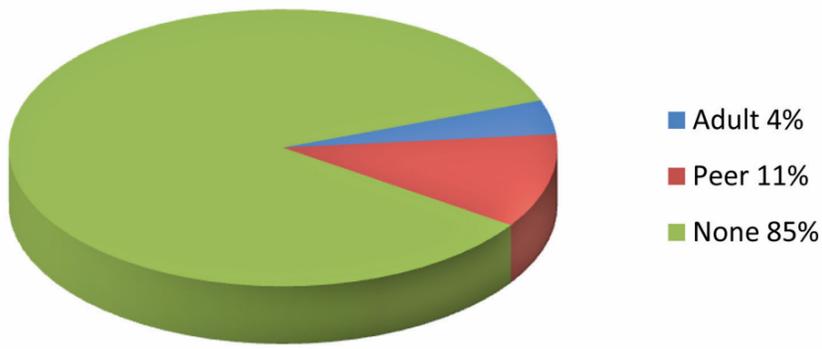
and many of them exchange emails and numbers," said Palmer, a native of Islip, N.Y.

Childcare providers are available at the house so spouses who attend the meetings can do so in a stress-free environment.

"[Hearts Apart] helps me be with adults where we can talk about anything and allows us to spend time away from our children," said Adriana Bradley, a spouse of a deployed Marine with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 and a native of Houston.

Hearts Apart is held every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information contact Nicole Bright-Hardee, the groups' representative, at 228-7290.

Playground bullying intervention



Bullying is for the birds

Lance Cpl. Timothy Norris
Staff Writer

Students must apply themselves every day in order to be successful at school. The threat of bullying, however, can be a major distraction and stressor for students and can cause harm to their prospective futures.

“Research shows that bullied children are withdrawn and their academics are adversely impacted because the basic human need of safety is not being fulfilled,” said Wendy Randle, the Bolden Elementary School principle. “If we do not feel safe, we cannot learn.”

Bullying is when someone puts down another individual by verbal or physical abuse and social exclusion. Bullying may take the form of intimidation or humiliation and can be physically and psychologically harmful to anyone.

Ten years ago it took days for rumors and gossip to spread through a school. Today, with social media, it travels in only hours or minutes. This is the new face of bullying.

Harassing someone through communication tools like texting, Facebook or Twitter is called cyber bullying, and has gained a lot of popularity in recent years because of its speed, wide scope of recipients and convenience.

Gunnery Sgt. Moses Lozano, the Air Station physical security and crime prevention chief said, once it’s on the web it is pretty much permanent.

“They can’t erase what somebody else is saying. There is no master delete button that will take it out of the web,” Lozano continued.

Monitoring their child’s social networking websites and other digital communications will give parents a clear indication if they are being cyber bullied. Some children never say if they are being bullied, and may remain silent if internet traffic isn’t monitored.

“I think [bullying] can be, and should be handled on the school and parent level,” Lozano concluded.

South Carolina is 10th in the nation for least amount of bullying incidents reported per capita, according to www.bullypolice.org

Other states with major Marine bases

also fair well, with California ranking 12th, and Hawaii 16th. However, just because it is not a problem here, does not mean it might not happen.

When a parent has an active role in their child’s life, warning signs will be much easier to notice, said Staff Sgt. Matthew Haight, the Laurel Bay schools resource officer.

Some signs to look for are as follows: your child takes less interest in things normally enjoyed, or is sad, moody or depressed when they come home. A subtle clue is if a child makes up reasons not to go to school. Torn clothing or damaged school supplies is a clear indicator of physical bullying.

All these clues should be taken seriously. It is important to know who, what, when and where the bullying happens. Assuring a child their safety is important can help them talk openly about the situation.

The Laurel Bay schools have a zero tolerance policy on bullying and take it very seriously. If a parent is convinced their child is being bullied, the staff members make themselves readily available to resolve any issues that arise.

“The biggest thing is to never ignore it,” Haight said. “Everyone has the power to stop bullying. The reason someone is bullied over and over is because generally they don’t do anything about it. As a bystander you have the power to stop it right there.”

Teaching children to be assertive and confident, without violence, when confronting a bully is a key mentality. Fighting will send the wrong message and impede solving the problem.

There is strength in numbers. Having a friend to talk to or walk home with can help resolve the issue for someone who is bullied.

“There are so many things bystanders can do,” Haight said. “But if a bystander does not do anything, then nobody will.”

It’s ok to be afraid, he continued, but it’s not ok to do nothing about it. Report it to a teacher or another adult for them if they are too afraid to report the incident.

For more information, visit www.stopbullying.org or speak with your child’s teacher at school.

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Program classes to explain to the Marines what companies are exactly looking for in a potential employee, which adds a little weight to what we have been explaining to them throughout the

week,” Johnson said.

He also mentioned the expos have been a success in the past.

The large number of attendees has much to do with the variety of employers and the variety of military occupational specialties found aboard the Air Station.

“Not all of our employers are looking for airplane

mechanics,” Johnson said.

“For example, Limestone College is looking for someone to be an instructor for their media program, which is right up the alley for a Marine in public affairs or combat camera.”

The next expo is scheduled for next spring. For more information or career resources, call 228-7701.

Annual Beaufort Shrimp Festival in full swing

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Main Street Beaufort and the South Carolina Shrimpers Association presents the 17th Annual Beaufort Shrimp Festival today and Saturday at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. tonight and include live music by local band, Deas-Guyz, and food from several area restaurants, which will be previewing their shrimp dishes for Saturday's competition.

They will be competing for the "Best Shrimp Dish" and "Best Booth Decoration," which will be voted by a panel of judges.

"Our shrimp festival is one of four festivals we have in Beaufort yearly," said Androula Weiland, events manager with Main Street Beaufort. "It promotes the local shrimpers and the shrimping industry."

The festival's popular 5K Run and Walk Through History will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. followed by the Popcorn Shrimp Run for children ages seven and younger at 8:45 a.m. at the corner of Bay and Newcastle Streets.

"We have had runners from as far as Canada, California and Ohio register for our run," explained Weiland, a Port Royal native. "They help make up the 10,000 person crowd we have at the festival and it continues to grow every year."

Saturday's events continue at 11 a.m. with live music, children's games and activities, and arts and crafts. Admission to the park is free, and food and drink tickets are sold for \$1 each.

In addition to the usual festivities, Vanna White will be the South Carolina Education Lottery's special guest star. She will be on hand to promote the lottery's Wheel of Fortune instant ticket, and it's your chance to get her autograph.

One of Beaufort's largest festivals is in full swing and ready to enjoy.

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Mandingos quarterback John Brown communicates the next play to his linemen during an intramural flag football game, Sept. 22. The constant communication between teammates was a major factor that led to the Mandingos 40-6 victory over Motor T.

Practice pays off for Mandingos

Hardworking team stays undefeated after punishing Motor T

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The Mandingos were bulls in a china shop in a 40-6 win against Motor T, Sept. 22.

The aggressive play by quarterback John Brown allowed the Mandingos to steadily drive down the field and put the pig skin in the end zone with ease, giving them a strong advantage over the weaker Motor T.

Motor T, however, put up a good fight while on offense. The quarterback made smooth passes even while multiple opponents were reaching for his flag, leaving a receiver or two open for clean plays. The quarterback's calm perception of the game led to numerous completed passes advancing his team up field.

The Mandingos responded in the last quarter by increasing their defense thus stopping Motor T in their tracks.

The unrelenting pressure prevented Motor T from scoring much needed points and secured a Mandingos win.

The hard work the Mandingos put into preseason practices make them a force to be reckoned with this season.

"We did good last year and we did not practice at all," said Brown, the Mandingos quarterback. "We practiced more this year, and we've been getting better, and it's starting to show."

According to Brown, a Perry, Ga., native, being able to practice and play together on a competitive team builds trust within a unit and the principles of teamwork are fortified.

"You practice before you go to war and you learn your scheme of maneuvers, everyone knows their tasks and assignments and everyone does their job," he continued.

The Mandingos have a strong team that will be tough to beat this season and promise a good game to watch. The Mandingos are 3/0 as of Sept. 22 and their next game will be a house divided as they take on H&HS.



The Mandingos' unrelenting defense was key in their victory against Motor T.

Practical application

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The field military police platoon with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 prepare for deployment with more than slideshows on how to respond to improvised explosive devices.

The Sweathogs have been practicing common responsibilities like patrols, so they can be as prepared as possible when they are outside the wire.

Practical application is a teaching method used by Marines to reinforce their training and develop muscle memory.

The Sweathogs geared up and practiced responding to IED situations while in a convoy, Sept. 16. The practical application was

the final portion of the training they received throughout the week.

One scenario included taking out the corpsman and the assistant convoy commander. With two key personnel out of the fight, the remaining Marines had to adapt and overcome.

The corpsman also instructed the Marines to load the deceased first and wounded second onto an evacuation helicopter, so the wounded are the first to get off when they land.

When in an intense situation, small details in how a unit responds saves lives.

The Sweathogs have trained diligently both in and out of the classroom to prepare for success during their next deployment.



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