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Annual Miramar Air Show this weekend



Sgt. Deanne Hurla

Heritage aircraft from The Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum sit on the flight line here Sept. 28 prior to the 2011 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show. Watch for updated photos and video on Facebook and YouTube throughout the air show Sept. 30 through Oct. 2.

Miramar welcomes President Obama

President Barack Obama walks the flight line aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar where he stopped on his way to a campaign stop Sept. 26. Obama thanked Marines for their service and greeted guests before leaving for his fundraiser in La Jolla, Calif. (Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Steven Williams)



ARMORERS KEEP TRACK OF CORPS' ARSENAL

Armories consist of small arms repair technicians and precision weapons specialists who fix any issue that arises for weapons in the Marine Corps' arsenal. See page 5 for full story.



'GUNFIGHTERS' BECOME CONFIDENT IN ROE

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 trains to understand and be confident in the rules of engagement and the laws of armed conflict. See pages 3 & 4 for full story.

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Marines move into place for air show



Sgt. Deanne Hurla

Marines from 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, move a Light Armored Vehicle into position on the flight line aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Sept. 28. The Marines here spent the days prior to the annual MCAS Miramar Air Show making final preparations and moving static displays into place. The theme for the 2011 show is "A Salute to San Diego: Birthplace of Naval Aviation," honoring the centennial of naval aviation.

Marines 'throw down' during MCMAP



Pfc. Kevin Crist

Cpl. James Rader, an air control electronics operator with Marine Air Control Squadron 1 and Colorado Springs, Colo., native, performs the shoulder throw on Lance Cpl. Michael Hoxie, an air control electronics operator with MACS-1 and Seattle native, during a morning Marine Corps Martial Arts Program session Sept. 27. These MACS-1 Marines participate in MCMAP training each morning to refine their skills and gain the next level of experience.

Religious Services

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

Sunday:

9 a.m. Protestant
Worship Service

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

11 a.m.

Roman Catholic Mass

Religious Education/Sunday:

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Catholic CCD Children K-12

10 a.m. Protestant
Adult Bible Study

Weekday Worship Service:

Mon. – Fri. 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass

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

Wed. 7 p.m. Baptist Service

Study Groups:

Mon. 7 p.m.

Night Bible Study,
Classroom in the Chapel area

Tues. 6 a.m.

Morning Prayer Service
and Study Group

Islamic Worship Service:

Fri. at noon.

Located in the Chapel or visit
www.icsd.org

Jewish:

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www.jewishinsandiego.org



MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. - Sgt. David Garcia, a crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 and Phoenix native, observes the target area over Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 20. The Marines of HMLA-369 spent the month rehearsing close air support scenario flights and proper rules of engagement application.



MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – Maj. Alan Schuller (second from right), deputy staff judge advocate for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Issaquah, Wash., native, and Maj. Brett Wilson (right), staff judge advocate for 3rd MAW (Forward) and Valencia, Calif., native, discuss close air support decision-making in accordance with rules of engagement with pilots from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 20.

'GUNFIGHTERS' REFINE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

Story and photos by Cpl. Lisa M. Tourtelot
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIF. -- WHEN STAFF SGT. BART DAVIS, FORMERLY A CREW CHIEF WITH MARINE LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTER SQUADRON 369 AND ST. CHARLES, MO., NATIVE, SAW ENEMY COMBATANTS SHOOTING AT HIS VEHICULAR HUEY HELICOPTER DURING A CRITICAL AMMUNITION RESUPPLY MISSION FOR GROUND FORCES IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN, HE HAD TO MAKE A DECISION.

Davis, as the crew chief of the Huey section's lead aircraft, had to decide whether or not to return fire in defense of the two crews rapidly off-loading their cargo to the Marines fighting on the ground.

The crew chief's choice to return fire helped both Huey's get out of the dangerous situation and helped earn him a Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism.

His actions are considered an example of effectively understanding and employing the rules of engagement, ex-

plained Maj. Alan Schuller, the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing deputy staff judge advocate and an Issaquah, Wash., native.

Understanding, and being confident in, the rules of engagement and the laws of armed conflict are as critical to air crew Marines in the sky as they are to the infantry Marines on the ground.

The Marines of the HMLA-369 "Gunfighters" are aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., preparing for another deployment to Afghanistan. They are working with the 3rd MAW Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, as well as the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group to incorporate enhanced rules of engagement training, ensuring the crews are prepared to act decisively and correctly when faced with unclear enemy situations.

"I can rattle off the rules or LOAC principles or the tactical directives," said Schuller, "but if the air crew hasn't practiced applying those in close air support-type missions or urban environments, it's not going to be nearly as useful and they'll be learning as they go. With additional scenario training by the time they get there, they'll already understand what's expected of them."

Currently, all squadron personnel attend mandatory LOAC and ROE classes as part of their predeployment training, but Schuller has been working with the Gunfighters to refine their scenario flights by flying with them to observe their decision-making skills.

"We're trying to make a good training program even more effective," said Schuller. "We're fine-tuning it for the needs of the air crew and the challenges they're going to be facing there."

Schuller explained that he uses the post-flight briefs, or "hot washes" as they're more commonly called, to discuss the crew's decision-making during the flight scenarios and other potential factors they could encounter in theater.

"There are very few situations in which the application of operational law rules are very clear-cut," said Schuller. "We give them book ends – an example of somebody who could have made a better decision and an example of a really clear-cut decision to shoot."

Lance Cpl. Zach Bailey, a crew chief with HMLA-369 and Springhill, Fla., native, flew a night close air support scenario with Schuller aboard MAGCC Twentynine Palms Sept. 20 and participated in his one-on-one ROE training while in flight.

"[This training] is pretty thorough," said Bailey, who is preparing for his first deployment. "There are some situations that might surprise me, but I'll be ready for them."

Schuller, with the help of Maj. Brett Wilson, the 3rd MAW (Forward) staff judge advocate, debriefed the Huey pilots they observed a night close air support scenario flight, during which the air crew tracked suspected terrorist role players through the streets of Mainside Twentynine Palms and had to make engagement decisions based on the role players' behavior.

"This helps us sort through the gray areas, and make [the situation] black and white," said Maj. Dan Groeling, a Huey pilot with HMLA-369 and Chicago native.

Schuller and Wilson seek to incorporate similar specific scenario-based ROE training for air crew in other squadrons before deployments to ensure universal understanding and confidence.

With further improvements to their training, more air crew Marines can emulate Davis's cool, fast and ROE-correct response under fire.

Armorer maintain Miramar arsenal

Cpl. Marco A. Hernandez, an armory noncommissioned officer in charge with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, completes a function check on an M-16 A4 service rifle. Armorers must complete a limited technical inspection to gauge weapons for functionality before weapons can be issued to a unit.



Story and Photos by Lance Cpl. Erica DiSalvo
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marine Corps, often called one of the biggest “gun clubs” in the nation, has one job set that contains experts of all weapons they possess—armorers.

The staff of an armory consists of small arms repair technicians and precision weapons specialists, each being the first call made when a problem arises for any weapon in the Marine Corps’ arsenal.

These military occupational specialties require Marines to catalog, repair, maintain and account for every weapon in the armory. If weapon components jam or malfunction, an armorer must know how to fix the issue in a stressful environment.

“When I was in Iraq, I was working at an [entry control point],” said Cpl. Marco A. Hernandez, an armory noncommissioned officer in charge with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 and a Downey, Calif., native. “I heard someone saying ‘a [M2 .50-caliber machine gun] jammed.’ So I ran over and fixed it in five minutes. I was able to help them even though I was just a [private first class] because I knew how to do my job.”

While technicians and specialists inspect, maintain and repair small arms, a precision weapons specialist can also fabricate weapons parts and work on vehicular-mounted weapons systems.

“A precision weapons specialist must fully know the job of a small-arms repair technician before they are allowed to learn the extra skills necessary for precision weapons like sniper rifles,” said Sgt. Brencent T. Berry, a precision weapons specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and a Tuskegee, Ala., native.

Both job sets require not only weapons knowledge but full accountability for hundreds of rifles, pistols, automatic weapons and optics as well as their technical manuals.

To maintain all of this, each Marine Corps armory must maintain constant inventory by going through monthly and quarterly inspections in addition to daily visual checks.

The morning of an armory worker begins with a full-system count where armorers physically touch every piece of gear assigned to their unit. A limited technical inspection, gauging weapons for function ability, must also be conducted before weapons can be issued to Marines on the range or executing operations.

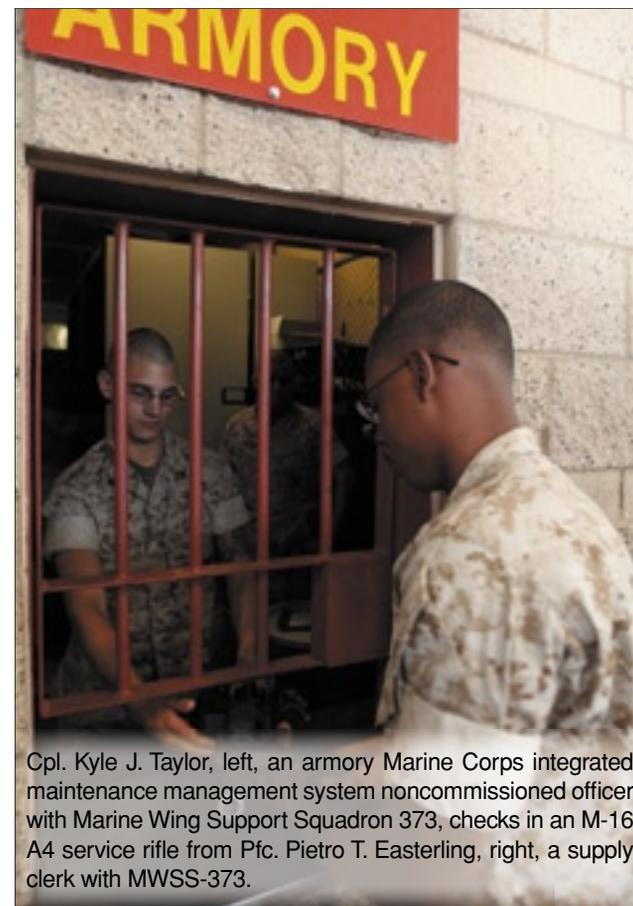
After issuing all necessary weapons and gear, technicians begin working on one of the multiple documented examinations of their armory.

“We go through a quarterly [consolidated memorandum receipt], an annual CMR, a [supply maintenance analysis team] inspection and a [field supply and maintenance analysis office] inspection,” said Hernandez. “We are always verifying every piece of serialized gear, plus their technical manuals, and making sure everything is well maintained for use.”

Each inspection is done by a different person to ensure accountability is as accurate as possible.

After confirming that each piece of weaponry is where it should be, armorers may begin checking weapons systems for functionality and conducting necessary repairs and preventative maintenance. These checks include every piece of weaponry issued by the Marine Corps such as rifles, sniper rifles, shotguns and pistols. All armorers must study the complete technical manuals they keep in-shop as well as each new edition to stay as proficient as possible in their duties as small arms experts.

“I love my job,” said Hernandez. “I take pride in what I do because I like knowing that if something goes wrong with a weapon, I’m the first one they call.”



Cpl. Kyle J. Taylor, left, an armory Marine Corps integrated maintenance management system noncommissioned officer with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, checks in an M-16 A4 service rifle from Pfc. Pietro T. Easterling, right, a supply clerk with MWSS-373.

MCAS Miramar Air Show Guidelines

Motorcyclists must wear helmets, reflective vests and long sleeves.

The National Safety Council believes that defensive driving applies to people who push bike pedals as well as to those who push gas pedals:

- Obey traffic rules. Cyclists must follow the same rules as vehicle drivers.
- Know your bike's capabilities.
- Ride in single file with traffic, not against it. Bicycling two abreast can be dangerous. Stay as far right on the pavement as possible, watching for opening car doors, sewer gratings, soft shoulders, broken glass and other debris. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.
- Make safe turns and cross intersections with care. Signal turns half a block before the intersection, using the correct hand signals (left arm straight out for left turn; left forearm up for right turn).
- Never hitch on cars.
- Before riding into traffic, stop, look left, right, left again, and over your shoulder.
- During the day or when visibility is good, wear bright/light clothing. At night or when visibility is poor, wear reflective clothing.

• Make sure the bicycle has the right safety equipment, a red rear reflector and white front reflector; a red or colorless spoke reflector on the front wheel; pedal reflectors; a horn or bell; a light; and a rear-view mirror.

Prohibited items

The following items will not be permitted on the flight line and are subject to confiscation:

- Weapons (regardless of permit) including firearms, knives (including pocket knives and multi-tools), replica or toy weapons, pepper spray or stun guns
- Alcoholic beverages, unless purchased from approved vendors
- Ice chests or coolers larger than 2 gallons
- Pets, other than service animals
- Glass containers
- Bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, (kick and electric) scooters or skateboards
- Backpacks/Bags larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches (standard backpacks)

Permitted items

The following items are permitted on the flight line. All permitted items will be inspected prior to admission to the flight line. It is strongly recommended that spectators minimize the number and size of permitted items to reduce access time into the flight line area.

- Children's wagons (non-motorized)
- Small or medium (hand carried) ice chests or coolers (No crushed ice, ice packs only)
- Standard backpacks
- PCS/cellular phones, pagers and FRS transceivers
- Handheld portable televisions, radios and VHF scanners
- Fanny packs and purses, or bags 8 1/2 x 11 inches or smaller
- Food and beverages (non-alcoholic)
- Cameras and camcorders
- Folding chairs and lawn chairs
- Hand held umbrellas
- Strollers and wheelchairs (rental information)
- Baby diaper bags and strollers, if attending with an infant or small child (Stroller parking is available in a designated area behind the grandstands. Strollers are not permitted in the grandstand seating area.)



MCAS Miramar
AirShow

A Salute to San Diego:
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September 30 - October 2, 2011

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MATINEE SHOWS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday | **SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2011**
9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Gates open at 8:00 am daily
Admission, parking and blanket seating are **FREE** for all shows!

- Military Performers
- Civilian Performers

MORNING SCHEDULE (Tentative)

8:00 am
9:00 am

- Radio-Controlled Aircraft Demonstration (pre-show)
- Sean Tucker, "Oracle Challenger"
- Shockley's "ShockWave" Jet Truck
- B-25 Mitchell
- Dan Buchanan's Special Effects Hang Glider
- Bret Willat, "Sailplane Magic"
- Silver Wings, Wing Walker
- John Colver, "Wardog" AT-6 Texan
- Navy Trainer Parade
- T-33 Shooting Star Demo
- Dog Fight (F8F Bearcat / A6M Zero)
- The Horsemen (Two F8F Bearcats and One F4-U Corsair Formation Demo)

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE (Tentative)

12:00 Pm

- Opening Ceremonies / Invocation / National Anthem / Flag Drop
- Commanding Officer's Remarks
- U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team
- Marine Air-Ground Assault Demo (MAGTF)
- F-16 Viper Demo
- F/A-18 Super Hornet Demo
- Legacy Flight: F/A-18 Super Hornet & F4-U Corsair
- Sean Tucker, "Oracle Challenger"
- AV-8B Harrier Vertical Take-Off and Landing Demo
- **U.S. Navy Blue Angels with Fat Albert**

12:30 PM

2:45 PM

Twilight Show

Saturday | **October 1, 2011**
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

TWILIGHT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

5:30 Pm

- AV-8B Harrier Vertical Take-Off and Landing Demo
- Sean Tucker, "Oracle Challenger"
- Shockley's "ShockWave" Jet Truck
- TAPs at Sunset
- U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team
- Bret Willat, "Sailplane Magic"
- Steve Stavrakakis, Romanian IAR
- Dan Buchanan's Special Effects Power Glider
- F/A-18 Afterburner Passes
- Spectacular Fireworks Display

8:45 Pm

- **Great Wall of Fire - An Incredible, Intense Inferno**



FRIDAY 30 SATURDAY 1 SUNDAY 2 MONDAY 3 TUESDAY 4 WEDNESDAY 5 THURSDAY 6

2011 MCAS Miramar Air Show

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

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

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

PREP: Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Miramar Chapel
858-577-1333

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

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Designer Month Sale
Sept. 8 – Oct. 2

AV! The Future is Here Sale
Sept. 21 – Oct. 4

Fall Home Essentials Sale
Sept. 21 – Oct. 4

Career Resource Center "Resume Preparation"
1 - 3 pm
The HUB
858-577-6710

Fair Fighting for Couples
1 – 4 p.m.
Counseling Center
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2011 MCAS MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 30, October 1 and 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gates open at 8 a.m.
Free parking * Free admission * Free blanket seating.

Military Discounted Seating on Friday, September 30 only with free Grandstand Bleachers Seating for Active Duty, Retirees, Reservists and their family members and Miramar DoD Civilians. The show will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Assault Demo, Sean Tucker "Oracle Challenger", F-16 Fighting Falcon Tactical Demo, Legacy Flight, Heritage Flight, USN F/A-18 Super Hornet Demo, AV-8B Harrier Vertical Take-off and Landing Demo. Don't miss out on the Twilight Show featuring the spectacular fireworks display and the "Wall of Fire" on Saturday, October 1 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. Also included, an Air Show Expo Trade Show, Kid's Fun Zone, souvenirs and gifts, food and beverages and over 100 static display civilian and military equipment displays. Visit www.miramarairshow.com for more information.

MIRAMAR AIR SHOW AFTER PARTY

Make sure to stop by the Officers' Club on Friday, September 30 at 3 p.m. for the Miramar Air Show After Party. There will be a live band (Spectrum), Burger Bar and More. Call 858-577-4808 for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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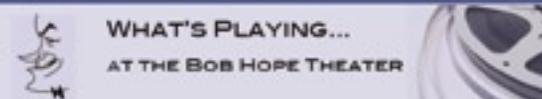
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Victim Advocacy 24-hour Hotline
858-864-2815

Eagle Eyes
877-356-EYES (3937)

Military One Source
800-342-9647

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



Fri. Sept 30:
THEATER CLOSED FOR AIR SHOW

Sat. Oct 1:
THEATER CLOSED FOR AIR SHOW

Sun. Oct 2:
THEATER CLOSED FOR AIR SHOW

Wed. Oct 5:
Our Idiot Brother (R) 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Oct 6:
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (Not 3D/4D) (PG) 2:00 p.m.
*30 Minutes or Less (R) 6:30 p.m.

*Indicates Last Showing

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 Sex ___ M/F _____
 Race _____
 Age _____
 Height _____
 Weight _____
 Hair _____
 Eyes _____
 Complexion _____
 Scars, Tattoos etc. _____
 Weapon/s _____
 Clothing _____

Suspicious Activity

What Activity Alerted You?
Taking Pictures/Multiple Sightings etc.

Make _____
 Model _____
 Year _____
 License Plate # _____
 State _____
 License Plate Color _____
 Location _____
 Direction of Travel _____
 2 Door/4 Door _____

Circle One:

Full Size / Compact / Truck /
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 Cycle / Other _____

Unusual Characteristics (Glasses, Beard,
 Jewelry,ect.) _____

Build (Pot-belly, Skinny) _____

Direction of Travel _____

Additional Observations or Remarks _____

Color Top _____
 Color Bottom _____
 How Many in Vehicle _____
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 Females _____
 Unusual Characteristics (Dents, marks,
 lights, bumperstickers, Gov Sticker)

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