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Order limits use of Catfish Lake Road

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POL

An unpaved road frequented by eastern North Carolina Marines is now limited for use by military personnel, according

The II Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations East joint order, 5100.3, was signed into policy, March 19. The order is punitive in nature, and service members found in violation are punishable under Article 92 of the

Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

According to the order, use of Catfish
Lake Road, located between U.S. Highway 70 in Craven County and North Carolina Highway 58 in Jones County, has been limited in an effort to reduce the potential for vehicle-related fatalities, iniuries and property damage.

Under the limited-use policy, travers-ing the road is in violation of the order unless the service member has a legitimate purpose to be on the road's unpaved surface, such as hunting or fishing in the forest in the area. The new order is applicable to all ac-

tive duty service members attached to MCIEAST and II MEF, whether they are on duty, leave or liberty.

"You could be the greatest driver in

the world, but it just takes one second and you could lose your life," said Cpl. Darien J. Garland, a Cherry Point weather forecaster, who suffered injuries in an accident that took place in January on

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Capt. Nicholas R. Wineman, a department of safety and standardization officer with Marine Attack Squadron 223 in an air strike during a training exercise at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif. The squadron conducted live orditraining at the facility Feb. 16 – March 10.

VMA-223 conducts live ordnance training at El Centro

More than 140 Marines and Sailors from Marine Attack Squadron 223 conducted live ordnance training at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif., Feb. 16 – March 10.

According to Capt. Brent A. Thorud, the operations officer for VMA-223, the

squadron flew 175 sorties and deployed ordnance deliveries including laser guidmore than 118,000 pounds of ordnance, including 72 1,000-pound bombs, 83 500-pound bombs, 7 Mk-77 incendiary bombs, 68 2.75 inch rockets and 1,200 rounds of 25 mm ammunition.

"The training concentrated on low-al-

titude tactics, heavy ordnance handling, general purpose ordnance, and heavy

ed bombs and global positioning satellite joint direct attack munitions," Thorud said.

Regulations limiting dropping live ordnance from aircraft on the East Coast required the Marines from VMA-223

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Corps' newest jet goes vertical

NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER, Md. -The Marine Corps moved closer to adding the F-35B short take-off, vertical landing variant to its arsenal, March 18. The test plane, BF-1, rode more than 41,000 pounds of thrust to a vertical landing for the first time, confirming



A test version of the F-35B Lightning II performs a vertical landing, March 18, at Naval Air Station Patuxent

its required ability to land in confined areas both ashore

"Having the F-35B perform its first vertical landing underscores the reality of the Marine Corps achieving its goal of an all STOVL force," said Lt. Gen. George J. Trautman III, deputy commandant of the Marine Corps for aviation. "Being able to operate and land virtually any-where, the STOVL JSF is a unique fixed wing aircraft that can deploy, co-locate, train and fight with Marine ground forces while operating from a wider range of bases ashore and afloat than any other TacAir platform." BF-1 lifted off at 80 knots using less than 1,000 feet

of runway from Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., just after 1 p.m. About 15 minutes into the flight, the pilot positioned the aircraft 150 feet above the airfield, where he brought the F-35 to a hover and then descended to the

runway. BF-1 is one of three F-35B STOVL jets currently undergoing flight trials at the Patuxent River test site. On April 2, Marine Fighter/Attack Training Squadron 501 will officially stand up as part of the Joint Integrated Training Center located at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The work being done at Patuxent River will enable the Marine Corps to start training Marine pilots and maintainers during the fall of 2010.

Marine Corps officials said they anticipate reaching ISF F-35B initial operational capability in December 2012. Assets at this capability will include the first F-35B training squadron of 15 aircraft in VMFAT-501, an oprational test and evaluation detachment of four aircraft at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and VMFA-332, the Corps' first operational squadron of 10 aircraft at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz, VMFA-332's aircraft will corps All Station Tullia, ATL: VMTA-322 8 allerant will be equipped, manned and trained to execute Marine mis-sions and deploy ashore or afloat. The STOVL F-35B Lightning II is scheduled to replace

two variants of Marine Corps combat aircraft, the F/A-18 Hornet and AV-8B Harrier. Marine officials explained this

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Library closes for renovations

PFC. TYLER J. BOLKEN

The Cherry Point Warrior Library has been a lot noisier lately since it began its relocation to a temporary modular unit located behind the air station's Memorial Chapel. The move began March 22, with a scheduled completion date of April 4. The library will remain closed until the temporary

location opening, which is scheduled for April 5.

The modular unit will house the library for about six months while renovations and repairs are done in the current location, building 298.

Some of the scheduled library renovations include emodeling the restrooms, installing new carpet, updating the heating system and reconstructing the ceil

But before the makeover can begin, several shelves full of books have to be moved.

Suzanne L. Shell, the director for the air stations' listarm L. Stein, the director for the an Stations heavy, said the most difficult adjustment for the library staff will be transitioning from an 11,000 square-foot facility to a 3,500 square-foot trailer, reducing the li-

brary collection temporarily.

"We're trying to move over a good core collection to fulfill everybody's informational needs," said Shell. She added the library also plans to move more than a

dozen computers to the temporary facility.
While at the temporary location, the library will offer two new resources to help substitute for the loss of physical space, Shell explained.

Shell said the library plans to offer downloadable audio books and an e-book service online. Both resources are available anywhere users have

an internet connection, but they must first setup and authenticate an account through the library

MACS-2 tests mobile electronic warfare center

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

Camouflage netting was draped over several trucks dispersed to defend against a possible air strike on the parade field outside of the headquarters for Marine Air Control Squadron 2.

On a small hill nearby a large radar apparatus rotated, scanning the sky surrounding Cherry Point, 400 nautical miles in every direction. MACS-2's training exercise here, March 12

 19, was designed to help prepare the squadron for a weapons and tactics instructor course at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., April 21. The exercise culminated in a family day for the

MACS-2 Marines, March 19.

Next month, MACS-2 will load all of its equipment on trucks and convoy to Yuma; effectively rendering their operation mobile, a feat squadron officials said has not been accom-plished in several years. Capt. Caleb W. Sackett, the detachment com-

mander for the Tactical Air Operations Center, said the mobilization of an electronic warfare

center has not been done in this fashion since the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003

"There is no standard operating procedure for something like this," Sackett said. "This opera-tion leaves a huge logistical footprint. With integration we learn how to support each other to correct our operations and work better between the sections."

The advantages of being able to mobilize its

operations stretch much farther than traveling to

"We control the air, our gear must always be operational," said Cpl. Justin R. Mike, a radar repairman with MACS-2. "With the war in Afghanistan we can't be stationary. We have to be able to load it up and move it."

The training here and the WTI course in Yuma

will also give the junior Marines of MACS-2 the chance to gain valuable experience about data links, the means of connecting locations to send and receive information digitally.

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The Army/Navy Transportable Radar System-59 scans the air in all

in all directions during a training exercise on the parade field for Marine Air Control Squadron 2, March 17. With a range of 400 nautical miles, the radar's scope exceeds the capabilities of 90 percent of the tactical ballistic missiles in the world.

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Leading by example

Senior leaders visit Cherry Point, share Corps experiences with junior troops

(Above) 1st Sgt. Roxanne R. Collins, the first sergeant of Camp Lejeune's Engineer Maintenance Company, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, addresses about 50 Marines at the air station's Aerial Port of Embarkation, March 10. Collins and 10 other senior female leaders from across the Corps visited Cherry Point for a gathering in appreciation of women's history month. The senior leaders spoke about their experiences during their military careers and offered guidance to junior Marines. (Left) Marines in attendance of the women's history month gathering read biographies for key speakers at Cherry Point's Aerial Port of Embarkation, March 10.

From the Chaplain:

Cherish the **Spring**

I was out running the other day and the weather was great, finally! The past few months have been really cold. It is never easy to go out and train with all winterweather gear on, so it was nice to get out and enjoy some warm weather and not

weatner gear on, so it was nice to get out and enjoy some warm weatner and not have to be so bundled up.

On this beautiful, warm day, as I was running on the trails around Cherry Point, I noticed there is something special about this place. The huge oak and pine trees and the waterways have a rugged beauty to them. Sometimes it is hard to notice these things, but we should take the time to appreciate the smaller things in life. In the Bible there is a verse, John 10:10. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." When we

a thief, we think of someone who steals vehicles, jewelry, money and or other worldly possessions. her worldly possessions.

The thief I want to bring into the light today is the one who steals our time. He

clutters our minds with worries and distractions that consume us for hours, days, weeks and even months. This enemy of time will also cause us to regret the things we did or did not do in the past.

All of this can cause depression and distractions. You become miserable and

wonder why the world is always against you. You live in your own pity and have your time stolen away.

This thief will try to make us suffer as we worry about the uncertainties in life

— things that could or could not happen in the future. I would like to encourage everyone to take the time to enjoy the life we have been given. Take a few moments here and there to eath a sumrise or sunset. Slow down because before we know it the roses will have faded, spring will turn to summer then fall, and when winter comes we will wonder where our time went

and, and when winder colless we misonless where our time we'd and the winder with activities we don't have time for the important things in life like spending time with our families, friends and even the Heavenly Father. I hope and pray we will use and invest our time and life wisely.

Blessings to you and your family!

New Bern recognizes Marine, family for helping others

LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM

For Sgt. Angie Fike, the term "free time"

something of a misnomer. The collateral duty inspector with Ma-



Sgt. Angie Fike, a collateral duty inspector with Marine Transportation Squadron 1, receives a small token of appreciation from Mary Bullock, a representative of the New Bern Historical Society, during the New Bern Military Family o Quarter award ceremony, March 11.

rine Transport Squadron 1 rarely spends her weekends on the golf course or playing video games. Instead she chooses to devote her days off to furthering her education, assisting the homeless and helping local

For her service, both to her Marines and the local community, Fike was recently rec-ognized by the city of New Bern. Fike and her family were awarded the

New Bern Military Family of the Ouarter at the New Bern Golf and Country Club, March 11.

"To be recognized, with this award, is a

great feeling," said Fike at the ceremony,
"It is fantastic to have someone who goes
above and beyond the call of duty," said
Sgt. Maj. Micheal C. Daley, the squadron
sergeant major for VMR-1. "Fike is an outstanding Marine, and VMR-1 is lucky to
have her in our unit."
Fike is not alone in her service. She is of-

Fike is not alone in her service. She is often joined by her husband, Sgt. Isaiah Fike, an airframes mechanic with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252. Isaiah is currently deployed with the 24th Ma-rine Expeditionary Unit, but when both are Stateside, the Fike family shares much of their volunteer work including raising funds for the March of Dimes and participating in support of St. Judes Children's Hospital.

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Jos Title: Test measurement and diagnostic equipment technician Unit: MWCS-28

Hometown: Berwick, Pa.

Date Joined: Aug. 1, 2005

What's your job?

We provide test measurement and diagnostic support services to 2nd MAW ground systems.

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What's the most challenging

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"In her Marine Corps career, Fike has done some amazing things," said Bill C. Naumann, co-chairman of New Bern military alliance. Along with service to the local community, Fike has also been recognized as noncommissioned officer of the quarter for Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 and the air station.

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fifth generation multirole fighter has significant advantages over the Marine Corps' current tactical fixed wing squadrons and will dramatically amplify strategic agility, vastly enhance operational flexibility and capabilities, provide tactical adaptability for basing options ashore and afloat, and reduce aviation training and maintenance costs across the Corps.

The STOVL JSF will carry more ordnance with greater range than the F/A-18 Hornet, operate from austere expeditionary environments like the AV-8B Harrier, and ultimately possess electronic warfare technology similar to the EA-6B Prowler.

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A pair of Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Marines bring some acrobatics to sumo wrestling at a family day event held at MACS-2's parade field, March 19. The family day was set up as a conclusion to the squadron's week long training a very sea

"Our capabilities for data links make us a huge player in the whole Marine air-ground task force," said Cpl. Clinton G. Schroeder, an air control electronics coordinator with MACS-2. "Most of the Marines from the initial invasion in Iraq are long gone, so it's invasting the true returns one of part training."



Saluting the best



Right to left, Todd Wade, Ben Liether, Ken Lavoie, Daniel Whitehead and Jimmy Sanders stand in front of an ambulance at Cherry Point's Fire Station One. Merch 17

Whitehead and Liether were chosen as the air station's 2009 firefighter of the year and emergency medical service provider of the year, respectively. The awards recognized their accomplishments, job performance, leadership ability, resourcefulness, initiative, technical competence and attitude. Wade is the assistant fire chief of emergency medical services, Liether is the emergency medical service provider of the year award recipient, Lavoie is Cherry Point's fire chief, Whitehead is the 2009 firefighter of the year award recipient, and Sanders is Cherry Point's assistant fire chief.

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Catfish Lake Road

"Potholes and the loose gravel only add to accident liability," said Cpl. Patrick N. Osborne, a Cherry Point accident investigator. "When you add those two factors with the speed factor and people's complacency, the end result could be serious injury or death."

"Since November 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron aboard Cherry Point has had two accidents due to poor driving on these back roads," said Lt. Col. Michael J. Murphy, director of safety and standardization for the air station.

The risk of whiche mishaps along Catfish Lake Road are significantly higher because of the curves, blind spots, lack of posted speed limits and absence of roadway lighting at night, according to the new order.

"First off, if at all possible, avoid back roads," said Murphy. "If you do go down

"First off, if at all possible, avoid back roads," said Murphy. "If you do go down these roads, drive slow and stay alert. Even when the weather has been dry and the roads are clear, you can get into accidents. Drivers that pass you kick up dust or drive too close and can push you into the loose shoulder."

"The death of a Marine is not just a tragedy for families," said Lt. Col. Glem C. Vogel, commanding officer of H&HS. "To his co-workers, it's a loss of a comrade we can relate to. It is a tremendous loss for the section, platoon, unit and the Marine Corps. It's unnecessary and almost always avoidable. It is hard to comprehend when a young Marine or Sailor dies, in the prime of his life, because of an accident."











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Marines repay Afghans for battle damages

LANCE CPL. DWIGHT A. HENDERSON

HELMAND PROVINCE, Af- Marines for help. ghanistan – Marines with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, patrolled to different villages surrounding the Lakari bazaar, March 8, to pay and assess battle damage claims.

Just a few months ago the villages surrounding Lakari bazaar, in Afghanistan's Garmsir district, were the location of countless fire-

As the fighting intensified, lo-cals would flee from their homes, or be forced out by insurgents, who would then take possession of the compound and fire at Marine patrols from inside. The Marines would then close with the enemy

and families have returned to their home, some return to find their

doors kicked in or windows bro ken, prompting them to go to the

Marines for help.
"If you don't give them battle
damage claims you better give
them something tangible," said
Capt. Scott A. Cuomo, the commanding officer of Fox Co., 272.
"It's full-spectrum counterinsurgency. The family is caught in the

middle of it."

The patrol started with a small village that had already gone through the process of filling out claims cards, taking pictures of the damage, and had the owner-ship of their compounds verified. Then they waited for a patrol to pay them the money for the dam-

age.
"We actually go there so the loand search the compound which could sometimes cause damage to it.

and search the compound which cal nationals don't have to come all the way over here," said Staff Sgt. Robin J. Reyes, a civil af-The fighting has now died down fairs Marine currently attached

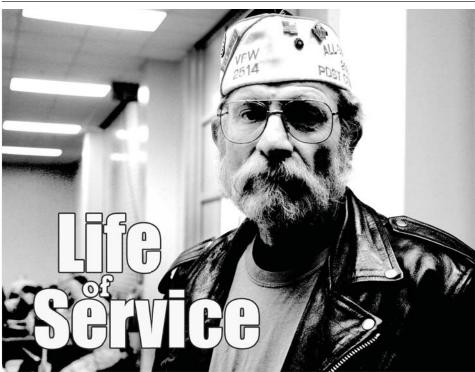


Capt. Scott A. Cuomo, the commanding officer Company F, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment interacts with a local child during a patrol through a village near Lakari bazaar, in Garmsir District



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J.T. White, a retired Marine gunnery sergeant, stands in Cherry Point's Aerial Port of Embarkation, March 11. J.T. and his wife, Nancy, have supported deploying Marines and Sailors for more than five years.

Veteran couple continues loyalty to Marines

When Marines enlist, they write a check payable for the amount of their life, if necessary. Leathernecks dedicate years of their lives and even their own freedom to protect the American way of life.

But for one New Bern couple, service to country and

Corps didn't stop when they traded utilities for civilian attire.

Five years ago, Nancy and J.T. White received a phone

Five years ago, Nancy and J.I. White received a phone call from a chaplain aboard Cherry Point. Marines and Sailors had been waiting at the air station's Aerial Port of Embarkation for nearly six hours without any food or water. The veteran couple, members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2514 in New Bern, N.C., immediately took action. They made sandwiches for the troops, packed their car and drove to Cherry Point, eager to do their part.

Nancy, a former Marine Corps sergeant, and J.T., a re-

tired gunnery sergeant, have supported almost every ma-jor troop movement through Cherry Point ever since, with food donated by local merchants. "We wish we could do more," said J.T. "I don't think

most people realize what these young kids are doing out

At 3 a.m., most people are still in bed sleeping, but on any given day the Whites are busy preparing snacks and drinks for deploying Marines and Sailors. The couple's mission is not complete until the service members board the aircraft.

"Our favorite part of everything we do is serving our

military members," said Nancy. "Being out here with the Marines before they deploy is where our hearts

The Whites go beyond giving Marines and Sailors snacks and drinks. They also offer a listening ear, a pen pal and above all, friendship.

"I didn't have this kind of support when I was in the service," said J.T. "I don't want our service members to say that."

The couple's love for the Naval services has spread throughout the entire White family. They have three children serving as Marines and a son who is a Navy

We saw our daughter deploy out of Cherry Point," said Nancy. "It hits close to home when things like that happen."

As service member's grab snacks, coffee and water,

As service member's grab snacks, coffee and water, the Whites make a point to thank them for their service and tell the Marines and Sailors to come home safely. "It's really nice when you're getting ready to deploy and someone is taking their time to say thank you," said Sgt. Craig M. White, a bulk fuel specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 273. "This is my third deployment and there is always someone out here."

The Whites have donated their time for five years save always an intention of transition.

now and have no intentions of stopping.

Their message of giving has also spread, with other members of the VFW donating time to say goodbye to

the troops as well.
"The Marines thank us for what we are doing, but



J.T. White shares stories and a cup of coffee with Staff Sgt. Eric D. Zaleski, a heavy equipment operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274, at the Aerial Port of Embarkation, March 11.





Sound of Freedom golf course hosts par 3 golf tournament at air station

(Above) Charles Nay tees off for the 3rd annual 18 Hole Par 3 Tournament held at the Sound of Freedom Golf Course. Ray Walker and Don Schisler took home the top prize for the tournament with a 13-under-par 54.

(Right) Sgt. Paul Davis, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271, digs his way out of a sand trap during the 3rd annual 18 Hole Par 3 Tournament held at Cherry Point's Sound of Fredom Golf Course, March 17. More than 60 golfers participated in the tournament.

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Staff Sgt. Robin J. Reyes, a civil affairs Marine attached to Company F, 2nd Battalio 2nd Marine Regiment, speaks to an Afghan about damage done to his compound in a village near Lakari bazaar, Garmsir District, Afghanistan, March 8.

to Company F. "Also so they see our pres-

The Marines paid them the money for the repair and apologized for the time it took to get the money to them. This gave them a chance to sit down with the locals.

The Marines then moved onto another village next to the bazaar, only this time the compounds had not yet been seen.

The owners of four compounds were ready to show the Marines the damage that

was done to their homes. Marines lived in their compounds as part of an observation post when they first moved into the area.

The Marines followed the owners through the compounds as they showed the troops where the damage was. The Marines took pictures of the damage so that Reyes could assess it later to give the families a fair price.
"We kind of defeat the (information op-

erations) campaign of the enemy by doing these kinds of things," said Reyes. While it is sometimes difficult to tell if

the damage actually came from Marines, they are generally more than happy to assist

"It's the nature of the beast," said Reyes. "Some people will say a tank came around and killed 300 of my chickens."

Cuomo said that while handling battle damage claims is not what the average in-fantrymen joins to do, the Marines realize the importance of doing them.

Through this system, the Marines of Co. F have gained a stronger relationship with the locals.

"To come back and interact with these

people is just amazing," said Cuomo. "When I look at what these guys do on a daily basis, I'm in awe. I'm in absolute awe."

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Tug-of-war





One of Marine Attack Squadron 223's AV-8B Harriers soars over the mountains of Naval Air Facility Elentro, Calift, during a live ordnance training exercise. The squadron conducted its biannual training at the

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to travel to El Centro to conduct their training, explained
Capt. Christopher E. Brandt, an administrative and legal
officer with VMA-223.

Being stationed on the East Coast means there are

fewer opportunities for our Marines to work with live ordanace," Brandt said. "A lot of the pilots were fresh out of the fleet replacement squadron. The training at El Centro gave most of the pilots their first chance to deploy live ordnance."

Along with the pilots having a chance to run simulated bombing raids, Marines on the ground had the opportunity to load live ordnance and watch AV-8B Harriers drop

"I thought the training was outstanding," Brandt said.
"I have to say the best part of being at El Centro was seeing the Harriers drop bombs on the range," said Lance
Cpl. James C. Magana, an avionics technician with VMA-

from his experience at the Namale pienty of knowledge from his experience at the Naval air facility.

"The knowledge I took away from being there was substantial," Thompson said. "It was eye-opening actu-ally getting to see the pilots drop the bombs we had just loaded."

Brandt confirmed training at El Centro afforded the Ma-rines of VMA-223 an exciting opportunity to both view and engage in some first-rate training.



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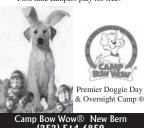


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24th MEU Marines pick up desert skills from French troops

DJIBOUTI, Africa - The desert is an unforgiving and potentially lethal ecosystem. It's also where most Ma-rines find themselves operating while deployed. This makes garnering basic desert survival skills essential to

every Marine.

Marines with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Platoon, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 9th Ma-rine Regiment, 24th Marine Expedi-tionary Unit acquired the knowledge, confidence and experience of what it takes to survive in the desert without the comfort of pre-cooked rations and canteens of water during a desert

survival course, March 11.

The Marines received a 24-hour course taught by instructors from the French army's 5th regiment as part of their sustainment training package in

Djibouti.
"A lot of times we find ourselves An to timines we find outserves who to the rest of the BLT," said Gunnery Sgt. Devini D. Root, platoon sergeant for 2nd LAR platoon. "If something were to ever go wrong, this gives the Marines the confidence to be able to survive if they were out on their own,"

The classes covered canturine.

The classes covered capturing, preparing and cooking wildlife, water filtration and purification, booby trapping enemy forces and other desert survival skills.

"It was pretty shocking when we had to catch and clean our own food, I had never seen that done before," said Sgt. Randall P. Moury, maintenance chief for 2nd LAR platoon.

"I figured the course would be just a bunch of classes, I didn't expect it to be so hands on."

Along with learning the new skills and techniques Marines interacted and gained invaluable experience by working with foreign forces. The Marines said they now better under-stand how to coexist and work with foreign military personnel, some-thing that will be useful not only during this deployment, but for any future deployments. "I feel that it is always good to

keep good relations with foreign nation forces," said Moury. "They know a lot more about the terrain and environment than we do, so we were able to learn what they know and at the same time teach them some of the things we know."

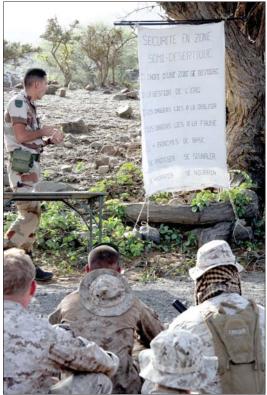
At the end of the course, both the

Marines and French soldiers were able to go their separate ways having gained from the training.

"I think the training was a good thing, I really hope we taught them some things and we were able to learn a lot from them as well," said Damien Sailleau, an instructor with the French army. "I enjoyed meeting with so many Americans and being able to practice my language with

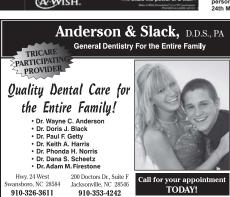
able to practice my language with them, it's just a pity that we only had a short time together."

The 24th MEU is conducting sustainment training in Djibouti throughout March, rotating different sections through a cycle of live fire ranges and courses to ensure Marines settin skills them denslooned note to retain skills they developed prior to



Marines with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion with Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, pay close attention during a desert survival course taught by the French army's 5th regiment, March 11. The Marines learned how to gather water, capture wildlife and prepare it for consumption, and prepare simple antipersonnel traps. The course was one of many training stations Marines participated in as the 24th MEU conducts sustainment training in DJibouti throughout March.









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Marine Forces Africa commander visits Africa Partnership Marines at Bundase Training Camp

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BUNDASE TRAINING CAMP, Ghana - "Welcome to Camp Scorpion," were the words cut flawlessly into the giant wooden sign ushering Brig. Gen. Paul Brier, com-mander of Marine Forces Africa, to the Marine's side of camp as he arrived to observe the partnership between Marines and Ghanaian armed forces, March 17.

Brig. Gen. John Forkuo, director gen-eral of training for the Ghanaian army, accompanied Brier to the camp to observe an afternoon of military instruction and thank the Marines for volunteering to be part of

America's fighting force

"Americans are always ready to assist us

in every way," said Forkuo.

Marines with the Security Cooperation
Marine Air Ground Task Force, Africa Partnership Station 10, have been partici-pating in military-to-military familiariza-tion events with the Ghanaian Army since March 9 in an effort to strengthen relations with partner nations and increase their abil-ity to respond to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief crises.

"We're continuing to build a relationship and a common understanding of each other's capabilities that will help us to fa-

as humanitarian disasters, but also to build long-term partnerships based on shared concerns," said Brier.

The two generals watched the Marines

and Ghanaians practicing offensive and defensive tactics as well as patrolling. The troops have also trained for military op-erations in urban terrain and Marine Corps martial arts.

"I think they're doing great," said Brier.
"The Ghanaian army is one of the most proficient militaries in Africa and one of the most professional I have ever seen. They are very well-respected by the populous."

The main focus of the training event is to increase the Ghanaians ability to respond to crises in their own country. Recently, the Ghanaian military has begun to focus on supporting civilian disasters.

"This training is necessary to get us in readiness to help assist our sister nations in Africa," said Forkuo. "We learn from each other and we will achieve interoperability with the Americans if we all work

together."

Brier commended the Marines on their participation in Operation Unified Re onse in Haiti after the massive earthquake

and explained the benefits having that realwith the Ghanaian troops to help them develop their own humani tarian assistance and disaster re lief plans.

"These Marines had just been to Haiti doing this exact mission in supporting the Haitians during their disaster," said Brier.

After the formation Brier took a tour of the camp, noting the expeditionary dining area, gym and shower station expertly con-structed by Sailors attached to the MAGTF. The Africa Partnership troops have built the camp from

the ground up.

In the one week they have inhabited Bundase Training Camp, four tents have been set up in the grassy field for Marines and Sailrs to sleep in, picnic tables and showers were built with wooder palettes, and a gym was construct-ed out of two-by-fours and pipes so Marines can maintain their physical fitness while in the heart of Africa.

"We had the gym built before the showers were even up," said Gunnery Sgt. James Baum, senior enlisted Marine for the Marines in Ghana. "Typical Marines, that's how we do it."



Lt. Col. John Golden, far right, commanding officer of Security Cooperation Marine Air Ground Task Force, Africa Partnership Station 10, welcomes Brig. Gen. Paul Brier, command the Ghanaian Army, March 17.



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Straigh

A foam, deer-shaped target stands riddled with arrows Archery Club, March 14. The target was one of 20 differe Archery Range. at a tournament hosted by the Cherry Point ent animal-shaped targets on the Cherry Point



Archery enthusiasts let loose at Cherry Point tournament

An archer pulls back the bowstring and rests his cheek against the taut cord, peering down the shaft of the arrow and through the sights of his compound bow.

Holding the position for what seems to be an eternity, he looks like a statue of Robin

Without warning, he lets the arrow sail,

With a thud, the projectile sinks into the foam of the deer target at a rate of approxi-mately 260 feet per second. When archery enthusiast Jason D. Cole lowers his weapon to see his work, he finds his arrow resting perfectly in the bull's-eye traced into the deer's

"Killed that one," Cole said with a satisfied smile as he reached for his score card. Cole finished the day with the high score in the bow hunter's class at a tournament hosted by the Cherry Point Archery Club, March 14.

With the title, Cole took home bragging rights and a small cash prize. But he said he came for much more than that.

Cole said he relished the opportunity to spend time with friends and mentors who have

guided him through the sport and coached his technique



Wimberley stares intently through the sights of his compound bow at a tourname hosted by the Cherry Point Archery Club, March 14.

"All of my credit goes to the old guys," Cole said. "They guided me in the right direction and taught me all of the basics and fundamentals I rely on today." Cole spent the day on the range with his friends and mentors, fellow avid archers Dar

rell Wimberley, Hugh Overstreet and Joel S. Spencer.

The range consisted of a trail with 20 targets shaped like animals one might encounter bow-hunting. There were plenty of deer-shaped targets, but also lesser expected animals

bears, pigs, turkeys, boars, goats and even a wolf.

The animals, however, all met the same fate at the hands of the group of archery en-

It took more than an hour for the men to complete the target course, moving from

animal to animal, stopping at each target to estimate the distance. Wimberley explained how that is part of the challenge, and how Cherry Point's course is uniquely difficult. "Judging yardages is something you can't teach, you either have it or you don't," said Wimberley. "This course is difficult because of the hills. It's nice because it's more

Wimberley wasn't the only archer from the group who enjoyed the challenge offered by shooting on uneven ground.

"The range at Cherry Point is one of my favorites due to the hilly terrain," Cole said. "Most of my experience in shooting a bow has been on flat ground and the hills here add an additional level of difficulty in judging yardages."

The archers finished their day on Cherry Point's range with hamburgers and drinks.

"I think everyone had a good time," said Jerry Jackson, the treasurer of the Cherry

Point Archery Club. "We had no complaints and everyone ate a lot of hamburgers."

As the weather continues to improve, the Down East Archery Coalition, an umbrella organization of which Cherry Point and other regional archery clubs are a part, will host

tournaments almost every weekend, said Jackson.

Cherry Point plans to host another tournament, May 2. For more information, call Jerry Jackson at 241-6383.



Archery enthusiast Jason D. Cole, left, logs the scores from the target as Darrell Wimberley, center, and Joel S. Spencer, right, inspect their work at a tournament, March 14. Cole won the tournament in the bow hunter's class with a score of 222 out of 250.

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Fun with Dr. Seuss

(Above) Tameca Martin introduces the Cat in the Hat to children at Cherry Point's Child Development Center, March 19. Several literary celebrities, including Winnie the Pooh, Eeyore, Goofy, and Things 1 and 2, visited the CDC for an awards

ceremony celebrating the children reading more than 1,000 books. As part of the festivities, children rotated between four stations where they were

As part of the festivities, children rotated between four stations where they were read to by the Cat in the Hat, decorated bookmarks with Goofy, fingerprinted by Pooh and played book bingo with Eeyore. "We started the program to help encourage families to have their children read more" said Martin, a childcare provider at the CDC. "We set the goal at 1,000, but the children read a total of 1,052 books." After the children read the books, they were quizzed on what the book was about. At the end of the ceremony, each child was given a certificate and a book.

Right) Master Gunnery Sgt. Steve C. Post, a maintenance chief with Marine Aircraft froup 14, and his son, Joseph, listen to the Cat in the Hat as he reads his titular Dr. euss classic during a book reading, March 19.



FRC East announces deadline for student summer hire program

Fleet Readiness Center East will accept applications for the 2010 student summer hire

program through May 19, or until all positions have been filled.

Program officials expect to fill about 25 positions that may provide up to 120 days of temporary employment. Positions include miscellaneous clerk, engineering aid and technician and environmental protection assistant. Participants can start work at the end recrimination and environmental protection assistant. Farticipants can start work at the end of the school year, typically mid-May, and the pay varies from \$9.74 to \$13.41 per hour, based on student status and experience level.

Applicants must be in a student status and 16 years old prior to their work start date.

Student status is defined as high school student at least 16 years old, graduating high school student enrolled in college and enrolled college student.

Students interested in applying may submit their resume on line at the Department

of the Navy Web site at https://chart.donhr.navy.mil or http://www.usajobs.gov/student-jobs/. Search for jobs by announcement number for the following positions: EA0-0802-05-MI000009-SH, Engineering Aid/Tech (Summer Student Hire) EA0-0303-05-MJ000002-SH, Clerk (Summer Student Hire)

EA0-0029-04-MM00005-SH, Environmental Protection Assistant (Summer Student

Next create an account, build a resume, apply and select Cherry Point, N.C., as the

geographical location.

Proof of enrollment is required in all cases. Acceptable documents include unofficial transcript (preferable for current college students); letter from principal, registrar, dean or admissions department; paid tuttion bill (college); current/next course schedule issued by the school; or report card from latest semester.

Mail proof of enrollment along with your resume from CHART to:

Commanding Officer Attn: Ms. Rachel Olscheske (7.3.1) Fleet Readiness Center East PSC Box 8021

Cherry Point, NC 28533-0021

Please visit the Fleet Readiness Center East Web site at http://www.navair.navy.mil/ free to review frequently asked questions. Only complete application packages will be considered. For more information, please call 464-7135.

Vehicle safety information may help prevent rollovers

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Rollovers are complex crash incidents and are particularly violent in nature. Rollovers, more so than other types of crashes, reflect the interaction of the driver, road, ve hicle and other environmental fac-

So while vehicle type does play a significant role, other factors such as driver behavior and road and environmental conditions can also cause a vehicle to roll over.

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Vehicle Type
All types of vehicles can rollover. However, taller, narrower
vehicles such as SUVs, pickups
and vans have higher centers of gravity, and are more susceptible to rollover if involved in a singlevehicle crash.

Fatal rollover crashes are speedrelated more often than non-roll-over crashes. Some 40 percent of fatal rollover crashes involved excessive speeding. Additionally, nearly three-fourths of fatal roll-overs took place where the posted speed limit was 55 mph or higher.

Speed

Alcohol Nearly half of all fatal rollover crashes involve alcohol. Impair-ment can result from any blood alcohol concentration above .00.

Even a small amount of alcohol will negatively affect your judgment, muscular coordination and vision, making you more likely to lose control of your vehicle. Location

Rural roads tend to be undivided and without barriers. Almost three-fourths of fatal rollovers occur in rural areas where the posted speed limit is typically 55 miles per hour

Routine Driving

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data also suggest that over 90 percent of the vehicles in fatal, single-vehicle rollover crashes were involved in routine driving maneuvers, going straight or negotiating a curve, at the time of the crash. This further suggests that driver behavior like distrac-tion, inattentiveness, speeding and impaired driving plays a significant role in rollover crashes

Single-Vehicle Crashes NHTSA data show that nearly

85 percent of all rollover-related fatalities are the result of single-vehicle crashes. This means that the majority of rollover crashes and fatalities do not involve any other vehicle besides the one that rolled over, further suggesting that driver behavior plays a significant role in rollover crashes



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Now playing at local theaters

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

"Alice in Wonderland" is an extension of the classic children's tales "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll, only this time the fantasy is told in 3-D.

Mia Wasikowska plays Alice, who is now 19-years-old and returning to the magical world she

first encountered as a young girl and where she is reunited with her childhood friends.

Alice embarks on a fantastic journey to find her true destiny and end the Red Queen's reign of

The talented and famous cast of characters includes Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter; Helena

Bonham Carter as the Red Queen; Anne Hathaway as the White Queen; Crispin Glover as the Knave of Hearts; Stephen Fry as the Cheshire Cat; Alan Rickman as the Caterpillar; Michael Sheen as the White Rabbit; Christopher Lee as Jabberwock; and Matt Lucas as Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

Unconventional director Tim Burton puts his quirky and bizarre signature gothic style and al-ways brilliant talents to work on this live action and CGI adaptation of the classic fairy tale. Oscar-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood has created fantastic costumes and Valli

O'Reilly, the movie's makeup department head, captures the whimsical feel of Burton's vision Avril Lavigne contributed her voice for the film's theme, "Alice," and Danny Elfman composed the music for the film.

"Alice in Wonderland" is a wonderful, family-friendly presentation, a visual feast with a completely new spin on the story using techniques that combine live action and animation. This is a classic coming-of-age tale, an endearing fantasy action that comes alive for all to enjoy and recall childhood dreams.

Follow Alice down the rabbit hole in this visually mesmerizing 3-D foray into Wonderland. This film however, with its searing images and at times violent and frightening situations, is not suitable for small children

"Legion" is a supernatural thriller that concerns a group of strangers who become the first line of defense when God thinks the human race is no longer worthy of him and decides to end human

An out-of-the-way diner becomes the unlikely battleground for the survival of all mankind.

When God loses faith in mankind, he sends his legion of angels to bring on the apocalypse. Humanity's only hope lies in a group of strangers trapped in a desert diner and the archangel,

Paul Bettany stars as Michael, who voluntarily falls to earth to save mankind. Now he is the only one standing between mankind and the apocolypse.

Michael becomes the leader of the human fighters and takes this motley group of strangers to a

small diner in New Mexico in a desperate, last chance move to avoid God's wrath.

There in the diner, they become unlikely heroes who protect a young pregnant waitress, Charlie, played by Adrianne Palicki, who might be carrying the next Messiah.

Co-starring is Tyrese Gibson as Kyle Williams, who fights alongside Michael.

Dennis Quaid plays Bob Hanson, the owner of the diner; and Lucas Black is Jeep Hanson, Bob's son and Charlie's boyfriend.

Also appearing are Charles S. Dutton as Percy Walker, the one handed cook; Kevin Durand as Gabriel, the leader of the army of angels; Willa Holland as Audrey Anderson; Kate Walsh as

Sandra Anderson and Jon Tenney as Howard Anderson, Sandra's husband. "Legion" is a confusing tale and a somewhat dull horror action film.

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THE LOCAL BUZZ

Announcements

► PMO Speed Crackdown

The Provost Marshal's Office will participate in the North Carolina governor's highway safety campaign, "No Need 2 Speed, Obey or Pay," beginning Monday through

April 4.

This campaign will specifically target speed-related violations with the intent of enhancing traffic safety aboard the air station.

► NMCRS Bowling Tournament

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society bowling tournament is scheduled for noon at April 16, the Stars and Stripes Bowling Center.

The tournament format is two-man teams with a nine

pin no tap, scotch doubles tournament. The cost is \$10

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Morgan at 466-6230 or david.p.morgan@usmc.mil.

▶ NMCRS Golf Tournament

The NMCRS Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 20, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sound of Freedom Golf Course. The tournament is a best ball format.

The cost is \$25 per person and pre-registration is

The tournament is open to all military and civilian personnel.

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Morgan at 466-6230 or david.p.morgan@usmc.mil.

Free Deployment Support Group

Marine Corps Family Team Building deployment support and Marine and Family Services will host a free deployment support group, April 13 and May 18, from

10-11 a.m., at the MCFTB building.

The support group is designed to help its members with issues that may arise during a deployment.

For more information on the group, call 466-4637. Childcare is provided during the group at the air station's Child Development Center. To reserve childcare, call 466-3491.

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feetings are at St. Paul's Lutheran

'Egg'stravaganza at the N.C. Aquarium
Explore the world of aquatic eggs April 3, with the annual 'Egg'stravaganza at the North Carolina Aquarium

at Pine Knoll Shores.

'Egg'stravaganza activities will be held throughout the day, and are free with admission or membership

Visit the Web site at http://www.ncaquariums.com or call 247-4003 for more information

Monthly and Weekly Events

Spouse and Teen Job and Education Fair

se and teen job and education fair has been scheduled for April 28, from 3-5 p.m., at the air station

theater.

For additional information about the spouse and job and education fair, contact Warren B. Culbreth Jr., at 466-5836.

Semper Fit Grand Prix Series

The Grand Prix Series continues its test of physical endurance with the Marine Special Operations Command fud Run, April 3 at 8 a.m.

The MARSOC Mud Run is a challenging off-road run

measuring 4-miles. The open-to-the-public race will begin and end at the Stone Bay rifle range.

Runners may register by noon, March 31. The cost of

the event is \$20 if registered by noon on March 31. Late registration is \$25.

Runners may pick up their packet the day of the event from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Those who have preregistered can pickup their race packet at the French Creek Fitness Cen-

production for the French Greek Filmss Center from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., April 2.

For more information about the MARSOC Mud Run, call (910) 451-0092 or (910) 451-5430.

Kindergarten Registration 2010

Kindergarten registration for Craven County schools is scheduled throughout March, April and May.

- Parents or legal guardians should present the following directly to Craven County schools:

 Proof of residency in the form of a tax statement, rental or lease agreement, residence contract with closing date A picture identification
 Certified copy of the child's birth certificate

- · Up-to-date immunization records
- Custody documentation (if applicable)
 For specific dates and times, contact your child's

Scholarships Available for Dependents
The Officers' Spouses Club of Cherry Point is now accepting college scholarship applications.

Eligible applicants must be students who are beneficia-ries of active-duty military members aboard Cherry Point or beneficiaries of retirees or deceased military members living in Craven, Carteret or Pamlico counties.

Applicants who are high school seniors, community college or university students will be considered based on eligibility and must be enrolled or applying for admission in the 2010-2011 school year.

Applications must be post marked no later than March

Domestic Violence Victims

A support group for victims of do-mestic violence is provided by the

Carteret County Domestic Violence

Program.

The group meetings are held ev-

School Volunteers Mentors are needed for individual

students in schools. Several schools

have also requested volunteers for

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ery Wednesday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 728-

their reading programs

Bagley at 466-4196.

31. For more information or to download an application, visit http://www.cherrypointosc.org.

U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 census, including positions for Cherry Point base housing.

These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conduct-

ing census work.

The bureau will hold a workshop Friday at the Have-lock campus of Craven Community College from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to screen and prepare applicants

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Marine and Family Services

Marine, Family Services Office Numbers The Family Member Employment Assistance

Program, Transition Assistance Management Program, Relocation Assistance Program and accredited financial counselors can be reached at 466-4401.

- The Exceptional Family Member Program can be reached at 466-7547.

 • The Family Counseling Program at 466-3264
- · Retirees can contact the Retired Activities Office at 466-5548
- The Substance Abuse Counseling line at 466-

· New parents can call the New Parent Support

Budget For Baby

Veterans' Assistance

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers Budget for Baby classes. Learn about and plan for new expenses.

Call 466-2031 for information or to register.

A representative from the Veterans Affairs Office visits Cherry Point each Thursday in building 232. Call 466-4401 for assistance.

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This week in Marine Corps History

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Chapter 26 of the Disabled American Veterans meets on the

third Tuesday of each month at the

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7315 in Havelock at 7 p.m.

Al-Anon Family Group Meet There are Al-Anon family group meetings Tuesdays at 8 p.m., for

family members and friends of

individuals who may have alcohol

The meetings are held at Havelock

First Baptist Church.
For more information, call 447-

For information, contact Doug

March 31, 1801

with President Thomas Jefferson to look for a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks. President Jefferson, a personal friend of the commandant and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps, accompanied Burrows as they chose a square in southeast Washington, at 8th and I streets. The location was chosen because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of

April 3, 1945

On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, effectively cutting the island in two. In only two days, elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

Operation Eagle Eyes

Surveillance

Are you aware of anyone recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, cell phones, maps, binoculars, etc., near the military facility?

> If you observe this or other suspicious incidents, call 466-3616 or 466-3617 immediately MCAS Cherry Point Emergency Dispatch



Hotlines

2nd MAW Command Inspector General

If you are a victim of sexual assault

Immediately call 466-3264 during working hours or (800) 208-8086 after hours and on weekends. The person answering the call will help you decide the next steps to take. You may remain anonymous. This procedure is not to replace calling 911 if you are in immediate danger. Remember, it's not your fault Support is available.

Severe weather and force protection

information Military personnel call 466-3093 FRC East personnel call 464-8333. DDCN personnel call 466-4083.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Cherry Point, call 466-2016. This line's automated answering service is available