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Photos by Lance Cpl. Nicholas Lubchenko

Marines escort the ceremonial birthday cake onto the field during the Joint Daytime Ceremony at Harry B. Liversedge Field aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Nov. 8. The ceremony is held every year in honor of the Marine Corps birthday and includes a historical uniform pageant, a rededication of national and U.S. Marine Corps Colors and the traditional birthday cake cutting.

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS LUBCHENKO
MCB Camp Lejeune

Hundreds gathered at Liversedge Field aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune to celebrate the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps during the Joint Daytime Ceremony, Nov. 8.

The JDC honored Marines from past and present conflicts, but also paid tribute to the combined service cooperation aboard the base.

"This ceremony is an important part of who we are as a Marine Corps, and a reminder of the sacrifice of those who came before us," said Brig. Gen. Julian Alford, commanding gen-



Marines dressed in historical uniforms bow their heads in honor of the Marines lost in the wars they represented during the Joint Daytime Ceremony on Harry B. Liversedge Field aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov. 8. The ceremony is held every year in honor of the Marine Corps birthday and included a historical uniform pageant, a rededication of national and U.S. Marine Corps Colors and the traditional birthday cake cutting.

eral, Marine Corps Installations East, MCB Camp Lejeune.

Major subordinate commands and other tenant commands were involved

in the rededication of the National and Marine Corps Colors.

After each attending unit was recognized, a uniform pageant displayed

"Being a part of this pageant, and representing a WWII Marine and their history in the Marine Corps is a big honor to me," said Pvt. Jonathan Shortsowles, WWII pageant Marine. "Representing all those brave men is a really big deal. We are here to commemorate the history of the Marine Corps and bring everyone together to honor those who served."

The ceremony ended with the traditional cake-cutting ceremony, where the oldest attending Marine passes a piece of cake to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the passing of knowledge and tradition from the oldest to the

newest generation of Marines.

"It was an honor to get the cake passed to me," said Pvt. Leonardo Basaldua, the youngest Marine present. "This is a way to carry on the traditions of the Marine Corps. It shows that even the youngest can do what they put their mind to, especially within the Marine Corps."

This ceremony allowed Marines from various units and commands to come together for something that all of them share, a respect for the traditions and knowledge from the Marines who came before them.

"Happy 242nd birthday and semper fidelis," said Sgt. Melodie Snarr, narrator for the event.

2nd CEB conducts basic division engineer course

LANCE CPL. LEYNARD KYLE PLAZO
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division conducted urban assault breaching during basic division engineer course aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov. 2.

The two-week course provides Marines reporting to 2nd CEB a refresher on fundamentals of being a combat engineer with the division. By conducting ballistic and explosive breaching exercises they will be prepared once they attach to an infantry unit.

"Today we conducted advanced and expedient demolitions and urban assault breaching," said Sgt. William Collins, a chief instructor with the unit. "Urban assault breaching involves using demolition, mechanical breaching-tools or any method to make entry into a building or a house."

The training started off with a bang while Marines used the Mossberg 500 shotgun on practice targets to test their knowledge on proper usage and handling of the weapon system.

"The training builds the Marines' confidence by knowing how to successfully

breach, as well as familiarizing with the shotgun weapon system and understanding the aspects of being a basic combat engineer," said Cpl. Caleb Mullins, a fire team leader with the unit.

After practical application, the Marines created the explosives with C4 and detonating cord for urban assault breaching. Some of these charges included a water charge that uses water as a buffer to push explosive force one way, a donut charge used to destroy locks and door knobs and an oval charge used to create entryways through obstacles such as walls.

"Most units prefer to use demolitions as they deliver much more force toward the enemy and the target," said Collins. "Being creative with the charges and working with what we have just improves our flexibility."

Not only does the course refresh Marines' skills, it also helps to build comradery within the unit.

"These Marines might not work together now in the same squad or platoon, but they will in the future as combat engineers," said Collins. "Going through something this mentally and physically challenging will bring them closer and make them stronger as a whole."



Photos by Lance Cpl. Leynard Kyle Plazo

Marines with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion create explosive charges to use during a basic division engineer course aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov. 2. The basic division engineer course is a two-week course that allows Marines reporting to 2nd CEB to remain proficient and effective as combat engineers when attached to infantry units.



Photos by Sgt. Sean J. Berry

Marines with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East prepare to march in the Warsaw Veterans Day Parade in Warsaw, Nov. 4. Thousands of attendees gathered for the 97th annual parade to recognize and celebrate America's veterans and active duty service members.

Warsaw recognizes veterans and service members

SGT. SEAN BERRY
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Hundreds packed the sidewalks of downtown Warsaw, North Carolina for the 97th time since 1921 during the Warsaw Veterans Day Parade to celebrate and recognize America's veterans and service members on Nov. 4.

Marines with 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division and Combat Logistics Battalion 8 marched in the parade to reaffirm their commitment to our nation's veterans.

"It was an honor for the Marines of CLB-8 to be selected to march in the Warsaw Veterans Day Parade in front of countless supporters," said 2nd Lt. Hunton Carroll, a combat engineer platoon commander with CLB-8. "The people of the town and the surrounding area lined the streets of the town and cheered us on as we marched through the streets."

The parade kicked off with a color guard of Marines with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East leading the way as the rest of the parade followed them down the route.

"It was a very humbling experience," said Carroll. "The purpose for having

Marines march in this parade was to show respect for the veterans who have served in our nation's armed forces and to honor the town's tradition of having an annual parade."

The parade was recognized as the official North Carolina Veterans Day Parade in 2016 and is held on the first Saturday of November every year. This was the first parade some of these Marines have had the opportunity to march in.

"I have personally never done something like this before and it is definitely something I would look forward to doing again," said Carroll. "I know all of the Marines who participated in the parade feel the same way as well."

The Marines smiled and waved at onlookers as they marched down the parade route, shaking hands with attendees as they were thanked for their service and returning the gesture by thanking them for their support.

"I think it is important for people to understand the necessity for Marines to be able to go out to events like this and interact with civilians," said Carroll. "It reminds the Marines that they have the support from the public and that they appreciate the sacrifices we make as Marines in service to this country."

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Rising above the influence

JENNIFER ATTILA

MCCS Substance Abuse
Prevention Specialist

Every morning, hundreds
of students stand up at Le-
jeune High School, hand
over heart, facing the flag as
the National Anthem plays
reminding them of the sacri-
fice made by one or both of
their parents who serve our
country.

These young adults em-
braced their resilience as
144 students signed a pledge
to remain drug free after
meeting with representatives
from the Substance Abuse
Program Oct. 30 and 31 to
highlight the importance
of Red Ribbon Week, eight
days that have been set aside
annually at a national level to
raise awareness of the havoc
caused by addiction. This tra-
dition was set in place after
the brutal death of Enrique
“Kiki” Camarena, a Marine
and DEA agent, as he fought
to stop the flow of marijuana
and cocaine into our country
by Mexican drug cartels.

Through hands-on activi-
ties and interactive presen-
tations, the representatives
from the Substance Abuse
Program were able to share
information about the dan-
gers of substance and alcohol
abuse to our high school stu-
dents which ignited thought
provoking discussions on
how this issue affects them
as high school students.

Every class that came
through was asked how
many students have been
hurt, or known someone
who has been hurt by drug
and alcohol addiction. Each
time the question was asked,
the majority of the class
would raise their hands.

Military children with
a deployed parent are at a
higher risk of developing ad-
diction than those who are
not.

Statistics indicate that
nearly 78 percent of high
school students will have
tried alcohol by their senior
year. One study found that
the percentage of students
who drank alcohol in the
past 30 days is 7-9 percent

higher for students whose
parents are deployed in
comparison to students
whose parents are not.

One significant contrib-
utor to the development of
addiction is stress. One of
the biggest stressors faced
by our teenagers is the fact
they are constantly moving
and readjusting to new duty
stations on top of facing the
emotions associated with the
deployment of a parent. Yet
another contributor to ad-
olescent substance abuse is
exposure.

In the state of North
Carolina, 41 percent of ad-
olescents report having used
marijuana. This is higher
than the national average
which is still at 39 percent.

So how do we prepare our
students to make decisions
that protect their future?
The first line of defense is at
home. Studies have shown
that parents who are actively
involved in providing their
children information about
alcohol and drugs, teaching
their children the skills to
stand up to the temptation
to misuse substances, have
more success in reducing
these risks.

The second line of de-
fense are the schools. Le-
jeune High School took up
this mantle by inviting in
the Substance Abuse Pre-
vention team.

If you are a parent, take
the time to talk to your chil-
dren and teach them about
the dangers of alcohol and
drugs. That small amount
of time may make a signif-
icant difference for their fu-
ture. As important as these
discussions are, remember
that an ounce of example
is worth more than a ton of
advice.

If you or someone you
know needs help to address
the battle of substance abuse,
please contact the Substance
Abuse Counseling Center at
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jeune or 910-449-5249 for
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Bell Auto Salvage II at 136 Abbots Branch Rd., Hubert.
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Cash Pools at 3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
Club Phoenix at 209 East 5th St., Greenville.
Dash-In at 1316 Hargett St., Jacksonville.
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Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
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Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville.
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Northern Lights Smoke Shop at 4710 Market St.,
Wilmington.
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Expressions
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Nadine's Food Mart
Tobacco Outlet (Havelock and New Bern)
Tobacco Shop & Gifts (Beaufort and New Bern)
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Tobacco Shop (Newport and New Bern)
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Off-limits Roads:
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* Identifies a new business added since the last update of the Bulletin.

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CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx](http://www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx)
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Wilson Gate dedication ceremony

Honoring the late 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps

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In a ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune on Nov. 8, the Wilson Gate and Boulevard were dedicated to the late 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Louis H. Wilson.

Wilson's daughter, Janet Taylor and her husband, Jarred along with Brig. Gen. Julian D. Alford, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations-East, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, cut the ribbon officially dedicating the gate and road.

"It's quite exciting knowing that the Wilson Gate is being dedicated to (the late) General Wilson," said Fernando Schiefelbein, base operations specialist. "No one hesitated in supporting this event. They all wanted to be part of it and the reception center(personnel) were more than helpful to make this happen. I felt extremely honored just to be part of it. My part was small but it was teamwork that put it together."

Construction on the gate and road started approximately seven years ago.

"It's been a long time coming," said Taylor. "My father was an innovator and he was a forward thinker for the Marine Corps and for our family. He was always thinking about tomorrow and the best way to get there."

When Wilson was a lieutenant, he was deployed to the Pacific theater with 9th Marines in February 1943, making stops at Guadalcanal, Efate and Bougainville. He was promoted to captain in April 1943. During the assault on Guam, while



Brig. Gen. Julian Alford, left, Janet Taylor, center, and her husband, Jarred, right, cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the Wilson Gate and Boulevard aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov. 8. The gate and boulevard were named after Wilson, a World War II veteran recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions during the battle of Guam and the 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Alford is the commanding general for Marine Corps Installations-East, MCB Camp Lejeune. Taylor is the daughter of Wilson.

commanding Company F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, Wilson earned the nation's highest honor for heroism in combat when he and his company repelled and destroyed a numerically superior enemy force. Because of wounds received, he was evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California where he remained until Oct. 16, 1944.

Wilson returned to duty as the commanding officer for Company D, MCB Camp Pendleton. In December 1944, he was transferred to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, he was presented the Medal of Honor by President Truman for his actions during the battle of Guam. He was promoted to major in March 1945.

Wilson was promoted

to general on July 1, 1975, when he assumed the title Commandant of the Marine Corps. As commandant, Wilson repeatedly stressed modernization of the post-Vietnam Marine Corps. He insisted on force readiness, responsiveness and mobility by maintaining fast-moving, hard-hitting expeditionary units, each consisting of a single integrated system of

modern ground and air-delivered firepower, tactical mobility and electronic countermeasures.

"He was a great father and a great leader. I think history proves what a great job he did and to have the road named after him just caps that off," said Taylor. "I loved the way he embraced life and I miss him dearly, but it's great to see his legacy here."

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- Janet Taylor



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Perceived benefits of speeding don't outweigh risks

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In 2016, nearly one third of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. were caused by speeding drivers according to statistics by the National Safety Council.

Going above the posted speed limit is not only dangerous for the driver but also dangerous for everyone else on the road including, passengers, pedestrians and bike riders.

“There is no question that excessive speed is attributable to the occurrence and severity of crashes,” said Anthony Prinz, transportation services director with the city of Jacksonville’s Transportation Services Department.

“When drivers exceed the posted speed limit, they

operate their vehicle beyond designed capabilities of the roadway.”

Roadways like Wilson Boulevard aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune are given a speed limit based on their design.

“When designed, the characteristics of a roadway are developed with a certain speed in mind,” said Prinz. “Initially, when a new road is opened, the posted speed aligns with the designed speed. However, after a new road operates for a period of time, a speed study is necessary to determine if the speed limit should be changed. In the case of Wilson Boulevard, our study reflected that the posted 45 mph limit was too low and an increase to 55 mph was warranted.”

Although the speed limit has increased, going faster than the posted limit can re-

sult in injuries, paralysis and even death.

“I have seen my fair share of mangled bodies and broken hearted family members when they come to the scene of a crash,” said Timothy Akers, supervisor safety and Occupational health specialist, Marine Corps Installations East, MCB Camp Lejeune. “They have to receive the message that their son, daughter, mother or father was killed from a speeding driver. The root cause of the death was due to excessive speed prior and at impact.”

Driving recklessly and speeding will not only put you and others in harm’s way but will also lead to other consequences.

“Speeding is not the answer. If a person is late for whatever reason, driving aggressively which includes speeding, and without due



Photo illustration by Lance Cpl. Nicholas Lubchenko for the passenger, pedestrians and bike riders. In addition to personal injury, there are many consequences of speeding such as property damage, citations, court costs, time away from work, insurance points, driver’s license points and possible base suspension.

regard for yourself or others will cost you a potential crash, personal injuries,

property damage, citation, court cost, time away from work, insurance points, driv-

er’s license points and a possible base suspension,” said Akers.

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Helicopter operations aboard USS Iwo Jima



Photo by Cpl. Jonathan Sosner
A U.S. Navy MH-60S Seahawk with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28, takes off from the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) as part of Combined Composite Training Unit Exercise in the Atlantic Ocean, Nov. 8. The exercise allows all elements of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force to join and train in realistic scenarios so the Marine Expeditionary Unit as a whole can meet its pre-deployment training program objectives prior to their upcoming deployment at sea.



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MICHELLE HANNAH
Sports editor

The top two Intramural Flag Football teams competed for the 2017 Championship at Liversedge Field on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Wednesday. The Blue Falcons represented the American League and took on the Flight who represented the National League.

Each team had to battle it out on the turf during an elimination round that consisted of two games each determining the qualifiers for the championship.

The scoreboard stayed close throughout the game and each team took turns being in the lead.

The game consisted of several interceptions, well executed plays and a great amount of sportsmanship.

The Blue Falcons won 26 to 24. The Flight put up a good fight making the Blue Falcons work hard for every touchdown.

"Our success is in not giving up. We had a lot of pressure this game to defend our title," said Jerry William, Blue Falcon's assistant coach. "We started off a little shaky but came out on top. We have worked hard and had a lot of fun throughout the season.

It means a lot to the team to be defending champions."

Johnathan Gibbs was a referee throughout the entire season. With experiencing each game, he had a fair impression of both teams. Gibbs was impressed with the match up and the overall championship game.

"I didn't know who was going to be playing," said Gibbs. "This

game was very evenly matched which made for good football."

Runner up for the Championship was the Flight. Although the team didn't win overall they still fought hard to make it this far in the season.

"This was an amazing season for our team at 8th Comm Bn.," said Ryan Galante, Flight head coach and player. "We started off slow this season, but made adjustments along the way to compete for the Championship. Our team was relentless and fought all season long. I can't thank my players enough for their hard work and devotion to the team. I would like to give credit to Medical Battalion for their win. They played a great game and we wish them the best in their Championship game against New River, but we will be back next year for the trophy."

The game concluded with a ceremony featuring special guest Brig. Gen. Julian D. Alford commanding general of Marine Corps Installations East-MCB, who awarded the Blue Falcons with the Championship trophy. The team also was awarded a defending champion trophy by Antonio Warner, the base athletic director. The Flight's team received runner up T-shirts.

The Blue Falcons will be representing Camp Lejeune against the New River champions on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m on Marine Corps Air Station New River building AS-4000.

"Since 2011, this is the first time that a Flag Football team wasn't undefeated going into post-season play," said Warner. "The Champ vs. Champ winner between New River and Lejeune has been shared the last two years and since its inauguration, each base has had a win."

For more information, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/sports/#flag.



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~ Jerry Williams



Murphy's Law on opening day



A TRIP OUTDOORS

Michelle Hannah
Sports editor

Boats were prepared ahead for duck season which reopened Saturday for North Carolina. I had never gone duck hunting before and I was excited. My friends were eager to take me but needless to say, my first time duck hunting was not in the least bit flawless. Murphy's Law was in full effect Saturday morning.

Waking up early has never been an issue for me. I am used to it as I hunt regularly, but what I am not used to is getting to the perfect location hours before sunrise and it being already occupied.

Searching in the dark for a new spot last minute has a tendency to give you a glimpse into what the morning is already going to be like.

The only spot left open looked promising until the decoys slowly made their way up stream. Their weights could not reach the bottom because the river floor dropped down about six feet from where the boat was tied up.

I have never been hunting from a boat where everyone and everything is crammed into every crevice of the vessel. Nor have I had to experience the gut wrenching feeling of one side of the boat making its way underwater during the first shots fired, but never say never.

The first flock of ducks flew right into view, well sort of into view, as the background of the woods across the

river camouflaged them. By the time we noticed the ducks, it was too late and out of the three of us shooting only one duck was shot, barely. I say barely because well, we never found it.

After the sun began to rise, my friend's hunting dog showed signs of needing to relieve himself so his owner waded through the shallow swamps behind us to let him do his business. In the meantime, my husband and I locked eyes on the single duck floating our way. It is illegal to shoot a duck on the water so I adjusted myself allowing the duck to become spooked and as he began to plane, my husband and I gunned it down. The duck sat injured across the riverbank. After the echoing of our shots ended, we heard a splash followed by some intense language coming from behind. Our friend had just found a drop off in what we thought was a shallow swamp and he went completely under, filling up his waders with about 50 -degree water and then being forced to sit in 30- degree weather for the remainder of the hunt.

After a few more unfortunate events and not seeing anything for a while, we decide to begin packing things up. It took about 15 minutes to collect all the decoys as they were stretched along the



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river and about 30 minutes to finally give up on the fact that we weren't going to find the ducks we shot.

I have never shot game and returned home empty handed. The duck that was sure to bleed out across the bank disappeared and the one from earlier was like trying to find a needle in a hay stack.

Heading back to the boat ramp with cold defeat painted on our faces, we were greeted by a game warden. As he did his routine checks, other hunters began to come off the river and the friendly conversation turned awkward. "How many did you get? Did you tag out?" The questions kept coming as if our mood wasn't an answer already. We left defeated. With nothing but empty shotgun shells and a gallon or two of riverwater in the waders.

For those wondering what Murphy's Law is, well it is simple: anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.

Despite it all, a bad day of hunting is better than a good day at work.

Editor's note: A Trip Outdoors is a biweekly commentary series covering everything related to hunting, fishing and everything outdoors. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion and experiences of the writer.

MCCS YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	W/L
Dolphins	7 - 1
Blue Angels	7 - 1
Wolfpack (AS)	3 - 5
Gladiators	3 - 5
Pirates	0 - 8

Below are two local athletes in the midst of competition. Readers are encouraged to go online and vote for this week's most epic game face!

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Voting ends Tuesday at noon; the winner will be announced in next week's paper.

Last Week's CHAMPION

Photos by Michelle Hannah, Layout and designs by Ken Harrell

Dominique Archie

Matthew Keydeniers

Dominique Archie, Flight player, prepares to protect the quarterback from the Blue Falcons offensive line during the championship flag football game at Liversedge Field on Marine Corps Base CampLejeune, Nov. 8.

Matthew Keydeniers, Blue Falcons player, snaps the ball during the championship flag football game at Liversedge Field on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov. 8.

A new concept of group fitness

MICHELLE HANNAH
Sports editor

A TRX Supersets class has joined the group fitness schedule this year at Wallace Creek Fitness Center on Marine CorpsBase Camp Lejeune.

The class incorporates TRX Tactical trainers along with weights and cardio.

The Total Body Resistance Exercise Tactical trainer straps were developed by former Navy Seal Randy Hetrick. The purpose behind the invention was to create a way of training that can be set up easily and used in any environment.

Samantha Szydzik, TRX Supersets class instructor enjoys teaching the unique class.

“TRX is a unique format that allows patrons of all skill levels to develop strength, balance, flexibility and core stability simultaneously,” said Szydzik. “I enjoy teaching this format because there are endless possibilities for me to create in terms of the exercises; using just the TRX straps and the patron’s body weight, including kettle bells or BOSU balls, or inverting the exercises to be performed off the wall. It truly allows my creative side to shine through.”

The class begins with a warm up challenge to the song “Bring Sally Up” by Moby. The movements mimicked the verse’s instructions which included push-ups, burpees and planks.

The class incorporates supersets which included eight rounds of exercise with four minutes each round and one minute of cardio in between the rounds. This set up allows patrons to work out at their own pace.

The class first started with a focus on legs. Movements included jumping squats and lunges, both using the TRX. Dumbbell lunges and kettlebell sumo squats constituted the weighted exercises.

Further movements focused on the back muscles, biceps, triceps, shoulders

and abs. Each round had one TRX exercise and one weight exercise.

Although each exercise targeted a muscle, the movements are not considered isolated according to Szydzik.

“TRX suspension training is still a form of weightlifting, since you are lifting your body weight against gravity. Suspension training is considered more ‘functional’ than traditional lifts performed on the weight room floor, where groups of muscles are exercised rather than isolating individual ones.”

With a whole host of different exercises, this class accomodates a variety of experience levels. Almost every movement can be modified to fit the participant’s needs and goals.

“There is always a modification or alternative exercise for a patron who is just beginning or has an injury that limits their performance,” said Szydzik. “No one should ever feel left out or as though they are ‘not good enough’ to take one of my classes. Being that TRX is a fairly new format, a lot of my patrons walk into class as a blank slate and they are learning how to use the equipment and perform the exercises as a group. Everyone has to start somewhere.”

Abigail Xavier has been participating in the group fitness program for almost a year. According to Xavier, the TRX class’s intensity level is consistently high but she finds the difficulty level just depends on the day.

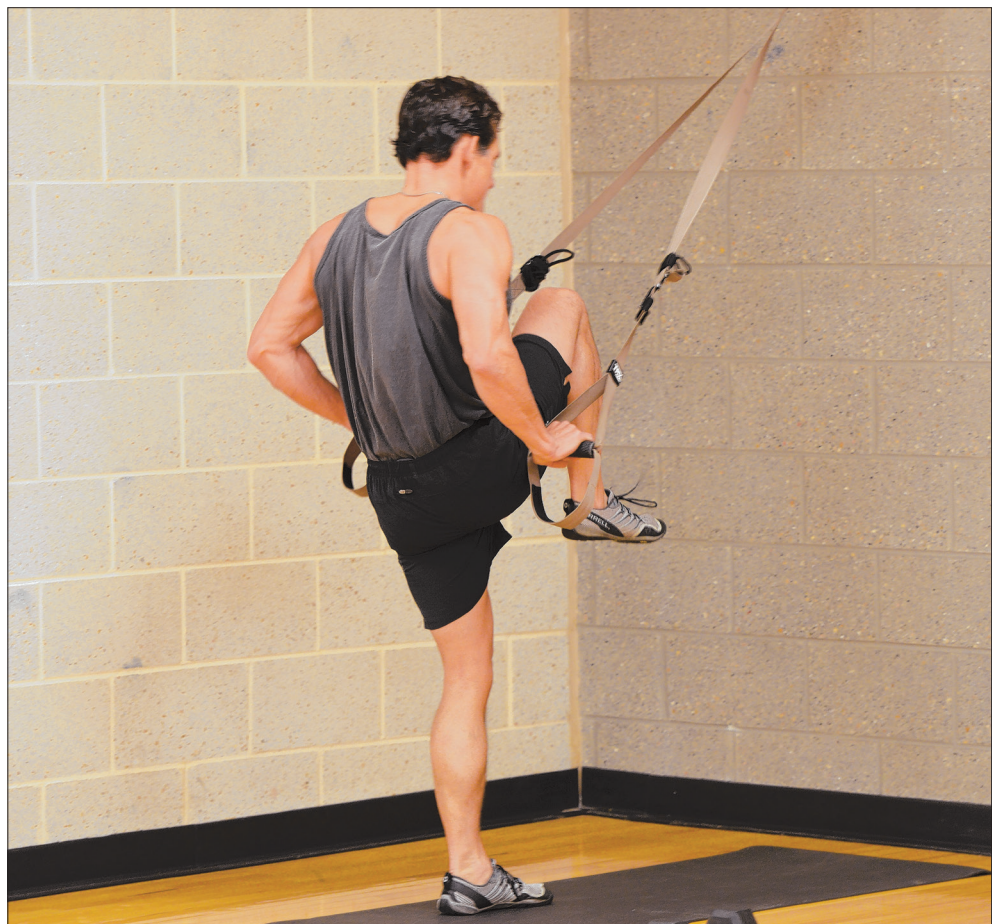
“I like all the workouts we do in here,” said Xavier. “The class is very challenging and it is a good way to work different muscles.”

The class is held once a week and is open to authorized patrons. The cost is \$3 to drop in but is free to active-duty personnel. Monthly passes are available.

For more information about the TRX Superset group fitness class, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/groupexercise.



Photos by Michelle Hannah
Samantha Szydzik, TRX instructor, completes TRX row which is one of the staple movements that target the back muscles during a group fitness class at Wallace Creek Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Thursday.



A participant does reverse lunges with knee drive on the TRX straps during the TRX Superset group fitness class at Wallace Creek Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Thursday.

Reduce the Thanksgiving Day guilt



Burn off those Thanksgiving Day calories with this \$5 group exercise special. Patrons will have access to a variety of fitness classes from Yoga to cycling. The classes will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. at the Wallace Creek Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Nov 25. This event is open to all active-duty, retired, reservists on active duty, dependents, Marine Corps Community Services employees, and Department of Defense employees. For more information, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/groupexercise.

MCCS Youth Soccer Standings



Team	Wins	Losses
Mexico	6	0
FC United (AS)	4	2
Dragons	4	2
Team USA	3	3
Real Madrid	3	3
Phoenix	1	5
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Lejeune's first Hard Corps Strongman Competition

MICHELLE HANNAH
Sports editor

The Hard Corps Series on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune has a reputation for gathering the bases' strongest individuals and having them compete against one another.

This weekend, the series will be putting on its first Strongman Competition.

Creating this event takes more than a great idea and John Heger, event organizer, knows firsthand the efforts required, as he had to travel and research before executing his plan.

"We have been approached several times during the past couple years about hosting a Strongman Competition," said Heger. "So, this past year I went to several of North and South Carolina competitions in order to learn how to set them up and see how to properly run one. Then, Master Sgt. Greg Popejoy stepped up and said he would help me set one up and run it. Popejoy has been competing for several years and has a lot of experience with this sport. So, he sat down with me and came up with the events, rules for each event, and weights for each event. When we got approval,

we added it to the Hard Corps Series."

The events included in the competition are as follows: a max log bar overhead press, atlas stone over the bar, a medley event, a heavy single arm dumbbell press and a male and female truck pull.

Despite the name of the competition, females are encouraged to participate. Different rules and regulations will be implemented based on weight and gender.

The Hard Corps trophy selections are known to be anything but ordinary, and according to Heger, it's part of the motivation behind the series for some participants.

For this competition, first place winner will receive a battle-axe, the second place a sword and third place will receive a dagger.

The event will take place at the HITT Center on Camp Lejeune, Saturday. The cost is \$45 for authorized patrons.

Early weigh-ins will be held this Friday at the Area 2 Gym from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/hardcorps.



Chris Spinazzola during the Atlas Stone Carry event at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's first Strongman Competition in 2005. The Hard Corps Strongman Competition to be held on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune this weekend will have a similar event called the Atlas Stone Over the Bar. In this event, the stone will start on the ground. The athlete will have to pick it up and throw it over a bar and obtain maximum repetitions in two minutes.



Thanksgiving Day Parade Run

MICHELLE HANNAH
Sport editor

Celebrate Thanksgiving by joining a fun run at Tarawa Terrace Community Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Saturday.

This race offers both one mile and three mile options. Runners are encouraged to dress up as their favorite parade character. In previous years, patrons have dressed up as Shrek, Spiderman and Papa Smurf.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. The race is free to authorized patrons. The event is stroller and pet friendly.

For more information about the race, call 450-1687.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meets quarterly to discuss the Base's Installation Restoration Program with the local community. You are invited to the next RAB meeting to learn more about the environmental cleanup process on the Base and to provide your input. The RAB meeting will be held on Wednesday November 29, at 6:00 PM at the following location:

Coastal Carolina Community College
Business Technology Building, Room BT103
444 Western Boulevard
Jacksonville, NC 28546

If you would like to receive additional information about the RAB, please contact:

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Camp Lejeune to bring joy to the hearts of many this holiday season

SARAH HAUCK
Lifestyles writer

A soft thud followed Brig. Gen. Julian D. Alford, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations-East, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune dropping a mini t-ball play set into the Toys for Tots collection bin at the Marine Corps Community Services Main Exchange, kicking off the 2017 toy collection season.

This year marks the 70th year of Toys for Tots, according to Arthur Romans, Eastern North Carolina Toys for Tots coordinator.

The Eastern North Carolina Unit, based out of Camp Lejeune, supports children in nearly a five-thousand-square foot area.

The coverage area includes seven counties; Onslow, Jones, Craven, Carteret, Lenoir, Pamlico and Pender. A portion of Wayne County was added to the list this year.

"Last year we collected more than 60,000 toys, which supported more than 6,000 children in our area," said Romans.

Toys for Tots started in 1947 and was adopted by the United States Marine Corps in 1948, creating the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program.

According to the Toys for Tots website, reserve centers across the nation conduct the toy collections.

The North Carolina Toys for Tots Campaign is based out of the Reserve Training Center Stone Bay.

The unit in charge of Toys for Tots rotates each year between the two Marine Corps Reserve Units aboard Stone Bay. This year it is Detachment 1 Transportation Services Company.

Alford said, Camp Lejeune is vital to the program and hopes the program continues to help the bigger cause.

"Camp Lejeune is one of the largest bases in the Marine Corps, along with Camp Pendleton," said Alford. "We should be leading the way in this program. This is one of the best causes the Marine Corps supports. To have our base and our Marines participate makes us proud to be a part of this. It is important for our Marines to give back."

According to Romans, the hope is to match last year's toy-collection numbers, and even surpass them.

"Every year, this program increases," said Romans. "We want to be sure we are able to take care of all the children we can."

More than 200 drop-off locations are scattered throughout the Eastern Carolina unit area, according to Romans, with more than 400 distribution boxes already out waiting for collection donations.

The Toys for Tots collection box will be at the front of the Main Exchange for the remainder of November and into December.

For information on how to donate or become a collection site, visit www.camp-lejeune-nc.toysfortots.org.



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- Brig. Gen. Julian D. Alford



Tom Cruise is gleefully out of control in crazy-true ‘American Made’

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“American Made” (R)

Tom Cruise has had more ups and downs than a worn-out airplane. But his career is back in line for takeoff with “American Made,” a devilishly funny concoction loosely based on the zany exploits of an enterprising C.I.A. — oops, excuse me — “I.C.A.” pilot who entertainingly played both ends against the middle while simultaneously working for his Uncle Sam and such south-of-the-border miscreants as Pablo Escobar, Manuel Noriega and the I’d-rather-snort-than-fight Contra revolutionaries. The story, culled from a funny, breakneck script by Gary Spinelli, is one of those I-can’t-believe-it’s-true jobs like “American Hustle,” where you’re sure it defies credulity until you go to Google and are shocked to learn that about 90 percent of what you just saw really happened. And, yes, it really did include supporting roles by the likes of Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and Oliver North. What fun! And what makes it such a blast is Cruise at the top of his game as smart-as-a-whip, gullible-as-heck TWA pilot Barry Seal. When we first meet him (that 20-megawatt Cruise smile always firmly in place) his Seal is so bored flying to such glamorous places as Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe that he creates his own turbulence by intentionally dropping his plane a couple thousand feet just to get a quick rise out of his snoozing passengers. So, is it any wonder that he jumps at an opportuni-

ty presented to him by a perfectly creepy and vanilla Central Intelligence Agency agent named “Shafer” (a terrific Domhnall Gleeson)? It’s 1979, and the job entails flying the “world’s fastest prop plane” over such Central American hotbeds as Panama, Nicaragua and other banana republics the U.S. fears are becoming Communist strongholds. Barry’s job is simple: Take as many pictures of troop movements as he can without getting shot down. He’s a smash at it. But with a pregnant wife (Sarah Wright) and a couple of kids to support back at the abandoned airstrip he operates in tiny Mena, Arkansas, Barry asks for more money. He’s denied, but not deterred. Instead of just flying South and taking pictures, he reasons, why not make the most of the trip back. And given the time and place, there’s no more lucrative commodity to move than the tons of cocaine reaped by what would soon become the Escobar-led Medellin Drug Cartel in Colombia. And, like Barry says in occasionally breaking the third wall, that’s what happened before stuff got really crazy. How crazy, I will not say because it’s so much fun finding out for yourself, as Barry progresses from running drugs to running guns to running the likes of Ollie North clean out of the White House. It’s a fascinating story well told by director Doug Liman, who previously guided Cruise through one of his best films — 2014’s brilliant “Edge of Tomorrow.” Like



Tom Cruise as Barry Seal in a scene from ‘American Made’.

that mind-twister, “American Made” loves piling on the lunacy with shovels full of deadpan humor, the kind Cruise delivers so charmingly well. But this time with an impeccable Bayou drawl. We should hate his Barry, especially for all the lives he indirectly ruins by dropping tons and tons of cocaine from on high above U.S. soil. But Cruise makes it impossible to do anything but eagerly follow him along on his outrageous, money-making schemes that will culminate in creating a series of major embarrassments for the U.S. government — none bigger than playing a major role in the Iran-Contra affair that at one point threatened the Reagan presidency. Drawing inspiration from similar films like “American

Hustle,” “Blow” and “The Wolf of Wall Street,” Liman gleefully decks his film out in kitschy 1980s paraphernalia; including clips of old Reagan films cleverly sewn together to illustrate the president’s hatred of those dirty commies. Even better, we’re treated to a reprise of Nancy Reagan’s infamous “just say no” spiel on national television. Hilarious. Especially now knowing that her husband’s behind-the-scenes machinations were unintentionally allowing more coke into the U.S. than ever before. Liman continues that acerbic wit throughout. And it’s infectious. As is Cruise, who puts the entire film on his shoulders and nicely pulls it through, even when occasionally encountering pockets of dirty air. Like, for instance, giving Barry

a wife who is not only about 25 years his junior but also looks more like a bored supermodel than a gullible woman who politely never asks from where the dozens of suitcases full of cash are coming from. No matter. This is Cruise’s show all the way, and he delivers with a performance that will take you higher than any drug or airplane ever could. Still, watch out. It’s a long way down; but it’s an incredible rush — right up until Barry is about to hit the ground.

“American Made”

Cast includes Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Wright and Jesse Plemons.

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MOVIE SCHEDULES

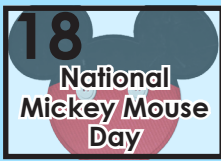
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Friday, 8:30 a.m.

This class is designed for married couples to participate in jointly and is based on the best-selling book "The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work" by Dr. John Gottman. Couples will work toward strengthening their relationships through interactive step-by-step exercises that promote increased love, trust and admiration within the marriage. Couples must attend together. This class is open to authorized patron couples only and will be held at AS-90 on New River Air Station. For more information, call 451-7315.

Gingerbread House Building

Friday, 6-8 p.m.

Jacksonville Recreation and Parks will host a gingerbread house building event at the Jacksonville Commons Adult Learning Center. Supplies are provided. Participants will receive instruction from the experts at American Dream Cakes. Gingerbread house kits are \$5 and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 938-5312.

Free Movie

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Corps Community Services' Tarawa Terrace Community Center will host a free movie featuring "Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature" (PG). Popcorn will be provided. For more information, call 450-1807.

Craft Show

Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., noon-4 p.m.

The Officers' Spouses' Club will host the Hidden Talents Craft Fair at Marston Pavilion. Handmade crafts from more than 85 crafters will be available. Admission is free. For more information, call 757-846-6344.

Bingo

Saturday, 12:15 p.m.

Gather the friends for some healthy brain stimulation with a fun game of Bingo at the New River Officers Club. It costs \$50 to play and is open to authorized patrons. For more information, call 449-6409.

Preschool Crafts

Monday, 10 a.m.

Start the morning off with creativity with seasonal crafts. Authorized kids ages 2 through 5 are invited to craft time at the New River Air Station Library. For more information, call 449-6715.

Beach Santa slated for Christmas Holiday Parade

SARAH HAUCK
Lifestyles writer

Santa may be sporting some shades and swim trunks this year during the annual Christmas Holiday Parade set to move down Western Boulevard at 10 a.m. Saturday.

This year's theme is "Surf, Sand and Santa" encouraging the more than 50 float entrants to feature their best beachy Santa design.

Sponsored by the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce, the parade will celebrate its 62nd anniversary this year.

According to Fernando Schiefelbein, military liaison for the parade, not much has changed during the last six decades except the size of the parade.

"It has evolved tremendously," said Schiefelbein. "More businesses and chamber members have joined in the parade. It is also televised."

This year, 16 professional floats and 40 amateur floats are registered for the parade, each vying for one of the top three awards.

According to Schiefelbein, the float participants' enthusiasm is what will set the parade apart.

"Every year they appear more energetic in their designs," said Schiefelbein.

Per usual, the man of the hour, Santa, will bring up the rear of the parade.

"My personal favorite is when Santa passes by," said Schiefelbein. "Watching all of the children's faces, (kids) waving at him trying to get his attention."



(On the left) the Boys and Girls club riding in last year's parade in their custom decorated school bus. (On the right) Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the crowd in last year's parade.

The parade will travel a mile and a half down Western Boulevard, beginning at Coastal Carolina Community College and ending at Brynn Marr Shopping Center.

"The City of Jacksonville, Chamber of Commerce, and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune always puts their best foot forward when it comes to this parade," said



Photos by Mallory Scott

Schiefelbein. "It has full command attention to make it a successful parade."

Western Boulevard will be closed to traffic at 9 a.m. and will reopen after the event has concluded.

For more information, visit www.jacksonvilleonline.org.

Festival of Trees arrives to spread hope and goodwill

SARAH HAUCK
Lifestyles writer

Thousands of twinkling lights, the smell of fresh North Carolina fir trees and homemade baked goods will greet guests as they enter the American Legion Building Saturday and Sunday for the 15th annual Festival of Trees.

More than 65 full-sized trees, each decorated with different themes and an additional 30 or more mini Christmas trees will take over the building, all in an effort to raise money for home health and hospice care through the Onslow Caregivers, Inc.

According to Jean Cole, event coordinator, the event's longevity can be attributed to the community's desire to help their neighbors through home care health and hospice support.

"All of us understand hospice and the need of it," said Cole. "I think that home health and hospice

care touches almost everyone's family. You've had a grandmother, a great grandmother, a neighbor, a friend. It is something that is with every household. With every home. With every community. It's always there."

Cole has been with the Festival of Trees from the beginning. She said, "seeing the transformation of the American Legion Building in hopes of raising money for home health and hospice care, and the community's reaction to that transformation, never gets old."

"People are excited when they get in," said Cole. "Where else do they walk in and see 100 decorated trees?"

According to Cole, each tree is sponsored by a local business, organization, church or school. They are given freedom to decide their theme.

Throughout the years, Cole has seen nearly 1,000 different trees and contin-

ues to be surprised each year with the creativity and beauty of the trees.

"We see the diversity of our community," said Cole. "I am always surprised. It's only one time a year but they put a lot into it and you appreciate it."

According to Cole, her favorite trees are those decorated in honor of a family or community member.

From the Purple Heart Foundation decorating a tree with ornaments representing those community members who gave the ultimate sacrifice, to families remembering a loved one who lost a battle to an illness, for Cole they are the most touching trees each year.

"It goes to the heart of everyone when you look at these trees," said Cole. "There are many ways to look at those trees but all of it was in celebration of that life, not sadness. I think that takes you back to hospice; everybody deserves just as good an ending to

their lives as they did a beginning."

According to Cole, many of the groups donated their decorated tree to the silent auction to help raise additional funds for Onslow Caregivers, Inc.

Other silent auction items include: gift cards, handmade items and items from local businesses.

While the themes of the trees are one of the only things that has changed since the beginning of the event, according to Cole, the event is always exciting.

Live music entertainment will be provided both days, to include: patriotic, country and pop performances from soloists and groups.

The Coastal Carolina Artists & Crafts Guild will provide crafts.

A Sweet Shop will be selling all of the holiday fare.

"We enlarged the Sweet Shop this year," said Cole. "We wanted to try and create some space for people to sit and enjoy their sweets. People have a sweet tooth especially during the holidays."

A Festival of Trees wouldn't be complete without Santa, who will be in the kids' area.

"When you look around, you might not see it the same way each year. The spirit is there. You can smell live trees, apple cider and coffee. You smell the sweetness, you hear the music and hear children laughing in the background. You see people in groups walking around looking at silent auction items and the trees. When you walk in, you walk out of today's world and into a magic place where there is

entertainment, desserts and music."

Admission is a \$2 donation.

For more information, visit www.hospiceon-slownc.org.



Photos by Jean Cole
Christmas trees on display from last year's Festival of Trees event held at the American Legion Building.



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NC Serves puts North Carolina in the lead for veteran support across U.S.



FOCUS ON VETERANS

Ena Sellers
Managing editor

While the military sets you up for success with a plethora of benefits, services and resources to address each individual's needs, there are times when veterans, active duty service members and their families may encounter unique situations and are sometimes faced with navigating through an overwhelming amount of information and hundreds of resources; many of which have specific eligibility criteria. So where do you go to? Who do you call?

Thanks to NCServes, veterans and their families can have streamlined access to thousands of resources. The program cuts through the tedious process or weeding

through prerequisites and hundreds of service providers, connecting veterans and their families directly with agencies or benefits specific to their needs and eligibility.

"The challenge for active duty and former Marines and Sailors continues to be navigating that sea of goodwill," said Ilario Pantano, senior director of community service at the Institute for Veterans and Military Families. "NCServes offers an easy to use, friendly and accountable solution that has partnered with great nonprofit partners across the state in order to ensure that a veteran, service member or family member is getting the very best care available

in a timely way, whatever that need might be."

Pantano attributes the rapid growth of NC-Serves to its streamlined accessibility to the 45,000 nonprofits and government agencies that have been developed to help.

"We have 15 categories of services that we can help with: benefits, clothing and household goods, education, employment, food, health, housing and shelter, individual and family support, legal, medical health, mental and behavioral health, money management, social enrichment, spiritual enrichment, sports and recreation, transportation, utilities and wellness."

"We promote NC-Serves, because it works. You can call and within 48 hours you will get linked with an agency to work toward the specific reason why you called, you don't get the round around. They send you straight to the right place,"

said Reggie Roy, Disabled Veteran Outreach specialist with the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions. "If a vet submits a referral and they need help for employment, we get the referral (at NC Works) and we contact the individual. The individual might need medical, shelter, child care ... might need help with finances," said Roy. "We have to update NCServes on what is going on."

According to Pantano, 570 veterans and 40 active duty Marines have used the NCServes network in the past year.

Among those who have benefited from using NCServes is Eugene Evans, a Camp Lejeune Marine veteran, who experienced difficulty finding a program that could provide assistance due to eligibility criteria.

According to Jerriek Vernon, NCServes Coastal program coordinator, a

costly repair to Evans' air unit depleted Evans' funds resulting in his utility service being disconnected. Thanks to NCServes, Evans was referred to an out-of-network partner which helped cover the cost for his utilities to get turned back on.

"As a former Marine who served at Camp Lejeune ... my goal is to continue to help my fellow Marines and all servicemen and women by improving the quality, accuracy and speed of services that they seek," said Pantano.

NCServes is part of America Serves initiative, a network implemented by the Institute for Veteran and Military Families at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York to maintain a coordinated network of service providers to direct participants to the appropriate services and resources.

"NCServes is a network of four regional co-

ordination Centers helping folks from Asheville, to Charlotte, Raleigh, Fayetteville and here on the Coast. Our goal is to improve both our performance as a network, and the performance of our more than 250 partners across the state, in how services and care are delivered to our communities," said Pantano. "And for those who may leave North Carolina, we hope that our national expansion will also give service members options as they move on to their next duty stations or return to their homes."

For more information about NCServes, visit NCserves.org or call 884-435-1838.

Editor's note: "Focus on Veterans" features former service members and also seeks to highlight local veteran programs and resources. Facts not attributed are purely the opinion of the writer.

Food Lion in partnership with Hope for the Warriors donates more than \$850,000 benefiting programs for veterans, service members and their families

SARAH HAUCK
Special to The Globe

A pair of organizations joined forces to hand out backpacks stuffed with food Nov. 9 at Marine Corps Air Station New River's Chapel Annex as part of the Food Lion Feeds and Hope for the Warriors Backpack Program.

Two hundred backpacks were given away in an effort to provide food security to families.

Donations from Food Lion's philanthropic program Food Lion Feeds filled the bags with food staples like peanut butter as well as snacks.

According to Chris Sharon, chief operations officer for Hope for the Warriors, a need for food support was recognized in the area and Hope for the Warriors and Food Lion were more than happy to lend a hand.

"This is what we do," said Sharon. "Making this kind of impact on a personal level is center to our organization."

Sharon explained that the backpacks were expected to support nearly 100 families, which is a major accomplishment.

Hope for the Warriors' involvement in the backpack program is an extension of their mission, which includes family support just as much as attention to the service members.

"We have a tendency to focus on the active-duty service members and forget that attached to each of these people is a family," said Sharon. "Hope for the Warriors is about supporting service members to help better equip them to serve.

Part of that is creating great families. We have to be able to come up alongside these families and assist them as well."

The food that filled the backpacks was donated by Food Lion, along with two sizeable checks to Hope for the Warriors to help support programs to continue their mission.

Food Lion and Hope for the Warriors have been partners in the program for 18 years.

According to Rudy Dipietro, vice president of merchandising for Food Lion, the partnership has been able to make great advances in assistance to military families.

"This is an amazing cause," said Dipietro. "This aligns with Food Lion's philanthropic strategy, Food Lion Feeds. We want to do our part in reducing lines (at food pantries) and fighting hunger ... Anytime we can connect with military families who are protecting our country, it is a win."

According to Dipietro, a \$650,000 donation, raised from within Eastern Car-

olina stores, was given to Hope for the Warriors.

This donation is in addition to a \$201,000 contribution from Food Lion's Thriller on the Griller events.

The events, held at 18 store locations, have been raising money for Hope for the Warriors for the last eight years, totaling more than \$1 million in support in that time.

According to Joe Stock, retired director of operations for Food Lion, and creator of Thriller on the Griller events, customers look forward to the events each summer, which only makes

them more successful.

"This is like giving back," said Stock. "We are serving those who serve us. It's a privilege to give back to these military families."

Lt. Cmdr. Raynard Allen, base command chaplain for MCAS New River, thanked Food Lion for helping not only stock their food pantry, but assisting the families of New River.

"You are making an invaluable impression upon these young men and women with what you are doing here today," said Allen.

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Jeff Herrett uses education as a vessel to impact student lives



TEACHER FEATURE

Sarah Hauck
Special to The Globe

Jeff Herrett has been teaching for eight years and has fallen in love with his job at Dixon High School. Herrett believes that teaching allows educators to make day-to-day impact on students' lives.

Grade level/class: 9-12

School: Dixon High School

Number of years in education: 8

Number of years at current school: 3

Graduating colleges/universities: University of North Carolina-Wilmington

Q. What encouraged you to pursue your job as an educator?

A. The wealth, because I get paid in more than just dollars and cents. A wealth of doing good things as educators can be a rewarding life.

Q. What encouraged you to pursue education within your specific age level/curriculum?

A. I first got licensed in elementary education. Even though the powers that be always clamored for more male teachers, I could not get a job. One day a friend asked 'why don't you teach food/culinary at the high school level' and it never occurred to me that I could, because in my day it was called "home economics." So, I took the PRAXIS and got my license to teach Family & Consumer Science.

Q. What is your main classroom philosophy?

A. We are all teachers and we are all learners.

You've got to do something if you want to be somebody. My job is to help you find that something.

Q. What is a lesson you have learned from your students?

A. That you must put the shoe on the other foot. As educators, we have a duty to give students the opportunities to help them be successful in life.

Q. What is your favorite part of being an educator?

A. Weekends and holidays off. It gives me time to spend with my family when they are off. My kids are only going to be this age once and I miss less of it when we are all together.

Q. What advice would you give to upcoming/new educators?

A. Same advice I was given, stay out of the teacher's lounge. Don't let others' experiences influence your attitude and your classroom.

Q. What are three words that would describe your life outside of the classroom?

A. Family, ocean and worrying.

Q. What is a favorite memory from your teaching career?

A. A good memory I have occurred during my time at UNCW, when I was getting my licensure to teach. I had a teacher that was not very memorable



Jeff Herrett assists a student with classwork at Dixon High School, Oct. 27.

as far as a teacher, but during one lesson she put on Billy Joel's "Goodnight Saigon" and a Vietnam-era film on and it hit me like a ton of bricks. The moment of the lesson was so powerful and it triggered emotions in me that I did not realize I had inside me from that forgotten war. Very moving, still today. Sometimes teachers are unaware of the impact they might have on a student.

Q. What advice would you give to a parent?

A. Have that conversation now. Whatever it is, have it now! Read to them and let them read to you. Listen, not just hear.

Q. What changes would you like to see implemented in the school system within the next 5 years?

A. I am sorry, but I don't have the time to tell you and you don't have the time to listen. I will say it is due time to quit doing the same thing.

Q. What are the biggest challenges you face as an educator in a military town?

A. Honestly, I see and feel none, but I know for a fact the student who may be affiliated with the military has challenges. It must be difficult if you are constantly on the move and have a hard time adjusting to a new school. I hear the sounds of freedom and it makes me even more proud to serve our entire community, both military and civilian.

Q. Is there anything else you'd like to share about being an educator?

A. We do not need to reinvent the wheel on this road to educating our future's children, but we do need to find a different ride. I saw an ad from the grocery store Lidl and it said, "rethink grocery." I believe we need to rethink education; how we are preparing our students. We keep

doing the same thing and getting the same results. It's time to rethink education.

Editor's note: The Teacher Feature is a column that highlights accomplished educators on and off base and seeks to recognize the important role they play in children's lives and education.



Jeff Herrett instructs a student during a food sciences class at Dixon High School, Oct. 27.

Thanksgiving: a spiritual meaning, God's protection, providence, and promise



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

LCDR Joe Robbins
2nd Tanks

Thanksgiving is a great time for families and friends to get together, enjoy food, laughter, memories and even browse through the Black Friday sale papers. Thanksgiving also has a spiritual meaning. It is a time to reflect on God's goodness and blessings that he has bestowed upon his people.

Did you know that Thanksgiving is in the Bible? It is known as the Feast of Tabernacles (*Leviticus 23:33-44*). This was the Israelites' Thanksgiving that had a two-fold meaning. First, it was a time to bring in the latter harvest and thank God for it. Second, the Israelites would construct and dwell in booths for seven days. One of the most important features in constructing the booth was the roof. The roof was made from anything

on the ground such as palm branches or bushes, and arranged so that the inhabitants could look through the roof to the stars in the sky. This seven-day festival, also called Sukkot in Hebrew, could be summarized as thanking God for the harvest and dwelling with the people during their 40 years in the wilderness. One could say that the festival was about God's protection, provision, and promise. God protected the Israelites in the wilderness from wild beasts and foreign armies. He provided for his people with mana, and he promised to bring the Israelites to the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey. Looking at this great holiday in the Bible calls us to make some spiritual application to the

American Thanksgiving. As God's people gather around the table with family and friends, take a moment and thank God for his protection, provision, and promise. God has protected this great country through the men and women who serve in the military. It is a time to reflect and thank him for the freedoms we enjoy as well as pray for those who serve our country. Further, think about how God has provided for your needs. The jobs that we have, the income we have, and the friends we have. Finally, thank God for his promises. God has given us so many promises through Scripture that this page could not contain them. Search the Scriptures for those promises; you will definitely be thankful!

There will be a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service on Nov. 23 in the Main Protestant Chapel aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune at 8:30 a.m.

All authorized patrons are welcomed.

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What: Marine Corps Installations East - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Motorcycle Safety Month Kick-Off Event.

Where: Camp Lejeune, Main Exchange (MCX) Parking Lot Marine Corp Auxiliary Landing Field (MCALF) Bogue Flightline

When: 0800-1400, Friday, May 5, 2017 (0730-0800 Arrival)

Who: All Active Duty/Retired Military/DOD Civilians from the Greater Lejeune Area

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0800-0900: Safety Brief/ Speaker.
0900-0930: Group ride to MCALF Bogue.
1000-1030: Guest Speakers
1000-1400: Vendors and food trucks open.
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Trio of Little Free Libraries brings books, community to Paradise Point

SARAH HAUCK
Special to The Globe

According to Grace Kim, steward of the Saint Mary Drive, 'The Loop's' Little Free Library, and the Bevin Street Free Little Free Library opened Oct. 20.

"We have so many kids on the street who could use The Little Free Library and I thought it would bring a sense of community," said Kim. "I love visiting any Little Free Library that I run into during my travels and I wanted that sense of wonder and excitement for our residents."

Little Free Libraries operate on the moto "Take one, leave one" to help encourage reading.

According to Kim, The Loop's library has 30 to 40 books at all times, with something for everybody.

The library has two shelves; one for adult and the other for children.

According to Kim, there are a variety of books including self-help, board books for young children, and a mixture of fiction and non-fiction for both adults and children.

"I check on it weekly. Neighbors drop off books at my house if the library is too full, and I make sure it is well stocked with a variety of books," said Kim.

Knowing the Little Free Library could be helping establish a passion for reading in the youngest base residents is Kim's favorite quality of the library.

"(The Little Free Library) is located right across the street from me, so I can look out my front door and see people slowing down their cars as they pass, then stopping and getting out to give or take a book," said Kim. "My greatest joy is when I see a child taking a book. I am an elementary school teacher, so it is my absolute joy seeing

children wanting to read."

The library itself was built by a neighbor, according to Kim, and signed by the children and community members who utilize it.

According to Kim, since the library was set in place, it has received a lot of positive feedback.

"Being a military community, there is so much mobility, but we also know that the Marine Corps feels so small, so I love the fact that someone new might move into the neighborhood and see a familiar name signed on the library," said Kim. "The signatures on the library are mostly children's handwriting and I treasure that because this library is for them and I hope they feel ownership over it. I truly hope this becomes a keepsake for the residents."

For more information about the Little Free Libraries, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.



Photo by Grace Kim
The Little Free Library is located at the Paradise Point Officer Housing on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The library is offered to anyone who lives aboard MCB Camp Lejeune.



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