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Tax Centers open on MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River Jan 27



Photo by Pat Gruner

The Camp Lejeune Base Tax Center, located at 50 Lucy Brewer Ave. on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jan. 21. The tax centers on MCB Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River provide free tax services to active duty and retired military members and their dependents during the tax season.

BY LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE

Marine Corps Installations East

Beginning Jan. 27 and 28, the tax centers on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River will open their doors for service members, their families and military retirees to receive free income tax preparation services for the 2020 tax season.

“The base tax center is a great place for Marines and their families to get their personal taxes completed for free,” said Gunnery Sgt. Nicholas Miller, staff non-commissioned officer in charge at the tax center. “It is conveniently located on the

installation so Marines can take time out from their day to come in and get seen.”

Marines who volunteer to work at the tax center during the tax season are qualified through the 25-hour Jackson Hewitt qualification course and a law certification course through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This ensures the service member’s taxes are processed properly and on time.

“We provide the same level of services as any of the commercial tax preparation locations in and around the Jacksonville area with none of the cost,” Miller said. “Many of the Marines here, including myself, have experience doing their own taxes and can easily translate

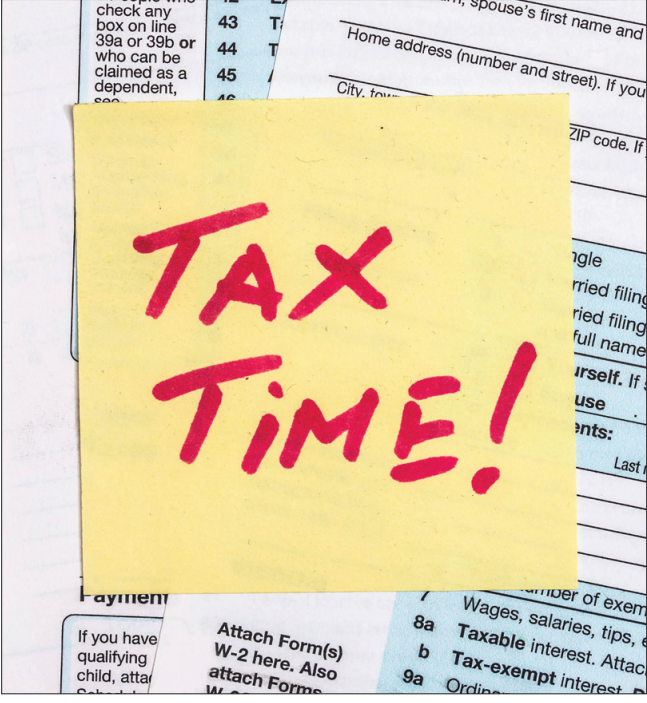
those skills to help out other Marines, as well as understanding situations that are unique to the military lifestyle.”

To file your taxes, make sure to bring proper documents such as W-2’s, correct 1099’s and documents for spouses, including power of attorney as needed.

“My family has used the tax center on base the past two years, and it has been very convenient,” said Cpl. Noel Wieloch, administrative specialist with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-MCB Camp Lejeune. “It is way faster and much more cost effective than doing our taxes out in town.”

The Camp Lejeune Tax center is located at Bldg. 50, Lucy Brewer Ave., and the hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Wednesday is reserved for unit and individual appointments from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The MCAS New River Tax Center is located at Bldg. AS-216, 2nd deck, Bancroft Street and the hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To make appointments for the Camp Lejeune Tax Center, call (910) 451-5287. To make appointments for the MCAS New River Tax Center, call (910) 449-7170.



January Service Member of the Month: Marine Corps Sgt. Winston Mosley

More on 3A



Photo by Lance Cpl. Taylor Smith

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Winston Mosley, left center, Bravo Company noncommissioned officer in charge with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, was recognized as January service member of the month during a ceremony at the Paradise Point Officer’s Club on MCB Camp Lejeune, Jan. 13. Mosley’s leaders, 1st Sgt. Esperanza Fuentes, left, Bravo company first sergeant, Gunnery Sgt. William Day, center right, Bravo company gunnery sergeant, and Capt. Thomas Rimmer, right, Bravo company commander, were in attendance to support his achievement.

Meet the Marine: Sgt. Maj. James Robertson brings lifelong esprit de corps to MCAS Cherry Point



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. James L. Robertson, sergeant major of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, poses for a photo on MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, Jan. 8. Sergeant Major James L. Robertson came face-to-face with his passion for the Marine Corps about 35 years ago, during his school's family career day. Robertson took over as the MCAS Cherry Point sergeant major Dec. 5, during a relief and appointment ceremony.

BY CPL. ALEXANDRA AMOR SANTOSARAMBULO
Marine Corps Air Station
Cherry Point

Being a Marine goes past the uniform, haircuts and swagger. It's a whole Marine concept. They are a group of exceptional human beings who embody the Corps' ethos of honor, courage, and commitment. U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. James L. Robertson, sergeant major of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, came face-to-face with his passion for the Marine Corps about 35 years ago, during his school's

family career day. As soon as the Marine recruiter stepped into the room and introduced himself to the class, Robertson was sold. "He was articulate," said Robertson. "He stood out the most out of everyone in the room. From that point on I knew I always wanted to be a Marine." At the age of 17, Robertson swore in to the delayed entry program and shipped out June 1996, a year later, to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. He was able to acquire the military occupational specialty (MOS) of his choice, 0352 Anti-tank Assault Guided Missile man, after graduat-

ing from the School of Infantry in December 1996. "I love the Marine Corps and I liked what I was doing," said Robertson. Originally, Robertson didn't plan on re-enlisting, he wanted to become a Deputy U.S. Marshal. However, after speaking to a recruiting officer, he found out that the dates he would get out of the Marine Corps didn't match the dates they openly hire. So Robertson continued to live his childhood dream as a Marine and received Inspector-Instructor duty shortly after. Inspector-Instructor duty places active duty Marines in reserve

units to assist with the unit's readiness. "It was an interesting gig," Robertson said. "It was something different. It was something I haven't seen yet. I got a different side of the Marine Corps." As time went on, his desire of being a Deputy U.S. Marshal slowly disappeared and his love for the Marine Corps grew. Robertson experienced multiple deployments as he advanced in billet and rank. He was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Free-

dom. Robertson said the Marine Corps benefited not only his personal and professional growth, but benefitted all who have served in the corps. "Every Marine is gonna get their eagle, globe, and anchor tattooed on their souls forever, you're living the transformation of a Marine," said Robertson. "You have accepted our values, our culture, and our way of life." Robertson just recently took the command position of installation sergeant major for Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, on Dec. 5, 2019. He previously was the ser-

geant major for Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. "I truly believe in honor, courage, and commitment," said Robertson. "It is very important and it is not just a punch line." Since his arrival, he's been learning more about the station's mission, its Marines and Sailors, and what he could do to help the directorate achieve their end goal. "My intention for this station is for it to be the best place for tenant commands, Marines, Sailors and their families," said Robertson.

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Express Way at 1261 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.
Golden Dragon (AKA) Tokyo Asian House at 1850 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
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Tobacco at 835 Piney Green Road, Jacksonville.
Highway 24 Tobacco at 1448 West Corbet Ave. Jacksonville.
Hubert Tobacco at 393 Hubert Blvd., Hubert.
J&N Grocery at 1142 Beulaville Highway, Richlands.
Karen Huffman's Cleaning Jacksonville.
King's Tobacco Drive Thru at 1796 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.
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Naval Hospital Hotlines - (910) 450-4240 NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil
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U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Winston Mosley, Bravo Company noncommissioned officer in charge with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, stands with the company guidon at MCB Camp Lejeune, Jan. 17. Mosley, an An-niston, Alabama native, was recognized as the service member of the month for January.

Chamber recognizes HQSPT Bn Marine as January Service Member of the Month

From **1A**

BY LANCE CPL. TAYLOR SMITH

Marine Corps Installations East

Each month the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee recognizes service members in the area who stand out.

For the month of January, U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Winston Mosley, Bravo Company noncommissioned officer in charge with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, was recognized as the service member of the month at the Paradise Point Officer's Club on MCB Camp Lejeune, Jan. 13.

Mosley, an Anniston, Alabama native, enlisted in 2015 with the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 0311, rifleman. Mosley comes from a military family; his father is currently serving in the Navy Reserves.

"I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to develop a strategic understanding of the war fighting platform," Mosley said. "I also wanted to solve complex issues. Joining the Marine Corps

as a rifleman gave me the best chance to do that. I also wanted to know that I was making a difference, not only in my community, but in the world."

Mosley plans on continuing his career in the Marine Corps by laterally moving into the MOS 0471, personnel retrieval and processing specialist. He plans to move in order to fill a much needed billet within the Marine Corps. During this time, Mosley plans to remain active in his Marine Corps community and also his community back home. Currently Mosley participates in numerous community service projects with his battalion. He also uses his position in the Marine Corps to speak to the younger audience in his hometown.

"I come from a small community, where oftentimes, you graduate from high school and you just stay there and don't do anything more with your life," Mosley said. "I am privileged to come back to my hometown and let them know there is an opportunity out there in the military. There is a way out."

The Jacksonville-On-

slow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee sponsors the monthly service member of the month and an annual service member of the year recognition awards for MCB Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River.

"When I heard that I was selected for this honor, my first thought was 'it must be a mistake,'" Mosley said. "I'm really just a go-to Marine. When my leadership calls on me, I deliver. I just do what the Marine Corps tells me to do."

Marines are selected by the tenant commands and are recognized for their valuable professional performances as well as their participation in community projects, services and events.

"Sergeant Mosley's commitment to the mission is second to none and makes him an exemplary nominee for service member of the month," said Capt. Thomas Rimmer, Bravo Company commander, H&S Bn, MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune. "As the NCOIC of training for Company B, he is the trusted central information point that Marines strive to emulate."



Sgt. Winston Mosley, far left, attends a recognition ceremony in his honor.

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Reconstruction of hurricane-damaged Camp Johnson Chapel Begins

BY LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE
Marine Corps Installations East

Restoration and reconstruction of the historic Camp Johnson Chapel has begun after it sustained significant wind and water damage during Hurricane Florence in

September of 2018. Built in 1941 just a month after Camp Geiger was constructed, the chapel has served as a place for worship and ceremonies for Marines stationed on Camp Johnson and Camp Geiger. “When I saw what had happened to our chapel I sat down and cried” said Sharon Anderson, chapel coordinator of events and former Navy corpsman. “So much history has been made here and it serves such a good purpose because the Marines love the chapel.” The wind from the storm caused significant damage to the roof, tearing off shingles and exposing

the original wood foundation. The water from the storm soaked through original wood causing ceilings to cave in on top of offices and the main worship area. “The chapel is such an important place for the Marines, especially during times of stress such as being in training environments,” said Navy Lt. Matthew Brackett, a chaplain for Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Camp Johnson. “This is a place that they can go to know that someone cares about them as a person and understands what they need spiritually and can help guide them through internal struggles that the military lifestyle

can present to them.” Services and events for Marines who attend services at the Camp Johnson Chapel have been relocated to the Midway Park Chapel in Midway Park, until the preservation of the historical chapel is complete. The expected timeframe for completion is in the summer of 2020.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Ginnie Lee
A photo of the exterior damage of Camp Johnson Chapel on Camp Johnson, Nov. 21, 2019. The chapel, built in 1941, is undergoing historical preservation and reconstruction projects after sustaining significant structural damage caused by Hurricane Florence in September 2018.



The chapel endured damage to the interior structure.



Structural damage to large portions of the roof are visible from the chapel exterior.

MCAS Cherry Point Tax Center opens Jan. 30

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The Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Tax Center will be open from Jan. 30 to Apr. 15 Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office will also be open on Saturdays by appointment only. The center is located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 298 and is open to all personnel with base access to include active duty, reservists, retirees and families.

Operation Clean Sweep beautifies Camp Johnson



Photos by Cpl. Luis E. Zamot III
U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Jonathan Juan, an entry-level Marine with Logistics Operations School, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools (MCCSSS), collects litter during Operation Clean Sweep at Camp Johnson, Jan. 14. The operation is a yearly MCCSSS initiative to maintain Camp Johnson's professional and military appearance.



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Swim team's return makes year for Lejeune seniors



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Lejeune High School senior Dean Fecteau practices his butterfly stroke at the New River Indoor Pool, Dec. 16, 2019.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

When Lejeune High School senior Caroline Morgan was a freshman at LHS, she started pushing for the return of the school's swimming program. After little progress, Morgan nearly gave up hope.

But this year, the team made its comeback thanks to the effort and support of the school's leadership and Camp Lejeune Community Schools.

"I've been fighting for a team since I was a freshman," Morgan said, who has an automatic regional qualifying time in the 100-yard breaststroke. "I was sad that there wasn't a team."

What was once despair for the lack of a team, is now jubilation for its return.

"It made my senior year," Morgan said.

That positive attitude is reflected in the swimmers' chemistry.

"We are a very close-knit group," said senior Dean Fecteau, who has automatic regional qualifying times in seven events. "The meets bring us together as well as just going to practice with a



From left to right: Lejeune High School seniors Caroline Morgan, Dean Fecteau and Hannah Velarde pose for a photo prior to their meet at the Goldsboro YMCA, Jan. 18.

very small team. No one is really left out."

Senior Lauren McClane, the team's manager, has embraced their diversity.

"It's a very eclectic selection of students,"

McClane said. "Everyone is so different in their own ways, but I think because of that it makes us closer, because we are so accepting of one another."

Following the team's

final regular season meet on Jan. 25 at the Sports Center in Morehead City, the student-athletes will likely look back and remember what a special year it has been.

"I feel like we really understand each other because (even though) we come from different places, we all are military kids," said senior Hannah Velarde.

The 1A East Region-

al will be held in Cary at the Triangle Aquatic Center, Feb. 1. The top eight finishers from each event will go on to the state championships that will be held at the same facility, Feb. 6.



Caroline Morgan swims her specialty event, the 100-yard breaststroke, during a meet at the Twin Rivers YMCA in New Bern, Jan. 8. Morgan placed first overall in the event.



Hannah Velarde swims backstroke during the 200-yard individual medley event at the Goldsboro YMCA, Jan. 18. Velarde took first overall in the medley.

LHS wrestlers prepare for senior night Friday



Lejeune's Ethan Skillings, left, faces an opponent from Swansboro, Dec. 30, 2019.

Photos by Carin Goodall-Gosnell/PortraitsByCarin.com

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The Lejeune High School wrestling team hosts Southwest Onslow and North Lenoir at 6 p.m. on Friday in what will be the team's final home match of the year.

This season has collectively been a work in progress for the Devil Pups, who have several first-time wrestlers among a handful of athletes on the roster.

Despite the inexperience, every Lejeune wrestler has beaten an opponent in a match this

season.

LHS assistant coach Brett Becklund said that seeing the wrestlers grasp certain concepts from practice has been a good sign.

"Seeing everyone win a match has been a highlight," Becklund said. "The biggest highlight for me has been to see them use what we are practicing and execute it."

Sophomore standout Alex Suszko has led LHS so far this season by winning 17 of 18 matches at 152 pounds. Junior Jacob Livesay has tallied 14 wins and earned bronze

at the Onslow County Classic earlier this month at 138 pounds.

Ethan Skillings, the team's lone senior, has 13 wins and was one of three Devil Pups to get fourth at the County Cup. Kyle Spivey, a first-year wrestler, also has double digit wins with 11.

Following Friday's home match, LHS travels to Heide Trask on Jan. 28. The Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) tournament will be held at Richlands High School on Feb. 1 beginning at 9 a.m.



Lejeune's Jacob Livesay, right, takes on an opponent from West Craven, Dec. 30, 2019.

Marines help U.S. finish second in Rome

Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz cracks top 15 in world rankings

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

All-Marine wrestlers from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune helped the United States' Greco-Roman Wrestling Team earn a second place finish at a United World Wrestling Ranking Series event in Rome, Jan. 15-16.

Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz earned 10 team points for the United States and 8 points for his world ranking by finishing fifth in the Matteo Pellicone International tournament at 82 kg. Following his appearances in the semifinals and bronze medal match, Stefanowicz's world ranking jumped eight spots from #23 to #15.

Capt. Daniel Miller, the 2019 U.S. Senior Nationals Champion, pinned Yanan Chen of China in the first round, but then lost 3-1 to the eventual tournament champion.

At 67 kg, 1st Lt. Jamel Johnson and Sgt. Xavier Johnson both lost their first round matches to opponents who went on to share third place hon-



Courtesy photos

From left to right: Marine Corps Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz, Capt. Daniel Miller and All-Marine Wrestling Team Coach Jason Loukides pose for a photo with the U.S. Greco-Roman team's second place trophy that was earned at the Matteo Pellicone, a United World Wrestling Ranking Series tournament that was held in Rome, Italy, Jan. 15-18.

ors. Sgt. Johnson lost a close match 2-2 based on criteria while Lt. Johnson was defeated 1-5.

Sgt. Raymond Bunker lost 4-1 to a third-place finisher in his quarterfinal match at 72 kg to round

out the wrestling for the Marines.

Overall, the United States had 95 total points in the Greco-Roman Division, second only to Turkey who took first with 112 points.



From left to right: U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Daniel Miller, Sgt. Raymond Bunker, Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz, Sgt. Xavier Johnson, 1st Lt. Jamel Johnson and Coach Jason Loukides of the All-Marine Wrestling Team pose for a photo in front of The Colosseum in Rome, Jan. 13.

Mariners steal win from Devil Pups

East Carteret boys snap Lejeune’s winning streak to extend their own

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The Lejeune High School boys’ basketball team’s longest win streak of the season ended at four games in a 69-58 loss to East Carteret (9-3, 5-1), Jan. 17.

Despite playing catch up for nearly the entire game, the Devil Pups gave themselves a chance in the fourth quarter.

LHS, who entered the final period down 11, cut the deficit to just five points when LaKeigh Harris scored to make it 56-61 with three minutes remaining. But that was as close as Lejeune got down the stretch against the Mariners, who extended their winning streak to five games.

Though LHS coach Hugh Miller was disappointed with the outcome, he knows his team is coming together at the right time.

“We know our roles now,” Miller said. “We know what we can do, and we got a couple bad breaks tonight.”

The Devil Pups (7-7, 3-4) got a pair of 20-point nights from Andrew Navarro and Jaylon Armstrong, who fouled out early in the fourth quarter. Nick Simon added 12 points and five assists.

The Mariners, who hold outright second place in the Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A), were paced by

Perry Austin’s 21 points. Caleb Hymon scored 20 points as Bennie Brooks chipped in 15.

Some losses may sting harder than others, but Coach Miller and his team won’t dwell on this one very long.

“We will forget this, and we will look past it,” Miller said. “We don’t look behind; we look ahead.”

What’s ahead for Lejeune is a seven-game stretch where they’ll get a rematch with each conference opponent to close out the regular season.

LHS travels to Croatan on Friday before hosting Dixon on Tuesday.

OF NOTE: Pender controls its destiny with a league-best 7-0 record in conference. Second-place East Carteret is followed by Dixon, Croatan and Lejeune. Armstrong made 10 of 11 free-throw attempts and recorded 10 rebounds, six steals and five assists. Navarro had five steals and four assists.

	1	2	3	4	Final
EC	18	24	15	12	69
Lej	17	20	9	12	58

East Carteret: Perry Austin 21, Caleb Hymon 20, Bennie Brooks 15, Mason Rose 8, Henry Tillet 3, Thomas Wallace 2

Lejeune: Andrew Navarro 20, Jaylon Armstrong 20, Nick Simon 12, LaKeigh Harris 4, Jordan DeBose 2



Lejeune’s Andrew Navarro, right, is challenged by East Carteret’s Henry Tillet, Jan. 17.

Friday’s games (1/24):

Jacksonville at Northside-Jacksonville

White Oak at Swansboro

Dixon at Southwest Onslow

Lejeune at Croatan

Richlands at Heide Trask

Pender at East Carteret



Nick Simon slices through the East Carteret defense, Jan. 17.



Jaylon Armstrong goes to the rim, Jan. 17.

Coastal 8 Conference Scoreboard (boys):

1/17	East Carteret 69, Lejeune 58
	Heide Trask 63, S.W. Onslow 46
	Dixon 68, Richlands 62
	Pender 75, Croatan 30
1/21	Dixon 66, Heide Trask 60

Sledgehammer Race Series returns Feb. 1

Event is first run of 2020 Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission Race Series

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

A race series honoring combat veterans will be held at North Topsail Beach, Feb. 1.

The Sledgehammer Race Series offers a half marathon, 10-mile beach run and a 5k option for participants. The second-year race kicks off this year’s Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission (JOSC) Race Series.

According to JOSC Executive Director Scott Smith, the 5k will be on the beach while the half marathon and 10-mile options will likely utilize both the road and the beach. Smith said the Sledgehammer Race Series, which originated in Onslow County last year, is expected to hold future races across the United States near military installations.

The Sledgehammer is held in memory of Dr. E. B. Sledge, a lifelong Marine who spent time at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and whose memoir “With the Old Breed at Peleliu and Okinawa” has been translated into five languages and referenced twice for film.

To learn more about the Sledgehammer Race Series, visit www.play-josc.com or find the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission on Facebook. Registration on the day of the event is accepted.



Runners gather at the start/finish line during the 2019 Sledgehammer Race Series at North Topsail Beach.

Photo courtesy of Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission

Upcoming Local Runs:

1/25:	Fabulous 5k, Jacksonville
2/1:	Sledgehammer Half Marathon, 10-mile and 5k, North Topsail Beach
2/8:	X-treme Endurance Challenge 12k+, Camp Lejeune

3/7:	Ainsley’s Angels 6th Annual Run With Your Heart 5k/10k/15k, Jacksonville
3/14:	St. Paddy’s Engineer Challenge 5 mile, Camp Lejeune

Lejeune High School girls vs. East Carteret



Lejeune High School girls' basketball coach Len Tarnowski talks to his team during a timeout, Jan. 17.

	1	2	3	4	Final
EC	14	11	12	16	53
Lej	6	0	7	7	20

Lejeune – Kayla Stevens 8, Jameela Rod 6, Katherine Coltey 2, Rylee Guthrie 2, Madison Gates 1, Kayla Lazaro 1
East Carteret – Kaitlyn Johnson 10, Ellie Fulcher 10, Kendalyn Dixon 7, Madi Rose 6, Myajah Jarman 4, Camden Ensminer 4, Jamaya Shelton 4, Hailey Grady 3, Adriana Utley 3, Makayla Frost 2

Coastal 8 Conference Scoreboard (girls):

1/17	East Carteret 53, Lejeune 20
	S.W. Onslow 53, Heide Trask 47
	Richlands 55, Dixon 41
	Croatan 56, Pender 19
1/21	Heide Trask 35, Dixon 24

To view more photos from both the girls' and boys' varsity games, visit us online at www.camplejeuneglobe.com/sports.



Katherine Coltey drives by an East Carteret defender, Jan. 17.



Kayla Stevens shoots a layup, Jan. 17.



Jameela Rod scores two points, Jan. 17.

Sports on TAP

For more information on games, tryouts, special events and exercise classes around MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, check out Sports on Tap each week. To add your activity, call (910) 451-7421. Availability is limited to space. To add your event to our website calendar, visit www.camplejeuneglobe.com.

Wrestling Open Mat Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Marine Corps Air Station New River, AS-4000

Weekly open mat hosted by the All-Marine Wrestling Team. Open to all active duty DoD personnel. To learn more, contact the All-Marine Wrestling Team via social media.

Camp Lejeune Rugby Dates and locations vary, MCB Camp Lejeune

The Camp Lejeune Rugby Football Club seeks new male and female players. All experience levels are welcome; crossover athletes preferred. The Camp Lejeune team serves as a pathway to play All-Marine Rugby. To learn more, message Camp Lejeune Rugby on Facebook.

2020 Grand Prix Series Registration

Dates continuous through February of 2020, MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River

Registration for the 2020 Grand Prix Series is now open. The TRIFECTA returns in 2020, consisting of the X-Treme Endurance 12K+ Challenge, St. Paddy's Engineer 5-Mile Challenge and the Mud, Sweat & Tears 5-Mile Run. Series events take place on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and Stone Bay. To register or to learn more, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grandprix or call (910) 451-0025.

MCAS New River Commanders' Cup Series Dates continuous throughout year, MCAS New River

The Commander's Cup is a competition sports series, which promotes combat readiness, resiliency, esprit de corps, leadership, teamwork and loyalty for active duty personnel through participation in sports. Open to active duty personnel only. All teams need to

register with their respective units. First come, first serve. Space is limited. Registration for deck hockey begins Feb. 3. Visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/sports for registration packets, eligibility and more information.

Xtreme Family Fun Night Thursday nights, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., New River Bowling Center, MCAS New River

Enjoy black light bowling and music for only \$20 per lane for two hours. Price includes shoes and up to five bowlers. Open to all authorized patrons and their guests. To learn more, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/bowling or call (910) 449-4921.

Wag Walk Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Greenway Trail (across from Marston Pavilion), MCB Camp Lejeune

Bring your well behaved friendly dog to our free monthly Wag Walk. Get outdoors while giving yourself and your furry family member some fun exercise. Join others on a relaxing stroll on the beautiful trails of Camp Lejeune. This is a great way to meet other dog owners and make new friends. All dogs must be approved base breeds. A waiver must be signed to participate with Outdoor Adventures. To learn more, call (910) 451-1440.

Fencing Class New session begins Jan. 31, 7 p.m., Wallace Creek Fitness Center, Room 132AB

Beginner class meets on Friday nights from 7 p.m. 8 p.m. Intermediate class and open fencing goes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost for the eight-session class is \$40. A USA Fencing membership of \$10 is required. Class runs through March 27 and is taught by Greg Spahr, head coach of the Cape Fear Fencing Association. All fencing equipment is provided. To learn more, visit www.capefearfencing.com or call (910) 799-8642.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SHAWN JONES



Photo and Q&A by Calvin Shomaker

Q: WHAT'S CLICKING FOR YOU THIS SEASON?

A: We have really good ball handlers that can cause double teams and then kick it out to me, and I can finish with an easy two points. We have a deep bench, too.

Q: HOW IS THE SEASON GOING?

A: It's going pretty good. It seems like we are going to the playoffs, and if we just keep winning then we should be good.

Q: WHAT HAS COACH THOMPSON'S MESSAGE BEEN TO THE TEAM?

A: Move the ball down the court quick, and make sure that we don't play at their pace, but they play at our pace.

Q: ARE THERE ANY ATHLETES YOU LOOK UP TO OR YOU MODEL YOUR GAME AFTER?

A: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR GOALS? ARE YOU LOOKING TO PLAY IN COLLEGE?

A: I'm looking to play at the next level and maybe go to the league.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF DUNK THAT YOU CAN DO?

A: When I go up with one (hand) and I cock it behind my head and slam it.

If you'd like to nominate an area athlete for Athlete of the Week, email cshomaker@camplejeuneglobe.com.

Community honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by paying it forward

"I did not go to college until after I got out of the Corps. That's why this initiative is so important to me. It is important that students feel supported and are informed and have everything they need to succeed."

- Elmer Price



Photos by Erin Vance
Raymond Applewhite (left), last year's Keynote Speaker and retired Navy Senior Chief, takes a few moments to speak with Elmer Price (right), retired Marine Corps gunnery sergeant and recipient of the True Dedication award during CCCC's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony, Jan. 20.



Coastal Carolina Community College hosts 6th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service ceremony, Jan. 20. Teachers, mentors and tutors were all smiles as they honored Price with a True Dedication Award.

BY ERIN VANCE
Lifestyles Writer

Coastal Carolina Community College held its 6th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Ceremony, Jan. 20. The ceremony, which was cohosted by the Minority Male Success Initiative (MMSI), began with a ceremony and ended with students going to perform community service. The ceremony began with several students speaking, and an opening prayer by Minister Eddie Bunn. Erica Savage Wilson was this year's keynote speaker and is the director of Outreach and Veteran Engagement. "I was truly honored to be invited to speak today," said Wilson. "Being able to come and talk about Dr. King and his mission of togetherness and forward progression was so important." Wilson spent 10 years

in federal service and then went to the private sector, where she now trains and manages teams of officers who are responsible for reviewing and researching extensive data specific to Iraq War veterans and their impacted families. Elmer Price, an Early Engagement Student Success Coach who spent 21 years in the Marine Corps and has been at CCCC for 15 years, was given an award for True Dedication for his years of service. A surprise presentation included video congratulations from members of Price's family who could not attend. Price began coordinating annual Days of Service six years ago. "Price's work with the Minority Male Success Initiative inspired me to come and support the work they do," said Wilson. "It is so important to pay it forward. It is amazing how many men have gone from CCCC to a good four year

college, since this initiative began." "I was not expecting this," said Price. "We had planned this out to the minute, I do not know how everyone kept it a secret from me. I am truly humbled." Price retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2000 and went to college at Campbell University on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "I did not go to college until after I got out of the Corps," said Price. "That's why this initiative is so important to me. It is important that students feel supported and are informed and have everything they need to succeed." Following the ceremony, CCCC students went to volunteer with the Jacksonville United Way's Children Healthy Eating on Weekends program. This program is designed to combat hunger in Onslow County.



Elmer Price, student success coach with Coastal Carolina Community College's early engagement program, was honored with an award for True Dedication for his tireless and selfless dedication to his students at CCCC's 6th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service ceremony.

The Safdie Brothers and Adam Sandler get deadly serious in ‘Uncut Gems’

BY ED SYMKUS
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The newest Adam Sandler movie, which is also the newest Safdie Brothers movie, makes for a frantic, shocking, nervous and sweaty time at the cinema. It's a movie that offers joyous highs and abysmal lows. Some of it will make you laugh, some of it will make you squirm.

It's not the kind of Sandler film that will appeal to those longtime fans who bow down to his loud and goofy "Happy Gilmore" side. This shows off the talents of those "other" Sandlers, the ones in "The Wedding Singer" and "Funny People" and the sadly overlooked "The Meyerowitz Stories."

It's the kind of film that fans of the Safdie Brothers' earlier efforts, "Heaven Knows What" and "Good Time," will be expecting, but this one turns up the intensity meter just a little higher.

"Uncut Gems" is the story of a man with a gambling problem. That would be Howard (Sandler), who owns a jewelry showroom in New York's Diamond District, and who is addicted to betting on basketball games, and who never seems to have much luck coming this way. He borrows money to make bets, loses the bets, borrows more money - from other people - to pay off the debts, and then borrows more - from yet others - to make more bets.

In the film's 2010 opening sequence, set in Ethiopia, a huge black opal is found in a mine. Cut to two years later, and an unpleasant scene in New York, with Howard being accosted by a couple of thugs who remind him that he's overdue in his payments to a loan shark named Arno (Eric Bogosian). "I'm good for it," he says. "I'm about to close a big deal." You have to wonder how many times he's said that.

Then it's off to Howard's small, crowded showroom, just as a package arrives, one that makes him almost jump for joy, because it's that big black opal - that "big deal" he was talking about, which he bought at a bargain and intends to sell at auction for a fortune.

But a wealthy customer in the showroom, Kevin Garnett, the former Boston Celtics forward, playing himself, sees the opal, decides it's a good luck charm, and says he must have it, even if for only one night, and will trade his championship ring for collateral.

Nothing good can come of this. All sorts of people after Howard for the money he owes them - Arno's main thug, Phil (Keith Williams Richards) is the scariest - he can't find the opal when he needs it, an affair he's having with the aggressive and demanding Julia (Julia Fox) is proving



Kevin Garnett (left) and Adam Sandler make a deal over a gem and a ring while LaKeith Stanfield listens in.

Photo courtesy of A24

difficult, his long-suffering wife Dinah (Idina Menzel) has had about enough of his shenanigans, and that auction doesn't go quite the way he hoped it would.

Accompanied by a loud, annoying electronic score (perfect for the mood the Safdies are setting here), this becomes an up-close look at a man in turmoil, a guy who regularly hits rock bottom, then manages to fall even lower. Nothing goes right for Howard, and even though most of his

misfortune comes from his own doing, you feel some sympathy for him.

That's due to the Safdies' writing, but also to Sandler's manic performance. "You need to calm down," Howard is told time and again. But he doesn't know how. An interesting character trait is revealed as he tries, unsuccessfully, to be polite, even when he's yelling and cursing at people. It all ends up to be a film in which both Sandler and the Safdies are pulling out all the stops, and it works. Yet,

while all of the unpleasantness is spinning around the story and characters, there are a few oddly funny lines of dialogue mixed in, and credit goes to Sandler for knowing exactly how to use his gift of comic timing to deliver them.

That part is for the Sandler fans. For basketball fans, there's some footage of the Boston Celtics/Philadelphia 76ers 2012 playoffs. For those who have joined the Safdies bandwagon, you're familiar with their penchant for

violence. And you have a good idea of where and how all of this is going to end. The rest of you have been warned.

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MOVIE SCHEDULES

CAMP LEJEUNE Bldg. 19 McHugh Blvd.	MIDWAY PARK Bldg. 4014A in Midway Park	NEW RIVER Bldg. AS240 Curtis Rd., Air Station
FRIDAY "Spies In Disguise" PG, 6:30 p.m. "Queen and Slim" R, 9:20 p.m.	FRIDAY "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG-13, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY "Cats" PG, 6 p.m. "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 3:30 p.m. "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG-13, 6 p.m.	SATURDAY <i>Half Price Matinee</i> "Cats" PG, 11 a.m. "Spies In Disguise" PG, 2 p.m.	SATURDAY "Spies In Disguise" PG, 6 p.m. "Uncut Gems" R, 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY "Spies In Disguise" PG, 3:30 p.m. "Uncut Gems" R, 6:30 p.m.	SUNDAY "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG-13, 2 p.m.	SUNDAY "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG-13, 2 p.m. "Richard Jewell" R, 5 p.m.

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To add your event, email pgruner@camplejeuneglobe.com or call **451-7421**. Space is limited to availability.

To submit your event for our online calendar, visit <https://www.camplejeuneglobe.com/calendar>.

Lunchtime Book Club (Ages 18+) Jan 23, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your lunch to the Research Library on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune for a monthly discussion on books. Club is for ages 18+ and open to all authorized patrons. For more information, call **(910) 450-9845**.

Wag Walk Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Bring your well behaved dogs to a monthly Wag Walk along the Greenway Trail across from Marston Pavillion. All dogs must be approved base breeds.

33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Black & White Scholarship Ball. 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Chapter 10 & Auxiliary presents the 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Black & White Scholarship Ball at 148 Brynn Marr Rd in Jacksonville. Guest Speaker will be Elder Sidonia Harrison Woods. Proceeds will benefit the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship. For more information call **(910) 554-7308**. Tickets are \$40.

Dinner for the Deployed Jan. 27, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"Serving Your Six Ministry" at Trinity United Methodist Church is holding a dinner for deployed spouses including families of deployed military; this dinner is not only for spouses of deployed, but any spouse of someone who is currently serving or training away from home. The dinner will take place at the church fellowship hall, 301 Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 29540. For my information call **(910) 455-4814**.

Save-A-Pet

Adopt a new friend today, save a life

Photos by Onslow County Animal Shelter



My name is Wilbur, and I am a male, black and tan hound mix. The shelter thinks I'm about four years old.

Pet ID# 43535797



My name is Frito, and I am a female, grey and white domestic short hair mix. The shelter isn't sure how old I am.

Pet ID# 43570214

The Onslow County Animal Shelter is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To see more photographs of pets available for adoption, visit www.onslowcountync.gov/AnimalServices. For more information, call 455-0182.

New parents find support at Baby Boot Camp



Photos by Erin Vance

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporals Tiffany Johnson and Devin Johnson practice proper newborn care at the New Parent Support Group's Baby Boot Camp, Jan. 15.

BY ERIN VANCE
Lifestyles Writer

With the excitement of becoming a first-time parent, often comes nerves and uncertainty. Late night feedings, crying, baths and irregular sleeping patterns are some of the new aspects of parenthood that take some adjustment. Through the New Parent Support Program (NPSP), active duty service members and family members who are expecting a baby can sign up for Baby Boot Camp.

“(Baby Boot Camp) is a full day class where we use life-size dolls and parents practice basic newborn handling,” said Mary Caldwell, NPSP branch manager. “We want to address issues confronting new parents to provide education, so they will feel more confident and know

that supports are available to them.”

Baby Boot Camp helps train couples in basic childcare practices. Covering topics like proper infant nutrition and care, handling postpartum difficulties, child safety and making the transition into parenthood, couples get to participate in hands-on activities that simulate some of the real-life situations they will face.

Baby Boot Camp is designed to have flexibility in its format so all military members could have access to it. The class is regularly offered on MCB Camp Lejeune weekly and on MCAS New River once a month. Expectant parents can sign up for the class during the 3rd trimester. Private classes and home visits are also available to new parents who want additional

support. According to Caldwell, this training helps prevent improper parenting behaviors, such as neglect and abuse.

“Soothing, supporting

and nurturing are not considered spoiling,” Caldwell said. “These actions are essential for brain development and healthy emotional behavior.”

Visit www.mccsle-jeune-newriver.com/npsp or call 910-449-9501 for more information or to register for Baby Boot Camp.



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Mark Labouef and wife, Rachel, practice diaper changing.

Kids shoot for the stars at Onslow County Museum

BY ERIN VANCE
Lifestyles Writer

The Onslow County Museum (OCM) hosted their monthly Family Fun Friday make-and-take craft event, Jan. 17. Each month the museum picks a different theme and focuses on teaching children fun and exciting facts about them. January's theme was Outer Space.

“We have not done space in over 10 years,” said Emily Baker, educational director with OCM. “We decided to focus on constellations first. This is a good kick off to our

Kids Discovery Exhibit which is opening in June. Each month we will pick something new and wrap up at the big Summer Art Program, which is every June and July.”

Children were able to make constellations and star gazers out of craft supplies.

“We try to offer free family fun as often as possible,” said Lisa Whitman-Grice, museum director at the OCM. “The Second Wednesday of the Month is Wilderness Wednesday, which we hold in Sneads Ferry at the Environmental Education Center and then every third Friday we

hold the Family Fun Fridays here in Richlands.”

The museum is a registered Blue Star Museum, which means every Memorial Day to Veterans Day they offer free admission for military and their families.

“I like coming to these and I am very excited we are learning about space,” said Jaxson Watts, an 8-year-old aspiring astronaut. “I love outer space and I cannot wait to go there.”

The event's hours are 3 to 5 p.m. every month. For more information about upcoming events call (910) 324-5008.



Photo by Erin Vance

11 year old Ella Braman checks out her star gazer while brothers Greg, Logan and James put the finishing touches on their projects at Onslow County Museum's Family Fun Friday, Jan. 17.



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Five honored at American Eagle Awards



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John Reed (right), conducts the introduction during the American Eagle Awards at Sywanyks Scarlett and Gold in Jacksonville, Jan. 17.



(Left to right) Gunnery Sgt. Jason Emerich, Staff Sgt. Dayton McConnell and Sgt. Christian Morel pose for a picture together.



Attendees look on during the awards ceremony.



The awards are given to nominees who go above and beyond the call of duty.



The John A. Lejeune Award was awarded to McConnell.

BY ERIN VANCE
Lifestyles Writer

Five Marines received awards for their acts of heroism or exceptional duty performance during the 13th annual American Eagle Awards, at Sywanyk's Scarlet and Gold in Jacksonville, Jan. 17.

"The American Eagle Award was formerly the American Hero Awards, but we had to change the name since not everyone nominated is selected for an act of heroism," said retired Army Master Sgt. John Reed, CEO of Main Street and host of the event. "Sometimes they are nominated for simply going above and beyond the call of duty. We are here to recognize five service members who exemplify the uniform."

Reed coordinates the awards ceremonies and is also the CEO and executive director of Main Street, a locally owned business development program that, along with its sponsors, helps to support Marines and Sailors.

"Marines are selected by each of the command sergeants major from the major commands: 2nd Marine Division (2nd MARDIV), 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (2nd MAW), 2nd Marine Logistics Group (2nd MLG), U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC), and Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST)," said retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Joe Houle. "Of the five who were nominated, one will get the John A. Lejeune Award."

While MCIEAST did not name a nominee two nominees were selected from 2nd MLG. The five Marines honored were Sgt. Ken Tolentino and Cpl. Nicholas Caltabiano, 2nd MLG, Sgt. Christian Morel, MARSOC, Gunnery Sgt. John Emerich, 2nd MAW and Staff Sgt. Dayton McConnell, 2nd MARDIV. McConnell would go on to receive the John A. Lejeune Award.

"It was such an honor to even be nominated," said McConnell. "It was completely unexpected and truly I think it is more a reflection of my Marines. They make me look good because they all work very hard ... This is a complete surprise. I feel like I was only ever doing what I was tasked with. It is my job to support my Marines. I never expected to be recognized for it. It is truly humbling."

McConnell was nominated for his leadership, character and dedication. His command noted his various accommodations and provided examples of his exceptional duty performance.

For Reed, the ceremony is about more than recognizing one service member.

"I do these programs because I don't want to see these young Marines and Sailors get treated like we did when we came back from Vietnam," Reed said. "Awards like these are important to show people all the good work that these nominees have done and all the good the military does."

NMCCL salutes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Molina

(From left) U.S. Navy Capt. Alan Christian, executive officer, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune, Hospital Medic 2nd Class Abe Kedir, Capt. Jeff Timby, commanding officer, NMCCL, Hospital Nurse Gerald King and Command Master Chief Michelle Brooks pose for a photo during NMCCL's January Diversity Day celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

COURTESY STORY

The Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune Diversity Committee hosted an event on January 21 to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sailors presented Dr. King's biography and discussed his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and dedication to equal rights for all. Capt. Jeff Timby, commanding officer, NMCCL reflected on what he called a "hard time for our country" when Dr. King was killed. Timby encouraged listening to one another and continuously working toward peace.

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Liturgical Protestant Communion Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
(Children's Church ages 3-12 provided)
Time for Prayer Monday: 11:30 a.m.
Religious Education (Chapel Annex):
Earthen Vessels Women's Bible Study Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.
Navigators Bible Study Tuesday: 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship of Senior Leaders (FOSL) Wednesday: 6:30 a.m.
Women of the Chapel Bible Study Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.
Navigators Bible Study Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Identity In Christ Bible Study Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Tarawa Terrace Chapel (Bldg. TT-2477/TT-2469)

Worship Team Rehearsal Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
(Children's Church ages 3-12 provided)
Religious Education:
Men's Bi-Weekly Bible Study @ REC Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
Women of the Chapel Bible Study @ REC Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study @ REC Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
Men's Prayer Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
Sisters of the Chapel @ REC Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Camp Geiger Chapel (Bldg. TC 601)

Worship Service Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study (lunch provided) Wednesday: 11:45 a.m.

Camp Johnson Chapel (Bldg. M-116)

Due to the damage caused by Hurricane Florence, the Chapel will be closed until further notice.
Temporary location will be at the Rec Center (Bldg. M-434)
Contemporary Protestant Service Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Bay Chapel (Bldg. BB-16)

Bible Study and Prayer Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Service Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Stone Bay (Bldg. RR135, Stone Bay Chow Hall, Deck One)
Protestant Worship Service Sunday: 7:30 & 8:15 a.m.
For more information call RP2 Brandon Jozsa at **(910) 440-1029**.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Camp Geiger Chapel (Bldg. TC 601)

Worship Service Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Camp Johnson Chapel (Bldg. M-116)

Due to the damage caused by Hurricane Florence, the chapel will be closed until further notice.
Temporary location will be at the Rec Center, Bldg. M-434.

BUDDHIST

Naval Hospital Chapel

SGI Buddhist Introduction Meeting Thursday: 11:00 a.m.
For more information please call **(910) 450-4070**.

MUSLIM

MCIEAST Chaplain's Office (Bldg. 67)

Service Friday: 1:15-2:30 p.m.
Prayer room is available during normal working hours.

EASTERN OTHODOX

Due to the damage caused by Hurricane Florence, the chapel at Camp Johnson will be closed until further notice.

Midway Park Chapel (Bldg. LCH-4025)

Vespers first Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Divine Liturgy Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Children's Church after service
Holy Days TBA

JEWISH

The Jewish Chapel (Bldg. 67)

Sabbath Service, please check with the Lay Leader, Michael Archer via email at: michael.archer@usmc.mil.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Saint Francis Xavier Chapel (Bldg. 17)

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: first Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Weekend Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Monday- Friday: 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses Monday-Friday: 11:45 a.m.
Holy Day Masses: 11:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
The Catholic Chapel is open Monday – Friday from 7:30 – 3:30 for prayer
Confessions: Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
And upon request or by appointment **(910) 451-3210**
Baptismal class is held on the first Sunday of the month after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Chapel.
Religious Education:
CCD: Camp Lejeune Education Center Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
RCIA: Camp Lejeune Education Center Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study: CWOC Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
CWOC first & third Thursday: 9:00 a.m.
Location will be at the Protestant Chapel Trailers
There is No CCD or CWOC during school summer break

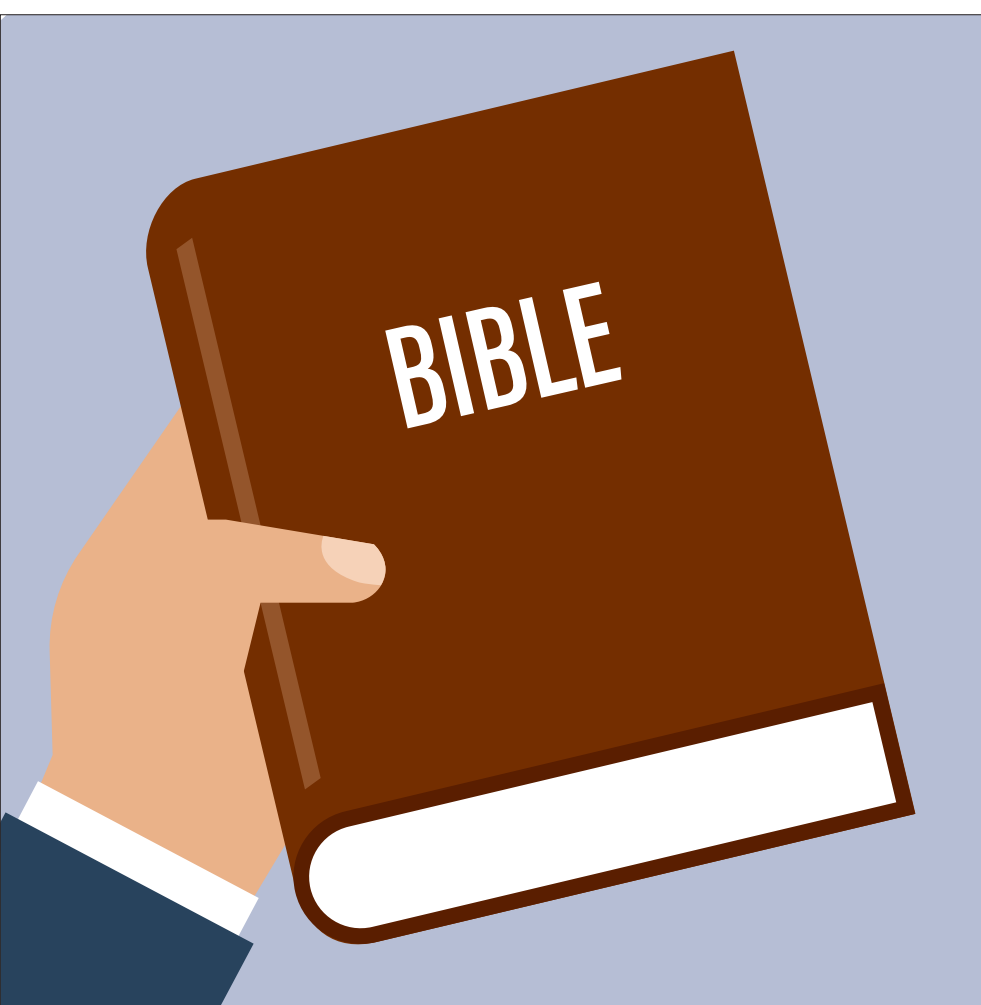
Camp Johnson Chapel (Bldg. M-116)

Due to the damage caused by Hurricane Florence, the chapel will be closed until further notice.
Temporary location will be at the Rec Center, Bldg. M-434.
Catholic Mass Sunday: 5:30 p.m.

Camp Geiger Chapel (TC 601)

Catholic Mass Sunday: 11:15 a.m.

For additional information and other faith provisions, please call (910) 451-3210. For emergencies or after hours assistance, please contact the MCB CDO at (910) 451-2414.



Check in at your chapel



CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

BY LT. WES SCHOLTZ

2nd Amphibious Assault Battalion

One of our nation's greatest service songs is "Anchors Aweigh." In the song, those serving aboard the ship are commanded to pull the anchor up, secure it and set sail for distant shores. Families serving in the Marine Corps and Navy are often asked to set sail together, far away from where they normally live. Oftentimes when I am counseling Marines and Sailors that are new to the area, I remind them that God is here in Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; He is always near. I encourage them to hold fast to God while they are here and continue to grow in their relationship with Him.

Instead, we oftentimes let our relationship with God fall away. Anytime we move it is easy to forget about God. We get busy getting the kids in school, meeting the command and whatever else takes up our time. Somehow, more often than not, God takes a back seat in this process. Everything is new and exciting but, eventually, "life" happens. Things begin to get off-center, unfocused and difficult. We begin to have issues in the shop, with our family and our friends. Instead of drawing close to God in these times of need, we continue on without Him,

wondering why things are in such disarray.

However, God is always near! He is loving and patient, waiting for you to return to Him. Your chaplains are here to guide you in this process regardless of where you are in your relationship with Him. Your chapels are a good place not only to grow in your spiritual health, but also to find fellowship amongst like-minded people and receive some encouragement along the way. Possibly, you might be able to alleviate a little bit of your homesickness by being in the same kind of environment where you thrived back home.

Troops to Teachers prepares service members to serve again



Photo by Sophia Harding

Douglas Taggart, program coordinator for North Carolina's Troops to Teachers (TTT), speaks to Marines prior to his seminar on the TTT program at the John A. Lejeune Education Building, Jan. 16. Taggart, a U.S. Army veteran, educates service members and veterans on what opportunities are available to them in the education sector.



Photo by Pat Gruner

A U.S. Marine takes notes prior to a TTT seminar. The program educates service members and veterans on what opportunities are available to them in the education sector including pathways to college, licensing processes and the programs in place to help service members use their leadership skills in the classroom.

Keep fire safety in mind this winter

Photo by Erin Vance

BY ERIN VANCE

Lifestyles Writer

Fire is the third leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 14 according to the National Safety Council. In 2017, 127 children died from fire or smoke inhalation.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Fire and Emergency Services is doing what it can to raise awareness and ensure resident safety when dealing with fire. While the leading cause of household fires is still cooking fires, with winter finally here, many people will be using space

heaters which draw an immense amount of energy and can contribute to electrical fires.

"Most electrical fires start because of overloaded circuits," said Glenn P. Zurek, deputy fire chief on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "People need to be mindful of what they are plugging in and where they are plugging them in."

With many people using extension cords around their house, it is important to be mindful of furniture placement and walking areas.

"Many times, cords end up in high trafficked areas or pinched behind a piece of fur-

niture," Zurek said. "Pinched wires cause a buildup of heat and cause a break down in the wires. A good way to understand it is to think of a cord like a water hose. If you turn a water hose on full, then kink the hose, the water comes out slowly and pressure builds around the kink ... Electricity behaves similarly. As it travels around the pinched area, heat builds up and can break down the protective layer. Eventually, when the breakdown is bad enough, fires happen."

Zurek also asks for motorists to be mindful of parking in a place that would block a fire hydrant.

FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



Photo by Erin Vance
A firefighter walks into a burning building setup during a fire safety exercise.

What many people are using as surge protectors are more like split extension cords, and can often overload a circuit. Extension cords are designed for temporary use.



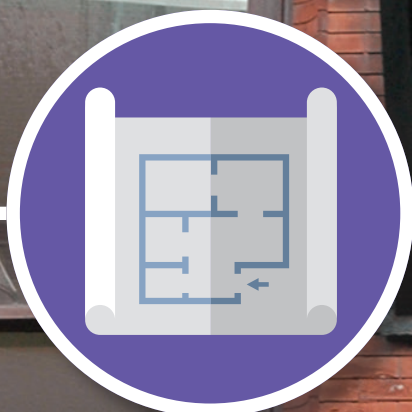
It is essential that you have smoke alarms in your home. Test smoke alarms monthly to ensure they are working.



Your vape pen or e-cigarette will set off a smoke detector. Do not vape or smoke in the barracks! Just go outside.



Have, and practice, a home escape plan. Everyone needs to know what to do during a fire, and where to meet after a fire.



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