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# Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps pays visit to MCIEAST service members, families



MCB Camp Lejeune

Photo by Cpl. Dominique Osthoff

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Troy E. Black, left, greets Sgt. Maj. Bobby D. Frazier, right, sergeant major for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, during an installation visit, Jan. 8.

BY CPL. DOMINIQUE OSTHOFF

Marine Corps Installations East

Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black, 19th sergeant major of the Marine Corps, visited Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jan. 8.

During his second visit to MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River since assuming his role as the Marine Corps' senior

enlisted, he toured public private venture (PPV) housing areas, and visited with Marines, Sailors and their families.

"My intent was to go out and see PPV housing and meet with [those who run] Marine and Family Programs, Marine Corps Community Services personnel and to visit with Marines and Sailors all across the Marine Expeditionary Force," said Black. "Additionally, to visit the

child development centers, the schools and the other programs MCCS and Marine and Family Programs provide for the Marines and Sailors at Camp Lejeune."

According to Sgt. Maj. Bobby Frazier, sergeant major of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East - MCB Camp Lejeune, Black is knowledgeable about PPV housing due to his experience in the Marine



MCAS New River

Photo by Cpl. Dominique Osthoff

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Troy E. Black, right, addresses Marines attending a Transition Readiness Seminar, Marine Corps Air Station New River, during an installation visit, Jan. 8.

Corps, but was enlightened with the differences between housing options that are available to the Marines. Additionally, he marveled at the many changes at each of the bases, to include the addition of the new road networks.

"Camp Lejeune has changed immensely," Black said. "Getting from Camp Geiger to Mainside is a new experience for those who were here 20 years ago before

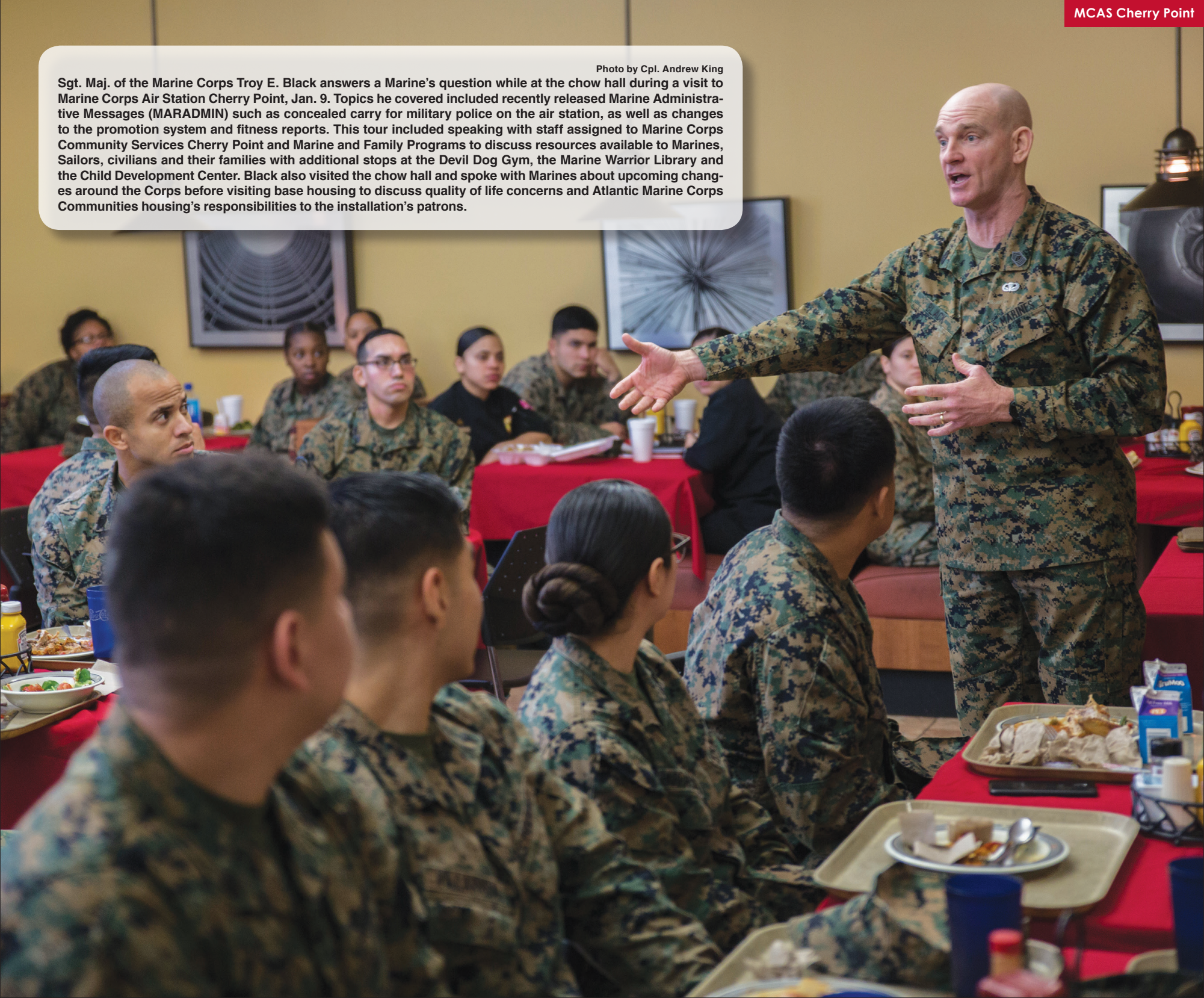
the bypass was put into place. It's been a complete turnaround over the last 30 years."

"While new infrastructure developments have changed the face of MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, [Black] learned that our Marines are continuing to train, Marines are deploying and he's confident that MCIEAST assets are providing II MEF the ability to project combat power for-

ward," Frazier said.

Black offered advice to today's service members and their families.

"Marines, Sailors, families: continue to put your best foot forward," Black said. "Remember what our mission is: to train, to fight and win and take care of our families and to continue to push forward and do great things. Mission first, Marines always. Marines first, family always. Semper Fidelis."



MCAS Cherry Point

Photo by Cpl. Andrew King

Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Troy E. Black answers a Marine's question while at the chow hall during a visit to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Jan. 9. Topics he covered included recently released Marine Administrative Messages (MARADMIN) such as concealed carry for military police on the air station, as well as changes to the promotion system and fitness reports. This tour included speaking with staff assigned to Marine Corps Community Services Cherry Point and Marine and Family Programs to discuss resources available to Marines, Sailors, civilians and their families with additional stops at the Devil Dog Gym, the Marine Warrior Library and the Child Development Center. Black also visited the chow hall and spoke with Marines about upcoming changes around the Corps before visiting base housing to discuss quality of life concerns and Atlantic Marine Corps Communities housing's responsibilities to the installation's patrons.



# 8th Engineer Support Battalion renews partnership with Lejeune High School



Photos by Lance Cpl. Ginnie Lee

Dana Sutherland, Lejeune High School principal, left, and Lt. Col. Robert P. Gerbracht, commanding officer, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, right, sign a certificate during an Adopt-a-School partnership renewal ceremony held at Lejeune High School, Jan. 7. The Adopt-a-School program is a voluntary, ongoing partnership between local schools and military units where units can adopt a specific school and complete activities within that school on a regular basis.

BY LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE

Marine Corps Installations East

Marine leaders with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, and Lejeune High School staff renewed their proclamation of adoption during a ceremony that celebrated 10 years of partnership at Lejeune High School on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jan. 7.

The partnership was made possible through the Adopt-a-School program. The program is a voluntary, ongoing partnership between local schools and military

units where units can adopt a specific school and complete activities such as mentoring and tutoring students.

“The Marines are important to us because they help our school when we need volunteers and our JROTC students appreciate the opportunities to see what real Marines do on a day-to-day basis,” said Caroline Morgan, the student body president at Lejeune High School.

The partnership between 8th ESB and Lejeune High School was originally established in 2010 with the intention of providing the Marines attached to 8th ESB with opportunities to refine and

apply their leadership and mentoring skills while giving students guidance on developing skills needed regardless of individual career paths.

“We want to stay involved by supporting the school events and helping anywhere we can to ensure the students have the best experience,” said Lt. Col. Robert P. Gerbracht, commanding officer, 8th ESB, 2nd MLG.

For units interested in the Adopt-A-School program or for more information, call Donna Grady, school liaison officer for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, at (910) 449-9749.



## Eagle Eyes Program: If you see something, say something

BY LANCE CPL. TAYLOR SMITH

Marine Corps Installations East

Across all Marine Corps installations from the east coast to the west coast and abroad, the Eagle Eyes program acts as the first line of defense. Using the Marine Corps’ own service members for security, regardless of occupation, makes the program a revolutionary change in the defense game.

Protection programs are critical in the prevention of attacks and protection of the force. Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) provides law enforcement with observed behavior that may be indicative of a terrorist or criminal threat.

“With the recent events, it is even more important to be aware and alert,” said Jeff Strohmman, antiterrorism training program manager.

SAR systems enable members of the community to act as the eyes and ears for law enforcement. It is critical for units and commanders to enforce the requirement to execute SAR and use programs such as Eagle Eyes (EE), the Marine Corps Suspicious Activity Information Portal (MCSAIP) and eGuardian.

According to MADMIN 613/18, Eagle Eyes is the official Marine Corps community awareness SAR program. The program allows anyone to report suspicious activity through the Eagle Eyes website, <https://www.usmceagleeyes.org>, or the locally designated phone number (910) 451-3333. Individuals can provide detailed information and possible imagery from mobile devices, security cameras or other imagery capture devices. All re-

ports submitted through the Eagle Eyes website are automatically uploaded into the Marine Corps suspicious activity information portal and analyzed by designated and specially-trained personnel.

There are eight indicators of terrorist detection. Surveillance, elicitation, tests of security, acquiring supplies, suspicious people who do not belong, dry runs, deploying assets/getting into position and financing. These are all signs to look for in terrorist detection.

“Everyone is a potential reporter, from lieutenants to generals. From privates to sergeants major,” Strohmman said. “That includes contractors, spouses and anyone else who has access to the base. With the combined efforts of everyone involved, MCB Camp Lejeune can lead the way in operational security.”



Students and staff stand with U.S. Marines for the playing of the Marine Corps Hymn.

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Dash-In at 1316 Hargett St., Jacksonville.  
Drive Thru Mini Mart at 2729 Commerce Road, Jacksonville.  
D’s Drive Thru (AKA: Raul’s Drive Thru) at 226 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.  
D’s Quick Mart at 2840 Highway 258 West, Richlands.  
Expressions at 419 South College Rd., #39, Wilmington.  
Express Way at 1261 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.  
Golden Dragon (AKA) Tokyo Asian House at 1850 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.  
Highlands Tobacco aka Piney Green  
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.  
Laird’s Auto and Truck Repair (U-Haul Rental) at 1197 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville.  
MB Super Discount at 800 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington.  
Moe’s Mart at 2105 Belgrade-Swansboro Rd., Maysville.  
Nash Market at 237 New River Drive, Jacksonville.  
OJ’s Tobacco and Vapor at 8900 Richlands Highway, Richlands.  
One Stop Shop at 501 Corbin St., Jacksonville.  
\*Precision Motor Sports at 1321 Lake Cole Road, Jacksonville.  
Price is Right Lawn Design in Jacksonville.  
Reid’s Mart at 461 Hubert Blvd., Hubert.  
Sahara Hookah Lounge at 917 North Marine Blvd., Jacksonville.  
Saint Thomas Custom Homes at 3560 McArthur Rd., Broadway.

Smart Buy at 375 Jacksonville Mall, Jacksonville. (currently not open, but has history of reappearing)  
Speedy’s Drive Thru at 357 Henderson Drive, Jacksonville.  
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Tobacco at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.  
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Triple C Diesel Performance and Mobile Repair  
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### OFF-LIMITS ROADS:

Catfish Lake Road

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## Hotline numbers to report fraud, waste, abuse and corruption

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MCIEAST Hotline - 451-3928 [www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx](http://www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx)  
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MARSOC Hotlines - 440-1045/0941 [www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx](http://www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx)  
New River Hotline - 449-6029.

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# 2nd AA Bn becomes first unit to navigate new Leadership Reaction Course

BY CPL. KARINA LOPEZMATA

Marine Corps Installations East

U.S. Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion (2nd AA Bn), 2nd Marine Division, took on a challenge as the first unit to navigate the newly-opened Leadership Reaction Course (LRC) on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jan. 7.

More than 60 Marines with 2nd AA Bn maneuvered through four different obstacles, some leading the path to victory and other to defeat.

"Marines gain a lot from this training and most importantly they gain the ability to think in a time constrained, stressful situation," said Staff Sgt. Donald McBee Jr., the mine countermeasure platoon sergeant with 2nd AA Bn. "There are frictions that are thrown at them, having to think under pressure, giving

them the ability to problem solve on the move."

The Marines divided into 12 teams of five, rotating through the different obstacles, each requiring critical thinking and problem solving skills to maneuver. Each station consists of its own rules and objectives: red surfaces couldn't be touched, only the materials provided could be used and all Marines have to make it through the obstacle safely. The team also had to complete each station in less than 15 minutes.

At each obstacle, a new Marine was given an opportunity to lead by becoming the fire team leader for the group. That Marine's responsibility was to form a plan, and organize and direct the Marines on hand to solve the obstacle in the time allotted. The objective of Marine Corps leadership is to develop the leadership qualities of Marines to enable them to assume progressively greater re-

sponsibilities. Regardless of rank, every Marine must be prepared to lead.

"I gained a lot of experience about critical thinking that I wouldn't usually get from my day to day work," said Cpl. Arthur Lesso, a metal worker with 2nd AA Bn. "I most definitely would do it again. It helps leaders and people who wouldn't be leaders to flex that muscle and just figure out a problem that doesn't have an easy solution."

According to McBee, 2nd AA Bn participated in the LRC as their Back in the Saddle (BITS) training to start 2020 off right. The goal of BITS is to refocus Marines after the holiday and prepare them for the year ahead.

"The LRC is absolutely great training, and I am glad they brought it back," McBee said. "I guarantee that we will be coming back to do follow up training here."



Photos by Cpl. Karina Lopezmata

U.S. Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, work together on an obstacle at the Leadership Reaction Course on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jan. 7.



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# Cookie drop brings cheer to MCAS Cherry Point



Photo by Cpl. Micha Pierce

Marines pose with members of Carteret County's Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee during the annual Cookies for the Troops delivery at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Dec. 16, 2019. The cookie drop donated baked goods to the Marines and Sailors on duty at the air station.

BY CPL. MICHA PIERCE

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

Residents of Carteret County donated 39 boxes of baked goods this year

to the Marines and Sailors on duty at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Dec. 16. The annual Cookies for Our Troops delivery has been organized by Carteret

County's Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee (MAC) for almost 18 years. Carteret County's MAC was inspired by a similar event at Marine Corps

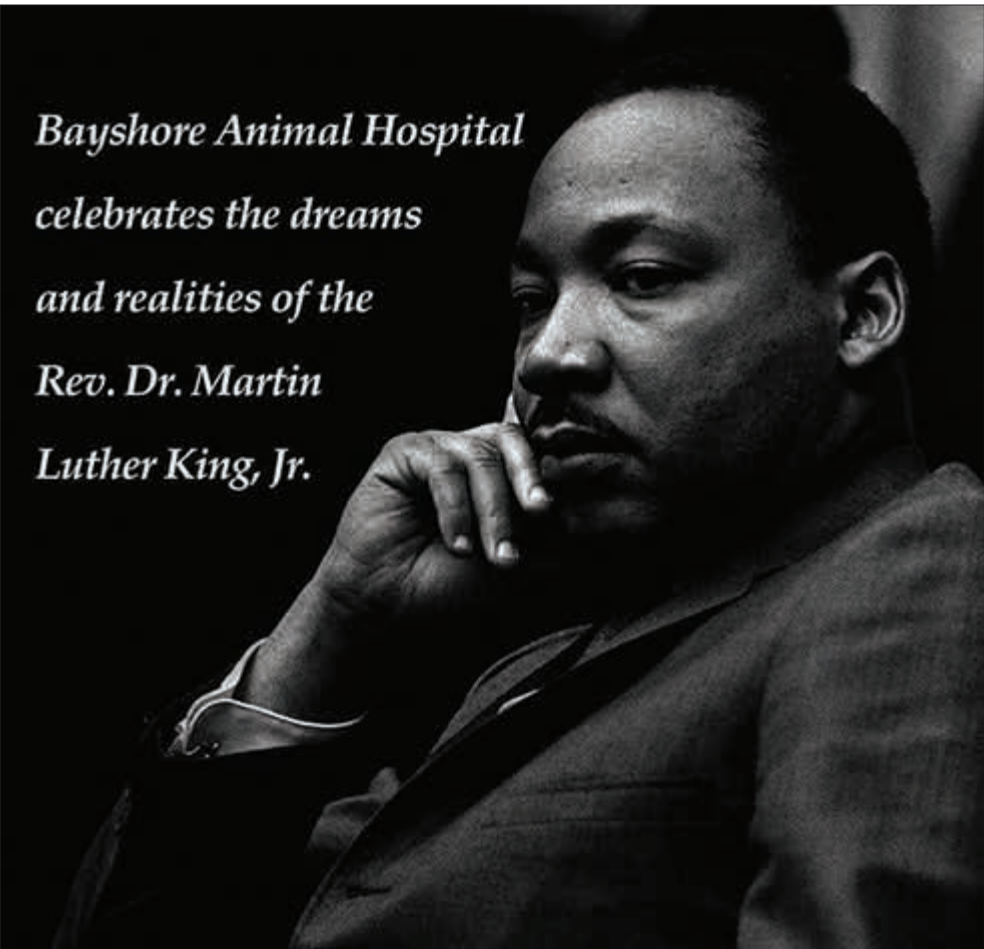
Base Camp Lejeune.

"Seeing their faces when we bring the cookies in is one of my favorite parts about today," said Bob Upchurch, a member of the Carteret

County MAC and a retired U.S. Army colonel. "The next best part is seeing their faces when they see the cards the kids put in the boxes."

Elementary school stu-

dents from all around Carteret County made unique Christmas cards that were included in the boxes to wish the service members a happy holiday season.



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# North Carolina native assumes responsibility as II MEF sergeant major



Photos by Sgt. Austyn Saylor

II Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General Lt. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault congratulates Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Thresher during a relief and appointment ceremony at Camp Lejeune, Jan. 10. The ceremony symbolizes the passing of trust and confidence from the outgoing sergeant major to the incoming sergeant major.

**BY LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS GUEVARA**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Lonnie N. Travis Jr. assumed responsibility as the senior enlisted leader of II Marine Expeditionary Force from Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Thresher during a relief and appointment ceremony on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jan. 10.

Travis, a 28-year Marine veteran from Pinnacle, North Carolina, looks forward to serving in his new billet.

"I am focused on war-

fighting, everything that we do as a MEF must be geared toward making us better warfighters," said Travis. "I am excited about joining the II MEF Team. I look forward to getting around to all the units and meeting the Marines and Sailors and learning what their unit does for our MEF."

Thresher, a 29-year Marine veteran from Dallas, served as the II MEF sergeant major since December 2016. Following the ceremony, Thresher reflected on his time at II MEF and how the unit has grown as part of the Fleet

Marine Force.

"Being able to see II MEF transition to a three-star warfighting organization has been very exciting and rewarding," said Thresher. "I have really enjoyed watching the Marines, at all levels, attack this new mission with professionalism and enthusiasm. This tour has made me realize just how good our Marines are when given hard tasks and how much they care about being a U.S. Marine."

Thresher will take over as the senior enlisted leader of U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany.



Past and present sergeants major of II MEF stand at attention for the Marines' Hymn.



Sgt. Maj. Thresher listens to Lt. Gen. Beaudreault give a speech.



Sgt. Maj. Thresher passes the sword of office to Lt. Gen. Beaudreault.





## Multi-sport athlete driven to ‘do more’



Photos by Calvin Shomaker

Payton Jeffers poses for a photo at Dixon High School, Jan. 9.

*Dixon High School senior Payton Jeffers has high hopes for the future, including a career in international relations.*

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER  
Sports Writer

Payton Jeffers doesn't settle. The three-sport Dixon High School athlete goes the extra mile in both athletics and academics.

Jeffers' will to do better sprouted from her mother and her father, Jeff Jeffers, a retired U.S. Marine master sergeant.

"He has shown me a sense of self-resilience, being able to do things on my own, being an individual and knowing how to push through some obstacles," Jeffers said of her father.

Her mother, Tammy Jeffers, has often told her to dream big.

"She was able to get out of the small town she was in, and so she was like, 'You should have that want to do more with your life,'" Jeffers said.

Jeffers is doing more. The fourth-year varsity player is averaging a double-double this season and had a career game against Richlands in late Decem-

ber, scoring 25 points and grabbing 24 rebounds.

Jeffers has committed to play softball at Salem State University in Massachusetts and major in international relations and global studies, a choice influenced by her inherent cultural curiosity.

"Being a military child, and having an opportunity to go live abroad, that's always why I've wanted to major in international relations," Jeffers said. "I want to learn more about my surroundings. The military has helped me with that as well as my mom telling me about it."

Dixon High School girls basketball coach Christel Caliguire is proud of her team.

"Our girls in general just work well together," Caliguire said, who also coaches softball. "They get along with each other, and that's a part of [Payton] and her other seniors, their leadership and their ability to lead by example."

The tight-knit com-

munity feel of Dixon, facilitated by its teachers and coaches, is something Jeffers enjoys.

"Our records might not be the greatest, but our coaches are really dedicated to wanting to better the players not just in the sport, but also off the court or field and in the classroom," Jeffers said.

The Dixon girls, who are 3-2 in conference, are still in the running for the Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) regular season title. With nine games left on the schedule, there is time to catch frontrunner Croatan.

"Our wins may not always show how hard we work or how bad we want it, but it's just good to come to practice with these group of girls, because they enjoy one another, and they do work hard," Caliguire said. "You can't really ask for more than that."

Dixon hosts Richlands on Friday before traveling to Trask on Jan. 21.



Payton Jeffers drives by a Swansboro defender, Dec. 13, 2019.

## Marines make list of 2019's ‘Top 10 USA Greco Matches’

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER  
Sports Writer

Greco-Roman wrestling website Five Point Move published its top 10 Greco matches of 2019, Dec. 30. Four All-Marine wrestlers made the cut. The Marines also took the No. 1 spot. Here's a look at the Marines' matches that were recognized.

**#10: Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz (USMC) over Dayvd Shadt (Ukraine) 6-2**

Stefanowicz overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Shadt in the 87 kg final of the Haparanda Cup in Sweden, Dec. 30. The victory gave Stefanowicz his first-ever international gold medal at the Senior level.

**#7: Capt. Daniel Miller (USMC) over**

**Lucas Sheridan (Army) 7-5**

In what Five Point Move called "the most thrilling last-second comeback of the entire year," Capt. Miller rallied back after being down 5-2 in the final seconds to claim victory in round two of the best-of-three match, May 19.

According to Miller, getting recognition on list is just an indication of the Marines' identity and culture.

"We are Devil Dogs," Miller said. "We are fighters. We are out there to scrap and a lot of times it ends up being a good show for the fans."

**#4: Sgt. Xavier Johnson (USMC) over Nolan Baker (NYAC) 13-13**

Sgt. Johnson and Baker went back and forth in the 67 kg bronze medal match at the U.S.

Senior Nationals held in Fort Worth, Texas in December. Up 9-4 on his opponent at one point, Johnson fought to survive a comeback attempt and held on to win the match based on point criteria.

**#1: Sgt. Raymond Bunker (USMC) over Ahmet Yilmaz (Turkey) 7-5**

Sgt. Bunker's bronze medal-clinching match at the Pytlasinski Memorial in Poland on Aug. 3 earned him the top spot on the list, according to Five Point Move, because of the excitement of the match and the amount of heart Bunker shows on the mat.

"Bunker is always dependable when it comes to a blood-and-guts kind of effort," wrote Five Point Move.

It's that warrior-like effort, driven by his Marine Corps mentality, which



Photo by Tony Rotundo/Wrestlers Are Warriors

U.S. Marine Corps 1st Lt. Jamel Johnson, left, wrestles during the U.S. Senior Nationals that were held in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 20-21, 2019.

has propelled Bunker to the limelight of Greco-Roman style wrestling in America.

1st Lt. Jamel Johnson, a 2019 Military World

Games participant, said that having four Marines make the list wasn't a shock.

"Marines are known for fighting, and wrestling

is a fighting sport, so I'm not super surprised that we had a bunch of those top matches," Johnson said. "We are just known for it."



# Capt. Daniel Miller gets the job done at Senior Nationals

After winning his second national title, Miller has his sights set on winning an Olympic gold medal.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER  
Sports Writer

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Daniel Miller, who won the Greco-Roman national title at 97 kg for the second straight year in December, isn't focused on just making it to this year's Tokyo Olympics.

"The ultimate goal is to win the Olympics," Miller said.

By taking gold at the U.S. Nationals, Miller solidified his spot in the Olympic Team Trials to be held at Penn State University in April, where he will join at least five other Marine teammates.

One reason Miller believes he's been able to win back-to-back national championships is the progress he's made in overcoming mental adversity.

"Perseverance through adversity is a huge thing for the Marine Corps, and it's a big thing that I have continued to grow with since I've been here with the wrestling program," Miller said.

The guidance of Jason Loukides, the All-Marine Wrestling Team's coach, also has played a big role.

"Coach Loukides is a phenomenal coach," Miller said. "He is not only phenomenal in wrestling and the mental aspect of sports, but also in your personal life and your professional life as well."



U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Daniel Miller, left, is declared victorious at the 2019 U.S. Senior Nationals, Dec. 21, 2019.

Photo by Tony Rotundo/Wrestlers Are Warriors

He has guided me in a lot of ways."

Next up for Miller and several of his fellow Marines is a United World Wrestling Ranking Series event in Rome this week.

The key for Miller in his next competition is to stay consistent with his

approach.

"As far as mindset going in there, it's just one match at a time, going into every match like it's a gold medal match, just like we go into every battle with the same mindset," Miller said. "[That mindset] is we need to come out at

the end with a victory, and if we don't fight as hard as we can in each of our battles, then the odds of us getting defeated increase drastically."

That battle-minded philosophy instilled in Miller and his teammates by the Marine Corps will be the

catalyst as they make their push for the Olympics.

"That [fighting] culture is inherent to our organization, and I think that it is just coming forward in our wrestling, which it should, because the mentality doesn't change," Miller said. "At

the end of the day, we are Marines and we are going out there representing the Marines Corps in a specific hand-to-hand combat way. [We] still have that same attitude, that same professionalism, and we don't forget that."

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### DEAN FECTEAU



Photo and Q&A by Calvin Shomaker

**Sport:** Swimming  
**School:** Lejeune High  
**Class:** Senior

#### Quick Facts:

- Captain of the LHS Swim Team
- In his second year at LHS
- Has automatic qualifying times for regionals in more than five different events
- Plans on serving in the military

#### Q: HOW HAVE YOU HAD SO MUCH SUCCESS THIS SEASON? HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN A SWIMMER?

**A:** I started competitive swimming in 7th grade in Okinawa, Japan, but I would largely contribute my success to just grit, discipline and consistent training.

#### Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT SWIMMING?

**A:** I think it is the team aspect: our team spirit and competitive nature. Just being together as a team and competing against the other schools – I find that very exciting.

#### Q: WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING ON THE SAME TEAM AS YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER?

**A:** He pushes me, I think. It's good to have a little brother on the team, because I know that he looks up to me. I want to be

a positive role model and set the example by doing the right thing.

#### Q: ARE THERE ANY ATHLETES YOU LOOK UP TO?

**A:** For me, it's not so much athletes; it's my friends. All my friends in school motivate me to do good every day.

#### Q: WHY DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE MILITARY?

**A:** I get asked this a lot. I think it's the military community, our connection to each other, service and all that we stand for worldwide. I have been fortunate to have grown up as a military child and want to always be a part of the military community. This has really influenced my decision [as well as] what I can offer as a contributing member and future leader [to] make a positive difference wherever military service takes me.

## Six area basketball teams make NCPreps.com poll



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

Three Dixon defenders swarm Swansboro's Jack Laine, Dec. 13, 2019. Dixon was one of six area teams to appear in NCPreps.com's first media poll of the year.

### Swansboro girls, Pender boys recognized as two of state's best so far this season

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER  
Sports Writer

NCPreps.com, a high school sports and college recruiting site affiliated with Yahoo subsidiary Rivals, released its first high school basketball media polls of the season, Jan. 7.

Two area teams appeared in the top 10 of its class. The Swansboro girls' team came in at #7 in Class 3A with 27

points. Also in Class 3A, the Jacksonville girls received honorable mention.

The Pender boys took the seventh spot in Class 1A as the only area boys' team to make the top 10. Also in 1A, the East Carteret boys received honorable mention.

The Croatan girls' team made honorable mention in the 2A standings while the Dixon boys were voted a top-15 team among the state's

2A schools.

High school media members from across the state participated in the poll.

To view the complete rankings released each Tuesday, visit [www.ncpreps.com/content/basketball](http://www.ncpreps.com/content/basketball).

**Editor's Note:** The poll was coordinated by Don Hines of NC Piedmont Sports and published by Deana King of NCPreps.

#### Area teams in NCPreps/HS Media Basketball Polls (1/7):

3A girls:	Swansboro (#7)
	Jacksonville (honorable mention)
2A girls:	Croatan (honorable mention)
2A boys:	Dixon (honorable mention)
1A boys:	Pender (#7)
	East Carteret (honorable mention)



# LHS Sports Roundup



Photos by Calvin Shomaker

Lejeune High School's Nicholas Simon goes up for a layup against Southwest Onslow, Jan. 3.

## Boys' basketball extends winning streak to four games

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER  
Sports Writer

### Basketball

The Lejeune High School boys' basketball team won their fourth-straight game 77-63 over Heide Trask, Jan. 10.

Andrew Navarro led LHS with 30 points. Jaylon Armstrong finished with 22 points, 13 rebounds and six assists.

The Devil Pups are 3-3 in the Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) and 7-6 overall heading into Friday's home game against East Carteret.

The LHS girls fell on the road against Trask.

### Wrestling

Lejeune's Kieran Lavato won against Pender's James Flint in a conference tri-meet, Jan. 8. Garrett Vega earned his first pin of the season 30 seconds into his match versus Dixon's Matthew Nichols.

LHS hosts Southwest Onslow and North Lenoir on Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.

### Track

The LHS boys won their meet at Heide Trask, Jan. 8.

Kyle Baldwin placed first in both the triple jump and pole vault to go along with second in the high jump and third in the 55-meter hurdles. Karl Benson won the 1000-meter run and Kamrin Wisherd finished third in the 500-meter.

LHS took second through seventh in the mile run. Tyler Shelton, second, and Niklas Cooper, third, led the way.

The LHS girls finished second overall. Kilala Stone won the 55-meter dash in 9.44 seconds, and Emalee Reynolds cleared 7 feet for first in pole vault. Elizabeth Schwend got second in the 1000-meter run, Skyler Kuncik placed third in the mile and Anne Perdue finished third in shot put.

The 4x400-meter and 4x800-meter relay teams for both the boys and the girls teams also won.

### Swimming

Dean Fecteau placed second in the 200-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard backstroke against four other schools at Twin Rivers YMCA in New Bern, Jan. 8.

Luc Fecteau got a pair of fourth-place finishes in the 100-yard backstroke



Lejeune's Ethan Skillings, right, grapples with Dixon's Adrian DeSousa during a match at Swansboro, Dec. 4.

and 100-yard butterfly, and Devin Fay had a couple top-10s in the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyles. Micah Velarde placed 7th in the 200-yard individual medley.

The LHS girls finished fourth out of six teams. Caroline Morgan took second in the 100-yard breaststroke and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle. Hannah Velarde got third in 100-yard butterfly and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle. Lucy Pound finished fifth in the 200-yard freestyle.

### Upcoming LHS Sports Schedule:

1/17 - Basketball vs. East Carteret (4:30 p.m.)

1/18 - Swimming at Goldsboro YMCA (8 a.m.)

1/24 - Basketball at Croatan (4:30 p.m.)

1/24 - Wrestling Senior Night (6 p.m.)



Lejeune's Marcus Cooper practices a jumping event at LHS track practice in November. Cooper finished fourth in the triple jump at Trask, Jan. 8.



Lejeune's Kayla Lazaro shoots a jumper versus Southwest Onslow, Jan. 3.



# Bolman having big impact on Dixon wrestling

*Two-sport athlete from military family got 100th career win, has four tournament titles this season*

**BY CALVIN SHOMAKER**  
Sports Writer

In less than three years at Dixon High School, Keagan Bolman has filled his wrestling resume with accolades.

So far this season, Bolman has gone 32-4 and won four different tournaments, including the Onslow County Classic at 126 pounds earlier this month. He also got his 100th career win this season.

The son of a U.S. Marine and a U.S. Navy Corpsman, Bolman knows that his upbringing has played a major role in becoming who he is today.

“It was really good for me, because my dad would always have me workout,” Bolman said. “It really helped me when I got to high school with my work ethic, because I was never really able to slack with

anything.”

The military is a familial backbone for Bolman, who plans to wrestle in college before commissioning in the Marine Corps as an officer. His brother is also a Marine, and his grandfather was one, too.

The culture of the Dixon wrestling program has also made Bolman better.

The Bulldogs, who are 14-3 as a team, won the Onslow County Cup earlier this month and had five individual champions, more than any other team. They also took first out of 18 teams at the King of Kings Invitational in Mint Hill, Jan. 11.

“With all the good wrestlers in the room, you are constantly wrestling competition to make you better, so you never have a moment to slack,” Bolman said. “With that in the room, you are always getting better, leaving prac-

tice better every day, and it just makes you a better wrestler.”

Bolman’s goals for the team moving forward are to send as many wrestlers as possible to states, winning the conference tournament and winning regionals on their way to the state duals.

In order to achieve his goals, Bolman is relying on what has gotten him to where he is today – hard work, something he would advise anyone, regardless of task.

“Whatever you are doing, work hard,” Bolman said. “If you don’t push yourself, you are not going to get better.”

Bolman won the Coastal 8 Conference (1A/2A) and 2A East Regional titles a year ago. This year’s conference tournament is scheduled for Feb. 1 at Richlands High School.



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

Keagan Bolman poses for a photo in the wrestling room at Dixon High School, Jan. 9.

## 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 continues 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](http://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**.

## Weekday Bowling

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bonnyman Bowling Center, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Weekday bowling special is \$2 per game per person (shoe rental excluded). To learn more, visit **www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/bowling** or call **(910) 451-5121**.

## Monthly Scramble

**Saturday, Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Monthly Scrambles are held (weather permitting) on the third Saturday of each month. Please register by 8 a.m. in the Pro Shop. Computer determines draw from players’ USGA Handicap. Cost is \$10 per person plus cart and greens fees. Scramble is open to the public. To learn more, call **(910) 451-5445** or visit **www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf**.

## 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

## 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**.*



\$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**.

## Sledgehammer Race Series

**Feb 1, 9 a.m., North Topsail Beach**

Run a 5K, 10-mile or half marathon at North Topsail Beach in support of the Semper Fi fund. The Sledgehammer is the first official race of the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission Race Series. To learn more, visit **www.playjosc.com/sledgehammer** or call **(910) 347-3141**.

## Big Game Party at Paradise Point Officers’ Club

**Sunday, Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Lejeune Officer’s Club, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Catch all the action at the Big Game Party. Wear your favorite team jersey and watch the game with your friends. A limited menu of appetizers, burgers, wings and drinks will be available for purchase. Open to all authorized O’Club patrons. Casual football attire and jeans permitted for this special event. To learn more, call **(910) 451-2465**.

## Get Golf Ready: Juniors

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Looking for a new hobby this year? Want to improve your game? Then get golf ready! All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$59 per person for the five week session. Registration deadline is Jan. 31. Class is open to the public. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. To learn more, **(910) 451-5445** or visit **www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf**.

## X-treme Endurance Challenge 12K+

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., Henderson Pond Trial, MCB Camp Lejeune**

This course is a grueling trail run that begins at the Battle Skills Training Area and makes its way through the beautiful wooded trails around Henderson Pond. This trail is used by both mountain bikes and runners. Your endurance and agility will be tested as you battle its varied terrain and natural surfaces. Register early for the best value. To learn more or register, visit **www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grandprix/xtreme**.

## Hard Corps Series Full Power Meet

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Stone Bay Fitness Center, MCB Camp Lejeune**

Are you one of Camp Lejeune-New River’s strongest? Find out at the Hard Corps Series Full Power Meet. Categories will include squat, deadlift and bench press. All skill levels welcome. Open to authorized patrons 18 years of age or older. Register at Wallace Creek Fitness Center or Stone Bay Fitness Center. Cost is \$70. To learn more, visit **mccslejeune-newriver.com/hardcorps** or call **(910) 440-2054**.

## St. Paddy’s Engineer Challenge 5 Mile

**Saturday, March 14, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Courthouse Bay, MCB Camp Lejeune**

The course was designed by Marine Corps Engineers, originally designed for training Marines. It will now test your strength and determination. The course will include a variety of obstacles and mud pits that will challenge your physical and mental endurance. Register early for the best value. To learn more or register, visit **www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grandprix/stpaddys**.



## Polar Plunge makes a splash on Onslow Beach



Photos by Erin Vance

Participants jump into the water at the annual Polar Plunge to raise funds for the Special Olympics at Onslow Beach, Jan. 11.

BY ERIN VANCE  
Lifestyles Writer

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune hosted the Special Olympics Onslow County Polar Plunge at Onslow Beach, Jan. 11. The plunge gave the participants a chance to take a cold dive on an unseasonably warm January day, while raising awareness and money for the local Special Olympics athletes. "The Polar Plunge is the annual fundraiser for Special Olympics Onslow County," said Christina Aultman, local coordinator for the Onslow County Special Olympics. "The program supports over 1,500 local athletes in various sports activities. Fundraising is instrumental for us because none of our athletes ever pay to participate ... we provide everything they

need. This is typically our biggest fundraiser of the year." Other activities included a costume contest and live music. "This event raises awareness and focuses on inclusion," said Christopher Padrick, community officer with Jacksonville Police Department and coordinator with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), another major fundraiser for Special Olympics. "The Polar Plunge helps to subsidize expenses to support our local program. The LETR tries to be as involved as possible. These volunteers come help us with our events and we come to support them at theirs. We help over 40,000 athletes across North Carolina each year." Many base personnel and local community

members showed up to support the cause by taking the plunge. "I love the water," said Paula Wells, who came with her husband, retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Gale Wells. "My husband and I both work for Carolina East and when we heard about this opportunity we knew we needed to be a part of it." For athletes and their families, the plunge was another fun challenge focused on building community. "This was great fun; the water was cold but it felt great afterwards," said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Gordan Kendall, Marine Air Support Group 14 Personal Support Detachment. "I came out here with my brother Ryan (Baker), who is one of the adult athletes and we had a blast."

"We got to dive into the belly of the beast, but I said, 'No beast, I conquer you,' and we did. It was a good time."

- Ryan Baker, adult Special Olympics athlete



Members of the Lejeune High School JROTC conduct physical training during the event.



Attendees jump into the water dressed as flip flops.



Participants race to the water.



Officers from the Jacksonville Police Department emerge from the water at Onslow Beach.



THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES...

# The ‘Jumanji’ sequel keeps the story rolling

ED SYMKUS  
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I didn't even bother to see the 2017 Jumanji reboot, "Welcome to the Jungle," with Dwayne Johnson in the lead. Yet, I was told it was pretty good, and the fact that it brought in just under a billion dollars at the box office piqued my interest. When I heard a sequel was in the works, I made a note to check out the first. I didn't get around to it till the day before seeing "The Next Level," but the good news is that both films are terrific fantasy-adventures that are geared for all ages, and part two, though fooling with the story's formula, is as good as part one.

Director Jake Kasdan and most of his writing team are back, as is everyone of importance from the first cast, along with some just-right additions to it. It's set two years later. The four high school friends from the first - Spencer, Martha, Fridge and Bethany - have gone their separate ways. Spencer has moved to New York, Bethany is traveling the world, Martha has taken to wearing a nose ring and calling herself M, and Fridge ... well, Fridge is still Fridge.

Everyone is going to be home for the holidays, which might be a bit difficult for Spencer and Martha, as their long-distance romance hasn't last-

ed. And Spencer's house is going to be a little crowded, since his grandfather Eddie (Danny DeVito) has moved in for a while. Maybe even more crowded after Eddie's old business partner Milo (Danny Glover) comes for a visit and, against his wishes, takes part in a long-running argument with Eddie.

It's when Spencer is alone, feeling blue, and coming to the conclusion that life in the game was better than life outside of it, that this fantasy-adventure really begins. When his pals come looking for him, but find only the partly working remnants of the old game console, two lines of dialogue set things in motion: "I think he went back in," and "We gotta go get him."

What's that term? Oh, yes ... Things go terribly wrong.

Though the same avatars pop up within the world of Jumanji - played by Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black, and (she's so gorgeous she makes my knees weak) Karen Gillan, the same "real-life" people aren't inside them. Spencer is nowhere to be found, Eddie and Milo have been dragged into the game, and Bethany has been left behind. And, hold on, since the console was damaged, there have been a few changes in the game's makeup and rules, most of them leading to good comic results.

There are familiar char-



Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, and Jack Black prepare for a desert trek. Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures

acters - Nigel (Rhys Darby) is there to announce, "Once again, Jumanji is in great peril, and only you can help." There are new ones - Jurgan the Brutal (Rory McCann - you know him as The Hound) is the bad guy threatening Jumanji. And there's a mission - the Falcon Jewel must be recovered.

Characters disappear, then appear. Sometimes they're the same as they were in the previous film, sometimes they've

"changed." Here's a hint: Dwayne Johnson does a pretty darn good impersonation of Danny DeVito, as does Kevin Hart of Danny Glover. The same goes for Awkwafina, who shows up as one person, then "becomes" another.

The ever-moving story jumps from the jungle to the desert to a snowy mountaintop, and features excellent visual effects, ranging from people falling out of the sky to, in the film's best

action sequence, an attack by a herd of vicious mandrills. Along with outstanding fight choreography, there's some storytelling that works on multiple planes: the Eddie/Milo relationship, the reality-bound friends who have come back home, and the characters within the game. If you haven't seen "Welcome to the Jungle," you won't get some of the plot references and jokes, but the film will still be fun. If you

want to know what studios think about possible future sequels, stay for the post-credits scene.

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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
<b>FRIDAY</b> "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG-13, 6:30 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 7 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> "Cats" PG, 6 p.m. "Queen & Slim" R, 8:30 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 3:30 p.m. "Knives Out" PG-13, 6 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Free Matinee</b> "Playing With Fire" PG, 11 a.m. "Cats" PG, 2 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG, 6 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b> "Cats" PG, 3:30 p.m. "Queen & Slim" R, 6:30 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" PG-13, 2 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 2 p.m. "21 Bridges" R, 5 p.m.



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To add your event, email [pgruner@campjeuneuglobe.com](mailto:pgruner@campjeuneuglobe.com) or call 451-7421. Space is limited to availability.

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

### Troops to Teachers Information Session Jan. 16, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Transitioning service members, veterans, retirees, National Guardsmen and reservists interested in a second career in education can attend a seminar at the John A. Lejeune Education Center, Room 112, to give them an idea of opportunities. For more information visit <https://www.proudtoserveagain.com> or call (888) 878-1600.

### Martin Luther King, Jr Ceremony Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m.

Coastal Carolina Community College hosts a ceremony recognizing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, at the CCCC Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Erica Savage Wilson. Continental breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. The event is open to the public.

### The Art of Networking Using Social Media Jan 21-24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A free class at Bldg 2455K on Tarawa Terrace to educate students in the new networking opportunities afforded by social media. Students will learn the use and benefits of various digital communication platforms such as LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter in connecting to employment opportunities. The class will discuss security pros and cons for these sites. For more information, call (910) 938-6309 or visit <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/fmeap>.

### 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.

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Photos by Onslow County Animal Shelter



# Dixon sweeps VFW Teacher of the Year awards for Onslow, Pender counties



Photo by Pat Gruner

**BY PAT GRUNER**  
Managing Editor

Three Dixon teachers were recognized by Veterans of Foreign War Post 9983 as VFW Teachers of the Year by grade level for Onslow and Pender Counties. A fourth was recognized as the North Carolina VFW 5th District's Teacher of the Year (*more on page 6B*).

Chris Brothers, a history teacher at Dixon High School, Emily Hedrick, an eighth grade English teacher at Dixon Middle School and Melissa Queen, a fifth

grade Dixon Elementary School science and English teacher, received the honors. Following a nomination by VFW members and a resume process, the three stood out for their service to the community and work with military students.

"It's a huge honor," said Brothers. "It's something that as a history teacher I think there's a bit of sense of the scale of what military members have sacrificed throughout this nation's history and I'm grateful for that. I also had a grandfather who served in the

Marine Corps during World War II so to be recognized by the VFW in this community is amazing for the job that I and these other teachers are doing."

Hedrick noted that understanding the challenges military kids face is important to teaching in the area.

"I try to make a conscious effort to know and understand what's going on in the lives of my students, especially those who have family members who are in the military," said Hedrick. "Moving to Onslow County ... has provided me with

the opportunity to teach a much more diverse population of students, some of whom have lived in multiple countries and moved to new schools more times than I can count. Middle school is tough without having a parent deployed or having to move around, so those military students sometimes do need a little extra compassion and understanding. While I have more than a few students come and go throughout the school year, I stress to them that I will always be here for them if they ever need anything."

National winners of

the award will receive \$1,000 as will their respective schools. The award recognizes three exceptional teachers from elementary, middle and high schools whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education. For Queen, that focus comes in the form of a class trip to the nation's capital.

"This will be our fifth year taking a group of 5th graders to Washington DC for an overnight trip in the spring," said Queen. "It is the conclusion to our project-based learning we plan for our students each year.

We spend weeks leading up to the trip learning about the history of the monuments and memorials we will visit and how to use respectful behavior when touring our nation's capital. This is my absolute favorite thing to teach each year."

Brothers made note of the VFW's impact on the community.

"I'm very grateful to the VFW for all their support," Brothers said. "Our administration and our area are very good about recognizing people who are doing positive things for the community."

**Emily Hedrick**

English teacher  
Dixon Middle School



**Chris Brothers**

History teacher  
Dixon High School



**Melissa Queen**

Science, English teacher  
Dixon Elementary School



## Hurry up and be blessed by the wait



### CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

**BY LT. JAMES GAWNE**  
3rd Battalion, 8th Marines

Do you dislike waiting on things? I do. I absolutely can't stand waiting on things. Waiting to get in the Wilson Boulevard gate on any given weekday. Waiting for a batch of cookies to finish baking. Waiting in sheer futility for my beloved Phoenix Suns to get their act together and actually play like a decent professional basketball team again.

That can be a problem when so much of life involves waiting. We all know the informal motto of the U.S. military – "Hurry up and wait" – but it's not just that part of life. We find ourselves waiting for news about a loved one or about an important life event. We find ourselves waiting for that special someone to finally cross our paths and we find ourselves waiting for that next

pay raise or promotion. It can be hard.

In my faith tradition, we have the season of Advent – the time of preparation leading up to Christmas and the commemoration of the birth of Christ. It's a season that is entirely about waiting. We wait for the journey to Bethlehem, for the birth and for the announcement by the angels in the heavens above.

As a culture, this is perhaps the one thing we are the worst about waiting for. When did Christmas decorations start appearing in Walmart – the end of September? Fully three months before Christmas arrived, before Halloween or Thanksgiving had even taken place, and we were already getting ready for Christmas.

I don't know about you, but learning to wait during

the season of Advent has actually helped me to appreciate Christmas more. When you actually wait for the holiday to arrive instead of Christmas-ing all the things for months ahead of time, you don't get burnt out on it, and you have more appreciation for it – appreciation for the holiday itself, for the leave block, for the time to spend with family and friends.

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# Brewster Middle students spread Acts of Kindness



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(From left) Paige Berphold, Jackson Stewart, Kellie Richardson and Hope Coyne, students at Brewster Middle School, pose for a photo in front of a poster emphasizing students “Put the ‘1’ in Kind” at BMS, Jan. 13. The four students are part of the Student Council which organizes initiatives promoting acts of kindness.

**BY PAT GRUNER**  
Managing Editor

Small acts by Brewster Middle School students are making a big difference in the Onslow County community. Members of the student council, with the aid of faculty and staff, have been conducting “Acts of Kindness” since Dec. 3, 2019. The acts are a way for students to spread kindness from the poster-laden halls of Brewster to

the community. “I told them that sometimes people are depressed over the holidays,” said Vanessa Coleman, a BMS teacher and the advisor for Student Council. “We had kids write personalized messages on paper bags from the commissary for their patrons around Thanksgiving. We also collected, socks, tissues and hand sanitizer over Christmas for seniors.” Messages on the bags included famous quotes

about kindness as well as messages calling on recipients to be kind in their day to day lives. “We probably did between 100 and 150 bags,” said Kellie Richardson, a seventh grader. The Christmas event was capped off by a visit to two local care facilities where students saw the tangible result of their kindness. “A lot of the people spoke to us about their grandkids and their chil-

dren,” said Hope Coyne, a sixth grader. “We also sang carols and told them stories.” “I played flute during the ceremony and a woman told me about how she played the clarinet in middle school,” said Paige Berphold, an eighth grader. “I asked someone what they wanted for Christmas and they told me they wanted to see their family.” The next act of kindness students look to en-

gage in will be a canned food drive, dubbed “Soup-port the Cause of Tackling Hunger,” which aims to collect 500 or more canned goods. After that, kids will return to the nursing homes to read to residents as part of Read Across America. “It’s good to feel like we’ve done something to make someone smile,” said Jackson Stewart, a seventh grader. The students also saw what they were doing as

having an effect on the Brewster community. “Military kids move around a lot and it can be hard to adapt to a new place some time,” Coyne said. “Having kind people there to help smooths things out. We have groups that show new students around the school to welcome them.” “I see the posters and signs all over,” Richardson said. “It definitely makes me feel like being a kind person.”



Courtesy photos

A U.S. Marine poses with a paper bag decorated with messages of kindness at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Commissary.



Isiaiah Lazaro, a Brewster Middle School student, chats with Joyce Jones, a resident at Liberty Commons Assisted Living, Dec. 16, 2019. Students visited residents over the holidays to sing songs and deliver gifts of socks and other products.

## Exceptional Family Member Program hosts open house

**BY ERIN VANCE**  
Lifestyles Writer

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune’s Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) hosted an open house and social at their office on Midway Park to give information to installation families, Jan. 8. The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program (Marine Corps Order 1754.4B) for active duty personnel who have a dependent that needs exceptional medical care or educational support. The EFMP ensures assignment to a duty station where medical, educational and specialty services exist to support family members.

“We are here to support you,” said Jerome Foster, family specialist with EFMP. “Before you become frustrated by everything you need to get done, come talk to us. The Marine Corps and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) has numerous services in place to assist most needs and we can help navigate those

based on your individual family needs.” The Marine Corps EFMP provides individualized case management for each enrolled service member or family. This affords service members extremely responsive family programming in support of their family readiness and their mission. There is

no medical or educational need too small to seek enrollment or support. “The individual case management the Marine Corps offers makes our EFMP truly unique,” said Patrick Larkin, program manager at EFMP. “Help is tailored to your family’s individual needs. Any specialty care is reason

enough to sign up: school IEP (individual education plans), specialty doctors like allergists, or mental/behavioral health doctors and more. We offer accommodations to ensure the service member has what they need to be successful.” For additional questions about the EFMP and their services, call (910) 451-4394.



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# Teens defend the realm at Camp Johnson Library



BY ERIN VANCE  
Lifestyles Writer

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Night descended on the Camp Johnson Library, Jan. 10. Participants were encouraged to embrace how the dice fell as beginners were introduced to the ins and outs of one of the oldest tabletop roleplaying games.

The event was aimed at drawing teens in for a fun night of imagination and adventure. It's all fun and games until someone fails a saving throw.

"I enjoy the roleplaying games because basically you can do whatever you want, be anything or anyone," said 14-year-old Antonio Geronimo. "I've been playing for years, because my family plays, but it's nice to play with other kids my age."

The game night is set up for teens ages 12-18 and takes place every

two months. Dungeons & Dragons is a fantasy tabletop role-playing. It was first published in 1974 by Tactical Studies Rules, Inc. The game has been published by Wizards of the Coast since 1997. It is currently on its 5th edition.

Sean Pittman, library technician supervisor at Camp Lejeune libraries, typically acts as "Dungeon Master," (DM) the game facilitator, but relinquished the reins to one of the teen players who wanted to have a go at controlling the game.

"Being the Dungeon Master takes practice and preparation," said Pittman. "You have to have a good understanding of the game and the rules, but also the ability to tell a story and lead the players on a journey. No matter how well you are prepared, your characters can make decisions that throw off your whole plan, and a good

DM will be able to make adjustments quickly."

"I was a little nervous at first," said 14 year old Cadan Proctor. "I have only ever been the DM once before, with a small group, but I took my time and planned out a pretty cool storyline. I'm still learning, but we have a good group."

Each teen pulled out their character sheets and dice to prepare themselves for the beginning of their journey.

"This game is really versatile," said 12-year-old Elijah Moore. "Anyone can play it because you are not limited to what happens. The choices are up to you and the roll of the dice."

For more information on Teen Dungeons & Dragons Night or other library events, go to <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/libraries>.



Photos by Erin Vance

Teens prepare for their first monster encounter of the game at the Camp Johnson Library, during Teen Dungeons and Dragons Night, Jan. 10.



The map is the centerpiece where all of the gameplay takes place.



Teens gather to play with the guidance of Sean Pittman, library technician supervisor. The event's aim was to draw teens in for a fun night of imagination and adventure.

## Hammock's Beach hosts monthly Coastal Craft Series



Hammock's Beach State Park in Swansboro hosted its monthly Coastal Craft Series, Jan. 12. While many patrons have been coming to the event for years, new participants were welcomed to the group. Many members of the group are veterans and veteran spouses. Each month a different craft project is completed; January was beach-themed coasters.



Photos by Erin Vance

Event-goers brought in their seashells and other beach finds to complete coastal-themed crafts. Together the group has made windchimes, bird feeders, candles, luminaries, butterfly feeders and more. The Coastal Craft Series is free to join, though space is limited so interested parties should call ahead to sign up.

## True Justice International holds 3rd annual Freedom Ball

BY ERIN VANCE  
Lifestyles Writer

True Justice International (TJI) hosted an Anti-Human Trafficking Gala at Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville, Jan. 11.

"We offer a safe house or restoration house, case management and life skills classes to individuals trying to grow and change their lives," said Traci Klein, executive director of TJI. "Most people think human trafficking is a big city problem, but smaller communities have issues with it too. We have helped 65 girls in the past year."

True Justice Interna-

tional, a non-profit organization, aims to execute justice on a global scale in order to promote compassion through initiatives that focus on the causes of human trafficking. TJI has five targeted initiatives that address specific injustices fueling human trafficking. These five initiatives are: The Pearl Ministry, Grace Projects, Orphans' Cry Intl, Will FORCE, and Voice It!

"This job is incredibly rewarding," said Elizabeth Alexander, case manager with TJI. "To see how far these individuals can come is inspiring. I love to watch them succeed and

regain self-worth."

The event, featuring the band Spare Change, silent auction and a dinner was intended to raise awareness and funds towards their cause.

"In my job, I come across all types of people," said Cynthia Figueroa, a victim advocate with the Jacksonville Police Department. "Just in the past year, I have come across four cases of human trafficking here. It happens right under your nose. There are a lot of different reasons and circumstances that lead to it, but it can happen anywhere."

Special guest speaker

Heather Pounds, a survivor and author, gave a powerful speech about the effects of human trafficking. According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center North Carolina is ranked 10th in the nation for reported cases of humans trafficking, and it is the second fastest growing crime; second only to drugs.

"This is such a worthy cause," said Carol Jones, district court judge for Onslow, Duplin, Jones and Sampson counties. "It is something that affects communities of all sizes and it was an honor to attend this Gala."




Photo by Erin Vance

True Justice International of Jacksonville hosted a Freedom Ball at the Courtyard by Marriott to raise awareness and funds to help victims of human trafficking, Jan. 11. The night's entertainment was the band Spare Change.



# What's Cooking?



**"What's Cooking?" is a monthly series that profiles an area food service specialist and one of their favorite recipes.**

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*What do you enjoy most about cooking?*

“Preparing the food. Getting my ingredients together and seeing the outcome of the cook. I love to see when I cook something and it turns out good. It’s nice knowing I did a good job.”

*What influenced you to become a cook?*

“I actually got started in the Marine Corps when I was assigned the path. I consider myself a pretty good cook so far having learned in the Marine Corps. Any time I cook for my family they’ll tell me, ‘Wow, that’s really good.’ I’m making the best of my time.”

*What’s your favorite type of dish?*

“Pulled pork. Anytime I see we’re doing pulled pork on the weekend here I’m the first one on it. I’ll head to the storeroom and grab that big pork shoulder and get it started. Here we do it like a Texas style barbecue.”

*What’s one thing people should have in their kitchens?*

“Prepared spices are helpful. My mom always has garlic around. Any kind of garlic is great. Chopped, minced or any other type. I’m a big fan. You should also make sure you have a good sautee pan. I prefer a non-stick pan.”

*Do you have any advice for amateur chefs?*

“It always starts off slow. When I started I was bad. I didn’t know what certain ingredients or spices were. It takes a lot of time and practice. When you get that experience though you’ll be making anything you see and want to try. ”

*What do you like most about the recipe you’re providing?*

“The main thing I like most about making pulled pork is slow cooking it for hours and seeing the pork just fall apart on its own. That to me is so satisfying. For the end product adding some BBQ sauce onto the pork to top it off makes it come out delicious.”

# Pulled Pork

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
  - 1 (4 pound) pork shoulder roast
  - 1 cup barbeque sauce
  - 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
  - 1/2 cup chicken broth
  - 1/4 cup light brown sugar
  - 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
  - 1 extra large onion, chopped
  - 2 large cloves garlic, crushed
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
  - 8 hamburger buns, split
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour the vegetable oil into the bottom of a slow cooker. Place the pork roast into the slow cooker; pour in the barbecue sauce, apple cider vinegar, and chicken broth. Stir in the brown sugar, yellow mustard, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, onion, garlic, and thyme. Cover and cook on high until the roast shreds easily with a fork, 5 to 6 hours.
2. Remove the roast from the slow cooker and shred the meat using two forks. Return the shredded pork to the slow cooker, and stir the meat into the juices.
3. Spread the inside of both halves of hamburger buns with butter. Toast the buns, butter side down, in a skillet over medium heat until golden brown. Spoon pork into the toasted buns.

**Yields 8 servings**

# Dixon’s Tomlinson honored by VFW

**BY PAT GRUNER**  
Managing Editor

Dr. Dal Tomlinson, a history teacher at Dixon High School, was recognized as the overall North Carolina Veterans of Foreign War 5th District Teacher of the Year. Tomlinson joined three other Dixon area colleagues in being recognized by the VFW.

Tomlinson has been teaching in Onslow County since 1997 and spent 15 years at DHS.

“First of all let me tell you that it is a great honor to get the award,” said Tomlinson. “I am on the front line of education and I do feel a sincere pride in committing my time and energy to ‘giving back’ to society. Receiving recognition from the VFW, a group who spent real time in the trenches and the front line, has a much

deeper and emotional meaning than awards from other organizations.”

Walter Zabicki of VFW Post 9983 said Tomlinson was notable for his work with student groups, which help students better understand and appreciate democracy.

“He has run the program for the past four years,” said Zabicki. “A couple years ago, 30 to 50 kids wrote their essays even while they dealt with Hurricane Florence.”

Tomlinson noted the struggles military dependents can face as students.

“My students and athletes may have one or both parents deployed during part of their high school career, and it humbles me to think that I may be able to help positively guide, advise and mentor those students during the deployment,” Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson also noted the commitment and resilience of dependents.

“Serving as an educator in our military community has exposed the commitment to service that the spouses and children also have,” Tomlinson said. “I truly feel that our service members are heroes, but the children and spouses who must manage the logistics, the politics and the emotions of the deployments are also heroes.”



**Dr. Dal Tomlinson**  
History teacher  
Dixon High School

# Lejeune High schoolers named Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year semifinalists

**SOPHIA HARDING**  
Editorial Intern

Lejeune High School has had many students receive the recognition of Military Child of the Year, an award presented in Washington D.C. to a dependent of each branch. The annual award is also accompanied by the recognition of hardships that military children endure and a \$10,000 check. This year, LHS has four semifinalists for the award, indicating a high probability that LHS could once again be represented in the 2020 Military Children of the Year.

Abigail Paquin is a senior at Lejeune High School. The most impactful part of being a military child to her is traveling and getting to experience diverse people and cultures. Having her dad overseas for much of her junior and senior year has been a difficult experience, but Paquin

believes it is her focus on service and empathy that made her stand out for this award. Paquin plans on attending UNC Chapel Hill for Psychology and becoming a marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor for military families.

Nikolas Cooper is a junior at LHS who will be moving to Kentucky next month due to his father's retirement. Cooper values the resiliency that being a military child has instilled in him, especially after enduring deployments, moves and being diagnosed with left ventricular hypertrophy, a heart condition which left him ineligible to participate in sports last winter. Cooper has immense involvement in his community and high school. He plans on majoring in linguistics at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and potentially working for the FBI.

Lee Balderaz is a

senior at LHS who has aspirations of becoming a cardiologist after attending ECU for biology. Balderaz believes that his military child experience is irreplaceable and has instilled great values such as discipline and adaptivity in him, despite having to constantly move and having a father deploy. He also plays an active role in serving his school and community.

Dean Fecteau is a senior at LHS who is grateful to the military for the opportunity he has had to live abroad. Experiencing all different cultures has been an exciting challenge to Fecteau, but he strives to make a difference in others' lives by participating in the JROTC program, as well as many sports and extracurricular activities at school. He plans on attending a four year university and commissioning in the military.



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