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MAYDAY: Marines subdue hostile passenger on flight from Japan to Texas

BY 2ND LT. KAYLA OLSEN

2nd Marine Division

Three U.S. Marines detained a hostile passenger who caused a disruption by making threatening comments during a flight from Japan to Texas, May 4.

Capt. Daniel Kult, Sgt. John Dietrick, and Pfc. Alexander Meinhardt of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, were traveling to the United States from a Unit Deployment Program (UDP) in Okinawa, Japan, on a flight from Tokyo, when a passenger barricaded himself inside the lavatory and made threatening comments.

"While watching a movie during my flight from Japan to Texas, I started to hear screaming coming from the restroom onboard," said Dietrick, an infantry assault section leader from Mechanicsville, Virginia. "When I

took off my headphones, I heard a man sounding very distraught and screaming from the bathroom."

Acting quickly, the Marines stacked up outside the lavatory and prepared to subdue the passenger while a flight attendant unlocked the door. The Marines seized the passenger and restrained him with flex ties.

"I knew I had to step in when he became a danger to others and himself," said Meinhardt, a mortarman from Sparta, Wisconsin. "I didn't think twice about helping restrain him through the rest of the flight."

The Marines secured the unruly passenger to a seat and continued to provide security for the remainder of the flight.

"We are well trained and it paid off today," said Kult, an infantry officer from Coon Rapids, Iowa. "We just assessed the situation and acted. Working with the flight crew, we got the door open and from

there worked together to subdue him. We didn't take time to talk it over. We just got ready and did what we needed to help."

"The three Marines were on-board and able to restrain the unruly passenger," a spokesperson from the Los Angeles Airport Police said. "Great job done by those Marines!"

The flight was diverted to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) where the passenger was transported to a local hospital for a mental evaluation.

"Honestly, I'm not surprised," said Lt. Col. Chris Niedziocha, battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. "I happen to know all three of them, two of them well, and they are all what I would call 'men of action.' I'm continually amazed by and grateful for the people we have in this battalion."

The Marines had been about half-way through an approximately six-month deployment, as part of



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Garriss

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Daniel Kult, Sgt. John Dietrick, and Pfc. Alexander Meinhardt, from left to right, of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, pose for a photograph at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, May 4. The three Marines detained a hostile passenger who caused a disruption by making threatening comments during a flight from Japan to Texas, May 4.

the Unit Deployment Program at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan, when for differing reasons each was cleared, via a combatant

commander-endorsed exemption-to-policy waiver, for essential travel back to the United States.

The incident is pending

investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles.

MCIEAST CG issues guidance on restoring some non-critical services

Our mission has always been to support the readiness of our operational forces AND to protect the force. Our health care system remains strong and the number of active COVID 19 cases remains relatively low in Eastern NC. The conditions are now favorable to begin restoring a limited number of non-critical services starting on May 4th.

The coronavirus has been an unprecedented global pandemic for which there are no easy answers and no one-size-fits-all solutions.

In contrast to many metropolitan areas, most of the regions around our installations are fortunately seeing the rate of new COVID-19 cases trending downward, and the recovery rate remains high; that's a credit to you and your willingness to abide by the federal, state, local and DoD directives. These are promising trends that lead me to believe we can start gradually easing some of the restrictions in accordance with federal guidelines while conducting mitigating actions to reduce risk. We will do so in a slow, methodical, and responsible manner to avoid undermining all that we've accomplished and put our Marines, Sailors, civilians and families' health at risk. It only takes one outbreak to stop everything in its tracks.

To that end, we are going to take some small steps while monitoring state and local government's approach and consulting regularly with our Public Health Emergency Officers (PHEOs) for guidance.

(As of) Monday, May 4th, I am authorizing the re-opening of Onslow Beach, some outdoor recreational activities, and in-person mental health services. Each of these openings will be accompanied by strictly-enforced COVID-19 mitigation measures that will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

That means:

- 1) No gatherings in groups of 10 or more
- 2) Social distancing
- 3) The wearing of face coverings where maintaining six feet isn't possible, and
- 4) Limits on occupancy of certain facilities.

To enhance the operational readiness of our warfighters, I am authorizing a phased re-opening of the fitness centers with limited occupancy to active duty service members only beginning May 8th. This will occur with public health and leadership oversight. We are also continuing to look at a way forward to reopen all of our Child Development Centers to children of non-essential workers in the future, but that

will take time and involve close coordination with our public health experts.

Restoring our bases and stations to this 'new normal' isn't going to happen overnight. It's going to involve a smart, phased approach that will require us to monitor, watch, and measure the health effects before more meaningful changes can happen. I want to thank all our installations for their efforts to keep critical services going, and to those who we support, I ask for your collective patience in the weeks and months ahead.

Finally, I need each and every one of you to take an active part in this ongoing fight against the pandemic. Your leadership and individual actions are making a difference. Whether it's keeping your distance, washing your hands regularly, or wearing face coverings, all of it has helped contribute to stopping the spread of the virus. Complacency during these times will disrupt everything we have worked so hard to accomplish, so keep at it! We will get through this.

Thank you, and Semper Fidelis,

J. D. ALFORD, Major General, United States Marine Corps and Commanding General, MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune



BY DECA CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

On May 8, the Defense Commissary Agency will begin daily health screenings of anyone who works in commissaries - including employees, baggers and affiliated contractors - before they start their shifts.

Commissaries will initially conduct the screenings with a questionnaire that focuses on any visible symptoms related to COVID-19, and traces their travel history as well as potential connections with anyone affected by the virus.

As stores receive their infrared thermometers, the screening will include temperature checks. If a temperature check determines anyone is a potential risk, they will be directed to go home and contact their health care provider. They can return to work once they have no signs of a fever or illness, and they will be screened again.

"Military resale is good at evolving and adapting, and screening the people who work in our stores is the first step in a new normal that helps reduce the risk of transmission for

everyone," said Rear Adm. (retired) Robert J. Bianchi, DOD Special Assistant for Commissary Operations. "We should expect to operate like this for the foreseeable future."

Bianchi, who is also the CEO of the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEX-COM), said his Navy Exchange stores are also preparing to implement these procedures for the personnel working in their facilities.

"There are probably going to be many commercial businesses that start implementing temperature checks for employees and wearing of face coverings, so this should be no surprise to anyone as they may experience this in many aspects of their personal lives," he said.

The employee health screenings are the latest in a series of safety measures commissaries have implemented:

*Anyone (including customers) entering a store must wear a face covering

*Stores have plexiglass sneeze shields in all regular checkout lanes

*Commissary personnel wipe down checkout areas, product display cases, restrooms and shopping carts with disinfectant, and practice routine hand washing and other basic sanitation measures

*Touchless credit card processing eliminates the need for the customer to sign

*Customers scan their own ID cards so cashiers

can provide them touchless transactions

*Reusable bag usage has been banned

*Only authorized customers - this includes disabled veterans with VHIC cards - will be able to enter a commissary. Visitors will no longer be allowed to accompany authorized customers and a 100% ID check is in place

*DeCA canceled special events such as the spring sidewalk sales, in-store product demonstrations (including DeCA's free coffee program), group tours, vendor-sponsored events and other events to discourage group gatherings

*Commissaries are working with installation leadership and public health personnel to implement risk reduction practices such as designated store hours for various patron groups, and limiting the number of patrons in the store.

Commissary customers should continue to refer to the federal government's response to coronavirus, COVID-19 website (<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coronavirus site (<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>) for updates and guidance regarding this virus. Updates related to the commissaries can be found on DeCA's Coronavirus page (<https://www.commissaries.com/coronavirus>)

SPMAGTF-SC continues preparation for deployment to Latin America, Caribbean



Cpl. Blake Thompson, a combat engineer with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force - Southern Command, hammers out spaces in cylinder blocks during a general exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 14.

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Marines who accept a 24-month extension will be eligible for reenlistment in the FY22 retention campaign

Marines who accept a 24-month extension will remain eligible for promotion and could be authorized to execute PCS orders based on the needs of the Marine Corps

Marines currently eligible for a Selective Retention Bonus are eligible for a prorated SRB amount in exchange for a 24-month extension

MARADMIN 249/20

CONTACT CAREER PLANNER FOR ELIGIBILITY



Lance Cpl. Mathew Dieter, left, and Cpl. Talon Malone, both combat engineers with SPMAGTF-SC, level a cylinder block wall. These training events provide the Marines and Sailors with real-world scenarios to prepare them for their deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean.



Photos by Cpl. Benjamin D. Larsen

Lance Cpl. Jess Lucas, a combat engineer with SPMAGTC-SC, mixes concrete. The concrete was then added to the cylinder block wall to increase its strength and longevity.

OFF-LIMITS

The following businesses are designated by the base commander as “off-limits”

CAMP LEJEUNE REGION:

Atheas Attics at 420 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington.
Bell Auto Salvage II at 136 Abbots Branch Rd., Hubert.
Best Exxon at 2945 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville.
Club Phoenix at 209 East 5th St., Greenville.
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.
Sun House Vapor and Tobacco at 2840 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville.
Super-Fast Drive Thru Mini Mart at 1005 North Marine Blvd., Jacksonville.
Tobacco at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.
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602 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
Veterans Affairs Service Jacksonville. (This is a private organization not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Outpatient Clinic, nor Onslow County Veteran Services.)

MCAS CHERRY POINT AREA:

98 Cent Only Store
(Big Daddy) Wesley's Grocery
Coastal Smoke Shop
Expressions
Friday's Night Club (AKA: Club Insomnia, Club Classics, Infinity Lounge)
Flyers at 400 Fontana Blvd., Havelock.
H&D Express (AKA: Citgo)
Nadine's Food Mart
Tobacco Outlet (Havelock and New Bern)
Tobacco Shop & Gifts (Beaufort and New Bern)
Tobacco Town
Tobacco Shop (Newport and New Bern)
Twin Rivers (Not the mall)
White Sands Convenience Store

OFF-LIMITS ROADS:

Catfish Lake Road

* Identifies a new business added since the last update of the Bulletin.

Hotline numbers to report fraud, waste, abuse and corruption

II MEF Hotline - 451-5555 www.iimef.marines.mil/UnitHome/CommandInspectorGeneral.aspx
MCIEAST Hotline - 451-3928 www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx
TECOM Hotline - (703) 432-1650 www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx
Naval Hospital Hotlines - (910) 450-4240 NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil
MARSOC Hotlines - 440-1045/0941 www.marsoc.marines.mil/UnitHome/InspectorGeneral.aspx
New River Hotline - 449-6029.

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VMFA 251**deactivates,
legacy continues**

Photos by Lance Cpl. Aidan Parker

An F/A-18 Hornet assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 (VMFA-251), Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, is positioned in their hangar during a deactivation ceremony for VMFA-251 on April 23. In the future, the Thunderbolts will transition to the F-35C and relocate aboard MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina.

BY SGT. BRITTNEY VELLAMarine Corps Air Station
Beaufort

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251, the “Thunderbolts” deactivated during a ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, April 23. The ceremony was held to commemorate the unit’s nearly 80 years of service to our country, but the Thunderbolts won’t be gone long. Their colors will be temporarily cased and the unit will become an F-35C squadron at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina.

“When we found out the commandant made the decision to cease Hornet operations for VMFA-251, I think every single one of us went through the different phases of grief; denial, anger, sadness and acceptance - and that is where we are today,” said Lt. Col. Roy Nicka, commanding officer of VMFA-251.

VMFA-251 was activated on December 1, 1941 at Naval Air Station North Island, California as Marine Observation Squadron 251. While flying the Grumman F4F “Wildcat” during World War II, the squadron participated in numerous Pacific campaigns including Guadalcanal, the Solomon Islands, Santa Cruz, Luzon, and the Southern Philippines.

Since then, the Thunderbolts have supported combat operations during the Korean War, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

“This patch right here, it represents a legacy, it doesn’t represent an aircraft, it doesn’t represent a current set of individuals, it represents a legacy that goes from the Solomon Islands in the Pacific, to the desert sands of the Middle East for over 79 years and that legacy will continue despite the transition of the aircraft,” Nicka said.

After flying the F/A-18 Hornet for last 34 years, they will now transition to the F-35C, the world’s only 5th Generation, long-range stealth strike fighter designed and built explicitly for carrier operations.

Despite changing aircraft, the unit’s mission will largely include most all of the F/A-18C-D missions with a few exceptions, said Maj. Shannon Waller, VMFA-251 executive officer. Initially, it will not likely include the Forward Air Controller mission set, but it will later expand to include the advanced capabilities of the F-35 and specifically its Electronic Warfare capabilities.

“By doing this today, we advance Marine aviation. We get the F-35C to the East Coast and become the first squadron to employ the F-35 on the East Coast from a carrier air wing. And to be that lucky Marine or Sailor who gets to wear that patch on their chest and to employ, maintain and fly the F-35s—I am certainly jealous. That legacy is going to live on in them and every T-bolt will live on in them,” said Nicka.



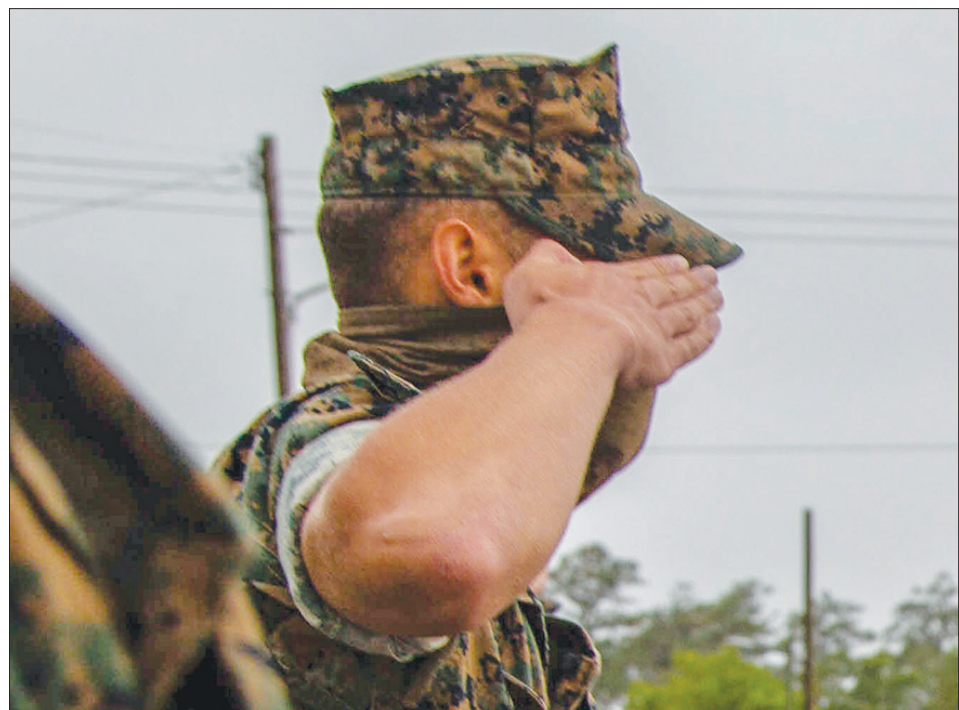
Lt. Col. Roy J. Nicka, the commanding officer of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251, gives thanks to Marines and families during the deactivation ceremony. The squadron was active for nearly 80 years.



A Marine assigned VMFA-251 poses for a photo to showcase his uniform.

**PMO’s Craig L. Cole recognized
for 49 years of dedicated service**

Craig L. Cole gives a speech during his retirement ceremony at Building 58 on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, April 30. Cole retired as the domestic violence investigator, Criminal Investigation Division with the Provost Marshal Office, Marine Corps Installations East-MCB Camp Lejeune, with 49 years of combined active duty Marine Corps service and civilian service.



Photos by Cpl. Karina Lopezmata

A U.S. Marine with the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) salutes during a retirement ceremony held for Craig L. Cole.

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Marine’s vision for improvement earns her innovation award



Photos by Lance Cpl. Scott Jenkins

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jennifer Wilbur, poses for a photo at Camp Lejeune, May 1. Wilbur, a 25 year-old Clearwater, Florida native and chief instructor for the College of Military Education Courses (CEME), 2nd Maintenance Battalion, was the winner of the second quarter’s Commanding General Innovation Challenge for her introduction of Design Thinking into command sponsored primary military education courses. Design Thinking encourages organizations to focus on the people they are creating for, which leads to better products, services, and internal processes.

BY LANCE CPL. SCOTT JENKINS
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Today, Sgt. Jennifer Wilbur has less than 60 days left in the Marine Corps, but she is not yet done making her mark. As the chief instructor for the College of Enlisted Military Education Courses (CEME) at 2nd Maintenance Battalion, she is pushing for a radical change in how Marines learn to problem-solve.

“When we all joined [the Marine Corps], we desired to be our best... Sgt. Wilburn is the type of Marine that says ‘good isn’t good enough’. She takes the Marines around her and says ‘we have to do it better’. She wants to know how she can get the best out of every single Marine,” said Sgt. Maj. Charles Peoples, sergeant major of 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

Wilbur was the winner of the second quarter’s Commanding General’s Innovation Challenge award for her introduction

of Design Thinking into command-sponsored professional military education courses at CEME such as Lance Corporal Seminar and Corporals Course.

The 26-year-old sergeant introduced these new ways of thinking into the courses after being involved in numerous Scrum Master and Design Thinking training events that were provided in her command. “Design Thinking” and “SCRUM” allow participants to identify issues and contrast them with an ideal scenario, with the desire to find the middle ground in between.

“‘Design Thinking’ helps Marines find the problems in their work environment to increase productivity,” said Wilbur. “Marines have great ideas, but they don’t think they are being heard. This gives them a voice.”

The Florida native has served for eight years, and in her eyes, she grew up in a very different Marine Corps. Her experiences have paved the way for her to invest in change.

“I came into the Marine Corps when we were

coming off the heels of the war in Afghanistan. My corporal treated me very differently because I was a female,” recalled Wilbur. “I didn’t understand it, and after I talked to the other females in my section, they said the same thing was happening to them.”

Wilbur explained she was frustrated with the situation and was motivated to find a solution. She decided to approach the problem head-on.

“I confronted him, and he didn’t even realize that’s what he’d been doing, and he apologized. Come to find out, his wife was unfaithful to him while he was in Afghanistan, and he had been subconsciously taking it out on all of us. It’s because no one talked or cared to ask him, so the problem went on,” said Wilbur.

In an era where so many leaders find it challenging to communicate to Marines due to social and technological differences, Wilbur said the solution is simple: to genuinely care for others.

“Rank comes with re-

sponsibility. Many leaders ask questions because they feel like they have to, and not because they actually want to make improvements or interject themselves into a Marine’s life. Marines see through it,” Wilbur observed.

Wilbur plans to attend college in the near future, with the goal of earning a doctorate in psychotherapy and returning to the military, to once again help Marines and Sailors. She also takes with her a \$1,000 prize and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal earned along with her recognition.

Although Wilbur is set to leave the Marine Corps soon, she still thinks it is essential to continuously build each other up and challenge the status quo.

“Leaders should care about their Marines, Marines should care for their fellow Marines, [and] people should care for each other,” said Wilbur. “If one person cares, they can start a chain reaction in their small unit that will work its way up. Person by person... that’s how we affect change.”



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jennifer Wilbur receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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2020 Grand Slam Series begins with Bulldog Open



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

A competitor in the Bulldog Open tees off on the 10th hole of the Scarlet Course at Paradise Point Golf Course, May 2.



Photo by Erin Johnson

Paradise Point's head golf pro John Johnson, left, and Mike Maynard, right, record scores while wearing their protective face masks.



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 3 Beau Brown reads a putt on the 9th green of Paradise Point's Scarlet Course, May 2.

Paradise Point Golf Course takes appropriate measures to protect golfers

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The sixth season of the Grand Slam Series at Paradise Point Golf Course on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is officially underway after last weekend's Bulldog Open. The tournament fielded 50 men and women competitors with an array of talent as everyone was steadfast to follow the current social distancing

requirements.

"We followed the social distancing rules from the base and also the recommendations from the PGA of America and the Carolinas Golf Association to keep everyone safe during this time," said John Johnson, head pro at Paradise Point.

The course has also limited the number of customers in the pro shop to just two at a time. Other procedural adjustments

include raising the cup to eliminate touching the flag stick, allowing one cart per golfer, accessing the pro shop from the rear doors only and requiring face coverings while inside the shop, among other changes in line with public health and safety guidelines.

Though some golfers might have felt concerned over the virus, competitors were able to enjoy two days of golf knowing

that protective measures have been put into place to keep everyone involved safe. Not only that, but the weather was prime and the course was lush.

"The golf course is in great shape," Johnson said. "The superintendent and his crew made the golf course fair, but challenging for all players of all skill levels."

The next Grand Slam Series event is the Globe & Anchor Championship

scheduled for June 13-14.

The Paradise Point Open (July 11-12) and the Base Championship (Aug. 22-23) will round out the first four majors of the season. The top three finishers, net or gross, from each flight receive a free invite to the final tournament of the 2020 Grand Slam Series, the Paradise Point Invitational, Sept. 26-27.

All Grand Slam events are stroke play, 36 holes, flighted and scored both

by gross and net.

Paradise Point is also hosting the Old Glory Tournament, a two-man team event, during Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25. The team-based Red & White Tournament will be held June 6-7.

For more information on the Grand Slam Series and other tournaments at Paradise Point Golf Course, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf.



Photo by Calvin Shomaker

A group tees off on hole No. 10 of the Scarlet Course on day one of the 2020 Bulldog Open.

FLIGHT WINNERS:

Championship Flight: Ages 54 & under
Filipo Bartley (145, gross)
Beau Brown (135, net)

Senior Flight: Ages 55-64
Wayne Nelson (145, gross)
Joe Cram (148, net)

Super Senior Flight: Ages 65-74
Tony Ortega (153, gross)
Will Wilkinson (137, net)

Legends Flight: Ages 75 & up
Gil Richards (151, gross)
Terry Stevens (140, net)

Ladies Flight:
Robin Cram (159, gross)
Pattina Martina (141, net)

Peterman adapts to life as college athlete

2019 Lejeune graduate uses his Devil Pup mentality to make it as a college football player.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

If it wasn't for Lejeune High School, 2019 graduate Matt Peterman said he probably wouldn't have even made it through football camp at Alma College in Michigan.

"It was an eye opener understanding what it takes to be an actual college athlete," Peterman said. "Lejeune definitely prepared me with my mentality. Since we were a smaller school we always had to fight, so when I got up to college I just had to remember where I came from and how hard I fought to get there."

Peterman played special teams and receiver on the junior varsity team for Alma in what he called a humbling first year.

"It's a learning curve," Peterman said of the dedication it takes to be a student-athlete in college. "It's all about football and academics." Heading into his sophomore season, Peterman is shooting for a spot on the varsity special teams unit while vying for time on the field amongst Alma's talented receiving group.



Photo by Kelly McCloughan

His advice for future college athletes? "Don't think you're the best. You really got to have the mental strength and the tenacity to be able to fight for your spot," Peterman said. "To

be the best you have to be willing to put the work in." Peterman, who calls Camp Lejeune home, made the Dean's List and is majoring in special education.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NATAISHA RAMIREZ



Photo by Tara Trammell

Sport: Powerlifting

Quick Facts:

- Group exercise instructor at Wallace Creek Fitness Center
- Won the Open Division of the MCCA Lejeune-New River Hard Corps Series Full Power Meet in February
- Founder & CEO of Size Healthy Fitness, a business specializing in personal training, group classes and sports performance
 - Masters Degree in Human Services Counseling Studies
 - AFAA Certified Personal Trainer
 - NASM Certified Fitness Nutrition Specialist

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT WHAT YOU DO?

A: Helping people see that they can when they think they can't.

Q: DO YOU HAVE A CERTAIN COACHING PHILOSOPHY?

A: I like to be centered on the individual as a unique person. Every one size doesn't fit all. Everyone is different, so I cater their program and their training based on the type of person they are.

Q: IS THERE A QUOTE YOU SAY A LOT?

A: I just tell them that

they are a unique design.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS?

A: I am No. 1 for SPF (Southern Powerlifting Federation) in my age bracket for powerlifting in the world. I went to worlds last year, and I've been recognized in the community as a motivational person.

Q: WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO LOSE WEIGHT AND GET MORE ACTIVE?

A: I always tell them to find something they

enjoy doing, something that they find not hard but will challenge them. I always tell them to trust the process, because a lot of times we look at people who have lost a lot of weight but you're looking at them at the end of their journey not knowing what they had to do at the beginning. Everything doesn't work for everybody.

Q: ANY FINAL THOUGHTS?

A: My one thought that I want people to understand is taking care of their health is a lifestyle not a diet, so it's not a race to the finish line.

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.



Old Glory Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 23, 8:00 a.m. through Monday, May 25, 2:00 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

Spend your Memorial Day weekend on the golf course playing in the Old Glory Tournament. The three-day event consists of two-man teams competing in different formats each day including scramble, alternative shot and best ball. Entry fee is \$25 per player and does not include cart and greens fee. Register by 5 p.m. on May 20. This event is open to the public. For more information, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf or call (910) 451-5445.

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Red & White Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. to Sunday, June 7, 2:00 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

The tournament's format includes an 18-hole round of four ball net and 18-holes of individual matches. Cost is \$30 plus cart and greens fees. Register at the pro shop by 5 p.m. on June 3. This event is open to the public. For more info, call (910) 451-5445.

Globe & Anchor Championship

Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to Sunday, June 14, Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune

The second tournament in the 2020 Grand Slam Series is a 36-hole stroke play event scored by both gross and net. Cost is \$25 per golfer plus cart and greens fee. The tournament is open to the public and a USGA handicap is required. Register by June 10. For more information, call (910) 451-5445.

Sports Talk with Junious Smith III

Quick Facts:

- Founder of ENC Moments (est. Nov. 2019)
- Primarily covers sports for eight schools in a four-county area (Greene, Lenoir, Jones and Pitt)
- Graduate of Fayetteville State University
- Has worked with The Fayetteville Observer (2007-15) and The Free Press (2013-17) with a 3-month stint at the Associated Press in Atlanta in 2015

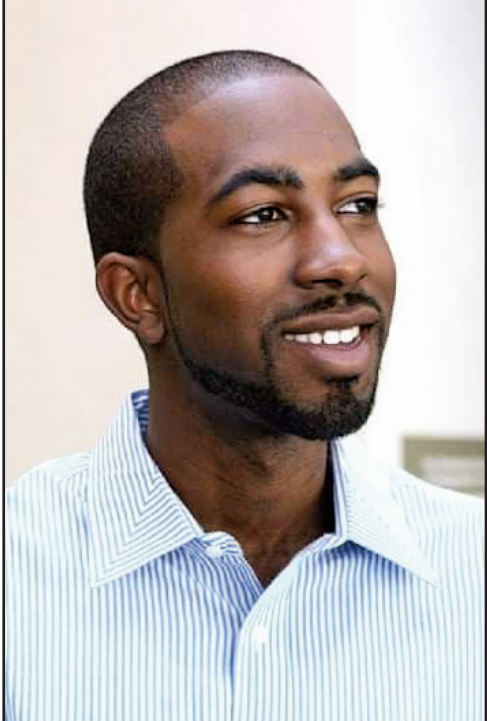


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Q: What can readers expect from you and your work?

A: Readers can expect somebody that's going to take the time to figure out his subject matter and just really put out the best possible story he can.

Q: Do any games that you covered this past year stand out?

A: For the environment, it would easily be the Kinston-Farmville Central games at the Kinston MLK Classic and in the fourth round of the 2A state playoffs.

Q: What is it about that matchup?

A: Kinston is led by Dontrez Styles and Isaac Parson. Styles just committed to Carolina and Parson is going to Winston-Salem State. On the other side you have three amazing guards. Farmville has Terquavion Smith, who committed to N.C. State, Justin Wright, who is going to N.C. Central next year, and also Samage Teel who is also going to be playing at Winston-Salem State. Not only that, you are looking at two dynasties. Kinston won six titles in an eight-year span from 2008 to 2015. Farmville Central just won their third title in the past five years.

Q: Who is the best high school athlete in your area?

A: Easily Dontrez Styles.

Q: Tell me more about Styles.

A: For him it's just all about making sure he's able to do whatever he can to improve for himself and for the team. He is definitely a team player. He's very unselfish, but he knows when to turn it on, and when his team needs him he is there to provide.

Q: Are there any up-and-coming underclassmen you've got your eye on?

A: Kinston basketball has a couple of sophomores that I'm looking at - Dontae Ellis and Jeremy Dixon. Jones Senior has a player by the name of Djimon Jones. He's a sophomore and he has the potential to be a star.

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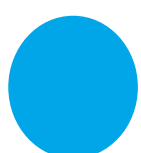
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PART 6

10 years later, 2nd MEB-A remembers service in Afghanistan

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

Part 6 - Mountains, sand and dust

From May 29, 2009 to April 12, 2010 the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade was deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Over the course of that year, Marines would establish expeditionary installations, train Afghan police and soldiers, take back Taliban-controlled strategic hubs and lay down for posterity new operating procedures for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Located in southern Afghanistan, Helmand spans 22,619 square miles. That's roughly the size of the entire state of West Virginia. While air support provided Marines with tactical mobility, the challenges that the area presented spanned beyond miles and feet. From a geographical perspective, Helmand was a test for the Marine Corps' ground capabilities.

"One of the greatest challenges is, by setting up a semi-permanent landlocked base of operations, we did not have access to the Naval capabilities Marines benefit from," said Gus Biggio, a

Civil Affairs Group Marine who was attached to 2nd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment in Nawa. "Expeditionary injunctions benefit from working with the U.S. Navy. It is important to remember that the Marine Corps is an expeditionary force."

David VanHorn, a retired U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt., served as the logistics support chief for 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion during the Helmand campaign. Due to the tight cap on the number of personnel being deployed, he also handled the role of 2nd LAR's operations chief.

"We operated along the Helmand River in the hook (Combat Outpost Payne), Rig (Kahan Neshin Castle), Southern Garmsir, Lashkar Gah to conducting patrols across the river into Balochistan," said VanHorn. "We had two companies covering these areas which were stretched pretty thin. Our Motor-T, supply and maintenance Marines did an outstanding job supporting the companies operating so spread apart."

During the initial push into Afghanistan in 2001,

Marines and Sailors had learned a bit about what equipment to bring into the fight. James Davis was the Combat Service Support Supply Chief for ground equipment on the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit during that time. He recalls the challenges the climate had presented to Marines during their taking of Camp Rhino.

"During the initial invasion the 26th MEU teamed up with us and we pushed into a small airstrip that we were able to set up initial supply support and airfield operations. At that time it was called Camp Rhino. We ran operations for awhile until a decision was made to take Kandahar airfield. 26th MEU led that mission and we slowly transitioned back to the ships to come home," Davis recalled. "The climate played a huge role in our initial ability to perform certain missions. We didn't have extreme cold weather gear with us, only hot weather gear which kept us from high mountain missions. Also, equipment filters would clog up due to the quality of the diesel fuel."

In 2009, at Camp Leatherneck, the issues of geography also needed to be overcome.



Photo by Sgt. Aaron Rooks

Cpl. Gregory Nickerson, a patrol leader with 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 3, Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan, interacts with locals Oct. 2, 2009, in Koshtay, Helmand province, Afghanistan. The Marines patrol Koshtay regularly to drive out insurgent forces.



Photo by Sgt. Aaron Rooks

Sgt. Zack Tharp, a reconnaissance Marine with Alpha Company, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, MEB-A, provides cover while Marines in the background prepare to destroy confiscated drugs Oct. 6, 2009, at the Salaam Bazaar in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The Marines raided the bazaar alongside U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents.



Photo by Cpl. Michael Curvin

Sgt. Nathan T. Donoho, a machine gun section leader with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, MEB-A, helps a villager from Lakari District, Helmand province, Afghanistan, trim tobacco leaves during a patrol Oct. 5, 2009. The local reception of the Marines has been inviting, Donoho says.

MCIEAST schools to carry digital learning through end of 2019-2020 school year

MCIEAST

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Americas Region in direct and close coordination with Marine Corps Installations East leadership has made the decision to continue with digital teaching and learning and keep school buildings closed to students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

While schools will remain physically closed to students, teachers and administrators will continue to work diligently to maintain digital learning programs in order to ensure continuity of education for our amazing students. These programs continue to evolve and differ slightly for each community and school... but the goal is the same, to

provide Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere.

We know that this decision is disappointing to our staff, students and families alike. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect every community across the Americas footprint. While some states are making decisions to slowly open up aspects of their economies, given the relatively short amount of time remaining in the current school year, DoDEA and military leadership agree that this was the prudent decision for our schools. The health and safety of our students, staff and communities is our highest priority.

This is obviously an extraordinarily challenging and concerning time for all of us. Watching our teachers, students and commu-

nities come together to ensure continuity of education for our military-connected students under these circumstances has been incredibly inspiring. Please continue to work diligently and cohesively to ensure that we build upon our successes to this point. Communication, moving forward, will be critical to the maintenance and evolution of these digital learning programs. Feel free to communicate all needs and concerns related to these programs to your teachers and principals. This type of feedback is important to the education process.

Thank you again for your continued support.

For more information regarding DoDEA's response to COVID 19, go to <https://www.dodea.edu/Coronavirus.cfm>.



Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings are currently on hold due to COVID 19. RAB meetings will be resumed when it is safe to do so.

If you are interested in attending virtual RAB meetings please email Lejeune_IR_Program@usmc.mil or call at the program manager at 910-915-9773.

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT...

Some memorable movie moms for Mother's Day



Brie Larson and Jacob Tremblay in "Room"

BY ED SYMKUS

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There are so many ways to celebrate moms on Mother's Day which, if you haven't been keeping track of your calendar, is on May 10. You can send a card, you can make a phone call - don't you DARE text her - you can, if everyone is masked up to the max and keeping their distances, pay a visit. Or you can observe the day with moms other than your own. Some of the best - and worst - of them have been in movies.

So, in honor of moms everywhere, and of every sort, here's a top 10 list of movies that have featured mothers in pivotal parts. "Carrie" (1976) - Piper Laurie made it to the Oscars with a Supporting Actress nomination as Margaret White, the intimidating religious fanatic mom of Sissy Spacek's title character who was regularly the victim of her crazy mother's penchant for punishment, and her irrational fear of not inflicting it.

"Flirting with Disaster" (1996) - There are many mothers in this comedy about Mel Coplin's (Ben Stiller) search for his birth mom. Accolades go to two of them: his take-no-prisoners adoptive mother, Pearl (Mary Tyler Moore), who won't let anyone get in the way of her own words, and his laidback hippie of a real mom, Mary Schlichting (Lily Tomlin), who knows the right way to talk people down from bad acid trips.

"Forrest Gump" (1994) - Mrs. Gump (Sally Field) is Forrest's (Tom Hanks) loving mom, a sweet woman who has oddball thoughts spinning in her head (about vacations, about the Ku Klux Klan), and is credited with the idea of life being like a box of chocolates. She also makes sacrifices for her son, like sleeping with his public school principal so Forrest won't have to go to

a "special" school.

"Hairspray" (2007) - John Travolta was nominated for his acting in "Saturday Night Fever" and "Pulp Fiction," and probably should have been for his willingness to go so over the top - in both sight and sound - as Edna Turnblad, the lovable and ever-loving - and ironing and dancing - mom of Tracy (Nikki Blonsky).

"The Incredibles" (2004) - When Elastigirl (voice of Holly Hunter) is fighting the bad guys, alongside her husband, Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson), she's as fierce as they come. When she's back home, playing mom to her three kids, and answering to the name Helen Parr, she's loving and protective ... and still pretty darn fierce about trying to keep a semblance of normalcy.

"Lady Bird" (2017) - Laurie Metcalf's Marion McPherson is all over the place in moods and attitudes, and she's quick to dole out advice to her daughter, Lady Bird (Saoirse Ronan), such as explaining that being successful doesn't mean that you're happy. The

two characters do a bit of verbal sparring, but there's nobody that Marion cares more about than Lady Bird.

"The Manchurian Candidate" (1962) - Patty Duke won the Supporting Actress Oscar for "The Miracle Worker," but it should have gone to Angela Lansbury, for her performance as Eleanor Shaw Iselin, the conniving and downright evil mother of Raymond Shaw (Laurence Harvey), who values political power over the life of her son.

"Mommie Dearest" (1981) - There's evil and then there's its anagram, vile. Faye Dunaway got to sharpen the acting tools that would bring out the despicable side of Joan Crawford who was, to put it mildly, totally in charge of the abusive, passive-aggressive relationship with her adopted daughter Christina (Diana Scarwid). Definitely a disturbed, out-of-control mom.

"Mother" (1996) - Debbie Reynolds made it appear that her character, Beatrice Henderson, the doting mother of John (Albert Brooks) was a bit

clueless. Oh, please! Sure, she wasn't technically savvy, and she didn't really know her way around fresh food, but she's a great mom who only wants the best for both of her sons. She's sweet and funny.

"Room" (2015) - Brie Larson is known only as Ma in this emotional storm of a movie in which she's kidnapped, made pregnant, and made captive in a 10x10 windowless room, in which, over the years, she raises her son (Jacob Tremblay). Larson manages to imbue the challenging performance and desperate situation with a great deal of light. And love saves the day.

All films are available through the Amazon Prime Video streaming service.

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John Travolta and Nikki Blonsky in "Hairspray"

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Patience amid chaos

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN BY LT. MATTHEW DEAN Headquarters and Support Battalion

It is in these times of uncertainty that God often calls His people to wait for His deliverance. God is patient, and throughout much of the Christian's life it is apparent, He is teaching us to be like Him. To be patient. Psalm 27:14 states "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." It may seem an easy thing to wait, but it is one of the postures which a Christian soldier learns not without years of teaching. Marching and quick-marching are much easier to God's warriors than standing still. There are hours of perplexity when the most willing spirit, anxiously desirous to serve the Lord, knows not what part to take. Then what shall it do? Vex itself by despair? Fly back in cowardice, turn to the right hand in fear, or rush

forward in presumption? No, but simply wait. Wait in prayer, however. Call upon God, and spread the case before Him; tell Him your difficulty, and plead His promise of aid. In dilemmas between one duty and another, it is sweet to be humble as a child, and wait with simplicity of soul upon the Lord. It is sure to be well with us when we feel and know our own folly, and are heartily willing to be guided by the will of God. Also wait in faith. Express your unstaggering confidence in Him; for unfaithful, untrusting waiting, is but an insult to the Lord. Believe that if He keep you tarrying even till midnight, yet He will come at the right time; the vision shall come and shall not tarry. Wait in quiet patience, not rebelling because you are under the affliction,

but blessing your God for it. Never murmur against the second cause, as the children of Israel did against Moses; never wish you could go back to the world again, but accept the case as it is, and put it as it stands, simply and with your whole heart, without any self-will, into the hand of your covenant God, repeating the words of Charles Spurgeon, the Prince of Preachers. "Now, Lord, not my will, but Thine be done. I know not what to do; I am brought to extremities, but I will wait until Thou shalt cleave the floods, or drive back my foes. I will wait, if Thou keep me many a day, for my heart is fixed upon Thee alone, O God, and my spirit waiteth for Thee in the full conviction that Thou wilt yet be my joy and my salvation, my refuge and my strong tower."



Lejeune students adapt academically amid COVID-19



SOPHIA HARDING
Editorial Intern

In addition to the loss of after school jobs and extracurriculars, high school students are also facing stressors related to their academic futures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Juniors face fewer chances to take the SAT or ACT and improve their scores for college applications this fall, and the future of some seniors has been affected as well. Caroline Morgan, a senior at Lejeune High says that she faces a hard decision after all of the colleges that she applied to canceled their admitted students days. "I really wasn't sure which school I was going to choose and so I

was waiting to actually visit all of the campuses and see which one felt right," said Morgan. "I have realized that I don't want to be too far away from my family." Lauren McClane, another LHS senior, has changed her college decision, in part because of the effects of COVID-19. "I was originally going to college at Fordham in New York City but because I got off the waitlist at UNC Chapel Hill I've changed my decision. My parents were worried about me going to the epicenter of it all and so with the surprise of getting into UNC Chapel Hill, it just makes perfect sense to go there instead," McClane said. For some, COVID-19

has actually helped them get into their dream school. Angelina Heiser was deferred at East Carolina University, but the university offered to reconsider her application if she could retake the SAT and score higher. Because all SAT test dates were cancelled, ECU reconsidered her application anyways and she was admitted. "I'm super happy about how it turned out because I was worried about being able to get in, but now I'm in," Heiser said. With some colleges already considering going online for this fall semester, the future of college bound seniors is still uncertain but after a rough senior year, seniors are hoping for the best.



Marine Corps observes ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

BY LANCE CPL. MORGAN BURGESS
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Throughout the month of May, the Marine Corps honors the past as well as the continuing contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Despite a history of challenges dating back to the earliest immigrants, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to embrace their culture and thrive in the Marine Corps. Diversity, once viewed as a weakness, is now one of the Marine Corps' greatest strengths. Marines use their personal heritages, traditions and unique ways of thinking to strengthen the Corps. The dedication and valor of Asian American and Pacific Islanders can be traced in every American battle since the Civil War. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps and

those serving in the armed forces were removed, segregated and investigated. More than 1,400 second-generation Americans of Japanese descent, or nisei, were serving in the Hawaii Territorial Guard before World War II. After the attack, they were stripped of their rifles and transferred to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, due to concerns that they might cause a security threat. As racial discrimination grew for all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, many fought to prove their loyalty and slowly gained respect in the United States. In Hawaii, after a month of guarding vital installations and helping the Red Cross, Reserve Officers' Training Corps students from the University of Hawai'i were dismissed from duty; they had been classified as enemy aliens and prohibited from military service. Not discouraged, the students petitioned the military governor, Army Lt. Gen.

Delos Emmons to allow them to serve to prove their loyalty to the United States. A labor battalion, the Victory Varsity Volunteer, was established with Emmons' approval. Through their hard work, they regained the U.S. military's trust. By 1979, the first nationally recognized Asian American and Pacific Islander week was celebrated; in 1991, it expanded to the entire month of May. Sgt. Ariana J. Acosta is unlike the many who work in Headquarters Marine Corps; she is part of the less than one percent of Pacific Islanders in the U.S. military. Acosta was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu, and grew up primarily in Makiki, Kalihi and Hilo. She did not leave her home state until 2015, the year she enlisted in the Marine Corps. "There may be less and less prejudice against other ethnicities for those who still, for any reason, have some. Every year, I think

we grow closer to achieving that," said Acosta, a graphics specialist at Plans, Policies and Operations. Generally, the Asia-Pacific region is considered to include East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania. The region embodies a vast array of cultures, traditions and religions that have helped shape the United States to present day. Major Kurt Chew-Een Lee, the son of Chinese immigrants, helped write American history. In 1944, he joined the Marine Corps at age 18 and expected to deploy to the Pacific Theater after boot camp but was instead assigned to a stateside Japanese language school. Disappointed that he did not serve in combat, he pursued a military career after World War II and earned his place in history as one of the first Asian-Americans to serve as a regular officer in the Marine Corps. "People claim I wore

a big chip on my shoulder, sure, this chip is my learning tool for expelling ignorance," said Lee who was faced with the discrimination that came with being a "first." Initially, his men doubted his loyalty to the United States, but that was quickly disproven with Lee's acts of gallantry during the battle of Inchon and throughout the Korean War. While leading a platoon, his unit was attacked at Inchon by Chinese forces. At the time, a lieutenant, Lee ordered his platoon to establish a defensive line, while he advanced alone to provoke the enemy to open fire and reveal their positions. It worked. As he drew fire from nearby Chinese forces, he said in Mandarin, "Don't shoot! I'm Chinese!" The attack continued; his American accent had given him away. Lee's extraordinary heroism earned him the Navy Cross. Lee, who retired from the Marine Corps in 1968, died

March 3, 2014, at age 88. When asked which of her accomplishments in the Marine Corps made her most proud, Acosta said, "I can honestly say that I'm proud I was able to branch away from home. It's a small town, small community. I've not just been able to branch away from a small place but [have] seen very big parts of the rest of the world in moderate doses, working for my country in a way that I can be proud of when I think about it in hindsight." The Marine Corps recognizes the many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, both in and out of the Corps, who fulfill America's promise of new opportunity achieved through sacrifice, risk-taking and hard work, rather than by chance. In addition to Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, commands are encouraged to recognize the other cultural observances listed in MARADMIN 553/19.

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