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Montford Point Marine Association hosts panel on MCB Camp Lejeune



Photos by Lance Cpl. Isalah Gomez

Montford Point Marine Association alumni answer questions during a panel at the Marine Corps Exchange on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 21. The panel was held to educate the community about the rich history of Montford Point.

Attention: Stay off the dunes at Onslow Beach

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

As dune restoration continues at Onslow Beach, visitors are reminded to stay off dunes in any capacity. Foot traffic and vehicles are damaging to an essential part of the ecosystem that took a serious blow during Hurricane Florence.

Visitors are reminded to use designated walkways only. Do not climb, drive or otherwise go on the dunes at Onslow Beach. Per the MCCS website, penalty fees may apply for failure to adhere to Onslow Beach regulations & policies.

For more information, visit <http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/beach/>.



Courtesy photo

A piece of heavy equipment works to restore dunes at Onslow Beach. The dunes were severely damaged during Hurricane Florence in 2018 and visitors are reminded to not climb, drive or otherwise be on the dunes.



Montford Point Marine Association alumni pose for a photo.

March 3 marks primary voting

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

Primary elections in North Carolina will take place March 3, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A list of polling locations in Onslow County is available at <https://www.onslowcounty.gov/1686/Find-Your-Polling-Site>.

Service members and families seeking an absentee ballot should speak with their unit's Voting Assistance Officer. For more information on absentee ballots, visit <https://www.fvap.gov>.

II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward commemorates Iwo Jima



Marines and Sailors with II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward gather to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima during Maritime Prepositioning Force Exercise 20 at U.S. Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, Feb. 19. The Marines and Sailors of II MEF Forward took an operational pause to observe the 75th anniversary of the historic battle.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Hector de Jesus

Master Gunnery Sgt. Toby Eberle, II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward, reads the Medal of Honor citation for a Marine and Sailor.

Provost Marshal’s Office conducts law enforcement tactics training



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Beau W. Williams, right, and Ron Dodge, both law enforcement with the Provost Marshal’s office (PMO), Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, conduct scenario-based training on MCB Camp Lejeune, Feb. 11. PMO hosted a law enforcement defensive tactics and sustainment training to ensure mission readiness and proficiency.

BY LANCE CPL. ISAAH GOMEZ
Marine Corps Installations East

U.S. Marines and law enforcement members with the Provost Marshal’s Office (PMO), Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, conducted a law enforcement defensive tactics and sustainment training session on MCB Camp Lejeune, Feb. 11.

During this sustainment training, officers received guidance and were assessed on their ability to conduct an arrest using inert spray, an oleoresin capsicum substitute, which is commonly referred to as OC spray.

The officers then conducted attack and defense drills with a baton to ensure proper procedures are followed by law enforcement while enforcing the compliance of an assailant.

Immediately following the evolution, the officers moved on to the law enforcement defensive tactics and scenario-based training.

Law enforcement defensive tactics are aimed to

subdue an assailant while avoiding injury for both the individual and the officer.

“We have to modify the self-defense techniques for law enforcement to an appropriate level depending on what we are engaged with,” said John G. Soniga, a police officer trainer with PMO. “Our primary goal is to put someone in a position where they can apprehend the subject and then bring them back to the station safely and process accordingly.”

The scenario-based training was separated into three situations. An armed robbery, an uncooperative trespasser and defensive maneuvers for chokeholds. Each officer had to show they could follow policy and procedures when responding to a situation keeping in mind the safety of those in the area while deescalating each situation with bearing.

“Our main goal is to enhance proficiency and technique to safely handle resisting subjects without injury,” said Roger Cooke, an instructor for the training section with PMO.

Photos by Lance Cpl. Isaiah Gomez



Brian E. Moore, left, an accident investigator, and John G. Soniga, right, a police officer trainer, both with the PMO, demonstrate proper defensive techniques.



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Wesley J. Flannigan, left, and Cpl. Samuel V. Wright, both military police officers with the PMO, participate in a sustainment training session.

OFF-LIMITS

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

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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.
Tobacco Leaf at 343K Western Blvd., Jacksonville.
Triple C Diesel Performance and Mobile Repair
602 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
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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
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New River Hotline - 449-6029.

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USSOCOM Commander highlights Marine Raider accomplishments at 14th Anniversary



Photos by Gunnery Sgt. Lynn Kinney

BY GUNNERY SGT. LYNN KINNEY

Marine Forces, Special Operations Command

The auditorium of the Marine Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC) Headquarters at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune was standing room only as Marine Raiders gathered to celebrate the 14th anniversary ceremony of the organization, Feb. 21.

The commander and command senior enlisted leader for U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Gen. Richard D. Clarke and Command Chief Master Sgt. Gregory A. Smith, attended the ceremony that also recognized Marines from throughout the component for excellence in their respective fields.

“As we look forward into a future riddled with uncertainty and ever

evolving threats, MARSOC will remain an essential part of SOCOM,” said Clarke. “You make a difference wherever you are. Time and time again, Raiders have turned the tide on the frontier in far-away places and all but unknown to most people.”

The ceremony included the rededication of the organizational battle colors, with the addition of the Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Streamer, and a Bronze Star, in lieu of second award for the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

“It is all about honoring the customs and traditions of our Corps and our military,” said Maj. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, MARSOC commander. “I am thankful for all that you do, day-in and day-out, to support our warfighters, uphold our Marine Raider legacy, and forge our path of providing the nation and Geographic Combatant Commanders a

Marine Special Operations Force capable of dynamically adjusting to meet the complex demands of the future operating environment. I am incredibly proud of your accomplishments. At times the ultimate sacrifice was made, and we will continue to honor and remember those that have given their lives in support of this great nation. They, and their loved ones, will forever be part of our Marine Raider family.”

Yoo also expressed his vision for the future of MARSOC.

“Throughout 2019, MARSOC made significant advancements in combat development. In the years ahead, we will pursue consolidation, experimentation, testing, and evaluation of future operating concepts and near-peer offset capabilities, and shape the component for continued innovation in support of MARSOC

2030 and the Joint Force.”

In 2019, Marine Raiders worked with Headquarters Marine Corps to transition optics and enhanced thermal imager as a service-common item. The component is also working to identify a system to better integrate and manage the holistic power requirement of an individual operator.

“You have a clear and unambiguous vision of the character required to represent our country. The Marine Corps, perhaps better than any other service, has articulated the values that we must hold dear, both day in and day out,” Clarke said. “You have blended the martial pride and prowess of Sparta, with the brains of Athens, and the spirit and values of this great American experiment that we all hold so dear.”



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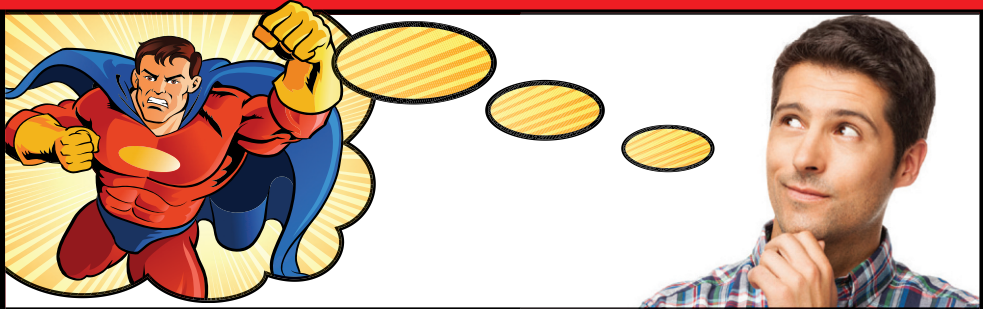
2nd Marine Division welcomes Canadian attaché to Camp Lejeune



Photo by Lance Cpl. Reine Whitaker

A U.S. Marine with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, describes capabilities of the assault amphibious vehicle to Canadian Col. Patrick Henri Robichaud, Canadian military attaché, on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 20. Military officials with 1st Canadian Division visited II Marine Expeditionary Force to discuss future training opportunities and interoperability.

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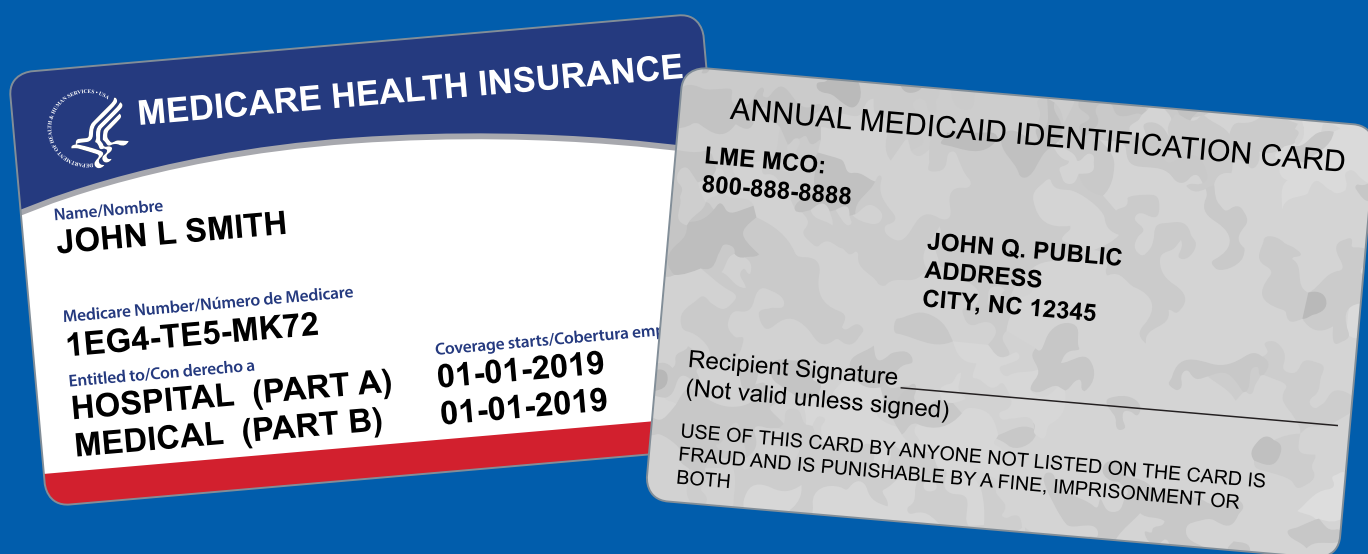


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So close: Marines fall to Army in Greco-Roman final by one



Photos by U.S. Navy Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ian Carver

The All-Marine Wrestling Team poses for a photo prior to the 2020 Armed Forces Wrestling Championship at Naval Base Kitsap, Feb. 22.

The All-Marine Wrestling Team came within one point of snapping the Army's nearly two-decade long winning streak in the Greco-Roman Armed Forces Championship.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

At the 2019 Armed Forces Wrestling Championship, the Army routed the All-Marine Wrestling Team in the Greco-Roman final 32-10. This year at Naval Base Kitsap in Washington, the Marines were a single point away from breaking the Army's nearly two-decade long winning streak in the Greco-Roman competition.

Despite falling one point short of dethroning the Army team and making the statement they set out to prove to the United States Greco-Roman wrestling community, the Marines still had a performance to be proud of.

Out of the 10 Greco-Roman weight classes, the Marines had five gold

medalists and four silver medalists. Capt. Colton Rasche and 1st Lt. Terrence Zaleski also earned their ticket to this year's Olympic Team Trials at Penn State University in April. Rasche and Zaleski will join at least six other All-Marine teammates at the trials, which will determine who represents the United States at the Tokyo Olympics.

After a gut-wrenching loss to Army in their flagship style on day one, the Marines fell to Army again, this time 27-15 in the freestyle competition to close out the tournament. However, the Marines got three freestyle victories over the Army from Capt. Peyton Walsh, Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz and Zaleski.

With the stress and emotion of the Armed

Forces Championship behind them, the Marines can now turn their attention toward their next goal – placing as many Marines on the Olympic team as possible.

OF NOTE: 1st Lt. Terrence Zaleski and Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz were the only two Marines to defeat their opponent from the Army in both the final of the freestyle competition and the Greco-Roman final to earn two gold medals.

Greco-Roman Final:
Army - 21
Marine Corps - 20

Freestyle Final:
Army - 27
Marine Corps - 15



Marine Corps Sgt. Raymond Bunker lifts Army Sgt. George Hooker during the Greco-Roman final of the Armed Forces Championship at Naval Base Kitsap, Feb. 22.



Marine Corps Sgt. Xavier Johnson takes down Army Sgt. Ryan Mango during the Greco-Roman final of the Armed Forces Championship at Naval Base Kitsap, Feb. 22.



Marine Corps Capt. Peyton Walsh forces down his opponent from the Army during the Greco-Roman final of the Armed Forces Championship at Naval Base Kitsap, Feb. 22.

Athletes and coaches head to 10th annual Marine Corps Trials



Marines from Wounded Warrior Battalion-East participate in wheelchair rugby during a Mini Marine Corps Trials clinic on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune back in December 2019.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Coaches and nearly 50 active-duty Marines and sailors from Wounded Warrior Battalion-East (WWBn-E) headed to California on Feb. 27 for the 10th annual Marine Corps Trials, which will be held at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, March 4-11.

About 200 athletes from militaries around the world will be competing at the Marine Corps Trials, a 12-sport event for wounded, ill and

injured Marines to compete and train together to promote recovery. Those who compete in the Marine Corps Trials have a shot at being selected to Team Marine Corps for the 2020 Department of Defense Warrior Games, a multinational adaptive sports competition.

Service members from Canada, Columbia, France, Georgia, Italy and the United Kingdom will be present at the trials to compete against teams from WWBn-E and Wounded Warrior Battalion-West.

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jason Pritchett from MCB Camp Lejeune is among the competitors that will be going for the title of Ultimate Champion, an award given to the participant who earns the most points by placing in each of the eight events in their respective category. Pritchett was a participant in last year's DoD Warrior Games and hopes to return again this year.

The 2020 Warrior Games will be hosted by the Marine Corps in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 21-28.



Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jason Pritchett, center, competes in wheelchair rugby during a Mini Marine Corps Trials clinic on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in December, 2019. Pritchett is going for the title of Ultimate Champion, an award given to the top performer, at this year's Marine Corps Trials.

Nix gets Coach of the Month nod



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Gulianna Dunn
Retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Jelani Nix pleads his case to a referee during the 2019 Armed Forces Basketball Championship.

The retired gunnery sergeant has his team in good position to make a run at a Military Basketball Association championship this season

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Jelani Nix, a retired U.S. Marine and former All-Marine basketball player, was named the Atlantic Coastal Military Basketball Conference (ACMBC) Coach of the Month for January earlier this month.

Nix led the Eastern North Carolina Military Basketball War Dawgs to a 7-1 record in January and a Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend tournament title at Naval Station Mayport, Jan. 20.

"[Nix] is a hard, but fair coach," said Jason

Lafasciano, ACMBC commissioner. "He reminds me of an old school coach where he holds his players accountable, but they in return respond to that. With him, you are playing for the name on the front of the jersey, not the back of the jersey."

The War Dawgs are among the top teams in the ACMBC with an overall record of 13-3 and were ranked third in the latest Military Basketball Association (MBA) Global Top 20.

The ACMBC will hold its end-of-season tournament, April 3-5. The

two teams that make the championship game will get an automatic bid into the MBA Finals in Colorado Springs, Colorado in May. The 10 remaining spots in the finals will be awarded to teams based on a points ranking system.

The War Dawgs are comprised of players from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and MCAS Cherry Point. They will travel to Georgia this weekend for games at Fort Stewart.

Nix coached his team to an ACMBC tournament title a year ago.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



AMAZIRIAH RAWLS

Sport: Basketball
School: White Oak High
Class: Senior

Quick Facts:

- Averaging 15 points per game
- Leads team in points, rebounds, steals and blocks per game
- Led White Oak to a second place finish in the Coastal 3A Conference
- Helped the Vikings earn the #13 seed in the 3A East Region
- Has signed to play at Georgia Southwestern State University



Photo and Q&A by Calvin Shomaker

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN CLICKING FOR YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A TEAM THIS SEASON?

A: Individually, I think I am allowing myself to push past my limits or what used to be my limits. As a team, we are allowing each other to push each other to be the best players that we can be out on the court. The teamwork is really there. The communication is really there. Everything is kind of gelling together.

Q: WHAT IS IT LIKE PLAYING FOR COACH LAUSTERER?

A: I have known Coach Lausterer since the summer of my seventh grade year. She has had a very serious impact on my life not just as a player or as an athlete, but as a person I could come to, talk to (and) feel secure around. Playing for her, it makes you feel like the sky is the limit for you.

Q: WHAT TYPE OF BASKETBALL PLAYER ARE YOU? WHAT IS YOUR STRONG SUIT?

A: I think my strong suit is being able to follow directions mostly. If a coach tells me to drive into the paint, I will start driving into the paint. I use my knowledge of the game as my strongest suit.

Q: WHAT DOES BASKETBALL MEAN TO YOU?

A: I live, breathe, sleep and eat basketball. If I am not at work, if I am not at school, I am either in the gym or I am in some part of the house dribbling a basketball, shooting a basketball. I guess you could say it's a stress reliever ... Basketball is a way that I relieve everything that I am holding inside. I think it is probably what has built me as a person.

If you'd like to nominate an area athlete for Athlete of the Week, email cshomaker@camplejuneglobe.com. (Nominations must have connections to the local military community.)

Big turnout for Full Power Meet at Stone Bay

Family-friendly environment makes for a Saturday of fun for lifters and spectators



Photos by Calvin Shomaker

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Dillon Conley squats during the MCCS Lejeune-New River Hard Corps Series Full Power Meet at Stone Bay Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 22.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Active duty service members and veterans, along with civilians from the Jacksonville area, crowded the Stone Bay Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune as family and friends cheered on contestants maxing out for the Hard Corps Series Full Power Meet put on by Marine Corps Community Services Lejeune-New River, Feb. 22.

The Full Power Meet was the first Hard Corps Series event of 2020. The

competition consisted of one-rep maxes in squat, deadlift and bench press.

According to John Heger, fitness facilities manager for MCCS, the Hard Corps Series offers opportunities for lifters to get their feet wet, brush up on their skills and put their strength to the test against quality competition all in a supportive setting.

“This is a great entry-level competition,” Heger said. “It’s a family-friendly environment where you can bring the kids and spend the day.”

The competition

was scored by using the Wilks formula, where the lifter’s body weight and the weight lifted factored into the overall score. Contestants were divided into three categories of novice, open and masters based on experience level.

A new Hard Corps Series event could replace the bodybuilding show this year, but has yet to be announced. To stay up to date on the Hard Corps Series events, visit <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/hardcorps> or “like” the MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports & Fitness page on Facebook.



Marine Corps Sgt. Tom Palacio squats during the MCCS Lejeune-New River Hard Corps Series Full Power Meet at Stone Bay Fitness Center on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 22.

Suszko takes bronze at state wrestling tournament



Courtesy photo

Lejeune High School sophomore Alex Suszko poses for a photo following the NCHSAA’s 1A East Regional wrestling tournament that was held in Asheboro, Feb. 14-15.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Lejeune High School sophomore Alex Suszko went 3-1 at the NCHSAA’s 1A state wrestling tournament in Greensboro en route to a bronze in the 152 lbs. bracket, Feb. 22.

Suszko pinned his

first round opponent in the third minute before losing a 13-3 major decision in the semifinals to silver medalist Bradley Parker of Avery County. Suszko then cruised to a third place finish on the consolation side of the bracket by going 2-0 with wins coming via tech fall and fall.

Suszko ended the year with an overall record of 25-4.

Lejeune’s Jacob Live-say also competed at the state tournament. The junior went 0-2 in the 138 lbs. bracket to finish the year 20-18.

Swansboro’s River Carroll won the 3A state title at 160 lbs.

High School Basketball Scoreboard: NCHSAA state playoffs



Photo by Chris Miller/The Daily News

Jacksonville’s Kennedy Todd-Williams, left, led the Lady Cards to a #5 seed in the 3A East Region of the NCHSAA state playoffs and the Coastal 3A Conference’s regular season and tournament titles.

Boys 1st Round, Feb. 25:

1A East
#3 East Carteret 83, #30 Lejeune 56
#11 Pender 71, #22 Camden County 46

2A East
#10 Dixon 68, #23 TW Andrews 55
#32 Croatan 32, #1 South Granville 74

3A East
#14 Northside-Jax 54, #19 Terry Sanford 58
#28 Jacksonville 34, #5 Eastern Guilford 72

2nd Round, Feb. 27:

1A East
#3 East Carteret vs. #19 Wilson Prep
#11 Pender at #6 Henderson Collegiate

2A East
#10 Dixon at #7 St. Pauls

Girls 1st Round, Feb. 25:

1A East
#31 Pender 29, #2 Vance Charter 52

2A East
#6 Croatan 53, #27 Midway 11
#18 Richlands 48, #15 Hertford County 69

3A East
#5 Jacksonville 65, #28 JH Rose 31
#13 White Oak 65, #20 Swansboro 52

2nd Round, Feb. 27:

2A East
#6 Croatan vs. #11 Beddingfield

3A East
#5 Jacksonville vs. #12 Westover
#13 White Oak at #4 Eastern Alamance

Couples Yoga
Saturday, Feb. 29, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wallace Creek Fitness Center, MCB Camp Lejeune
Connect with your special someone through a two-hour yoga class designed for couples. Cost is \$5 per person. Pre-paid group exercise monthly passes and/or punch cards are not accepted. Free admittance with active duty ID Card is not valid either. Open to all authorized patrons 18 years and older. Personal yoga mat recommended, but not required. To learn more, call (910) 451-0025.

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.

Xtreme Family Fun Night
Thursday nights, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., New River Bowling Center, MCAS New River
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MCCS Fun Run: Heroes & Villains 5K
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Warm-Up for 49th Camp Lejeune Intercollegiate Golf Championship
Saturday, March 7 to Sunday, March 8, Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune
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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.



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Wednesday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wallace Creek Fitness Center, MCB Camp Lejeune
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Monday, March 16 to Thursday, March 19 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Paradise Point Golf Course, MCB Camp Lejeune
Whether you need to learn golf basics or re-fresh your skills, these clinics are the perfect way to improve your game and have a good

time. Attend just one clinic or all four. Clinics are open to the public and cost \$10 per clinic. Topics of clinic are as follows: Fundamentals of Grip, Stance and Posture (Mon.), Putting and Chipping (Tues.), Driver and Fairway Woods (Wed.) and How to Play/Course Management (Thurs.). Register by March 13 at the Pro Shop. To learn more, call (910) 451-5445.

Monthly Scramble
Saturday, March 21, 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.



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12:30PM – 2:00PM
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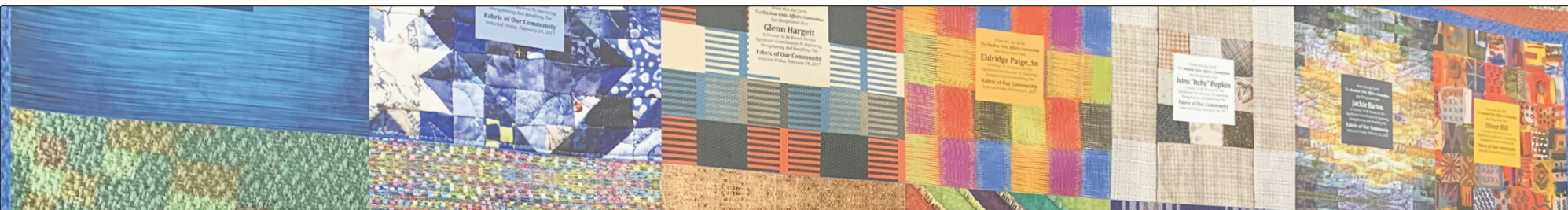
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Volunteers honored at Golden Rule Lightkeeper Awards

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Former MCB Camp Lejeune CG added to “Fabric of Our Community” by Onslow Civic Affairs Committee

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

A crowd of over 300 flocked to Sturgeon City in Jacksonville to celebrate area volunteers, Feb. 21. The United Way of Onslow County’s Golden Rule Lightkeeper Awards recognized the important work and precious time members of the community put toward bettering their home.

“It is good to see people recognizing the importance of these volunteers,” said Raquel Painter, United Way of Onslow County president and chief professional officer. “We have a tremendous amount of nominees this year. This community truly appreciates and respects the people who go out of their way to do good (deeds). This is an opportunity to show them some much

deserved praise.”

Volunteer Onslow has seen an impact of over \$2.5 million in sweat equity savings for the community.

Awards were in five different categories – youth, youth group, adult group, education and adult individual. 32 nominees in total were up for awards.

Along with the volunteers being honored in 2020, five community members were granted the honor of being added to the “Fabric of Our Community” quilt, a group of individuals who have dedicated a lifetime of service to Jacksonville. While in its fourth incarnation, the award’s roots go back much further.

“The Beirut bombings changed how this community came together,” said Dr. Don Herring, Onslow Civic Affairs Committee chairman. “The fabric of our community was torn

that day. ... This quilt now is made of many persons whose work will stretch forward.”

The group of five were Richard L. Ray (posthumously), Jacksonville Police officer Lt. James “XY” Brown, Pat and Lee Walker and retired U.S. Marine Maj. Gen. Bob Dickerson, former commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune - Marine Corps Installations East.

“It is a humbling experience to be recognized among these volunteers,” Dickerson said. “We live in a great community and volunteers make it that way. There are so many people in need and it is hard work from volunteers that helps them and grows this community. One team, one fight.”

Dickerson was the first CG of MCIEAST and played a role in establish-

ing the Fisher House and Maritime Joint Operations Training Facility on MCB Camp Lejeune. Dickerson also helped bring the PGA Player’s Tournament to Camp Lejeune and instituted the Rails to Trails program which opened up areas for hiking.

“I believe he is the epitome of what the Fabric of Our Community is,” Painter said. “He is part of so many organizations and influences change in this community.”

Ray was a statesman who dedicated his life to growing Jacksonville. The Walkers were largely responsible for Jacksonville’s Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Brown, largely believed to be the oldest active duty police officer in the country at age 90, has been working with JPD’s traffic division for over 50 years.

GOLDEN LIGHTKEEPER AWARD WINNERS:

YOUTH:

Winner – Riley Jordan Kies, Relay for Life, CHEW

Runner up – Emily Lorelei Roberys, Salvation Army

YOUTH GROUP: VolunTEENS, Onslow Memorial Hospital

ADULT GROUP:

Winner – Tuesday CHEW Crew

Runner Up – Onslow Disaster Recovery Alliance

EDUCATOR:

Winner – Nivedita “Mini” Mittal

Runner Up – Dr. Becca Tagg

ADULT:

Winner – Tom Mahlum (Posthumously)

Runner Up – Candy Thompson, Onslow Women’s Center



(From left) Lt. James “XY” Brown, Mike Yaniero, Jacksonville chief of police, Michael Lazzarra, Jacksonville mayor pro tem, and Paul Buchanan, Onslow County commissioner, pose for a photo during the 2020 Golden Lightkeeper Awards at Sturgeon City, Feb. 21.



Pat and Lee Walker speak to attendees after receiving their Fabric of Our Community Award.



Attendees bow their heads during the ceremony’s invocation.



Raquel Painter (back left) stands by as attendees serve themselves lunch.



Retired U.S. Marine Maj. Gen. Bob Dickerson accepts a Fabric of Our Community Award.

‘Dolittle’ does little to improve upon previous movie versions

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It takes two hands to count the number of unnecessary movie remakes released in 2019. OK, get your fingers ready; here they are, alphabetically: “The Addams Family,” “Charlie’s Angels,” “Child’s Play,” “Dumbo,” “Hellboy,” “The Hustle” (original film: “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” which was a remake of “Bedtime Story”), “Jacob’s Ladder,” “Pet Sematary,” “The Upside” (original film: “The Intouchables”), and “What Men Want” (original film: “What Women Want”).

Now, just a couple of weeks into 2020, a year that will introduce remakes of, among others, “The Call of the Wild,” “The Invisible Man,” “Mulan,” “The Witches,” “Dune” (well, the first half of it), and “West Side Story,” Hollywood gives us “Dolittle,” starring Robert Downey Jr., following in the footsteps of Rex Harrison and Eddie Murphy, as the doctor who can talk to animals.

Is it a fresher, better version of the ones that came before it? Was it made for a new generation of young moviegoers who will appreciate it over its

predecessors? Is it, like the titles mentioned at the top, unnecessary? The answers, in order, are no, maybe and yes.

Is it a bad movie? Truth be told, that’s another no. It’s more than competently made, it features some expert visual effects, there’s some spot-on voice acting from an all-star cast, with Emma Thompson’s spirited performance as a bossy parrot, Rami Malek as a self-doubting gorilla, and Craig Robinson as an angry squirrel shining the brightest.

But there’s a lot more to it that can’t be treated so glowingly. The script, very loosely based on the second of Hugh Lofting’s 12 Dolittle books, “The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle,” published in 1922, tells of John Dolittle living a bedraggled and lonely life of despair, with only the animals he converses with keeping him company, after the death of his explorer wife. He’s brought out of his shell when a young girl from Buckingham Palace comes to Dolittle Manor and persuades him to leave the compound and aid the ailing Queen of England. The not-so-thrilling story encompasses a visit by an orphan boy who wants to become Dolittle’s appren-



Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr.) has a discussion with Chee-Chee (voice of Rami Malek). Photo courtesy of Universal

tice, an ocean expedition to a remote island to find a special tree whose flower will cure the queen, and the expected bad guys who are trying to ruin everything for the good guys.

Downey soft-sells his way through the film, going for an inner sadness and eschewing any vibrancy, and putting on a passable Welsh accent that makes him sound very much like Anthony Hopkins. His young wannabee apprentice, Tommy Stubbins (Harry

Collett), adds very little to the goings-on. But the two other main live-action (as opposed to CGI) characters - Michael Sheen as Dr. Blair Mudfly and Antonio Banderas as oddly face-painted King Rassouli - are guilty as sin for chewing up, swallowing, and spitting out the scenery in villainous roles.

Director and co-screenwriter Stephen Gaghan, who won an Oscar for his “Traffic” script 20 years ago, attempts a balancing act that includes serious intrigue at Buckingham Palace, where there are thoughts that the queen has been poisoned; Dolittle grappling with his inability to get over the loss of his wife; and an overabundance of slapstick sight gags (some of which are quite funny). It’s a real mishmash of a film, but it seems to be concerned mostly about connecting with very young viewers (expect maybe for its clever “Godfather” reference). There is, of course, a happy ending and those young viewers are likely going to be happy about it.

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MOVIE SCHEDULES

CAMP LEJEUNE Bldg. 19 McHugh Blvd.	MIDWAY PARK Bldg. 4014A in Midway Park	NEW RIVER Bldg. AS240 Curtis Rd., Air Station
FRIDAY "Gretel & Hansel" PG-13, 6:30 p.m. "The Rhythm Section" R, 9:20 p.m.	FRIDAY "Bad Boys For Life" R, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY "Dolittle" PG, 6 p.m. "The Gentlemen" R, 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY <u>Free Showing:</u> "Jumanji: The Next Level" PG-13, 3:30 p.m. "The Gentlemen" R, 6:30 p.m.	SATURDAY <u>Half Price Matinee:</u> "Gretel & Hansel" PG-13, 11 a.m. "Dolittle" PG, 2 p.m.	SATURDAY "Bad Boys For Life" R, 6 p.m. "The Last Full Measure" R, 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY "Dolittle" PG, 3:30 p.m. "Bad Boys For Life" R, 6:30 p.m.	SUNDAY No showings	SUNDAY "The Rhythm Section" R, 2 p.m. "Gretel & Hansel" PG-13, 5 p.m.

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

BBQ Bash and Chili Cookoff
Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The New River Officer Spouses Club hosts a chili and BBQ cookoff at the New River Marina. For information on how to enter your chili or BBQ or for tickets, visit <https://newriverosc.org/event/bbq-bash-chili-cookoff/>.

Wag Walk
Feb. 29, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Wallace Creek Fitness Center is the site of a monthly Wag Walk hosted by MCCS Lejeune - New River. Bring a dog and walk trails around Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. All dogs must be an approved base breed. For more information, call **(910) 451-1440**.

MCCS Fun Run: Heroes and Villains 5k
Mar. 7, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A free run for authorized patrons and guests at Tarawa Terrace Community Center with one or three mile courses available. The run is pet friendly, but banned breeds are not allowed. Dress as your favorite superhero or villain. For more information, visit <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/community>.

Passport Fair
Mar. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents seeking a passport can visit the Jacksonville Center for Public Safety for a day dedicated to getting documentation in order. Applications, photos, photocopy services and special processing services will be available on site. A full list of fees and required documentation can be found at <https://www.jacksonvillenc.gov/passports>.

Daddy Daughter Date Night
Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

All father figures are welcome to the Jacksonville Youth Center for an evening of dancing and fun. To register and find ticket information, call **(910) 938-5312**.

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Volunteers honored at Golden Rule Lightkeeper Awards



Officer James "XY Brown" accepts his Fabric of Our Community Award. At age 90, Brown continues to work daily with the Jacksonville Police Department's Traffic Division.

Photos by Pat Gruner



Attendees deliver a standing ovation for Tom Mahlum's Golden Rule Lightkeeper Award. Mahlum, a long-time volunteer with a number of local organizations, received the award posthumously.



From left: James Bernard McCray, Jannia Simmons and Nivedita "Mini" Mittal wait to hear the winners of the Education Award alongside Raquel Painter, United Way of Onslow County president.



The family of the late Richard Ray accepts his Fabric of Our Community Award. Ray was a statesman who was responsible for the Western Boulevard Extension in Jacksonville. Ray died in a boating accident in 1996.



Over 300 people were in attendance at the awards which filled Sturgeon City's community center. The annual event brings together organizations across Onslow County to honor volunteers.

Finding light through the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 9



CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

BY LT. MATT SCHILLING
Combat Logistics Battalion 8

Jesus came to bring us out of our bondage, sorrow and night into his freedom, joy and light. Both the Bible and the news channels testify that "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." This verse refers originally to the gloom and distress experienced by Israel when they fell under God's discipline. Isaiah ministered during the dismal days before and after the fall of Israel when they were crushed by the Assyrian army. Israel's dark hearts and sinful actions resulted in Israel's dark circumstances and national destruction. But Isaiah foresaw a day of deliverance and light for God's people. The deliverance that Isaiah foretold, which was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, is experienced by Christians today.

Isaiah saw that God would bring renewed joy to the nation of Israel and defeat their enemies. How would this happen? Through the birth of a royal son, a descendant of King David. Jesus is the Son who was given, who is our wonderful counselor and prince of peace, whose eternal kingdom is upheld with true justice and righteousness. Reading this, we can easily recognize how Jesus is the savior who satisfies our greatest needs!

Our greatest enemy is neither a nation nor a terrorist organization, but Satan himself, who is likened to a fierce lion seeking someone to devour or a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns. He would destroy us if he could. But he cannot! His defeat by Jesus was foretold all the way back in Genesis 3:15, was effected at the cross of Calvary and will be finalized when Jesus returns.

We not only need a deliverer, but a king who will right every wrong. Our society is plagued with injustice. The wicked often go unpunished, the weak are oppressed, the poor neglected and the righteous persecuted. Though the justice system in America is among the best this world has ever seen, it will never fix this reality. No human agency is capable of resolving this problem. Only someone who is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-righteous can bring about full and final justice for all.

For those who are overwhelmed by despair and darkness, Isaiah's prophecy is an invitation to find freedom and joy in Christ. For those who have already been called out of darkness into his marvelous light, this prophecy is an encouragement to rejoice before him. Have you seen the great light of Jesus which conquers the darkness?



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Emily J.T. Perez, born to a military family, held the second-highest rank in her senior class at West Point. As Brigade Command Sergeant Major, she held the distinction of being the highest-ranking minority woman in the history of the U.S. Military Academy. After her commissioning, Perez, a platoon leader, was killed while patrolling southern Iraq near Najaf in 2006 when a roadside bomb exploded under her Humvee. She was 23 years old. Perez was the first female graduate of West Point to die in Iraq and was buried at the academy.



Doris "Dorie" Miller saved the lives of his shipmates and then valiantly fought attacking Japanese forces during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, bravery for which he was awarded the Navy Cross—the first African American to receive this honor. Almost two years after his valor at Pearl Harbor, Miller gave his life for his country when his ship was sunk during battle.

USO of North Carolina holds Appreciation Luncheon

COURTESY STORY
NCDMVA

The USO of North Carolina held its 2019 Patriot Circle Partners Corporate Appreciation Luncheon in Durham, Feb. 18. The lunch is an opportunity for the USO of N.C. to thank each of its partners for their support during 2019 and to provide an update of the organization's vision for 2020 and beyond.

The event was attended by over 35 corporate partners who had the opportunity to meet new President and CEO, Jim Whaley, and other key USO of N.C. staff and volunteers. President Whaley shared his vision

and direction for growth for the USO of N.C. He also shared how the corporate partners could continue to assist the organization, in achieving its goals for success.

Larry D. Hall, secretary of the N.C. Department of Military And Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA), provided greetings to the attendees on behalf of Gov. Roy Cooper. Hall shared the governor's appreciation to the corporation community for their commitment to N.C.'s military service members and families across the state. He also expressed his gratitude to the organization for its continued partnership with the NCDMVA in support of N.C.'s

military community.

At the luncheon, Western Governor's University of North Carolina (WGU North Carolina), Chancellor Catherine Truitt announced the renewal of eight \$2,500 Military Appreciation Scholarships available to the military community in North Carolina. The scholarship program was introduced last year in partnership with the USO of N.C. and has been renewed for 2020. WGU North Carolina served as the title sponsor of the luncheon and Harris Teeter and Lowe's Home Improvement received awards for providing the highest level of sponsorship.



Courtesy Photo
North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Hall (third from right) poses for a photo alongside attendees of the USO of North Carolina's Patriot Circle Partners Corporate Luncheon, Feb. 18.

Kuwait pledges \$10 million to Desert Storm and Desert Shield memorial

COURTESY STORY

The ambassador of the State of Kuwait in Washington D.C., H.E. Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, revealed Kuwait's contribution of \$10 million to the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial, Feb. 24.

The effort to build the memorial has been ongoing since 2011 by the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association (NDSWM).

Scott Stump, CEO and president of NDSWM said, "This lead donation by the Government of Kuwait is an important

validation of the historical importance of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, and is a display of the deep, special and lasting friendship between our two countries. We are honored and humbled by this tremendous show of support."

In 1991, the United

States of America liberated Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield.

The memorial's design will commemorate the historical significance of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm while honoring the service and sacrifice of the United

States of America and coalition military personnel who defended Saudi Arabia and liberated the people of Kuwait.

In December 2014, President Obama signed the memorial's enabling legislation into law. In March 2017, President Trump signed the law au-

thorizing the memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in an area – 1 location. In June 2018, a site located in close proximity to the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial received approval.

The Memorial is projected to be completed by 2021.

Local students named Marine Corps Military Child of the Year finalists

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

Four area students are finalists for Operation Homefront's Marine Corps Military Child of the Year (MCOY) honor. Three, Dean Fecteau, Lee Balderaz, Jr. and Niklas Cooper, are students at Lejeune High School while the fourth, Hunter Galvin, is a Dixon High School student. Having locked down four of the five finalist spots, the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune area has good odds of having a MCOY for the fifth year in a row.

The honor of taking home the title is not lost on the students. While they all have different perspectives on what the award means, they are also appreciative of

the experiences they have had as military kids. Cooper notes that the nomination aligns with his father's retirement as a first sergeant.

"My dad recently retired and being nominated has allowed me to introspect on my last 16 years as a military child," said Cooper. "It has allowed me to take into perspective all the things that my father has done and the opportunities the Marine Corps has made available to me. I am extremely grateful that I have been able to experience a plethora of cultural immersions and I think if I do continue in this process it would be extremely cool."

Fecteau sees the nomination as an opportunity to shine a light on the military child experience.

"Over the past 18 years,

having moved nine times over, I think the best thing I have done is learn about other people," said Fecteau. "Seeing their struggles and coming together in the way we have to, really shows what a unique experience we have in this community."

Balderaz sees the nomination as a reflection on his parents.

"It means a lot to me honestly," said Balderaz. "All my life my main goal is to impress my parents so I am definitely proud to be a (finalist). Now, it is bigger than that and I have an opportunity to represent a community. ... I have wanted to succeed and excel in all that I do in school and my community. I'm very happy to represent my family and to show people the

character of military kids all over."

Galvin made note of the community service and classwork that led to his finalist status.

"I mostly help out through youth sports, particularly baseball and basketball," said Galvin. "I am also the president of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and help out with blood drives we put on. ... I feel really honored to be nominated. I was nervous about a couple steps of the application."

The MCOY will be announced in March and receive recognition at a gala in Washington D.C. later this year. For information on finalists across all branches of service, visit <https://www.operationhomefront.org>.



Courtesy Photo
Hunter Galvin, a Dixon High School student, is a finalist for Operation Homefront's Marine Corps Military Child of the Year.



Photo by Pat Gruner
(From left) Dean Fecteau, Niklas Cooper and Lee Balderaz, Jr. pose for a photo at Lejeune High School, Feb. 14. The three Lejeune students are finalists for Operation Homefront's Marine Corps Military Child of the Year award.

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School Spotlight

Jessica Reagle



Special Education teacher at Brewster Middle School



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Pat Gruner
Managing Editor

Our February School Spotlight is on Jessica Reagle, a Learning Impaired Moderate/Severe teacher at Brewster Middle School. Reagle has been at BMS since 2011 in the same classroom.

In 2017, she was named the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Teacher of the Year. She also coaches cheerleading. Reagle believes in empathy and the continuing evolution of teaching.

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

A. I believe my place and purpose on this Earth is to teach. ... When my younger brother was born, he was missing a chamber of his heart and was diagnosed as intellectually disabled. Recognizing and appreciating different abilities in all people, not seeing disabilities, were our family's normal. Throughout college and my early twenties, I coached a variety of Special Olympics sports and became extremely involved with the adapted physical activity community on campus and in my hometown. ... I continued my work with Special Olympics when I moved to the area and became the local coordinator for the White Oak River Special Olympics program for four years, working alongside my husband who was a coach.

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

A. In high school, I became very close with one girl in particular, Alyssa, who is an extremely deep person who also has a diagnosis of Down syndrome. I am thankful for the trips to the movies and dinners with her and my brother and our discussions of their feelings and opinions of a variety of topics, to include what it is like to be diagnosed with a disability. ... Through my work in the classroom, I hope to be someone who is kind, compassionate and facilitating independence. ... I feel an indescribable amount of pride when a student, who was too scared to enter a school building independently for years, slowly begins to enter with less and less prompting and preparation. ... The many aspects of education, from academics to life/social skills, are the framework to success for our students. Educating in a world where there are no disabilities and only different abilities is the ultimate impact I wish to make.

Q. What is your main education philosophy?

A. Teaching is constantly evolving. Ev-

ery single person has the ability to learn and everyone deserves the opportunity to flourish. I believe to be the most effective teacher possible I must be educated in a multitude of methodologies. It is my responsibility to ensure all students make growth and receive a meaningful education. I have strived to consistently advocate for the inclusion of the moderate/severe population in all aspects of school activities that are appropriate for each student's ability level. Learning needs to be fun and engaging for students to internalize information. I strive to be as creative as possible and interweave lessons in different and exciting ways. Constant reflection and diligent data are what drives the atmosphere in my classroom.

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

A. I have learned to be flexible and that no one is disabled. Everyone has the ability, but it takes effort on behalf of the teacher or adult working with the student to unlock his or her potential.

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

A. The opportunity to help create meaningful programs for our students. It is important to me that our students' programs are unique to each of them.

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

A. Keep the students first. We are all aware of the politics and challenges within education systems. If you are advocating for your students' best interests and have the background knowledge necessary to make educated and informed decisions for them, fight with all you have to make sure they get what they need, regardless of anything else.

Q. What are three words that would describe your life outside of the classroom? (hobbies, interests, etc.)

A. Family, dance and fulfilled.

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

A. Choosing just one memory is very difficult. Recently, a parent sent me a message that her eighth grader picked up a book at home and read the entire thing front to back for the first time in his life. He had an amazing year of growth and that was a huge milestone. I was extremely proud of him.

Q. What advice would you give to a parent of a middle-schooler?

A. I think the most difficult transition for any parent is the one from fifth to sixth grade. With this in mind, I would want them to know that our goal for the kids is for them to be as independent as possible and although sometimes difficult, this is the time to really support them and encourage them to be responsible and accountable for their choices.

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

A. I think we already do a lot to support inclusivity, but I would really like to see even more opportunities.

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

A. The biggest challenge is definitely when students leave. I often have mine for multiple years in a row and become very close to the students and their families. It is just gut wrenching to see them leave.



Thanks, Teachers!

If you know of a local educator, administrator or school employee who should be featured in a School Spotlight, e-mail Pat Gruner at pgruner@campjeune-globe.com.



Lunch, literature and learning



(From left) Jana Guitar, Chris Demetriades, Sgt. Crystal Rodriguez and Monique Glover pose for a photo prior to a lunch time book club meeting at the Research Library on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Feb. 20. The club connects adults over a love for books and is open to all authorized patrons.

Lunchtime Book Club builds community connections

BY PAT GRUNER
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For the past three years, the third Thursday of every month has marked a Lunchtime Book Club at the Research Library on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The club is open to all authorized patrons and has been building bridges between individuals as well

as base agencies.

“It’s a really great way to build connections,” said Jana Guitar, the program’s coordinator. “We have visitors from a lot of the different facilities on base coming together to talk about reading.”

The group has also helped broaden some members’ literary interests.

“I have read so many

books I would not usually read,” said Monique Glover, who has been attending meetings for about a year. “Hearing other people’s perspectives makes you a bit more open minded and you end up catching some things that you miss.”

Others, like Sgt. Crystal Rodriguez, II MEF Information Group, saw her first meeting as a way to

make new friends over her love of reading.

“A lot of the people around me don’t read at all,” said Rodriguez. “I needed an outlet to talk to people about [books] with.”

Guitar recommends that participants bring their own lunch to meetings. However, dessert is provided. Door prizes themed around discussed books are also

occasionally available. All participants should come with a desire to read and engage in discourse.

“When we read a book it will often springboard into a topic that is culturally relevant or something we have all experienced,” Guitar said. “It really grows a bond or an understanding.”

Books to be discussed are also agreed upon by

members.

“We decide on what books we plan to read in a very communal way,” Guitar said. “We try to make sure they are available at our local libraries and as e-books.”

A flyer listing the club’s upcoming books to be discussed is available on <https://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/libraries>.

Camp Lejeune receives light winter dusting



U.S. Marines with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, raise the national ensign at John A. Lejeune Hall on MCB Camp Lejeune, Feb. 21. MCB Camp Lejeune was set to Winter Storm Condition One as winter precipitation, including ice and snow, was forecast for the base community.



(Left) A light dusting of snow rests on an M1A1-90 mm Anti-Aircraft Gun and (right) a monument at the Montford Point Marines Memorial in Jacksonville, Feb. 21.

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