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## Judge resumes Anthrax vaccination program

Story by Sgt. Valerie A. Martinez

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

It's the shot felt around the world - from Baghdad to Basra, many American servicemembers deploying to high-threat locations overseas have been on the receiving end of the anthrax shot.

But in a whirlwind week of court hearings, the decision to mandate troop participation in the Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program teetered in the hands of a federal court judge where he finally made full circle and reauthorized the vaccine.

U.S. District Court Judge Emmit Sullivan originally issued a preliminary injunction Dec. 22 blocking mandatory inoculations, a decision that couldn't come at a more controversial time as San Diego-based Marines are scheduled for another deployment to Iraq early this spring. In response to the ruling, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David Chu ordered the Defense Department to stop mandating the vaccination to servicemembers without their consent.

The judge ruled the vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration to protect against the skin form and not inhaled anthrax, and using the vaccine against the airborne element categorizes it as an experimental drug - making mandatory vaccination a violation of the law.

The Defense Department disagreed with the finding, and in a Dec. 30 response to the public, the FDA announced a new "final rule and order" which declared the vaccine effective in "all cases of anthrax disease regardless of the route of exposure."

In light of the FDA's findings, Sullivan lifted the injunction Wednesday against the mandatory inoculation and cleared the way for DoD to resume its program. As a result Chu signed a memorandum ordering the military to resume anthrax vaccinations.

An estimated one million servicemembers have been vac-



These vials lay unused at the Branch Medical Clinic here Dec. 22 because of a federal court ruling ordering the Department of Defense to stop issuing the anthrax vaccination. Another judge lifted the injunction Wednesday and cleared the way for DoD to resume its program. Photo by Sgt. Valerie A. Martinez

inated since the AVIP began in 1998, but according to a recently-released Marine Administrative Message, all active and reserve component Marines, emergency-essential and mission-essential civilian and contractor personnel and family members were to temporarily cease to receive the anthrax shot.

Guidance under MARADMIN 603/03 also directed personnel currently undergoing the basic series and annual booster to cease participation in the program. No MARADMIN has

been released yet specifying new instructions.

Department of Defense officials stated in their most recent release that the program is "an important force protection measure."

According to the AVIP Web site, "DoD is committed to protecting American troops and continues to feel that anthrax vaccinations provide the best protection against a lethal weapon. Anthrax vaccinations are the best round-the-clock measure to protect our troops."

## VMFA-143 begins 2004 with new commanding officer

Story compiled by CPAO

MCAS Miramar

Lt. Col. Jay Arnett will take over command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 134 from Col. John P. Crook, who is being assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 46, in a ceremony here Saturday.

Arnett was commissioned as a second lieutenant in December of 1985 aboard the USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu. Arnett completed The Basic School in December of 1986 and was sent to T-34 Primary Flight Training in

Pensacola, Fla. Next he was sent to Kingsville, Texas for intermediate T-2 training and advanced A-4 training. Upon completion of Advanced Flight Training,



Col. Crook

Arnett transferred to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro for F/A-18 training.

Upon completion of F/A-18 training Arnett was transferred to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to join the Lancers of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212. While with the "Lancers," Arnett participated in Operation Desert Storm and several squadron deployments

and held positions as the airframes officer,

assistant operations officer and training officer. Arnett transferred from the "Lancers" to the Navy Fighter Weapons School at Miramar in January of 1993 where he assumed duties as an instructor. Arnett finished his tour at the Navy Fighter Weapons School as the standardization officer and transferred to Marine Aircraft Group 11.

In January of 1997, Arnett joined VMFA-134 where he has held positions as the assistant operations officer, director of safety and standardization and the operations officer.

In April of 2002, Arnett transferred to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing.

In January of 2003, Arnett was activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom where he performed duties as a time sensitive targeting coordinator in the Combined Air Operations Center at Prince Sultan Airbase, Saudi Arabia.



Lt. Col. Arnett

Arnett's personal decorations include, the Meritorious Defense Service Medal, Single Mission Air Medal with Valor, four Air Medals and two Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals. He has more than 3,500 flight hours in tactical aircraft.

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# Miramar Mail



Want more information on links in the San Diego area? Contact Maj. David A. Fennell at (619) 253-3360.



"Why isn't motorcycle gear sold on base?"  
**Cpl. Kendal Broom,**  
aviation radio  
repairman, MASS-6

The Miramar Exchange carries safety vests at both the Main Store and the Jet Mart. In the past, there was no demand for motorcycle helmets, gloves and other accessories. Mo-

torcycle accessories are inclined to be specialized items and motorcycle shops carry a much wider variety than the Exchange would carry.

The Exchange is looking at the feasibility of setting up a special order program for motorcycle accessories at the Auto Service Center.



**Maj. Gen. Jon A. Gallinetti**

E-mail your questions to the Commanding General at [ombpaoflight@miramar.usmc.mil](mailto:ombpaoflight@miramar.usmc.mil)  
Please include "Question to the General" in the subject line.

## FPCON levels, what they mean to you

Story compiled by CPAO

MCAS Miramar

Security measures on military installations, including Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, have been amplified because of the increased risk of terrorist attacks.

Miramar has implemented the Force Protection Condition system, as per Department of Defense Directive O-2000.12, which describes the progressive level of protective measures in response to terrorist threats.

Installation commanders determine the FPCON levels while taking into consideration the protection of base personnel and its resources.

According to Maj. Kevin Kelley, anti-terrorism/force protection officer, MCAS Miramar, there are five FPCON levels.

The first level is normal but once there is information about a possible terrorist activity against a facility or person received, the level is raised to Alpha.

If the predictability of a possible attack is increased, facilities then go to Bravo.

After an incident occurs or credible in-

formation exists that an attack is imminent the level is changed to Charlie.

When an attack occurs in an immediate area or there is information that one is going to take place, the FPCON level hits its highest stage, Delta.

"The different levels affect anyone desiring to go on the installation, to include all military and civilian personnel, family members and visitors," Kelley explained.

The increase in security measures is deemed a necessary precaution in light of the increased terrorist threat levels within the continental United States.

"If the FPCON level is raised, more stringent security measures may be applied across the installation," Kelley said.

Some of the examples of increased security include barriers at the gates, random vehicle inspections, identity checks, visitor escorts and other random measures.

Kelley said the FPCON system is placed in effect to protect, not inconvenience Marines, families and visitors. He added that at this point in time, the threat is not going away.

## Miramar Force Protection Condition level definitions

### FPCON Level Normal

No threat to facilities and/or personnel.

### FPCON Level Alpha

Possible terrorist activity against facilities and/or personnel.

### FPCON Level Bravo

Predictability of possible attack against facilities and/or personnel is increased.

### FPCON Level Charlie

An incident occurs or a possible attack is imminent. All facilities aboard MCAS Miramar remain open, but possible delays and inconveniences may occur when trying to pass through any and all of the gates.

### FPCON Level Delta

An incident occurred within an immediate area or information is received that one may take place. Aboard MCAS Miramar, the Marine Corps Exchange, Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum, commissary, station theater, family practice clinic and fitness centers will close. Child care facilities, Branch Medical, Jet Mart, and small food facilities will remain open.

If Delta is maintained for a long period of time, the commanding general will reevaluate the situation and make a decision on whether or not certain facilities will re-open. At the onset of Delta, only essential personnel are permitted on the installation. The command will determine when the level changes and will alert all concerned on the most current developments.

For information:

- Base loudspeaker will signal alarm or broadcast information.
- Look for signs placed at gates and flightline.
- Check for stationwide e-mails.
- Watch Channel 44.

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# Primary election dates for 2004 presidential election

Story by  
Gunnery Sgt. K. B. Warford

*Manpower and Reserve Affairs Voting Officer*

The 2004 elections will officially begin with the District of Columbia Presidential Preference Primary on Tuesday followed by the New Hampshire Presidential Primary on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Primary elections play an important role in the electoral process. The names that appear on the general election ballot on Nov. 2 are the candidates that were cho-

sen during the primary election process.

Voting Assistance Officers are charged with ensuring every Marine, their eligible family members and those eligible personnel who are attached to or serving with Marine Corps Units, who are absent from their voting residence, and who are eligible to vote under the laws and procedures of their state of voting residence, are afforded every opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

VAOs must ensure the Federal

Post Card Application (FPCA, SF-76) is made available to all Marines, their eligible family members and eligible civilian employees.

VAOs must ensure that FPCAs are mailed prior to Aug. 15 for outside the continental United States and Sept. 15, for CONUS voters to allow appropriate time to register for the presidential election. VAOs must ensure FPCAs are mailed 30-45 days prior to the date of the state primary to allow appropriate time to register.

## Suicide prevention: a concern for every leader

Story by  
Marine Corps Community Services

*Headquarters Marine Corps*

A popular misconception held by many Marines is that more suicides happen during the holiday season than at any other time of year. Statistically, over the past 20 years, the Marine Corps has seen the highest rates of suicide in January. January can bring serious financial burden and feelings of isolation. With the passing of the New Year special emphasis needs to be added to suicide prevention and awareness.

From January to November of 2003 there were 19 suicides recorded. This is a decrease from 20 at the same time in 2002 and 27 at the same time in 2001. Although the trend is down due to diligence in prevention efforts, Marines and Sailors still need to be aware of the warning signs of suicide. The life of every servicemember is critical and the issue of suicide must be taken seriously.

"Suicide is the second leading cause of death in the Corps" according to Navy Cmdr. Tom Gaskin, Headquarters Marine Corps Suicide Prevention Manager. Although the U.S. Military has a lower rate of suicides than the civilian population, the Marine Corps has a rate somewhat higher than the other services. One contributing factor to the Marine Corps' rate may be the Corps population demographics. The Corps has the greatest numbers of unmarried males in the 19-24 age range, one of the most at-risk groups for suicide.

"In the Marine Corps, the biggest risk factors for those that ended their life was a relationship problem, typically the loss of an important relationship. Other significant risk factors were work, financial and legal problems," said Gaskin.

Most suicides occur among junior enlisted Caucasian males.

However, there has been a slight increase in suicides among females and African-American males. In the first 11 months of 2003, five of the 19 suicides occurred among the ranks of E-7 and above. Ultimately, there isn't one military occupational specialty, racial group or age group that is less at risk than another, Gaskin said.

"Suicide is something that can happen to anybody," he explained. "The most important issue we try to stress to commands is to create a climate where Marines feel that it is OK to get help for their problems. We want to see the number of suicides in the Marine Corps decline, but for this to happen, commands need to take all comments about suicide seriously and get the person in for a mental health evaluation. A mental health professional can assess the seriousness and risk associated with the suicidal statements or behavior."

"It's not unusual for most people to have occasional vague

suicidal thoughts, but they don't see it as even a remotely serious option," Gaskin continued. "The difference with suicidal people is that although they may desperately want to live at some level, they are temporarily unable to see ways to escape their problems other than by suicide. Once a professional evaluates the person, he or she can be referred for help through the crisis. These services might include continuing mental health counseling, talking to the chaplain, financial counseling, substance abuse counseling, etc. Suicide is preventable."

Suicide prevention is the concern of every leader, every Marine, every day. If you know of someone who is struggling, bring it to the attention of someone who can help. There are many resources available to Marines including the Mental Health Department of Naval hospitals and clinics, the counselors at the Marine Corps Personal Services Programs, and chaplains.

## State primary dates

State	Presidential Primary	State Primary
Alabama	Jun 1	Jun 1
Alaska	None	Aug 24
America Samoa	None	Nov 9
Arizona	Feb 3	Sep 7
Arkansas	May 18	May 18
California	Mar 2	Mar 2
Colorado	None	Aug 10
Connecticut	Mar 2	Aug 10
Delaware	Feb 3	Sep 11
Florida	Mar 9	Aug 31
Georgia	Mar 2	Jul 20
Guam	None	Sep 4
Hawaii	None	Sep 18
Idaho	May 25	May 25
Illinois	Mar 16	Mar 16
Indiana	May 4	May 4
Iowa	None	Jun 8
Kansas	None	Aug 3
Kentucky	May 18	May 18
Louisiana	Mar 9	Sep 18
Maine	None	Jun 8
Maryland	Mar 2	Mar 2
Massachusetts	Mar 2	Sep 14
Michigan	None	Aug 3
Minnesota	None	Sep 14
Mississippi	Mar 9	Mar 9
Missouri	Feb 3	Aug 3
Montana	Jun 8	Jun 8
Nebraska	May 11	May 11
Nevada	Sep 7	Sep 7
New Hampshire	Jan 27	Sep 14
New Jersey	Jun 8	Jun 8
New Mexico	Jun 1	Jun 1
New York	Mar 2	Sep 14
North Carolina	May 4	May 4
North Dakota	None	Jun 8
Ohio	Mar 2	Mar 2
Oklahoma	Feb 3	Jul 27
Oregon	May 18	May 18
Pennsylvania	Apr 27	Apr 27
Rhode Island	Mar 2	Sep 14
South Carolina	Feb 3	Jun 8
South Dakota	Jun 1	Jun 1
Tennessee	Feb 10	Aug 5
Texas	Mar 2	Mar 2
Utah	None	Jun 22
Vermont	Mar 2	Sep 14
Virginia	Feb 10	Jun 8
Virgin Islands	None	Sep 11
Washington	Mar 2	Sep 14
Washington, D.C.	Jan 13	Sep 14
West Virginia	May 11	May 11
Wisconsin	Feb 17	Sep 14
Wyoming	None	Aug 17

For more information please call MCABWA Installation Voting Assistance Officer Mrs. S. Pender at 577-1767 or H&HS Unit Voting Assistance Officer Natasha Robinson at 577-8379.

# MALS-11 Marines mentor local school

## Partnership in Education program officials recognize outstanding service

Story by Sgt. J.L. Zimmer III

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

"You have to invest time in the children because they are our future," said Master Sgt. Heriberto A. Ramirez.

For Ramirez, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 production control staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, and a few of his Marines, these words have been a standing belief for nearly seven years now since they have been part of the Partnership in Education program with Sandburg Elementary School in Mira Mesa.

Ramirez was an original participant in the program with the school when it started in 1996.

"Being part of the program

makes me feel young," said the 38-year-old Bronx, N.Y., native.

"We get out there and do physical training with the children, read to them and most of all we mentor them."

Ramirez was the liaison for the program for more than three years until he turned it over because of a change in job position.

"I was able to take the time to spend with the children when I was not in a supervisory position," he said. "Because I do not have children of my own, I like to focus my energy on children who are going to be our future."

Another MALS-11 Marine has been the coordinator for the pro-

**'You always have to maintain a positive attitude with the children. Positive input gets a positive result ...'**

**Master Sgt. Heriberto A. Ramirez**

gram since 2000 and has enjoyed it equally as much.

"We look forward to seeing them each week just as much as they look forward to seeing us," said Staff Sgt. Brian S. Thompson, quality assurance representative, MALS-11. "I'm just happy that we as Marines and mentors are contributing to the future of America because these students are our future."

"At the beginning of each school year I go through the squadron talking to and screening Ma-

rines to participate in the program," said the Chicago native. "In my time with the program, I've mentored individual students and conducted physical educa-

tion with the 5th grade students." One school administrator said during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Thompson made sure the students were taken care of and contacts with the schools were maintained.

"(Thompson) made sure the program was a high priority during the deployments and that the Marines would maintain a presence on the school grounds," said Marian McDaniel, Sandburg Elementary School Partnership in Education Coordinator. "The Ma-

rines are tremendous role models for our students."

Because of their dedication to the students of Sandburg Elementary, the Marines of MALS-11 were presented an award from the school.

The citation they received gave several reasons for the award. One of them was being a "truly committed and exemplary partner in education."

Ramirez felt receiving the award was one way the school could thank them for what they do.

"You always have to maintain a positive attitude with the children," he said. "Positive input gets a positive result and with this you will see children with higher self-esteem and better performance in school."

# Horns, Cougars meet for lunch aboard USS Stennis

Story by Sgt. Joshua Stueve

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

The bands gathered and the spirit fingers were wiggling the morning of Dec. 27 aboard the *USS John C. Stennis* at Naval Air Station North Island for the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl's Navy and Marine Corps Luncheon.

More than 100 guests attended the event sponsored by Lockheed-Martin including players and staff from the University of Texas and Washington State University.

Even though the sun was shining it was still a little cold when the bands from both schools kicked off the luncheon with a "Battle of the Bands" on the pier. Washington State cheerleaders flew through the air as the bands went back and forth with renditions of '80s songs accompanied by dancing from members of both marching bands. Texas band members went crazy when during the middle of the show a few Sailors were caught waving their Longhorns flags and giving the "hook 'em" sign from the flight

deck of the ship.

"This is a really cool atmosphere," said Joe Paxton, who was in town visiting his brother stationed aboard the *USS Stennis*. "I can't believe this thing floats," said the Galveston, Texas, native. "I'm glad I finally get to see what my brother does, and I get to see my first Texas game."

Players, staff, family, friends and fans gathered on the ship for the luncheon and made their way through the food lines to their seats for the start of the program.

Coaches from both schools spoke briefly about the game and offered their thanks to the Marines and Sailors who serve their country. Each team also appointed a Sailor to be an honorary captain of the team, and to represent them at the Holiday Bowl. Both coaches presented the honorary captains with football jerseys that had "Stennis," stitched on the back.

After the luncheon everyone toured the flight deck and had the chance to see two Marine helicopters and visit with their crews.

The players were in heaven once they reached the two helicopters. A few players even put on the pilots' helmets and jumped behind a door mounted .50-caliber machine gun. The crews were bombarded with questions about the helicopters and about their recent tours in Iraq.

"It's good to have the players and coaches out here to see what we do," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Devon Jones, of Carey, Wash. "It's kind of neat to see the roles reversed like this."

Usually it's the fans who go up to the athletes filled with awe and questions about what their lives are like, but Saturday was different. It was the athletes who were approaching Marines and Sailors with questions about their lives and wanting photos with the Marines and Sailors.

"I used to be stationed on this ship," said Mike Waleskowski. "It's good to be back. I never thought I'd miss it, but looking at it now I realize I do," said the Appleton, Wash., native. "This time I'm not a Sailor though, just a big Wazzu (Washington State) fan!"

# Miramar Tax Center prepares for filing rush

## Center scheduled to open for business Jan. 21

Story by Lance Cpl. John Sayas

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

The arrival of the New Year gives many Miramar Marines a reason to celebrate. It's a chance to make new plans or put behind all the bad luck they may have had last year, but it can also create a new wave of frustration as many begin pulling out old receipts and pay stubs for the upcoming tax season.

Once all the necessary paperwork is recovered, it is time to file a tax return and the place to do that is the Miramar Tax Center. The center is scheduled to open Jan. 21 and run through Apr. 15 at the Joint Legal Center in building 2244.

The Tax Center provides free tax filing services for Navy and Marine Corps military members, retirees and family members stationed here, according to Capt. Joseph A. Bianco, Tax Center officer-in-charge.

"This is a service the Marine Corps provides to alleviate the cost of having to go out in town and prepare tax returns," Bianco said. "This is primarily to help those young Marines who go out and spend \$50-100 to

get their taxes prepared when they can come in and get the service free."

The center's staff is made up of active-duty Marines from various commands here who are qualified to prepare most state and federal tax returns through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, according to Bianco.

"The tax services we provide here are free to servicemembers, but the Marines who (provide) it are all volunteers and all received basic tax training," Bianco said.

Bianco recommends people seek assistance from a tax preparer off base for more sophisticated claims such as those who own businesses, properties or investments.

"If you have a very complex tax situation, you are encouraged to go out in town. Not that we won't try to help you. We will try to help everyone that we can, but we are not equipped to do any highly complex or sophisticated returns," he explained.

The deadline to file taxes is April 15, however, Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom can qualify for an extension, according to Bianco.

"Marines who are serving in designated combat zones can file their taxes within six months of the time they return," he said.

Bianco encourages everyone who is deploying to file their return if they expect to receive money back before they leave, but said it is really not necessary until they return. However, it is necessary for married Marines and Sailors because either their spouse needs to be present or a special power of attorney must be obtained in order to process a return.

He added that coming in prepared and understanding the limitations of service is a good way to avoid frustration and problems while preparing a tax return. The best thing to do is to take some time the night before to gather and organize all necessary papers.

"Do not come in unprepared because you're delaying the process for yourself and more importantly you are delaying the process for other people who are ready to go," he commented. "Help us do our job. The more organized you are walking through the door, the better we are able to provide service to you and the faster you can get out."

### Tax Center hours of operation:

#### Jan. 21 - Feb. 6

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday

#### Feb. 7 - Apr. 3

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday

7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday

#### April 5 - 15

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday

### Items to bring to the Tax Center:

\* W-2 form

\* You can get a copy of your W-2 and other tax information at myPay or wait to receive your hard copy after Feb. 15

\* 1099 - your bank should send you this official interest statement

\* I.D. Card

\* A voided check or bank statement if you want to get your return via direct deposit

\* Child care information such as the child care provider's address, employee identification number and social security number.

\* Education receipts for class registration and book fees

\* Your year-end bank statement. Your bank will send you this

\* If divorced, a signed copy of IRS Form 8332 or divorce decree if children are involved

\* Any other documents necessary to file your taxes including mortgage, rental information, or mutual fund information

# Legal Assistance Team assists Marines

Story by Sgt. Nathan K. LaForte

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

BANG! Rounds from enemy AK-47 assault rifles spray the desert dirt up into the air like Fourth of July fireworks in midsummer. The fire team is rushing ...

Now is not the time to worry about the car that's getting repossessed because no one has a power of attorney to make the payments on it.

Enter in the Legal Assistance Office. The Legal Assistance staff is standing by waiting to help Marines and Sailors with all their legal needs including drafting wills and powers of attorney.

With some units prepping to go back to Iraq and others getting ready to go for the first time, Staff Sgt. Brian A. Hahne, legal assistance chief, Joint Law Center, said "not enough people are coming in" to handle their affairs.

The possibility of death is present for each servicemember involved in the War on Terror. Wills help in the event a servicemember doesn't come home.

"Even if you don't know you're deploying, get it done now," he said. "If you wait until you have a week or so left, you might not get it done."

There are different purposes for wills and each one is tailored to fit the needs of each individual.

"Wills cover different things such as guardianship issues, executors, living wills and trusts," Hahne said.

Guardianship issues involve Marines and Sailors with children, specifically what happens when both parents die. When dealing with children, there has to be written documentation for their care, the Toledo, Ohio native said.

"Marines with children need to come in and get wills," said Hahne. "They are our number one priority."

Executors are the individuals who manage the will and carry out the wishes of the deceased, said Hahne.

Living wills are a solution to potentially emotionally charged situations, mentioned Hahne.

"These types of wills deal with issues like organ donation," said Hahne.

If a Marine is in a coma or any medical condition that prevents them from making decisions on his own, the person named in the living will or medical power of attorney can make decisions for him.

In living wills, a Marine can also state if they want their family to terminate his life if he is comatose.

Trusts allow a Marine to leave behind assets in a special holding fund until a beneficiary meets a specific condition, Hahne said.

Trusts are useful "if you don't trust a beneficiary to have money until they reach a certain age," Hahne added.

All Marines and Sailors have to attend a wills brief before they can fill out an application for a will. The brief details everything about each part of the will.

Hahne added that the more assets a person has, the more complex the will is and the longer it will take to complete.

On the other hand, powers of attorney don't take as long to prepare, noted Hahne, but servicemembers must make the choice between a general or special power of attorney when they get to Legal Assistance.

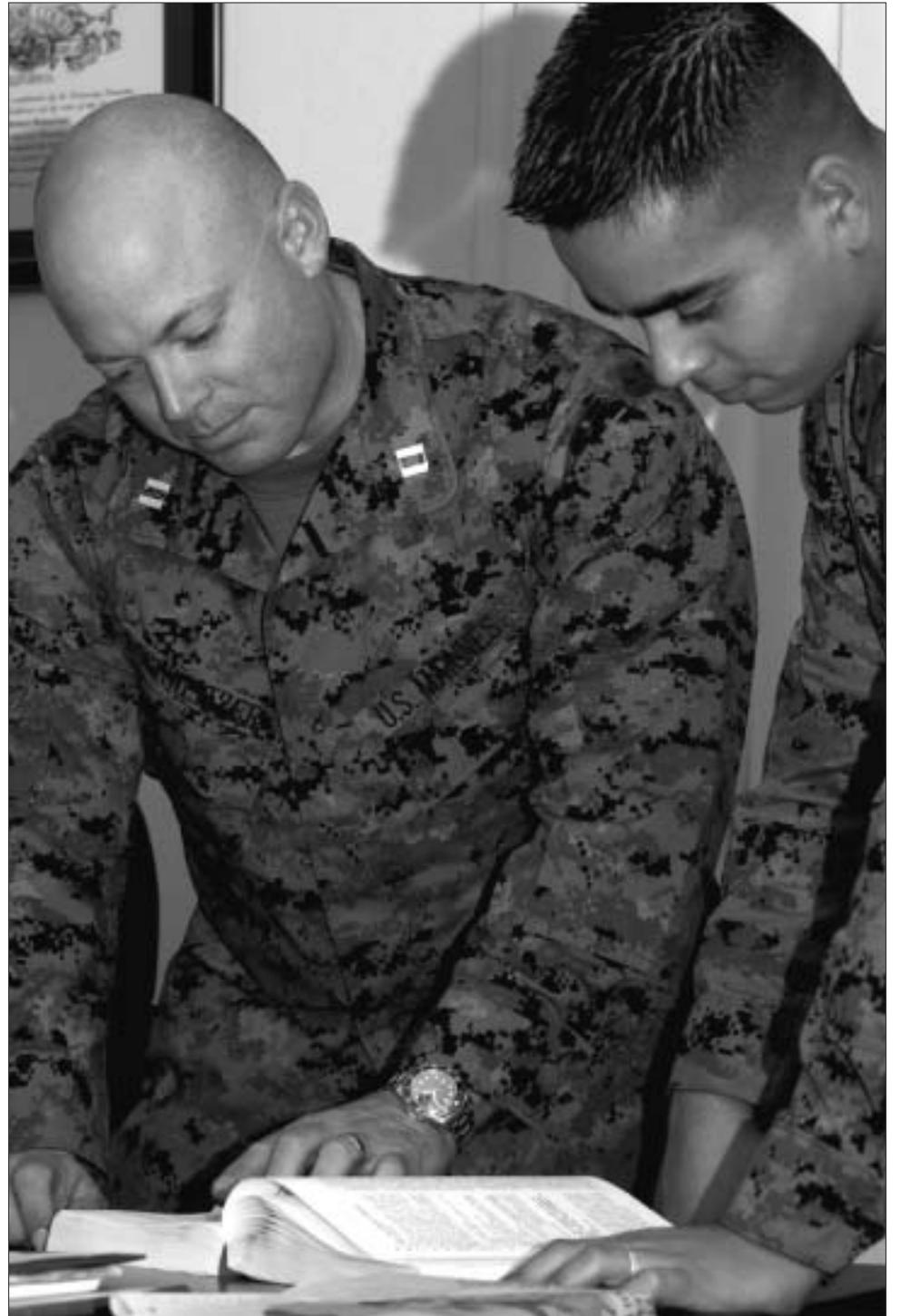
"A general power of attorney is like a carbon copy of yourself," stated Hahne. "Anything you can do, they can do. It is a very powerful document."

"This is a very useful document to have," explained Cpl. Dustin Donohue, military policeman, Marine Wing Support Squadron 373. "When I'm deployed, I can have all my stuff taken care of."

This type of power shouldn't be given to just anybody, Donohue warned.

"It should be given to someone of blood relation, someone you trust," Donohue stated. "I'm giving mine to my mom."

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Capt. John H. Schweitzer, legal assistance attorney, and Lance Cpl. Rene R. Govea, legal assistance specialist, review information in the Legal Assistance section of the Joint Law Center here. Photo by Sgt. Nathan K. LaForte

## VMFA(AW)-121 ordnance Marines test JSF capabilities

Story by Cpl. Jeff Zaccaro

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

Since the early '90s the Joint Strike Fighter aircraft has been highly anticipated by servicemembers around the world.

In its final years of development, Lockheed-Martin recently called upon ordnance technicians of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 to assist with fine-tuning the F-35's ordnance loading system.

The team of ordnance techs, lead by Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Davis, VMFA(AW)-121 ordnance officer-in-charge, consisted of Sgt. Bradley Kirby and Lance Cpls. Christopher Kucera, Jason Deel, Jessica Hutchings and Joshua Quigley. They were tasked by Lockheed-Martin and partners to aid in the development of the weapons bay loading concepts, policies, and procedures at the Northrop Grumman headquarters in El Segundo, Calif.

"I wanted to make this as realistic as possible so I chose Marines who have already worked together as a team," said Davis.

The team participated in two test sessions, which spanned from Nov. 7-15 and Nov. 28 through Dec. 4. During this time the crew worked side by side with their U.S. and U.K. air force and navy counterparts, practicing loading procedures on the JSF.

Aircraft currently in use by the Marine Corps utilize external hangers for ordnance and the JSF presented a unique challenge for the crew with its internally loaded bay.

"The loading procedures were totally different from those

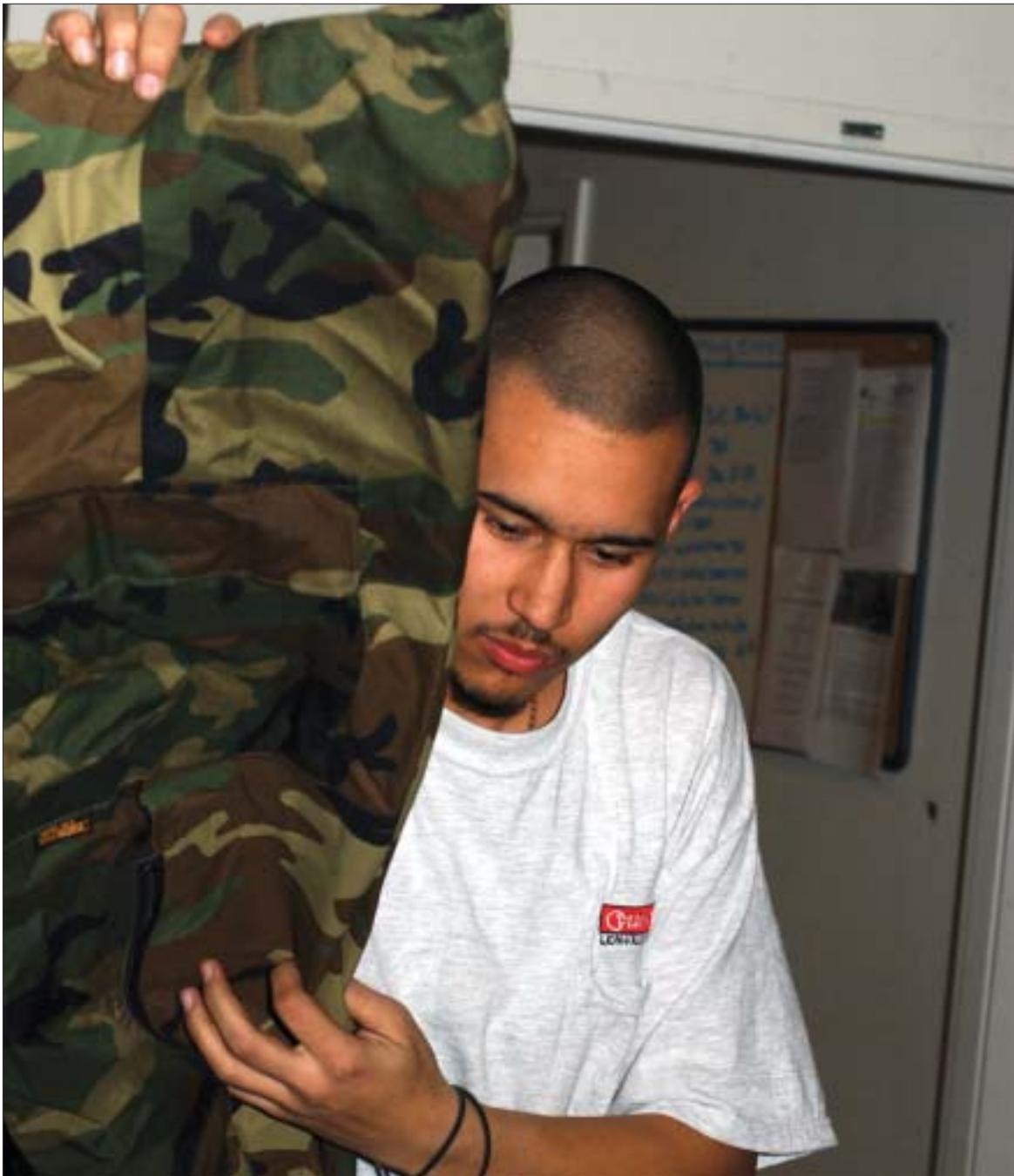
of the F-18. We still used some of the same equipment, but it took a lot longer to load than one of our planes, and we got used to it real quick" said Deel.

After each test was ran, the technicians sat in on focus groups and reviewed the pros and cons of the JSF to ensure the plane is of the highest quality when it is introduced to the fleet.

According to Davis, these tests and reviews were beneficial to the future of Marine Corps aviation ordnance.

"Its very rare that you get to test equipment before it goes into production," he said. "Instead of learning of problems after we get it, we are addressing them now so they can get fixed before production. This will save a lot of wear and tear in the future."

# Supply no longer belongs to Marines



Art Felix, Consolidated Issue Facility warehouse clerk, performs an end of the day accountability of gear that was returned throughout the day. The CIF opened in August to facilitate gear issue to more than 9,000 Marines and Sailors here. Photo by Sgt. J.L. Zimmer III

## Contracted company opens supply warehouse to assist servicemembers

Story by Sgt. J.L. Zimmer III

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

For some Marines and Sailors here, checking out supply gear is only something done before deploying or going to the rifle range for annual qualifications.

But in reality, servicemembers need supply gear more than they think. Thanks to the recently opened Consolidated Issue Facility, located in building 6001, Marines and Sailors can check out the gear they need to perform military training. Thomas Raleigh, CIF manager, said the changeover from a Marine supply warehouse to an independent company contracted by Headquarters Marine Corps went quickly and smoothly.

More than 9,000 Marines and Sailors here need supply gear at one time or another, added Raleigh, and the staff at CIF are constantly working and striving to provide rapid service while achieving a high level of customer satisfaction.

"We are here to support anyone on this base," he said. "We are not here to give Marines a headache, (we're) here to support them when they need us."

For Mariano Lopez, shipping and receiving clerk, working at the CIF is gratifying.

"It feels good because I know we are helping the Marines," said the 27-year-old San Marcos, Calif., native.

Raleigh explained that the I Marine Expeditionary Force actually maintains the CIF, including those at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., and here.

"(I MEF) is the deciding factor in everything that is issued to a Marine, Sailor or authorized civilian," he said. "Anyone that comes in to receive an issue of gear is required to maintain it until their obligated service is over or they receive permanent change of duty station orders (to bases outside the west coast)."

The gear issued does not stay with the Marine or Sailor for their entire enlistment, explained the 15-year-Marine veteran, but "is more of a regional issue within the West Coast bases."

Not only is CIF responsible for all the 900 sets of gear in their warehouse, but for all the gear that does not return from a combat zone.

"We have to maintain combat loss and have it signed off by I MEF and the commanding officer of the unit," he said. "We have to maintain accountability of everything in the warehouse, and if something is not accounted for, the company writes a check to the government for the lost items."

For more information about CIF, contact Raleigh at 577-0221 or visit their Web site at [www.usmccif.com](http://www.usmccif.com).



Mariano Lopez, Consolidated Issue Facility shipping and receiving clerk, does his end of the day accountability of gear that was returned. Photo by Sgt. J.L. Zimmer III



Sgt. Greg G. Reichmuth, power plants collateral duty inspector, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, turns in gear at the CIF. Photo by Sgt. J.L. Zimmer III



# Career Course focuses on rear area operations

Story by Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon

*MCB Camp Pendleton Combat Correspondent*

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – A shift in mindset for educating staff sergeants across the Corps has faculty at staff noncommissioned officer academies throughout the Corps hoping to give their students information they will really use while de-emphasizing material staff NCOs should already know.

Beginning with the Career Course scheduled to kick off this month, students will see more emphasis on the staff sergeant's role in the rear area supporting combat operations.

"One of the goals behind it is to educate Marines across the spectrum on how they support offensive and defensive operations no matter what their MOS," said Master Sgt. Brian Burlingame, the Career Course's chief at Camp Pendleton.

The changes are directed mainly at noninfantry Marines - about 70 percent of the student body, he said. Classes in the past were taught with more of an infantry mindset; subjects included conducting offensive operations and weapons employment.

Surprisingly, the changes don't come from input based on lessons learned during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Burlingame said.

Most of the student feedback spurring the changes came while troops were still on the ground in Iraq. The Corps' Career Course leadership met here for a three-day conference in September 2003 to develop the new curriculum, then submitted it to Marine Corps University, which approved the updated lesson plans.

However, input from Iraqi Freedom veterans will probably result in more changes, Burlingame said.

To make room for the beefed-up rear-area security and force-protection classes, along with other curriculum revisions, the academy trimmed items like uniform inspections, parade staff drill practice and weapons classes - things staff sergeants should already know, Burlingame said.

Some believe resident professional military education, such as the Career Course, is where units send their recently promoted Marines to learn everything they need to know for that rank, Burlingame said.

But academy staff see their role differently, he said.

"We want to go outside of that box," he said. "Our goal is to try to make the staff sergeant more educated in various areas, which allows them to assume roles of greater responsibility."

All Marines, regardless of MOS, are required to know certain skills and information, known as Marine Corps Common Skills, based on their rank.

According to Burlingame, the responsibility for teaching and/or maintaining these skills falls on unit training offices or on the Marines themselves - not the academy.

For example, firing weapons like the M-203 grenade launcher and the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon is being removed even at the Sergeants Course, because NCOs already undergo the training annually in their units, Burlingame said.

The changes may find some Marines at a disadvantage. While training and evaluating common skills may be easier in fleet Marine force units, where access to field

exercises and weapons ranges is greater, Marines at nondeployable bases or air stations may never get the opportunity.

"How am I supposed to know (the skills) if I don't go to these schools?" said recent graduate Staff Sgt. Larry A. Fouts, an aviation ordnance chief with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

The extent of common skills training and evaluation at some units includes only an annual multiple-choice exam. Others, like 1st Force Service Support Group here, are more proactive. The FSSG tries to send all its privates through captains to a weeklong rear-area security class annually. They also train

some of their Marines on crew-served weapons at an annual basic machine gun course, said Capt. Lester Corpus, the group's training officer.

"It's going to be more critical that units look at the curriculum at the academies," urged Burlingame.

Students attending the academy are not tested on common skills upon arrival nor as a prerequisite.

Marine sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants attend either the Sergeants Course, the Career Course or the Advanced Course at one of the Corps' four staff noncommissioned officer academies located here, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Quantico, Va., or Okinawa,

Japan. Sergeants Courses are also held for Marines at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, and in Hawaii. Reservists attend abbreviated courses at Camp Crowder, Mo.

The seven-week Career Course is held six times per year, except at Quantico, where five are held annually.

Since the curriculum is governed by the Marine Corps University in Quantico, staff sergeants receive the same period of instruction regardless of where they attend. Minor differences occur based on the base's resources and facilities.

For more information on the Career Course or the SNCO Academy, visit [www.mcu.usmc.mil/sncoa](http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/sncoa).



Dental Assistant Jason Lewis handles the tools of the trade while Lt. Cmdr. Tim Newsom, dental officer, works on a patient during a routine appointment at the Branch Dental Clinic here Wednesday. *Photo by Cpl. Jeff Zaccaro*

## Branch Dental Clinic offers full service

Story by Cpl. Jeff Zaccaro

*MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent*

Every weekday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Miramar's dentists and dental technicians can be found busily working in the Air Station's Branch Dental Clinic to ensure servicemembers here are in peak dental condition.

To do this, the clinic, located in building 2495, employs 30 dental technicians, 17 dental officers and one civilian registered hygienist, and can perform a variety of treatments.

Petty Officer First Class Daniel Rossi, dental technician with 1st Dental Company, said the clinic is home to an operative department to handle fillings, periodontics to treat gum infection issues, prophylaxis for cleaning, prosthetics for

crowns and dentures, oral surgery for tooth extraction and endodontics to perform root canals.

Although services are offered free of charge to the Air Station's servicemembers, some treatments may require referral to a different clinic.

"We do not treat family members or patients in need of orthodontic work or major oral surgeries here," said Rossi. "These types of appointments have to be referred to Balboa or Camp Pendleton dental clinics."

In addition to regular appointments, the clinic can accept emergency visits anytime.

"There is always a dental technician and a dental officer on duty at the clinic

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# Marine opens music store

*Love of music motive behind Marine's decision*

Story by Sgt. J.L. Zimmer III

*MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent*

Inspired by the Marine Corps and driven by ironclad determination, one Marine turned his hobby into a business.

Sgt. Michael E. Scott Jr., Aircraft Rescue, Firefighting and Recovery crew chief, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, opened his own music store Dec. 6.

After spending his first enlistment as an infantryman with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 5th Marines at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Scott felt his time spent training with his unit gave him the desire to achieve his goal.

"My training gave me the determination to never quit and keep going," he said. "I used my own money from

selling compact discs and doing disc jockey work to open the store."

Not only has Scott put his own time and money into the store opening, he has also had support from several musicians and friends.

"I owe most of the credit for my success to my two best friends back home," he said. "I cannot take all the credit for this without thanking them."

Prior to the store's opening, Scott sponsored a concert to help raise money and let people know how he stands in the community.

"I plan on keeping the local community and the schools involved," said Scott. "I am going to have car washes and have performances for the students to help them with fund raisers and dances."

In order for his store to be a success, Scott believes he

must have the right customers and target the correct age group.

"My target audience is going to be between the ages of 15 and 24," he said. "You have to catch (the audience) while they are young. You have a better chance of influencing them with music at a younger age."

"I plan on having more than just music available in the future," he said. "Hopefully, I will have clothes, DVD's and maybe some athletic gear if the store is successful."

Scott added that his non-financial reasons for opening the store should help his business succeed in the long run because of his pure desire to follow a dream.

"This music store and business is not about the money," he said. "It is all about the love of the music and how it can impact somebody's life."

# Haunted history spooks Hangar One

Story by Cpl. Tara Dawn Smith

*MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent*

History is something that lives anew whenever events and lives of the past are revisited for reflection or examination. However, it seems that in the case of Hangar One, occasionally history visits the present ... in the form of ghosts.

According to Joe Glasser, Martin-Baker representative at Miramar, there are those who have encountered the non-corporeal inhabitants of the hangar. Glasser explained one such ghostly event occurred one late afternoon when then Naval Air Station Miramar was transitioning into Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

An officer, from Marine Aircraft Group 11 then located at MCAS El Toro, knocked on the hatch of Glasser's office and explained he would be surveying the offices in the hangar's upstairs. Twenty minutes passed and again the officer was at Glasser's hatch. This time however, the officer was out of breath and visibly lighter in color, said Glasser.

When the Marine officer was able to articulate his concern, he asked if there were reports of unusual occurrences in the catwalks of the building. Glasser commented that he had heard rumors of "visitations from a netherly realm," but hadn't experienced first hand accounts. The officer then related his account of the events from his inspection of the upper offices in the hangar.

Long hallways upstairs make it difficult for some to slip away from view quickly. So, when the MAG-11 officer heard footsteps and saw an opaque shadow through the frosted glass of the office, he expected to be greeted by someone walking the corridors. What he found appeared to be quite unsettling, said Glasser.

When the officer opened the door to look for the person generating the foot-

steps and shadow, he saw nothing more than an empty hallway.

These brushes with the supernatural begs the question, what past events of the hangar could cause it to be possessed by former and now deceased residents of the building? Jim Bradbury, the Martin-Baker representative in 1969, might know something about the haunted history of Hangar One.

Bradbury explained he was visiting the base on business on Dec. 22, 1969 when he witnessed a tragic event that left 14 dead.

The pilot of an F-8 crusader of Fighter Squadron 191 safely ejected over Kearny Villa Rd. after the engine of the plane seized, but the plane continued its course that passed through the hangar doors crashing into the north wall. The crash sent fuel spilling that ignited and engulfed several mechanics in the hangar. One ejection seat mechanic was working on a seat in a plane at the time of the event and was ejected into the roof of the hangar. Six F-4 phantoms stationed in the hangar were destroyed in the collision. Fissures that are still visible in the wall of the hangar serve

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# X-treme Challenge challenges Miramar Marines

Story by Sgt. W.A. Napper Jr.

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

Physical fitness is one of the basic components of the Marine Corps lifestyle. In order to be one of "the few, the proud," physical fitness is a must.

Now there is a new program here for Marines aboard the air station to strive for their personal best.

"The X-treme Challenge is an incentive program that helps promote more than one activity while promoting better fitness," said Christine Stewart, Semper Fit fitness specialist and X-treme Challenge program coordinator. "It should take the average person about a year to complete this program, which will coincide with the launch of X-treme Challenge 2."

By completing various fitness activities, enthusiasts earn points that then translate into different prizes. Nearly all fitness activities are included in the program, 30- and 60-minute cardiovascular workouts, nine and 18-hole golfing, lap swimming, weightlifting, intramural sports, health fairs, more than 20 different activities in all. Fitness gurus can also do each activity more than once, sometimes up to 90 times per event.

For example, a pick-up game of basketball is worth one point for the X-treme Challenge. Pick-up sports points can be maximized up to 90 points, which equates to 90 different games of basketball. Other sports included in this category



A gym enthusiast racks a set of dumbbells at the Semper Fit Gym Wednesday as he earns points toward the X-treme Challenge fitness program. Photo by Cpl. Jeff Zaccaro

are volleyball, softball and racquetball.

"This program promotes a healthy total lifestyle," said Stewart, who has been developing the program since April 2003. "That's why you can't do the exercise bike everyday for the rest of your life and earn all the prizes."

As soon as participants earn 100 points they are entered into a quarterly drawing where they can earn gift certificates and other fitness and sports prizes. Aside from the drawings, participants earn prizes each time they earn 100 points.

Once they earn 600 points they are dubbed an X-treme Challenger and will receive a certificate and have their picture posted at the facility they signed up at, as well as entered into the drawing held each January. Some of the prizes offered are water bottles, workout towels, self-measuring tapes, workout radios and more.

There is a one-time registration fee of \$5 to sign up for the program, which is paid after the first two prizes are earned. Stewart said the program is based on the honor system so even Marines deploying can continue to participate in the program while they are gone.

"All they have to do is keep track of what they do and turn it in when they get back," she said. "They'll get all the prizes when they return."

Although the program is currently only offered at Miramar, Stewart said she hopes the X-treme Challenge will go Marine Corps-wide.

"This program is to help motivate our Marines and to make working out more fun," she said. "If it goes Marine Corps-wide that would really be great."

The program is run on a three-year cycle, with each year promising to be more challenging and more fun than the previous year. Participants can sign up at any time.

"We're all excited about it," she said. "The more successful this program is the more prizes we can get and the better services we can provide."

## Armed Forces Championships 2004 Dates and Locations

Cross Country (Male & Female), Feb. 5-9, Indianapolis

Wrestling (Male), March 4-8, New Orleans

Basketball (Female), April 2-10, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Soccer (Female), May 8-16, Norfolk, Va.

Triathlon (Male & Female), May 12-16, Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.

Volleyball (Male & Female), May 17-24, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Basketball (Male), June 20-28, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Softball (Male), Aug. 23-28, Elgin Air Force Base, Fla.

Softball (Female), Sept. 13-18, Peterson Air Force Base, Fla.

Golf (Male & Female), Sept. 19-25, Fort Carson, Colo.

Rugby (Male), Oct. 18-23, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marathon (Male & Female), Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, Washington, D.C.

Soccer (Male), Nov. 2-9, San Diego



## We're in the game! Oohrah!

Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton will be a part of the best selling college football video game series of all time. The game maker, Electronic Arts, was filming spots for their next college football game, 'NCAA 2005,' at Qualcomm Stadium before the start of the Holiday Bowl game between the University of Texas and Washington State University. The company travels around the country to different colleges and sporting events to get students or athletes from each school to say the company's well known slogan 'EA Sports. It's in the game!' on camera. The company then uses the spots as part of the introduction to each video game. The Marines put their own spin on the famous slogan, adding an 'oohrah!' at the end. The video game is scheduled for release in August during the beginning of the college football season. Photo by Sgt. Joshua Stueve

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## Chapel weekly schedule of events

### Holy Family Catholic Community

- ◆ Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday, 11:30 a.m. weekdays.
- ◆ Rosary: 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Confession: 10:15 a.m. Sunday or for appointments call Father Berchmanz at 577-1333.
- ◆ Religious classes for children for first communion, confirmation: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Sunday
- ◆ Youth gathering and planning following mass Sunday
- ◆ Baptism: Normally the first Sunday of the month. Call chaplain's office for details.
- ◆ Marriage: Call chaplain for details at least six months before wedding.
- ◆ Instruction in the Catholic faith (RCIA). Call chaplain's office for details.
- ◆ Scripture Class: 7 p.m. Wednesday in Chapel classroom.
- ◆ Choir Practice: 6 p.m. Wednesday in Main Chapel.

### Liturgical Christian

- ◆ Sunday: Choir rehearsal at 9 a.m.  
Liturgical worship at 9:30 a.m.  
Adult/Youth/Children Bible study at 10:45 a.m.
- ◆ Tuesday: Morning prayer group (Room 4) at 6 a.m.  
Contemporary Gospel Service at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday: Crafts and conversation at 9 a.m. Free childcare provided.  
Women's bible study at 10:45 a.m.  
Baptist service at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday: Liturgical choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Friday: Baptist bible study at 7 p.m.

### Jewish

- ◆ First Friday of the month at MCRD San Diego at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Last Friday of the month in Edson Range Chapel Camp Pendleton at 7:30 p.m.

## Free warfare symposium at San Diego Convention Center

The U.S. Naval Institute and Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will host the largest state-of-the-art warfare and technology exposition and symposium on the West Coast at the San Diego Convention Center Feb. 3-5.

The event will feature discussions by leading military experts and exhibits from more than 350 technology leaders.

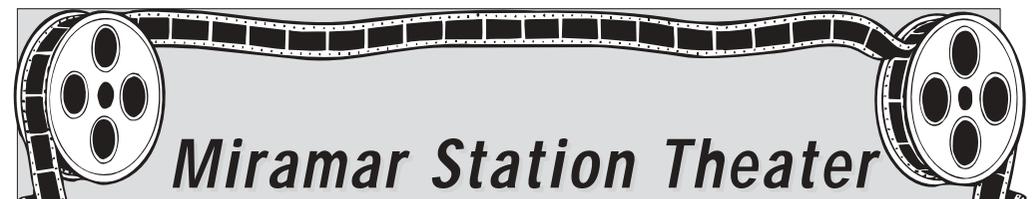
It offers a rare opportunity for Marines and Sailors to enhance their professional knowledge and to hear discussions on cur-

rent National Defense issues by senior leadership in a panel format including discussions on the use of Marine Corps Expeditionary Strike Groups and lessons learned from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The theme of this year's exhibition is "Born Joint?"

The kickoff address, panel discussions and entrance to the exhibit hall are free of charge. There is a charge to eat at meal events, but visitors may listen without eating free of charge.

For registration and complete program schedule please visit [www.west2004.org](http://www.west2004.org).



## Miramar Station Theater

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Looney Tunes: Back in Action (PG) 4:30 p.m. Master and Commander: (R) 6:30 p.m. Far Side of the World Scary Movie 3 (PG-13) 9:00 p.m.	Dr. Suess' Cat in the Hat (PG) 6:30 p.m. Master and Commander: (R) 8:30 p.m. Far Side of the World
<b>Sunday</b>	
Elf (PG) 1:00 p.m. The Matrix Revolutions (R) 6:30 p.m.	

The Station Theater is equipped with a 35 mm projection system and Dolby digital surround sound. All movies are free for DoD ID card holders and their guests. For movie synopses see the current theater flyer or call 577-4143.

## Miramar Station Theater to be closed for renovations

Effective Jan. 12, the Miramar Station Auditorium/Movie Theater will be closed for renovations for a minimum of 90 days.

Renovations will include new carpeting, tile and seating, as well as installation of an air conditioning and heating system, a fire safety system and a new roof.

During this time the theater will be closed for all training and movie program opportunities.

## Join the fun! All hands Bingo at the Enlisted Club

Every Monday and Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon, the main room at the E-Club becomes an All Hands Bingo Parlor.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. for the 7

p.m. start. Saturday games start at 1:30 p.m. An early bird game starts 30 minutes before the main game.

With a possible top jackpot of \$25,000, bingo offers a fun-filled afternoon or evening!

The Pizza Pizzazz menu is available, as well as full beverage service.

The Enlisted Club is in Bldg. 5509, with the Staff NCO Club, The Great Escape and Pizza Pizzazz.

Everyone is invited to play (except Bingo employees and their immediate families, and you must be 18 to participate). Call 689-1460 for details.

**Tired and beat?  
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The United States began building the coalition on Sept. 12, 2001, and there are currently 70 nations supporting the global war on terrorism. To date, 21 nations have deployed more than 16,000 troops to the U.S. Central Command's region of responsibility.

The war against terrorism is a broad-based effort that will take time. Every nation has different circumstances and will participate in different ways.

This mission and future missions will require a series of coalitions ready to take on the challenges and assume the risks associated with such an operation.

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Hahne agreed that the person to whom the power of attorney is given should be very trustworthy.

He said that there is another drawback to a general power of attorney.

"The third party does not legally have to honor the power of attorney," Hahne said. "They will, however, usually accept a special power of attorney."

Special powers of attorney allow Marines to let people perform tasks under very specific conditions.

"Marines can get special powers of attorney for anything," Hahne said. "We can tailor them to suit anyone's needs."

To receive a power of attorney, servicemembers need to fill out a worksheet. Legal Assistance will draft the document and notarize it.

By taking care of the Marines and Sailors, Legal Assistance is helping support the overall mission of the Marine Corps, according to Hahne.

With the wills and powers of attorney complete, servicemembers can focus on their mission instead of their legal issues.

For any questions, call Legal Assistance at 577-1656.

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in case of off hours emergencies," said Rossi.

Rossi noted that in case of an after hours emergency, patients should call the dental duty on the phone located outside the clinic office.

However, to schedule a regular appointment, patients can stop by the clinic during regular business hours, or call the front desk at 577-4733.

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as a scar of the crash.

The hauntings and lasting damage to the hangar aren't the only way this tragedy, and sacrifice of servicemembers who paid the ultimate price, live on.

A more concrete monument that stands as a testament to the event is a memorial located on the golf course that commemorates those killed in Hangar One on Dec. 22, 1969. A plaque with the names of all the deceased rests south of the driving range keeping the memory and history of those servicemembers alive.

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<p><b>AUTOMOTIVE</b></p> <p><b>1992 HONDA CIVIC VX</b> — 192K mi., 5 speed, AM/FM cass., 35-38 MPG, runs great and smooth. New shocks, front tires and distributor. Needs minor repairs. \$1950/OBO. Brent, 619-443-7072.</p> <p><b>1998 COROLLA</b> — Good condition, 4-door, AM/FM radio/tape, AC. Priced to sell, \$4,000. Call Flor, 858-484-5635.</p> <p><b>1990 CORVETTE LT 1 COUPE</b> — 1 owner, teal green with black leather int. Flawless cond. Loaded. 107K mi., tinted windows, CD, etc. Just tuned and serviced, \$9500. Please call 760-439-8886.</p>	<p><b>HELP WANTED</b></p> <p><b>A World Class Cleaning Service</b> <b>HOUSE CLEANER / MAID</b> \$10/Hr. Start Immediately. Must speak English, have reliable transportation. Must submit to background check and drug test. <b>858-566-4543 www.awccs.com</b></p>	<p><b>MAIL YOUR CLASSIFIED AD IN TODAY!</b></p> <p><b>Customer Service</b> <b>Full and Part Time Military Family Members Welcome</b> Consumer lending company specializing in servicing Military borrowers seeks energetic individuals to work in our Miramar and new San Diego office. Prior office experience, computer and customer skills a must. Good credit required. Fax resume to: 858-578-3763 Attn: Ms. Barber or Email to: hr5@omniloans.com</p>	<p><b>Need Extra Income?</b> But don't have time for second job. Earn \$200-\$500 weekly. Free Laptop PC. Call Russ for info. <b>619-253-7120</b> www.provideincome.com www.setupinterview.com</p>	<p><b>HOMES FOR RENT</b></p> <p><b>Nice Home in CHULA VISTA</b> 2 years old with 4 BR, 3 BA, 2-car gar., access to comm. pool &amp; park. 1619 Applegate St., Chula Vista. <b>Call Lynn, 619-482-9885, Cell 619-395-4004</b></p>	<p><b>ROOM FOR RENT</b></p> <p><b>Housemate Wanted</b> Company Grade Officer/SNCO. Terrific location, 2.2 miles/5 min. from MCAS Miramar. Furnished house, 3 BR, 2 BA, close to shopping, clean and comfortable place to live. \$625/mo. <b>714-926-8515</b></p> <p><b>Scripps Ranch</b> \$550/month, \$350/sec. dep., incl. utilities, Internet conn., full bath and house privileges. Prefer non-smoking male E-6 and above. <b>Cyndy, 858-689-1177</b></p>	<p><b>WANTED</b></p> <p><b>SNOW AND SKI EQUIPMENT</b> wanted for kids. 150cc snowboard, 150cc skis and 100 to 120 kids skis wanted. Boots size 5 and adult womens size 9. Call 858-577-8711 or 619-670-1332.</p> <p><b>Sell Your Unwanted Items Today</b></p>

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