

The Aviator

April is the Month of the Military Child

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the April Edition of the Aviator! Spring is in the air! I hope everyone had a great Easter weekend. The weather has started to turn a little warmer and there seems to be more people coming to the beach. Many colleges and schools are having spring break. It is a good time to be in Southern California and a great time to be at MCAS Camp Pendleton!

I would like to start by saying that we have a new member of our MCAS Camp Pendleton family. We have hired Ms. April Potter as our new Comptroller. She started to work on 26 March and has hit the ground running! She is a welcome addition. I want to thank Ms Oga Wheeler and Ms Patricia Johnson who held down the fort in the Comptroller shop along with PFC Burke, PFC Garcia and Cpl Grube. This crew has done a great job of keeping up with business. We have been well served by our dedicated Comptroller since May of last year. Things are looking up for this spring!

MCAS Camp Pendleton was host to the Secretary of Defense who flew in to do a tour with I MEF units on 30 March. LtGen Kelly and LtGen Waldhauser were escorting the SecDef on his tour. Air Station personnel did a great job of working with the media, both local and national. The Air Station was highlighted on numerous news channels and we looked really good!!

The Air Station also hosted CG, MCI Command, MajGen Kessler. He was accompanied by BGen Coglianese and they came to MCAS Camp Pendleton to get a briefing on Range Control and ATC functions. Capt Redmon and GySgt Richie provided an excellent briefing as they highlighted our ATC capabilities and training procedures.

MCI West and MCB Camp Pendleton had their merger ceremony on 5 April. There are no longer two distinct staffs, but only one now as MCB Camp Pendleton becomes a regional command under BGen Coglianese. The ceremony was also a retirement ceremony for a good friend of Colonel Nick Marano. He did many things to help promote MCAS Camp Pendleton and I want to wish him all the best in retirement life!

Ms Eileen Presto and Sony Avalos held a baby shower for 11 lucky expecting recent new parents. It was a great morning with good food and great company. A few games were played and lessons in baby care were emphasized. Numerous baby items were given away. I also want to thank Rebecca Hayes and Ms Hyrne who helped support the event. It was a great time and clearly showed that this semi-annual event is such a big one and a favorite among our Marines and spouses.

Coming up in future events we have our second annual Mary Monday's day at MCAS Camp Pendleton on Friday, 27 April. Initial response and reservations have been really positive. We currently have a lot of fun. It basically shows our spouses what we do here at MCAS Camp Pendleton.

Professional motorcycle classes and training with vendors and motorcycle stunt riders. It is a fun day for family. Anyone can attend and enjoy the day. The event will take place on the runway and flight line at Camp Pendleton. Professional riders will be here conducting jumps and trick riding. There will also be a opportunity for autographs. There will also be food vendors to help us enjoy the day. It promises to be a time!

I also want to mention two important changes of command that will be coming up soon. LtCol Donald will be giving up Command of H&HS to LtCol Jim Toth on 24 May at 1400. I will be giving up command of the Air Station to Colonel Lawrence Killmeier on 22 June at 1500. It will also be my retirement ceremony. Please come on out for both ceremonies. We would really like to see everyone there. Both ceremonies will take place on the flight line outside the Operations Building aboard MCAS Camp Pendleton.

Continue to stay up on all the latest information by checking our website and our Facebook site. Updated information will also be sent out via email by our FRO, Ms. Sony Avalos. The Marines and civilian employees at MCAS Camp Pendleton continue to do a great job in supporting MAG 39 and our tenant units. I am very proud of everyone that makes it happen on a daily basis for MCAS Camp Pendleton.

Until next month,

Semper Fi and God Bless!
Colonel Mike Lawrence
Commanding Officer
MCAS Camp Pendleton





H&HS Update



Greetings Marines and families and Happy Easter,

As we settle into this unit, we find what the Marines of this unit are doing to be extraordinary measure. From operating at ARFF, to working in the tower at the Air Traffic Control section, they do their individual mission as well as training events like MCMAP, rifle range qualification, Physical Fitness Tests and swim qualification. We truly see the great things the Marines in the unit are doing every single day. You should be very proud of your husband, wife, son or daughter in what they do for their country and this unit.

We are going to hold the Marine Corps Ball this year. We are going to hold the Ball at the Pacific Views center on the base for multiple reasons, most of which stem from money. It is going to be on November 16th. We have started the process of working these fund raising events now and will try and reach out to you to help in the near future with events like a bake sale.

We want to publically congratulate all the Marines that were promoted in April for a job well done. I also want to congratulate all the Marines that were nominated for the Marine of the Quarter, November 7th. Your hard work was identified by your sections as being outstanding.

We hope to see all of you attending the Mary Munn Day on April 27th and be prepared to be amazed at the things your Marines do on a daily basis here aboard the Marine Corps Air Station. Drink plenty of water, for it is starting to warm up!

Our doors are always open to the Marines and families and we look forward to continuing our relationship.

Semper Fidelis!!!

Lieutenant Colonel Presto

Sergeant Major Hyrne

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From the Air Station SgtMaj



Marines, I am very proud of the work you are all doing here at the Air Station. You never cease to amaze or impress me. We as Marines are held to a high standard of conduct and ethics. We can B 9 J 9 F ' Z c f [Y h ' h \ U h ž ' U b X ' a i g h ' U ` k U m g ' V Y ' h \ d f c V ` Y a ž ' c f ' g c ` i h] c b 3 Ī ' ' B Y I h ' k Y Y _ ' = ' k] ` ` Leadership conference in Quantico. The theme of the conference is Ethics and Ethical Leadership. Our Marines today are probably the best behaved in history. Yet a few individuals have managed to have lapses in judgment and record these lapses on cameras. This is where the 1% gives the other 99% a bad name.

= ' X c b Ñ h ' Y I d Y W h ' A U f] b Y g ' h c ' U W h ' `] _ Y ' V c m ' g warriors, first and foremost. But we also need to remember what our Nation expects of us, and not to make those lapses in judgment. We are after all, U.S. Marines.

? Y Y d ' X c] b [' k \ U h ' m c i Ñ f Y ' X c] b [ž ' U b X ' k U h W \] take care of each other on liberty just as we do on the battlefield.

Semper Fidelis,

SgtMaj Miller





E j e r n e k p ø u Deep Thought



760-846-3792



760-763-8987

MCAS BIBLE STUDY

When: Every Thursday at 1145-1245

Where: in building 2399 Room 101

All are welcome.

No experience necessary. I will even bring you a bible...and maybe even a banana.

CAMP PENDLETON

RELIGIOUS SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Marine Memorial Chapel:

Main Side building 1161

Catholic Mass: Mon.-Thurs. 1140

Sunday Mass: 0800 and 1100

Protestant Service Sundays at 0930

Ranch House:

24 area building 24150

Catholic Mass: Friday 1140

Lutheran service: Sunday 1000

Blinder Memorial Chapel:

South Mesa building 202863

Islamic Prayer: Friday at 1200

Eastern Orthodox: Sunday 0900

Contemporary Christian: Sunday 0900

Catholic Mass: Sunday 1030

Gospel Tradition: Sunday 1145



Deep Thoughts 60: Kids get your goat!

By Chaplain Hayes

Have you ever lost your temper? I have. I can recall two times in a certain [U] b Ñ g [] Z Y [k \ Y f Y [\] g [\ U b X [k U g [] b [U [W U d i b W \ Y X [h \ Y [b Y U f Y g h [] b U b] a U h Y [c V ^ Y W h " [hands were a common male injury that kept him in business. Tempers can b to control. Anger sometimes gets the best of us. I remember talking to a p who recounted a story about his child rearing days. He had not been a dad [c b [[k \ Y b [\] g [V U V m [V c m [\ U X [d i g \ Y X [\] a [sick, hungry, or just cranky, but he would not stop crying. It was the middle b [[\ h ž [U b X [h \] g [V U V m Ñ g [W f m] b [[k U g [X f] j [d] W _ Y X [i d [h \ Y [V U V m ž [U b X [] b [U [j Y f m [Z f i g [E i] Y h [ĩ " [[= h [g i f d f] g Y X [a Y [h c [\ Y U f [h \] g [together. Yet anger had even gotten the best of him. Do you ever find anger ling you? Do you have kids who have received the brunt of your anger? Eve home with kids in it is going to be brimming with opportunities to get angry [Y f [] g [b c h [U [g] b [b Y W Y g g U f] [m " [[= h Ñ g [k \ Have you ever found yourself tempted to hit your child? Does your anger co in the form of abuse? This is the problem with anger. We sometimes unlea unhealthy ways. There is help for those who do not know how to control th [Y f " [[8 c b Ñ h [V Y [h \ U h [d Y f g c b [k \ c [V Y U h g [h ing classes to learn healthy ways of controlling their behavior. Read a book Y b h] b [[h] d g " [[> i g h [X c b Ñ h [Y g h U V [] g [\ [U [\ love.

Quotes:

A fool gives full vent to his anger. ~Proverbs 29:11~

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since yo not make yourself as you wish to be. Thomas Kempis



If you want to KNOW, ask the FRO!

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MCAS NUMBERS

MCAS Staff Duty Officer
760-763-1154/ 760-201-5671

MCAS Provost Marshal
760-725-1921

MCAS Eagle Eyes
760-725-1921

To Report Suspicious Activity



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GREETINGS!

This month we proudly celebrate the Military Child!

If you'd like to celebrate Month of the Military Child, an excellent resource to help you locate events and planned activities in your area is the "state search" at [Operation Military Kids](#).

It doesn't take a lot to put a smile on a child's face. If you cannot find events or activities in your area, don't worry, the solution is easy. Pick a date and have your son or daughter choose how they'd like to spend the day. You may be surprised at their simplistic request.

Regardless of how you fill the hours, make sure they understand the day is meant to honor and celebrate them ò the military child.

PARENTS:

There are MANY resources out there to help you aid your military child in being the very best he/she can be. Below is a quick snap shot of some of our more popular resources:

- Www.tutor.com/military ò FREE tutors
- Www.sittercity.com/dod ò a FREE resource for finding quality assistance
- Www.MilitaryChild.org ò Military Child Education Coalition
- www.militarykidsconnect.org - a place for Kids to connect



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We had a blast and we hope you did too!

Special Thanks To:

Blue Star Families

American Red Cross

Grammie Pammies Photo Booth

The Petting Zoo

Ramones

And all the Marine and Civilian volunteers that made the event a success.

MARINES, GET WITH THE FRO-GRAM!

Are YOU looking to volunteer? Did you know that there are various volunteer opportunities within the Family Readiness Program? Contact your favorite FRO for more details! (you better be calling me)
Sony Avalos 760-725-0393 or Sonette.d.avalos1@usmc.mil



PRESENTING PUBLIC WORKS



Preventing Electrical Blackouts

Imagine a water pipe that keeps having more and more water pumped through it at a faster rate. If the pipe is not designed to handle too much pressure and it will burst. The same principles apply to the electrical grid bringing electricity from power plants to our homes and to MCAS Camp Pendleton. During times of very high electrical use, like midday on hot summer days when businesses are running equipment, lights, and air conditioning, the demand for electricity reaches its highest point or peak load. In order to prevent a blackout, utilities use load shedding or a temporary reduction in the need for electricity. Load shedding can range from large facilities to individual homes and can be automated or manual. Typically, the events last only a few hours during midday.

This summer, load shedding may be even more important but for a different reason. Earlier this year, the nuclear power plant in San Onofre was shut down to investigate unexpected weaknesses. The plant, which is the only one in California that can generate enough electricity to power about 1.4 million homes, may not be running over the summer months when demand is at its highest. Electricity will be brought in from surrounding locations, but San Diego remains especially vulnerable to not having enough power during peak times. MCAS Camp Pendleton, as well as, other local military installations and large businesses may be asked to participate in load shedding should it be necessary. The Public Works Department is currently developing a plan that will temporarily reduce power demand while minimizing the impact on daily operations. Over the coming weeks, the PWD will be working with the tenants of each building on MCAS Camp Pendleton to understand what can be done to reduce electrical demand while not impacting productivity or safety. Examples include turning off or turning down lights and air conditioning. With a few simple steps and proper coordination, MCAS Camp Pendleton can respond to a load shedding event by quickly cutting electricity and maintain normal daily operations.



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Spring Cleaning Safety Tips

- Edsgreftdgaep** properly assembled with mattress secure. Window treatments made prior to 2001 (blinds, corded shades or draperies) should be replaced with safer products.
- Living / Dining area:** Secure bookcases and heavy furniture. Keep potted plants (which may be poisonous to children and pets) out of reach. Use plug protectors in unused wall outlets.
- Bathroom:** Check the thermostat on your water heater and keep it under 120° F to prevent bathwater burns. Ensure all medicines are out of reach or locked away from children.
- Kitchen:** Store knives and utensils out of reach of children. Use back burners and keep pot handles turned inward and away from children
- Garage/Storage:** Ensure household cleaners and chemicals are out of reach of children. Chemicals should be labeled properly. Mixing Cleaners could be fatal. Read all labels before using chemicals!!!!!!!!!!!!

*****IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL MARINES AND LEADERS*****

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From our Explosive Safety Officer - Î A U g h Y f ' @ i _ Y ĩ

Potential Ways to Mitigate Small Arms and Explosive Mishaps:



- 1) Follow weapons safety rules.
- 2) **Conduct training on any weapon system prior to using in a live fire scenario and conduct routine refresher training on weapon systems used on a daily basis in combat scenarios.**
- 3) Know what lies beyond your target.
- 4) **Maintain accountability of explosives at all times.**
- 5) Ensure RSO and OIC are familiar with the range SOPs and weapons/explosives being used.
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- 7) Inspect all ordnance items prior to usage.
- 8) **Conduct a walkthrough of training areas being used.**
- 9) Ensure all personnel know they have the authority to stop training during live fire operations.



Product Recalls

1. Toy Truck Gifts with Purchase Recalled by Happy Shirts Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Kohl's <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12140.html>

Hazard: Connections in the toy trucks battery compartment can smolder or catch the trucks on fire, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers.

2. Safety 1st Cabinet Locks Recalled Due to Lock Failure; Children Can Gain Unintended Access to Dangerous Items <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12136.html>

Hazard: Young children can disengage the cabinet locks, allowing access to cabinet contents and posing the risk of injury, due to dangerous or unsafe items.



PROMOTIONS & AWARDS



TO SGT:

CPL ALWINE, JUSTIN (CIO)



TO CPL:

LCPL COLEMAN, JOHN (FUEL)

LCPL KEPPEL, ROBERT (GEMD)

LCPL STRAUSS, CORY (HQ S4-SUPP)



TO LCPL:

PFC CORNFORTH, TRENT (HQ S4-SUPP)

PFC THOMAS, DENISE (FUEL)



NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL:

SSGT GARRISON, ROBERT (ATCF)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

SSGT TILLMAN, CHASE (WTHR)

CPL PHILLIPS, SEAN (ORDN)

CPL HOOD, CALEB (FUEL)

LCPL LOPEZ, KRYSYNA (HQ S4-BEQ)



CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION:

LCPL BELCHER, RODGER (GEMD)

MERITORIOUS MAST

CPL BRITTEN, MITCHELL (ARFF)

LCPL QUIRION, TINA (FUEL)



BALL FUND

CHOW DOWN FOR A CAUSE

Come to the Air Station Gazebo for lunch on
Friday, April 20th 2012 @ 1100

There will be Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Sodas and Water
Available for purchase
OR

Take Advantage of the SgtMaj Special for \$5!

\$5 gets you 2 entrées , 1 side and 1 drink!!!

Proceeds benefit the Ball Fund



R O O M R A F F L E



THE SOUTH MESA LODGE (16 Nov 2012)

All Proceeds go to the Marine Corps Ball Fund

When: Drawings will be held in May after SQDRN PT.
MARINE MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Details: Raffle is for a Deluxe Room (only 48 available)
Original Room Price is \$98.00

Ready to drop your name in the hat?? Here's how...

Contact your section ball rep for raffle tickets.

Raffle Ticket Prices:

~~1.00 Per Ticket~~
\$1.00 Per Ticket
\$3.00 for 5 Tickets

