



HEADQUARTERS & SUPPORT BATTALION

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Dear Marines, Family members and Friends,

Winter is here!! For those from the North, you're probably hoping for some snow; those from the South are probably hibernating wishing for an early Spring!! I hope this letter finds all the families, Marines and civilian Marines doing well and enjoying the holiday season. For those that attended the SOI-E celebration of the USMC Birthday in New Bern, I'm sure you will echo my sentiments on what a great time it was for all!! The food, drink, music and, most importantly, the camaraderie were tremendous.

The Turkey Shoot in early November was a fun event as well, with over 30 turkeys earned by sharpshooting Marines, spouses and kids alike!! I saw some future Leathernecks in the group who had a good eye for the target. Although the day was a little chilly and damp, the warm pizza and fun atmosphere more than made up for it. The hayrides and weenie roast went well at Mike's Farm in October, although we had to compete with the crowds that Saturday. What a tremendous venue for family fun. I think I am still picking pumpkin out of my fingernails after carving three jack-o-lanterns!

Thanks to all who put so much time and effort into these events. We also appreciate all those who take the time to participate. Although we all have many things going on in our lives, what makes the Marine Corps so strong is the strength of its families. It cannot be over stated how important and significant the support from families is to the success of the Marine Corps. We appreciate all that the families do and the sacrifices they make in order for the unit to be that much better. Thank you all!!

This Spring will see the SOI-East family day in early April. Headquarters and Support Battalion will also be planning a Dining Out for SNCOs, Officers and their spouses held sometime in April or May. Additionally, we will be working with the Family Readiness Officer to schedule an afternoon where representatives from various family support and community support programs provide information amidst a "fair-like" atmosphere. It will be both fun and informative!!

As the New Year rolls in, we will have some new faces in the crowd and will reluctantly farewell to many others. Of note, 1stSgt Joiner and 1stSgt Hamm, both recent Sergeant Major selectees, will be departing for new commands. We will miss their presence and wish them great success with their new units. Sharon and I would also like to wish all of you the very best in the coming year. See you around!!

Michael A. Brown
Commanding Officer

Spouse Networking Day!

Come "network" and get to know your fellow School of Infantry spouses and neighbors!

February 27, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Stone Street Community Center (the old Base stables)

**Reserve a booth to:
Share your talents!
Advertise services!
Display your wares!**

Make jewelry?



House cleaner?



Catering?



Tutor?



Music teacher?



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✓ RSVP for a Booth NLT 24 Feb contact Steve Gilchrist

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**Spouses sharing with spouses;
you never know who's looking for you!**

This is open to all spouses, both those who want to share their talents and services and those who just want to come see what's offered. Please plan to attend! There is no cost and refreshments will be provided. When you RSVP please let us know whether or not you need a table to display your information, what you plan to share, or if you're just coming to see what other spouses are sharing.

SOI Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT, 27 MAR ❖ 1100-1300

GEIGER TIGER

VISIT FROM THE
EASTER BUNNY!

BRING YOUR
OWN BASKET

AGE GROUPS:

0-2 YRS.

3-5 YRS.

6-10 YRS.

10 YRS. & Older

(NO PROOF OF AGE NEEDED)

**EGG HUNT BEGINS AT
EXACTLY AT 1130.**

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