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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



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Dear Marines, Sailors, and Families,

As always, I first want to thank-you for your hard work, your leadership and your dedication to our Country, our Marine Corps and MATSG-21. Your professionalism shows throughout the Group at every level: making a better Marine, making mission and taking care of each other.

The Group currently has approximately one-hundred Officers preparing to depart on temporary additional duty as they await flight training. These deployments will take them to all three Marine Expeditionary Forces and Marine Forces Reserve to include duty at sea with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774 on board the USS IWO JIMA. This is a unique opportunity for our Marines, but it is also outside our normal scope of operations. As a Group, we need to be available for their families should they need any assistance while their spouses are deployed.

Tropical Storm Alex... Yes, the hurricane season is here and we all need to be ready. Hurricane preparation and evacuation plans must be a priority for you. All of us at MATSG-21 need to have a plan, and a back-up plan in the event of a major hurricane. Our S-4, Marine Corps Family Team Building and the Family Readiness Officer are available to assist should you have any questions. A major storm will impact us and many Marines will be required to evacuate. There are many resources available – please ask and my staff will be happy to assist you.

Keep up the great work, be safe and enjoy the summer season!

Semper Fidelis...
Col Joe "Redman" Richards

You don't join the Marines...
You become one!



SERGEANT MAJOR'S MESSAGE

To the Marines and family members,

The summer is back in Florida and so are the great outdoor activities. I know everyone has attended the pre-summer safety brief, but I encourage everyone to take the extra time to think about safety. I spent most of the Spring away from the command assisting in the selection of our next Gunnery Sergeants. It was a very educational experience and I look forward to speaking to anyone that will listen about our exceptional promotion system. You would think that a Marine that has made it all the way to the top of the enlisted ranks would already have promotions all figured out. Well that is far from the truth, but now I am a great deal smarter than I was about promotions. I plan on providing a few briefs to the enlisted and officers to enlighten you on some of the great information that I learned going through this process. If any of our leaders would like for me to look at their records, just let me know. I found that one of the biggest reasons Marines are not getting promoted is because they are not making sure their record is complete. I will discuss this more later in my briefings, but the "Whole Marine" concept is absolutely required for promotion to Gunnery Sergeant and it is a great deal more competitive than I imagined. While I was in Quantico, I took the opportunity to go by Bethesda to visit with our fellow Marines that were recently wounded in combat. They are the epitome of the Marine spirit and I was honored to have a few moments of their time to discuss their recovery while they shared their combat stories. It was a great way to spend Memorial Day! I definitely recommend it to all. I realize it is still pretty early in the year, but our Marine Corps Ball Committee is already working hard on planning another great event and putting together fund raisers to reduce the cost of the tickets. The committee is always looking for more help and ideas so if you have any suggestions or would like to be a part of this great committee, contact GySgt Jimmie Cuevas in CPAC to get involved. I do want to pass on my appreciation to MGySgt Negron and MGySgt Gandolfi for standing in for me while I was away. As I expected the transition was seamless and they made it look too easy.

The Marines of MATSG-21 continue to impress me with their professionalism, so keep it up and know I am here to serve all of you. It is a continued honor serving with such a professional group of Marine Leaders.

You're Invited!

I would like to extend my personal invitation to join me at the Blood Stripe Marine Club, NAS Pensacola, for a Social on Thursday, 22 July 2010 starting 1800 and ending a few hours later.

I think it is very important to maintain a strong network with the Marines in our community. I have met many Retired Marines and Veteran Marines, but I would like to get everyone together to meet each other and to mingle with my fellow Senior Enlisted Marines. Also, I want all the Marines in the area to know where their exclusive club is located and encourage your patronage, so we can make it better.

We are always looking for more Marine Corps Memorabilia for the walls. Be sure to see me if there's something you would like to donate.



Semper Fi!

Sgt Major Richard Lewallen

AMS-1 COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



AMS-1 and Families,

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served with you over the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every one of you. We have been tested and challenged together in all aspects of leadership and prevailed in all areas. I want to thank all of the staff and their spouses for continuing to make AMS-1 one of the Fleet's gold-plated assets. Training Marines and Taking Care of Marines... It's what we do! Congratulations to 1stSgt Mitchell and CW03 Rominger as they head out to Okinawa. Please continue to pray for GySgt Danny Langford and SSgt Deo Harrypersaud who are both forward deployed in Afghanistan. It's been a great ride! Never forget... "Deeds not Words!"

Major Larry Fowler

AMS-1 NEW COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Marines, family, and friends,

First, I would like to say it is an honor to be able to serve as AMS-1's Commanding Officer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Marines involved in the Change of Command. Your efforts resulted in a memorable ceremony for all. Myself and my family thank you for such a warm welcome and I look forward to getting to know all of you and your families.

Second, I would like to thank Maj Fowler and his family for their support and wish them the best of luck as they head over to CNATT.

Next, congratulations are in order for our Marines who were selected for GySgt on the most recent promotion board: SSgt Davis, SSgt Gates, SSgt Hart, and SSgt Ortiz. Well done!

Lastly, I need to touch a bit on safety. We are well in the heart of summer and hurricane season. Continue to stay hydrated, ensure you are familiar with the destructive weather plan, and stay focused on training. Remember, "You are your brother's keeper".



Semper Fidelis,

Major Michael Graziani

AMS-2 COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Marines and Friends,

Summer is here and AMS-2 continues to excel in our mission of producing the best possible ATC, MATC and Avionics Marines for fleet service. We had numerous noteworthy accomplishments during this period. Congratulations on the promotions of Gunnery Sergeants Pugh (ATC) and Garrett (MATC), SSgt's Oliveira and Ryan (HQ), SSgt's Safdari, Tassone, Weaver, Templin and Knable (AVI), and Sgt Rakestraw (AVI). Also, I would like to congratulate LDO Major Bob Boyero on his promotion. Unfortunately we must bid him farewell as he has assumed the EAMTMU OIC billet. Capt Dave Sousa will be promoted to the well deserved rank of LDO Major in June, well done! AMS-2 also had numerous Marines complete the Uniformed Victims Advocates Course, Bravo Zulu to all those folks. From MATC, GySgt Brown and SSgt Cano completed the Staff Advanced course and Staff Academy, respectively.



Also from MATC, MSgt Mitchell and GySgt Vaughn completed to Equal Opportunity Representative Course... Great job, gents! We have now completed our fifth month of volunteer service at the Pensacola Humane Society and I am always touched by the overwhelming support the project is given by our students. They are making a real difference and are having a load of fun doing so. Attached picture is two of our finest participating at a Dog Wash. Thanks to all the families for supporting their spouses...without you these Marines couldn't do the great things they do.

Semper Fi!

Major Damon B. Hickey

TOP PERFORMERS

Lance Corporal Damion Patterson serves as the Administration Clerk, Aviation Maintenance Squadron Two, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21.

Lance Corporal Patterson was born on 27 August 1985 in Georgetown, Guyana. He graduated from Bush Lot Secondary School with honors in 2003. In January 2007, he immigrated to United States. In November 2007, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depots Parris Island, South Carolina.

In February 2008, he graduated from Recruit training and went on to Marine Combat Training in North Carolina. Private Patterson went on to Personnel Administration School, where he received the MOS of 0121.

Private First Class Patterson was assigned to the Consolidated Personnel Administrative Center, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, Pensacola FL in June 2008 as a Personnel Clerk. During this period Lance Corporal Patterson worked as a key member in the Joins Section, where he routinely ensured that Marines, Enlisted and Officers, were checked into their respective Units and there Travel Claims were paid in a timely manner. Lance Corporal Patterson also devoted his free time to numerous volunteer services which includes the Red Cross.

On the 1st of October 2009 Lance Corporal Patterson was reassigned to Aviation Maintenance Squadron Two, where he serves as the Administration Support for the entire Squadron, Lance Corporal Patterson also graduated the Corporal's Leadership Course in December of 2009.

Lance Corporal Patterson is married to Judene Patterson of Georgetown, Guyana and lives in Pensacola FL.



**LCPL Damion Patterson
Marine of the Quarter**

TOP PERFORMERS



**Sergeant German
Pliegoflores**
NCO of the Quarter



Sergeant German Pliegoflores is assigned to the Non-Destructive Inspection Technician School, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1. He was born in Toluca, Mexico where he graduated from Eagan High school class of 2002.

Recruit Pliegoflores reported to Boot Camp at MCRD San Diego on 2 Aug 2004 and upon completion reported to MCT for training. In January 2005 PFC Pliegoflores reported to NAS Pensacola for Aviation Structural Mechanic "A" school and upon completion reported to NAS Oceana for Advanced Composite Repair Material "C" school where he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal. On 1 May 2005 Lance Corporal Pliegoflores reported to MCAS Futenma MALS-36 Airframes for duty. He then attended the Aircraft Corrosion Control Course and Aircraft Paint, Touch-up & Marking course. Cpl Pliegoflores then reported to MCAS Cherry Point on 17 July 2006 for Aircraft/Support Equipment basic welding and Oxyfuel/Shielded metal arc welding courses.

On 24 January 2007 Cpl Pliegoflores began a 7 month deployment in support of OIF 06-08 with HMM-262 as an aviation welder. On 1 July 2007 Cpl Pliegoflores was promoted to Sergeant while forward deployed. In February 2008 Sgt Pliegoflores reported to NAS Pensacola for Aircraft Nondestructive Inspection School and completed the course on 5 May 2008. On 6 October 2008 Sgt Pliegoflores deployed with HMM-265 in support of Operation Talon Vision in the Philippines for 30 days as a NDI technician. On 15 January 2009 Sgt Pliegoflores deployed with HMM-265 in support of Operation Cobra Gold in Thailand for 30 days as a NDI technician. On February 27 2009 Sgt Pliegoflores deployed with HMM-265 in support of Operation Key Resolve for 27 days as the Det OIC and NDI technician. Upon return to MALS-36 Sgt Pliegoflores was re-assigned to Quality Assurance as the 510 QAR. On 1 July 2009 Sgt Pliegoflores reported for instructor duty to NAS Pensacola.

Sgt Pliegoflores is authorized to wear: Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Metal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with 1 star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with 3 stars.



"To observe a Marine is inspirational, to be a Marine is exceptional."

~ *Author Unknown*



MATSG-21 FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

Deborah Salerno-Maye

Family Readiness Officer
MATSG-21
(850)-452-9460 x3111

If you would like to be added to the Family Readiness distribution list to receive weekly employment updates, upcoming events and other important information via email, submit your request to:

deborah.salerno-maye@usmc.mil

“We are United States Marines, and for two and a quarter centuries we have defined the standards of courage, esprit, and military prowess.”

Gen. James L. Jones, USMC

(CMC); 10 November 2000

Semper Ride

The Marine Corps Safety Division and the crew at Semper Ride are proud to announce the official launch of www.SEMPERRIDE.com. After many months of research, design, and input from the fleet Semper Ride is up and running.

The website is intended to be an in depth resource for the Marine Corps rider. You will find a forum community where you can speak freely with riders like you in base specific categories or broader areas dealing with motorcycle types, repairs & close calls. There is even a forum for Retired Marine Corps riders.

YouthRules! www.youthrules.dol.gov

The resources on this website help parents and teens understand the rules in regards to summer employment. Hours worked, workplace safety etc.

ACT Today!

Autism Care and Treatment Today is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing funding to families that cannot afford or access the treatments their children with autism need. Through direct donation, corporate sponsorship, and community generosity, ACT Today is changing the lives of children today. ACT Today has launched ACT Today for Military Families a fundraising campaign benefiting military children with autism to help defray out of pocket medical costs. Go to: <http://www.refresheverything.com/acttodayformilitaryfamilies>

Adventure Expeditions for Veterans!

Outward Bound adventure challenge courses are now available to Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans. Whether it's rafting a river in Oregon, hiking in the Sierras, or sea kayaking around the Gulf Coast, there's sure to be an Outward Bound expedition that appeals to the adventurer in you! The courses and travel expenses are free to OEF/OIF veteran's thanks to support from the Sierra Club Foundation. http://www.outwardbound.org/index.cfm/do/cp.course_search_result/coursedetailfocusid/18.

H&R Block-Military Scholarship

H&R Block is providing scholarships for Tax Training School to Military Spouses of active duty, reservist, retired and Wounded Warriors at no cost to you or the government. This is truly a free benefit to any spouse interested in being trained as a tax professional and possibly work for H&R Block.

There are several classes offered between Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Foley, Brewton & Mobile so please call 888-412-7880 for a complete listing and to register. Act fast because there are only 20 seats available per class! When you call, be sure to mention the 'H&R Block military scholarship & Employment Program'. I have the coupon available that was sent in a previous email, however, if you did not receive this email and are in need of the coupon, please email or call and I will be sure to get that out to you. You must have this coupon at the time of the class in order to be able to attend for FREE!

National News:

*President Barack Obama signed "Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010" (S.1963) into law. Read more

<http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=9I5KnGOq-XS74-PGXhbDIg>

*Education Secretary Stresses Importance of Empowering Parents: U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan spoke recently at the Mom Congress(TM) co-hosted by Parenting magazine and Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies. Read more

<http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=VDbXo5ANbj9s16Esbkt60A>

*Military Spouse Leadership Conference Held in Europe: Over 300 military spouses stationed all over Europe gathered from May 9th through the 13th at the 54th annual American Women's Activities Germany (AWAG) conference held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany. Read more

http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=Wno74PI_JZh7JLAUEwwCg

*Wisconsin Adopts Compact: This past week, Wisconsin became the 31st state to adopt the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Over 84% of our military children are now covered by this important legislation. For more information on the Compact, please visit our website. Read more

http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=XnhxSduo_tnQzf-71yNIHQ

*National Military Family Association

703.931.4600 | www.MilitaryFamily.org

<http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=OPe0UilXy1xPQz9owSjCTw>



MATSG SPOUSE ASSOCIATION

The first Marine Spouse Association Meeting with the Marine Spouses was a HUGE Success!

The next meeting has been scheduled for July 13, 2010 at 1830.

It's not too late to be a part of this great association! If you are still interested in becoming a part of MATSG-21's very first spouse association and getting more involved with the command, please contact Mrs. Cheri Lewallen at matsgspouse@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and being a part of bringing MATSG-21 to another level of family!



www.militaryonesource.com

**A 24/7/365 Resource for
Military Members and
Families
1-800-342-9647**

Applications for Family Retreats

The application period is now closed for this spring's Operation Purple Family Retreats. However, the fall application period will be opening later this summer. These are fun, free, four-day retreats for military families to explore, enjoy and rejuvenate in a beautiful National Park setting. The retreats are designed to allow families to reconnect after experiencing the stresses surrounding a deployment. They are a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, try new things, make friends, and enjoy quality time together as a family. Fall retreat locations include Colorado and Pennsylvania. Please visit the NMFA website <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/family-retreats/> for additional information and application dates.

Governor Charlie Christ signs legislation offering Military Discounts

Effective July 1, 2010, honorably discharged veterans, active-duty service and reserve members will receive a 25 percent discount on the purchase of a Florida State Park annual pass. The discount provides a savings of \$15 on an individual annual pass and \$30 on a family annual pass, which allows up to eight people in a group to access most of Florida's 160 state parks. In addition, honorably discharged veterans who have service connected disabilities, and surviving spouses of military veterans who have fallen in combat, will receive a lifetime family annual entrance pass at no charge. The discounted Florida State Parks Annual Entrance Pass is only available for purchase at any Florida State Park staffed ranger station. To view a listing of staffed ranger stations to obtain your free passes, please go to: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/thingstoknow/doc/annualpass/staffedrangerstations.pdf>.

Marine Corps MotoMail

Marine Corps MotoMail is a free service for Marines in the Middle East, Afghanistan and some shipboard MEUs. Many of you are already aware of the MotoMail service and are helping to keep your unit families informed. MotoMail works only if families and loved ones are aware of the system and how to use it. That's where your support of MotoMail is vital. Every Marine, on average, receives about 2 MotoMail letters per month. Those numbers will continue to improve if we make sure that every Marine's family and friends are aware of MotoMail. Let's get every Marine at least 1 MotoMail per week.

What is MotoMail? MotoMail is a Marine Corps service that has been operational for over 5 years and has delivered over 2 million letters to Marines. First, it's free letter service. Family and friends can send a letter (and photograph) to a Marine and expect it to be delivered usually within 24-72 hours. **How does it work?** Go to: <http://www.motomail.us>. Type a letter and (optionally) attach a digital photo. Select the unit address for the Marine, as though the letter were being mailed in a paper envelope. **What happens to the letter?** The electronic letter is sent securely via the Internet to one of multiple locations across Afghanistan, the Middle East, and in some cases, floating MEUs. At the receiving end, special equipment automatically prints the letter, folds it, seals it as an envelope and addresses it to the Marine. The sealed envelopes are then placed into the regular unit mail delivery process to reach the Marine. Every letter created is printed at a location closest to the delivery point every day. There is no limit to the number of MotoMails you can send and there is never a cost to the sender or the recipient.

"The more MARINES I have around the better I like it!"

GEN. MARK CLARK, U.S. ARMY

Job Opportunities for Marines departing the Corps with IT experience

CYBERFOR hiring for more than 250 IT-related positions

VIRGINIA BEACH; Navy Cyber Forces is hiring for more than 250 Information Technology (IT)-related government positions in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach area, San Diego and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

According to CYBERFOR Manpower Director Katie Petrillo, the jobs are open for immediate hiring of well-qualified candidates who may be recent college graduates or experienced professionals.

For more of this story, go to:
http://www.flagshipnews.com/articles/2010/05/27/news/from_the_fleet/fleet_02.Txt

Microsoft Office Professional for just \$9.95!

As a valued Microsoft Home Use Program customer, we are excited to let you know that Microsoft OfficeR Professional Plus 2010 is now available for \$9.95! This includes Word 2010, Excel 2010, Power Point 2010, One Look 2010 & Outlook 2010.

All you need is your work email address & your program code. Even if you have purchased Office Enterprise 2007, you can upgrade to Office Professional Plus 2010. For more information on this great offer: <http://www.microsofthup.com/hupus/home.aspx> to learn more.



Looking for clothes for the family, baby items and more?

Visit the Military Thrift Store aboard Corry Field

Tues-Wed-Thur
 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Also open the first Sat of every month
 Located at on Corry Station next to the Corry Gym and Bowling Alley
 (850) 452-6174



Veterans seeking Employment

Do you know of a veteran looking for meaningful work in the outdoors? Veterans Green Jobs

<http://www.veteransgreenjobs.org/> is immediately hiring young military veterans for short-term public lands conservation work in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Read complete job descriptions and eligibility info at www.veteransgreenjobs.org/veteransgreencorps; or email vgc@veteransgreenjobs.org or call (970) 765-6953.

Microsoft® Elevate America is a major public-private partnership between Microsoft and the state of Florida designed to bolster the digital literacy of Florida's workforce.

In an attempt to help Floridians get back to work and growing in their careers, Microsoft is generously donating 338 E-Learning, 338 Certification Exams and 88 IT Professional vouchers to Region 1. Vouchers will be available to the public for redemption through Aug. 21.

For more information, contact Shaquana Wilson at (850) 607-8720
swilson@escarosa.org

MATSG-21 SAFETY OFFICE



INDEPENDENCE DAY

We are now in the "101 Critical Days of Summer"! As the temperature heats up, we will be celebrating in the months to come, by waving sparklers and watching fireworks. So with that in mind, only use sparklers outdoors. Only persons over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Too many young people get burned by sparklers every year. By supervising our youngsters, we can reduce these injury rates. Obey local laws!! If fireworks are not legal where you are, don't use them. If drought conditions mean a ban on fireworks, follow the law. Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them. Fireworks and ALCOHOL do not mix! Have a designated "shooter". When all else fails, use common sense. Respect fireworks and sparklers as the great American tradition they are, but also respect the fact that they must be used with caution. If you are new to the area be aware of the Florida Law. The **Florida Fireworks Law** has never allowed the general public to use fireworks that propel themselves into the air, items that explode or items that shoot projectiles into the air. Anyone who drives to the Alabama State Line to purchase fireworks is violation of the Florida State Law when they return to Florida to use them. The penalty is a first-degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail. So stay safe and safely watch those how have the permits and enjoy the festivities.



HEAT EXHAUSTION & STROKE

As we know, it gets pretty hot in Pensacola during the summer! So make sure that we are hydrating to prevent Heat Stroke. Know what to do:

- Get the victim to a shady area, remove clothing, apply cool or tepid water to the skin (for example you may spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose), fan the victim to promote sweating and evaporation, and place ice packs under armpits and groins.

-Monitor body temperature with a thermometer and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F (38.3-38.8°C).

-Always notify emergency services (911) *immediately*. If their arrival is delayed, they can give you further instructions for treatment of the victim. **HYDRATION IS THE KEY.....**



MOTORCYCLE & ATV SAFETY

During the summer months, you and your family may breakout the ATVs and motorcycles. For the motorcycles, make sure that your training is up-to-date and that you have all the required personal protective equipment (PPE), for you and your family members. The Marine Corps has taken on the challenge of educating all motorcycle riders by providing Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) courses free to the service member. Training and education are key in reducing mishaps. Also, for those who ride off-road ATVs and dirt bikes, make sure that you are wearing all the PPE to prevent injury for you and your loved ones. **Lead from the front on safety!!!**



BEACH & POOL SAFETY

Pensacola has some of the most beautiful beaches in the United States!! Just make sure that you take the time to talk with kids on water safety and what to do if someone is lost or hurt. Here are some things to consider:

- Learn to Swim
- Swim where lifeguards are present
- Keep a close eye on kids
- Never let small children out of sight
- Do a swim test with your kids at a pool prior to the beach
- Obey signs about water conditions and wildlife
- Review what the beach flags mean

BEACH WARNING FLAGS

BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA

 **Water Closed to Public**
Agua Cerrada al Público

 **High Hazard**
High Surf and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes

 **Medium Hazard**
Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes

 **Low Hazard**
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado

 **Dangerous Marine Life**
Vida Marina Peligrosa

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
La Ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras

Knowledge is power.....share it with your family and friends.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Gift from God

“Behold, children are a heritage (or gift) from the Lord,” Psalm 127:3

It is important for us to remember that we are to train and teach our children on all aspects of living in this world. Recently I read one of my favorite Aesop's tales: “A mother crab and her son went scurrying over the sand. The mother chastised her child: “Stop walking sideways! It is much more becoming to stroll straightforward.” And, the young crab replied, “I will mother dear, just as soon as I see how. Show me the straight way, and I'll walk it behind you.”

This tale reminds us that words are important but there is nothing like the power of a good example. It also reminds us that all parents are teachers; they are the first teachers most children will have, for better or worse.

In the month of May we celebrated Mother's Day and in June its Father's Day. These are great days to reflect on the role and responsibilities of parents. None of us are perfect parents, and we all have to

learn to be parents by listening to our own parents and friends, as well as reading from what “experts” have to teach us. More than once parents have said they wish children came with instructions. Let me encourage you to keep giving and loving your children. Treat them like they are a great and valued gift. Set the example for your children to follow.

Chaplain Tim Hall
(850) 452-9413



L.I.N.K.S. Update

Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills provides information to all Marines and family members on the resources available and methods for meeting the challenges of the military lifestyle.

Upcoming Sessions for Spouses:

- July 17th; 0830 - 1500; CO's Conference Room
- September 18th; 0830 - 1500; CO's Conference Room

Kids Movie Night!

When: Friday, July 23 from 1800 - 2100

Where: Co's Conference Room
MATSG Headquarters,
Bldg 3450

Light snacks and refreshments will be served!

To Register for MCFTB Programs
Contact Beth Austin at
850-452-9460 ext. 3012
Elizabeth.a.austin@usmc.mil

If you are interested in becoming a
Family Readiness Assistants or a LINKS
mentor. Please contact MCFTB training
information at (850) 452-9460 x3009

2010 MATSG-21 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



**SSgt Nicholas Hedges
MATSG-21 Marine
Volunteer of the Year**



**Tammy Holcomb
MATSG-21 Spouse
Volunteer of the Year**



**Peter & Shirley Belanger
MATSG-21 Civilian
Volunteer of the Year
(Mr. Belanger is not in photo)**



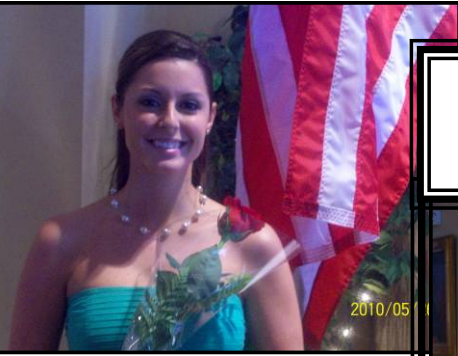
MATSG-21 2010 Volunteers



MATSG-21 Young Marines Volunteers



**2010 NAVY LEAGUE MILITARY SPOUSE
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**



**Mrs. Cheri Lewallen
MATSG-21 Marine Corps
Spouse of the Year**



**Mrs. Jayme Forston
AMS-1 Marine Spouse**

**Mrs. Abigail Hardison
AMS-2 Marine Spouse**



2010/05/26

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Friday Family Flicks	July 16 th		Downtown Pensacola
Stir it Up Christian Concert	July 16 th		NAS Pensacola
LINKS for Spouses	July 17 th	0830 - 1500	CO's Conference Room Building 3450
Marine Social with Sgt Major Lewallen	July 22 nd	1800 – until	Blood Stripe
MCFTB Movie Night	July 23 rd	1800 – 2100	CO's Conference Room
Monster Jam	July 23-24		Mobile Civic Center
Steve Miller Band	July 31 st		The Wharf, Orange Beach
The Wiggles Live Show	July 31 st		Mobile Civic Center

AUGUST

MATSG Luau	August 13 th	1200 – 1600	NASP Ski Beach
Run for the Red, White & Blue Annual 5k Race!	August 28 th	Start at 0730	

For additional information on this event please contact Karen Dugre at 850-882-5848

SEPTEMBER

LINKS for Spouses	September 18 th	0830 – 1500	CO'S Conference Room Building 3450
MATSG Marine & Spouse Social	September 23 rd	1830 – 2100	Mustin Beach O'Club

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CALL OR EMAIL DEBORAH SALERNO-MAYE: 850-452-9460 X3111 OR DEBORAH.SALERNO-MAYE@USMC.MIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Training with American Red Cross

Babysitter's Training

7/24, 8am-5pm - Fort Walton

First Aid with CPR/AED-Adult & Child and CPR-Infant

7/10 - DeFuniak Springs, Fort Walton 8am-5pm

7/24- Beach & Pensacola, Milton 8am-5pm

7/31 - Crestview & Pensacola 8am-5pm

First Aid with CPR/AED-Adult

7/14 - Crestview 10am-4pm

7/17 - Pensacola 8am-2pm

7/28 - Pensacola 10:30am-4:30pm

CPR/AED-Adult

7/15 - Crestview & Pensacola 8:30am-12:30pm

7/20 - Niceville 3pm-7pm

7/20- Pensacola 5pm-10pm

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer

7/10 - Fort Walton Beach 8am-5pm

7/24 - Pensacola 8am-5pm

To register, call 800.773.7620 ext. 0 or visit:

www.YourRedCross.org

Military Family and Friends Monthly Potluck Dinner

This potluck will be held the last Saturday of every month at the Corry Station Chapel. This event is for military family & friends and is not a religious event.

To RSVP, call: 831-521-5494

Bands on the Beach

Pensacola beach has Bands on the beach every Tuesday beginning at 1900 at the Gulfside Pavilion overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. For a complete listing of the bands that will be performing:

<http://www.visitpensacolabeach.com/what/bands.asp>

Looking for fun events in Pensacola? Go to [http://www.playpensacola.com/;](http://www.playpensacola.com/)

[www.visitpensacola.com;](http://www.visitpensacola.com)

[www.celebratepensacola.com;](http://www.celebratepensacola.com)

www.naspensacola-mwr.com

To sign up for monthly newsletters from Sierra Club, contact Brittany McKee at

949-842-0574 or

www.sierraclub.org/military

NAS Pensacola is offering FREE Movies on the Lawn during the summer

They will feature a different movie every other Saturday

**Free Popcorn*

Location: Portside Gym Lawn * Dusk *
Bring Chairs & Blankets or Sit on Bleachers

(If weather is questionable please call 452-2372 at 3 pm to check for cancellation)

MATSG-21 Family Fun Day

Come Join the Luau!

When: Friday August 13, 2010

Where: NASP Ski Beach

Bayou Grande Picnic Center

Time: 1200-1500

Who: MATSG-21 Staff and Families

Cost: FREE!

*Tropical Attire Encouraged!

*Door Prizes!

*Island Cuisine

*Hawaiian Music and Dance

*Limbo and Aloha Arts for Kids

*Wild Rapids Waterslides, Moon Bouncers, Sea World Playground

*Kayaks and Canoes

*Cotton Candy

*Popcorn

*Snow Cones

Bring the family and your bathing suits for a day filled with fun!

RSVP No Later Than Aug 5, 2010

deborah.salerno-mage@usmc.mil

(850) 452-9460 ext.3111

3rd Annual MATSG Social

You are cordially invited:

Date: Thursday; September 23, 2010

Time: 1830 to 2100

Place: Mustin Beach Officer's Club

Who: All Marines and Spouses

Attire: Casual

Cost: FREE!

In celebration of you, MATSG-21 Family Readiness will be hosting our Annual Marine & Spouse Social so that you may meet new people, get reacquainted with old friends and get prepared for the upcoming Marine Corps Ball!

Several vendors will be on hand offering discounts, gift certificates and giving away many door prizes for your hair, skin, nails, tanning, jewelry, photography, massage therapy, gowns for the ball and more!

There will be a Wine and Cheese tasting along with light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments served with a cash bar available for Ooh-Rah-tini's, Sex and the City Mimosa's, Pomegranate Grenades and whatever else your heart desires.

To make this night even more appealing, you will be entertained by the sounds of Dave Sheldner on the grand piano and surrounded by great company.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP with Deborah Salerno-Mage no later than September 17th
850-452-9460 x3111 or deborah.salerno-mage@usmc.mil.

Presented by:
MATSG-21 Family Readiness

HELPFUL NUMBERS

NAS PENSACOLA

AMERICAN RED CROSS	(877)-272-7337
AMS-1 DUTY DESK	(850)-452-7090/7089
AMS-2 DUTY DESK	(850)-452-7092
BOQ	(850)-452-7076/7077/2755
CHAPLAIN	(850)-452-9413
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	(850)-452-2161/2211
DENTAL	(850)-452-5600
DEERS	(850)-505-6325
FAMILY HOUSING DEPARTMENT	(850)-452-4412
FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER (FFSC)	(850)-452-5990
FITNESS CENTER (RADFORD)	(850)-452-9845
FITNESS CENTER (PORTSIDE)	(850)-452-7810
GOLF COURSE	(850)-452-2454
HEADQUARTERS	(850)-452-3100 ext o
HOUSING	(850)-452-4412
HOUSING MAINTENANCE	(850)-452-5555
HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE (HRO)	(850)-452-3511
INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL (ITT)	(850)-452-6362
LEGAL	(850)-452-3733/3734
MATSG-21 HEADQUARTERS	(850)-452-9460
MORAL WELFARE AND RECREATION (MWR)	(850) 452-3806
NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM	(850)-452-3604
NEX AVIATION PLAZA CUSTOMER SERVICE	(850)-458-8884
NAVY HOUSING	(850)-452-4412
NAVY LODGE	(850)-456-8676
NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY	(850)-452-2300
NEWSPAPER (GOSPORT)	(850)-452-3100 ext 1490
PERSONNEL SUPPORT DETACHMENT (PSD)	(850) 452-3419
PHOTO LAB	(850)-452-4641
POST OFFICE	(850)-452-3391
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (PAO)	(850)-452-3100 ext 1519
QUARTERDECK (NASP)	(850)-452-3100
QUARTERDECK (NATTC)	(850)-452-7300
RED CROSS	(850)-452-2492
SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER	(850) 458-6588
STARBASE ATLANTIS	(850)-452-8287
UNITES SERVICES ORGANIZATION (USO)	(850)-433-2475
VETERINARIAN	(850)-452-3530
YOUTH CENTER	(850)-452-2423/2417

CORRY STATION

CORRY MALL BARBER SHOP	(850)-458-8893
CHAPLAIN	(850)-452-6376
CILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	(850)-453-6286
COMMISSARY	(850)-452-6875/338
EXCHANGE	(850)-453-5311
FITNESS CENTER	(850)-452-6198

NAVAL HOSPITAL

APPOINTMENTS	(850)-505-7171
INFORMATION	(850)-505-6601

HELPFUL WEBSITES

American Red Cross: www.Floridaredcross.org

Childcare program available to all service members www.sittercity.com/dod

Employment Opportunities: www.usajobs.gov;
<https://www.donhr.navy.mil>
www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/;
www.naspensacola.navy.mil/ffsc/;
www.employflorida.com;
www.jobsplusonestop.com; www.careers.org;
www.careernet.com;
www.careeronestopshop.org;
www.careershop.org; www.careervoyages.gov ;
www.myflorida.com;
www.floridajobs.org/pdi.jobsearch;
www.jobsfed.com; www.monster.com;
www.hotjobs.com; www.employmentguide.com;
www.nationjob.com

Escambia County School Ratings:
https://ese2.escambia.k12.fl.us/eval_svc/sch_grades_all.asp

Fleet and Family Support Center:
www.naspensacola.navy.mil/ffsc

Department of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov

Discount vacations: www.afvclub.com

Department of the Navy Civilian Human Resources: <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil/>

Disaster Preparedness: www.ready.gov/america/
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml>

Escambia County of Public Safety:
www.myescambia.com/Bureaus/PublicSafety/

List & view homes for sale or rent: <http://www.militarybyowner.com/> or <http://www.ahrn.com/>

Military Home Front:
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

Marine Corps Community Services: www.usmc-mccs.org

Military OneSource:
www.militaryonesource.com

Military Spouse Employment Journal:
<http://msccn.org/PDFs/MSEJ2009-v5-i1.pdf>

Military Spouse Network:
www.military.com/military-spouse-network
My Pay: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

NAS Pensacola:
www.cnrc.navy.mil/Pensacola/index.htm

National Military Family Association:
www.nmfa.org

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society:
www.nmcrs.org

Operation Purple: www.operationpurple.org

Helpful website for parents:
<http://www.cdac.info/savvy-parent-forum.html>

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<http://www.playpensacola.com>

Pensacola Calendar of events:
<http://www.visitpensacola.com/calendar/>

Pensacola Chamber of Commerce:
<http://www.pensacolachamber.com/>

Pensacola Enlisted Spouse Organization:
<http://hub.homefrontonline.com/peso/>

View all Officer Spouse Organization through cinchouse:
<http://www.cinchouse.com/Hubs/tabid/90/Default.aspx>

Spouses of Student Aviators at NAS Whiting Field:
<http://cinchouse.com/sosa/Home/tabid/2308/Default.aspx>

Tri-care: www.tricare.osd.mil Tri-care for expectant mothers:
www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/parents
or call 1-800-444-5445

USO: <http://www.uso.org/pensacola/>

USMC: www.marines.mil/Pages/Default.aspx

