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## Only you can prevent fires...

Fire prevention month kicks-off for local area. See Page 3.



## Marine band in focus...

The Albany Marine Band recently toured in Canada. See Page 4.

## MCLB Update

### Community connection...

The Officers' Spouses Club will host their 2004 Community Connection Oct. 15 in Thomason Gym 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There will be more than 40 base and local vendors offering — fitness and health activities, outdoor activities, crafts and home businesses, base and community services.

If you have a business talent such as creative memories, pottery or jewelry making, quilting, photography, etc., this is a great opportunity to advertise your craft and make new friends.

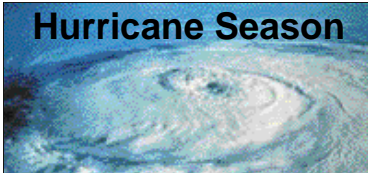
To reserve a table or for more information, contact Hazel Sellers at 435-8686.

### Marine Corps Balls...

The Officers' Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be Nov. 6 at the Stonebridge Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased from Regina Eberhardt at MCCS. Get your tickets early; seating is limited. For more information, call 639-5234.

The enlisted ball will be held at Lake Blackshear Nov. 4 and the SNCO ball on Nov. 5.

Everyone is encouraged to reserve rooms early. A special room rate of \$89 is being offered. To reserve rooms, call 1-800-459-1230.



Hurricane season continues. For updated information regarding base conditions and work schedules, call the MCLB Albany destructive weather hotline at 639-7600.

### Recycling...

In accordance with Marine Corps Order 5090.2A -- Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual, MCLB established the Qualified Recycling Program as a measure to keep the base environment clean. Currently being recycled are glass, cardboard, aluminum cans, newspaper, white paper, magazines, phone-books and plastics, such as food product bottles. For more information, call the Environmental Branch at 639-5637/6261.

### Commissary offers great savings

Save 35% on meats



## Theater admission policy changes

MCCS Public Affairs

The Marine Corps Community Services Board of Directors, which includes the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and many installation commanders, directed a review of MCCS base and station recreation activity pricing and subsequently established specific policies.

Two issues prompted the assessment: Base commander interest in MCCS revenue generation opportunities in view of ever increasing program requirements and costs; and concerns from Marines and their families regarding inconsistent MCCS recreation activity pricing from base to base.

On Jul. 19, the CMC sent out a letter implementing this new policy, effective Oct. 1.

The policy states that bowling, golf, marinas, stables and ITT programs shall be market priced per installation



to provide authorized customers with a 25 percent fee/price savings goal compared to commercial and municipal sources.

Theater operations must be run as Category C revenue-generating activi-

ties and admission determined by the installation commander to ensure a net operating profit for the program.

This move from Marine Corps Headquarters applies to every base.

The installation commander still has the authority to set the price and the Base Commander, Col. John Lopez, approved the lowest price that

was recommended by MCCS Albany.

Twenty theaters are operated on Marine Corps installations worldwide. Of those, AAFES operates six and MCCS 14. For first-run movies, AAFES charges \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

Four of the MCCS theaters already were charging admission anywhere from \$1 to \$3 for adults and \$1 to \$1.50 for children. The other 10 movie theaters have been free, until now.

The base commander has set the prices for MCLB, Albany at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. The new price change will go into effect for our movie theater Oct. 17.

We are proud to offer first-run movies at affordable prices, and the same great prices on concessions. You will still have a wonderful entertainment option for you and your family.

## BICcmd inspection team returns from Norway

Staff Sgt. Michael Reed BICcmd Public Affairs

BLOUNT ISLAND, Jacksonville, Fla. — A BICcmd Quality Assurance team recently returned from Norway, following a 14 day detailed inspection of the Norway Air-Landed Marine Expeditionary Brigade Prepositioning Program assets.

Seventeen Marines and civilians from BICcmd traveled to Trondheim, Norway to perform a thorough inspection of assets after a two-year lapse from inspection.

Due to BICcmd's high operational tempo during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the annual QA inspection for 2003 was cancelled.

According to Barbara Henry, head, Norway Prepositioning Management Office, BICcmd, a QA visit is scheduled on an annual basis to physically inspect equipment and review scheduled maintenance, inventory cycles, and stock surveillance.

The QA also covers the current status of data, review of equipment records. The work performed on equipment is reviewed, and adequacy of current reports, and verification of reporting systems is verified, Henry added.

The Marine Corps and Norway have developed a unique relationship for the storage and care of prepositioned equipment and supplies.

The NALMEB Prepositioning Program calls for storage of equipment and 30 days of supplies and ammunition in Norway.

Specifically included are items that are mission essential, heavy, high volume and suited for extended storage and not available through wartime host nation support.

According to Maj. Ola Skogli, executive officer, NALMEB Program, Norwegian Defense Ministry, the QA acts as a report card for us (Norway).

"The QA provides us with feedback on how we did maintaining the program's assets, and also what we are not doing, but should be doing," Skogli said.

The government of Norway provides the means to redeploy the MEB sized Marine Air Ground Task Force, with prepositioning facilities, airbase

See BICcmd Page 6



STAFF SGT. MICHAEL REED

Members from Norway's NALMEB Program, Norwegian Defense Ministry, provide BICcmd Quality Assurance team with a briefing prior to starting the 2 week inspection.

## Military academy application time

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Congressman Mac Collins of Georgia's Eighth Congressional District urged high school students, who are interested in attending any of America's service academies to turn their applications into the Columbus and McDonough district congressional offices as soon as they can. The

application deadline is Oct. 15.

"All prospective candidates should re-quest a pre-candidate questionnaire from all four military academies, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Our staff in the district offices are ready to help. It is great to assist

young people who want to serve in our armed forces. They are performing a great duty for all of us who live here in the United States of America," Collins said.

Files not completed by the Oct. 15 will not be considered by the Eighth Congressional District Academy Selection Committee.

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## B.I.G. banquet set

Emblem Staff

On behalf of the Albany Area Chapter of Blacks In Government, it is our pleasure to invite you to join us for our 10th Annual Awards Banquet.

The banquet is to honor the students that participated in our Oratorical and Information Student Superhighway Competition and for their invaluable service to the community.

Your participation will go a long way towards helping us to achieve our goal of creating a partnership by increasing the chapter's communication and relationship with the community.

This event will be a reunion for you, so come and enjoy an evening with old friends.

The Awards Banquet will be held Oct. 23, at the Officers Club, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga. at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Please RSVP by calling Mr. Bill Robinson at 639-713.

Tickets can be purchased from the following individuals, if you are unable to attend, please make a donation.

- Mr. Ivey Hines — 639-6639
- Ms. Joann Cuff — 639-6620
- Ms. Debra Capers — 639-6140
- Mr. Mike Cassell — 639-5798
- Mr. Willie Jones — 639-5876
- Ms. Earnestine Jones — 639-7290
- Ms. Shirley Mullins — 639-6725
- Mr. Bill Robinson — 639-7134
- Mr. John Hall — 639-6416
- Mr. Bennie Paige — 639-6415
- Ms. Sherrilynne Marshall — 639-7058
- Mr. James Floyd — 639-5826
- Ms. Megan Batten — 639-5407



FILE PHOTO

Team "D-Block" paddles through Covella Pond during last year's Warrior Competition.

## Marine warrior competition set to begin

1st Lt. Kimberly Verhegge Base Adjutant Office

In need of a challenge? Think your section is the best? Think you know more about tactics than the next Marine? Prove it...

The annual Warrior Team competition will be held Oct. 19 - 21 so the Marines of MCLB Albany can get out and be Marines.

Last years competition was challenging and incorporated NBC, Land Navigation, Obstacle Course negotiation and many other fun events.

This year event will be much See Warrior Page 6

## A Few Good Words



Lt. CMDR. ROGER RICHARDS  
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

### 'Eureka'

I don't know if you have ever heard the word, "eureka" before, but I became acquainted with it quite a number of years ago. It is a Latin word that means, "I found it." It has been associated with scientists who have made amazing discoveries. It has also found its way onto quite a number of maps, as several states have towns or cities by that name.

It is easy to understand how a place could come to be named Eureka. If I was a settler early on in our nation's history, it is conceivable that when I found a pristine location for my own piece of land, I would feel that I had found exactly what I was looking for and name the location accordingly. It is reported that some of the places out west came to be named Eureka when gold or other precious metals were found in the area. We have at least one state that I know of that has a town named Eureka Springs.

My favorite use of the term, however, is associated with science and discovery. I have always had an interest in science and I like the idea of finally making a new discovery or uncovering the answer to a problem. I can picture a scientist in his lab coat from his laboratory exclaiming, "Eureka! I have found it!" To me, it conveys the idea of great excitement over something we have been working hard to learn or find.

Have you ever been really excited over a discovery that you made, especially if the discovery is something that you have been struggling with or diligently working on? Or have you ever been lost and finally found your way? The excitement is overwhelming - EUREKA!

I would imagine that Christopher Columbus was that excited, happy and relieved when he saw land on the horizon after his long voyage across the ocean. He had been at sea for weeks and I suspect that he and his crew were discouraged and fearful that they would never see land again.

I think that all of us have challenges in our lives for which we are seeking directions and answers. It may not be as astronomical as discovering a new land but equally as important and significant. It may be working through a financial problem or a troubled relationship. It may be searching for happiness or a sense of purpose in life. The greatest discovery we can ever ascertain is our connection with God.

The Bible is very clear that we were created to have a relationship with God. The exciting part is seeking God, discovering who He is and what a wonderful plan He has for our lives. Just as Columbus was on a mission, we have a responsibility; a duty to find all of the blessings and revelations that God has in store for each of us. Once we find it, once we experience God - EUREKA - WHAT JOY, WHAT BLESSINGS!

When you embrace the answer, when you embrace God, you will be thrilled with the discovery.

Semper Fi in the Lord, and I hope to see you in church on Sunday.

### COMMAND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday School . . . . . 9 a.m.  
Divine Services . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Base Chapel  
at 639-5282. For emergencies, call the  
Officer of the Day at 639-5206.

### Crossroads Restaurant Menu

<b>Today</b> Soup of the Day Arroz con Pollo (Baked chicken & rice) Taco beef Refried beans Hard & soft shelled tacos Spanish Rice Peas & carrots Mexican corn Mexican cornbread Salad bar	<b>Monday</b> Closed	<b>Tuesday</b> Soup of the Day Fried chicken Sliced roast pork w/gravy Scalloped potatoes Steamed rice Turnip greens Cornbread & butter
<b>Friday</b> Soup of the Day Fried catfish Baked meatloaf Scalloped potatoes Cheese grits Squash & tomatoes Collard greens Cornbread muffins Salad bar	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Hispanic Heritage Lunch</b> Stuffed yucca Arroz Con Pollo (baked chicken & rice) Spanish rice pilaf Fried plantains Black beans Menestra vegetable medley Spicy cornbread Ducle de Lece cake	

Lunch Buffet & Lunch Buffet Takeout — \$5.95  
Soup & Salad and Soup & Salad Takeout — \$3.95  
(add dessert \$4.95)  
Express Lunch — \$3.95

Hours of Operation — Mon. - Fri.,  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Marine Corps Training

### Green Belt

• Oct. 18 — Nov. 5  
Contact Gunnery Sgt. Crane at 639-7489 or Staff Sgt. Dixon at 639-5115.

### Corporal's course

Contact Staff Sgt. Floyd at 639-5130 for the next session.

### Pistol Range

• Oct. 25 — 29  
The safety brief is at 10 a.m., the Friday prior to qualifying.

### Classes

• Oct. 13 — 8 - 11 a.m.  
Rifle Squad PME at the Base Theater.

### MCCS Test & Review

• Oct. 12 — 9 a.m. review  
• Oct. 14 — 1:30 p.m. test

### PFT

• Oct. 14 — 7:30 a.m.  
• Oct. 21 — 7:30 a.m.  
• Oct. 28 — 7:30 a.m.

Location TBD. All PFTs are now on Thursdays due to classes being offered on Wednesdays at the Base Theater.

### Swim Qual

• Oct. 8  
Swim qual will be held at the Albany State University pool from 1 - 4 p.m. Participating Marines will meet at Bldg. 3500 to travel to Albany State by POV.

### Training

• Oct. 6 — 3 p.m.  
Battle study for officers at the O'Club.

### Operations

• Oct. 15  
Morning Colors  
• Oct. 29 — 11 a.m.  
Battle Colors

The Battalion Web page is up and running. All SNCOs and officers can go to this Web page and complete their annual training. They can also find links to MCCS on training such as martial arts, PFTs, etc.

For more information on training times, dates and locations, call the Battalion Training Office at 639-5130.

You can also information by visiting Web site [www.ala.usmc.mil/hqbn/S-3ops.asp](http://www.ala.usmc.mil/hqbn/S-3ops.asp).



Warrior Competition will be held Oct. 19-21. Names of teams and team members must be submitted to 1st Lt. Verhegge NLT Oct.13. A safety brief will be at 2 p.m., Oct. 18, at the Pistol Range.

## MCCS It's All For You!

### The Week Ahead

Getting ready for the Ball and need your medals mounted?	Fri. Oct. 8	Sat. Oct. 9	Sun. Oct. 10	Mon. Oct. 11	Tues. Oct. 12	Wed. Oct. 13	Thurs. Oct. 14
Oct. 18 is the deadline for having your medals mounted to have it completed in time for the Ball. Drop off your order at the back of the MCX By October 18!	Tonight's Movie Superheroes: Baby Genieses 2 7 p.m. 639-5166 ALL	Tonight's Movie Anastasia: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid PG13 7 p.m. 639-5166 ALL		Columbus Day	Phoneming Base Chapel Assoc 9:30-10:30 a.m. 639-5199 ALL	Tonight's Movie Hero PG13 7 p.m. 639-5166 ALL	Lights On After School 4-6 p.m. Youth & Teen Center 639-7940 ALL

**Our Auto Skills Center** offers a professional staff and provides comprehensive repair manuals to assist you with your automotive problem - from the most difficult repair to routine maintenance. Our Auto Skills Center features:

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- Five indoor bays
- Outside work area
- Computer printouts of diagnostic checks
- Laser-optical alignment service

**Operating Hours**  
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
ALL

## Daddy Don't

MCLB Albany, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Task Force, proudly presents the dramatic play "Daddy Don't." This play will be performed at the Base Theater as a special PME for military personnel on Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.

Other performances for Active Duty members, family members, base employees and retirees will be held on Oct. 14 and 28. Call 639-7938 or 639-5252 for more information. All performances are free of charge.

October 14: 7 p.m. ALL  
October 28: 7 p.m. ALL

## Lights On After School

October 14  
4 - 6 p.m.  
Youth & Teen Center  
Open House  
Parents are invited to come and learn about the afterschool activities offered by the Youth & Teen Center.  
Call 639-7940  
ALL

### Visit ITT for savings! 639-8177

**Boss's Day** is October 16. ITT has balloons and gift ideas for your special boss. Come by and see our many gift ideas. ITT will also deliver (\$2 additional fee). ALL

**Disney on Ice presents Beauty & The Beast**  
ITT has tickets on sale for \$16 for shows on Oct. 22, 23 and 24. Call for details. ALL

MCCS Marketing Hotline 639-5268

### Look for the October Events Guide for a guide to all MCCS activities and services.

### ELIGIBILITY LEGEND

ALL: Open to all Active Duty, Retirees, DoD Civilians, Contractors, Reservists and their family members  
AD: Active Duty and their family members  
R: Retirees and their family members  
C: DoD civilians and their family members  
N: Contractors and their family members  
V: Reservists and their family members

MCCS Web site [www.ala.usmc.mil/mccs](http://www.ala.usmc.mil/mccs)

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## Fire prevention, safety emphasized

Cathy S. Brannon  
Risk Management Office

One week of each year, Oct. 3-9 this year, is set aside to increase public awareness of the importance of fire prevention.

National Fire Prevention Week was established when the National Fire Protection Association decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred in 1871, should be observed in ways to keep the public informed instead of festivities.

The NFPA and tens of thousands of fire and safety professionals, emergency volunteers and other individuals make this week a priority and count on the participation and efforts of all to reduce the risk of fire and the toll it takes on American society.

The NFPA's "The History of Fire Prevention" book states that in the years before 1925 some 15,000 lives were lost to fires in the United States.

"This waste results from the conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror," President Calvin Coolidge wrote, "for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevent-

ed... It is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions which have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth."

Many lives can be saved if people react immediately when a fire alarm sounds.

Once a fire starts, there's no time to develop a plan. NFPA urges everyone to "KNOWWHEN TO GO."

Fire prevention education is one of the most rewarding programs you could participate in.

Whether you are an adult, a child, a parent, a teacher or a firefighter, the knowledge gained through attending and/or teaching programs could save your life or the life of someone near and dear.

The NFPA estimates that approximately 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States and Canada occur in the home.

Roughly 11 people per day, die in home fires, with cooking fires being the leader. A home can be engulfed by fire within 60 seconds. The general rule is to "watch what you heat." Never leave cooking unattended.

Now that spring has flung, summer has gone and fall has arrived, leaves are falling and you and your family, friends and neighbors will clean and burn piles of debris.

Be prepared to protect yourself, your home and others around you.

Safety tips to follow:

- Create a safety zone around your home by clearing flammable vegetation.
- Keep roofs clear of leaves and pine needles.
- Discuss community fire with your neighbors.
- Use child resistant lighters.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Never leave a fire unattended.

For more on the history of fire prevention, fire safety and protection tips, visit these web sites: [www.firesafetytips.com](http://www.firesafetytips.com); [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org); or [www.fire-safety.buffnet.net](http://www.fire-safety.buffnet.net).

You can also consult the MCLB Fire Department at 639-5610, the Risk Management Office at 639-5249, or your local fire departments, and remember — "You Can Prevent Fires from Occurring".



Col. John P. Lopez, commanding officer, MCLB Albany, welcomes Sparky to the base for Fire Prevention Month.

### Fire prevention activities...

Fire trucks will visit MCLB tomorrow along with Sparky and Freddie who will be providing handouts on fire prevention around the base. Also as part of the day's activities, there will be a static display and free blood pressure checks throughout the day.



## Hatch Act gives rules for federal employees

Richard Hooks  
Human Resources Office

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. — With election season for the next six weeks, here is some information concerning political activities by federal employees.

The Hatch Act prohibits federal executive branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties by an individual employed or holding office in the U.S. government, while wearing a uniform or official insignia identifying the office or position of the employee, or using any vehicle owned or leased by the government.

Political activity has been defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

The United States Office of Special Counsel provides advisory opinions on the Hatch Act and also enforces the provisions of the Act by filing petitions for disciplinary action.

Employees who are charged with violations are entitled to a hearing before the Merit Service Protection Board. Under the Act, the presumptive penalty for a violation is removal from federal employment.

However, upon a unanimous vote of its members, the MSPB can mitigate the penalty to no less than a 30-day suspension without pay.

Employees have the right to appeal the MSPB's decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

For more information on the Hatch Act and what is or is not permissible, go to Web site [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov).

## Base acknowledges spouses with night out

It is that time again.

Time to pamper you, our active duty spouses, and show you how much we, as a command, appreciate you.

The Key Volunteer Network and MCCS is sponsoring our second annual Spouses night out. The night is being offered to allow our active duty spouses some time to pamper themselves.

We hope to show you our appreciation by providing you with free childcare, a free meal,

free movie, a little information thrown in and door prizes that focus on you, the military spouse.

Yes, you read right — the night is FREE to all active duty military spouses.

The pampering will be held Oct. 12 starting at 6 p.m. at the Base Theater.

The Child Development Center will open at 5:30 p.m. and close at 9:30 to provide free childcare for those spouses attending the event.

The night will begin with dinner, some

information from your spouses' organizations, employment information from Terry Cosper, information from your local KVN and information on new programs offered by MCCS.

The evening will continue with a free movie, free popcorn and a door prize drawing.

Join us for an event that is sponsored by the KVN and MCCS to thank you, our active duty military spouses.

To register, call the Marine Corps Family Team Center at 639-7930/5199.

## MCLB Albany issues

### ICE channel communication

David Walton  
Business Mgt. Office

MCLB Albany is using the Interactive Customer Evaluation system to collect feedback on the products, services and level of customer service the organization provides for DoD customers.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey, helping us identify ways to improve the level of service we provide.

It's easy, too! Just log on to Web site [www.ice.disa.mil](http://www.ice.disa.mil) to share comments.

The system can also be accessed from the MCLB Albany homepage at Web site [www.ala.usmc.mil](http://www.ala.usmc.mil) and clicking on the ICE logo.

Click on the service provider to access the customer comment card and submit your comments.

While at this site you may also click on the info icon to see service provider information such as



hours of operation, phone numbers, upcoming events and links to their Web page, where you'll find even more information.

And with just the click of a mouse, the system sends your comments, suggestions, complaints or compliments directly to the appropriate service provider manager for action.

Fill out your phone number or e-mail address to have the manager contact you directly or respond anonymously - it's up to you. All you need is an Internet browser to access the ICE system from any computer, anytime, any place.

If further assistance is needed, contact the ICE Customer Service Liaison, Mr. David Walton, at 639-7163.

You can also visit Web site [www.smblogcomice@logcom.usmc.mil](http://www.smblogcomice@logcom.usmc.mil).

### Running safety gear policy



Military police are now giving minor offense reports to Marines who conduct physical training during hours of low visibility without wearing appropriate fluorescent or reflective gear. Marines are required to wear the minimum amount of safety gear, which includes a vest or a belt. They are also encouraged to wear running shoes with reflective material and anything else that will make them more visible.

## Half marathon debuts in Jacksonville

Staff Sgt. Michael Reed  
BICmd Public Affairs

BLOUNT ISLAND, Jacksonville, Fla. — The Marines and veteran Marines of Jacksonville, Fla. provided the city of Jacksonville with a landmark event — playing host to the inaugural Jacksonville Marine Corps Half Marathon and Freedom 5K, Oct. 2, in the city's Metropolitan Park.

Race day registration began at 5:30 a.m. with 1,250 runners set for the 7 a.m. start, at the Veteran's Memorial Wall next to Alltel Stadium. Prior to the start, Marines lined the race course to provide support and pass out water. The course took runners along the St. Johns River, and through scenic and historic Riverside, and ending at Metropolitan Park.

According to Lyle Layher, operations assistant, BICmd, and race committee member, "the race provided a way for the city of Jacksonville and the military community to promote and support The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund."

Funds after race expenses were contributed to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to the dependent children of all branches of the military services who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

"We (committee members) used this event to lay the foundation for future events, and wanted to acknowledge the large mass of Marines within the Jacksonville area," Layher said. "Everyone thinks of Jacksonville as a Navy town, but it is actually very heavily populated with Marines and veteran Marines."

Crossing the finish line first was Jacksonville Beach resident, Paul McRae. The 31-year-old completed the half marathon in 1:10:45. McRae is a University of North Florida graduate assistant cross country coach originally from New Zealand.

McRae said the humidity made the last half of the race tough after a headwind had kept the runners cooled off starting out. But, he got some motivation from the Marines. "The lead truck was playing Marine marching songs the whole time. It just got me going," McRae said.

The first Marine to finish the half marathon was Rufus J. Patterson II. The 47-year-old, Philadelphia, Pa. native, crossed the finish line in 1:49:51.

"It was a great race," Patterson said. "I was in no way prepared to run a half marathon, but I wanted to come out and show my support for the event."

Symbols of pride and patriotism were everywhere near the finish line. Greeting runners making the turn into Metropolitan Park were M-198 howitzers, and amphibious assault vehicles. The finish line, draped with camouflage netting topped by a pair of American flags provided the setting for runners who completed the race, receiving a commemorative race medal awarded by a U.S. Marine.

"The Marines and Sailors from BICmd and Kings Bay, did an exceptional job supporting this event, and had a great time doing it," said Carl D. Matter, commanding officer, BICmd.

In more than 20 race victories, McRae had never won by running under a pair of M-198 howitzers.

For further information on the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund go to [www.freedomalliance.org](http://www.freedomalliance.org).



STAFF SGT. WILLIAM PRICE

Col. Carl D. Matter, commanding officer, Blount Island Command, congratulates Paul McRae of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. as the winner of Jacksonville's inaugural Marine Corps 1/2 Marathon held Oct. 2 in the city's Metropolitan Park. At the finish line, each runner received a commemorative medal awarded by a U.S. Marine.



Cpl. Nicholas Oullette shows there is no horsing around when it come to roadguard responsibilities as he squares off with a stallion while Marines cross the street behind him.

## Marine Band brings music to Canadians

Emblem Staff

During a recent visit to Quebec, Canada, The Albany Marine Band played many public and private venues showcasing the best in American music.

Often referred to as the "face of the Marine Corps," the band, and its ensembles, played everything from Dixieland to martial music.

Their Canadian audiences enthusiastically welcomed and applauded their performances where ever they played.

Additionally, the American ambassador to Canada, Paul Celluci, had high praise for the band as representatives of American culture.

In 1989, the U.S. Marine Corps Band from Albany became one of the 12 field bands throughout the Corps.

There are fifty members i the Albany band who are busy travelling throughout the United States and abroad fulfilling its mission of providing music for military ceremonies, community celebrations, recruiting programs and official events.

Primarily a ceremonial ensemble, the band also contains a marching band, jazz ensemble, wind ensemble, brass and woodwind quintets, jazz combo, show band and a party band.

With music as their primary mission, all Marines in the band are selected by a rigorous audition process and must maintain a high standard of instrumental proficiency. Additionally, each m,ember of the unit receives on-going training to ensure they are prepared for assuming their roles in the band's secondary mission — bearing arms in defense of the nation.

Marine Corps bands are composed of men and women who are proud bearers of a heritage dating back to the whistling of fifes and rolling drums of the first Marine musicians of 1775.

A long standing tradition of excellence and service to the Corps and country is their legacy, and it is one they willingly embrace.



CAPT. STEVE BUTLER

### Daddy, Don't...

The Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., in conjunction with the Albany District Attorney's Domestic Violence Task Force, proudly presents the dramatic play "Daddy, Don't." The play "Daddy, Don't" reminds us that domestic violence rarely occurs as a single assault. Instead, such acts of aggression are usually the culmination of a long history of emotional psychological abuse and are often cyclical in nature. "Daddy, Don't" forces us to consider the effects of domestic violence on children and brings us to the realization that a family is more than a collection of individuals. It's a complex set of dynamic interrelationships in which each member is affected by the others. Written, directed and produced by Victim Advocate Program Manager, Julie Hughes. "Daddy, Don't" will be performed aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga. starting at 9 a.m. Oct. 7, Oct. 14 and at 7 p.m. Oct. 28. For more information call 639-7938.



## Conference ready for MCLB

**Cecellia Lyon**  
*Plans & Resources*

The Southwest Georgia Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers PDI conference, "Harvesting Financial Rewards," welcomes Mr. Reggie Brown on Oct. 21. He will be presenting an overview of business modernization within the Department of Defense.

Mr. Brown is the Chief of the Enterprise Architecture Maintenance and Extension Branch for Business Modernization and Systems Integration Program Management Office of the Business Modernization Management Program of DoD.

As branch chief, he is responsible for the development of the business operations and activities for the Budget Execution Activity code. He attended San Francisco State University and holds a MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix. He is also a graduate of the Professional Military Comptrollership School, located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., and a lecturer regarding Enterprise Architecture at the National Defense University.

He began his federal career with the Regional Financial Services Department of the Navy Supply Center, Oakland, Calif. While with the Navy, he excelled as a supply, financial, and program analyst working within multiple areas of financial management including payroll processing, vendor pay, disbursing, accounting, stock fund and working capital fund.

He served as Director of the Financial Management Division, and as the MWR Director for the Naval Weapons Station Concord, Calif. He was the team leader for the finance module of the prototype implementation of the Defense Working Capital System at Navy Public Works, San Diego, Calif., and later served as team leader for vendor payment fraud detection efforts for the 'Operation Mongoose' program located in Monterey, Calif.

In April 2001, he joined the Systems Integration Directorate of DFAS Arlington and has worked on several key systems initiatives with Air Force and Army activities. He has several years of experience in systems development, implementation, deployment and project management.

## Awards submissions changed

*Emblem Staff*

The following changes are made in regards to processing awards aboard MCLBA. Personal awards will be routed through the respective operational chain of command; Marine Corps Logistics Command will process awards for LogCom Marines.

Fwd electronic 1650 to: [patricia.althen@usmc.mil](mailto:patricia.althen@usmc.mil).

Carbon Copy: [michael.j.moses@usmc.mil](mailto:michael.j.moses@usmc.mil).

Marine Corps SysCom will process awards through SysCom.

Fwd Electronic 1650 to: TBD, via SYSCOM, \*for now send to MCLBAPOCs below.

Carbon Copy: TBD, via SYSCOM, \*for now send to MCLBAPOCs below.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany will process awards for Base Marines.

Fwd electronic 1650's to: [clarence.johnson@usmc.mil](mailto:clarence.johnson@usmc.mil).

Carbon Copy: [peoplesrl@logcom.usmc.mil](mailto:peoplesrl@logcom.usmc.mil).

Submit awards in accordance with MCO 1650.19J and SECNAVINST 1650.1G. Once the award is received in accordance with the references, allow for the following times for processing as follows:

Certificates of Commendation/Meritorious Masts: 14 Days Navy and Marine Corps Achievement

Medal: 45 days

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal: 60 days

Meritorious Service Medal: 120 days.



## SOUTHWEST GEORGIA AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MILITARY COMPTROLLERS (ASMC)

Presents

**"HARVESTING REWARDS IN  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT"**  
Mini-Professional Development Institute (PDI)

Marine Corps Logistics Command  
Base Conference Center  
Albany, Georgia  
October 21, 2004  
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ASMC Members \$10

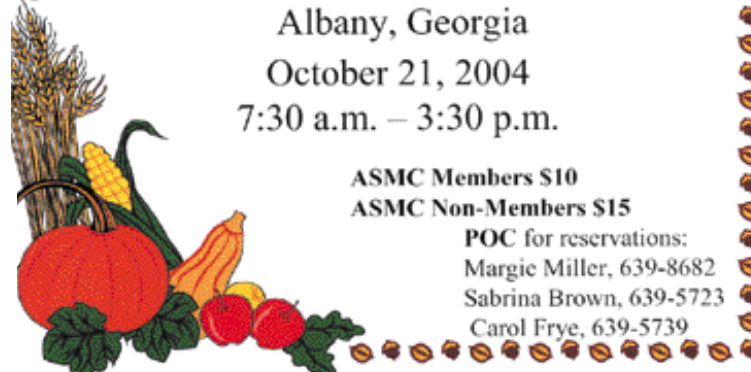
ASMC Non-Members \$15

POC for reservations:

Margie Miller, 639-8682

Sabrina Brown, 639-5723

Carol Frye, 639-5739



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reception facilities, operating airbases, and a host nation support unit.

The government of Norway is the on site contractor, and provides storage, maintenance facilities, security, and maintenance services.

According to Master Sgt. David Goodman, SNCOIC, Maintenance Management Branch, BICmd, "it is extremely important for the (United States) government to perform quality assurance inspections of contractor performance, to ensure that Marine Corps owned equipment and supplies are being maintained in the highest state of readiness."

"The engineer team's mission on this QAVisit, was to perform visual, dimensional and, where possible, operational tests to determine if equipment, maintenance management procedures and maintenance related programs conform with contractual requirements," Goodman said.

"Quality Assurance is integral to the readiness and maintenance efforts of the NALMEB Program, to ensure operating forces receive a quality product for real world contingencies," said Sgt. James Webb, MMO, BICmd.

According to Navy Lt. Romeo Tizon, Jr., officer in charge, Medical Section, BICmd, and OIC of the QA Team, "overall the QA team performed outstanding, and did a superb job in meeting, and often exceeding it's stated mission and goals."

"The QA team did not find any significant findings, or any negative trends," Tizon stated.

"In areas we discovered problems, we provided daily feedback to the Norwegians, which detailed specific root causes and then offered technical advice, and assistance to help them with both short, and long term solutions to fix those problems," Goodman said.

"Overall the Norwegians are



STAFF SGT. MICHAEL REED

**Sgt. James Webb, MMO, performs QA on NALMEB's maintenance procedures, calibration program, equipment records, Marine Corps publication updates and their joint oil analysis program.**

doing a good job maintaining our equipment," Goodman said.

"This was my first QAVisit to Norway," Goodman stated. "Overall, I was particularly impressed with the level of understanding the Norwegians have of our maintenance concepts, and requirements."

"They are genuinely con-

cerned with and share our desire to ensure that the Marine Corps equipment is maintained in the highest possible state of readiness, and were just as eager to learn from us as we were from them," Goodman said.

"They are extremely professional and were great host and we enjoyed working with them."

## Employee leave donation requests

To donate annual leave, submit an Optical Form 630-A. For more information, call 639-5228.

- **Cindy B. Shelton**, an employee of Supply Chain Management Center, needs leave donations for recuperation from surgery. Call Diane Bradley at 639-7351 for further information.

- **Beryl W. Brown**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from an auto accident. Call Sherrie Kuck at 639-5881.

- **Robert A. Dickerson**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Thomas Newton at 639-6348.

- **Reid E. Merritt**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Brenda M. Washington**, an employee of Transportation Voucher Certification Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from illness. Call Genny Goerling at 639-5674.

- **Larry W. Dowdy**, an employee of Public Works, needs leave donations for recuperation from heart at-tack. Call Diane McCall at 639-8064.

- **Linda K. Laney**, an

employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for recuperation from back surgery. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Warren R. Teague**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for treatment of lung cancer. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Nancy C. Elmore**, an employee of the Child Development Center, needs leave donations for treatment of cancer. Call Billie Lewis at 639-5220.

- **Phillip C. Reed**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for treatment of tumor. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Kimberly C. Tison**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for recuperation from back surgery. Call Mary Belcner at 639-6901.

- **Sonja F. Singleton**, an employee of Supply Chain Management Center, needs leave donations for son recuperating from heart surgery. Call Brenda Olds at 639-7009.

- **Tracy E. Smith**, an employee of CHRO, needs leave donations for recuperation from surgery. Call Cathy Belanger at 639-5255.

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A candidate must also satisfy the SAT and ACT requirements.

Chuck Hunsaker at the Columbus office will be handling the applications. The Columbus office number is (706) 327-7228.

Fred Chitwood will be handling the applications at the McDonough district office. The McDonough office number is (678) 583-6500.

In addition to being picked up at the Eighth Congressional District Offices, applications may be downloaded from Congressman Collins' website at [www.house.gov/maccollins](http://www.house.gov/maccollins). Completed questionnaires should be submitted to —

Congressman Mac Collins  
Attn: Academy Liaison  
5820 Veterans Parkway-Suite 305  
Columbus, Georgia 31904  
706-327-7228

## Warrior — From Page 1

like last years, with a few twists thrown in.

Teams will have an opportunity to apply the knowledge they have learned through the PME's given on Base. If team members have been to those PME's they will be a step ahead of the game.

This years competition will consist of written tests to challenge the mind, and

practical application to challenge both the mind and the body. Teams can consist of both officer and enlisted Marines and can have members from different sections.

Each section is challenged to have a team, or two, and should have the opportunity to prove that they are first and foremost Marines. So far only PMO has accepted the challenge - any other Marines willing to step up?

All teams must register with 1st Lt. Verhegge by COB, Oct. 13, via phone, 639-6993, or submit an e-mail to: [verheggeka@log.com.usmc.mil](mailto:verheggeka@log.com.usmc.mil).

Teams can request start time and day. For further information, contact 1st Lt. Verhegge or Staff Sgt. Floyd.