

# Marines SAVED ROUNDS



< Gen. William "Spider" Nyland, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks on the benefits of seat belt use at the National Press Club in downtown Washington May 12 during a ceremony promoting the "Click it or Ticket" campaign. The ACMC also received an award for highway safety excellence on behalf of the Marine Corps.

Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Glenn Holloway

## Marines Join Seat Belt Campaign

The Marine Corps has joined the national "Click It or Ticket" mobilization in order to decrease Marine car crash deaths and is participating in the latest national mobilization that began May 19.

"We lost three times more men and women in uniform to traffic crashes in 2002 than we lost in combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom," Assistant Commandant Gen. William "Spider" Nyland said May 12 during a ceremony in Washington to unveil a series of state and national ads promoting the campaign. "And it's quite shocking when ... we know what would save many of them—wearing their seat belt."

Almost half of the 50 Marines killed in private automobile accidents in fiscal year 2002 were unbelted. The high

number of fatalities caused senior leadership to increase efforts to enforce seatbelt use. In the last few months, indications from off-base crashes show an increase in seat belt use and a corresponding decrease in overall injuries and fatalities, presumably a result of the effort.

"Wearing a seatbelt indicates a professional Marine, dedicated to preserving the force by protecting himself for his family, friends and the Corps," Gen. Nyland said.

Mobilization materials are available on the NHTSA Web site: <http://www.hftsa.dot.gov> **M**

## 3rd Military World Games Set for Sept. in Italy

More than 80 countries, including the United States, are expected to compete in the 3rd Military World Games, scheduled for Sept. 13-23.

U.S. Armed Forces will compete in 19 teams: 11 male and eight female teams. Men will compete in basketball, boxing, and cycling in addition to the sports that include both men and women, which are fencing, judo, marathons, the modern pentathlon, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, and sailing.

Team selections for basketball, volleyball, and boxing will be made at the Armed Forces Championships. Other teams will pick members based on tryouts or from the

results of certain sanctioned competitions.

Candidates for the games must possess a valid tourist passport, command permission for release of duty and meet the criteria outlined for their respective sport. Resumes with a commander's signature should be submitted to local Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit coordinators or to Headquarters Marine Corps.

Resumes can be found at [www.usmc-mccs.org/semperfit/sports](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/semperfit/sports). For additional information, contact your local athletic director, or call DSN 278-9542 or commercial (703) 784-9542 or refer to MarAdmin 240/03. **M**

## FitRep Schedule, Process Have Changed

The annual fitness report due dates have changed for enlisted and officers.

The change, announced in MarAdmin 164/03, is a revision to Marine Corps Order

P1610.7E, which governs the Performance Evaluation System. All reports should arrive at Headquarters Marine Corps within 30 days of the reporting period to ensure proper processing into official records. The new schedule is effective until another message is posted.

Another change to the PES order deals with the classified fitness report. Effective immediately, classified fitness reports are no longer authorized in the PES, according to MarAdmin 232/03. Because of the special handling, storage and limited access to classified material, the classified fitness report was detrimental to the Marines reported on as they hindered the Manpower decision process. The classified fitness report also prevented personnel in Headquarters Marine Corps from auditing evaluations for accuracy.

Fitness reports for Marines who participate in classified duties should be written so as not to release classified information. For more information regarding these changes, refer to the MarAdmins. **M**

## Join Today!

Operation Tribute to Freedom is a program of activities that provides a way for Americans to demonstrate their strong support for America's fighting forces and ensures that every returning service member is recognized and appreciated.

Operation Tribute to Freedom encourages and facilitates public participation at every level — from corporations and organizations to families and individuals. It rein-



forces the bond between citizen and soldier, and rewards those who have answered their country's call.

Most importantly, it recognizes that while freedom is the birthright of every American, freedom is not free. It must be protected and defended by each new generation of Americans.

Like our fathers and forefathers before them, this gener-

ation of Americans has answered freedom's call, preserving the light of liberty here at home and casting its warm glow on millions of others all across the globe.

If you would like to recognize the courage and sacrifice of America's Armed Forces, please join with us, and thousands of your national neighbors and friends, in a country-wide Tribute to Freedom. **M**

## Scholarship Fund Established for KIA Families

Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers and his wife, Mary Jo, expressed gratitude May 9 for a \$1 million corporate donation for scholarships for spouses and children of U.S. and coalition personnel killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On hand for the announcement were Stacy Menuza and son, Joshua, 3.

"The families of these great patriots face many challenges

and now due to such generosity, I think they're going to have a little easier time securing an education for their children," Myers said.

Just as service members endure tremendous hardship and sacrifices serving their country, so do their families, "Those who kissed their loved ones goodbye, not knowing where they are going, where they might be, or when they might be returning, they also serve" she said. Those who wipe a tear from a frightened child or kiss a knee, they also serve.

She said that it is important for military families to know that they are never alone, that "the military family is there to support them." Mrs. Menuza and Mrs. Myers agree the scholarship fund shows military families also have the support of a whole nation, and "that America feels their loss and reaches out (with) a hand of caring and compassion."

Menuza said she welcomes news of the scholarship. She said when she lost her husband, she did not know

how she would manage or how she would afford to send her son to college.

The donation by Anheuser-Busch Companies, to be distributed through the Intrepid Museum Foundation, will be called the "Intrepid/Anheuser-Busch Fallen Heroes Fund."

"Every dollar that has been donated for scholarships will go towards scholarships," said Arnold Fisher, museum foundation chairman.

Over the years, the museum foundation has provided more than \$15 million to families of military personnel killed in the line of duty.

Patrick Stokes, Anheuser-Busch president and chief executive officer, said, "We know that war is never without cost," referring to the more than 170 U.S. and coalition forces killed during Iraqi Freedom. "They leave behind mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, sons and daughters who must struggle to rebuild their lives as they mourn the loss of a loved one."

"Our debt to them is immeasurable," he said. **M**

## Annual Fitness Report Schedule

GRADE	RPT PD ENDS	RPT PD ENDS	RPT PD ENDS
	LAST DAY OF	LAST DAY OF	LAST DAY OF
	ACTIVE COMPONENT	RESERVE COMPONENT	ACTIVE RESERVE
SGT	MAR	SEP	SEP
SSGT	DEC	SEP	SEP
GYSGT	JUN	SEP	SEP
1STS/MSGT	JUN	SEP	SEP
SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	SEP	MAY	JUN
WO/CWO	APR	OCT	OCT
2NDLT	JAN/JUL	APR	N/A
1STLT	OCT/APR	OCT	OCT
CAPT	MAY	SEP	JUN
MAJ	MAY	SEP	JUN
LTCOL	MAY	JUN	JUN
COL	MAY	JUL	JUL
BGEN	JUN	JUN	N/A

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