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FROM THE**Commanding Officer****Greetings to all,**

First let me say that it is an absolute pleasure and honor to lead the Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and civilians assigned to Headquarters and Support Battalion. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you and your family at one of the battalion's family events.

I'd like to share with you my thoughts on families and the role of our Battalion's Family Readiness Program. Our families play a vital role in the readiness of Headquarters and Support Battalion and have a direct effect on our ability to accomplish the mission. Just as we are responsible for preparing our Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and civilian Marines for any mission, we must prepare our families as well. If our families are not ready, we are not ready. I take personal ownership of our Family Readiness Program and ask that each of you to do the same by becoming involved.

Our Family Readiness Program will seek to reach out and support all of our spouses and extended family members and prepare them for the stresses of military life. Our programs will seek to educate, train and prepare our family members for the challenges they will face as a military family. Of equal importance are events that we will offer to create and sustain a lasting bond between our families. I have specifically tasked my Family Readiness Officer to lead this effort and coordinate our Battalion's Family Readiness Program. I have charged her to provide support to our families and to help bring the right resources to bear on identified concerns. I'm sure that you will find the program to be in good hands under the able leadership of the battalion's Family Readiness Officer, Rhonda Tomlinson.

An essential element to the success of our Family Readiness Program is volunteers. Becoming a Family Readiness Volunteer provides a great opportunity to have a real and lasting impact on the hundreds of families that comprise Headquarters and Support

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Battalion. The Family Readiness Volunteers which include Family Readiness Advisors and Family Readiness Assistants are the cornerstone to our Family Readiness Program, and we must do everything within our power to recruit, train, mentor, and retain effective Family Readiness Volunteers to support our Family Readiness Team.

I encourage the members of our Headquarters and Support Battalion family to participate in the program by attending the events, providing suggestions, or by becoming a Family Readiness Volunteer. Again, it is a true honor and privilege to command Headquarters and Support Battalion and I look forward to working with you to build a cohesive and effective Family Readiness Program.

Semper Fidelis

David G. Bardorf
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Support Battalion
Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune

From the

Sergeant Major

Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines and all our Families,

I am humbled and extremely proud of my service with Headquarters and Support Battalion. Each and every turn I make, I find myself serving side by side with professionals that are focused on mission accomplishment and troop welfare. Within a headquarters unit there are many challenges, both operational and unique personnel issues and shortages.

Each time this unit and the personnel assigned are up to the task. For that I salute all of you for a job well done.

I share this with you because my time as your Sergeant Major is coming to a close as I prepare to transition from our beloved Marine Corps. I will conduct my Relief and Appointment/Retire on September 23rd 2011. I will move forward knowing that our Corps is in good hands. I charge all of you to continue to contribute to our Corps successes each day. Stay safe; be mindful of who you are and what we represent. Keep the faith in all that you do. Continue to be that engaged leader, always! A special thanks to all our families. You are that unsung hero in support of your Marine or Sailor. Because of your service and sacrifices we can focus on our mission when called upon by this great nation.

Semper Fidelis,

Michael A. Giannecchini
Sergeant Major , U.S. Marine Corps

Chaplain's Corner

Proverbs 30:25: *The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.*

THOSE PESKY LITTLE INSECTS!! Summer is here, and most kids are done with school for a few months. If you have not done it already, it is time to treat your yard for the creepy crawling pest that like to invade your house. Ants are very determined and will look for every way possible to find food in order to prepare for the cold months ahead, including that half-eaten Twinkie someone left on the counter. The summer can also be a time when families make a determined effort to strengthen their bond before school starts again. But



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just like the ants, you need to make it a group decision to find unique ways to “build the home” while you have the time. Children have a way of growing up very quickly, and before you know it, they are moving out on their own. So make plans, whether it involves going on leave or just dusting off an old board game, shutting of the TV and doing something together. The summer will be over before you know it, will you have used the time to “build your home?”

For those that are single, don't stay inside in front of the PS3 or XBOX 360. Get out and find something to do that will help you to enjoy the wonderful creation that God has made. Life has a way of passing us by, so go grab a few friends and find something good to do that will be memorable. Oh yeah, and remember to go to church on Sunday!! Smile!!

Chaplain Richard Wiese



Family Readiness Officer

Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country. ~ **Calvin Coolidge**

The 4th of July is a commemoration of the founding of our Nation! It is a celebration of the document that proclaimed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Patriotism is more than fireworks at the 4th of July. As President Calvin Coolidge put it, patriotism is about “looking out” for others. Military personnel and their families understand this patriotic service better than most.

Each time we make our corner of the world a little better – whether it is picking up litter someone has carelessly discarded, checking to see if a neighbor needs help while her husband is deployed, volunteering for the Family Readiness Program, or being courteous in traffic – we are being patriots!

If you have any questions, would like information on additional resources, would like to volunteer for the family readiness program, or would like to receive e-mails on specific topics, please e-mail (mailto:rhonda.tomlinson@usmc. or call (910) 451-8578. Don't forget to “like” our FaceBook page to get the latest news and updates.



Semper Gumby,

Rhonda Tomlinson, Family Readiness Officer
<http://www.facebook.com/hqsptbn.lejeune>

See the flyer for Kids Boot Camp on August 4th. Provide your child's age and T-Shirt size by noon Monday July 11th to ensure your child has a free event T-Shirt

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Alpha Company

Family and Friends of Marines and Sailors of Company A,

I would like to start off by thanking all the Marines, Sailors, and families of Alpha Company for their continued hard work, dedication and support. Summer is a very busy time for our Marines and Sailors as many of them are working hard to protect our Base, assisting all of the Marines and their families checking and in and out of Camp Lejeune, preparing Marines throughout the Base for deployment or preparing for their own deployment. I am impressed everyday with our Marines and Sailors and their daily hard work of supporting our war fighters and their families is no easy task!

Summertime is a season for outside activities, barbecuing, water activities, vacations, and traveling. The Onslow Beach is now open on base through Labor Day weekend and it's a great place to bring the family. A special thank you to our Beach Detachment Marines who make the beach a safe and enjoyable place. Please make sure safety is a priority when participating in outdoor activities. Plan ahead and never travel fatigued, dress for the weather and your activity, hydrate, practice beach safety, stay away from rip currents and wear sun block. Hurricane season is also approaching so ensure your family is prepared for destructive weather and preparing a hurricane kit.

Congratulations to our Boxing and Wrestling Marines who continue to excel against world class competition. In June, a few of our wrestlers, Sergeant Depatto and Sergeant Hernandez, had an outstanding showing at the National Competition placing in the top four of their weight class. Our boxers continue to make headlines. Congratulations to Cpl Herring, Cpl Lopez, LCpl Diazherrera, and Cpl Roque for continued outstanding performances. Both the Boxing and Wrestling Team

Marines are preparing for Olympic tryouts and we wish them the very best!

Good Luck to our Disbursing Marines who recently departed Alpha Company for deployment to support OEF operations in Afghanistan. Families of those Marines are encouraged to make contact with our Battalion Family Readiness Officer, Mrs. Rhonda Tomlinson, as she has many resources that can assist family members.

I would like to congratulate our new parents within the Company, Sgt Nathan Rogers and his wife, who welcomed their son Shawn Michael to the world. Congratulations to Sergeant and Corporal Kunish for the birth of Victoria, Sgt Moua and his wife Stacey, who welcomed Lana to the world and to Colonel Seaman who gave birth to her daughter Eloise.

I want to congratulate the following Marines who were promoted to their current rank:

April Promotions	May Promotions	June Promotions
SSgt		
Knernschield	1stLt Ahern	Sgt Bernal
SSgt Nettleton	1sLt Somerdyk	Sgt Danzey
Cpl		
Manhorallal	Sgt Fedrick	Cpl Bell
Cpl Quincy	Sgt Newquist	Cpl Blackburn
LCpl Rooker	Cpl Hunt	Cpl Borders
LCpl Tubbs	Cpl McClish	Cpl Eloshway
	Cpl Reeder	Cpl Gunthorpe
		Cpl
	LCpl Denny	Ledesmaperez
	LCpl Galeano	Cpl Lopez
	LCpl Kendig III	Cpl Murray
	LCpl Parker	Cpl Steinbach
	LCpl Pham	LCpl Mull

Congratulations to the following Marines who recently were recognized for their outstanding performance and conduct and received awards:

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Meritorious Service Medal:

LtCol Seaman
MGySgt McNair
GySgt Rozell

**Navy and Marine Corps
Commendation Medal:**

1stLt Harrison
CWO4 McCoy
GySgt Kent

**Navy and Marine Corps
Achievement Medal:**

SSgt Brown
SSgt Leandre
Sgt Daugaard
Sgt Wilson

**Outstanding Volunteer
Service Medal:**

Sgt Depatto

**Good Conduct Medals:**

MSgt McNair
GySgt Aleman
SSgt Hollenbeck
SSgt Lee
SSgt Sanchez
SSgt Leandre
SSgt Howard
Sgt Guierrier
Sgt Peterson
Cpl McMullen
Cpl Manhorallal
Cpl Hart
Sgt Hyden

**Certificate of Commendation:**

Cpl Ahlstrand

Sgt Fedrick
Cpl James
Cpl Kunish
LCpl Foster
LCpl Hartke
LCpl Mitchell
LCpl Murray
LCpl Blackburn
LCpl Lopez
LCpl Poole
LCpl Yousey

Meritorious Mast:

Sgt Pettingill
Cpl Baksh
LCpl Austin
PFC SavoLees

It is an honor and privilege to serve all the Marines and Sailors of this Company. I would like to thank all the families for their continued support and sacrifice. Again I want to extend my sincere appreciation for all of you and I look forward to continued service with you. I enjoyed meeting many of you at our Battalion Family Day and hope to meet more of you during our events throughout the year! Finally, we would like to bid fair winds and following seas to those Marines and Sailors who are moving on through EAS or PCS.

Semper Fidelis,

Stephanie Sokol
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, Company A

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Bravo Company

Dear Family and Friends of Bravo Company,

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have relinquished command to Capt Wayne Shew. Capt Shew is a lawyer by trade and will bring a wealth of knowledge to this billet. Additionally, there will be a new company 1stSgt and company GySgt in the near future. 1stSgt Fulton will retire in August after 23 years of service, and GySgt Winston is expecting PCS orders in the fall.

In addition to everyone's daily jobs, the company has continued to do annual training and supported multiple special events on the base. The Marines do remarkably well balancing all of the competing requirements. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility through it all.

Please be cautious as the weather has turned hot and humid. Eastern North Carolina is a great place to enjoy the outdoors, but please keep the weather in mind while you are planning activities this summer. Proper hydration, nutrition, sleep, and clothing are some of the factors to consider before being exposed to the elements.

Congratulations to the following Marines on their recent promotions:

Cpl Arnold
Cpl Arots
LCpl Russell
LCpl Perkins
LCpl Dorn

Congratulations to the following Marines who had additions to their family recently:

SSgt Bobb who had a baby girl, Tegan Bobb, on 21 May 2011.

LCpl Gaitan who had a baby boy, Liam Gaitan, on 13 May 2011.

Cpl Mitchell who had a baby boy, Lance Mitchell, on 21 April 2011.



I would like to say thank you to everyone I had the privilege of working with here at Co B. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your company commander the last two years.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the company office at 451-2969.

Respectfully,

J. R. Sisson
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, Company B

India Company

Family and Friends of Marines and Sailors of Company I,

Our Company continues to work very hard as we are fully engaged with numerous events that are being conducted around the Base in addition to our mission requirements to provide the personnel administrative support for all personnel assigned to Marine Corps Base. Your Marines and civilian employees are performing superbly. I want you to know their exceptional efforts and the sacrifices of their time and talent are sincerely appreciated. The Company is closely monitoring the training requirements as we are coming to milestones in the Physical Fitness test (PFT) for the 1st half of CY 2011 and scheduling the next

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milestones in weapons qualifications coming up in September.

Our Marines and civilian employees in our Outbound and Inbound Branches are very busy these days. This is the busy time of year where personnel execute PCS moves and where there are also an increased number of personnel who separate during the next three to four months.

Our Deployment Branch personnel have properly supported II MEF in its participation in the Global War on Terror and have been supporting over 11,000 deployed Marines over the past month and expect that to continue over the next few months. Our Customer Service Branch personnel have been processing the numerous applications for Basic Allowance for Housing that are typically associated with the pre-deployment process. Our Command Support personnel have continued working closely with the Remain Behind Element of the Division to improve the process of those Marines pending medical and legal issues and are making some headway.

The Quality Control Branch personnel have been supporting each branch of the IPAC on a daily basis. Their special skills associated with web applications and manipulation of software provides much needed resources for our Marines to better serve our customers. Our Wounded Warrior Cell personnel have continued to provide superb support to our wounded warriors. They have conducted audits from remote locations and continue to build the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East as the personnel from various hospitals are assigned to them.

As you can see all of our Marines and civilian personnel very busy in supporting the personnel assigned to Camp Lejeune and around the globe. This is an outstanding achievement and superb effort by all.

With the summer months upon us we are able to get out and enjoy the North Carolina area and there is plenty to do. With this come the increased risks such as becoming a heat casualty during physical training, boating, swimming, motorcycle use, and increased traffic due to our children being out of school. Unfortunately alcohol is a common factor in all mishaps. Please be careful, develop and use your liberty plan. There is not one person we can do without.

You, the spouses and parents of these Marines and civilian personnel, are an integral and important part of allowing us to accomplish our assigned mission. I thank each of you for your continued support and want you to know we are counting on you. I hope all of you have a happy and safe summer and are able to enjoy some time with your families during the school break. As always, I am extremely proud to be serving with you.



Semper Fidelis,

Todd A. Croft
Chief Warrant Officer 4, U.S. Marine Corps,
Commanding Officer, Company I

Security Company

Dear Family and Friends of Security Company,

We continue working on a number of ongoing training and readiness issues: AT/FP training, increasing medical readiness, physical fitness, and BST testing. To date we have 210 Marines complete with their annual rifle qualification. Over the past few months the company has supported the New River Air Station air show and

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the battalion family day. Both events went well. Summer is here and the Fourth of July is only a few days away. Our Marines and their families will be enjoying some well deserved off time. Please be safe and enjoy the holiday and the time off duty.

Congratulations to the following Marines on their promotions in May and June:

Cpl James D. Crawford
Cpl Katherine A. Hoffman
Cpl Nicole M. Keller
LCpl Mark K. Majewicz
Sgt Vincent J. Petitto
Sgt Christopher C. Neuendorff

Congratulations to the following Marines who had additions to their family recently:

Cpl Hoffaman, who had a baby
boy Ares Allen Hoffman 21 May
11

Cpl O'Donnell, who had a baby
boy Christian Oliver O'Donnell 26
May 11



I thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the company office at 451-3193.

Respectfully,

Captain O. M. Chaparro
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, Security Company

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🌀 Twisted Thursdays at Paradise Point Golf Course -- Every Thu • 1700 • Tee off at 1730

Want to skip traffic on Thursday afternoons? Stop by Paradise Point Golf Course every Thursday for Twisted Thursdays and say goodbye to traffic! Enjoy a different format each week with no restrictions. The \$12 entry fee includes your greens fee and cart rental. Show time is 1700, tee off at 1730. Meet new people, end the workday on a good note, and, best of all, don't sit in traffic on Thursdays anymore! Please call 451-5445 or visit mccslejeune.com/golf for more details.

🌀 KAYAK IN THE SUN – Jun-Aug/Times Vary • Locations Vary

Enjoy a FREE scenic one-hour guided tour through Camp Lejeune's waterways! Register at the Outdoor Adventures Office in Goettge memorial Field House. First come, first served. Space is limited. Kayaking is open to all authorized patrons ages 10 and up. Parent/Guardian must accompany children ages 10-18.

July:

Tuesdays at 1700 | Camp Johnson (behind Bldg. M-104)
Thursdays at 1300 | Onslow Beach ICW
Fridays at 1130 | Area 4 Boat Launch (on Julian C. Smith Rd.)

August:

Tuesdays at 1700 | Camp Johnson (behind Bldg. M-104)
Thursdays at 1300 | Onslow Beach ICW

Fridays at 1700 | Courthouse Bay Marina

For more information: call 910-451-1440 or visit
http://www.mccslejeune.com/Outdoor/OA_Kayak%20in%20the%20Sun_8.5x11.pdf

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