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FROM THE



COMMANDING OFFICER

Dear Friends and Families of the Battalion,

I am very pleased to report that your Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers continue to perform in an outstanding manner and have accomplished every mission assigned. I have spent the last five months making my way around to the various work sections and meeting all the Marines. Without fail, they have inspired me with their level of motivation and impressed me with their untiring work ethic and discipline. I could not be more proud to be a member of this Battalion.

Many of you already know of the Commander's Cup Challenge (C3), but for those of you that don't, the C3 is a series of athletic events that will take place during a 12 month period. The trophy will be awarded to the company that has the most victories at the end of the year. The competition started in June and to date, Company B has the lead with victories in the both the Golf Tournament and the Triathlon. Company I just won the basketball tournament and the upcoming softball tournament promises to be competitive. Nothing brings Marines closer and builds a team like some keen competition.

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Just as we are supporting these events for our Marines, we have also had a number of events for our families. I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Family Day and during the Kid's Boot Camp. We have a couple of other events on the horizon that promise to be fun for the whole family. In October, our Family Readiness Officer has a great fall event planned for the Battalion's families at Mikes Farm. Of course, the Birthday Ball season is just around the corner and our Battalion has planned a spectacular birthday celebration in New Bern. Tickets are on sale now, but are limited, so don't wait. I look forward to celebrating the Corps' 236th Birthday with all of you at the Battalion's Ball.

On September 23rd, the Battalion said good bye to Sergeant Major Giannecchini and his wife Sharla who retired from the Marine Corps with more than 29 years of active service. The Sergeant Major was a steadfast advocate for the Marines of this Battalion, a trusted confidant and advisor to me, and a combat proven leader that served our Corps with the pride and discipline for which the Marine Corps is renown. He will be missed.

At the same time, the Battalion welcomes aboard Sergeant Major Boutin and his wife Laurie. As the senior enlisted leader and advisor in the Battalion, Sergeant Major Boutin comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, energy and experience. I am very much looking forward to serving Sergeant Major Boutin and getting to know his family as we welcome them into the Bulldog family of Headquarters and Support Battalion.

In closing, I wish you all health and happiness as we transition from the humid summer to the cooler months of Fall. Please be safe and thank you all for everything that you do to support your Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers in their service to our nation.

Semper Fidelis

David G. Bardorf Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Officer

FROM THE

SERGEANT MAJOR

Welcome Aboard



Sergeant Major James Boutin

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Expectations: the Stuff of Failure or Triumph

The dictionary defines expectation as "the act or state of looking forward or anticipating." During our lives we look forward to many things. As a child, each year we look forward to our birthday and to Christmas because we expect to receive presents. As we



grow, we look forward to our sixteenth birthday because we expect to be able to drive. Then we look forward to high school graduation. After that many enter into college or begin a career. Each time an expectation is met or achieved we replace it with another.

Those of us who have chosen to enter into the Military came in with a set of expectations. Those who serve with us carry their own including expectations of us. Whether people have a higher or lower rank doesn't matter. Some expect absolute perfection in all that we do and if we produce anything less, they inform us in their own particular way (some more colorfully than others).

The frustration of mounting expectations has caused many to hold a pessimistic view of life. Oscar Wilde said, "Ambition is the last refuge of failure." In other words, if you don't have any expectations, you won't fail. Others have taken the challenge of fulfilling expectations as an incentive to achieve more and excel far beyond what others could imagine.

The writer of Psalm 42 asked this question, "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?" He then replied with this solution, "Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation." Psalm 42:5 [ESV] We can choose how we respond to expectations, as individuals and as families. We can choose to allow them to frustrate us or we can choose to use them as motivation, knowing that even in failure, progress is made. We can choose to fail without trying, or we can choose to excel.

My choice is the same as the Psalmist, I choose to place my hope in God and even if no one else notices what I do, I will do it for His glory. Your choice is up to you. What will it be? Will you choose to fail or to triumph?

Chaplain Doyl McMurry

FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine. ~Robert C. Gallagher

The Marine Corps is rolling out a new initiative to communicate more effectively with Marines, Sailors and their families: eMarine.



For those who serve or work aboard Camp Lejeune but live in the community the inevitable traffic backups caused by the recent increase in force protection to Condition Bravo serve to reinforce the importance of constant vigilance to protect against potential terrorist attacks. The significance of operational security is etched into our minds as we inch our way to the gate each morning on the way to work.

Privacy has long been a thorny issue for FaceBook users. By simply clicking the "like" button not only

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your personal information, but often personal information about your friends, can be viewed by other individuals and businesses. Making a comment on a page you have "liked" may also unintentionally expose personal not only about yourself, but other friends to unwanted viewers.

"Instant Personalization" which was introduced in April of 2010 allows partner sites (for now the sites are Pandora and Yelp) to pull your information from your FaceBook account (name, Profile picture, gender, and any other information that you have made public.)

In response to privacy and operational security concerns such as these, eMarine is being implemented and the Headquarters and Support Battalion eMarine site will available in the next few weeks. Check out eMarine.org today and begin exploring the valuable general information available to everyone on the website.

You will receive additional information about the Headquarters and Support Battalion site in the near future!

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 (rhonda.tomlinson@ usmc.mil) or

call (910) 451-8578.

Semper Gumby, Rhonda Tomlinson, Family Readiness Officer





Family Readiness is for Everybody!

ALPHA COMPANY

Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and Family Members,

I'd like to start by thanking each and every one of you for your hard work, dedication, and support of Company A. We have a lot of tasks occurring daily around here. And, without each of you doing your part, accomplishing these tasks would not be possible. In addition to all



of our normal duties of ensuring Marines throughout the base are ready for deployments, while simultaneously keeping all of you ready for deployment, this past summer has presented many unique challenges. Challenges like hurricane Irene and an increased security posture were met head-on with tenacity and zeal. Your hard work and dedication have impressed me and all of the senior leadership throughout our company.

Every day I am impressed with our Marines and Sailors and their daily hard work of supporting our war fighters and their families is no easy task!

As the summer comes to its end we must strive to keep safety as a top priority. As the temperature begins to cool, remember to hydrate and maintain your high levels of physical fitness. I personally challenge each and every member of this command to better themselves over the latter part of this year. And, as we lean into the holiday season please, plan ahead and never drive while you are tired. It is better to arrive late then not at all.

Congratulations to our Boxing and Wrestling Marines who continue to excel against world class competition. Special congratulations to Cpl Herring, of the Boxing

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Team for qualifying for the Olympic tryouts and we wish him 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. Welcome home to those of you just returning. Job well done!

I would like to congratulate our new parents within the Company, PFC Phongsisattanak who welcomed her son Lex Daivon Phongsisattanak into the world. Congratulations to Cpl Wright, who also had a new son Leon Rommel Gordon Wright. Congratulations to LCpl Gunter who gave birth to Aubrey Gunter.



Next, I'd like to congratulate all of the Marines who have recently been promoted. To all the Marines promoted since July you've done an outstanding job. As well all know the Marine Corps is downsizing. As such only the top Marines are been competitive for promotion. With that said, my hat goes off to each and every one of you who were promoted this past quarter. Keep up the hard work!

And, finally I'd like to close by saying thank you for the privilege to serve each of you as your Company Commander. It is truly an honor to command such a fine group of Marines and Sailors. Thank you to all of the families who support these fine men and women. Without you, they would not be able to soar to such heights. Again I want to extend my sincere appreciation for all of you and I look forward to continued service with you.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert M. Collinsworth First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Commanding Officer, Company A

BRAVO COMPANY

Dear Family and Friends of Bravo Company,

Since the last Newsletter, there has been significant turnover in Bravo Company. I assumed command of Bravo on 29 June 2011. Captain John R. Sisson has executed orders to attend **Expeditionary Warfare School in** Quantico, VA. First Sergeant



Dustin R. Kazmar assumed duties as the Company First Sergeant on 22 August 2011. First Sergeant Arthur C. Fulton has begun terminal leave and will retire later this month after 23 years of service to the Corps. Finally, Gunnery Sergeant Jessica C. Winston will execute orders at the end of September to Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA.

Constant change is a part of life in the Marine Corps. But some things do remain the same. I want to reassure all of you that though there are new faces, the company is still here to support you and your family. First Sergeant Kazmar and I have not had a chance to meet everyone, and may not be able to meet everyone, but our mission is the same: to ensure that you are all supported in the manner you deserve.

The past few months have been especially demanding of your Service members' time. With the recent Destructive Weather Shelter and Recovery efforts, the rise in the Force Protection Conditions, the constant stand up of the Emergency Operations Center, and the usual summer tasks, there has been little time left for

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you and your family. The time you have sacrificed has not gone unnoticed by the Company and Battalion and we are looking for ways to minimize future drains on your family's time. We recognize that time with family and friends is important in maintaining quality of life for everyone.

Congratulations to the following Service members on their promotions this period:

MAY
Cpl Victor N. Alcocer
Sgt Magdiel Cruzfigueroa
LCpl Margarette A. Dorn
LCpl Gregory L. Perkins II
LCpl Carlye B. Young

J. Pfeiler

JUNE Cpl Andrew F. Arnold Cpl Samantha C. Arots PFC William T. Cohee Cpl Robert Deberry LCpl Camille J. Harvey-Reyes Sgt Daniel W. Myers

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Cpl Dustin A.	LCpl Darren P.	Cpl Correy A. Hays
Bishop	Chauvin	
Sgt Donald W.	Cpl Nathan L.	Sgt Adam M.
Carpenter	Coleman	Housholder
Sgt Brenda E.	CWO2	Cpl Thomas C.
Clayton	Charmain C.	Matthews
	Evans	
MSgt Mickey E.	PFC Caleb M.	Col Deborah M.
Gibson	Gill	McConnell
LCpl Kurtis J.	Cpl Larry K.	Cpl Cody R.
Knechtel	Hicks, Jr.	McKinney
Cpl Jeremy I.	CWO3 David	Sgt Kendall W.
Lamb	Hostuttler, Jr.	Midcalf
LCpl Ethan W.	CWO2 Christina	Capt Joel L. Pettit
Little	L. Hudson	
Sgt Jake V.	Cpl Derek M.	SSgt Alvaro
Locquiao	Hunter	Pineda
Sgt Bianca M.	Cpl Steven M.	Maj Matthew M.
Luna	Lee	Powers
Cpl William R.	Sgt Adam N.	LCpl Alexander D.
Moore	Talbert	Price
GySgt Kenneth		SSgt Matthew S.

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JULY	AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Col George W. Riggs MSgt Donald E. Thompson III LCpl Brittany L. Williams

Congratulations to the following Service members who welcomed new additions to their families:

- LCpl Alvaro A. Gaitan, who had a baby boy, Liam Antonio Gaitain on 13 May 2011
- SSgt Joseph D. Bobb, who had a baby girl, Tegan Bobb on 21 May 2011.
- Sgt Derek J. Schmitt, who had a baby girl, Genevieve Louise Schmitt on 4 July 2011.
- LCpl Margarette A. Dorn, who had a baby girl, Lucy Annabelle Dorn on 16 July 2011.
- Cpl Jason P. Nichols, who had a baby girl, Hannah Michelle Nichols on 18 July 2011.
- Cpl Kendall W. Midcalf, who had a baby girl, Alice Loretta Midcalf, on 23 August 2011.
- LCpl Spendia T. Herrera, who had a baby boy, Carmelo Herrera.
- PFC Fernando R. Gautier, who had a baby boy, Fernando Gautier.
- Capt William E. Marcantel, Jr., who had a baby boy, William Eric Marcantel III, on 3 August 2011.
- SSgt Oscar D. Jaramillo, who had a baby boy, Oscar Manato Jaramillo, on 19 August 2011.
- Sgt Matthew E. Motya, who had a baby girl, Harper Moyta on 20 August 2011.

I look forward to serving with all of you. Thank you for all that you do in support of your Service member and in support of the Battalion. You and your Service member's efforts not only take care of us here at home,

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but also of those who are forward. It is a significant contribution to keeping all Americans safe.

Remember, the company staff is here to support you and your family. If you or anyone in your family needs assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the company staff at (910)451-2969.

Semper fidelis,

Wayne Shew Captain, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Officer, Company B

INDIA COMPANY

Family and Friends of Marines and Sailors of Company I,

The India Company leadership has gone through quite a transition since the last newsletter was published. 1stSgt LaRochelle reported aboard and assumed her position and duties as the India Company 1stSgt, CWO2 Alfonso reported-in and has assumed the billet as the India Company Executive Officer, and I have recently been assigned as the India Company Commanding Officer. I am truly honored to take command of the most motivated and technically proficient company aboard Camp Lejeune! I look forward to the challenges ahead, and working together with all my Marines to overcome any obstacle and skillfully complete all assigned missions as a cohesive Marine Corps Team.

Currently, India Company's mission includes supporting over 40,000 Marines and Sailors aboard Camp Lejeune, over 13,000 of which are currently deployed. Our Marines' efforts continue to have an immensely positive impact on those service members and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to expressly thank each and every Marine in each section of the company for their efforts. Your professionalism and exceptional work ethic continue to impress me and the Marines that you support.



During the past couple of months we sadly said, "fair winds and following seas" to two of our Chief Warrant Officers. CWO2 Michael Cox and CWO2 Fred Branham both recently retired after serving

twenty years of honorable and faithful service to the Marine Corps. We wish them well. Our previous Company Commander, CWO4 Croft, also departed the area in September. He will be deploying for the next several months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. We wish him great success and as with all our deployed Marines, we pray for his safe return. His accomplishments as the Company Commander were substantial and greatly appreciated by the Marines and Officers of India Company.

India Company continues to strive for 100 percent readiness in all aspects of the battalion's training requirements. Our Marines are currently conducting such training requirements such as the Combat Physical Fitness Test, rifle and pistol range qualifications, Nuclear Biological Chemical training, and various periods of officer and enlisted Primary Military Education. The company has also recently launched our Female Marine Mentorship program. This initiative is being spear-headed by MSgt Turner and 1stSgt LaRochelle. Our goal is to provide resident senior female Marine leadership and mentorship to our junior female Marines in an effort to make their transition to the Marine Corps Fleet a smooth one. We will accomplish this by providing ready and available lines of

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communication among fellow Marines of the same gender.

As we enter into the winter months and holiday seasons, I challenge every Marine in the company to practice Operational Risk Management (ORM) in every aspect of their work and liberty hours. There will be several extended liberty weekend periods over the next five months and safety during this timeframe becomes paramount. Take this time to begin preparing your homes and vehicles for the upcoming winter months. Preventive maintenance now helps to ensure you and your family's safety during periods of inclement weather. Every Marine in this company is vital to our success and I expect everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season this year. Those of you traveling outside the Camp Lejeune area over the holidays are especially susceptible to risk. PLEASE ensure you take the necessary steps in order to return safely. I need you back, and your fellow Marines need you back...healthy and safe!

India Company has been very fortunate over these past few months. A large number of our Marines have been promoted and recognized with awards reflecting their stellar accomplishments. I want to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you all.

The months ahead are sure to present unforeseeable challenges to India Company, however; I am extremely confident that if we continue to display the teamwork I have personally witnessed from everyone during my tour here, that no obstacle is insurmountable and I have the utmost confidence that our Marines will continue to complete the mission and represent Headquarters and Support Battalion honorably.

In closing, I would like to extend a sincere, "Thank you!" to the family members that provide the loving support so greatly needed by our Marines. Be proud of your Marines, they are the best our country has to offer! To my Marines: Take care of each other and look out for one another, both on and off duty. I am truly proud to serve with all of you. OOHRAH!

Semper Fidelis,

Anthony C. Price 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 292 Marines who have completed their annual rifle qualification. In July and



August, we participated in the Kids Boot Camp, have been participating in Battalion Commander PT, as well as a Company PT with Col Lecce. Hurricane season is upon us and I urge everyone to make safety precautions now. Our Marines did an excellent job during Hurricane Irene with preparing for the storm and the clean up after. Please be safe and enjoy the cooler weather as we approach the end of this fiscal year.

Congratulations to the following Marines on their promotions in July and August:

LCpl Collins, Cory LCpl Green, Jacob LCpl Kerns, Sarah Cpl Burciaga, Moses Cpl Hobart, Joshua Cpl Lohr, Brody LCpl Garrison, Michael Lcpl Holley, Kevin Cpl Habig, Justin Cpl Hemkes, Christopher Cpl Hurley, Bryan

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Cpl Powell, Nicholas Cpl Rivas, Victor Sgt Steffen, Sean Sgt Jenkins, Larry Sgt Koenig, Christopher Sgt Meisterling, Kevin Sgt St.Jean, Jeffrey Cpl Norris, Joseph Sgt Nation, Jacob Sgt Royalty, Johnathan Sgt Walker, James GySgt Littreal, Keith

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

 PFC Ensz who had a baby boy, Drake Ryan Ensz on 19 Aug 2011



- Cpl Hemkes who had a baby girl, Jennifer Riley Hemkes on 31 Aug 2011
- SSgt Austin who had a baby boy, Cage John Damian Austin on 11 Sep 2011

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,

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



Marine Corps Community Services

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SAVE THE DATE – HOLIDAY JUBILEE

Wednesday, December 8th from 5pm to 7pm at Geottge Field House

Onslow Beach Exchange closed 11 Sept. Ice, bait and fishing licenses are now available for sale at the temporary Beach Reservations Office Mon-Fri 0800-1800 & Sat, Sun, Holidays 0900-1700.

Area 4/5 Barber Shop will be closed for repairs due to storm damage until further notice.

Nutrition Workshops

1st Tuesday of each month, 0930-1100 at Marine Division Training Center, located on N Street.

This FREE workshop is open to authorized patrons ages 12 and up. No pre-registration required. Space is limited; first come, first served. For more information, call 910-451-0471 or Heidi Anastasia at 910-451-3399.

HqSptBn CO's Challenge

Softball Tournament is 30 Sept 0800-1400 at Harry Agganis Field.

For details call Heidi Anastasia at 451-3399 or email <u>Heidi.anastasia@usmc.mil</u>.

Combined Federal Campaign 5K Fun Run/Walk

5 October. Warm up begins at 0700

Race time is 0830. No FEE TO RUN! Register and sign your race waiver at the event. There is a limited number of FREE T-shirts for the earliest registrants, so get there early! Click the link

<u>http://www.mccslejeune.com/cfc/index.html</u> for more information on the race and the CFC.

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Cooking Class

8 Oct 1200-1400 at MCCS Midway Park Community Center

FREE cooking class. Open to authorized patrons age 8 and up. Register by Wed, 5 Oct by calling (910) 451-1807.

Seaside Cinema

8 Oct Sunset at Onslow Beach Enlisted Pavilion FREE family-friendly movies at the beach! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Open to all authorized patrons. Meet at the Enlisted Pavilion. For more info, call 910-440-6546 or Heidi Anastasia at 910-451-3399.

Upcoming Seaside Cinema Events: 12 Nov

Emergency Preparedness Workshop

17 Oct 1300-1500 at MCFTB office, Bldg LC 4102A, Midway Park

This interactive workshop "Emergency Preparedness" will help you prepare, and/or your family, for any worst case scenario. The workshop will enable you to be better prepared for potential natural and manmade hazards that can threaten your life. Safety begins with awareness so mark your calendar for this informative workshop. If you can't make it to this scheduled workshop, call 451-0176 for the next workshop date.

Making the Right Move - PCS Workshop

20 Oct & 8 Dec 0900-1200 at Russell Marine & Family Services Center

Information is provided on travel and pay entitlements, shipping personal property, finding appropriate housing, and instructions on the proper processes and procedures for a military member to follow in order to receive their full benefits. Please call 910-449-9704, 910-451-1055 or 910-451-3399 for registration.

Challenging Children - Practical Applications for Everyday Behaviors

26 Oct 1100-1300 at Russell Marine & Family Services Center (Rm 139)

Free childcare is provided with advance registration. For more information please call 910-451-4103. (If you can't make the daytime workshops, we'll be offering an evening series as well. Please call 451-4103 for more information.)

Upcoming Topics: 14 Dec - Helping Children Identify and Cope with their Behaviors

Taking Control of Your Finances

3 Nov 1300-1630 at Bldg 302, Holcomb Blvd

Participants focus on developing realistic and measurable personal financial goals. Maintaining a workable budget to include savings, understanding military pay, and managing your credit/checkbook are further explored. All ID cardholders can register for this free workshop, please call 910-451-2865 or 910-451-3399.

ABC's of Home Buying & Selling Workshop

4 Nov 0900-1200 at Russell Marine & Family Services Center

This popular workshop provides consumer information about what to look for when purchasing a home. A financial advisor is on hand to provide information about mortgages, interest rates, VA loans and more! A reference library is also available. Workshops are free for all ID cardholders. Call 910-449-9704, 910-451-1055 or 910-451-3399 to register.

Team Bass Tournament

5 Nov 0600-1600 at Gottschalk Marina

\$1,000 Cash Payout

Two-person teams fish for Largemouth Bass on the New River and its tributaries. The average prize is \$2,500 based on 50 boats. Guarantee \$1,000 cash prize per tournament. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Pre-register for \$70 or \$85 on the day of the event. Sponsor giveaways by drawings, and food and soft drinks are provided at weigh-in. Event open to the public. Active duty teams may participate through the usage of unit funds with permission from the unit's Special Services Officer. Tournament starts at 0600 or safe light. To register, visit

http://www.mccslejeune.com/marinas/Team%20Bass%2 0Tournament%20Form%208.5x11.pdf or stop by the Gottschalk Marina. For more information call Info: 451-8307/8345 AUTUMN 2011

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BATTALION ACTIVITIES

Commander's Cup Challenge

(C3 – See page 1 for more information)

Golf – Company B prevailed.



Triathlon – Swimming, Running and Kayaking. Company B is the winner.





Basketball - Company I takes the win.





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Kids Boot Camp







Family Day



Battalion Labor Day Formation



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Sergeant Major Giannecchini

Relief and Retirement Ceremony





JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN!

Saturday, October 22, 2011 – 1 pm at Mike's Farm

- Take a hay ride to the Pumpkin Patch
- Choose your own pumpkin (\$3/pumpkin) and
- Enjoy a hot dog and marshmallow roast!

To register or for more information, call (910-451-8578) or email (rhonda.tomlinson@usmc.mil) Rhonda Tomlinson, Family Readiness Officer, or RSVP on FaceBook by October 12, 2011.

Headquarters and Support Battalion Family Readiness provides the hay ride, hot dogs, chips and drinks as well as marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers for s'mores! You provide transportation to Mike's Farm (1600 Haw Branch Road, Beulaville, NC 28518; Telephone: 910-324-3422) and buy-your-own pumpkin(s)!

